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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

submitted by secretary Phyllis Rickabus

Minutes of the past meeting

September 18, 2016, meeting was held at Sloan Museum and called to order by Director Bill Anderson at 1:05 p.m., who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. VCCA members present were 29, including new member Andy West (1967 Camaro). Guests were Tommy Reinke and Kevin Kirbitz, the guest speaker. • **Previous minutes: 6/26/2016 minutes approved as distributed. Notification of calendar changes repeated: 2017 office nominations; the extra 10/23/2016 meeting to include 2017 officer election, 2017 budget and planning and legal business meeting. The banquet will be first Saturday in November (11/5/2016).** • Treasurer's Report: Presented by Bill Anderson and accepted as presented. Discussion on diminishing funds. Darryl Dowdy moved suspension of all "charitable" giving, except Sloan, for 2016. Motion died for lack of support. Decision: Board of Directors will meet 10/23/2016 to discuss options. • **Tours & Activities: Summer picnic was fun. About 25 people attended, good food thanks to Tim Reinke. No report on 2016 Anniversary Meet at Lake Tahoe. Six Cylinder Tour in eastern Lower Peninsula had 62 vehicles and 120 people taking part. Mothball Tour will be 10/15/2016 on the westside of state, Grand Rapids area, starting at Sparks' home, thence to Meijer Gardens and onto Gerald R. Ford Museum. Sign**

up with Barb Sparks by October 9 for a great day. LMR Banquet will be 11/5/2016. Stay tuned for details. • Membership Report: LMR membership year is now January - December. Therefore, LMR membership renewal notices (\$20) begin in November. It is hoped all members will renew before 2017 so we can begin in the spring with a full roster. Bill reports that VCCA is looking into a way for members to renew national and regional memberships at the same time. This option will not be available for a couple of years. • **Sunshine Report: Marge Henige read a letter from Norma Clark thanking the LMR for the memorial plaque in honor of Lew. A question regarding "honorary memberships" was referred to the Board of Directors.** • Historian Report: Bruce Granger is working at stabilizing fragile albums of past events. • **2017 Officer Nominations: Senior board member Jim Morningstar asked members to nominate others or themselves for positions. Those accepting nominations so far: Director - Bill Anderson, Ass't Director - Brian Granger, Treasurer - Pat Mehl, Senior Board Members - Dave Rickabus, Bob Sovis, Verle Wetherwax; Junior board Members - Bruce Granger, Mike McCarty, Tim Mehl, Andy West. Position open secretary. (Appointed positions: Sunshine - Marge Henige, Newsletter - Barb Sparks,**

Awards - Bob Sovis, Historian - Bruce & Brian Granger.) • Tech Time: Mike McCarty asked for ID of an item, which Ole Hagen ID'd as a 1929 Chevy hubcap. • **Guest Speaker: Kevin Kirbitz, Operations Manager Community Outreach Programs for General Motors, spoke about Durant Dort Factory One (303 Water St., Flint), its history dating back to the 1880's, how it came to be acquired by GM, its restoration and future uses. Part of the restored plant will house the Kettering University archives; another part will be a conference & exhibition center, and the last part will house offices including Kirbitz's as operations manager. He invited LMR to make Factory One a destination for a future tour. Kirbitz anticipates the opening by the end of 2016. Many thanks to Mr. Kirbitz for this interesting addition to our Flint and Chevy history knowledge.** • This 'n That: Ole Hagen won the 50/50 raffle. Mike McCarty invited everyone to an auction at his folks' place on 10/22 beginning at 8 a.m. Bob Sovis noted the Sloan Museum hopes to expand by adding a Chevrolet gallery. • **Meeting adjourned: 2:30 p.m.**

November 5, 2016

Details & registration of annual Saturday banquet on page 2.

October 15, 2016 (Saturday)

Mothball Tour at Meijer Gardens and Ford Presidential Museum. Tour begins at Mike & Barb Sparks home in Saranac, MI around 9 a.m. Complete registration & directions in September 2016 issue.

