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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

LMR members receive recognition at the awards banquet

(photos by Bruce Granger)



Gregory Havrilczak (left) was introduced as the banquet's guest speaker by LMR director Brian Granger, a former teaching colleague of Havrilczak, who compared the leadership styles of Billy Durant and Henry Ford.

Tim & Pat Mehl receive a certificate from Bill Anderson for organizing the summer picnic.



Retiring Senior Board members Dave Rickabus and Bob Sovis received certificates from Bill Anderson.

As LMR director for 2016 & 2017, Bill Anderson received a plaque showing the Michigan mitten inscribed with a clock and VCCA national emblem from Bob Sovis.



The LMR Banquet provided a great way to celebrate a wonderful year of memorable tours and friendships for those that attended the event held at the Brick Street Bar & Grill in Grand Blanc.



(Top:) Phyllis & Dave Rickabus, Darrell & Hope Dowdy, Ken & Nancy Turnwald. *(Bottom:)* Pat & Tim Mehl, Andy & Rebecca Mehl.

(Top:) Mike McCarty, Leon Eisemann, Rod & Denise Thomas, Barb & Jim Morningstar, Patrick Fitzgerald. *(Bottom:)* Diane & Bob Sovis, Brian Granger, Marilyn & Ron Henige, Lloyd & Marge Henige.

(Top:) Rob Reinke, Tim Reinke, Marie & Ralph & Clarence Straus, Jim & Verna Schott. *(Bottom:)* Joyce & Pinky Randall, Connie Rukison, Vanessa Conrad, Sue Anderson.

January, 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.

April 15, 2018

First membership meeting of the year will be held April 15 at the Junction of Hope Restaurant at 2 p.m.



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

Where to begin? Let me begin by bringing you up-to-date on a few items scheduled for the coming year. Over the winter months, Phyllis Rickabus, Pam Mehl and myself will be working on the changes to the by-laws about officer term limits. Just to refresh your memory, LMR members Andy Jurski and Bill Anderson proposed the following amendments to the LMR By-Laws:

1. Board members and officers serve minimum two-year terms;
2. Eliminate four members-at-large, with the remaining two to be appointed, not elected;
3. Remove term limits for each elected position;
4. Change the dates for officer nominations from October to September with additional nominations entertained in October prior to elections.

As of this date, Robert Sovis, James Schott, Bill Anderson and myself already have met and are working on possibilities for the spring Dust-Off and the fall Mothball tours. Please check the calendar dates on page 3 for all club events that are scheduled during the 2018 year. The Promo Tour for Back to the Bricks will start in Davison, MI and head north across the Big Mac, and then return south to Birch Run. I have more details for those who might want to drive and lose their pocket change in the one-armed bandits.

The other big tour is the 55th Central Meet, which is an international event this year since it will be held in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, hosted by the Southern Ontario Canadian Region. If you plan to attend, make sure you have a passport/special license and copies of proof of insurance for the Canadian authorities. Also, no firearms are allowed into Canada. Peterborough is part of the Trent-Severn waterway, a 240 mile long canal system that runs from Lake Ontario to Lake Huron. It has 45 locks, one of which will be on the itinerary as well as a dinner boat cruise. The other beautiful tour is the Kawartha Lakes area. Because of the exchange rate between Canada and the USA, Americans get to knock off 35-40 percent of everything purchased in Canada. The January 2018 *G&D* will have much more of the official information on this meet.

Since the 38 members who attended the banquet enjoyed the venue, food, and setting, I already have booked Brick Street Bar and Grill for next year. Well, the snowbirds have flown the state and our vehicles are stored for the season, so all of you enjoy the upcoming holidays and have a blessed New Year!

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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.

Mighty Mac & Back Promo Tour Information

by Pete Cimbala, Tour Co-Chair

Once again the Back to the Bricks Promo Tour Committee is hard at work planning an exciting adventure on the back roads of central and northern Michigan, June 8-13.

This event helps promote the annual Back to the Bricks events throughout the year and the main event August 15 - 20, 2018. An information tent is set up at each evening "cruise in" on the main street of each host city along with over 200 classic and special interest cars & trucks driven by tour participants plus the local car clubs that are invited to join us.

