



# CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

*Sponsored by Kalamazoo Antique Autos Restorers Club*

## Enjoy Red Barns Spectacular

Besides cars, trucks, commercial vehicles, vintage campers, military vehicles, fire trucks, bicycles, wooden boats, all at least 25 years old, there may be 200 vehicle part swap meet vendors as well as craft vendors at the Red Barns Spectacular located at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan. And you won't want to miss the "High Noon Honk" when every vintage vehicle that has a horn will blast away!

For LMR members, breakfast will be hosted by Mike and Barb Sparks in Saranac from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Then it is time for the tour, a 40 mile trip to Gilmore. Maps and gate passes will be provided at the breakfast.

Modern vehicles will enter through the Spectator's Gate on the east end of the museum property. Those driving a modern vehicle will use the gate passes provided.

After parking, you may walk to the VCCA club's location at the north end of the show field oval, toward the west side of the museum property. If you need assistance traversing the property, ask at the entry gate.

Those driving a vintage Chevy will proceed to the west entry gate, show the gate pass provided, and follow directions to proceed to our reserved location. We are asking that you bring camp/folding chairs for whomever is in your party, and let us know if you can provide extras so that those who are walking from the spectator parking area do not have to



haul things through the grounds. If you are interested in having your car judged, please go to <http://www.kaarc.org/ka/RedBarnsSpectacular.aspx>.

Lunch will be available at NOON at our club location. Soft drinks, water and light desserts will be provided too. You are free to roam the grounds, taking in the cars on the show field, voting for your favorites in the People's Choice Judging, checking out all the museum barns and looking for those wanted rare parts at the swap meet.

There are food vendors on site in case you have a craving for an ice cream cone or pretzel. And you can do what we do best: sit with our cars and enjoy our friends and the atmosphere!



Andy Jurski (left) and Mike McFarland (right) receive a Certificate of Appreciation from Director Bill Anderson as 2016 Board members. McFarland also received an award for his work planning the 2016 Six Cylinder Tour.

**July 26-29, 2017 (Wednesday)**

VCCA 54th Central Meet in Elmira, New York. Accommodations at the Elmira Holiday Inn. Registration deadline was June 26.

**August 5, 2017 Saturday)**

LMR Breakfast at Sparks' in Saranac, Tour and Picnic at Gilmore Red Barns Extravaganza, Hickory Corners, Michigan. Registration deadline is July 15. **See page 3 for registration information. See insert for driving directions.**



## from the driver's seat . . . Bill Anderson, LMR director

Wow! June just flew by. It looks like you can attend a collector car activity just about every day of the month. July looks to be on track for more car shows and tour activities.

The Celebrate the Mitten car show at Cross Roads Village in Flint was an interesting visit to a location taken right out of history with its 1900-1910 motif: everything from a rustic downtown with entertainment to restored amusement rides on the ferris wheel, which was an interesting piece of antique equipment. Then there was the conversation with the town doctor who showed me all the tools of the trade as well as the talk at the honey bee apiary hosted by an expert bee keeper. The scariest demonstration was the saw mill, which had a big blade rip through three and four foot logs. Somehow, the nine LMR members who showed an interest in attending the "mitten" shrunk to five. Thanks to Brian and Bruce Granger for bringing their cars as well as Ole and Marie Hagen.

The Sloan Museum Auto Fair on June 24-25, provided great entertainment of almost anything with wheels. Clarence Strauss went the extra mile bringing his 1923 Chevy Superior 8 and his John Deere tractor. Andy Jurski showed his 1951 Skyline Deluxe, Brian Granger, his 1965 Corvair Coupe, Bruce Granger, a 1975 Caprice Classic V8, Bob Sovis, a 1965 Corvair Monza, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus, their 1956 Bel Air, and my own 1932 Confederate Coach.

