



# CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

## Summer kicks off with the Sloan Museum Auto Fair



Best of Show winner Bob Sovis and his 1939 Master Deluxe Town Sedan, an auto he has owned for 50 years.

Despite the rain, LMR members enjoyed the camaraderie at the Sloan Museum Auto Fair held at the Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad in Genesee County located just eight miles from Flint.

Bob Sovis was especially excited about this event since he received Best of Show with his 1939 Master Deluxe Town Sedan.

This award came just a month after being a repeat winner at the Antique Automobile Club of America RM Spring Auction held in Auburn, Indiana. There, Sovis received the AACA Driver participation Award with his 1973 GMC Glacier Motorhome and a repeat winner of an original with his 1986 Chevette Diesel.

Another LMR member Andy Jurski participated in this event and received his AACA 1st Junior and Century Badge for his 1915 Baby Grand Chevrolet. Both members were featured in the July 2018 issue of the *G & D*.



(above) Mike McFarland and Mary Samulski like to tour in their 1931 Phaeton.

(right) Brian Granger enjoys his 1965 Corvair 50 coupe. (below) A real classic is Robin Reinke's 1931 Cabriolet.



(right) Mike Hammond checks his 1965 Impala SS Convertible.



(Above middle) This classy 1941 Chevy coupe was shown by Dennis Reinke.



(above) Speaking to the judge about his 1960 Corvair Coupe is Robert Jennings.



This 1956 Chevy Bel Air is owned by Dave & Phyllis Rickabus.



Tim and Lizz Reinke are proud of their 1931 De Vaux

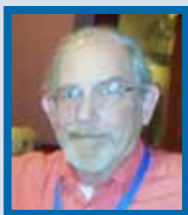
**LMR members who participated in the June 2018 Sloan Museum Auto Fair with Chevys**  
**Brian Granger:** 1965 Corvair 500 coupe; **Bruce Granger:** 1975 Caprice Classic convertible;  
**Dave & Phyllis Rickabus:** 1956 BelAir; **Mike McFarland & Mary Samulski:** 1931 Phaeton;  
**Ole & Marie Hagen:** 1930 Universal Special sedan; **Michael Hammond (guest):** 1965 Impala SS convertible;  
**Tim & Lizz Reinke:** 1931 DeVaux; **Bob Sovis:** 1931 Town Sedan; **Clarence Straus:** 1976 Corvette & 1937 John Deere G; **Robin Reinke:** 1931 Cabriolet convertible; **Robert Jennings:** 1960 Corvair coupe; **Dennis Reinke:** 1941 coupe; **Pinky & Joyce Randall:** modern; **Mike McCarty:** modern; **Denice & Rod Thomas:** modern; **Jim Schott:** modern.

### July 22, 2018

**LMR VCCA Picnic** at the Lapeer Township Pavilion. Cost \$10 per person. Bring a dish to pass to go with fried chicken and an item for a fun "White Elephant Sale." Mail LMR VCCA check to Brian Granger, 4444 Woodbriar, Flint, MI 48507 by July 15. **Direction to pavilion:** I-69 to exit 155. Turn RIGHT onto South M-24. Do a Michigan left at Newark Road and turn right onto Newark Road. Turn left onto Morris Road for 3/4 mile to 1500 Morris Road. Park & have fun!!

### August 3-5, 2018

**Interested in attending Gilmore Car Museum's Red Barn Spectacular on August 4** located at Hickory Corners near Kalamazoo? Tim Reinke is organizing a tour from Auburn to Hasting on August 3 and staying at the Park View Motel at 269-945-9511 or the Holiday Inn Express 269-945-0000. The tour is about 35 mph for 6 hours on smooth back roads. Contact Tim at [trreinke@gmail.com](mailto:trreinke@gmail.com) or call 989-513-5129.



# from the driver's seat . . . Brian Granger, LMR director

## FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS,

Can you believe it? . . . half a year already has gone by! The weekend of June 23/24 brought many LMR-VCCA members out to Crossroads Village, Genesee County, for the 46th Sloan Auto Fair. However, Mother Nature was not kind to us. Let's just say the dew was heavy at times. However, there were tears of joy for Bob Sovis who won Best of Show with his 1939 Master Deluxe Town Sedan. While Bruce and I ran the information booth at the fair, I was able to hand out many applications for both the National VCCA and our region. I hope you are doing the same when you attend other car shows and participate in cruises. Spread the word and make this Region grow!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 22. Bruce is planning a club picnic not far from his home in Lapeer. More details are in this newsletter.

