



CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

LMR Director challenges members

Bill Anderson's 1932 Chevrolet was the big draw at Flint's Back to the Bricks chassis dyno event. See page 2 for contest info.



LMR members who displayed their cars at the 23rd Annual Sloan Museum Golden Memories event in Flint last month were:

Bob Sovis: 1939 Chevy
Brian Granger: 1965 Corvair
Andy West: 1967 Camero
Jim & Jo Carpenter: 1948 Chevy
Dave & Phyllis Rickabus: 1956 Chevy
Clarence Straus: 1915 Baby Grand
Tim & Rob Reinke: 1931 Cabriolet
Dennis Clark: 1932 Cabriolet
Lloyd & Marge Henige: 1956 Chevy
Andy Jurski: 1967 Camero
Dennis & Bonnie Reinke: 1936 Chevy
Rod Thomas: 1967 Chevy II
Mike McFarland: 1954 Corvette
Ken Kaschinske: 1946 Half ton
Other LMR members who drove modern vehicles were Pinky & Joyce Randall, Ole & Marie Hagen, Pat & Tim Mehl, Darrell Dowdy, and Mike McCarty.

Annual LMR Banquet Reservations

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017

Time: 12 - 4 p.m. Social hour at noon

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

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

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.

October 18 & 19, 2017

Northwest Michigan Color Mothball Tour beginning at Sleeping Bear Dunes area near Traverse City and ending at Cross Village north of Harbor Springs. Two days touring and one overnight.



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

September was another great month for car meets and tours. The weather has been terrific: a little hot, maybe, but few raindrops. Although I was unable to attend the September meeting and Golden Memories Show, it appears that many turned out to drive and display their favorite classics.

We still have several activities lined up for everyone to enjoy before the end of the year. Some folks will be attending the annual AACA Eastern Meet at Hershey, PA this week. Others will be staying closer to home to await the October 15 general membership meeting at 2 p.m., which will include a resumption of nominations for key 2018 officer positions. Positions like secretary, treasurer and ass't director do not automatically ascend to another level, so those who desire to take the helm of the good ship LMR can step up and nominate themselves to a position.

Again, a reminder that our fall meeting sequence is designed so that we can hold our banquet on November 4. Review the Chevy Chatter meeting calendar printed in this issue closely.

At our October meeting we will preview the mothball tour itinerary for October 18 and 19 so that participants will be ready for the tour. Last minute sign-ups are still possible, although the block of hotel rooms may be full. There are many other hotels in the Traverse City area if that happens. The hotel I chose is mid-priced and will be a launch point for each day's activities. Check the tour information sheet for more information.

Now for a little competition to see who really knows the stats behind horsepower. And for the winner, a free LMR 2018 membership. This contest will end at the Mothball Tour.

Here goes my challenge. During Flint's Back to the Bricks event held in August, the folks from Livernois Performance showed up with a flatbed trailer mounted chassis dyno. The company sells dyno runs on your car for a modest \$40 for two "pulls."

Well, you know what followed since I could not resist after watching Cameros, Hellcats, Mustangs and Chevells run on that dyno all afternoon. And you wouldn't believe the size of the crowd that wanted to watch my 1932 Chevy on that dyno!

Since I was not allowed to drive my car onto the dyno, I first had to conduct a driving lesson. "Those two buttons on the floor. One is a starter, the other the accelerator. You do understand the shift pattern for a three speed manual, right? Shift to high gear at 20 mph and don't go over 60 mph. Ok, fine. So, two pulls."

So what do you think the HP results were for my '32? Guess the HP to the nearest 0.1 horsepower and you will have a free one year LMR membership. HINT: the original HP was advertised to be about 60 HP. Email me at old50grit@comcast.net or call me 248-881-6510 with your guess by the end of the Mothball Tour.

2017 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.

