

Chevy Chatter

Lower Michigan Region



LMR VCCA Summer Picnic July 27, 2019

Submitted by Pat Mehl

A hot, sunny, windy day was the backdrop for our summer picnic, held at the Woodland Park in Ithaca, MI. Twenty-four members attended, and enjoyed a great potluck lunch of chicken, salads, fruit, and desserts.

Attending were:

Brian Granger
Bruce and Mary Granger
Ole and Marie Hagen
Andy and Bekka Mehl, Jakob and Hanna
Gary Mehl and Corrie Mehl
Tim and Pat Mehl
Tim Reinke
Robin Reinke
Dave and Phyllis Rickabus
Jim and Verna Schott
Mike and Barb Sparks
Denice and Rod Thomas

Bruce did a bang-up job acting as our white elephant auctioneer, netting \$105.00 for the club treasury.

Denice did a 50/50 raffle, netting an additional \$22 for the club, with Tim Reinke the winner.

A lovely time to catch up with old friends, we were together for about 3 hours before heading to our respective homes.

Upcoming Events

August 3rd Red Barns Spectacular & Swap Meet
Gilmore Auto Museum – Hickory Corners

August 17th Back to the Bricks, Downtown Flint

September 15th General Membership Meeting
Sloan Museum Planetarium; Golden Memories Car Show

October 5th Mothball Tour
Canton, MI to Grass Lake, MI

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

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

November 2nd Awards Banquet
The Vault Deli, Mason, MI

We can still print the latest membership list, Roster, and By-Laws for anyone who has not yet received them electronically, or by mail. Please send your request to Pat Mehl, Treasurer, along with a \$10.00 check (made out to the LMR) to cover printing and shipping to: 4082 Ivy Street, Galesburg, MI 49053.



From the Driver's Seat

The weather was great for the annual summer picnic. I want to say Thank You to Pat and Andy for hosting the Picnic in Ithaca. I also want to thank Brian Granger for his entertaining auction skills. He was such a good auctioneer that we had one individual who even bid against himself! The white elephant auction was successful and helped raise a little money for the club. I noticed Robin Reinke could not wait to try out his new frisbee he purchased and was playing frisbee with the kids before we left.

Robin and Tim are helping to organize the Red Barn Spectacular at Gilmore Museum at hickory corners next weekend. This is a car show and swap meet I hope that members from the club will want to participate in that event.

I am making progress on my '51 Chevy and hope to have it ready soon so that I can participate in Back to the Bricks and a couple other weekly cruises near my hometown. The Club has recently received inquiries for possible donations of automobiles to either the General Motors Heritage Museum or Sloan Museum. I hope someone out there has information and can contact me so that I can pass that on to the individual.

Before I close I wanted to pass this story on to you: It seems this guy was out for a drive in his beautiful Corvette when he pulled up to a stop sign and next to him was this Amish lad on his bicycle. Being a bit catty he rolled down the window and motioned to the lad to come closer and asked the lad if he wanted to race. He then rolled up the window and sped off grinning. He looked in his mirror to see the Lad peddling fast some distance behind him. As the driver approached the next stop sign he was amazed to see the Lad passing him at a high speed. When the two stopped, the driver looked over and then took off speeding away again. The Lad was waiting for the corvette again at the next stop sign. At that point the driver rolled his window down and asked the Lad how he was able to keep up with him. The boy replied with, "Thanks for putting your window down and releasing my suspender!"