Word on the street has it that the folks at Henry Ford literally stepped on their own toes by first limiting entrants to the Motor Muster in June and the Old Car Festival in September two years ago, then capping off their hostility by raising fees and requirements for returning participants. The fallout from this? The Motor Muster was poorly attended in June and pre-entry status for the Old Car Festival is greatly reduced. The invites to Old Car Festival are now wide spread: "Come Back! Please Come Back!"

Don't forget about Back to the Bricks August 19. Our LMR group is again on 2nd Street, just west of the Saginaw Street intersection. We have invited the Detroit Region of the Plymouth owners club to park just west of us. We might get a new member or two since there are a few Chevy owners in the Plymouth club. **Contact Bob Sovis, 810-629-7790 or email [rlsopp@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsopp@yahoo.com) by August 12 for reserve parking passes that he will mail to you.**

Club members received printed copies of the current membership list, courtesy of the hard work by outgoing membership chair Mary Samulski. Let me know if you want an email copy or attend the Summer Picnic/Red Barn Tour August 5 to receive a printed copy.

Phyllis Rickabus has volunteered to handle the membership details with technical assistance from me beginning with the 2018 applications. Until this fall, membership applications should be forwarded to Mary.

### 2017 Lower Michigan Region Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Officers

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LMR VCCA Membership  
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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.

**Summer Tour & Picnic Registration Form to Gilmore Museum**

VCCA Member No. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch Choices provided by North End Deli (NED's) on Gull Lake: Pick one. All sandwiches include chips, a pickle spear, choice of canned cold drink or water, light dessert. Additional water available.

\_\_\_\_\_ **New York Reuben:** corned beef, swiss cheese, coleslaw, 1000 island dressing, rye bread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Roast Beef Combo:** roast beef, turkey, ham, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo, wheat bread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Garden Grille:** cucumbers, spinach, artichokes, red pepper, tomato, basil pesto, mustard, wheat bread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ham & Cheese:** ham, American cheese, lettuce, tomato, mayo, wheat bread

Per person: Registration fee (includes breakfast & lunch) \$20 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Driving my: \_\_\_\_\_ antique Chevy Cost: \$18/ vehicle (prepay to receive gate pass) \_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_ modern vehicle Cost:\$12/person (receive gate pass for entry) \_\_\_\_\_

Entry tickets will be disbursed by Barb Sparks at breakfast in Saranac

before vehicle tour begins to Gilmore Museum. Please bring camp or folding chairs for picnic at Gilmore. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks out to LMR-VCCA and mail to Pat Mehl, 4082 Ivy St., Galesburg, MI 49053 by July 15**

(For vehicle class judging info, go to <http://www.kaarc.org/ka/RedBarnsSpectacular.aspx>.)

Judged vehicles park in a separate area. LMR is not responsible for any judging fees.)

**Minutes of the past meeting** *by Michael McCarty*

The June 25, 2017, LMR Membership Meeting was held in the Sloan Museum Planetarium. The meeting was called to order by Director Bill Anderson at 1:03 p.m. with 23 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited • Three guests/potential members were introduced: Robert Jennings (1960 Corvair), John Bendzick (1937 Chevy), William LaRowe (1923 Chevy Model B Touring Sedan). • Previous meeting minutes from the June 2017 Chevy Chatter were approved as printed.¶ • Old Business: Brian Granger is preparing an article for the National VCCA about the LMR visit to the Durant-Dort Headquarters Building and Factory One. Andy Jurski reported the VCCA membership/recruitment booth at the AACA Spring Central Meet in Auburn IN, May 11-13 seemed productive. VCCA funds are available to support the continuing membership

drive. Five LMR members attended Cross Roads Village “Celebrate the Mitten” on June 17. • New Business: Treasurer’s Report was presented by Pat Mehl and accepted. Tours & Activities: Pat Mehl reported additional details and registration forms for the LMR summer picnic/tour to the Gilmore Red Barn Spectacular on August 5 will be in July issue of Chevy Chatter. Contact Bob Sovis for LMR club reserved parking for the Back to the Bricks Show August 19. The LMR Moth Ball Tour will be a West Michigan color tour October 13 & 14. Brian Granger said the LMR Awards Banquet will be at the Brick Street Bar & Grill in Grand Blanc on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Members prefer a buffet over preselected menu items. • Membership Roster: Bill Anderson presented handouts of a revised LMR Membership Roster. A historical update insert for the LMR Roster for 2015-