The economic impact to each host city and the surrounding areas are appreciated by the local merchants since we bring over 400 of our own people plus the locals that come to see the event. Our group will eat in the bars and restaurants, buy gas for the next day and purchase gifts to remember their visit. The pace is set to allow time to enjoy the sites along the way with lunch stops in some small towns that don't normally see large groups of people at one time and stops at tourist attractions some of us have not visited in many years.

This year we start in Davison (June 8, 2018) with the kick-off breakfast provided by Elga Credit Union and travel to Mt. Pleasant for our first downtown car show and overnight stay. Day 2 will find us in Gaylord for a downtown car show and overnight stay, with lunch stop in Roscommon. Day 3, it's on to Petoskey for a first time visit downtown and overnight stay. Day 4 takes us to Mackinaw City where we will stage the cars and trucks for a noon police escort to the Big Mac Bridge and cross as a group to St. Ignace for an evening car show downtown and an overnight stay with time to

visit (Mackinac) Island or make a trip to see the Soo Locks. Day 5 takes us along the sunrise side of the state along historic route US-23 with a mid-day end-of-the-road lunch at the Birch Run Speedway and Event Center (Dixie Highway) with a couple laps around the famous old race track.

The longhaulers will receive a special gift if they stayed each night at one of the host cities. The cost for this fun event is only \$45 for the driver and one passenger until late April; then the cost increases by \$10. For these low prices, you get a detailed tour route book with discount coupons for food and drinks, two lanyards and two event T-shirts plus a goodie bag full of cool stuff.

There will be a press release on Thursday, December 7, 2017, with all the local Flint area media present. A list of hotels for room reservations, registration forms for mail in and online registrations will be available on the backtothebricks.org website by January 2, 2018. Watch the webpage for more info and updates and the Back to the Bricks Car Cruise Facebook page. Call me anytime (810) 241-8593 or send an email to corvairkid1963@lentel.com.

There were three Corvairs the last couple years with room for more. It's a great time driving around the state in your old car with people who enjoy doing the same thing. You will make new friends for sure and have fun each day. There will be a support vehicle with a couple good mechanics and plenty of "gearheads" to fix anything that may break along the way, so don't worry about leaving town for a few days with an "old car" that could have traveled these same roads when it was new.

This is the eighth year for the promo tour.

LMR Upcoming Events

Save the Date!

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

4/15/2018: The first membership meeting of the year will be at Junction of Hope Restaurant. Meeting starts at 2 p.m.

5/18-20/2018: Dust-Off Tour. Itinerary to be announced.

6/8-13/2018: Back to the Bricks Mighty Mac & Back Promo Tour.

6/24/2018: Sloan Museum Auto Fair. Park in front of Bower Theater.

7/8-13/2018: 55th Central Meet in Peterborough, Ontario.

8/18/2018: Summer Picnic at Back to the Bricks, Flint, MI.

9/16/2018: Golden Memories at Sloan Museum and nomination of officers 1 p.m.

10/16-20/2018: Fall Tour. Itinerary to be announced.

10/21/2018: Board meeting at 1 p.m. and membership meeting at 2 p.m. Election of officers.

11/3/2018: Annual Membership Banquet at Brick Street Bar & Grill, 12-4 p.m., Grand Blanc, MI. Social hour at noon; dinner at 1 p.m.

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Ontario, Canada
July 9-13, 2018

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Host Hotel: Comfort Hotel & Suites, 1209 Lansdowne St. West, Peterborough, Ontario Canada, K9J 7M2
Phone: 1-705-740-7000

- 2 Queens or 1 King bedroom available @ \$125 + taxes CAD\$ (Approximately \$99 + taxes US\$ depending on exchange rate at time of payment)
- Mention "VCCA-SOCR" to get this rate. Must be booked by June 8th, 2018.
- Tow vehicle and trailer parking offsite at nearby Fleming College (Event Sponsor).

Information is available upon request, or for complete details, information & registration form, please go to the webpage:
http://www3.sympatico.ca/paul_rl/

Contact Chairperson: Maggie Ross, 2058 Waterbridge Drive, Burlington, Ontario, Canada, L7M 3W2
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Don't wait for SPRING, register now & plan to attend. Registration closes May 15th 2018.

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