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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

Two VCCA clubs enjoy getting together for a summer picnic

A good time was had by all! LMR member Andy Jurski organized and hosted a two day (August 7-8) summer tour in northern Ohio, which ended at his grandmother's (Mary Lou Lister) home in Sylvania, Ohio.

Friday noon, we met at Fort Meigs, which was famous in the War of 1812, where we traveled cross country to the BASF Paint facility. Of course, we had to make an ice cream stop before actually touring the plant! It was a thorough tour of the various labs: color creation and matching under various light, climatic testing, and durability, to name a few. Our tour guides were friendly and knowledgeable as they informed us about the products at the plant, which was at one time the world-wide

R&D center for BASF paints.

On Saturday, we toured the Lathrup home that was part of the Underground Railroad network, which provided safety for fleeing slaves in the 19th Century. At this house there was even a secret room entered through a fake oven!

Then we traveled to the Jurski/Lister

home for a picnic lunch, where we were joined by members of the Glass Capitol Region of the VCCA. After introductions, members of each club got to know each other as they ate lunch and inspected all 25 vintage cars of the Jurski/Lister collection. Andy's late grandfather Kenneth Lister was instrumental in organizing the Glass Capitol Club of the VCCA and acquired most of the vehicles in the collection.

We could not ask for anything more as the weather, the setting, the company, the car collection and the food made for a memorable tour.



(left) Male club members inspect one of the Jurski/Lister cars.



(left & below) Grandma (Mary Lou) Lister's beautiful 1949 Fleetmaster Convertible and an overview of the whole car collection.



(Above) LMR members on the left had their photo taken with their new friends from the Glass Capitol Region of the VCCA.



October 7-10, 2015 (Wed. thru Sat.)

Hershey, Penn. Internat'l car show/swap meet.

November 8, 2015 (Sunday)

Planning meeting at 1 p.m. and membership meeting at 2 p.m.; Layton Corners Junction of Hope Restaurant.

October 16-17, 2015 (Friday & Saturday)

Two day Moth Ball Tour, which begins with coffee and donuts at 7-8 am at Bill Anderson's home located at 3301 Saddle Ridge, Highland, MI. and ends at 3 pm in Perry MI the next day. Information was sent to each member.



from the driver's seat . . .

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It was a beautiful, late summer day for the Golden Memories Car Show at the Sloan Museum. The grounds were filled with a wide variety of makes and models and LMR members' cars were well represented. It all made for some truly "Golden Memories!"

Here it is October already. One of the most beautiful times of the year, with the crisp, fresh air and colorful changing leaves. It is an ideal time to take a color tour in your vintage Chevy. Bill Anderson, our assistant director, has arranged just such a tour for us on October 16 and 17. Keep the date open for what promises to be a very interesting tour.

The October LMR meeting will be held after lunch on Friday, October 16. Please plan to attend since nominations for new LMR officers will be accepted. There are openings for assistant director and three board members. Please give serious consideration to helping make the LMR even stronger.

Continue to enjoy the ride as you see the USA in your Chevrolet!

Minutes from Past LMR Meeting

by secretary Phyllis Rickabus

The September 20, 2015, meeting was held at the Sloan Museum, Flint, MI during the Golden Memories Car Event, and was called to order by Director Mike McCarty at 1:05 pm. • **Pledge of Allegiance:** recited by members. • **Guests:** Clarence Straus introduced Jim and Chris LaRowe. Andy Jurski brought Josh Hixson. Marie and Ole Hagen's daughter Lisa attended. • **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Correction on line 1: ~~July~~ August; Line 9: total new; • **Sunshine:** Marge Henige sent a memorial for Daralene Hess, who died 9/18. • **National:** Mike McCarty asked members to "beat the drum" for new members. He has more brochures for the national push to increase membership before the VCCA Anniversary Meet in 2016. **Historian:** Bruce Granger reported he has 4 scrapbooks from Wayne Jackson. Darrell Dowdy has papers from Lew Clark that are being scanned for

