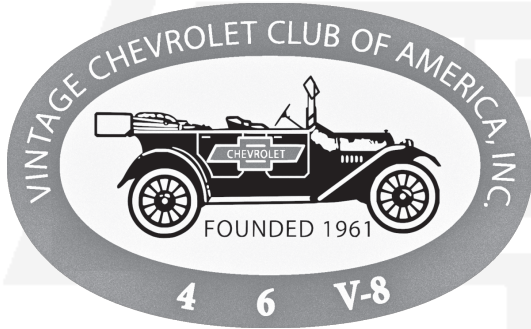


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Lower Michigan Region

Important Announcements!

LMR Summer Picnic: July 18th. Tour @9:30am, Lunch @ 1pm. Contact Bruce Granger (810) 441-3157 to RSVP by July 10th. He will be ordering the Chicken. Cost: \$10/person. Bring a dish to pass and an item or 5 for the auction.

August 21st is **Back to the Bricks** in Flint. Contact Bob Sovis (810) 629-7790 to RSVP by Aug 16. More details on pg. 2



The first Oscar Mayer Weinermobile (shown here) debuted on July 18th, 1936. This original weinermobile was 13' long and carried 2 people. It was built by the General Body Company of Chicago.

The 5th generation Weinermobile was built on a Chevy Motorhome Chassis in 1976.

Photo and information courtesy of OscarMayer.com

LMR Meeting Minutes June 20, 2021

Sloan Summer Fair, Crossroads Village, Flint

Attendees			
Brian Granger	'75 Caprice	Robin Reinke	'31 Devaux
Bruce Granger	'65 Corvair	Bob Sovis	'84 Toronado
Rod & Denice Thomas	'49 Chevy	Bill Anderson	'32 Chevy Coach
Mike McCarty	Modern	Clarence Strauss	'23 Chevy Coupe
Tim Renke	'31 Cabriolet	Harry Snider	'42 Chevy 1/2 Ton Pickup

Waived Pledge of allegiance (No Flag)

2021 New Member review. No new members in the last Month.

Sunshine: No news is good news.

Tim: Conversation with Pat M. wrt Western Buckeye Region having budget difficulties. Discussed budget amendment to donate ~~\$400~~ \$200 towards Central Meet. W. Buckeye states that surplus to be donated to food pantry or other non-profit.

Editor's note: Standard donation is \$100

Bob Sovis: Excess funds need to be forwarded to next 7B region Central meet BEFORE giving to non-VCCA activity.

Tim: Need to have email exchange with LMR BOD wrt to the ~~\$400~~ \$200 donation.

Post-Meeting Update: Concern of funds not going to future Central Meet has been brought to the Area Directors.

VCCA printing new membership brochures. Looking for region needs. Unclear if new and old forms have same content. Bill A. suggested we procure 200 copies.

Picnic: Bruce Granger placed deposit on Lapeer Hall facility from personal funds. Date misprint in Chatter. Date is July 18th. There will be a pre-lunch tour that includes the John McMullen and Wade Chapman Pontiac collections. Lunch will be held indoors at Lapeer Twp. hall. Bring dish to pass that goes well with fried chicken procured from Kroger. Only 4 attendees at the moment. Robin Reinke requested that extra chicken be ordered in case of late participants.

Mothball Tour: Oct 15 & 16. Based in Howell MI. As central point for tour. Tour destinations are in planning stages

Bill Anderson will hold a tour/visit to Points and Condenser Meeting in Ypsi Saturday, Oct. 2, followed by a revisit to the annual Stationary engine show in Canton. Those wanting to drive down with Bill can meet at his house in Highland, Saturday Morning at 7:30 AM. Contact Bill @ old50grit@comcast.net or 248-881-6510 for details.

Banquet News: Price is increased to \$35/ticket. Same venue as 2020.

Old Biz: Sloan still offering LMR a chance to buy a 12"x12" brick with LMR logo and LMR-VCCA lettering for \$420. Robin Reinke motioned LMR proceed with Brian Granger second. Discussed & Passed with unanimous vote.

Correction: Motion asked Board to proceed with discussion and board was authorized to make final decision.

Bob Sovis needs names of folks planning to join us on Second Street for BttB, August 21. Email or call him. LMR shares street with Plymouth Owners club. LMR parking starts at corner of Saginaw & 2nd, westward on 2nd St.. POC will park West of LMR. Bill Anderson is in contact with Cathy Gentry wrt to POC group, estimated to be 6 to 8 vehicles.

Bill Anderson exploring coordinating a visit to the Parade Company warehouse in Detroit Hamtramck area. Targeting Nov. 13. All attendees to drive modern. There is a \$15-\$20 PP donation. More details to follow.

2021 Golden Memories will be at Cultural Center with LMR meeting in new museum building. 2022 SMAF will be at the new museum, 4th week of June 2022.

Adjourned: 1:48 PM Brian Granger, Denice Thomas.

Other Note: Dave and Phyllis Rickabus received an award from the 2020 SMAF judges for their 1956 Chevy.

Back to the Bricks

August 21st, Downtown Flint



Saturday, August 21st is BACK TO THE BRICKS downtown Flint. As in the past, the Club has reserved parking for Vintage Chevrolets and GMCs on West Second Street. If you are interested in bringing your vintage Chevrolet or GMC and to park with other Region members, please e-mail me at rlsopp@yahoo.com or call 810-629-7790. You must arrive by 9:00 a.m. I suggest you arrive between 8 and 9a.m. and avoid the rush when the gates open at 6:00 a.m.

I will mail you a parking pass and directions for entering the show area where you will be directed to Second Street.

