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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965



Lined up for viewing are a few of the LMR vehicles on Second Street at the Back to the Bricks celebration in Flint.



During the Back to the Bricks celebration, there was a Buick display outside of Durant Dort Factory 1 featuring this vintage vehicle as well as others inside the building.

LMR participates in Back to the Bricks

by LMR Director Bill Anderson

The big event for our VCCA region was the Back to the Bricks celebration, a week full of activities in which you could participate in the preview tours and mid-week car shows.

The Saturday display in Flint was better than last year with the expansion of displays which included a Buick display outside of Durant Dort Factory 1. Inside there were vehicles from the Sloan Museum and the GM Heritage Center.

The overall attendance of vehicles increased substantially over last year. The word on the car show circuit is that Back to the Bricks is the third largest one day car show in the US.

I like it because you don't have to walk or drive tens of miles to see

everything, plus there isn't a seven or eight mile traffic jam.

However, LMR participation on Second Street was not up to previous levels. The eight LMR members who displayed vehicles (see box) shared space with the Plymouth Owners Club, who are discovering that Flint is more than just a TV news item. There were only two vehicles from their club.

It may be time to light a fire under some club members from both groups since there are over 100 members in each club and less than a handful of cars participate in the third largest one day car show going on in their own back yard.



LMR members who displayed their cars at Flint's Back to the Bricks 2017 event on 2nd St. west of Saginaw St. were:

Bob Sovis: 1986 Chevette 4 door diesel

Brian Granger: 1965 Corvair 500 coupe

Bruce Granger: 1971 Chevelle 300 4 door sedan

Bill Anderson: 1932 Chevy 4 door sedan

Jim & Jo Carpenter: 1948 Chevy 2 door sedan

Dave & Phyllis Rickabus: 1956 Chevy BelAir 2 door sedan

Clarence Straus: 1976 Corvette (T-Top)

Tim Mehl - modern

September 17, 2017

23rd Golden Memories at Sloan Museum honoring the years 1967, 1942, and 1917 with special ribbons. It is a free event for the driver and one passenger as well as 10% off all Sloan Museum purchases. This event is non-competitive so no judging.

Also LMR meeting at 1 p.m. Nominations for 2018 officers will take place. .

October 15, 2017

LMR meeting at Layton Corners. Board Meeting at 1 p.m. General membership meeting at 2 p.m. Election of officers and event calendar for 2018 are on the agenda.



from the driver's seat . . . Bill Anderson, LMR director

August is over... already? The month was packed with can't miss car events. We started the month on Saturday, August 5, with our breakfast-tour-picnic, beginning with breakfast at the home of Mike and Barb Sparks in Saranac, followed by a 40 miles drive to the Gilmore Red Barn Spectacular car show, swap meet and LMR picnic. Gilmore is a great setting with hundreds of vehicles on display including an airplane, army vehicles and vintage campers and bicycles as well as Gilmore's own car collections.

And yes, I managed to find yet another item or two at the swap meet to lug home and add to my ever-growing collection of tools and car parts. Many thanks to the Mehl family for hosting the picnic and setting up a hospitality area for us at Gilmore, where they recruited at least one new LMR/VCCA member as well as many prospective members.

The following Saturday, the Woodward Dream Cruise activities started to ramp up with the Woodward Avenue Road Kill Nights eighth mile drag races, sponsored by Dodge. For we "gearheads," there were drag races open to all with licensed street cars, the NHRA Top Fuel & Funny Car Burnout and Cackle Fest. Free Dodge Challenger drifter rides around MI's 1.5 miles road course as well as the Dodge Demon simulators and MOPAR display were big attractions too. That was the extent of FCA's presence at the WW Dream Cruise.

As for other topics, yes, there are plans for the two day Mothball Color Tour on October 18 and 19, on the shores of northwestern Michigan. Brian and Bruce Granger are setting up a club meeting room at the Golden Memories event at Sloan Museum, September 17. Our September and October meetings sequence is designed such that we can hold our banquet in early November. Check the calendar printed in this issue. September 17 is the first of two monthly meeting for 2018 officer nominations. Director nominations are open to all members in good standing, except for me. Check your LMR By-laws Article IV, page 2 of the booklet for details. Remember, the assistant director does not automatically ascend to director, so those who desire to take the helm of the good ship LMR can step up and nominate themselves for any position.

Brian Granger will officiate the Club meeting at Sloan Museum's Golden Memories on September 17 since I will be unable to attend: too many hobbies, too many clubs, too little time for all!

(right) During a mini show at AKZO-Nobel Sikkens paint research facility in Troy, I met the TV star Dave Kindig of Velocity channel's *Bitchin Rides*, a custom car build show. It's not every day you get to just wak up to meet a TV celebrity without standing in line.



