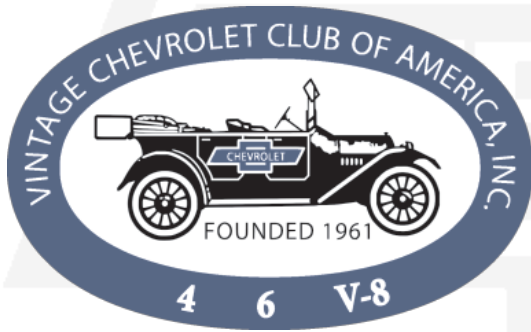


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## Lower Michigan Region

### “BACK TO THE BRICKS” Flint, Mi. / Aug. 21, 2021 by Bruce Granger #09891

Brian & I arrived downtown Flint just after 5 A.M. to park the club vehicles on West 2nd St. off of Saginaw St. At 6 A.M. the gates were opened and cars & trucks started up Saginaw St. from 5th Avenue [ the staging point ]. By 7 A.M. Saginaw St. was FULL!! By 7 A.M. the side streets were FULL also. From Court St. to 5th Avenue is over 12 blocks; the side streets were full for two blocks in each direction. Brian & I put up signs so the club members could find us. The yellow sign was from the 2011 Anniversary Meet and the club banner was hung on an electrical box.

Club members & vehicles: Bob Sovis- '65 Corvair, Clarence Straus- '23 Coupe, Brian Granger- '65 Corvair, Bruce Granger- '75 Caprice Classic, Bill Anderson- '32 Coach, Mr & Mrs. Jim Carpenter- '48 Coupe, Cecil Klock-'53 4dr., Mike Hardy '56 PU / OHIO VCCA REGION, Mr. & Mrs. Don Frasure- '78 El Camino, Mr. & Mrs. Ole Hagan '30 Coach, Jeff Bladow- '35 Town Sedan, Rod Thomas- '49 Business Coupe. More were registered, but didn't show up.

As you can see by the pictures we had a “LOT” of vehicles & people!!!! If you can, after the next Anniversary Meet come to Flint and join the Lower Michigan Region on 2nd St.



Thanks to Bill Anderson and Bruce Granger for the photos.

## Important Announcement!

Golden Memories is **September 19th** at the Flint Cultural Center. There will be a meeting at **1pm** in the Museum, including board nominations for 2022. Also, bring a suitcase full of stuff to sell in front of your car!



## "58th Central Meet" Lima, Oh. / July 30/31, 2021 by Tim Reinke

By all accounts the 58<sup>th</sup> Central Meet was a smashing success. Originally the meet was scheduled to be held in 2020 but for obvious reasons that didn't happen. Between March of 2020 and July of 2021 a lot had to happen for this meet to be a success and everything fell into place. Most amazingly was the formation of a new Region, the Western Buckeye Region. This region, with the help of the Glass Capitol Region hosted the meet in Lima OH July 30 and 31.

Even though it was a "mini meet" held over 2 days, it was a great experience. The Lower Michigan Region had 11 members and 2 kids attend with 5 cars. Tim, Pat, Gary, Pam, Andy, Becca, Jakob and Hanna Mehl, Bill Anderson, Mike McFarland, and Robin, Tim and Lizz Reinke all attended. Most special was Mike McFarland brought the 1954 Corvette his dad restored when he was a small boy. It was the first time it had been point judged. The the car had been shown when it was finished but the VCCA only had a special exhibit class for Corvettes at the time.




The meet consisted of Field Check and kicking tires Friday morning. This was followed by a tour to Wapakoneta, OH (about 18 miles from the fairgrounds) to see the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum. Friday night, at the fairgrounds, was the welcome banquet with the Buddy C BBQ food truck providing the food and entertainment were provided by Mike Melvin singing country music and VCCA member Richie Crouch impersonating Elvis Presley.

The car show was Saturday and boy what a show it was.

There were 105

VCCA cars in the VCCA show which took place in a wooded area in the county fairgrounds. Across the small pond was a public car show which saw another 180 cars participate. The weekend ended with another banquet and social Saturday evening.

If you were not able to participate this year, I highly recommend stopping by next year to the meet hosted by the Miami Valley Region on your way to Bowling Green. It will be another great experience! 



**Welcome aboard** to our newest member: **John and Sandy Schoen**! They first joined us at the picnic in Lapeer.



# 2021 Lower Michigan Region, VCCA Mothball Tour

## October 15 & 16, 2021

Bill Anderson Trip Captain : 248-881-6510

### 2021 Mothball Tour Details:

A two day tour visiting 7 attractions in South East and South Central Michigan.