16 was provided. A new membership chair is needed since Mary Samlski is retiring. • VCCA National Board: Pat Mehl reported that contracts are being negotiated with the host hotel for the 60th Anniversary Meet in Bowling Green KY. Volunteers will be needed. Call Tim Mehl or Dave Miner. • Sunshine: Verle Wetherwax continues to recover from a fall. The death of Margery Eisemann, wife of Leon, was reported. • Awards: Andy Jurski and Mike McFarland were awarded belated VCCA/LMR Certificates of Appreciation for hosting the Lower Michigan 20th Annual 6-Cylinder Tour in September 2016. Andy Jurski won a HPOCF Mini Award with his 1972 Monte Carlo at the 15th Annual Area 9 Meet in Chattanooga TN May 3-7, 2017. Andy also won same award with his same car at the 41st Middle West Meet in Des Moines, Iowa June 11-14, 2017. • 50/50 Drawing: Won by Rod Thomas. • Adjournment: 1:45

***Make plans for the Summer Picnic & Tour Saturday, August 5, 2017***

**Visit one of Michigan's Treasures . . .  
The Gilmore Car Museum during its Red Barns Spectacular!**

**Breakfast Get-Together begins around 9 a.m.**

Mike & Barb Sparks  
5232 Morrison Lake Road  
Saranac, MI 48881  
Phone: 616-633-5978 or 616-633-5980

**From the Flint area to our home:**

- I69 to I96 West towards Grand Rapids
- Take Exit 64 (Saranac, Lake Odessa Exit)
- Turn right (north) at end of ramp and then left (west) onto Grand River Ave.
- Drive 4 miles past both Herbruck Chicken/Egg signs to Morrison Lake Road (Kountry Korner's Party Store is at intersection)
- Turn right (north) onto Morrison Lake Rd for 2 miles. You will go through 2 curves and our property will be on left side (west) at corner of Morrison Lake Road and MacArthur Road

**From the Detroit area to our home:**

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**From the Kalamazoo/Hickory Corners Area**

- M43 North to Village of Woodland
- Turn left (north) on M66 toward Ionia
- Take I96 West to Exit 64 (Saranac Lake Odessa)
- Turn right (north) at end of ramp and then left (west) onto Grand River Ave.
- Drive 4 miles past both Herbruck Chicken/Egg signs to Morrison Lake Road (Kountry Korner's Party Store is at intersection)
- Turn right (north) onto Morrison Lake Rd for 2 miles. You will go through 2 curves and our property will be on left side (west) at corner of Morrison Lake Road and MacArthur Road

**From the Grand Rapids/Holland Area**

- I96 East to Exit 59 (Clarksville/Saranac)
- Turn left (north) for half mile, turn right (east) onto Grand River Avenue for 2 miles
- Turn left (north) onto Morrison Lake Road for 2 miles (Kountry Korner's Party Store is at intersection)
- You will go through 2 curves and our property will be on left side (west) at corner of Morrison Lake Road and MacArthur Road

**From Mt. Pleasant area or alternate Flint area route**

- US 127 South to exit 109, or M57 East, for 26 miles
- Turn left (south) on M66 for 14 miles to Ionia
- Turn right onto M21 (west) for 7 miles
- Turn left (south) at Saranac Corner, cross Grand River bridge. Don't blink: downtown is 1 block long!
- Continue south through Saranac on Bridge St.
- Continue past Dollar General Store, up the hill, where Bridge St. becomes Morrison Lake Rd. Drive less than a mile south and our property is on right (west) side of road. See Gray Morton Bldg.

