



# CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

Set for Saturday, July 23, 2016

## Join the LMR Summer Picnic & Tour

Assistant Director Tim Reinke has planned a day of family fun as well as touring the back roads of mid-Michigan near the cities of Mason and Eaton Rapids.

He encourages members to bring their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to this year's club picnic that will take place after a 45 minute ride from the Ingham County Fairgrounds to Eaton Rapids, one of the few small cities in the United States to have its downtown area located on an island in the Grand River. There are four bridges and three foot bridges leading into the quaint downtown area. Back in the old days, 16 daily trains would stop in the town nicknamed "Saratoga of the West" to enjoy the health benefits of the artisan wells located there.

Just outside of the city is the 16 acre mansion of Irving and Janet Reuter. Reuter was the general manager and president of Oldsmobile from 1925 -1935. It is now a four star elegant bed and breakfast that hosts many weddings and dinner parties. Tourists can visit the facility and grounds as well as enjoy fine dining in the pub and restaurant.

After touring the area and visiting the shops in Eaton Rapids, the picnic will be held at Mason's Laylin Park, which is a 7 acre park with ponds stocked with fish. There is a catch and release program in effect but everyone is encouraged to bring a pole and try their luck. There will be prizes for the oldest car, longest commute and largest contingent from one family.



Upper left: Laylin Park in Mason where picnic will take place. Upper right: Reuter Mansion and one of Irving and Janet Reuter's Oldsmobiles. Eaton Rapids also has a Miller Ice Cream Shop, a Boy Scout Museum and a Museum of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, which limited membership to Civil War veterans.

### Tentative Schedule for the Picnic & Tour

- 9 a.m.: Coffee, donuts - Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 East Ash Street, Mason, MI 48854
  - 10 a.m.: 45 minute drive on the country roads to Eaton Rapids
  - Noon: return to Mason
  - 2 p.m.: Picnic lunch at Laylin Park, 619 East Maple St.
  - Cost: \$5/family for park rental & \$10/person for lunch
- Sign-up for tour and picnic located inside this issue

### Updated LMR Club Calendar

- September 11 - 17: VCCA 6 Cylinder Tour, Imlay City, MI
- September 18: (Sunday) LMR Membership meeting at 1 p.m. to nominate 2017 officers, Sloan Museum during Golden Memories Event, Sloan Museum, Flint, MI.
- October 5-8: Hershey, PA Swap Meet & Car Show
- October 15: (Saturday) LMR Mothball Tour to expanded Meijer Gardens and \$17 million renovated Ford Presidential Museum, Grand Rapids, starting at Mike & Barb Sparks home, Saranac, MI (near Ionia)
- October 23: (Sunday) LMR Membership meeting and election of 2017 officers at Junction of Hope Restaurant, Layton Corners. Calendar dates for 2017 to be determined at meeting.
- November 5: (Saturday) LMR Banquet and installation of officers. Place to be announced at a later date.

### Attention VCCA LMR Members:

Saturday, August 20 is the day of BACK TO THE BRICKS show in downtown Flint.

As in the past, the Club has reserved parking for vintage Chevrolets on West Second Street. If you are interested in bringing your vintage Chevy and wish to park with other Region members, please E-mail me, Bob Sovis, at [rlsopp@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsopp@yahoo.com) or phone 810-629-7790.

You must arrive between 7:30 and 9 a.m. to avoid the rush when the gates open at 6 a.m. I will mail you a parking pass and directions for entering the show area where you will be directed to Second Street.

Please advise me no later than Thursday, August 11, so there is time for your parking pass to get to you via snail mail.

**July 23, 2016** (Saturday)

LMR Summer Picnic and Tour in the South Lansing area. Picnic at Laylin Park in Mason.

**August 7-12, 2016**

VCCA 55th Anniversary Meet to be held in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.



# from the driver's seat . . .

## Bill Anderson [old50grit@comcast.net](mailto:old50grit@comcast.net)

With summer here, there are no more excuses for not finding a Chevy tour that you can be a participant! We have local, regional and national events on the calendar: the Central Meet July 14-16; the Summer Picnic hosted by Tim Reinke a week later on July 23 in Mason; and of course, the 55th Anniversary Meet in Lake Tahoe, Nevada August 7-12.

