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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

## The 2016 VCCA Nat'l Meet: 👍 & 😊

For LMR members Pinky and Joyce Randall of Houghton Lake, the National VCCA Meet and 55th Anniversary Celebration held in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, always will have special memories since their 1932 Chevrolet Roadster was awarded First Junior and Best of Show in the 6-Cylinder class the very first time this automobile was ever judged.

"It took me about five years to restore the roadster, and I just finished it in the nick of time to trailer it to Lake Tahoe," Pinky said. "A friend helped me with the final details since I tripped in my building and hit my head!"

However, Pinky has owned the vehicle for more than five years. "I bought the

car in California 45 years ago and I collected parts for it for about 40 years. For now, I plan on keeping it as a show car."

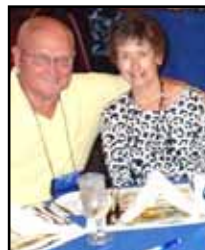
This is not the first time Pinky has been awarded Best of Show during a VCCA meet. "My 1914 Royal Mail and 1914 Light 6 received this award so this makes the third time for me."

While Pinky was at the VCCA car show field, Joyce enjoyed the ladies' luncheon and other scheduled activities. "The accommodations and food were very good as well as the weather."

LMR members who attended the event were Bruce Granger, Pinky & Joyce Randall, Lloyd & Marge Henige, Ron & Marilyn Henige, Forrest & Cathy Sweet, Bob & Lois Gardner, Don & Linda Harbron,

Andy Jurski & Kaylyn Swartz, Darrell Dowdy & Darrell, Jr, Tim & Pat Mehl, Kelly Mehl, niece Corrie Mehl, and Andy & Rebekka Mehl and their two children, Jakob and Hannah. *(most photos by Bruce Granger)*

*(below)* Six-Cylinder Best of Show winners Joyce & Pinky Randall with their VCCA friends, Mike Jones and his wife Rita.



Enjoying the meet were Ron & Marilyn Henige and Darrell Dowdy and his son Darrell.

The children gave out awards for their favorite cars. This one caught Jakob Mehl's eye and received his certificate. *(photo by Corrie Mehl)*



There were 287 registered vehicles at the show field, 416 meet registrations and 877 people who attended the VCCA meet.



### LMR Awards at VCCA Lake Tahoe Meet Class

Darrell Dowdy	1916 Royal Mail	Preservation
Pinky Randall	1932 Roadster	1st Junior
<b>HPOCF</b>		
Andy Jurski	1972 Monte Carlo	4 areas
<b>Best of Show</b>		
6-Cylinder	Pinky & Joyce Randall	1932 Roadster



Judges inspect Pinky's Roadster *(upper left)*, Jurski's Monte Carlo *(upper right)* and Dowdy's Royal Mail *(above)*.



**Sept. 11-15, 2016**

LMR hosts a VCCA 6-Cylinder Tour, starting in Imlay City MI.

**Sept. 18, 2016 (Sunday)**

Golden Memories Auto Event and LMR Membership meeting, 1 pm, at Flint's Sloan Museum to nominate 2017 officers



## from the driver's seat . . . Bill Anderson [old50grit@comcast.net](mailto:old50grit@comcast.net)

If you missed all the car activity in mid-August, you really missed some cool events. There was the VCCA 55th Anniversary meet in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, that was attended by several veteran LMR members, the Back to the Bricks event in Flint, and The Woodward Dream Cruise sponsored by Chevrolet that had some can't miss activities too.

Did any club members see that very first 1967 Camaro that was on display on Woodward, in a glass case, no less? GM did a fine job locating this car, setting it up for display, and with the co-operation of its 16 year old owner/restorer, transported it to Birmingham for all of us to enjoy. One of our new 2016 LMR members Andy West took the photo of the car in its box, met the owner and has some additional information about the car and its young owner to share at our September membership meeting. (See car in glass box below.)

If you didn't get to see the Road Kill Nights Drag Races on Woodward at the M1 Road Course in Pontiac, you missed a free and fun activity. It was a "run what ya brung time, best time wins." There was this 4 wheel drive diesel Chevy Silverado that just about smoked the field in more ways than one. Not only was his ET quick (he finished second to a '69 Camaro in the non-Mopar class), but the black smoke from his exhaust rivaled what steam locomotives produced when they were popular in 19th and early 20th Century.

