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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

Highlights of LMR Summer Picnic & Tour

It was a beautiful day to spend roaming the Lansing area countryside: blue skies, acres of mature golden wheat blades and tassling green stalks of corn framing winding two lane roads leading to the quaint towns of Eaton Rapids and Mason.

After our tour, we enjoyed a generous buffet of food and family fun games at Laylin Park in Mason.

(below) Andy Mehl and his kids Jakob and Hanna prepare to open their gifts as Grandma Pat looks on.



(left) Ole Hagen is delighted with his prize, a powerful light, as his wife Marie looks on.

(lower left) Rob Reinke concentrates on opening his gift.



The big prize winners of the picnic tour were Ole and Marie Hagen, who drove the oldest car, a 1930 two door, Rob Reinke, who had the longest commute in his 1931 Cabriolet, and the Mehl gang, which included six adults and two children.



(left) Bob Sovis and Rob Reinke enjoy their ladder golf game after a big lunch.

(below) Tim Reinke, Pat Mehl and her grandson play croquet.



Time out for a club portrait! There were 25 of us who enjoyed the relaxing day organized by Tim and Lizz Reinke.



(left) After walking through the downtowns of Eaton Rapids and Mason, a picnic lunch hit the spot.

August 7-12, 2016
VCCA 55th Anniversary Meet
in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

August 20, 2016
Back to the Bricks Event,
Flint, MI

Sept. 11-15, 2016
LMR hosts a VCCA 6-Cylinder
Tour, starting in Imlay City MI.



from the driver's seat . . .

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This is it! The peak of summer's touring and show season is upon us. Anyone have an exciting trip to report? I'm sure there are some interesting stories.

I haven't met any new flatbed truck drivers since the Dust-Off Tour and have now thoroughly familiarized myself with the intricacies of the 1932 Electrolock ignition switch and its numerous ways to open or short circuit itself, rendering the car undrivable.

It's amazing how many folks, who know absolutely nothing about cars, stop to render assistance when I'm parked along the side of the road. My next adventure is to learn all about Chevy mechanical brakes. There are instructions on how to set them up, but none to suggest why the car won't stop straight and consistently on both gravel and paved surfaces, even after following the directions explicitly. Pretty soon I'll have my Boy Scout Merit Badge for Chevy brakes!

Many thanks go out to Tim Reinke and his family for hosting the LMR Summer Tour and Picnic. A good mix of touring with a visit to both Eaton Rapids and Mason, Michigan, both having quaint downtowns. Whoever thought that you shouldn't eat ice cream before noon on a hot day should have given that idea more thought! Nope the ice cream shop in Eaton Rapids wasn't open before noon for us folks who like to eat dessert before our picnic lunch. I had to settle for some goodies from the Farmer's Market, just off Main Street. (But if you get over that way, Mason has the Daily Scoop Ice Cream Shoppe, one of only three place that serves MSU's Dairy Store ice cream outside of East Lansing.)

Ok, August is the month to really get serious with your thoughts for 2017 club members. Yep, nominations are open so start thinking about officer nominations for 2017. We do not have another business meeting until September 18 beginning at 1 p.m., at the Golden Memories Event in the Sloan Museum Cafeteria. Don't be afraid to nominate yourself to an officer position. We always need fresh ideas. Elections are in October. Give me a call and we can discuss possibilities.

One more item: if you plan to attend Back to the Bricks Celebration in Flint, August 20, rather than putting up with the traffic jam on Woodward Avenue, contact Bob Sovis who is setting up parking for our club in Flint.

That's it for now. See you at Back to the Bricks, or perhaps one of the other many shows in the area, this month. I'll have a couple of new venues (for me, at least) to report on next month.

Parking passes available for Back to Bricks event!

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 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.

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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.



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In a Nutshell . . .

by Tim Mehl VCCA Board Member
Central #7B Area

Pat and I had a great time at the 53rd Central Meet which was hosted by the Glass City Region, in Perrysburg, Ohio. The meet was arranged to have all of the touring and activities take place on Thursday and Friday. Judging and the awards banquet were on Saturday, which allowed people who only could attend the one day to get their cars judged and awarded all in the same day!