PLEASE: Advise me no later than Monday, August 16th so there is time to mail your parking pass. Enjoy and drive your vintage Chevrolet or GMC

Bob Sovis

2021 Sloan Auto Fair

By Tim Reinke

After taking a small detour to Shea Automotive last year during Covid, the Sloan Auto Fair was back at Crossroads village for 2021 and it was a great show. Saturday, attendance was subdued because of a threat of rain, which luckily held off most of the day but Saturday did end wet and muddy. There were a fair amount of LMR members wandering around on Saturday,



including Dennis and Bonny Reinke, Robin and Tim Reinke, Clarence Strauss, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus, Bob Sovis, Bill Anderson and of course Bruce and Brian Granger

were helping man the information booth. Most of those members were back on Sunday along with other members including Rod and Denice Thomas, Mike McCarty and Harry Snider. Janie Nico was there somewhere, but I did not run into her.



The weather Sunday was much better than on Saturday and attendance

was much higher. As always, the park had their normal activities going on along with the show, including a 40 minute train ride, a ferry ride on Mott Lake, the carousel and a magic show which was very impressive.



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Happy Independance Day!



In 2016, Chevrolet shows off the power of their 6.6 Liter Turbodiesel in a 2017 Silverado HD at Texas Motor Speedway. The flag was 40' x 80' and required 20 people to unfurl and collect. Chevrolet set a world record by towing the flag for 4 laps (6 miles) without it touching the ground.

Photo courtesy of motor1.com

2021 LMR PICK-NIC

Where: Lapeer Township Hall
When: July 18TH 2021 1 PM

The LMR VCCA Picnic will be inside the Lapeer Township Hall at a cost of \$10 per person. Please bring a dish to pass. Fried Chicken will be provided. Also bring items for the “white elephant sale.” Checks can be mailed to Bruce Granger: 1690 East Newark Rd, Lapeer MI, 48446 by July 10th.

Directions to Hall: I-69 to Exit 155 (M24/Lapeer Rd). Head south on M24. Do a Michigan left onto Newark Rd by driving past Newark rd, make a U-turn and turning right onto Newark Rd. Turn Left (North) onto Morris rd. Drive over I-69. The Hall will be on your left.

A small tour in planned starting at 9:30am starting at the Meijer of Lapeer. Meet in the east parking lot across from the Meijer Gas Station.

Directions to Meijer: I-69 to Exit 155 (M24/Lapeer Rd). Head north on M24. At the 3rd stop light turn left (west) onto West St.

Hotel Suggestions for anyone wanting to arrive on the 17th:

Best Western, 770 West St. Lapeer MI, 48446

(810) 667-9444 – Across the street from Meijer

Holiday Inn Express, 927 Demille, Lapeer MI, 48446

(810) 245-7700 – 2 Blocks east of Meijer

For Questions, Call Bruce Granger; (810) 441-3157

Sloan (continued from Pg. 3)

I spoke with a number of members on the Auto Fair committee and expressed how well this show worked at Crossroads Village and was informed that next year the show will be moved back to the Cultural Center downtown to celebrate the 50th (you read that right) anniversary of the Sloan Auto Fair and that they have big plans for it. The committee is still discussing the long-term location for the show for after next year.

Special Displays this year included Muscle Cars and Pre-1932 brands made in Michigan. Clarence Strauss

had his 1923 Chevy Coupe and Robin Reinke had his 1931 Devaux Sedan in that display. Dave and Phyllis Rickabus won “Best Interior” with their 1956 Bel Air DR Sedan. Both Janie Nico with her 1972 Nova and the Rickabus’ with their Bel Air received “Top 25” Awards. All-in-All it was a great showing for the Lower Michigan Region.



From the Driver's Seat

It seems we have already hit our stride and summer is just now beginning, although as I write this it is cold and rainy and is likely still raining while you are reading it.



The Sloan Auto Fair has come and gone and was a success. Saturday saw a few members get their cars judged and a few more members volunteered their time. In the end, we had 2 members come home with awards. It was nice to see the LMR so well represented.

July and August are our busiest months of the year and I hope you can find the time to participate in at least one activity. We have the Picnic on July 18th, hosted by Bruce Granger, where we will have a short tour in the morning with a few stops and then eat in the (Air Conditioned) Lapeer Township Hall. Please bring a dish to pass, some items for the white elephant sale and lots of cash! July ends with the Central Meet co-hosted by the newly formed Western Buckeye and the Glass Captial Regions.

On August 1st, Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners is hosting their all-GM show. I know we have at least a few members who will try to stop on their way home from the Central Meet. The following weekend, Gilmore is hosting their largest show of the year in their Red Barn Spectacular. Finally, on the 21st is Back to the Bricks in Flint and the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Our membership is slowly diminishing, so while you are out and about, showing your Chevy pride, make new friends and share the joy of our club. It's the people that make this club enjoyable and we want to be able to enjoy it for many years to come.

Calendar

- 7/18: Picnic & White Elephant Sale
- 7/30-7/31: Central Meet Lima, OH
- 8/1: Gilmore Museum GM/Chevy show
- 8/7: Gilmore Museum Red Barn Spectacular
- 8/21: Back to the Bricks
- 8/21: Woodward Dream Cruise
- 9/19: Golden memories & Meeting 1pm
- 10/15-10/16: Mothball and Meeting (elections)
- 11/6: Banquet, Owosso

Happy Birthday!

- 6 Kristie Ferguson
- 13 Ole Hagen
- 19 Larry Lauria
- 21 Will Kriewall
- 22 Pat Fitzgerald

Happy Anniversary!

- Andy & Mary West
July 17, 1999
- Patrick & Suzi Macaluso
July 20, 1974
- Bob & Lois Gardner
July 31, 1959
- Will & Vickie Kriewall
July 31, 1976

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