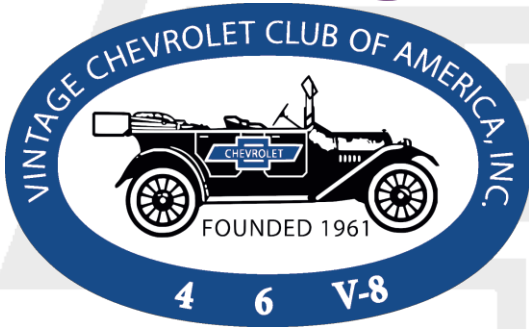


May 2022

# CHEVY CHATTER



## Lower Michigan Region

A special **Thanks** goes out **to Joyce Randall** and her family for hosting us on April 30th. It was a delightful visit. A recap and pictures will be in the June Newsletter when there will be enough space to do it justice.

### On This Date in History: 2 Millionth Camaro Produced May 11, 1978

The camaro had been in production since September of 1967 and it took less 11 years for the 2 millionth to roll off the assembly line in Van Nuys, California.

The 1978 model year brought forth the final facelift of the camaro's 2nd generation with included a urethane rear bumper with wrap-around taillights. It was the first year for t-tops and alloy wheels.

During 1978, Chevrolet sold 272,631 camaros of which more than



*This 1978 Camaro is actually a Canadian model. It is nearly identical to US cars of that year except the dash gauges are in metric. This car is a part of the Rick Hendrick collection. Courtesy: media.gm.com*

86% built with V8 engines. V8 Engines offered that year were: 305cid (145hp), 350cid (170hp), and the Z28 had a 185hp 350cid. The V6 was 250cid putting out 105hp. All California models (of which the 2 millionth was) lost 10hp due to emission laws.

The camaro is currently in it's 6th generation with just over 5 million produced. All camaros are being produced at the Grand River Assembly Plant in Lansing and is expected to end production after 2024.



*a 1978 Camaro shown by GM on Belle Isle at the unveiling of the 2016 Camaro on Belle Isle in Detroit. Courtesy: media.gm.com*

## Important Announcements!

The **Dust-off tour** is May 21st. We will meet at Bill Anderson's at 8:30am. Please register with Bill if possible. See page 5 for details.

Copies of Meeting Notes from the Board and General Membership Meetings in April **will be available** at the Dustoff tour and June meeting at The Sloan AutoFair.

Please register for the **60th Anniversary Meet** in Bowling Green Kentucky ASAP!!! It is approaching quick.

# Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2022 Calendar

**May 21st:** Dustoff Tour - Southeast Michigan - Meet in Highland 8:30am. Contact Bill Anderson.

**June 25th/26th:** Sloan AutoFair– Flint Cultural Center – 6/26 @ 1pm General Membership Meeting in the Sloan Museum

**July 17th:** Picnic - Host needed

**July 29th/30th:** VCCA Central Meet – Bowling Green, Ky

**July 31st – August 5th:** VCCA 60th Anniversary Meet – Bowling Green, Ky  
See G&D for details

**August 20th:** Back to the Bricks – Saginaw St., Flint MI

**September 18th:** Golden Memories – Flint Cultural Center – 1pm General Membership Meeting in the Sloan Museum

**October 15th:** Mothball Tour

**October 23rd:** Meeting - Junction Resturant, Layton Corners - 1pm Board Meeting, 2pm General Membership

**November 5th:** Banquet

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

## The Blue Water Region AACA 29<sup>th</sup> annual Marysville Car Show

Located in shaded Marysville park  
801 E. Huron Blvd, Marysville MI

### Sunday, June 12, 2022



Celebrating the  
**101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**  
of the Wills Sainte Claire Automobile



It has been suggested that the Chevy Club have a potluck picnic lunch at the show. Tim Reinke, who is a member of the Wills Museum and Blue Water Region AACA will donate and grill hotdogs and bratwurst. Please, let him know if you plan on attending (trreinke@gmail.com or (989) 513-5129) and bring a dish to pass.

