

Chevy Chatter

Lower Michigan Region



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The Drive to Hell!

By Pat Mehl

On July 28th, we were met with perfect weather and a few guests. Although our turnout was small due to the ongoing pandemic, those who attended enjoyed a gorgeous 40 mile drive through the rolling hills around Chelsea, Pinkney, and Stockbridge. 5 vintage Chevrolets, including two guest Camaros who joined us from the Eastern Michigan Camaro Club (LMR member Don Jorgensen invited his buddies from the EMCC to take a drive with us), and 2 couples who drove their modern vehicles were on the tour:

Clarence, Marie, and Ralph Strauss

Jim and Verna Schott

Tim, Lizz, and Robin Reinke in Robin's 1931 Cabriolet

Pat and Tim Mehl in their 1984 Monte Carlo SS

Don Jorgensen in his 1967 Camaro

Guest Tony Rigato in his 1971 Camaro

Guests Roger and Sue North in their 1954 Chevy pickup



Our meetup point was in Chelsea, we drove a short way to the Chelsea Retirement Community, where we paraded through their massive site and enjoyed waves and cheers from many of the residents who came out to see us.

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From the Driver's Seat

I am so glad to finally say our touring season is in full swing! On Sunday June 28th, Tim and Pat Mehl led 7 cars, totaling 14 people on a short tour. I can literally say we went to Hell and back. We started in Chelsea, drove to Hell for ice cream, and ended in Stockbridge on a day with perfect weather. Thanks again to Pat and Tim Mehl. Looking forward, I hope to start seeing more and more of you as we get more comfortable with our current situation, but please remember your health and safety are paramount. Sadly, I was a little over-optimistic a few months ago when I was hoping for a quick end to this virus, but we will not let it stop us from having fun. Back to the Bricks will look very different this year. There will be events going on, but there will be no car show Downtown on the Bricks. I encourage anyone and everyone to safely participate, but check ahead to make sure you know what events are still happening and what has changed. The dates of the Sloan Museum Auto Fair Cruise-Ins at Shea Chevrolet (the Old Patsy Lou) have been announced. They will be July 16, August 20 and September 17.

On the Chevy Club side, the Central Meet has been canceled this year. However, we

are still planning on having our Picnic on Sunday July 26th. This will include a short 50 mile tour, a BYO Lunch and the auction. There will be plenty of space for us to spread out and stay safe, so please join us! In August we have nothing planned since Back to the Bricks will not be a club event. If anyone would like to host a picnic of some sort, please let Brian Granger or myself know. In September, we are still planning on having a meeting at the planetarium during the Golden Memories show. See you there!

-Tim Reinke

Don't Forget!

**LMR July Picnic
Sunday, July 26th**

**Uncle John's Cider Mill
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St. Johns, MI 48879
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Anniversaries

July 11, 1992
Mike & Angela Schrauben

July 17, 1999
Andy & Melissa West

July 20, 1974
Patrick & Suzi Macaluso

July 31, 1959
Bob & Lois Gardner

July 31, 1976
Will & Vickie Kriewall

Birthdays

July 6th Kristie Ferguson(H.Snider)

July 13th Ole Hagen

July 19th Larry Lauria

July 21st Will Kriewall

July 22nd Pat Fitzgerald

July 22nd Bill Weinberg

July Picnic

Join us on July 26th for our Annual Summer Picnic and Auction.

This year we will be meeting and eating at Uncle John's Cider Mill in St. Johns! We will gather at 9:30am and plan to leave the Cider Mill at 10am. We will tour for about 2 hrs with a couple of stops. One at a park to stretch your legs and another in Maple Rapids to look around town. We will return to Uncle Johns Cider Mill for lunch between 12 and 1 pm. BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH. This will NOT be a potluck. But do bring an item or two to be auctioned off. All Proceeds will go to the Club's Treasury.

For anyone wanting to trailer cars, there are 2 MDOT carpool lots at the intersection of M57 and US127 (about 5 miles north of the Cider Mill). Touring will be on back roads, please bring a car!

A brief RSVP to Tim Reinke would be most appreciated, just in case there is inclement weather. Call or Text (989) 513-5129 or email trreinke@gmail.com



Upcoming LMR Tours and Activities

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – Sunday, July 19, 2020
57th Central Meet – CANCELLED

Concours d'Elegance of America – CANCELLED
Tentative new dates are July 23 -25, 2021.

Sunday, July 26, 2020
LMR Picnic and White Elephant Sale - Uncle John's Cider Mill, St. John's, MI

Saturday, August 1, 2020 – Sunday, August 2, 2020
Red Barn Spectacular Car Show - CANCELLED

Saturday, August 15, 2020 Back to the Bricks Car Show – Flint
CANCELLED - Please continue to check for updates on activities

Saturday, August 15, 2020 Woodward Dream Cruise – Detroit - and Ferndale
Emergency Vehicle Show - CANCELLED

Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 1PM LMR Meeting - Golden Memories Car Show

Sept. 13 - Sept. 17 Happy Days XII AND 6-Cylinder Tour –
to be combined in one tour; new date

Sunday, September 20, 2020 Golden Memories Car Show - Sloan Museum
Currently, nothing shows postponed or cancelled.

October 3 - 4 2020 - Moth Ball Tour – Location TBD

Oct. 7 - 10 AACA Hershey Fall Meet - CANCELLED

Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 1PM - LMR Board Meeting
2PM - LMR Meeting (Members) – Election of Officers Junction of Hope Restaurant

Saturday, November 7, 2020 LMR Awards Banquet
Comstock Inn in Owosso, MI. beginning at noon.

**Please check VCCA.org/events for further information on these
and other regional VCCA events.**

**Due to the number of postponed and cancelled events, please make
sure to double check websites and facebook pages, etc. if you are
planning on attending any event.**

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Then we headed out to the country, where we enjoyed views of beautiful green fields, crystal clear lakes (with many boats on the water), two different groups of sand hill cranes, and of course lots of rolling hills. The only complaint the tour director heard was that we ended up on dirt roads for about 4 miles of the tour (with apologies, as the planning was all done by computer, with no previous driving trial). We went to Hell... Michigan! for ice cream and the requisite potty break, and then after one slight detour ended up at the Veterans Memorial Park in Stockbridge. There we enjoyed lunch while social distancing under a pavilion. A wonderful day with a lovely group of people!



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