What else? We have real LMR business to attend to at our next meeting during the Golden Memories event at the Sloan Museum, Sunday, September 18. Last month, I urged everyone to really get serious with thoughts about nominating 2017 club officers. Yep, nominations will be open. And remember, this will be an opportunity to nominate yourself to an officer position. Don't be shy; fresh ideas are always welcome. I've checked my phone and there have been no messages of calls from members with suggestions. Elections will take place on Sunday, October 23 at the Junction of Hope Restaurant, Layton Corners. In addition, both the September and October meetings will include a guest speaker.

That's it for now!! See you at the Golden Memories event or perhaps the 6 Cylinder Tour, both in September. Don't forget to sign-up for the Mothball Tour that will take place October 15. For those of you who wanted a tour on the westside of the state, Tim and Lizz Reinke and Mike and Barb Sparks are organizing another fine tour event in the Grand Rapids area.



### 2016 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.



The Friends of Sloan\* Longway will present the 22nd Annual Golden Memories Automobile Gathering on Sunday, September 18, 10-4 p.m. This event is exclusively for original or authentically restored vehicles produced in 1966 or earlier. It is free to exhibitors and attendees since it is sponsored by the Friends of Sloan\* Longway. No visual modifications on vehicles are allowed at this event.

Registration is between 9 a.m.-Noon on September 18. The driver and one passenger receive free admission to the show grounds, Sloan Museum, and Buick Automotive Gallery. Regular admission is charged inside the museum or Buick Gallery.

Since the event is non-competitive, there is no judging. There will be a lottery drawing for the dash plaque vehicle of the 2017 show and a review of vehicles celebrating 50, 75 and 100 anniversaries. Sloan Museum area is 1221 East Kearsley St, Flint MI 48503.



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## Back to the Bricks: better than ever!

The 12th Annual Back to the Bricks event, which took place in Flint for 5 days provided many entertainment venues that wowed the crowds of people that headed to the downtown area to check it out. Saturday, August 20, was the granddaddy of the event as spectators enjoyed the live entertainment, all types of food cuisine, sponsor displays, and hundreds of classic cars and modified vehicles. One of the most memorable events was the fly over of World War II planes during an opening ceremony. Another popular event is an annual Corvette Reunion which involves Corvette owners to take over blocks of the city to park their vettes for everyone to admire.

LMR members enjoy taking part in this Buick sponsored festivity too. This year Verle Wetherwax: 1953 BelAir; Bob Sovis:1986 Chevette; Brian Granger: 1965 Corvair 500 coupe; Bruce Granger:1971 Chevelle; Rod Thomas: 1949 Business Coupe; Clarence Straus:1932 four door Confederate; Jim & Jo Carpenter: 1948 Coupe; Ole & Marie Hagen: 1930 four door Coach; Ken Kaschinske:1946 half ton PU; Bill Anderson: 1932 four door Confederate; and new members Andy & Melissa West, Vanessa and Audrey: 1967 Camaro. *(photos gathered and/or taken by Bruce Granger)*



(left) Jim & Jo Carpenter's 1948 Coupe is next to Ole & Marie Hagen's 1930 Coach. (Below)

The 1953 gold BelAir is owned by Verle & Sharon Wetherwax.



## LMR member's Corvair in ceremony



The newest statue in Flint: C.S. Mott.

Because of C.S. Mott's love for the Chevy Corvair, LMR member Brian Granger was asked to bring his 1965 Corvair 500 Coupe to the unveiling of the Flint philanthropist and industrialist statue held at Mott Community College August 6.

Mott sold his axle company to General Motors in 1908 and later started the charitable Mott

Foundation, which has contributed funds for educational and medical facilities in the Flint -Ann Arbor area and other parts of the United States and Europe.

Mott's statue is the seventh statue to honor GM automotive pioneers in Flint: Durant, Chevrolet, Buick, Chrysler, Nash and Champion.

**Brian Granger's Corvair was in the unveiling ceremony for the C.S. Mott Statue.**



(above) Bob Sovis' 1986 Chevette, Brian Granger's 1965 Corvair and Bruce Granger's 1971 Chevelle. (left) Rod Thomas' 1949 Business Coupe and Clarence Straus' 1932 Confederate.

## Meet our newest members

### Patrick & Maureen O'Malley

801 Portage Avenue  
Three Rivers, MI 49093

•1932 Chevy Confederate 4 door, 6 -Cylinder, good condition

### Andy & Melissa West

2400 Harvey Lake  
Highland, MI 48356

- 1967 Camaro 8-Cylinder, older restoration
- 1969 Camaro 8 -Cylinder, older restoration modified
- 1970 Camaro 8-Cylinder being restored

### Dennis & Nancy Clark

14087 Tupper Lake Way  
Highland, MI 48356

## 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 and just off I-96 and close to M-21 and M-66)
- **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.

