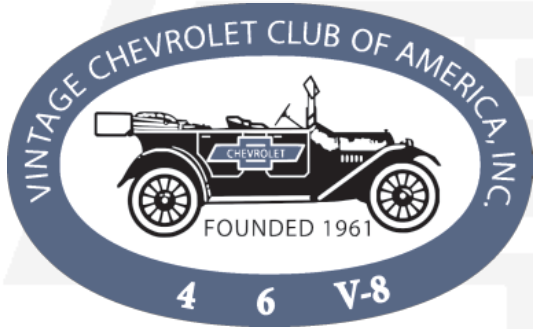


# CHEVY CHATTER



## Lower Michigan Region



# Summer Picnic

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On August 6th 1959 General Motors registered the name "Corvaire" to be used for its rear engine compact car. Chevrolet would produce just over 1.8 Million Corvaire's before shuttering production in May of 1969.



## Important Announcements!

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

**Points and Condensers** gather in Ypsilanti and the **Fisher Engine Show** on Oct 2nd. Contact Bill Anderson for more information. Details will be in September Chevy Chatter.

# Summer Picnic - Lapeer, MI

by Tim Reinke

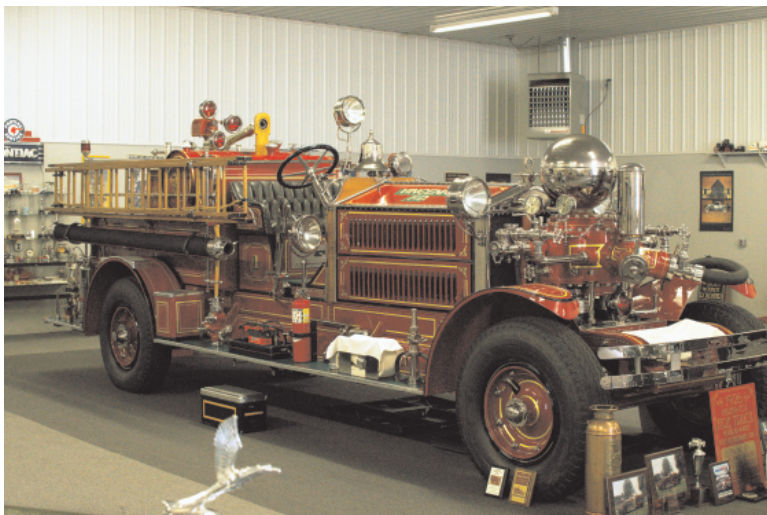
Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>, was the perfect day for a get-together. Bruce and Mary Granger graciously volunteered to be our hosts for the annual summer picnic. The day consisted of a short tour, visits to the homes of two of local car collectors, the white elephant sale, great comroderie, of course, way more food than we needed.

July 18, 2021



We started out the day meeting in the Meijer parking lot in Lapeer. Once gathered, the tour started. We drove for about 10 minutes to our first stop, the John McMullen home, where John and his daughter surprised us with coffee, donuts and their hospitality. They allowed us to wander through their beautiful farm and

their car collection. The McMullen collection consisted of cars, toys, lamps, hood ornaments and lots of other stuff that was all displayed nicely in 2 large barns.



After spending about an hour visiting with John and his daughter, we were on to our



2<sup>nd</sup> stop, the home of Wade & Carol Cleffman. Wade is highly active in the local Pontiac Club and opened up his shop where we saw 3 cars being worked on including a couple of early Oaklands. For another hour we visited with each other and our hosts. Most of the male members were asking Wade lots of questions on his shop, his design work and especially his paint booth. We were all gathering ideas for our next garages.

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## Back to the Bricks

August 21st, Downtown Flint

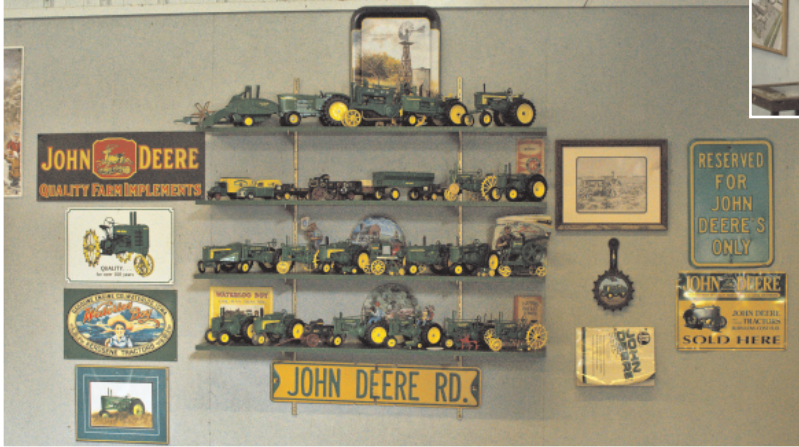


Saturday, August 21st is BACK TO THE BRICKS downtown Flint. As in the past, the Club has reserved parking for Vintage Chevrolets and GMCs on West Second Street. If you are interested in bringing your vintage Chevrolet or GMC and to park with other Region members, please e-mail me at [rlsopp@yahoo.com](mailto:rlsopp@yahoo.com) 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 16<sup>th</sup> so there is time to mail your parking pass. Enjoy and drive your vintage Chevrolet or GMC

Bob Sovis



On August 11, 1966 Chevrolet rolls off it's very first Camaro, produced at the Norwood Ohio plant. Production would stop in 2002 until the 5th generation Camaro was released in 2015.

