



CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965



Picnic attendees enjoy socializing while eating looking over the White Elephant items are displayed.



Threat of rain did not deter LMR CLUB picnickers

Despite the light turnout for the LMR VCCA Summer Picnic held at the Lap-
eer Township Pavilion on July 22, every-
one had a great time!

Like most of Michigan's lower penin-
sula that weekend, it did rain, but stopped
just as the picnic was about to begin.
And, it did not start again until every-
body was about to leave for their home.

Mary and Bruce Granger, who hosted
the picnic, were not going to complain
about rain since most of the state was ex-
periencing a drought in July and every-
one's lawn had turned yellow. Since the
picnic was held in a pavilion shelter, there
were no worries of getting wet even if the
Michigan weather decided to rain again.

Due to the damp weather, not a single
vintage Chevy was driven to the event.
"I ordered fried chicken and everyone

brought a dish or more to pass so we had
enough food for a small army!" related Granger.

After stuffing themselves on chicken,
relishes and salads, vegetable trays and
many desserts, club members bid on
items they brought for the White Elephant
Sale. Director Brian Granger enjoyed his
brief stint as a first time auctioneer per-
suading everyone to bid on old posters, a
tire pump, puzzles, a picnic basket with
a wine bottle, GM "75th Ann," books, a toy
Chevy truck, rusty Michigan plates and
even a mystery box!

Those attending were Pat Mehl, Jim
and Verna Schott, Clarence Straus, Rob-
in Reinke, Bill Anderson, John McMul-
len, Rod and Denise Thomas, new mem-
ber Darrel Hamond, guest Jeff Filenger,
Dave and Phyllis Rickabus Brian Grang-
er and Bruce and Mary Granger.

Revised LMR By-Laws proposal to be presented at next club meeting

At the September 16, 2018, meeting,
which will be held at Flint's Sloan Mu-
seum, a motion to request a vote of the
By-Laws Revision will be presented.

The By-Laws Committee, which con-
sists of Brian Granger, Phyllis Ricka-
bus, and Pat Mehl, has been working
rigorously to update our 20 plus year
old document to better reflect our cur-
rent demographics, clear up confusing
language and adhere to current VCCA
National By-Laws and Policies.

Your full cooperation in our voting
process is necessary! **We need a ma-
jority vote of ALL members of the
club in order to accept revision.**

If the motion is accepted, all mem-
bers will receive a copy of the pro-
posed revision as well as a ballot for
each member eligible to vote in the
mail. It will come as a pre-stamped
postcard which can easily be filled out
and returned. **Remember that a bal-
lot NOT RETURNED counts as a
NO vote on the proposal.**

If you have no concerns with the pro-
posal, please vote YES.

August 18, 2018

Flint is gearing up for the Back to Bricks show, which
will be held on August 18. Contact Bob Sovis at
rlsopp@yahoo.com or phone 810-629-7790 ASAP if you
plan to attend with your vehicle. You must arrive at Sec-
ond Street by 9 a.m. And he needs to mail your parking
pass beforehand. Contact him by August 8.

September 16, 2018

Membership meeting to be held on Sunday, September
16, at 1 p.m. at Sloan Museum in Flint during the Gold-
en Memories Car Show. Nominations for 2019 officers
will take place. Voting on proposed By-Laws will be by
ballot during the meeting.



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

FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS,

First of all, I'd like to welcome four new members to the Lower Michigan Region: Darrell and Kristine Hammond, William Jusela, Jim Steinbauer and Larry and Melissa Lauria.

The 55th Central Meet held in Peterborough, Ontario, is now in the history books.

Mother Nature was not kind to us on Sunday, July 22, during the VCCA picnic, held near Lapeer. Despite the rain and overcast skies, everyone seemed to have fun. There was plenty of food, and I (my very first time as an auctioneer) sold off the White Elephant items. We'll have to do that again in the near future. Ask Dave Rickabus if he opened his mystery box and what it contained.

