



CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

Day long Mothball Tour impresses club members

The LMR Club's Mothball Tour was a memorable event for the 29 club members and guests who enjoyed a day long tour on October 20.

They departed from the Port Huron Comfort Inn in 11 vintage Chevrolets and headed to their first stop at the Terry & Rita Earnest Car Collection. Despite the threat of rain, they were able to see 18 rare exotic vintage automobiles including the newest edition, a 1913 Pierce Arrow Touring car that the owner purchased just the week before at the Hershey International Auto Show.

Other impressive vehicles that the group saw included an Auburn made by the Packard Car Company as well as Pierce Arrows and military jeeps. The collection of memorabilia also was impressive.

An hour later, they were on their way to the Algonac Maritime Museum, which is the home of the power boat line known as Chris

Craft built by Christopher Columbus Smith and his brother Hank. There, club members viewed many wooden boats including the Gar Wood, nautical artifacts, vintage outboard boat motors and other memorabilia.

At noon, the LMR Board meeting was held at the museum followed by a membership meeting.

Ready to enjoy dinner at the Voyager Res-

taurant, the group ran into a real storm with sheets of rain and hail and even snow as they headed for the restaurant. But in true Chevy fashion, they pressed on and later enjoyed a great meal of their choice.

As the dinner ended, the weather cleared and the 24 remaining members said their good-bys and headed home.



(Above) One of the Chris Craft boats at the Algonac Maritime Museum and (right) a few of the LMR members enjoying their meal at The Voyager.



Sovis receives Kettering/GMI Alumni award

Bob Sovis, a long time LMR member who has held many positions in the club, recently received the Civic Achievement Award from the Kettering/GMI Alumni Association.

After receiving a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from Kettering University in 1956 as well as a Master's Degree in Industrial Administration from the University of Michigan, Sovis was employed by General Motors service parts operation for over 38 years, retiring in 1991 as Senior Administrator of Operations. After retiring, Bob worked as a consultant in the fields of industrial engineering strategic planning and financial analysis.

He is currently a board member or chairman of countless organizations. Some of these include: Friends of Sloan Museum/Longway Planetarium, Back to the Bricks, and Flint Stewardship Community of Motor-Cities National Heritage Area.

Bob also is the founder of the annual Sloan Museum Auto Fair (46 years) and Golden



LMR member Bob Sovis who received the Kettering /GMI Alumni Association Award stands by his 1939 Master Deluxe Town Sedan, a Best of Show winner at the Sloan Museum Auto Fair. He has owned the Chevy for over 50 years.

Memories Auto Show (24 years). He previously served as a committee member of Kettering University Friends of the Library and Archives, GM Centennial Parade of 100 GM vehicles, AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Library Research Center and many more.

Active in several communities throughout his life, Bob became the new Lothrop boy to cut lawns, weed gardens, pick strawberries

and raspberries, shovel snow, get groceries for elderly residents, and a host of other activities. This started his lifelong involvement serving in his local community. Bob also has donated a total of 158 pints (19.75 gallons) of blood throughout the years.

Bob and his wife Diane live in the Fenton, MI area and have a blended family of nine children, 19 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



from the driver's seat . . . Brian Granger, LMR director

Our annual banquet on November 3 brought our yearly functions to a close. It has been a fun year for me as your director. Not everything went as planned, thanks to Mother Nature, but we live in Michigan . . . so what do we expect?

I wish Jim Schott, our new director and Andy Mehl, the assistant director, as well as the rest of the officers and volunteers the very best of luck for 2019. They are the head and we are the body of the Lower Michigan Region. Let's give them all the help we can. Send them ideas of different places to visit alone or as a group.

As you read this, I am putting my car to bed for the season. And so many of you already have headed to the sunny south for the winter to avoid the ice and snow and cold. Enjoy the holiday season wherever you are. I'll see you in the spring.

California Fires Relief Fund

by Treasurer Pat Mehl

To the LMR Board: In light of the tragedy of the wildfires in California, in which members of the VCCA in those regions have been severely affected, the National Board has approved that funds be solicited and collected to help our fellow members through this tragedy. I have two proposals:

- 1) That the LMR donate an amount from our treasury. I am suggesting \$500.
- 2) That we get a message quickly out to our members, using the letter below from VCCA President Jim Gebhardt sent to LMR member Tim Mehl, such that they can either donate directly, or forward their donation to me and it will be consolidated and sent with the club donation.

