



# CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

## Meet the LMR officers for 2016



**Director Bill Anderson**

Bill became a member five years ago and enjoys the tours. He owns a 1932 Chevy Confederate two door sedan, 1932 Chevy Confederate 4 door sedan, 1934 Plymouth PE 2 door sedan, 1934 Plymouth PE 2 Business Coupe, 1936 Plymouth P2 4 door, 1937 Ford Club Coupe, and 1926 Model T Ford Roadster.

(right) Our "Sunshine" gal **Marjorie Henige** and (middle) historian **Bruce Granger** who shares this position with his twin brother **Brian Granger**.



**Assistant Director Tim Reinke**

Officially a LMR member since 2008, he grew up in the club for over 25 years with his dad's 1931 Cabriolet. His favorite part of the club are the people since everybody has unique and fun stories to share.



**Secretary Phyllis Rickabus**

A member since 1998, Phyllis served in most officer positions. She owns a 1934 Standard Roadster Ute and a 1934 Standard Chevy 4 Door Sedan. "...it's the people, the friendships and the camaraderie that keeps us coming back year after year!"



**Treasurer Pat Mehl**

A member of LMR for 15 years, Pat enjoys being a member, especially as she get to know other members more! Next year, she will assume the role of head tabulator for the Central Region. In addition, she will be the Youth Programs Chair for the VCCA 2016 Anniversary meet in Lake Tahoe.



(left) **Membership chairperson Mary Samulski** (not pictured) **Ex-Officio Board Member Mike McCarty**

### LMR Senior Board Members



**Andy Jurski**



**Mike McFarland**



**Jim Morningstar**

### LMR Junior Board Members



**Dave Rickabus**



**Verle Wetherwax**



**Bob Sovis**

**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. See page 3 for reservation and details.



## from the driver's seat . . .

**Mike McCarty** michaelrrrmccarty@gmail.com

This has been a milestone year for the Lower Michigan Region of the VCCA. Half a century has passed since Pinky and Joyce Randall, Howard Reinke, Lou and Norma Clark and a handful of others formed the Lower Michigan Region of the VCCA. The entire LMR thanks them for taking the initiative 50 years ago to form our club. Since that time, dedicated members have volunteered to plan, lead and implement countless fun and interesting activities for our members. That tradition continued in 2015 with several tours, shows and gatherings of friends. It has been a full summer of fun in our vintage Chevrolets.

As my term as Director comes to an end, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Bill Anderson, Phyllis Rickabus, Leon Eisemann, Barb Sparks and all LMR officers and Board Members for their help, dedication and service during the past year. I would also like to thank Verle and Sharon Wetherwax for hosting the 50th Anniversary Celebration. It was a very special event. The success of our Region is due in large part to the leadership of these people and many others like them.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2015 Director of the Lower Michigan Region of the VCCA. It has been a tremendous honor. A Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year to all. And as always, continue to enjoy the ride as you see the USA in your vintage Chevrolet!

### Minutes from Past LMR Meeting by secretary Phyllis Rickabus

The November 8, 2015, **PLANNING MEETING** was held at Junction of Hope, Layton Corners, MI. It was called to order by Director Mike McCarty at 1:08 pm. The 2016 calendar was laid out with tentative dates for LMR activities. Treasurer Leon Eisemann presented a tentative 2016 budget, which was discussed and modified. **Verle Wetherwax moved acceptance of the modified 2016 budget. Jim Morningstar, seconded. Motion passed.** Planning meeting adjourned 2:10 p.m. • **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: recited by 22 members.** • October 16 minutes approved as published. • **SUNSHINE:** Marge Henige sent a get well card to the Clarks. Notice: this spring/summer, the club lost both Mike & Dorothy McPhillips. Also, Walt Arvoy is now in a VA retirement center. His daughter is seeking help to evaluate his car collection. • **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Leon Eisemann presented the YTD report. **Verle Wetherwax moved (Brian Granger, seconded) acceptance. Motion passed.** • **MEMBERSHIP:** Phyllis Rickabus will accept any 2016 renewal forms and checks today and get them to Mary Samulski. Members are encouraged to mail their renewal forms/checks by the end of 2015, as renewal date has changed from 4/1 to 1/1 of each year. Club members who want old G&Ds to give to interested non-members can request by phone a free pack of 10 or 50 from VCCA membership services. • **NEWSLETTER:** Barb Sparks reminded us to check out our website, [www.lmrchevy.com](http://www.lmrchevy.com). Tim Reinke put many club members with their cars in the "pride & joy" section and more will be added. • **HISTORIANS:** Bruce Granger displayed all the found history albums. No LMR History exists post - 2004 except for