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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.

Summer Tour Fun at Gilmore



(above) It definitely was a day for sunglasses and a picnic under a tented shelter at the Gilmore Museum for LMR members.

It was a perfect day for a tour to Gilmore's Red Barn Spectacular at Hickory Corners. And the 20 member who attended the event, including the Mehls, who were volunteers for Gilmore, enjoyed the day with thousands of others who brought their prized cars, vintage campers, 100 year old bicycles and whatever else they wanted to show off.

One of the most unusual was an exhibit set up by Paula Blincoe Collins, who is a sculptor. It took her three years and 32,000 pounds of clay bricks to make "Mom's Favorite Car."

Collin's parents, Aileen and George Blincoe who married in 1945, bought a 1940 Pontiac for \$200. And to preserve

the family's memories of their lives that involved the car, Collins created a permanent structure of the car "that will never run." The structure was an exhibit at Grand Rapids' Artprize 2016.



(above) Mom's Favorite Car is made out of 32,000 lbs. of clay bricks and was on display at Gilmore.

Annual LMR Banquet Reservations

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017

Time: 1 - 4 p.m.

Location: Brick Street Bar & Grill
1223 E. Grand Blanc Rd.
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Menu:

Champagne Chicken
Lemon Herb Orange Roughy
Roasted Redskin Potatoes
Prince Albert Mixed Vegetables
Tossed salad, choice of dressing
Rolls & butter
Granny Smith Apple Pie ala Mode
One non-alcoholic beverage,
free refills
Open bar available

Cost: \$35 per person

RSVP: October 24, 2017

LMR members attending:

_____ X \$35.00 =

total: _____

Make checks to: LMR/VCCA
Send: Brian Granger
4444 Woodbriar Dr.
Flint, MI 48507

*Wrapping up
the year*

Calendar of Events

9/17: 23rd Golden Memories Free Auto Show, Sloan Museum, Flint, MI . Registration 9 a.m.-noon.

9/17: LMR Club meeting at Flint Sloan Museum, at 1 p.m. First of two meeting for nominations of 2018 officers.

10/15: LMR Club meeting at Layton Corners. Board meeting at 1 p.m. for calendar and event planning. General membership meeting at 2 p.m. for election of officers and general information.

10/18-19: Northwestern Michigan Color Mothball Tour beginning at Sleeping Bear Dunes area near Traverse City and ending at Cross Village north of Harbor Springs.

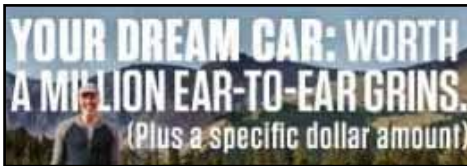
10/24: LMR Annual Banquet Reservations must be mailed to Brian Granger by this date. Banquet to be held at Brick Street Bar & Grill, 1223 East Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439. \$35 per person. (Brian Granger, 4444 Woodbriar Dr. Flint, MI 48507. Call 810-348-5198.)

11/4: LMR Annual Banquet, Brick Street Bar & Grill, 1223 East Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439, 1- 4 p.m.

Autos, Parts & Services

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

For Sale: 5 15"x5 Chevy passenger wheels, 4 handholds, 6 bolt holes and all hubcap tabs in place. Some minor rust. Also a box of parts, 1938 water pump, 1934 generator, 1937 steering gear and so on. Asking \$50. You pick up. Contact Carl Eggers, St. Clair Shores 586-294-4856



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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.

For Sale: Pole barn crammed with truck parts 1967-69, new fenders, doors, grills, hoods still wrapped; a shed full of other car parts; 8N Ford tractor & 3 point equipment. Contact Michelle Arvoy-Corn 734-657-8557 or email: mikwah@gmail.com (Also houses in Swartz Creek & Ann Arbor for sale.)

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: 1969 Chevelle SS 396 hard top, real SS automatic buckets, console, SS wheels, nice driver, \$32,500. **1975 Buick LeSabre**, 23,000 actual miles, original tires, like new, \$21,500. **1960 Impala** 2 door hard top, 29,000 original miles 6 cylinder 3 speed, white with turquoise interior, all documentation, \$25,000. **1966 Caprice** 2 door hardtop, rebuilt engine & transmission, triple black, VCCA preservation car, \$18,000. **1964 Pontiac Catalina** 2 door hardtop, real nice, 389 automatic, new battery & heater core, \$19,500. **1960 Nash Metropolitan convertible** South Carolina car fully restored yellow & white, \$20,000. **1957 Corvette 327 4 speed**, red with white coves, non-matching numbers, great cruiser, \$55,000. Mike McFarland 810-790-1812. **Discount to LMR VCCA members.**

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