



# CHEVY CHATTER

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LMR Vintage Chevrolet Club founded in 1965

## Banquet proved to be a grand finale for 2018!

During the annual LMR banquet, held on November 3, 2018, to honor the outgoing officers and introduce the new officers, club guests welcomed guest speaker John W. Perkins, who was a General Motors stylist and designer for almost 40 years.

"I was very fortunate to have been given the talent and interest to draw cars at an early age," Perkins said. "I knew from the grade school days that I wanted to be a car stylist. Each summer vacation my basement walls were filled with new car drawings."

After high school, he obtained an engineering degree from General Motors Institute,

now known as Kettering University. In 1962, he worked in GM Styling, specifically with the Cadillac Exterior Studio, and later be-



came assistant chief designer and then chief designer for many GM production vehicles including Chevy II, Buick and Oldsmobile, the 1966 Toronado, 1967 Eldorado, 1968-70 GTO and Firebird, 1971 & 73 Chevelle, 1972 Impala, 1973 Buick Riviera 1974-98 Olds Cutlass Supreme and the original 1995 Aurora.

LMR guests enjoyed listening to his stories about his work and viewing his original paintings of the vehicles he designed.

(left) Banquet guest speaker John Perkins, gave an interesting presentation of his work at GM as both a stylist and later as the chief designer of many GM car models.



Meet the 2019 LMR officers who attended the banquet at the Brick Street Bar & Grill in Grand Blanc: (left to right front row) Phyllis Rickabus-Membership, Pat Mehl-Treasurer, Denise Thomas-Sunshine, Pam Mehl-Board Member, and Lloyd Henige-Board Member, (back row) Mike McCarty-Secretary, Jim Schott-Director, Andy Mehl-Ass't Director, and Bill Anderson-Board Member.



Outgoing LMR director Brian Granger proudly shows his plaque of appreciation for his effort as the 2018 LMR director.

### January 15, 2019

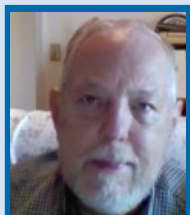
By this date, club members **must renew** their annual LMR membership. A form is inside this newsletter. Please send to Phyllis Rickabus, the membership chairman.

### April 28, 2019

Get ready for another year of touring and all the other LMR activities! This is the first Board meeting and membership meeting. See you at Junction of Hope at 1 p.m.

It's time for me to let go of the monthly deadlines! After five years of writing, editing, producing and of course, mailing the hard copies of the *Chevy Chatter*, I am resigning as the editor. Now, someone with new ideas will take over this responsibility. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your editor.

Barb Sparks



## from the driver's seat . . . James Schott, 2019 LMR director

As the new director of the LMR VCCA, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and saved a few bucks during Black Friday shopping. I am looking forward to serving the club along with Andy Mehl, the new assistant director, and Denice Thomas, the new Sunshine Lady, as well as all the previous club officers that are again on board for 2019. Together, we should make a great TEAM.

I want to thank Brian Granger for the wonderful year under his leadership. Although he left me some big shoes to fill, I am looking forward to the new year with ideas and input from you, the club members. Already, Tim Reinke wants to set up some informal group meetings while Andy Mehl is looking forward to organizing the spring Dust Off Tour.

I always loved working on cars; however, I got sidetracked working on my kids and grand-kids cars so I did not work on my own. Now that I am retired from GM after spending 55 years as a senior powertrain product designer, I hope to start on my own project, a 1953 Chevy Sport Coupe. If you have the spare time, I am always looking for help.

Since there is no scheduled December meeting, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Check the Calendar of Events on page 3 for upcoming activities.

## California Fires Relief Fund

From VCCA President Jim Gebhardt: If you are like me, you have watched in horror at the destroyed homes and lives from the fires in northern and southern California... 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.)**

### 2019 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.



# LMR members enjoy great food and conversation at the banquet




## 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

## Important Renewal LMR Membership Info

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.

# Autos, Parts & Services

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

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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.**

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