2020 Dust-Off Tour was cancelled. The following members signed up and paid for that tour and are automatically enrolled in the 2021 Mothball tour:

Janie Nico	Dave & Phyllis Rickabus	Dennis & Bonnie Reinke
Don Jorgenson	Ole & Marie Hagen	Andy Mehl Family
John McMullen	Don Frasure	Rod & Denice Thomas
Michael Lauth	Tim & Robin Reinke	Ken Beaver

**Friday, Oct 15:** We will leave Hotel @ 8:00 AM.

**First Stop:** Dick Confer Collection 13569 White Lake Rd. Fenton

**Second Stop:** Lafontaine Collection: North Milford Road, Highland, MI

**Third Stop, Lunch:** Dukes Restaurant, on Milford Road, a mile South of M59.

**Fourth Stop:** After lunch, we return in the direction we came, to visit the Pete Szekeres workshop & collection on Alloy Drive in Highland.

**Fifth Stop:** Spicers Cider Mill, Clyde Rd, Hartland, if we have time.

**Late afternoon:** Drive M59 West to Hotel at Howell TANGER Mall complex at M59 & I96.

### Hotel:

Baymont by Wyndham

4120 Lambert Dr., Howell, MI 48855

Hotel is behind Tanger Outlet Mall

25 Rooms Reserved: \$89 plus Tax. (Unreserved rooms will be released Sept. 14, 2021)

Call: 517-546-0712 for reservations

Reservation Code: **LMR Mothball** or use **CGLMRM** when reserving a room.

Check-in Thursday Oct. 14, check out Saturday Oct. 16, 2021

Secure your reservation with a credit card so they will hold your room.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancel before 6 PM, Oct 14, to avoid a 1 night charge.

There are several restaurants in and around the Mall for Dining Friday Night.



### Saturday, Oct. 16

#### **8:00 AM Departure**

**First Stop:** Drive: 17 Miles to Tim Chattaway in Stockbridge, via Mason Rd. just off M52. 8:30 – 9:30

**Second Stop:** 24 Mi. to Lost Railway Museum, Old US 12, Mich. Ave, Grass Lake. 10-11 AM

We will hold our club meeting in the Museum Meeting/Banquet Room

**Third Stop:** 15 min, 11 MI Lunch at Thompson's Pizza in Chelsea. 12 - 1 PM

**Last Stop:** After lunch, Drive: 15 Mi., 22 Min, R&A Engineering 8720 Sharon Hollow Rd., Manchester 1

**The Tour ends at R&A**

Return to Hotel: 52 Mi, 69 Minutes to Hotel via M52 & Mason Rd.

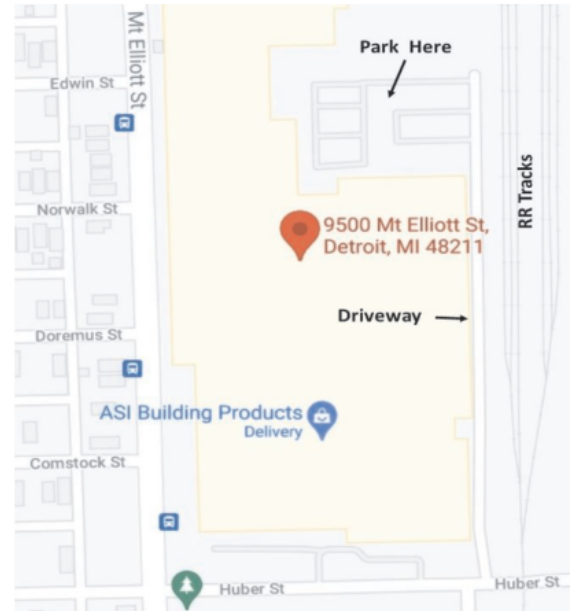
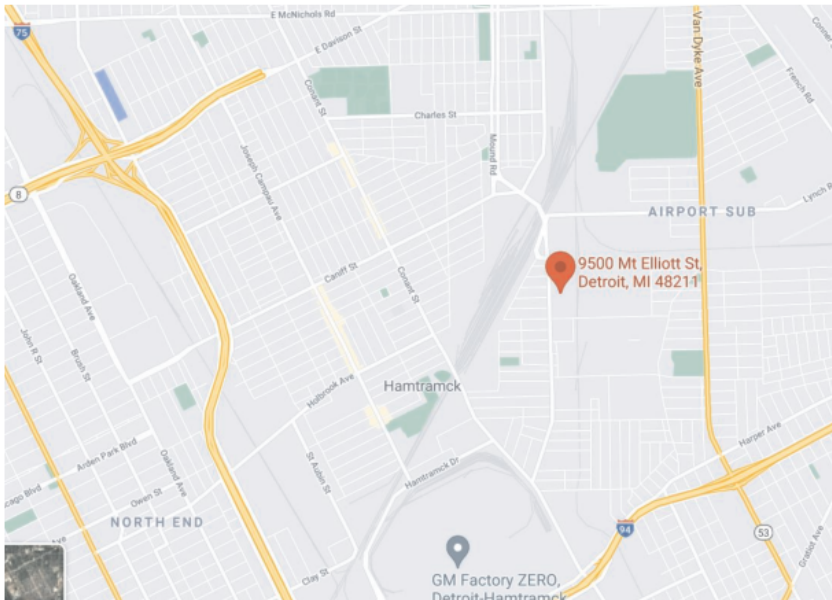
# 2021 LMR VCCA Parade Company Visit

