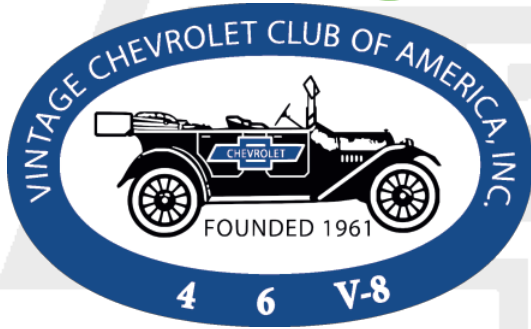


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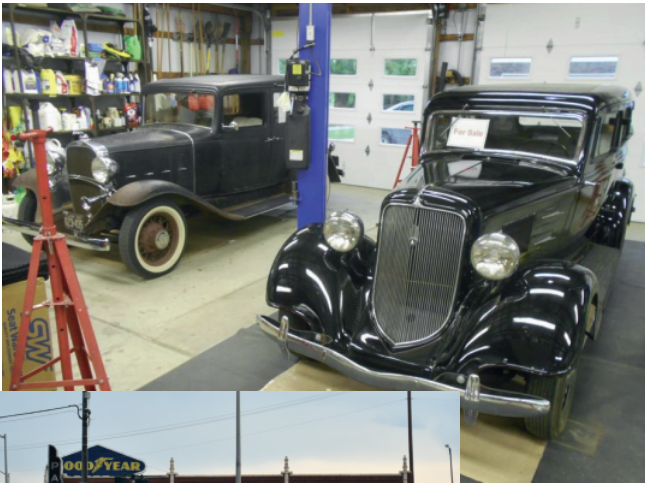
Lower Michigan Region

Dust-off Tour

Story by Bruce Granger
Photos by Bruce Granger and Tim Reinke

May 21st, 2022

On May 21, the LMR VCCA met at Bill Anderson's house in Highland. Of course it rained, but Bill's large shop was a dry place to enjoy some coffee and donuts. Just after we got underway, the sky cleared up. Bill's shop was well organized and Bill told me that he personally installed 2000 feet of plastic piping under the concrete floor for in-floor heating. Continued on pg. 2



Important Announcements!

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


The **Summer Picnic** will be hosted in Port Huron on **July 16th**. We will be meeting at Mike McFarland & Mary Samulski's at 9:30am, driving into Port Huron and then to a park. \$10/person. Sandwiches, Chips, Ice tea, lemonade and Water will be provided. More details in the July Newsletter.

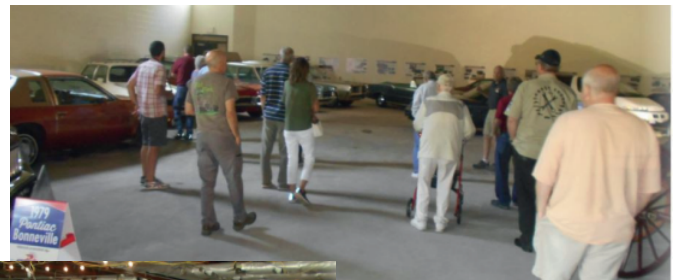
The **60th Anniversary Meet** in Bowling Green Kentucky is just 2 months away. June 25th is the registration deadline.

Dust-off Tour cont.

Our first stop was at M1 Concourse racetrack to the car condo of auto dealer Bill Golling. Bill was very pleasant to visit with and we are thankful that he open his condo up to us. The building is 2 stories tall with an opening in the middle of the 2nd story for 2 car hoists. At one end of the 2nd floor, is a full living room with a big screen TV. On the other end, facing the race track is another living room, a bar and a kitchen. There is even a fireplace.



Our next stop was to the local Coney Island for lunch and then we were off to Pontiac Transportation Museum. The museum is not yet open to the public but is open for private tours. It is housed in an old elementary school with most of the interior walls removed. It is definitely still a work-in-progress. They have many interesting and one-of-a-kind vehicles. Our tour volunteers (2 retired GM Engineers) were able to give us stories about most every vehicle in the museum. The museum does not feature only Pontiac name plate cars, but any vehicles made in the city of Pontiac, including the original "The Pontiac", many Reliance/GMC trucks and even a GMC Motorhome. 



Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2022 Calendar

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

July 16th: Picnic - Hosted by Mike McFarland and Mary Samulski - Port Huron

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

Lower Michigan Region Apparel Orders

Orders must be received by Tim Reinke by 9pm June 27th.

Name: _____

*Please indicate # of each size

T-shirts \$15ea: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____
(no pocket)

Hooded Sweatshirts \$25ea: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

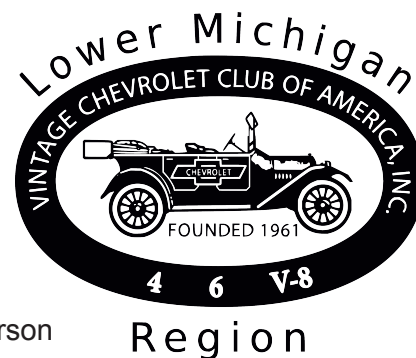
Jacket \$75ea: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____



_____ x \$15 + _____ x \$25 + _____ x \$75 = \$_____ TOTAL
of t-shirts # of Hoodies # of Jackets

Orders can be mailed, emailed or phoned in: Tim Reinke Trreinke@gmail.com
or brought to the meeting on June 26th 29900 33 Mile Rd (989) 513-5129
Richmond MI, 48062

Make Checks Payable to: **Lower Michigan Region, VCCA**
Samples will be provided at the meeting on June 26th to try sizes on and see in-person



Welcome Aboard!

Doug & Joan McFarlen
1940 2 Door, Master Deluxe
2003 Tahoe

Jim Lamberts
1955 Bel Air Convertible
1955 210 Sedan
1959 Impala Convertible

Anthony Hurd
1955 Bel Air

Dennis Wendland
1936 Standard 4 Door, Sport Sedan

It has been suggested that the Chevy Club have a potluck picnic lunch at the Marysville Car Show. Tim Reinke, 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 Blue Water Region AACA 29th annual Marysville Car Show Sunday, June 12, 2022

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



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



Chevrolet Spotlight Logo

Most of you may have noticed the odd design of the Chevrolet Spotlight logo used for this section. Some of you familiar with early 30s cars may have thought it looks familiar.

I will admit that the "cartoony" look at the left side of the logo is a function of the design software that I have been using. I am slowly cleaning it up, but have not had much time to focus on it in the past few months.

In 1930, Chevrolet offered, for the first time, a spotlight as a genuine Chevrolet Accessory. The spotlight was advertised for assisting tire changes and other roadside repairs at night. The spotlight was likely the longest continuously offered dealer accessory, being offered into at least the 1970s.

The logo used in this newsletter is from the first generation of spotlight made by Unity and offered from 1930 -1934. In 1935, GM started to use the name "GM" more heavily and the light was rebranded as a "GM SafetyLight"



Above: Original Spotlight tag used to make the logo in this newsletter. Owned by Robin Reinke

Above: Photo from a dealer install slideshow from 1931.



Right: Tag from a first generation GM SafetyLight

Editor's Note: I hope to keep Chevrolet Spotlight a regular feature of this newsletter; but I need your help. Please send me info on an interesting item you have owned. Maybe a fun accessory or advertising piece.

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From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

1. Our next club event will be the 50th Anniversary Sloan Auto Fair, June 25/26th. The club will have a General Membership Meeting, Sunday, June 26th at 1:00 p.m., in the new remodeled building. My twin brother, Bruce, will be bringing the new sample t-shirts and jackets that Tim Reinke had made for everyone to try on.
2. Mike McFarland and Tim Reinke have volunteered to host the July Picnic. The date they have chosen is Saturday, July 16th. The starting point will be Mike's house. More details will be given at the June 26th meeting. Remember, this will be our Annual White Elephant Sale, so bring something to sell and money to buy with.
3. I still have some of the 60th Anniversary Raffle tickets. They are \$10.00 each and the drawing will be held July 23, just before the Central Meet.
4. Happy Father's Day.



Change of Address: Our Treasurer (Pat Mehl) and Area Director (Tim Mehl) are in the process of moving. If you need to send either of them mail, please use the following address:

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Paw Paw, MI 49079

Happy Birthday!