better preservation and access. Are there more scrapbooks somewhere? Marie Hagen will ask Winnie Crawford. • **50th LMR Celebration:** Special thanks to Mike McFarland, Robin Reinke, Pinky Randall, Bob Sovis and Verle & Sharon Wetherwax. • **Mothball Tour:** October 16-17. Sign-ups to Bill Anderson by 10/8. Departure from Bill's by 8 am, drive to GM Powertrain Facility in Pontiac, 9 a.m. walking tour' return to Bill's for lunch and nomination meeting, Cider Mill visit afterwards. Saturday will present a powder coating opportunity. Every participant may blast and powdercoat one small something themselves and choose a color. • **November 8 business meeting at 1 p.m., membership meeting at 2 p.m. at Layton Corners Junction of Hope.** • **Business:** 2016 Anniversary Meet: Host hotel is already almost completely booked. See the G&D online for details. Pin-

ky Randall has the dies for side mount rubbers, a former LMR fundraiser. Robin Reinke volunteered to take them so they wouldn't be scrapped. Consensus agreed. • **New Business:** Vehicle commercial transport costs for the Tahoe event. Mike McFarland said it is too early to talk to haulers, but the going rate is about \$1.50/ml/car for open trailer and \$2.50/ml/car for closed trailer. From MI to NV, 4000 miles, RT is \$6750 to \$11,250 per vehicle, round trip. • **Note:** Verle Wetherwax's brother died in Florida recently. 2016 6-cycle Tour will be planned by Mike McFarland, Verle Wetherwax, Andy Jurski. Scheduled for 9/11-9/15. More helpers are appreciated. • **Tech Talk:** Clarence Straus and Jim LaRowe told story of Jim's dad's 1923 Chevy restoration, which is on display today. • **50/50 Drawing:** won by Dave Rickabus. • **Meeting Adjournment:** 1:55 p.m.

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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.



(left) Three of the founding member of LMR Chevy Club attended the 50th anniversary celebration: Howard Reinke, Joyce and Pinky Randall.

(below) Hostess Sharon Wetherwax points to areas where buffet food items are located. Sixty-two members attended the celebration.



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(below) Many of the members participated in a morning Chevy tour to Frankenmuth in their shined up vintage cars before returning for the buffet.

(above) Past LMR directors are Bob Sovis, Lloyd Henige, Mike McFarland, Bruce Granger, Wayne Jackson, Jim Morningstar, Robin Reinke, Lois Gardner, Clarence Straus, Verle Wetherwax, 2015 Director Mike McCarty, (in front) Pinky Randall and Howard Reinke.



(right) Frankenmuth ventriloquist Virgil Norgrove entertains the crowd with his puppets.



(left) Bob and Lois Gardner look through the scrap books during the celebration held at Verle and Sharon Wetherwax's home in Clio.

(left) Bob Sovis related history about the club and its involvement with the Sloan Museum while (above) Director Mike McCarty gave a report on the 60 year anniversary of the small block Chevy engine.

Autos, Parts & Services

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

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: Five 18 inch Chevrolet passenger style wheels for the 1937 through 1938 model vehicle. This type of wheel was special made for doctors and mailmen of that era. Contact Pinky Randall at 989-302-0866, Houghton Lake, MI. Price is negotiable. Make an offer.

Wanted: 1933 Chevrolet Standard CC 3 window coupe. Stock. Must be complete and running. Contact Robert Pence at 989-745-3663 at 600 West Jack Pine LP, Mio, Michigan 48647.



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Collector Car Sales

Longtime Club member has passed. Daralene Hess of Walled Laked died September 18, 2015, at the age of 82. She was the beloved wife of the late John "Jack" Hess, who was an LMR director before his death in 1993. She is survived by sisters Elizabeth Macaluso and Margaret Scheen, and nephews Michael Macaluso and Mark Macaluso. *(Lynch & Sons Funeral Home of Walled Lake)*

Calling All Members: In case you have not heard, the LMR Chevy Club is hosting a Michigan 6-Cylinder Car Tour next September. Approximately 100 Chevy enthusiasts usually participate in these tours. Mike McFarland, Mary Samulski, Andy Jurski and Verle and Sharon Wetherwax will coordinate the plans for this tour. *They need input from all LMR members.* Call 810-275-7719 or 810-275-7738 with your ideas.

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