The car show is located in a public park right on the St. Clair River. There is plenty of shade. The Wills Museum is hoping to get nearly 2 dozen Wills Sainte Claire cars there, making it the largest gathering since production ended in 1927.

Kids judging will be offered for kids ages 6-14 to get them up-close and personal with the rare Wills Sainte Claires

\*Paid Advertisement - however, we have 3 member-families involved with the Wills Sainte Claire Museum and the Blue Water Region - AACA

## -----Car Show Registration-----

To register, please mail to: Blue Water Region-AACA, c/o Pam Carlisle, 612 Minnie, Port Huron, Mi 48060

Registration fee is \$15 (USA funds) for non-judged vehicles, \$20 for vehicles to be judged.

*Registration and donations benefit the non-profit 501c3 Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum in Marysville.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Reg.#(AACA use) \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Features: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept and assume full liability for any injury or loss to me or my property, agents or employees at any time, and from any cause on the premises of the show. I expressly release the management from any liability for such loss or injury, and agree to provide and pay for my own insurance. I will abide by all park rules including NO ALCOHOL IN PARK.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-judged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Judged \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_


# Authentic Michigan Historic Licence Plates

Michigan allows residents to register their antique vehicle with a same-year general use Michigan license plate. Reproduction or remanufactured plates are not allowed.

The plate must display the correct colors for the plate year. For 1984 and later model year vehicles, blue plates with white letters were issued from 1984 through 2006. These plates may be used to apply for an authentic license plate registration if the plate displays an authentic Michigan year tab corresponding to the model year of the antique vehicle. The only exception is for the 1984 blue plate because tabs were not issued until 1985.

The authentic plate registration fee is \$35. Authentic plate registrations are valid until the vehicle is sold, transferred, scrapped, or modified. Authentic license plates must be registered by mail and are not handled by Secretary of State offices.

To obtain a registration, provide the following documents with your application:

- (a) A color photograph, a color scan, or a color photocopy of the license plate (Personalized, government, law enforcement, manufacturer, dealer, intransit repair, disability, and special purpose license plates cannot be used as authentic license plates.)
- (b) Proof of ownership, preferably a copy of the Michigan title.
- (c) Proof of Michigan no-fault insurance.
- (d) \$35 fee (make checks or money orders payable to "State of Michigan").
- (e) a completed application. 

In response to the license plate article in the April Chevy Chatter, the above information was provided by the Granger Brothers for any member who wishes to register their antique vehicle using the correct year plate.

The application form can be acquired from the Secretary of State website ([www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)) or your local Secretary of State office.



## Gary & Pam Mehl's '89 Caprice LS Brougham

Pam and I first saw our '89 Caprice in the service lot of Bud Kouts Chevrolet in Lansing after hours in December 1989. The next day, we went back and took it for a test drive. During the drive, the salesman (Jim) told us, that when Bud Kouts sold the dealership, he made an agreement that the new owners would provide his wife with a new fully-loaded Caprice each year and she would trade in the old one.

Mrs. Kouts look delivery of the '89 in November of 1988. That fall, she drove the car to Florida and it stayed there until December of 1989 when she traded it in for her new 1990. When we got the car, it had 7,111 miles on it and had never been titled. Mrs. Kouts drove it as a program car with a dealer plates making up the first (titled) owners.



In 1992, we were on our way back from Mt. Rushmore and a huge storm blew up on the plains. Seeing the sky turning black, I suggested to Pam that we stop under an overpass. As we pulled under, hail the size of

quarters started pounding down. Shortly thereafter, a Rolls Royce convertible cruised by, pulled in front of us and started backing up trying to squeeze in under the overpass. The hail was just missing our rear bumper, so Pam didn't move. Once the hail stopped, Pam watched the Rolls Royce, disappear down the road and commented, "I like my Chevy more than any Rolls Royce." as she put the gear selector into drive.



*Editor's Note: I hope to make Chevrolet Spotlight a regular feature of this newsletter, but I need your help. Please send me info on a car you have owned. Maybe your first Chevy or a car you wish you still had!*

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## From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

Still looking for a volunteer to be Region Secretary. There are only 3 meetings left this year. It's not a hard job. Look in your copy of the by-laws for the job description. April 24th was our 1st General Membership Meeting of the year and was well attended. Our next event will be the Dust Off Tour on May 21st. The tour will start at Bill and Sue Anderson's home. All info is included in this newsletter.