Wishing you all the best,
Jim Schott

Birthdays

Anniversaries

2nd Diane Bullard, Luke Stefanovsky,
Corrie Mehl

3rd Michael Doyle

6th Suzi Macaluso

11th Donald Roberts

12th Jim Johnson

16th Bill Bullard, Helen Proffer (T.Hall)

17th Corinne Frasure

21st Ron Henige, Bekka Mehl

25th Jennifer Bladow

August 1, 1987

Luke Stefanovsky & Martha Bamfield

August 22, 1959

Stu & Mary Galbraith

August 24, 1973

Tim & Pat Mehl

56th Central Meet, West Lafayette, Indiana

Submitted by Pat Mehl

Seventy-two cars represented about 160 members and their families and guests for the 56th Central Meet, at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, West Lafayette, Indiana, from July 14 – 18, 2019. From the Lower Michigan Region, the following members attended, and received awards:

Matt and Jill (Anderson) Dickinson – 1937 Master Deluxe Bus. Coupe – CDPC Tab
Darrell Sr., and Darrell Jr. Dowdy – 1928 National AB - Preservation Mini

It was nice to see Darrell Sr., as he had recently been hospitalized with heart problems!

David and Joyce French – 1957 Bel Air - Display

Don and Linda Harbron – 1965 Corvette Stingray Roadster – First Junior

Andy Jurski – 1917 490 Roadster – First Junior

Mike McFarland – 1966 Caprice Custom Coupe – First Junior

Tim and Pat Mehl – 1984 Monte Carlo SS – First Junior

Andy and Bekka, Jakob, and Hanna Mehl – no car

Dave and Phyllis Rickabus – 1956 Bel Air - CDPC Oval

Scott and Janet Taylor – 1922 FB Touring – First Junior

National Members Ron and Donna Balint, from Dearborn, MI, attended – 1977
Suburban

National Members Roger and Susan Smith, from Sturgis, MI, attended - 1936
Standard 5-window coupe

(We are hoping they'll join the LMR after seeing a good representation and fun time at the meet!)

Bill Anderson had to cancel after his car wouldn't start.

Steve and Theresa Maveal from Alpena registered, but were not able to attend.

None of our attendees took home Best of Show awards, but all members showed high quality vehicles.

Weather was hot and humid throughout the week, and Tropical Storm Barry threatened to rain out judging day on Tuesday, but we were blessed that the torrential rain held off until the judges had completed their jobs and released the cars to their tarps and trailers.

There were several on-your-own tours throughout the week, and Wednesday we were escorted by local, county, and state police from the hotel to the Wabash/Erie Canal museum and village. We were hosted by the volunteers there, had a wonderful canal boat ride, and a nice deli lunch. One vehicle had overheating problems, and another issues going up one of the hills, but there were no major breakdowns.

The banquet was attended by well over 100 members, with a wonderful buffet. In addition to the vehicle awards presented above, Tim Mehl presented newsletter awards to his regions, including our own (recently retired) newsletter editor Barbara Sparks.

56th Central Meet, West Lafayette, Indiana

Photos submitted by Andy Mehl unless otherwise credited



Above Photo by Ken Koontz



Above Photo by Brad Adcock

Red Barn Spectacular

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

When: Friday August 3rd-Sunday August 5th

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.

Back to the Bricks 2019 Highlights

Submitted by Bill Anderson

- Free General Parking on Saginaw Street - Arrive before 6 AM for pre-stage line-up and receive a free T Shirt.
- Military Color Guard Flag Presentation at 10 AM with National Anthem & Aircraft flyover
- 2019 Feature Display: Examples of one of each model car made in Flint, by Model Year
- 600 Car Corvette Reunion
- Buicks On the Bricks at Factory One, on nearby Water Street (Factory One, known as the birthplace of General Motors, recently restored, is the location where Billy Durant and carriage maker Elias Dort teamed to build the first Flint made Buicks in 1908.)
- Factory One Lecture Presentations

Hosts: The Buick Club and Factory One

Bill Porter, GM Designer/Historian lectures on the evolution of Buick Riviera Styling.

Jim Campbell, VP, GM Motorsports, owns a 1938 Buick a uniquely 'self-shifter' transmission used one year, in 1938 Buicks. He will share his insights and experiences with this design.

Hi VCCA Lower Michigan Region Members,

Saturday, August 17th 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 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 8th 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

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end, Aluminum Radiator with Electric Fan,
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