



CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

Stepping back in time at Sloan Museum

LMR Members who showed their vehicles at the Golden Memories Car Event at Flint's Sloan Museum on September 20, 2015:

- Clarence Straus: 1915 Baby Grand (100 years old) & 1923 Superior Coupe
- Darrell Dowdy: 1928 Nat'l Sport Coupe
- Ole & Marie Hagen: 1930 4-door Sedan
- Robin & Tim Reinke: 1931 Cabriolet
- Dave & Phyllis Rickabus: 1934 Sedan
- Rod & Denice Thomas: 1949 Chevy
- Lloyd & Marj Henige: 1956 4-door Bel Air 8 cyl
- Mike McFarland: 1959 Impala
- Brian Granger: 1965 Corvair (50 years old)
- Bob Sovis: 1965 Corvair (50 years old)
- Bruce Granger: 1971 Chevelle
- Ron & Marilyn Henige: 1975 Caprice Convert.



Darrell Dowdy proudly shows his 1928 National Sport Coupe during the Golden Oldies Sloan Museum Event.



That 100 year old 1915 Baby Grand is a perfect fit for LMR owner Clarence Straus.



(upper left) Brian Granger's blue and Bob Sovis's white corvairs celebrated 50 years at the show.

(above) That 1931 Cabriolet always is a showstopper for those attending the Sloan event. It is owned by Robin and Tim Reinke.

(left) Dave & Phyllis Rickabus took pretty "Patty," their Standard 1934 4-door Sedan to the event.

(photos by Bruce Granger & information by Phyllis Rickabus)



November 8, 2015 (Sunday)

Planning meeting at 1 p.m. and membership meeting at 2 p.m.; Layton Corners Junction of Hope Restaurant. 2016 Budget to be perfected and approved. Historian Bruce Granger to bring 15 LMR long lost scrapbook albums that he hunted down.

December 12, 2015 Saturday

Annual LMR Banquet at R. E. Olds Museum, 240 Museum Drive, Lansing, MI. \$30 per person pork & chicken buffet, beer, wine, soda extra. Noon -1:30 pm social hour, 1:30 - 3pm buffet, 3 pm awards. Reservation application was sent to you in early October by Bill Anderson 248-881-6510.



from the driver's seat . . .

Mike McCarty michaelrrmccarty@gmail.com

Another season of vintage car shows and tours is winding down. Bill Anderson did a great job on the LMR's final tour of the year. Our visit to the new GM Racing Building in Pontiac was very interesting. (Unfortunately, photos were not allowed at this time.) We then took the scenic route to Bill's house and saw his workshop and car collection, enjoyed lunch and held our meeting.

There have been a couple discussions at recent LMR meetings about the cost of transporting vintage vehicles to Lake Tahoe for the Anniversary Meet. There seem to be several options: expensive and very expensive. The lowest cost alternative seems to be for a group of LMR members to contract with a vehicle hauler for an entire trailer (4 or 5 vehicles). The hauler will pick up and deliver all vehicles at one location at the start and finish. The delivery date and pick up date at Lake Tahoe can be specified. The round trip, per vehicle cost is expected to be under \$5,000 (Mike at Reliable Carriers 800-521-6393). The search for a lower cost alternative is continuing.

We will have election of officers at our Sunday, November 8 meeting at Layton Corners. The Assistant Director and Secretary positions remain open. Please give serious consideration to volunteering for one of these positions and help keep this well-oiled machine we call the Lower Michigan Region running smoothly.

Minutes from Past LMR Meeting by secretary Phyllis Rickabus

The October 16, 2015, meeting was held at Bill Anderson's garage, Highland, MI during the Annual Mothball Tour, and was called to order by Director Mike McCarty at 1:37 pm.