October 23, 2016 (Sunday)

LMR membership meeting at 1 p.m. to be held at Junction of Hope Restaurant, Layton Corners. Election of officers for 2017 will be held and schedule of 2017 events and budget to be determined.



from the driver's seat . . .
Bill Anderson old50grit@comcast.net

October is a big month for all us car buffs! We have Hershey coming up right away, then the Mothball Tour, and then the most important club meeting of the year. Come prepared on October 23 to finalize the calendar, to elect officers for 2017, and to discuss some new business. I have an idea/opportunity for a fundraiser project. It involves volunteers. We do have volunteers, don't we?

Ok, all that being said, what did I do this last month? Well, I was honored to participate in the 6 Cylinder Tour, held this year in Michigan, and lead the group for one of the day adventures that included the John McMullen collection, Blake's Cider Mill, Algonac Clay Historical Museum, and Stahl's Collection Museum. An adventure it was. Yep! I finished on the flatbed again. Fuel system gremlins attacked resulting in a complete loss of fuel pressure at the beginning of the last day. At least they didn't strike on my host day. *Post mortem* indicates the fuel pump is ok, so there may be a bit of dirt lurking in the fuel tank that found its way into the fuel line. Ahhh! The adventures in motoring!! Maybe there needs to be a page in the VCCA Touring Passport for us flatbed riders!

Once again, we will have a guest speaker at our meeting. Mr. Sam Power, the Southeast Michigan-based insurance representative from Hagerty Insurance will go over types of coverages offered to us car owners, and explain how to customize our policies to fit our car or fleet of cars.

Annual LMR Banquet Reservation: Saturday, 11/5/2016

Menu: Beef tips & mashed potatoes,
 Grilled chicken & pasta
 Tossed salad, fruit, dessert

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Bestseller's
 360 South Jefferson St.
 Mason, MI 48854

Cost: \$35 per person
 (Cash bar will be available)

RSVP > October 23, 2016

Name(s): _____

**Attending X \$35 = \$** _____

Make checks out to LMR/VCCA
send to Tim Reinke, 601 Mason Hills Drive, Mason, MI 48854

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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.

LOWER MICHIGAN REGION

VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and/or MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolet manufactured vehicles twenty-five or more years old. Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet is not a prerequisite for membership.

In accordance with the NATIONAL VCCA ORGANIZATION BY-LAWS and the LOWER MICHIGAN REGION, VCCA BY-LAWS, each applicant must be a NATIONAL VCCA MEMBER in good standing in order to become a REGION MEMBER and must maintain that NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP status for continued REGION membership. **YEARLY NATIONAL DUES ARE CURRENTLY \$40.00**

Your National VCCA # _____ National expiration date _____

(Regional dues are accepted pending receipt of National VCCA member & expiration date)

LOWER MICHIGAN dues are \$20.00 per year. Region dues must be received by January 1.

All region members will receive a monthly newsletter, April-January. Region members are entitled to participate in all Region activities and will be notified of all such events in advance.

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How would you like to receive your newsletter? email _____ regular mail _____

LIST VINTAGE CHEVROLETS OWNED (if any--attach list if needed)

Year	Model	Body Style	# Cylinder	Condition
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Payable to: VCCA Lower Michigan Region

Return completed form with dues to:

**LMR VCCA Membership
PO Box 303
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Autos, Parts & Services

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

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.

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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.



Auction: The lifelong collection of the late Ed McFarland will be auctioned on October 22, 2016, beginning at 10 a.m. The auction site is 13960 24 Mile Road, Shelby Township, MI. and will be conducted by Rowley Auction Service. The sale includes **Corvair hardtops and convertibles, Nash cars, a Ford Mustang, a Packard one-eighty, loads of auto parts, tools, etc.** at the live, on-site auction.

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