

August 2020

The
Chevy Chatter

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Lower Michigan Region VCCA Summer tour / Picnic

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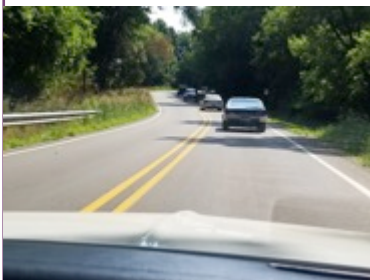
Photos by Tim Reinke, Pat Mehl & Denice Thomas



July 26, 2020; The day called for warm temperatures and lots of clouds. Tim Reinke predicted we would have an 80 percent chance of no rain and he nailed it. Thirteen members with five vintage cars met at Uncle John's Cider Mill in St. Johns, Mi. A little after 10 am we left the mill and took back roads on a short drive to Elsie. We stopped in town and visited with Elsie the now Compliant Cow. Elsie was wearing her face mask,

so the rest of us put ours on and posed for a picture.

On the road again, we travelled a short way back the way we came, to the location of the Elsie Historic Bridge. This is the last remaining truss bridge built by Detroit Bridge & Iron Works. It was built in 1901 and used until 1966. A dam at the site was built in 1912 and the area had a lumber mill and gristmill in the mid 1800's. The gristmill gave way to a grain elevator, which operated until 1969.



Another scenic drive on back roads took us to the small town of Maple Rapids where we pulled into a former gas station for a photo shoot. The station is now a body shop/hobby shop. The shop was closed and we couldn't go in but it looked interesting.

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From the Driver's Seat

The summer is just flying by! We have had a lot of nice, warm weather. I hope everybody has been able to enjoy their time and spend some time with friends and family either in person or distanced. I have not spent much time working on my project car, but that does not mean I have not been busy. It seems there is always yard work to do!



The picnic and tour we had in St. John's was very enjoyable. We even got to meet some "new" members that joined the club near the end of 2019! With all the cancellations we were only now able to put faces to some of the names! We have no club functions planned for August, since Back to the Bricks has been cancelled, but I hope as the summer (very) slowly turns to autumn, I will get a chance to see more of you! The Golden Memories car show will happen on September 20th at Sloan Museum. The show will be held on the lawns on the south side of Kersley Street just like last year. Restrooms will be available in the Flint Institute of Arts and our Meeting will be in the Planetarium at 1pm. We will be holding nominations for next year's officers. We need as many Chevys there as possible because all of the dash plaques with Model A's on them are getting a little old!

August Birthdays

2nd Diane Bullard, Luke Stefanovsky, Corrie Mehl

3rd Michael Doyle

6th Suzi Macaluso

11th Donald Roberts

12th Jim Johnson

**16th Bill Bullard, Helen Proffer
(T.Hall)**

17th Corinne Frasure

21st Bekka Mehl

25th Jennifer Bladow

29th Steven Maveal

Anniversaries

August 1, 1987

Luke Stefanovsky & Martha Bamfield

August 22, 1959

Stu & Mary Galbraith

August 24, 1973

Tim & Pat Mehl



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Another thirty-mile drive had us back at the Cider Mill for lunch. Clarence Strauss and Brian Granger were there to welcome us. Lunch was a bring your own affair and then we had the auction that was conducted by Brian with Tim as his assistant. There were books, magazines, hats, novelty license plates and a couple tools to bid on.

We would like to thank Tim and Lizz Reinke for putting this together and leading the group through the country side in the '31 Cabriolet. Also a welcome to new members Janie and Dave Nico driving their '72 Nova.

Upcoming LMR Tours and Activities

**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
1PM LMR Meeting**

Moth Ball Tour – Date & Location TBD

**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.**

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