- **Pledge of Allegiance:** recited by 20 members.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Leon Eisemann mailed his report to the director and secretary before the meeting. It is available for perusal. He also created a preliminary 2016 budget. Discussion of budget item for additional funds for the 2016 Anniversary Meet. *Verle Wetherwax moved we add to the proposed 2016 budget a donation of \$275 for the 2016 Anniversary Meet IF they show a need. Seconded by Clarence Straus. Passed.*
- **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Approved as printed in *Chevy Chatter*
- **Sunshine:** Marge Henige asked members to call her cell 810-965-7382 to report "Sunshine" news. Lew & Norman Clark are both in Florida rehab. She

- broke her pelvis after falling.
- **Membership:** National push to increase membership "By 2016 in 2016" extrapolates (% increase) to 28 members for LMR. Everyone is encouraged to distribute National & LMR forms. Barb Sparks is asked to include the LMR membership form in the last three newsletters this year and in the future. Current members are to re-up by January so we know who is actually a member early in the year. Mike will ask Tim Mehl to get old G&D's to hand out with membership forms. Discussion: Clarence Straus suggested having monthly meetings again throughout the year to attract younger members. Bob Sovis suggested having more than business meetings; need demos, classes. Discussion: Expense of hard mail vs email and percentage of each.
- **National:** New region in Tampa FL area. Read G&D for more info.
- **Historian:** Still searching for

- early scrapbooks. Verle will talk to Wayne in Florida.
- **Mothball Tour:** Powder coating activity scratched since most tourers have other plans. Activity may be rescheduled in Perry MI next spring.
- **November 8 Planning** at 1 p.m. & **Business Meeting** 2 p.m at Layton Corners: Election of officers at 2 p.m. Nominations accepted so far - Director Bill Anderson, Treasurer Pat Mehl, Jr. Board Members Verle Wetherwax, Bob Sovis, Dave Rickabus. Sr. Board members assumed to be present Jr. Board Members, Positions still open are Assistant Director and Secretary.
- **Banquet:** December 12, 1 p.m., R.E. Olds Museum, Lansing. Tour museum and dinner. Discussion to possibly change by-laws to move nomination, planning/elections by one month to have awards banquet in November, thereby including more snowbirds.

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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 25 years old or older. Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet vehicle 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 maintain that National Membership status for continued Region Membership. **Yearly National Dues are \$40.**

Your National VCCA Number _____ National expiration date _____

(Regional dues are accepted pending receipt of a National VCCA number and expiration date)

Lower Michigan Region dues are \$20 per year. Region dues must be received by April 1. All region members will receive monthly newsletters between April/May and December. I (we) choose to receive the newsletters by Email: Yes _____ No _____. Region members are entitled to participate in all Region activities and will be notified of all such events in advance.

Name: _____

Birth date: _____

Spouse: _____

Birth date: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Anniversary: _____

Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

List Vintage Chevrolets Owned (if any - attach list if needed)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u>#Cyl.</u>	<u>Condition</u>

For Club Use Only:
 Dues Paid \$ _____ check/cash LMR
 New _____ Renewal _____ Joined In _____

Payable to: VCCA Lower Michigan Region
 Return completed form to:
LMR VCCA Membership
PO Box 303
Imlay City, MI 48444

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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Mike McFarland
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Collector Car Sales

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• Old Business: 55th Anniversary Meet, Lake Tahoe - hotel registration is open. Meet registration will begin in February. Watch in *G&D* or vcca.org/2016 for updates. Vehicle transport discussion is expensive by commercial road carrier and doesn't guarantee arrival date. (Guaranteed date = \$13,000 per vehicle!) What about train for cars and members? Bill Anderson will check on possibility. • [2016 6-Cylinder](#)

[Tour in Michigan: Verle Wetherwax led discussion of Sept. 11-15, 2016 tour possibilities. Sunrise or sunset side of Michigan? Progressive or hub? Distances per day? Verle asked for helper volunteers: Carpenter, Thomas, Straus, Anderson, Morningstar, Rickabus, McCarty. Will meet following 11/8 meeting.](#) • Tech Talk: Jim Morningstar stated "Barb has a 1926 IT C cab truck for sale asking \$16,000." Sug-

gestion: "Barb" should put an ad in the *Chatter*. Clarence Straus reported on a place that will blast and powder coat wheels for \$31 each. Hershey report by Jim: Dick Oldenburg flew up and attended with Jim. Tickets for \$25 available to tour GM Heritage Center on 11/5/2015 from 9 - 10:30. • [50/50 Drawing: Won by Bob Sovis \(one badge fine collected also.\)](#) • Meeting Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.

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