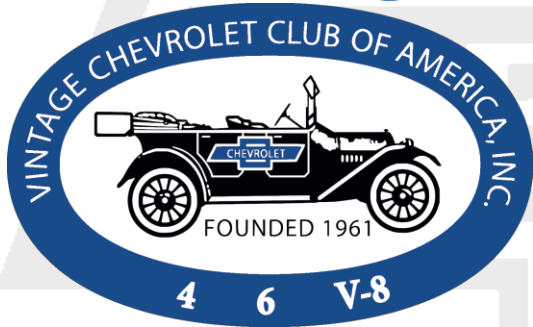


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Lower Michigan Region

Sloan AutoFair

Photos by Denice Thomas

June 25-26, 2022

The Sloan Museum hosted it's 50th Annual Sloan AutoFair on the weekend of June 25/26, 2022. Turn out from the Lower Michigan Region was smaller than would have been perferred but the show was a delight non-the-less. At the end of the show, LMR Member, Bob Sovis, donated his 1939 Towncar to the museum. Photos and more information can be found on page 4. 



Important Announcements!

The **Summer Picnic** will be hosted in Port Huron on Saturday, 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. See page 2 for details.

We have an opportunity to be a part of the **North American International Auto Show** downtown Detroit. We need about 10 members/vehicles to participate. See Page 3 for more info.

You can still register for the **Anniversary Meet**, but judging registration and hat/shirt pre-sales have closed.

LMR Summer Picnic

Port Huron, Michigan - Saturday 7/16/22

Hosted by: Mike McFarland, Mary Samulski & Tim Reinke

Cost: \$10/Person

This years picnic will be a couple of weeks before the Central & Anniversary Meets and is planned to be a relaxing and Low-stress day to exercise our cars one last time before we head to Kentucky! We will start at Mike & Mary's at 9:30am to see some of Mike's cars and Mary's gardens. At 10:30 will tour about 5 miles to the Great Lakes Maritime Center where you can sit in air conditioning to watch the St. Clair River. There will also be a farmer's market going on. After the Maritime Center we will tour another 5 miles to a park along the Black River for a lunch consisting of sandwiches, chips and drinks. After lunch we will have our white elephant sale and have time to enjoy the park.

Trailer parking is available at the park.

Please RSVP to Tim Reinke by July 10th by Phone or Text (989) 513-5129, Email (trreinke@gmail.com) or snailmail (below)

Mike & Mary's
3334 Range Rd
Port Huron, MI 48060

Great Lakes Maritime Center
51 Court St
Port Huron, MI 48060

Bakersfield Park
Strawberry Ln
Port Huron, MI 48060

Tim Reinke
29900 33 Mile Rd
Richmond, MI 48062



More Chevrolet photos from the Auto Fair courtesy of Denice Thomas.



Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2022 Calendar

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

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

On This Date in History: **Body by Fisher** July 10, 1923

On July 10th 1923 Fisher Body Company registers one of the most iconic slogans in automobile history "Body by Fisher." Fisher Body was started in Detroit on July 22, 1908 by brothers Fred and Charles Fisher. Their specialty was closed car bodies, as Fred had been responsible for the first "coupe" a 1905 Osceola by special request from Henry Leland at Cadillac. By 1910, Fisher Body was the exclusive closed car body supplier for Cadillac, Buick, Oakland and Oldsmobile.

In July of 1923, Fisher Body trademarked the slogan "Body by Fisher." That slogan, with the now ubiquitous carriage would appear on GM closed cars until the mid-1990s.



The restored 1905 Osceola Cadillac, courtesy of supercars.com



2022 Detroit Auto Show, Sept. 17-25, 2022

We have an opportunity to display our vehicles in Hart Plaza near Huntington Place (old Cobo Hall), just down the street from GM Ren Cen, during the 2022 North American Auto Show which runs from Sept 17 to Sept 25. The offer comes from the organizers of the show. It would probably be for one day. Details relative to logistics, number of cars, arrival, and departure are not clear at this time. If we express an interest to participate, then we need to have members volunteer their cars and get them to the show.

Let me know by July 15th if you have a car you would like to display and would like to promote VCCA and LMR by distributing forms and flyers. I will contact the show organizers to tell them if we are interested. My best guess is that we need about 10 vehicles.