*Chevy Chatter* articles and pictures. Request: If you hosted a tour this year, or have photos from a tour, please write a synopsis and send to Bruce. The club thanks Bruce and Brian Granger for their diligence with our history. • **AWARDS:** Bob Sovis reported there will be special awards this year because of our 50th Anniversary. • **MOTHBALL TOUR + MEETING RECAP:** Thanks to Bill Anderson for an interesting, if abbreviated tour and a great lunch in his garage/palace. At that meeting, nominations for Junior Board members were garnered and Secretary too. See below. • **BANQUET:** Please sign up ASAP for our annual Awards Banquet, being held at the R.E. Olds Museum, Lansing, December 12. Bill Anderson hard-mailed the registration form to all in early October. • **OLD BUSINESS:** 2016 Anniversary Meet: Bill Anderson presented info sheet  
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### 2015 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.

# Last chance to make reservations for the 2015 LMR Chevrolet Banquet

*Saturday, December 12, 2015, promises to be a great day to enjoy good food and conversation with your LMR Chevy friends. Beginning at noon, club members will gather for the four hour banquet, which starts with drinks while viewing the Olds collection. Then enjoy a wonderful food buffet at 1:30 p.m. catered by the same company as last year, followed by the awards and installation of 2016 officers at 3 p.m. Don't miss this event!*

R.E. Olds Transportation Museum  
240 Museum Drive  
Lansing, MI 48933  
Festivities begin at Noon, buffet at 1:30,  
awards at 3 p.m.

Approximate banquet length: 3.5 to 4 hours  
Cost: \$30 per person  
Tentative meat selections: chicken, pork  
Beverage order: \$3/ beer, wine & \$1/ soda pop

The Lansing Civic Center is on North Museum Drive and the R.E. Olds Museum is across the street on South Museum Drive. Michigan Ave. is the dividing main street where you turn onto South Museum Drive.

## Send Reservation by December 2:

**Bill Anderson**  
3301 Saddle Ridge  
Highland, MI 48357  
For more info: 248-881-6510

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ at \$30 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Beverage Orders made in advance. Soda pop \$1 each (brand) \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beer \$3 each (brand) \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wine \$3 each (brand) \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks out to:**  
**Lower Michigan Region**  
**with the Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## Minutes from LMR Meeting con't from page 2

on vehicle transport costs from MI to the meet, comparing carriers and self-drive costs. Verle Wetherwax stated they will drive themselves if you want to convoy, contact him. • **2016 EARLY 6 CYL. TOUR:** Planned and sponsored by LMR members. Dates: Sept. 11-15, 2016. Hub is Imlay City Super 8. Registration will include one meal each day. Longest tour day, more than 100 miles, will be Thursday. Mike McFarland will get notice in January G&D. Club volunteers will be contacted in the spring. • **NEW BUSINESS:** LMR license plates were a gift to all members present at the August anniversary picnic. Additional plates available for \$5 each and free to new LMR members. Discussion: Why was so much spent on this item without club input? Why were so many ordered? Their memento value is diminishing quickly. Motion was made by Clarence Straus (Verle Wetherwax seconded) to distribute the plates as soon as possible, free. Motion passed. • Regular meeting recessed to present the slate of officers for 2016 and to hold the ELECTION. Junior Board Member Jim Morningstar presented the slate of officers nominated for 2016. Director - Bill Anderson, Assistant Director - see further action, Secretary - Phyllis Rickabus, Treasurer - Pat Mehl, Senior Board Members - Andy Jurski, Mike McFarland, Jim Morningstar, Junior Board Members - Dave Rickabus, Bob Sovis, Verle Wetherwax. The director called for nominations from the floor. For Assistant Director, Clarence