Minutes of the September 17 Meeting

submitted by Mike McCarty

The September 17, 2017, LMR membership meeting was held in the Sloan Museum classroom. The meeting was called to order by Ass't Director Brian Granger at 1 p.m. 27 members present • **Bob Sovis announced that he needs to quickly clean out his garage of old Chevy parts. Contact him if interested.** • **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited. • **Previous Minutes:** The previous meeting minutes from July 2017 Chevy Chatter were approved. • **Old Business:** The regular meeting was suspended to accept nominations for 2018 LMR officers: Director Brian Granger, Asst. Director Jim Schott, Secretary Mike McCarty, Treasurer Pat Mehl, Jr. Board Members Richard Beach, Lloyd Henige, Andy Mehl. All elected positions have one candidate. (Appointed positions: Sunshine - Marge Henige, Newsletter - Barb Sparks, Awards - Bob Sovis, Historian - Bruce & Brian Granger, Membership - Phyllis Rickabus.) Andy Jurski proposed that elected officer positions should be changed to two year terms. It was decided to postpone this issue until the October Board meeting. • **New Business:** Treasurer's Report presented by Pat Mehl and accepted. • **Tours & Activities:** LMR Mothball Tour will a two day, Wednesday and Thursday, Color Tour October 18 & 19 to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park and the Leelanau Peninsula in northwestern Michigan. A sign up form is available from Barb Sparks or Bill Anderson. LMR group rate available until September 29. The LMR Awards Banquet will be held at the Brick Street Bar & Grill in Grand Blanc on Saturday, November 4, 2017. Social hour begins at noon and dinner starts about 1 p.m.

A sign up form is available in the September Chevy Chatter. Reservations should be sent to Brian Granger by October 24. • **Membership:** Phyllis Rickabus reported that LMR Roster now has 114 members. Membership renewal forms are due by the end of the year. Please fill out the application completely so the membership committee has the most current information. • **Sunshine:** Marge Henige reported sending condolences and a memorial to Leon Eisemann on the loss of his wife Margery. Get well card were sent to Pat Mehl and Rod Thomas. • **Historian:** Brian Granger requested photos of this year's LMR activities for club documentation. • Tim Reinke asked that club members bring suggested activities for next year to the October 15 planning meeting. • **Awards:** Andy Jurski received an award from the Sloan Summer Fair for his 1951 Chevrolet Styleline Delux 6 Cylinder. • 50/50: won by Phyllis Rickabus • **Adjournment:** 1:40 p.m.

Notice to LMR Members

The membership secretary has been informed of the following former members' deaths:

• **George Baker** (LMR 2015, 2016) died on August 16, 2017.

• **James Gray** (LMR 2015, 2016) died May 2, 2016

• **Eldwin Ryden** (current LMR member) died in 2017. The USPS returned a recent Chevy Chatter marked *deceased - return to sender*. We have been unable to locate a death notice or any other information.

Wrapping up
the year

Calendar of Events

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, 12- 4 p.m. Social hour begins at noon. Dinner at 1 pm.

1/2018: LMR Dues for 2018 should be sent by January 1, 2018 to Phyllis Rickabus

Thanks to all who sent cards and well wishes during my recent hospitalization. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

- Rod Thomas

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Machinist's Workshop recently published info on various penetrating oils. The magazine reported they tested products for break out "torque" on rusted nuts and bolts. A subjective test was made of popular penetrating oils, with the unit of merit being the torque required to remove a nut from a "scientifically rusted" bolt. Average torque load to loosen nuts: 1. No oil used: 516 foot pounds. 2. WD-40: 238 foot pounds. 3. PB Blaster: 214 foot pounds. 4. Liquid Wrench: 127 foot pounds. 5. Kano Kroil: 106 foot pounds. 6. ATF/Acetone mix: 53 foot pounds. The ATF/Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50/50 auto transmission fluid and acetone. Note this "home brew" released bolts better than any commercial product in one test. I have used this mixture for many years taking Corvairs apart. Also note that Liquid Wrench is almost as good as Kroil but 20% of the price. ATF/Acetone mix is better and cheaper. NO Acetone? Use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50/50 mix. I store mine in an old hand trigger pump oil can. *-Brian Granger*

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