Flint is gearing up for the Back to Bricks show, which will be held on August 18. Contact Bob Sovis at [rlsopp@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsopp@yahoo.com) or phone 810-629-7790 ASAP if you plan to attend with your vehicle since reserved parking is limited to about 12 vehicles. You must arrive at Second Street by 9 a.m. And he needs to mail your parking pass. Contact him by August 8.

September 16 is the Golden Memories Show at the Sloan Museum. The meeting will be held in the classroom this year so no air conditioning noise! We will open nominations for the officers during this meeting.

Mike McFarland has volunteered to organize the Fall Mothball Tour this year, which will take place on October 20 near Port Huron. During the tour, the Executive Board Meeting and the Regular Meeting/Election of Officers will take place. There will **not** be a meeting at Layton Corners on October 21. The club is trying to save you some gas money!

Currently, the three Senior Board members, Bruce Granger, Tim Reinke, and Andy West, have been talking to club members about running for office for the 2019 calendar year. Please contact any of them or myself if you wish to run.

For over 42 years, I have represented the LMR-VCCA on the Sloan Auto Fair Committee. It's time for me to get in the back seat and let someone else drive. The committee meets once a month at the museum at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Originally, the committee reps were the current director and one other club member of different car clubs, (VCCA, BCA, AACA, Corvette, Model A Ford) in the area. Anyone willing to take over the job? Next meeting is in September.

As a final note, while many of you will head east to the Central Meet, Bruce and I will head west to San Diego, CA to take part with the Viet Nam Era Twin Study on Aging, which we have been involved with for over 30 years. So, hope to see you at the picnic later this month.

## 2018 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.



# Minutes of the June 24, 2018 Meeting

*submitted by Mike McCarty, LMR secretary*

The June 24, 2018, LMR membership meeting was held at Crossroads Village/ Huckleberry Railroad north of Flint. The meeting was called to order by Director Brian Granger at 1:05 p.m. There were 19 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members. A guest and potential member Michael Hammond (1965 Impala SS Convertible) was introduced. The May 20, 2018 meeting minutes from the 2018 Chevy Chatter were approved as written. • **Old Business:** Bob Sovis presented Mary Samulski with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work as Membership Coordinator from 2013-2017. Phyllis Rickabus discussed the proposed update to the LMR by-Laws. Members are encouraged to review them and send questions or concerns to Pat Mehl. Voting on the proposed By-Laws will be by ballot and will begin at the LMR meeting at the Golden Memories Car Show on September 16. Members not in attendance will receive ballots by mail. It is critical that all ballots be voted and returned. A ballot not returned is counted as a 'no' vote. • **New Business: Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer absent, no report. • **Tours & Activities:** Bruce Granger proposed a club picnic for Sunday, July 22 at a park near his home in Lapeer. LMR members that want to display their car on 2nd Street in Flint's Back to the Bricks Show on Saturday, August 18, should contact Bob Sovis to reserve a space. There will be a membership meeting on Sunday, September 16 at 1 p.m. during Sloan Museum Golden Memories Car Show. Nominations of officers for 2019 will be accepted. Mike McFarland pro-