Straus and Tim Reinke accepted nomination. No other nominations were presented. Bob Sovis moved (Jim Morningstar seconded) that nominations for all offices be closed, and that the slate of officers indicated be elected by unanimous voice vote, and that secret ballots be cast and counted for Assistant Director. Motion carried. Paper ballots were distributed and cast. Tim Reinke was elected to the position of Assistant Director for 2016. The business of the Elections meeting has been completed. Director Mike McCarty adjourned the meeting, and brought the regular meeting out of recess. • Phyllis Rickabus moved to remove Mike McCarty, 2015 Director, and Leon Eisemann, 2015 Treasurer, as authorized signatures and authorized either one of the following to sign on the VCCA-LMR club bank account: 2016 Director Bill (William) Anderson and/or 2016 Treasurer Pat (Patricia) Mehl. Motion seconded by Leon Eisemann. Motion carried. • **TECH TALK:** Clarence Straus brought a distributor from a Baby Grand and asked for advice on how to adjust the points buried inside. Advice was to check the manual, on-line if necessary. Also check VCCA Chat. Darrell Dowdy displayed a 2016 calendar of H models, which includes a picture of his Baby Grand. Discussion how to easily get rid of rust : soak part in a 50/50 solution of vinegar and water for 12-48 hours or soak in Coke or in lemon juice. **THIS 'n THAT:** No 50/50 drawing. Two badge fines. • **MEETING ADJOURNED:** 3:40 p.m.

## Members participate in 2015 Mothball Tour with their vintage Chevys

- Bob Sovis: 1939 Chevy
- Jim & Jo Carpenter: 1948 Coupe
- Richard, Jeanette & Josh Beach: 1951 GMC
- Lloyd & Marjorie Henige: 1956 BelAir
- Rod & Denice Thomas : 1967 Chevy II
- Clarence Straus: 1976 Corvette
- Verle & Sharon Wetherwax: 1985 El Camino (Mike McCarty, Jim & Barb Morningstar, Dave & Phyllis Rickabus, Bob Gardner: Modern Chevys)

### Welcome new LMR members!

#### Mark & Wendy Whalen, Fenton, MI.

They have a 1986 Corvette convertible in original good condition, a 1966 Impala under restoration, a 1965 Impala convertible under restoration, a 1937 half ton pickup once owned by Wendy's dad, the late Walt Davenport.

#### John Proulx, Rochester Hills, MI.

He owns a 1955 3100 pickup truck, original condition.

#### Edwin & Judy Oswald, Farmington, MI.

They have a 1957 Bel Air Sport Coupe.

#### Jerry & Carolyn Drews, Kalamazoo, MI.

They have a 1948 Stylemaster Business Coupe and a 1953 3100 modified pickup, both in excellent condition.



# **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.



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**For Sale:** 1926 1 ton "C" cab Chevrolet truck with stake body. Manufactured by Chevrolet. All original cab, sheet metal, wheels, running boards. 28 engine (includes 26 engine rebuild) runs, drives, stops good. Original manuals, parts book and brochure. Recently refurbished with new glass, seat, floor mat and top material. \$16,000. Call for more details: Jim Morningstar 810-423-2765.



**Wanted:** 1933 Chevrolet Standard CC 3 window coupe. Stock. Must be complete and running. Contact Robert Pence at 989-745-3663 at 1540 Clark Road, Lapeer Michigan 48446.



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