Tim Reinke told those attending about the Will Ste. Clair Auto Museum's 101th Anniversary of the Will Ste. Clair Automobile to be held, Sunday, June 12th. He told those at the meeting that we, as a Club, are invited to attend. Next up is the Sloan Museum Auto Fair in Flint, MI, on June 26th. This will be our 2nd meeting of the year with a starting time of 1:00 p.m., in the newly rebuilt museum. The museum does not open to the public until July 17th. The Club has our old parking spot in front of Bower Theater (north side of building on Kearsley Street.) That takes us through May & June.

Now onto July. The plan is to have a picnic, somewhere, on July 17th. Know of a place to hold it? Contact Bill Anderson or any Board Member with your idea as soon as possible. Thank you. There are more events planned later in the year, but I will cover them in more details, in future newsletters, like Fall Tour and Banquet. Contact Bill Anderson if you have ideas for these within the next couple of months, too. During the Board Meeting, the Board added one new event to the calendar. There will be a Board Meeting (1p.m.) followed by a General Membership Meeting (2 p.m.), on October 23rd, at the Junction of Hope, Layton Corners, MI. This will be the planning meeting and election of new officers for 2023.

Now about the 60th National Meet. Got a letter from Meet Chairman, Mr. Miner, about how the Region and/or members could donate/sponsor to the meet cost. An email has been sent out, with the letter and form, by my twin brother, Bruce. If you did not get the email, let one of us know. Did you order a raffle ticket when you registered for the National Meet? Well, you're in luck. Pat Mehl & I were sent about 30 tickets in total to sell. They are \$10.00 each & the drawing will be July 23rd (state law requires this), just before the Central Meet. That is about all I can think of.

Have a Happy Mother's Day

### Happy Anniversary!

Paul Pawlosky & Deb Schultz-Pawlosky  
May 1, 1999

Rod & Denice Thomas  
May 4, 1984

Bruce & Mary Granger  
May 5, 1978

Gary & Pam Mehl  
May 10, 1980

Darrell & Christine Hammond  
May 13, 1989

### Happy Birthday!

4 Deb Schultz-Pawlosky    15 Bonnie Reinke  
5 John Vass                    24 Barbara Sparks  
11 Tim Mehl                    24 Lowell Rothert  
11 Jennifer Klock            25 Joyce Randall  
14 Judy Oswald                29 Richard Koker

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# 2022 Lower Michigan Region, VCCA Dust-Off Tour

May 21, 2022

A one day tour visiting three attractions on South East Michigan.

Meet at 8:30 AM at Bill Anderson's workshop (3301 Saddle Ridge, Highland) for Coffee, Juice, and Donuts. There is plenty of parking at Bill's if you trailer your Vintage Automobile.

**First Stop:** 10:30 AM After a leisurely 45 minute drive we arrive at Bill Golling's car condo at M1 Concourse in Pontiac, MI. Among the cars we'll see are Bill's 1931 Chrysler Imperial.



**Second Stop:** Lunch 12:30 Kerby's Koney Island, 43061 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield, MI

**Third Stop:** 1:30 PM After lunch, we backtrack slightly to visit the Pontiac Transportation Museum, 250 W. Pike St. which features vehicles manufactured in Pontiac Michigan during the last Century.



**Fourth Stop:** Marvelous Marvin's Mechanical Museum in Farmington Hills. Time spent here is at your discretion.



You may end your trip at Marvin's or tour back to Bill's workshop with a possible stop, time permitting, at Coggins Country Cars collection, and storage barns in White Lake.

Maps and Directions will be supplied on the day of the tour.

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REGISTRATION FORM  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Additional Participants:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Tour Fee: \$10/car

Checks Payable to: **Lower Michigan Region, VCCA**

Note: Tour fees will be applied to a donation to the Pontiac Transportation Museum.

Send this information to, or for questions contact: Bill Anderson  
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