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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

Mothball Tour explores the shores of northwestern Michigan

Details by Pat Mehl; photos by Corrie Mehl and Kwon Soonbong



(Right) On Wednesday morning, we ventured out a short distance to Mike Nickel's wood-working shop, where we breathed in lots of wood dust and the smell of old wooden auto frames. Mike's life-long love of woodworking was evident in the Model A frames he's currently working on – he says he's retired, but we don't believe it!



(left) Near Northport, members met Mike May and his wife. Retired from Ford, he is one of the preeminent sages regarding Stanley Steamers and has several fine examples.



We wandered up to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, and traversed the beautiful drive through the dunes, stopping along the way for photos and breathtaking views, with a stop at the Dune Climb, where Bill, Dave Rickabus, and Don Harbron made the trek to the top of the dune. A group Chevy photo had the dune as a picturesque backdrop. **Below: Winetasting** at Black Star Farms in Sutton's Bay was a treat.



Attending the 2017 Mothball Tour on the northern shores of Lake Michigan were Bill and Sue Anderson, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus, Jim and Barb Morningstar, Verl and Sharon Wetherwax, Gary and Pam Mehl with daughter Corrie (and Evie and Lilly, their bulldogs), Pat and Tim Mehl, John McMullen, Jeff Bladow, Jim Johnson, John Proulx and his guest Kwon Soonbong, Michael Lauth, Don and Linda Harbron, and Lloyd and Marjorie Henige. More photos on page 4.



November 4, 2017

LMR Annual Banquet to be held at the Brick Street Bar & Grill, 1223 East Grand Blanc Road in Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439. The social hour is Noon to 1 p.m. and the dinner begins at 1 p.m. Members must have reservations.

January 1, 2018

LMR VCCA memberships should be renewed by the first of the new year. Dues should be sent to Phyllis Rickabus at 2894 Island Point Drive, Metamora, Michigan 48455.



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

Ok folks, you missed it. The Mothball Tour was outstanding. Traverse City, Sleeping Bear Dunes, Tunnel of Trees, Mike May Collection, Hagerty Garage, Black Rock Forge Iron Works, Mike Nickel's Automotive Woodshop, Legs Inn Restaurant, coupled with perfect weather, a great mix of fall colors, and 23 happy Chevy tourists driving 13 vintage Chevys. Thanks to everyone who came. My little car logged 1000 miles during the week. Look for the tour summary elsewhere in this publication.

The Banquet is November 4, and you should be signed up by now. Come meet and share your 2017 touring experiences with fellow Chevy drivers. I, for one put about 3000 miles on my '32. No trips on the flat bed this year. A couple anxious moment here and there, however. That reminds me. Remember the contest to guess the horsepower my '32 registered on the Dyno at Back to the Bricks? Apparently only 2 people wanted a free 2018 LMR membership. There were only 2 entries. Come to the banquet to see the dyno run sheets.

For 2018, our officer and staff line-up is changing a bit as you may have noticed. A few new faces mixed in with a crew of veterans. Always nice to entertain new ideas and approaches to running the club. Which reminds me, this is the time of year that everything seems to come up for renewal: magazines, organizations, and clubs, including your VCCA and LMR memberships. This year, Phyllis Rickabus is seeking your help in refreshing the roster/membership information. Some of you have changed the cars in your fleet; others have new phone numbers and addresses. Make sure you fill out a fresh application/renewal sheet so that we all can share accurate information. Don't just hand her your dues and say there is no change.

There are a couple of projects on the administrative end of the club for 2018. Among them are several tweaks to the club By-Laws, followed by a fresh printing of the Roster Booklet. Stay tuned for more information as there will be some behind the scenes work during the winter that will be discussed and reviewed in April.

Looking for something interesting to do during the winter? The first Saturday morning of each month, all year, from 9 until noon, Bill Milliken's Points and Condenser Preservation Society meets at his auto storage warehouse at 888 Railroad St. in Ypsilanti. There are informal chats with old friends, a visit with a wide variety of vintage iron (cars) in various states of repair, topped with a guest speaker who presents on topics ranging from magazine publication, to automotive performance testing, to tire technology, to collector car price trends, all by noted industry experts. It's a great group: a no fee, informal gathering of car enthusiasts!