... If you are like me, you have watched in horror at the destroyed homes and lives from the fires in northern and southern California this week. But this disaster is different; a number of our fellow VCCA families have lost everything! I just can't imagine losing a family member, neighbors, pets, house or cars to the terrible heat and flames of these fires. I know the VCCA can make a difference in the broken lives of these members. We have started the VCCA California Fire Relief Fund. I encourage you, as I have done, to think about what you can do to help...**Please make donations to VCCA California Relief Fund, VCCA Member Services c/o Peter Gariepy, PO Box 41238, Tucson, Arizona 85717, tele. 708-455-8222. You can donate online with PayPal or a credit card to VCCA California Fire Relief Fund. (Donations are not tax deductible.)**

2018 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 October 20, 2018 LMR Meeting

submitted by Secretary Mike McCarty

The October 20, 2018, LMR Membership meeting was held during the Mothball Tour at the Algonac-Clay Maritime Museum. The meeting was called to order by Director Brian Granger at 12:40 p.m., after the conclusion of the LMR Board meeting. Guest Corrie Mehl, daughter of Gary and Pam Mehl was in attendance. New member Michael Lauth (1940 half ton pickup) was also present. The September 16, 2018 minutes from the *Chevy Chatter* were approved and published.

• Old Business: The proposed LMR By-laws update was approved by an overwhelming majority of the membership. There remain a few 2017 LMR awards to be presented. **Election** - The general membership meeting was suspended to elect officers for 2019. Director Granger presented the 2019 LMR officer nominees: Director Jim Schott, Assistant Director Andy Mehl, Secretary Mike McCarty, Treasurer Pat Mehl, Board Members at Large: Richard Beach, Lloyd Henige, Bill Anderson, and Pam Mehl. Appointed positions include Past Director Brian Granger, Membership Phyllis Rickabus, Sunshine Denise Thomas, Editor Barb Sparks. A motion was made and seconded that the nominations be closed, and the slate of officers be elected by unanimous voice vote. The motion carried. The General Membership meeting resumed.

• New Business: Treasurer's Report - treasurer absent but Brian Granger indicated that we were below budget. **Activities:** The 2018 LMR Banquet will be held on November 3 at the Brick Street Bar & Grill in Grand Blanc, Michigan from noon to 4 pm. The calendar and plans for the 2019 tours and activities were discussed. **Membership** - Phyllis Rickabus reminded members that both National and LMR membership dues for 2019 must be paid by year end. Please send in a new form when renewing your LMR membership. Phyllis is coordinating the discounted purchase of personalized VCCA member name badges for \$13 each. Contact her for details. Nine new members have joined LMR because they were contacted after joining the National VCCA. **VCCA Board News** - Tim Mehl reminded members that the 2019 Central Meet will be in West Lafayette, Indiana, July 14-18.

Newsletter - The editor was not present. There was a brief discussion on trying to get two additional pages in the *Chevy Chatter*. **Sunshine** - Marge Henige - no new information. **Historian** - Bruce Granger revealed the LMR now has received many back issues from Howard Reinke & Darlene Hess. These will be used to fill in the missing issues from the Gary Helford collection which dates back to 1962. Bruce also has discs available of his coloring book (680) and papercraft (95) Chevrolet collection and CD's of 21 Chevrolet songs and 1957 radio commercials of Applegate Chevrolet/Flint, MI. He also has discs available of vehicles at the 50th and 55th Anniversary Meets as well as the 50th Chevrolet Meet in Australia - for the asking. **Tech Time** - Ole Hagen has a set of 1930 headlight rings available. **50/50 Raffle** - won by Jim Schott. **• Adjournment:** Ole Hagen made a motion to adjourn about 1:45 p.m.

Vintage vehicles in the Mothball Tour

• Dave & Phyllis Rickabus 1956 Chevy Bel Air, • Mike McFarland 1962 Corvair, • Gary & Pam Mehl 1989 Chevy Caprice, • Lloyd & Marge Henige 1956 Chevy • Pat Fitzgerald 1935 Chevy Coupe Personalized • John McMullen 1951 Chevy, • Michael Lauth 1951 Chevy Half Ton Pickup • Clarence Straus 1932 Chevy, • Tim & Robin Reinke 1931 Chevy Cabriolet Convertible, • Jim & Cherie Johnson 1967 Chevelle

Welcome Our Newest Members
Bruce & Lorraine Kraker, VCCA#56052
who live in Kalamazoo, MI
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In this issue, you will find a new LMR membership form. There is now room to indicate two addresses, in case you are a snowbird. Also, we're asking you to list birthday & anniversary dates to be printed in each *Chevy Chatter* issue.

The LMR Membership year runs from January to December. Anyone not renewed by mid-January will not appear on the 2019 LMR roster. You must be a paid-up VCCA member in good standing to continue in LMR.

If you already paid in full the 2019 dues, still send in the renewal form and write "prepaid." Do not send money.

