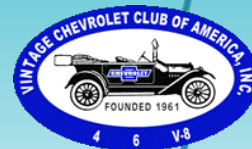


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Lower Michigan Region



## Upcoming Events

**July 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> 56<sup>th</sup> Central Meet**

**July 27<sup>th</sup> Summer Picnic**  
11:30-3:30pm, 540 W. Center  
Street, Ithaca, MI

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> Red Barns  
Spectacular & Swap Meet**  
Gilmore Auto Museum - Hickory  
Corners

**August 17<sup>th</sup> Back to the Bricks,  
Downtown Flint**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> General  
Membership Meeting**  
Sloan Museum; Golden  
Memories Car Show

**October 5<sup>th</sup> Mothball Tour**  
Canton, MI to Grass Lake, MI

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> ACCA Car  
Show/Swap Meet,**  
Hershey, PA - Details in G&D

**October 20<sup>th</sup> Board &  
Membership Meeting**  
1p.m./2p.m. Board Elections  
Junction of Hope Restaurant

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> Awards Banquet**  
The Vault Deli, Mason, MI

## LMR at the Sloan Auto Fair June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019

Submitted by **Bill Anderson**

The Sloan Auto Fair was again held at Cross Roads Village just North of Flint again this year as the Flint Cultural Center is being rebuilt and remodeled. Word from Bob Sovis is that we will be back to the cultural Center in September for Golden Memories and back to Cross Roads Village next June for Sloan Auto Fair. Car capacity dictates event location and Golden Memories hosts fewer cars.

This year, the Summer Fair had several featured vehicle displays. Among them were the GM Truck display, the Buick Display, and the Lane of Fame. Bill Anderson and Robin Reinke had 1932 and 1942 trucks in the Truck display, Jim Morningstar had his 1923 Buick Depot hack in the Buick Display, and Bob Sovis had his 1939 Chevy Master Deluxe in the Lane of Fame. Our Club parking featured Bruce Granger with his '75 Caprice Classic, Brian Granger with his '65 Corvair 2 Dr. Hard Top, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus with their '56 Bel Air, 4 door and Ole and Marie Hagen brought their 1930 Universal 4 Dr., Special sedan. LMR member Clarence Straus showed one of his tractors at the tractor display.



## From the Driver's Seat

June was a busy month, and with the Dust Off Tour behind us and the Sloan Show at Crossroads Village over, we now look forward to the events in July.

The Sloan show was a great success with all of the parking used up on Saturday and high attendance on Sunday as well. I volunteered to direct cars to the show area and with the bright sun all day, you could consider me a real redneck as I am still feeling the effects of a real sunburn. Some of you folks know I purchased a '51 Chevy hard top that is all original except for a repaint in the not too distant past. The car has it's original radio that takes forever for the vacuum tubes to heat up and only receives AM signals. I only listen to Fifty's music and local news. I sure don't know where they get the "Power" from in the Power Glide Transmission, but lets just say I won't be burning rubber any time soon!

The Central Meet is coming up the 14th-18th of July and later in the month will be our summer picnic in Ithaca Michigan. Just a reminder, don't forget a passing dish and a White elephant gift for our club fundraiser! Hope to see all of you club members there and please pray for sunshine!

~Jim Schott



### Birthdays

- July 6th      Kristie Ferguson
- July 13th     Ole Hagen
- July 19th     Larry Lauria
- July 21st      Will Kriewall
- July 22nd     Pat Fitzgerald
- July 22nd     Bill Weinberg

### Anniversaries

- July 11, 1992  
Mike & Angela Schrauben
- July 17, 1999  
Andy & Melissa West
- July 20, 1974  
Patrick & Suzi Macaluso
- July 31, 1959  
Bob & Lois Gardner
- July 31, 1976  
Will & Vickie Kriewall

**Photo Roster is in progress. This roster is a compilation of member snap shots to help each member recognize each other at events and meetings being that not everyone knows one another by sight. Bill Anderson began capturing photos of members at the November 2018 banquet and is readying the first publication of the members he has been able to identify. Stay tuned for that publication in an upcoming meeting, or via Chevy Chatter.**

Hi VCCA Lower Michigan Region Members,  
Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> is the day of the BACK TO THE BRICKS show in downtown Flint. As in the past, the Club has reserved parking for Vintage Chevrolets and GMCs on West Second Street. If you are interested in bringing your vintage Chevrolet or GMC and wish to park with other Region members, please e-mail me at [rlsopp@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsopp@yahoo.com) or phone 810-629-7790. You must arrive at Second Street by 9:00 a.m. It is suggested you arrive between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and avoid the rush when the gates open at 6:00 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 8<sup>th</sup> so there is time for your parking pass to get to you via snail mail.