August 16 brings the club back to Flint for the Back to the Bricks event on 2nd Street. Contact Bob Sovis for a parking pass. (See front page of this *Chevy Chatter* for more information.) Bob, Bruce and I will be waiting for you on 2nd Street since we will be there at 5:30 a.m.

Our next meeting will be at the Golden Memories Show at the Sloan Museum, beginning at 1 p.m. in the classroom area. Nominations for 2019 officers will be opened. Contact myself or any of the senior board members, Bruce Granger, Tim Reinke, and Andy West, if you wish to run for an office.

Mike McFarland has volunteered to chair the Fall Mothball Tour, which will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018. Because of the early time of the start for this event, 9 a.m., I recommend staying Friday night at the Port Huron Comfort Inn so you won't miss anything. (*see Mothball Tour details on page 3*)

Hope to SEE YOU ON THE BRICKS in a couple of weeks!!

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.



Ontario Canada's Peterborough Lift Lock is considered an engineering marvel. It was completed in 1904 and is still used today.

(Photo by Phyllis Rickabus)

International VCCA meet in Peterborough, Ontario enjoyed by LMR members

July 9-13 found 13 LMR members and their families enjoying the beautiful rolling farmlands and waterways surrounding Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, during the VCCA 55th Central Meet.

Perfect weather enhanced every venue. Tuesday's judging was held under the huge trees of a local park, giving both shade and a breeze, while the ladies luncheon took place at a nearby church.

Wednesday's tour celebrated the area's farming heritage, especially the visit to the Stirling Farmtown Park, which is a totally volunteered created and run museum with displays of what life country living was like in the past. And of course, there was an ice cream stop and a cheese stop on this route!

A wonderful two hour boat cruise to the Peterborough Lift Lock located on the Trent Canal was on Thursday's agenda. The lift lock is a pair of giant "bathtubs" that simultaneously move boats up and down 65 feet in about 30 seconds, powered by gravity alone. The lock was completed in 1904.

After lunch, members reconvened at the Canoe Museum, which celebrates the legacy of that form of transportation.

LMR participants were Andy Jurski, Darrell Dowdy & Darrell Jr., Matt Dickinson & Jill Anderson, Dave & Phyllis Rickabus, Tim & Pat Mehl, Andy & Bekka Mehl with children Jakob and Hanna.



Congratulations to LMR member Darrell Dowdy for winning Best of Show with his 1928 National AB at the 55th Central Meet in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada.

LMR award winners during the VCCA 55th Central Meet

- **Andy Jurski** - 1st Junior with his 1915 Baby Grand
- **Matt Dickinson** - CDPC MINI with his 1936 Master 2 door sedan
- **Darrell Dowdy** - Preservation Mini and **Best of Show**, 4 cylinder with his 1928 National AB

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



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



Dr. Donald Gale, 73, a longtime LMR member and owner of a 1946 Chevy Fleetline Coupe, passed away March 21, 2018.

He was a resident of Farmington Hills and a retired dentist. He is survived by his wife Vickie and two children.

Rabbi Aaron Starr officiated and interment was at the Oakview Cemetery SHIVA

It's Time to Step Up to the Plate and volunteer your time to serve as a Board member for 2019!!

Contact Bruce Granger at brucedgranger@yahoo.com

Cleaning out the garage of parts you no longer need? Have the urge to sell one of your antique vehicles? As a LMR member, you can list your personal ad **free of charge** here! Contact Barb Sparks under the listing of *Chevy Chatter* in the officer section on the bottom of page 2.

Welcome to the LMR Chevy Club!

Darrell & Kristine Hammond
334 Tilmor Drive
Waterford, MI 48328
1938 Master Deluxe 2 door Sedan

William Jusela
301 East Gunn
Rochester, MI 48306
1928 AB 2 door Coach
1988 Cavalier 4 door
1928 AB 4 door Sedan

Larry & Melissa Lauria
1422 South Knight Road
Munger, MI 48747
1939 Master Deluxe Town Sedan
6 cylinder
1951 3100 Pickup 8 cylinder

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