I thought this arrangement worked out well, although it required a bit of advance planning by Chris Cufir, the chief judge, and Dave Miner. I'm interested in feedback that other members may have regarding this arrangement.

On Friday, we toured from the guest hotel to the original Tony Packo's in Toledo. We had a great lunch, then went to the Museum of the Great Lakes, which is just down the street. This is a new facility, and if you haven't been there, it has a great collection of information and history on the Great Lakes and lake shipping.

This was followed by an evening visit to a park in downtown Perrysburg, where there is a cruise-in on Friday nights. I can't tell you the number of cars, but the park was packed! Lots of great cars and some really special original Chevrolets.

An area director's meeting also took place. The main topic of discussion was the schedule for upcoming Central Meets. Next year's Central Meet will be in Elvira, New York, hosted by the Finger Lakes Region. The meet will be followed in 2018 by the Southern Ontario Region. We are looking for venues for 2019 and 2020, so I have requested the regions in Illinois and Indiana to consider hosting the Central Meet in that time period.

I am also in discussion with Bill Anderson about the LMR hosting a Central Meet in one of those years, as well. Again, your feedback is greatly appreciated! If you have never been to the Finger Lakes region of New York, you are in for a great meet and region! This is beautiful country with great history and attractions!

We are excited about attending the Anniversary Meet in Lake Tahoe. It is a beautiful area, and the event is well planned with many great activities. Pat is responsible for the children's events and has a great program for them! We also have 45 international members attending from seven countries! Another great turnout.

At the national level, we continue to make progress in establishing the VCCA Foundation. This will allow for members to make tax free contributions to the VCCA to support our library and other collections in the future. (Please consider a donation.) There was an interesting discussion at the last LMR meeting about the possibility of establishing a (VCCA) facility at the Gilmore Car Museum. I will be doing some follow-up on that topic in the near future. I hope to have some information before the next LMR meeting.



Always a crowd pleaser, the Heniges' 1916 490 Roadster took Best of Show 4-cylinder at the 2016 Central Meet.

53rd Central Meet results in Perrysburg, Ohio

Of the nine LMR members who attended the July 14-16, 2016 Central Meet in Perrysburg, Ohio, the 4-Cylinder Class Best of Show winner was Lloyd and Marge Henige.

- **4-Cylinder: Lloyd & Marge Henige, 1916 490 Roadster - Preservation and Best of Show**
- **6-Cylinder: Mike McFarland, 1936 Town Sedan - 1st Junior**
- **8-Cylinder: Mike McFarland 1954 Convertible Corvette - 1st Junior; Andy Jurski 1951 Skyline Deluxe Convertible - Preservation**
- **HPOCF: 6-Cylinder 1937 4-door Sports Master Deluxe Sedan Andy Jurski; 8-Cylinder 1972 Monte Carlo Andy Jurski; 8-Cylinder 1989 Caprice Gary & Pam Mehl; Participation: 8-Cylinder 1984 Monte Carlo Tim & Pat Mehl**

Updated LMR Club Calendar

- **September 11 - 15:** VCCA 6 Cylinder Tour, Imlay City, MI
- **September 18:** (Sunday) LMR Membership meeting at 1 p.m. to nominate 2017 officers, Sloan Museum Cafeteria 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.

Worthwhile stops while cruisin' the state in our Chevs!

August 13: Drive west to Coopersville to the Del Shannon Car Cruise and Show. Festivities begin at 8 a.m.

August 20: Drive midwest to the 52nd Danish Festival in Greenville. Includes a huge craft show and many other activities. Cars park at K Mart parking lot beginning at 9 a.m.

August 27-28: Drive southeast to Mount Clemens to the USMA National Car Show at Gibraltar Trade Center, 237 North River Road.

Autos, Parts & Services

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

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.

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: 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.

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