Enjoy and drive your vintage Chevrolet or GMC.

Bob Sovis

## **RED BARN SPECTACULAR**

**Submitted By Tim Reinke**

What: Cross-state tour to Hickory Corners for KAARC Red Barn Spectacular at the Gilmore Car Museum

When: Friday Aug 3rd- Sunday Aug 5th

Lodging (Hastings):

Parkview Motel 269-945-9511

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We will spend Friday morning and early afternoon driving towards Hastings with a number of stops including antique stores and any other interesting place we find. Arrive in Hastings about 3:00 pm. Spend Friday evening relaxing in Hastings. Saturday drive about 45 minutes to the car show at Gilmore and spend the day there. Relax in Hastings again Saturday night. Drive home Sunday.

The route is always smooth back roads at a 35 - 45 mph pace so any vintage car can handle it. Robin, Tim, and Dennis Reinke will leave from Midland Mi and plan a route that allows them to meet up with anybody coming from Flint or farther east and then along the north side of Lansing to pick up anybody in the middle of the State.

Contact Tim (989) 513-5129 or Robin (989) 513-0590 Reinke if you are interested in coming along.

**Club Meeting Highlights**  
**Submitted by Bill Anderson**

Jim Schott conducted the 1 PM club meeting.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed with Mike McCarty expressing his concern that the information, presented by Jeff Satz at our April meeting, for those who might prefer to participate in the Woodward Dream Cruise, parking on old Woodward in Birmingham, August 17, was left out of the June Chevy Chatter. Mike is contact person for those interested in participating in that event rather than Back To The Bricks in Flint, on the same day. WW Dream Cruise parking is \$35 per vehicle. Contact Mike McCarty at michaelrrrmccarty@gmail.com, or 248 528 1273.

August 17, Back to the Bricks LMR parking on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Flint, is FREE. Bob Sovis is contact person to reserve your free parking pass for BttB in Flint and can be contacted at rlsopp@yahoo.com or 810-629-7790. Reservations for both of these activities should be executed ASAP.

Motion to allow Jim Karras, current host for the VCCA.org website to take over as host for the LMR web site for \$20/yr. passed. The goal here is to eventually roll regional websites into the VCCA website as subsets of that site such that we can improve exposure to car enthusiasts, and attract new regional members. Stay tuned for further news as the year rolls on.

**Membership:** Phyllis Rickabus would like to retire from her duties as Membership lady and turn that responsibility over to someone who has modest computer skills that include being able to maintain a spreadsheet in MS Excel that already exists. Duties include receiving payments, logging in member information, contacting new Michigan VCCA members as they appear in the G&D, and sending new members a welcome packet.

**Calendar:**

**Submitted by Bill Anderson**

**July 14-18:** VCCA Central Meet needs worker volunteers. Tasks are not hard, but warm bodies are a nice thing. Contact Pat Mehl [Jakobs.Grama@gmail.com](mailto:Jakobs.Grama@gmail.com) or 269-217-1253 if you are going, and can help.

**July 27<sup>th</sup>:** LMR Summer Picnic: Woodland Park, Ithaca, MI Pat Mehl is chair for this activity. Bring a Dish to pass. Bring an item for the auction.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Gilmore Red Barns. Tim and Robin Reinke are caravanning from Bay City and will connect with LMR members wanting to join them on their route such that everyone can park together upon arrival at Gilmore. Contact Tim [trreinke@gmail.com](mailto:trreinke@gmail.com), 989 513 5129, or Robin, 989 513 0590.

**August 17<sup>th</sup>:** Back to the Bricks, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Flint. Arrive before 9 AM to park with fellow LMR members. Contact Bob Sovis: [rlsopp@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsopp@yahoo.com) or 810-629-7790 to secure a parking pass so that you can be recognized as a member as we share the street with other car groups.