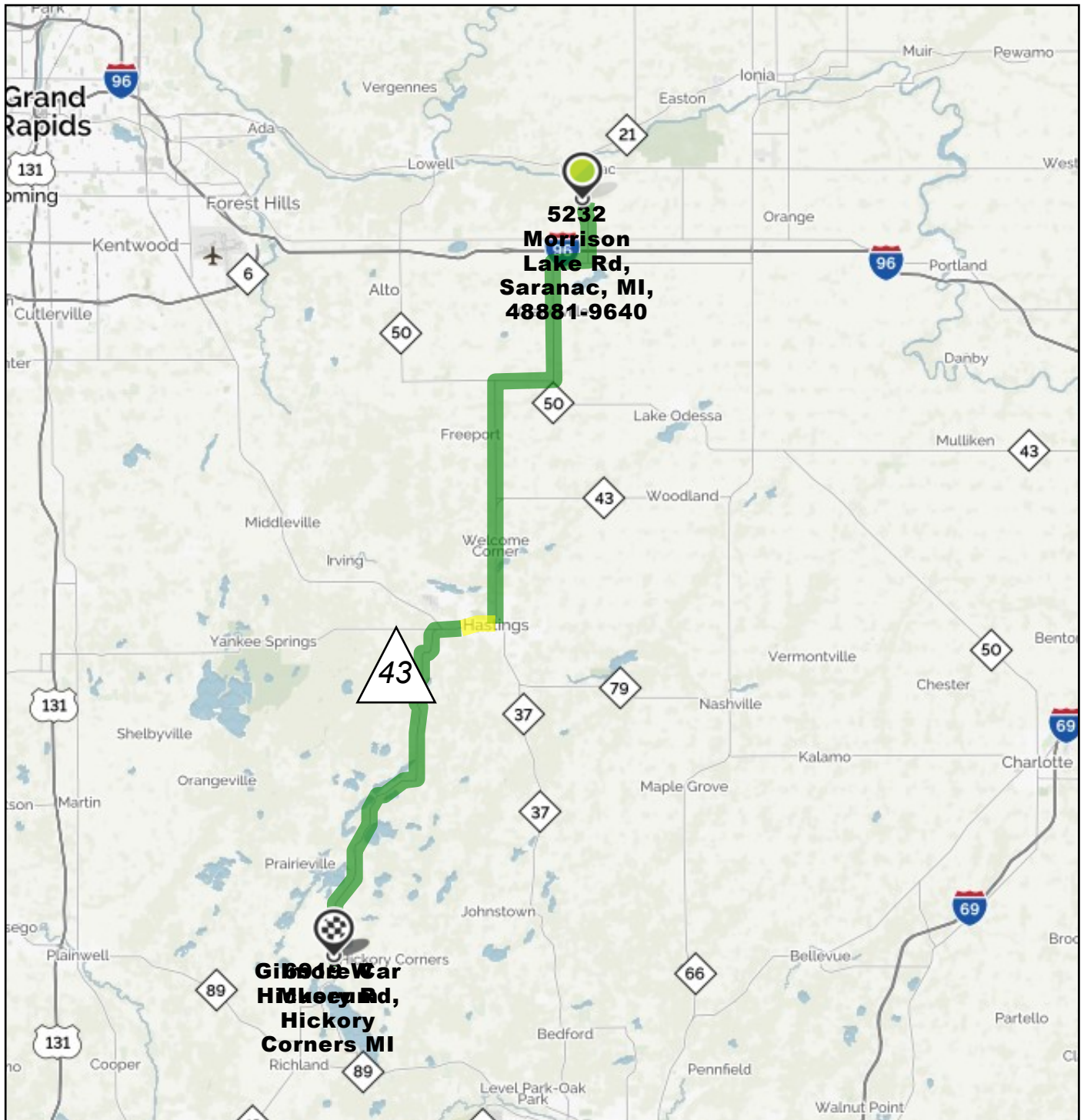
**Directions to Gilmore from Sparks' home**