Photo courtesy of [www.kcclassicauto.com](http://www.kcclassicauto.com)

# Summer Picnic

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From the Cleffman's it was just a short jaunt to the Lapeer Township Hall where lunch and the white elephant sale took place. The club provided fried chicken and members each brought a dish to pass.


There was PLENTY of food. There was lots of stuff donated to the sale. Books and toy cars were the bulk of the items but the

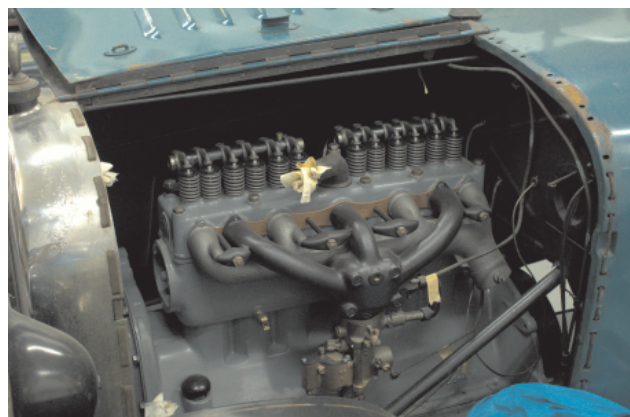


most money was raised by our

old club banners. Bob Sovis and Tim Mehl donated 4 old LMR banners that alone brought in \$47 for the club. If you would like to host an event and hang a banner, ask around, they are now scattered across the state.



The club made about \$130 on the day and all the members present had fun. The highlight of the day might have been the rookie auctioneer. Our director took his turn being the auctioneer and didn't do half-bad (if I say so myself). He misidentified a few things especially an ashtray and a clothes sprinkler disguised as a Coke bottle. It was an excellent day. Thanks again to Mary and Bruce Granger for putting it together! 



## From the Driver's Seat

By my accord, July was a good month. We held our Summer Picnic, and it was a smashing success, as you can see from all the pictures in this newsletter. If you were not there, it was a lot of fun and we might have recruited a couple new members!



Once again, I would like to thank Bill Anderson for his endless work setting up events for us. He has added a couple of new items to the calendar in October. On the second is a Points and Condenser gathering at Bill Milliken's garage followed by the Fisher Engine Show, which we saw a few years ago on our Mothball tour. Also, on October 23, Bill is trying to set up a visit to the Detroit Parade Company, who put on the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Look for more information in the next Chatter.

With all this stuff planned, I hope you can attend something with the club and, PLEASE try to invite a non-member, with or without a vintage Chevy. As a club, we get to see things most people don't (just look at the picnic). It would be nice to share it with more people.

## Calendar

- 8/7: Gilmore Museum Red Barn Spectacular  
 8/21: Back to the Bricks & Woodward Dream Cruise  
 9/19: Golden memories & Meeting 1pm  
 10/2: P&C and Fisher Engine Show  
 10/15 & 16: Mothball and Meeting (elections)  
 10/23(?): Parade Company, Detroit (still tentative)  
 11/6: Banquet, Owosso

### Happy Anniversary!

Luke Stefanovsky & Martha Bamfield  
 August 1, 1987

Stu & Mary Galbraith  
 August 22, 1959

Tim & Pat Mehl  
 August 24, 1973

### Happy Birthday!

- 2 Diane Bullard  
 2 Luke Stefanovsky  
 2 Corrie Mehl  
 3 Michael Doyle  
 6 Suzi Macaluso  
 11 Donald Roberts  
 12 Jim Johnson  
 16 Bill Bullard  
 16 Helen Proffer  
 17 Corinne Frasure  
 21 Bekka Mehl  
 21 Ron Henige  
 15 Jennifer Bladow

## Sloan Museum Donation

The board of Directors, at the direction of members at the June meeting, have approved a \$420 donation to Sloan Museum. This donation entitles the club to a walkway paver in front of the renovated museum. The donation will be instead of the standard \$100. If you are willing and able to assist the club in recouperating some of this expense, please contact Pat Mehl (Jakobs.grama@gmail.com)

Note: the paver design has not yet been finalized.

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