# 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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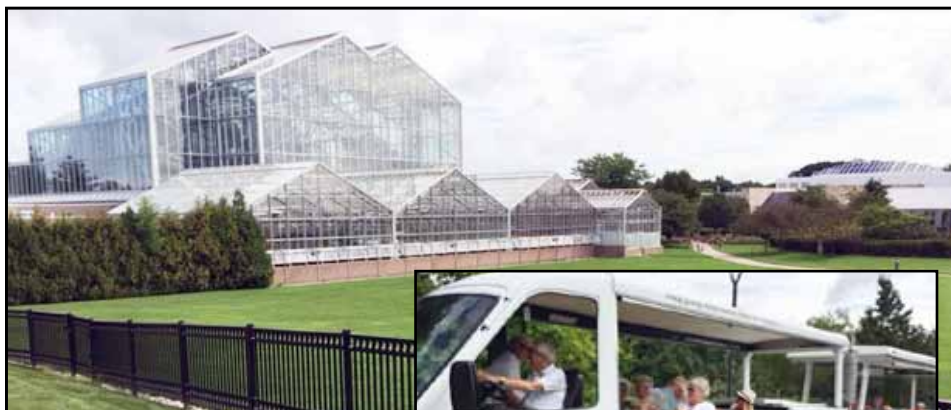


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*Make plans for the Fall Mothball Tour Saturday, October 15*

## Visit two of Michigan's Treasures . . .

### Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park and The New Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum



**9 a.m.:** Meet at Mike & Barb Sparks' home for hot & cold beverages, cream cheese, jam & bagels, bacon & sausage, sweet rolls and other breakfast type foods.

**10:15 a.m.:** Take a 45 minute ride on paved country roads to Meijer Gardens. See beautiful horse farms along the way.

**11:20 -11:30 a.m.** Board the electric tram in front of the gardens for a 50 minute tour of the Gardens, sculptures and exhibits. (Members are welcome to walk to various areas too.)

**12:30 p.m.** Eat lunch at the Meijer Garden Cafe. Choose from the lunch menu. (Good food and homemade soups!)

**1:15 p.m** Explore the Tropical Conservatory, Arid Garden, Seasonal Display Greenhouse, the Carnivorous Plant House, Gift Shop, all are inside. Or explore more outdoor areas like the Japanese Garden & Children's Play Garden.

**2:15 p.m.** Head out for the Presidential Museum 4 miles away at 303 Pearl Street NW.

**2:45 p.m.** View the newly remodeled museum, Devos Learning Center, and Temporary Exhibit Gallery.

**4:30 p.m.** Head back to Mike & Barb Spark's home for refreshments and snacks or go to the Pearl Street Grill directly across the street from the museum. (Big parking lot, part of a newly remodeled Holiday Inn, great atmosphere and then head back to Mike & Barb's before going to your homes.)

#### Special Events at Meijer Gardens going on during October 15:

- Chrysanthemum Fall Foliage Event is in full bloom: thousands of Chrysanthemum arrangements and other fall arrangement displays throughout the 132 acres. Gorgeous!

- Great pumpkins are on display at the Farm Garden.

- Exhibits from Artprize will still be on display.

- Kids Tram Tour (special event for parents, grandparents and kids) **All About Trees**. Fun educational tours are 11:45, 1:15 and 2:15. Cost: \$1 children, \$3 adults. (The kids tram is cute!)

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### Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park & Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

**Breakfast Get-Together begins around 9 a.m.**

Mike & Barb Sparks  
5232 Morrison Lake Road  
Saranac, MI 48881

Phone: 616-633-5978 or 616-633-5980

**From the Flint area to our home:**

- I69 to I96 West towards Grand Rapids
- Take Exit 64 (Saranac, Lake Odessa Exit)
- Turn right (north) at end of ramp and then left (west) onto Grand River Ave.
- Drive 4 miles past both Herbruck Chicken/Egg signs to Morrison Lake Road (Kountry Korner's Party Store is at intersection)
- Turn right (north) onto Morrison Lake Rd for 2 miles. You will go through 2 curves and our property will be on left side (west) at corner of Morrison Lake Road and MacArthur Road

**From the Detroit area to our home:**

- I96 West towards Grand Rapids
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- Turn right (north) at end of ramp and then left (west) onto Grand River Ave.
- Drive 4 miles past both Herbruck Chicken/Egg signs to Morrison Lake Road (Kountry Korner's Party Store is at intersection)
- Turn right (north) onto Morrison Lake Rd for 2 miles. You will go through 2 curves and our property will be on left side (west) at corner of Morrison Lake Road and MacArthur Road