posed a one day Mothball Tour be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018, in the Port Huron area. The tour will include a visit to a private collection and then on to the Algonac Clay Maritime Museum, the home of Chris Craft boats. See tour details on page 3.) **There will be no need for a Sunday, October 21 meeting at the Junction of Hope in Layton Corners, MI.** The annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Brick Street Grill in Grand Blanc, MI, noon to 4 pm. Tim Reinke invited LMR members to join him, Robin and Dennis on a tour to the Gilmore Car Museum for the Red Barn Spectacular August 3-5. • **Membership:** Phyllis Rickabus reported that the LMR Roster sometimes gets out-of-date. One member died in 2012, and it is only now being reflected in the Roster. She asked that the Membership Coordinator be informed when someone is ill or deceased. • **Sunshine:** It was reported that Winnie Crawford, wife of long time member Carlton Crawford, celebrated her 100th birthday in June. • **Awards:** Bob Sovis received Best of Show award at the 2018 Sloan Museum Auto Fair for his 1939 Chevrolet Master Deluxe Town Sedan. The 2018 Eyes on Design Car Show celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Chevrolet trucks. Jim Morningstar, Pinky & Joyce Randall, and Bill Anderson from the LMR took part by displaying their Chevrolet trucks. Next year's Featured Vehicle at the Sloan Museum Auto Fair will be Chevrolet trucks. • **50/50 Drawing:** Won by Mike McCarty. • **Adjournment:** Ole Hagen made a motion to adjourn at 1:40 p.m.

## Mothball Tour plans changed to one day event

The Fall Tour begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from the Port Huron Comfort Inn located at 1700 Yeager Street.

A fifty minute tour of the private collection of Terry and Rita Earnest begins at 9:10 a.m. This collection of vehicles includes the 1912 Havers Touring Car, a 6 cylinder with a 55 horsepower engine, produced in Port Huron from 1910-1914.

This vehicle on display won the 30th Meadowbrook Concours d'Elegance Blue Ribbon and the Lion Award F Class - 1900-1915 in 2008.

After a 45 minute drive south to Algonac Clay Maritime Museum, the home of Chris Craft boats, a one hour tour of the facility and a LMR Board of Directors meeting followed by a LMR membership meeting will take place.

At 2 p.m., the tour will travel back north to St. Clair for a sit down meal at 3 p.m. with prices ranging from \$11.95 - \$23 at the Voyager Restaurant.

### **Mothball Tour Reservations**

Friday Night, October 19, 2018  
Comfort Inn

1700 Yeager St., Port Huron 48060

phone: 810-982-5500

discounted rate: \$89.99 if you say  
LMRVCCA to reservationist

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE  
BY SEPTEMBER 19**

All rooms on ground floor,  
Continental breakfast.

(Cracker Barrel & Bob Evans nearby)

**Tour Cost: \$10 per person**

**Check or money order to  
Lower Michigan Region VCCA**

**Send to: Mike McFarland**

**3334 Range Road**

**Port Huron, MI 48060**

**Deadline: October 1, 2018**

**Questions? 810-790-1812**

# Autos, Parts & Services

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



Mike McFarland  
(810)790-1812

Collector Car Sales

**Collector Car Sales**  
**3334 Range Road**  
**Port Huron, MI 48060**

•1928 Chevrolet 4 door touring car (Pheaton). Good paint & tires. New top side curtains & interior. Great car for the VCCA 4 cylinder tours. Originally restored by the late Glenn Honeyman in Ohio. Asking \$18,500.

•1931 Chevrolet Pheaton, older restoration with nice paint, interior, chrome. New running board mats & trim, 5 new hubcaps, Eagle radiator cap, top will be replaced next month so available in July. This is a rare car since only 852 produced. Asking \$35,000 or may trade for ?

•1949 Chevrolet Deluxe Convertible, fully restored show car. Must see. Asking \$40,000.

•1952 Chevrolet 2 door deluxe, new paint, interior, chrome tires, etc. Power glide split manifold. Great for local shows or VCCA 6 cylinder tours. Asking \$19,000.

•1955 210 2 door hardtop 6 cylinder, green/white restored to show car standards. Asking \$35,000.

•1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2 door hardtop, black with black & silver interior. Nice driver. Asking \$38,000.

**Questions? Call Mike McFarland 810-790-1812**



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*To members of the Lower Michigan Vintage Chevrolet Club:*

*Thank you for the generous gift given in memory of our dad. But even more so, thank you for all your years of friendship, camaraderie and adventures that you shared with him. The purpose and joy your fellowship brought to his life is immeasurable.*

*Sincerely, the family of Howard Reinke*

*LMR member Cleland L. "Bud" Cook passed away March 28, 2018 at the age of 89.*

*As an accomplished mechanic he rebuilt several old cars and an airplane. He enjoyed flying, traveling with his wife Ann to music festivals and collecting old Chevys.*

*Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 31, at the Skinner Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids.*

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