The Sloan Auto Fair was a mixed bag. We should have had a better representation. Yes, the weather threatened, but still . . . a few raindrops but not a gully washer! Other clubs parked near our group made comments that our showing was a bit lean. But we have another opportunity to meet and show our cars at Flint's Back to the Bricks on Saturday, August 20. We also need to have a better showing at Sloan's Golden Memories event on September 17-18.

Although the June membership meeting at Sloan was attended by 20 members, many veterans who normally attend with constructive input missed the meeting. During the meeting guest speaker Paul Ayers shared information about the evolution of the Cadillac-LaSalle Museum built on the grounds of the Gilmore Car Museum.

Congratulations go out to Bruce Granger for being a featured contributor in the latest *G & D*. Not only is there an article about his Chevrolet papercraft car cut-outs, but also one of his collection of images appears on the back cover page. Not bad!!

July is the time to start thinking about officer nominations for 2017, since we do not have another business meeting until September 18, at the Golden Memories event. Contact Bruce Granger if you want to park with fellow club members since he has space set aside. At the September meeting, 1 p.m., in the Sloan cafeteria, we nominate officer candidates. Don't be afraid to nominate yourself to an officer position. We always need fresh ideas. The election is October 23.

## Minutes from the past meeting submitted by Bill Anderson

The June 26, 2016 meeting was held at the Sloan Museum and called to order by Director Bill Anderson at 1 p.m. with 17 members and three guests: Paul Ayers, John Budzick and John Krupp present. • **Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited by members • **Previous Minutes:** Approved from April. • **Treasurer's Report:** Attached info submitted by Pat Mehl. Bill An-

derson has questions about pricing of club web hosting. Prices for the sites he hosts is about 1/3 of what LMR charged. Offline follow-up work is needed. Accepted as presented. • **2016 Calendar Revisions:** A second notice needs posting in the *Chevy Chatter*. Discussion about Fall Calendar of events concluded that (1)Board of Directors Committee select/recruit

potential candidates (2) Officer nominations at September meeting (3) Election of Officers at a club meeting tentative October 23, Junction of Hope Restaurant/Meeting area at Layton Corners (4) Installation of officers at annual banquet November 5, 2016. • **Tours:** Summer tour to be held in vicinity of Mason, MI. Tim Reinke signup form to be included in July *Chevy Chatter*. Form was distrib-

### 2016 Lower Michigan Region Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Officers

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The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolet manufactured vehicles 25 years old or older. Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet vehicle is not a prerequisite for membership. Lower Michigan Region dues are \$20 per year. To become a member, an applicant must be a National VCCA member in good standing. Yearly national dues are \$40.

## Member suggests project to perpetuate club's identity and future

### Fellow Members:

It is time already to think about 2017 LMR officers and organizational volunteers to carry on club activities. There have been a few folks who suggested that the club should have a project.

I feel that project should be to build future membership by enticing people to join our club. How do we bring this about? It is a bit more than just handing out tri-fold flyers. We first need our veteran members to renew their efforts to return to active status and become club officials who execute a strategy to share their knowledge with the next generation of car enthusiasts, regardless of age.

We perhaps should consider changing the face of the club to be more one of emphasizing car features and mechanical oddities, rather than

only highlighting strict mechanical correctness and appearance by actually holding seminar demonstrations of the mechanical inner workings of a Chevy and how it evolved over time. We need to understand the next generation and help adapt them to the hobby.

How can this be accomplished? Perhaps allowing the next generation mechanics/hobbyists an opportunity to spend a day or two, now and then, with the veterans, disassembling and assembling part of a car. Perhaps explaining how to debug a carburetor or service brakes or resolve ignition problems or even explain why wheels need to be balanced are good teachable moments.

And then there are the teachable moments that involve the functions of our club. Perhaps we need to do

a bit of training on how to conduct a tour, how to schedule events, and how to create supporting documents, and track and budget finances.

All these tasks seem easy and obvious for some folks, but the information and knowledge needs to be passed on to your successor club members.

Let's continue these thoughts between meetings by calling or meeting with a fellow club member or two to discuss how we can make these things happen. Then, as we progress, we will have the next generation of members on board.

There needs to be a succession plan! Think about it as you volunteer for an officer position for 2017. It's time for nominations! Step up! It's not too late!

