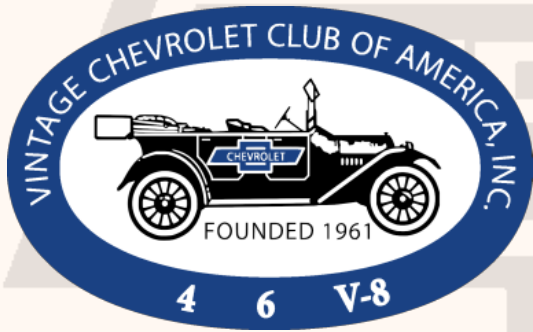


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## Lower Michigan Region



### Parade Company Tour


Detroit, MI 10/23/21



Parade Company photos courtesy of Denice Thomas, Pat Mehl and Tim Reinke



On October 23<sup>rd</sup> a small group of LMR members got a tour of the Parade Company Detroit, host of America's Thanksgiving Parade downtown Detroit. The outing was a detour from our typical car related activities but enjoyed by all that attended including Bill Anderson, Rod and Denice Thomas, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus and Step-son, Tim and Pat Mehl and grandkids and Tim Reinke.

We got to see how the floats are made starting from a bare trailer, how the foam is carved and painted and how moving features are added. We even got to see General Motor's yet-to-be-unveiled float. It was a spectacular tour and all that attended has a blast. Thanks Bill, for setting it up! 

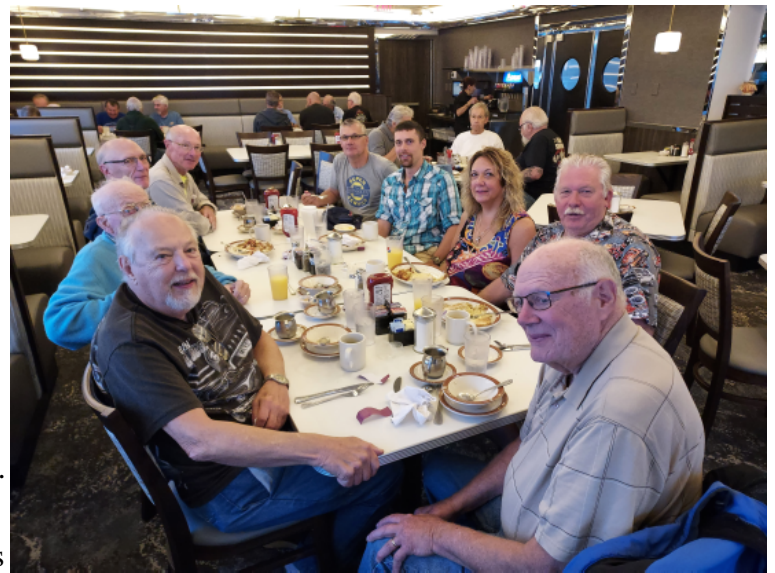
# Hershey 2021

Summary by Tim Reinke

The AACA Eastern Fall Meet, colloquially known as “Hershey” is the pinnacle of the old car hobby and it was sorely missed last year, but it came back roaring this year. It wasn’t exactly back to normal but was better than nothing. As usual a number of Lower Michigan Region members attended; Pinky Randall, Jim Schott, Dennis,



Bonnie, Robin and Tim Reinke, Bill Anderson and Tim and Andy Mehl. Usuals that were missed this year were Bob Sovis and Mike McFarland, but hopefully they will back next year!




The group that I traveled with had a few mishaps on the trip out there but in the end everyone made it safely. The day started out with us forgetting Pinky’s suitcase with his son-in-law so his son-and-law had to turn around bring it back. Once the whole group was together and on the road, the lead truck pulling Dennis’

1940 Plymouth had a little incident when a wheel on the car-haul trailer broke off and rolled across the freeway. Luckily we were not too far from a repair station and we had it fixed while we ate breakfast in Dundee MI. The final incident happened about half-way through Pennsylvania when a car spun out right in front of Dennis’ truck and slid back-and-forth across the road while he swerved to try and miss the spinning car. Luckily he missed the car and the rest of the week was without incident.



The weather for the week was perfect, even though there was a threat of rain everyday. Those of us that sold parts did well and everybody brought home some new treasures. The week ended with Dennis winning his 1<sup>st</sup> Senior award with his ‘40 Plymouth. It was an excellent trip as usual.



If you have never been before and would like to or have not been in a while, we will be sending a group again next year and I would encourage you to come. 

# 2022

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## Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2022 Calendar

April 14<sup>th</sup> 2022: Spring Meeting - Junction of Hope, Layton Corners - 1pm Board Meeting/2pm General Membership Meeting

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022: Dustoff Tour

June 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> 2022: Sloan AutoFair - Flint Cultural Center - 1pm General Membership Meeting in the Sloan Museum

July 17<sup>th</sup> 2022: Picnic

July 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> 2022: VCCA Central Meet -

July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup> 2022: VCCA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meet – Bowling Green, Ky

August 20<sup>th</sup> 2022: Back to the Brick – Saginaw St., Flint MI

September 18<sup>th</sup> 2022: Golden Memories – Flint Cultural Center – 1pm General Membership Meeting in the Sloan Museum

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2022: Mothball Tour

November 5<sup>th</sup> 2022: Banquet

\*\*\*Note: All dates are tentative and subject to change\*\*\*



## From the Driver's Seat

Well, this is goodbye. It has been a very interesting 2 years as Director. When I volunteered for the position in September of 2019, I never would have imaged things would have happened as they have. I never had an in-person Board Meeting, instead all discussions of the Board happened either by phone or email thanks to COVID, but I would not have had it any other way.

Just like I said in my very first Director's Message, it was an honor to follow in the footsteps of my Grandpa Howard, Father Robin and Uncle Dennis as your director. It was not easy to steer a social group through a time where we were told "Stay home, Stay Safe" and the phrase "social distancing" was created, but I like to think we survived and have become stronger as a group. During the past 2 years we picked up 4 new members. And it is all thanks to you, the members and the board which helped me so much.

I am sure that our new board will keep things moving in a positive direction and I look forward to what the future holds for this club!

## Happy Anniversary!

Victor & Barb Pitcavage  
November 1, 2001

## Happy Birthday!

- 4 Bill Jusela Sr.
- 4 Dennis Reinke
- 6 Thomas Hall
- 14 Loretta Jackson
- 15 Harvey Hammond
- 17 Paul Pawlosky
- 17 Carol Buller
- 20 Ross Vincent
- 23 Jeff Bladow
- 24 Michael Sparks

**Membership renewal:** Included with this newsletter is your renewal form for 2022. Please fill it out and return it by December 31st 2021, even if there has been no change to your contact or car information.

If you wish to renew online by check or credit card, go to <https://lmrvcca.org/membership/>

## 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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Cold temperatures and a little rain did not put a damper (see what I did there?) on the Mothball tour. We had a group of 15 people in 8 cars (mostly modern) join the trip.



Friday started with a country road drive to Dick Confer's Collection in Fenton. Dick is a retired GM Engineer and has an extensive collection of pedal car, custom cars, signs, gumball machines and fire alarm boxes.

The second stop was at Mike Lafontaine's Collection in Milford. He collects and sells post WWII cars. On the way back to the hotel, a stop for cider and donuts at Spicer's Cider Mill was in order.



Saturday Morning saw us stop at Tim Chatterly's collections of all things REO. After that, the group was treated to a visit to R&A Engineering, a restoration shop in Manchester. The trip concluded with a stop for Pizza in Chelsea and a stop at the Lost Railway Museum in Grass Lake. 



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