**From the Kalamazoo/Hickory Corners Area**

- M43 North to Village of Woodland
- Turn left (north) on M66 toward Ionia
- Take I96 West to Exit 64 (Saranac Lake Odessa)
- Turn right (north) at end of ramp and then left (west) onto Grand River Ave.
- Drive 4 miles past both Herbruck Chicken/Egg signs to Morrison Lake Road (Kountry Korner's Party Store is at intersection)
- Turn right (north) onto Morrison Lake Rd for 2 miles. You will go through 2 curves and our property will be on left side (west) at corner of Morrison Lake Road and MacArthur Road

**From the Grand Rapids/Holland Area**

- I96 East to Exit 59 (Clarksville/Saranac)
- Turn left (north) for half mile, turn right (east) onto Grand River Avenue for 2 miles
- Turn left (north) onto Morrison Lake Road for 2 miles (Kountry Korner's Party Store is at intersection)
- You will go through 2 curves and our property will be on left side (west) at corner of Morrison Lake Road and MacArthur Road

**From Mt. Pleasant area or alternate Flint area route**

- US 127 South to exit 109, or M57 East, for 26 miles
- Turn left (south) on M66 for 14 miles to Ionia
- Turn right onto M21 (west) for 7 miles
- Turn left (south) at Saranac Corner, cross Grand River bridge. Don't blink: downtown is 1 block long!
- Continue south through Saranac on Bridge St.
- Continue past Dollar General Store, up the hill, where Bridge St. becomes Morrison Lake Rd. Drive less than a mile south and our property is on right (west) side of road. See Gray Morton Bldg.

**Directions to Meijer Gardens from Sparks' home**

- Drive one mile north on Morrison Lake Road.
- Turn left (west) at Riverside Drive, which eventually will change its name to Grand River Ave. (Lowell area) for a total of 6 miles.
- At stop sign turn left (south) onto Jackson St. Drive a half mile. At stop sign turn right (west) onto Grand River Ave.
- Stay on Grand River Ave through next stoplight for total of 8 miles.
- Turn right (north) onto Buttrick for 1 mile.
- At stoplight, turn right onto Thornapple Drive SE and wind through Ada area to next stop light. Continue through intersection to M21 stoplight. (Amway complex is across the street.)
- Turn left (west) onto M21. Stay in right lane. Drive half a mile. Prepare to turn right.
- Turn right onto Grand River Ave. Continue for a mile and turn right to continue on Grand River Ave. for 3 more miles.
- Make a left turn onto Michigan Street. Drive 2 miles.
- At Crahen Ave stop sign, make a right. Drive one mile.
- Turn left onto Bradford. Drive about 2 miles. See black iron gates on your right and turn into Meijer Gardens.

**Directions from Meijer Gardens to Ford Museum**

- Follow signs to East Beltline Exit. Turn onto East Beltline, stay in left lane to Leonard Street intersection. Make the Michigan turn just past that intersection. Then turn right onto Leonard Street.
  - Stay on Leonard St. for about 3 miles. Ahead will be bridge work and bridge probably will be closed.
  - Turn left onto Monroe Ave. (Fire Station is on that corner) and follow Monroe for about 2 miles.
  - Turn right onto Pearl Street at the corner where the Amway Grand Hotel is located.
  - Stay on Pearl for about a half a mile including going over Grand River bridge.
  - Ford Presidential Museum is on your right. Turn into the driveway and park.
- Notice the Pearl Street Grill at the Holiday Inn is directly across the street. It is a nice gathering place.

# Mothball Tour Registration

**Date:** Saturday, October 15    **Time:** 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** Meet at Mike & Barb Sparks' home and then tour Meijer Gardens and Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (see itinerary on insert page)

**Cost:** Meijer Gardens Admission - \$10/person; tram ride - \$4/person  
Ford Museum - \$8/person; youth \$4

Lunch - Taste of the Gardens Cafe - members pay for their own lunch

LMR member name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$14 (Gardens) + \$8 (Museum) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10 (Gardens/no tram) + \$8 Museum) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ -

(If you are bringing children, grandchildren to museum, add \$4 per child)                      Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you trailer your vehicle, we have plenty of space to park it for the day or overnight if you want to stay overnight in Ionia or Grand Rapids. Let us know and I can see about a group discount.

Holiday Inn  
310 Pearl St. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
616-235-7611

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