**September 15<sup>th</sup>:** Golden Memories, Flint Cultural Center, 1 PM club meeting. Parking will be grouped by decades for this show.

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Mothball Tour. 8 AM hotel departure. John Grace Antique Car and Bicycle Collection, Westland, MI, Fishers Stationary Engine meet and celebration, Canton MI, Lost Railway Museum, Grass Lake, MI. Hotel info in upcoming Chatter. Bill Anderson, trip captain 248-881-6510.

**Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Board Meeting 1PM, Membership Meeting 2 PM, Junction of Hope Restaurant.

**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Awards Banquet / Officers installed, 11:30AM, Vault Deli, Mason, MI

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## Minutes of the June 23, 2019 LMR Membership Meeting Submitted by Mike McCarty

The June 23, 2019 LMR Membership Meeting was held during the Sloan Museum Auto Fair at Cross Roads Village North of Flint. The meeting was called to order by Director Jim Schott at 1:05 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members. There were 24 people in attendance including new members Don and Corinne Frasure ('53 Chevy pickup, '71 Impala, '78 El Camino) of Jackson and John Bendzick ('37 Chevy) of Ann Arbor. An objection was raised to approving the April 28, 2019 LMR meeting minutes as published in the June Chevy Chatter because the announcement of an opportunity for LMR members to show their cars in the Woodward Dream Cruise was omitted. With the inclusion of the omitted paragraph in this month's Chevy Chatter, the minutes were approved as published. The omitted paragraph was, "New member Jeff Salz described an opportunity for VCCA/LMR members to park as a group in reserved spaces on Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. A group of 5 to 30 cars (1988 or older) is required. The cost is \$30 per car. Interested members should contact Mike McCarty."

Old Business: The Dust Off Tour was very well planned by Pat Mehl and was enjoyed by all who attended.

New Business: Treasure's Report – Not present.

LMR Web Site: A motion was made and passed to restart the LMR web site with the help of Jim Karras, at a cost of \$20 per year. He will maintain the site for the foreseeable future.

Activities: This year's Central Meet will be July 14-18 in West Lafayette, IN. Volunteers are needed for registration, parking and security. Contact Pat Mehl.

The LMR summer picnic will be July 24 at Woodland Park in Ithaca, MI. Bring a dish to pass and a gift for a white elephant sale. See June Chevy Chatter for details.

The Gilmore Auto Museum Red Barn Spectacular/Swap Meet will be held August 3. Robin and Tim Reinke are planning a slow tour to the Gilmore Museum that weekend (August 2-5). See the June Chevy Chatter for details.

The Back to the Bricks Auto Show in downtown Flint will be August 17. The LMR will again have reserved group parking on west 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Contact Bob Sovis for additional details.

The Golden Memories Car Show will be September 15. A "suit case" swap meet will be permitted at each vehicle parking space. A LMR membership meeting will be held in the Sloan Museum Planetarium at 1 pm.

Nominations for officers will be accepted.

The LMR Mothball Tour will be October 5 and will begin at Fisher's Stationary Engines (and car and bike collection) in Canton. We will have lunch and then tour to the Lost Railway Museum in Grass Lake. Details to follow in the July/August Chevy Chatter.

The ACCA Car Show & Swap Meet in Hershey, PA will be October 9 – 12. If interested in attending with an LMR group, contact Robin or Tim Reinke.

There will be an LMR Board meeting (1 pm) and a Membership meeting (2 pm) October 20 at the Junction of Hope Restaurant. Officers will be elected.

The LMR Awards Banquet will be at the Vault Deli in Mason, MI on November 2 at 11:30 am.

Membership: Phyllis Rickabus is asking that someone take over the Membership Coordinator role.

Sunshine: A condolence card was sent to the family of Marilyn Henige.

History: Bruce Granger plans to sell some of his memorabilia collection. Contact him for details.

Items for sale: John Brink's 1931 Chevy Roadster is for sale. Contact his daughter (at 702-467-7475 Las Vegas time) for details. Car is located in St. Johns, MI.

Pinky Randall is aware of a Chevy International Landau that is for sale. Contact him for details.

50/50 Raffle: Won by Rod Thomas.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.

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