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Thanks,
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Thank you, Bob Sovis, for your support to the Sloan Museum

Story and pictures are courtesy of Amber Taylor and the Back to the Bricks - Car Cruise Facebook Page

Congratulations to Bob Sovis for all he has done for the Sloan Museum Auto Fair, he is the founder of the Auto Fair that just completed its 50th year of festivities!!!!

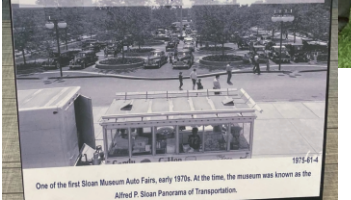
During closing ceremonies, Bob Sovis donated his 1939 Chevrolet Master DeLuxe Town Sedan to the Sloan Museum of Discovery!!!! His entire family was on hand supporting him.

He's a true example to us all on giving back, commitment to supporting not only the Automobile History and Heritage in our area but also events that continue to educate to our youth and gather friends together!

When asked what he said was the best part...
"Meeting all the people. Seeing the dedication of our volunteers year after years..."
Well done sir... Please help us congratulate him.



Sloan Museum of Discovery would like to honor Mr. Bob Sovis for his decades of support for the museum. He is a founder of the Sloan Museum Auto Fair, one of the organization's biggest fundraisers each year since 1973. Bob has donated hundreds of artifacts to the collection and generously supported the museum's capital campaign.



CHEVROLET Spotlite

Clarence & Marie Straus' '57

"It was just the vintage car we needed to pull the car trailer" and it was reminiscent of our teenage years.

In the spring of 1979, Clarence saw an ad in the "Ad-Visor" FOR SALE: 1957 Bel Air Hardtop in good Condition"

We took along our checkbook and headed out to old Lansing Highway, about 15 miles from home. This '57 had good possibilities. The transmission had a floor shift which caused the seat be stuck in the farthest back position, which was corrected by going across town and getting the parts needed to change it to a 3 speed overdrive (The kind of '57 I always wanted). Later Clarence would buy a 1957 station wagon for the original engine.

By the Central Meet in 1981, we were hoping to trailer our '23 coupe with the '57 to the 20th Anniversary Meet in Pennsylvania. Both cars were registered for the meet, but when the time arrived the 1957 was not quite ready.



1957 BEL AIR HARDTOP

This story and picture were originally published in the January 1983 Generator and Distributor as a part of the Straus' "Our Story"

Please send me a short story about a car you have owned to help keep this column alive.

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

1. We had fourteen members at the meeting at the Sloan Auto Fair. They displayed six vehicles in front of the Bower Theater. The oldest was Peter Patrick's '14 Baby Grand and the newest was Bruce Granger's '71 Chevelle. Maybe next year we can get more to come.

2. Half the year is over. Time to think about next year's Board . You can volunteer to run for any position. Just let myself or any of the other officers know of your desire, Nominations will start being taken at the General Meeting (1 p.m.) held during Golden Memories Show, September 18th .

3. Our next club event will be the picnic on July 16th, starting at Mike McFarland's house. The club will provide sandwiches, chips & drinks. The Annual White Elephant Auction will also happen during the picnic. Don't forget to bring a treasure or two and money. One person's junk is another's treasure.

4. Bruce and I are leaving on July 30th for the 60th National Meet. Anyone driving down can travel with us, if you want. We did this in '91 for the 30th to Nashville. Just let either of us know.

5. Do you have your vehicles insured through Hagerty ? Just found out you get a 5% discount if you are a member of VCCA. You get 7% if a member of CORSA. I called and found out I am already getting the discount, but never knew it.

6. Hope you have a happy and safe 4th of July!



Happy Birthday!

6 Kristie Ferguson

9 John Schoen

13 Ole Hagen

19 Larry Lauria

12 Will Kriewall

22 Pat Fitzgerald

28 Janie Nico

29 Peter Patrick

Tom & Helen Hall
July 13, 2019

Andy & Melissa West
July 17, 1999

Patrick & Suzi Macaluso
July 20, 1974

Happy Anniversary!

Peter & Linda Patrick
July 24, 1971

Bob & Lois Gardner
July 31, 1959

Will & Vickie Kriewall
July 31, 1959

Welcome Aboard!

David & Traci Alger

1928 2dr. Ute

1970 Kingswood Estate

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