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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 October 15 Meeting

submitted by Treasurer Pat Mehl

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m., following a break from the Board of Directors' Meeting, by Director Bill Anderson. • **The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.** • No guests or new members present. A moment of silence was offered for Walt Arvoy, long-time LMR member who passed away in the last week. • **The September meeting minutes were approved, with changes, as was the September Treasurer's report.** • The General Membership Meeting was suspended in order to conduct Elections of Officers for 2018. After no new nominations from the attendees, the nominations were closed with a motion from Phyllis Rickabus, seconded by Bob Sovis. **By general acclamation, the nominated slate was elected: Director Brian Granger; Assistant Director Jim Schott; Secretary Mike McCarty; Treasurer Pat Mehl; Senior Board Members Tim Reinke, Bruce Granger, Andy West; Junior Board Members Richard Beach, Lloyd Henige, Andy Mehl.** • The General Membership Meeting was resumed, with discussion regarding proposed motions to amend the LMR's By-Laws. The proposed amendments, as presented by Andy Jurski, and Bill Anderson are: 1. Board members and officers serve minimum two-year terms. (*Revise Article II, Section 2*) 2. Eliminate 4 Members-at-large, with the remaining 2 to be appointed, not elected. (*Revise Article II, Section 1*) 3. Remove term limits for each elected position. (*Revise Article III, Section 1*) 4. Change the dates for Officer Nominations from October to September, with additional nominations entertained in October just prior to elections. (*Revise Article IV, Section 1*) • Discussion included pros and cons of each motion, and a general discussion to review the language in the by-laws due to some confusing terminology. It was determined that a committee will be formed (Brian Granger, Pat Mehl, and Phyllis Rickabus) to further research the proposed changes and present the amendments at a meeting in 2018, to be determined. • **New Business:** Treasurer's Report by Pat Mehl: We are on track to finish the year within budget, and the 2018 Budget was presented. • The remaining activities for 2017 were

reviewed. The Mothball Tour has 11 parties registered. The banquet currently has 30 reservations; deadline for reservations is October 24. • **Membership Update by Phyllis Rickabus.** We currently have 115 members, 27 of which were in arrears for 2017. Phyllis had Jr. Board members contact those in arrears; 3 of those have renewed their memberships thus far. Folks have until January 1, 2018, to renew their 2017 memberships. Membership renewals for 2018 are now being accepted and are due by January 1, 2018. Anyone not paid up by May 1 will have their membership cancelled, after appropriate notification. • **Newsletter Update by Barb Sparks:** Nothing to report. Requested photos from the upcoming Mothball Tour. • **VCCA National Director Update by Tim Mehl:** Tim reports that the 2018 Central Meet will be in Peterborough, Ontario, and the 2019 Central Meet will be in Lafayette, Indiana. Discussion about why Michigan doesn't host the Central Meet more often. Tim also reported that there is a new region – Pocono Mountains Region. Tim reported that *G&D* editor Kate Sullivan has resigned to pursue further education and is being replaced by longtime *Hemmings Motor News* writer Jim Donnelly. • **Sunshine Report by Marjorie Henige:** Death of Walt Arvoy prompted a discussion about whether to continue to send memorials or flowers to families of deceased members. Motion made by Dave Rickabus, seconded by Tim Mehl, to allow Marjorie to send a memorial contribution to the family of Walt Arvoy. [Secretary's note: Sunshine Committee has a budget every year to send flowers or memorials; it is their discretion as to how to use those funds, within the budgeted amount.] • **Historian Report by Bruce Granger.** Bruce reported that he has received photos from Walt Arvoy's collection. He has also received a number of *G&D* magazine spanning almost the entire history from several different contributors. **2018 Events Calendar** was noted and will be published once reviewed for accuracy. • **Tech Time:** No discussion. • **50-50 Raffle:** Leon Eisenman, who was welcomed to the meeting after being absent for several months, won the \$30 pot. Thanks to all who contribute! • **Badge Fines** were collected. • **Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.**

Wrapping up the year Calendar of Events

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

Welcome our newest LMR club members

Dennis & Marcia Broersma
906 60th Street SW
Byron Center, MI 49315
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- 1932 Coupe 6-Cyl Chevy restored as original
- 1950 convertible 6-Cyl restored as original

Ken & Janice Hoexum
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- 1948 2 door Stylemaster Club Coupe

John Krupp
1134 Kensington Avenue
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(john@johnjruppcpa.net)

- 1967 Camero convertible (LTI Corvette engine) restored
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(Above & right) *Part of the automobile display at Hagerty Insurance Company's vintage museum in Traverse City.*



(left) *The famous Legs Inn, known for its authentic Polish menu, was a unique place to eat at the end of the Tunnel of Trees tour on M119 north of Harbor Springs.*

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