Calendar of 2019 Events

- 4/28:** 1 p.m. Board Meeting
2 p.m. Membership Meeting
Junction of Hope
- 5/17-19:** Dust Off Tour TBA
- 6/23:** 1 p.m. Membership Meeting
Sloan Auto Fair
Crossroads Village
- 7/14-18:** 56th Central Meet
Lafayette, Indiana
- 8/17:** Back to the Bricks on 2nd St.
Flint
- 9/15:** 1 p.m. Membership Meeting
Golden Memories Auto Show
Sloan Museum Planetarium
Bldg, Flint
- 10/15-19:** Fall Color/Mothball Tour
TBA
- 10/20:** 1 p.m. Board Meeting;
2 p.m. Membership meeting
Junction of Hope
- 11/2:** Banquet TBA

Other Dates of Interest

- 2/2-3:** Kalamazoo Swap Meet
- 4/14:** Monroe Swap Meet
- 5/12:** Mother's Day
- 6/7-13:** Back to the Bricks
Promo Tour
- 6/16:** Father's Day
- 8/ 3:** Gilmore Museum Red Barn
Show, Hickory Corners
- 10/ 9-12:** AACA Hershey Internat'l
Show & Swap Meet
Hershey, PA

Autos, Parts & Services

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

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Collector Car Sales

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●1928 Chevrolet 4 door touring car (Pheaton). Good paint & tires. New top side curtains & interior. Great car for the VCCA 4 cylinder tours. Originally restored by the late Glenn Honeyman in Ohio. Asking \$18,500.

●1931 Chevrolet Pheaton, older restoration with nice paint, interior, chrome. New running board mats & trim, 5 new hubcaps, Eagle radiator cap, top will be replaced next month so available in July. This is a rare car since only 852 produced. Asking \$35,000 or may trade for ?

●1949 Chevrolet Deluxe Convertible, fully restored show car. Must see. Asking \$40,000.

●1952 Chevrolet 2 door deluxe, new paint, interior, chrome tires, etc. Power glide split manifold. Great for local shows or VCCA 6 cylinder tours. Asking \$19,000.

●1955 210 2 door hardtop 6 cylinder, green/white restored to show car standards. Asking \$35,000.

●1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2 door hardtop, black with black & silver interior. Nice driver. Asking \$38,000.

Questions? Call Mike McFarland 810-790-1812

For Sale: 1975 Cosworth Vega, 79,000 miles, located in Long Island, NY. Asking \$14,000. Fast car, great condition, comes with manual, build sheet, and original bill of sale. Contact John Mahchv at 516-840-3653 or Brian Granger email: grangerb59@yahoo.com



For Sale: 4 1937 Chevy doors, some rust in door bottoms, \$50 for all four; 1937-40 tool kit, \$35; 1937 Chevy wiper arms, levers & cowl mounts - some pitting on cowl mounts, \$25; 1937 hubcaps, 4 reproduction caps, which have never been on a car, \$100; 1937 Chevy rear shocks, unknown condition, appear to be rebuildable free; 1937 ashtray & mount, \$25; 1967 Impala right front fender molding, NOS \$35; 1967 Impala fender skirts, \$50/pair; 1967 Impala AM radio, worked when taken from the car and thinks it only fits 1967, not 1968, \$25. 1977 Caprice left front fender trim, \$50; 1977 Caprice header trim (chrome piece fits across the top of the grill) NOS \$75; 1977 Caprice bumper filler (square and fits in the slot next to

the turn signal in the bumper), One NOS part, \$35; 1977/78 hood pull cable to release hood, brand new, \$25; 1977-78 Caprice/Impala right hand remote sport mirror; (NOS in the box) Comes complete with all mounting hardware including the dash bezel & instructions, \$150; 1978 Camaro spoiler corners (no center section) \$25; 1978 Camaro (probably fits '79-'81 also) AM 8 track radio; rare & hard to find for an authentic radio installation, was taken out of the car when new but has a small amount of shelf wear from sitting in the shop for 40 years; \$150. 1978/81 Camaro mirrors - glass in good shape; paint can be changed from maroon, \$50. **Contact Gary Mehl: 269-924-8091 or email: sarge96@outlook.com**

For Sale: 1925 Chevy four door touring car, low mileage; 1930 Chevy four door with new seat covers, low mileage; Both cars are in very good condition. **Contact Ann Cook 517-896-4744.**

For Sale: 1953 Bel Air Chevy two door sport coupe, 3 speed transmission, Woodland green/Campus cream paint, \$22,000; 1937 Chevy half ton p/u \$17,000, dark blue, black fenders, wood storage box. **Contact Mark & Wendy (Davenport) Whalen 810-714-0001**

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