3 Bill Tylka	14 Michael Kelly
5 Mike McCarty	14 Tim Reinke
5 Cecil Klock Jr	17 Michael Lauth
8 Melissa West	20 Andy Mehl
11 Carl Latora	23 Mary Galbraith
13 Phyllis Rickabus	25 Don Frasure

Happy Anniversary!

Cecil & Mary Jo Klock
June 8, 1967

Jim & Jo Carpenter
June 18, 1955

Norbert & Nancy Kollin
June 18, 1960

Jay & Carole Amick
June 25, 1977

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The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolet manufactured vehicles and GMC manufactured trucks. Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet or GMC is not a prerequisite for membership. LMR region dues are \$20 per year. To become a member, an applicant must be a National VCCA member in good standing. National dues are \$40 yearly.

Pinky's Shop - One Last Look

Story and Pictures by Bill Anderson, Bruce Granger and Pat Mehl

April 30 was a special day for LMR members who knew Pinky Randall and had seen many and heard about his collection of Chevrolets, both vintage and modern. After his passing in January 2022, many members thought it would be nice to visit the place where many of his Chevys were stored and restored. Brian Granger contacted Pinky's daughter and arranged a midday visit to Pinky's facility in Houghton Lake.



LMR members attending were: Bruce and Brian Granger, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus, Tim and Pat Mehl, Don and Linda Harbron, Darrel Dowdy Jr., Bill Jusela, Mike Kelly, Kent Taylor, Scott Taylor, Richard and Jeannette Beach, and Bill Anderson

There, his family and close friends entertained us with stories about the cars, restoration activities, and growing up in Houghton Lake.

As the story goes, Pinky's first Chevrolet, a 1932, was not his first restoration. It sat outdoors for many years and, based on photos stored on several cell phones, was rusty enough to be a parts car, or candidate for a scrap drive. He and several close friends, did, in fact, restore it to its new car glory and it resided in his transport trailer during our visit. There were several other cars present that had not been sold or donated before his passing.



In addition to all the cars, Pinky had amassed a huge collection of other Chevy memorabilia. We saw dozens of "Pinky" name tags from various events, dozens of baseball caps - most with Chevy or Chevy event logos, tables of badges, emblems, and nameplates. License plates hung from a wall, with many being personalized into some form of his moniker, "Mr. Chevrolet". Posters, signs, certificates, and other various Chevy-related memorabilia were viewed and prompted many stories.

Other unique stories relayed by his kids were how Pinky asked them which car was their favorite that they might inherit someday. As luck would have it, those cars were sold before his kids got the chance to enjoy them.

One other comment that the kids made with a smile was "Here we were as kids, growing up near a lake, and the family never owned a boat, or participated in water sports, seldom even going for more than an occasional ride on the lake."



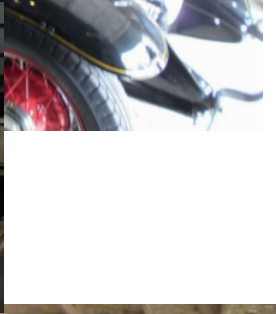
Late in the afternoon the parts and unfinished restoration shed was opened to reveal an early 90's suburban with 88,000 miles, a 1922 Chevy, and also, hiding under a cover, a 1970 Dodge Challenger. We thank Joyce, Pinky's good and faithful spouse of over 70 years, for sharing Pinky's love of all things Chevrolet for one last look. She and Pinky not only were the foundation of the LMR and VCCA, but the foundation of their community of Houghton Lake, and the bedrock of their family.



Although the instigator of this collection of vehicles and memorabilia is gone from us, we will long remember and reminisce about Pinky Randall, and the legacy he left us. 



More Photos from Joyce & Pinky's



On This Date in History: Buick City Closes June 29, 1999

Flint Wagon Works started producing buggies on the site in 1882 and on June 29th - 117 years later - wheeled vehicles would stop being made at the legendary BuickCity plant on Flint, MI's NorthEast Side.

The plant was located between Saginaw Street and the Flint River. At it's peak in the 1980s it sprawled over 235 acres and employed more than 28,000 workers. When the plant closed there were only 1000 full time employees there. Until Ford built his Rouge River plant 1911 this site in Flint was the largest manufacturing site in the world.



The entirety of the BuickCity plant during the 1990s. With well over 5,000,000 sq ft of floor space.



The Buick City logo from the Sloan Museum.



The vacant Buick City site.

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