Mike McFarland

## Minutes from June meeting continued from page 2

uted to members in attendance. **Mothball Tour** to be in Grand Rapids, MI with stops at Mike and Barb Sparks' residence, Meijer Gardens expansion and newly renovated Gerald R. Ford Museum. • **New Business:** Membership Update - updated list was distributed to members in attendance. Several comments concerned that two "honorary members" in attendance were not receiving the *Chevy Chatter*. (Are these folks lifetime members?) • **Newsletter:** Will include 2016 calendar update and summer tour sign-up sheet • **Sunshine Report:** Brian Granger's wife passed away two weeks ago. Former member

Winnie Crawford is 98 years old, very ill. Not on membership list. Comment by Marie Hagen that Winnie liked to read *Chevy Chatter* but had been dropped from the list. • **Historian Report:** Bruce Granger acquired Chevy pins from the Dan Bower collection and has his paper Chevy cut-outs featured in this month's *G & D*. • **55th Anniversary Opportunity Raffle Tickets:** Ticket sales at LMR ended with this meeting. • **53rd Central Meet:** Registration deadline July 1 for July 14-16 event. • **Guest speaker:** Paul Ayers explained sequence of events where-by the Cadillac LaSalle Club Museum became

part of the Gilmore Museum Complex. (1) a 501c3 foundation was formed. (2) 100 museum entities were contacted as potential sites (3) Gilmore had the most to offer. (4) 10 years from concept to completion. (5) \$1.7 million to complete. \$27,500 yearly maintenance cost included in annual operation cost of \$45K, gate receipts are \$15K. (6) Donations, fundraisers, benefactors made this possible. (7) 5 key members saw the project to completion, (8) Expansion plans and improvements always on the wish list. • **Other Activities:** 50/50 raffle won by John Budzick, a guest from Glass Capitol Region.

## Worthwhile stops while cruisin' the state in our Chevys!

**July 15-16: Drive northwest** to 24th Annual Charlevoix Street Legends Cruise & Car Show, Charlevoix, MI 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**July 16: Drive way up north** to End of the Road Keweenaw Tour & Car Show, Copper Harbor, MI 11 a.m - 6 p.m.

**July 23-24: Drive to Central Michigan's** Antique & Collectible Festival and Car Show, Midland MI Fairgrounds 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**July 29-31: Drive southeast** to 38th Annual Concours d'Elegance of America, located at Inn of St John's, 44045 Five Mile Line Rd, Plymouth, MI, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**July 30- 31: Drive west to Michigan's** Coast Guard Festival Cruise-In Car Show, Grand Haven, MI 7:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

**August 6: Drive south** to Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



# Autos, Parts & Services

LMR Chevrolet Club members may place personal ads free of charge; professional businesses \$5

**For Sale:** 1931 Chevy 2-Door Sedan Deluxe with rear luggage rack, changed to unleaded gas. Asking \$7,000 OBO. Call Marc Milburn 989-422-3262 (landline) or 989-202-5020 (cell); PO Box 430 Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629.

**For Sale:** 1926 1 ton "C" cab Chevrolet truck with stake body. Manufactured by Chevrolet. All original cab, sheet metal, wheels, running boards. 28 engine (includes 26 engine rebuild) runs, drives, stops good. Original manuals, parts book and brochure. Recently refurbished with new glass, seat, floor mat and top material. \$16,000. Call for more details: Jim Morningstar 810-423-2765.

**Wanted:** 1933 Chevrolet Standard CC 3 window coupe. Stock. Must be complete and running. Contact Robert Pence at 989-745-3663 at 600 W. Jackpine Loop, Mio, Michigan 48647.



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**For Sale:** 1931 Chevy 4 door Special Sedan, dual side mounts, new paint & wood, partially disassembled but complete project car. Also 1931 Chevy 4 door parts car. All for \$9,000 OBO. No parts sale. Call C. Andrzejewski 586-264-4289 in Sterling Heights, MI.

**For Sale:** 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air 4 door-sedan 265 V8 power pack automatic, black & white, nice driver \$14,000. 1958 Impala Coupe 348 Tri-Power automatic power steering, Continental Kit Red car restored to original, very nice \$60,000. 1954 Corvette Polo White Red interior, tan top restoration just completed, very nice \$90,000. 1966 Caprice Coupe 283 automatic, triple black bucket seats, under dash air ps, pb \$16,000. For more information, contact Mike McFarland 810-790-1812. Pictures can be sent via Email.

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