- Drive 3 mile south on Morrison Lake Road.
- Turn right (west) at Portland Road for 1.5 miles.
- At stop sign turn left (south) onto Nash Hwy. Drive 5 miles, including through the country town of Clarksville. At stop sign turn right (west) onto MI-50/Thompson Road and drive 2.5 miles.
- Turn left (south) onto Hastings Road for 2 miles
- Turn right (east) onto County Hwy 601 for 3 miles.
- As you enter the city of Hastings, County Hwy 601 becomes North Broadway Road. Drive a third of a mile.
- Turn slight right onto North Broadway St/MI-43 and follow M-43 for 5 miles.
- Turn right onto West State St/MI-43/MI-37/County Hwy-430 and continue to follow MI-43 for 19 miles. Really pretty drive along the lakes!
- Make a left turn onto West Hickory Rd/County Hwy-400/County Hwy 400P for a tenth of a mile. You will see the red barns and buildings that make up Gilmore Car Museum.
- Gilmore Car Museum address is 6865 West Hickory Road,

**Send your Breakfast/ Picnic & Tour registration check to Pat Mehl at 4082 Ivy Street, Galesburg, MI 49053 by July 15. The registration, which includes lunch choices, is on page 3 of this *Chevy Chatter* issue.**

**Please remember folding/camp chairs for your party for the picnic at Gilmore!!**

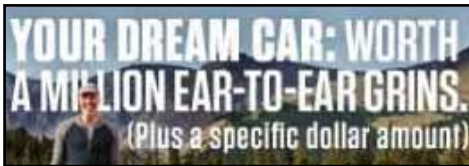
***Make plans for the Summer Picnic & Tour Saturday, August 5, 2017***



# Autos, Parts & Services

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

**For Sale: 5 15"x5 Chevy passenger wheels**, 4 handholds, 6 bolt holes and all hubcap tabs in place. Some minor rust. Also a box of parts, 1938 water pump, 1934 generator, 1937 steering gear and so on. Asking \$50. You pick up. Contact Carl Eggers, St. Clair Shores 586-294-4856



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**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.

**Wanted: For 1934 Chevy Master 4 Door:** Cross chassis brake shaft with bearings. Contact Mike McCarty VCCA#45888 at 248-528-1273 Troy, MI

**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.

**For Sale: 1969 Chevelle SS 396** hard top, real SS automatic buckets, console, SS wheels, nice driver, \$32,500. **1975 Buick LeSabre**, 23,000 actual miles, original tires, like new, \$21,500. **1960 Impala** 2 door hard top, 29,000 original miles 6 cylinder 3 speed, white with turquoise interior, all documentation, \$25,000. **1966 Caprice** 2 door hardtop, rebuilt engine & transmission, triple black, VCCA preservation car, \$18,000. **1964 Pontiac Catalina** 2 door hardtop, real nice, 389 automatic, new battery & heater core, \$19,500. **1960 Nash Metropolitan convertible** South Carolina car fully restored yellow & white, \$20,000. **1957 Corvette 327 4 speed**, red with white coves, non-matching numbers, great cruiser, \$55,000. Mike McFarland 810-790-1812. **Discount to LMR VCCA members.**

**For Sale: Pole barn crammed** with truck parts 1967-69, new fenders, doors, grills, hoods still wrapped; a shed full of other car parts; Also 1954 Chevy, 1969 Chevelle coupe, 1975 Buick convertible under 23,000 miles, 1964 Pontiac 2 door with 421 engine under 49,000 miles, 8N Ford tractor & 3 point equipment. Contact Michelle Arvoy-Corn 734-657-8557 or email: mikwah@gmail.com (Also houses in Swartz Creek & Ann Arbor for sale.)

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