## October 23, 2021 10:00 AM

### 2021 Parade Company Tour:

A one day visit to see 100 years of Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade floats and memorabilia. This tour/visit is located in the old industrial part of Detroit at the former Chrysler Lynch Road Assembly plant at 9500 Mt. Elliot, Detroit.

The streets in this area are not friendly to vintage cars, so use your modern car for transportation.



### Tour Details

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

This is a Guided walking tour

Handicapped and Wheel chair accessible

Photos permitted

Indoor venue: Unheated. Dress according to outdoor weather.



**2021 Lower Michigan Region, VCCA Mothball Tour**

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**MOTHBALL REGISTRATION FORM**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Participants:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

For Planning purposes, which days can you join us?    Friday\_\_\_\_ Saturday\_\_\_\_

Tour Fee: \$10/car plus \$5 per passenger other than driver        \$\_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to: Lower Michigan Region, VCCA

Send this registration information with payment to:

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Email: old50grit@comcast.net

**2021 LMR VCCA Parade Company Visit**  
**October 23, 2021 10:00 AM**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional Participants:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour Fee: \$15/adult x \_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_ \$8/child x \_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_ → Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to: Lower Michigan Region, VCCA

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## From the Driver's Seat



Well, September is upon us. August was a hot month but seemed to go by in a flash. The month started (or rather July ended)

with the 58th Central Meet. Those of us that were there had a blast. We are one of the earliest regions in the Area and instrumental in starting and keeping alive the Central Meets. We have the largest membership of any region in either area 7a or 7b. We are twice as large as the 2nd largest region. Yet, we only had 6 families attend. That is only 7% of our membership. If you did not attend, I hope you will try to attend a Central Meet in the future. It is a great way to meet other members from other regions!

Later in August, Back to the Bricks was held in earnest this year and the members that attended also had a blast. This is an important event for our club. Many of us own cars made in Flint and Chevrolet was a big part of Flint's history. It is also important to note that Bob Sovis was critical in starting the show. September will not be as busy, Golden Memories is one of my favorite car shows of the year and look forward to seeing you there on September 19th.

## Calendar

- 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  
 11/6: Banquet, Owosso

### Happy Birthday!

- 2 Edwin Oswald  
 3 Jeanette Beach  
 5 Janet Taylor  
 10 Ken Beaver  
 10 Chuck Stebelton  
 12 Dave Rickabus  
 17 Verle Wetherwax  
 22 Verna Schott  
 30 Chip Sweet

### Happy Anniversary!

- Dennis & Bonnie Reinke  
 September 1  
 Bob & Diane Sovis  
 September 3, 1983  
 Darrell & Hope Dowdy  
 September 4, 1965  
 Wayne & Loretta Jackson  
 September 11, 2010  
 Joe & Karen Scheuring  
 September 17, 1966  
 Gerald & Pamela Nagy  
 September 18  
 Steven & Theresa Maveal  
 September 20, 1980

## Sloan Museum Donation

The board of Directors has approved a \$420 donation to Sloan Museum. This donation entitles the club to a walkway paver in front of the renovated museum. If you are willing and able to assist the club in recouperating some of this expense, please contact Pat Mehl (Jakobs.grama@gmail.com). The paver will have a Bow-Tie on it with the wording "VCCA, Lower Michigan".

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