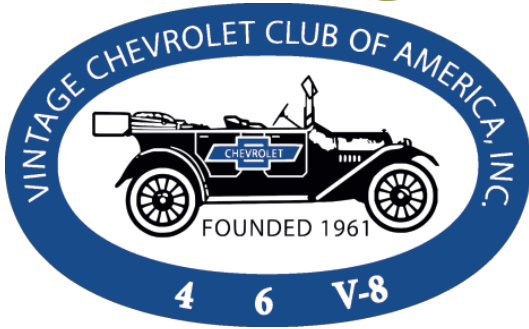


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CHEVY CHATTER



Lower Michigan Region

In Memoriam



Clarence Straus (VCCA #:8567) passed away on July 28, 2022. He was a long-time school teacher and photographer and is laid to rest at Evergreen Cemetery in Grand Blanc. He and his wife Marie joined the VCCA in 1973 and was active until the very end having been at our meeting on June 27th.

Back to the Bricks - Flint MI

Aug 20, 2022

Back to the Bricks was held downtown Flint on August 20th. Participation was lackluster with most of the usuals missing especially Clarence Straus. Members who attended with cars were: Brian Granger, Bruce Granger, Bob Sovis and Bill Anderson. Jim Schott and Jim & Jo Carpenter joined us but without vehicles.



A friend of Bill Anderson from Indiana joined us with his pickup truck.



Important Announcements!

September 18th is the Annual Golden Memories Car Show at the Flint Cultural Center, We will have a club meeting at 1pm in the Sloan Museum.

Bill Anderson and Brian Granger are working on a **Mothball tour** in the Montrose area for **October 15th**. More info at the Sept 18th meeting and October Newsletter.

Nominations for club positions will start at the September 18th meeting, please consider serving in a position. The time commitment is light and member participation is the only way the club can survive and thrive. Contact Brian Granger if you are willing to serve in any capacity.

Hershey is less than 6 weeks away, if you are would like to go, but don't know how or would like to go with a group, contact Robin (989) 513-0590 or Tim (trreinke@gmail.com) Reinke. They take a group of 6-12 people every year and would like you to join them.

VCCA 60+1 Anniversary Meet

Bowling Green, Kentucky

July 31 -August 6, 2022

The Lower Michigan Region was well represented at this years Anniversary Meet. We had 23 members and 8 children/guests attend. There were 8 more members scheduled to attend, but could not for various reasons.

Members and family that attened were:

- Brian Granger
- Bruce Granger
- Tim & Pat Mehl & daughter Kelly Mehl
- Andy & Bekka Mehl and children Jakob and Hanna
- Gary & Pam Mehl
- Corrie Mehl and niece Reagan
- Jim & Sabrina Karras
- Mike McCarty and son Tim
- Bill Anderson
- Tim Reinke
- Robin Reinke
- Dave and Phyllis Rickabus
- Bill Jusela and daughters Daria and Maria
- Chip and Kathy Sweet
- Scott Taylor Sr. and son Scott Jr.
- Bob Houskamp
- John Vass

Members that were scheduled to attend but could not:

- Don & Linda Harbron
- Bob & Lois Gardner
- Susan McCarty
- Mike McFarland
- Joyce French
- Donna Houskamp



Our Highlights from the Anniversary Meet

Daria and Maria Jusela

Our top highlight of the week was winning the gift basket raffle, especially the final one of the night. We received many comments from others thereafter about the enthusiasm we showed in winning. We had put raffle tickets in a few of the baskets but that one was our first choice all week. Thank you to the Central Coast Region, CA for this basket



Left: Riding around the Motorsports Track in Andy Jurski's '14 Baby Grand

Right: Daria climbing out of the '15 Roadster



On Wednesday we rode with Andy Jurski in his '15 touring on the Motorsports track and we really enjoyed helping Dad with his car, '16 roadster throughout the meet.




Left: Maria in the driver's seat.

We are glad we got to share family time together roadtripping with Dad to and from Bowling Green. We had enjoyed visiting KY with church youth group trips

in the past, especially with the folks of KY and their welcoming, hospitable and southern charm. This trip was no exception.

We also enjoyed sightseeing at the multiple locations recommended in the meet book: Traveler's Cellar Winery, Jackson's Orchard, Lost River Cave, 3H Farms Market and of course, National Corvette Museum

Lastly, We were excited to learn from Chris Cufu that he is working to start a new, 'Next-Gen chapter for the younger generation, like ourselves! 

All glammed up for the closing banquet.



We won the last one!



Left: The Juselas checking out the nightclub at the Lost River Cave.



Right: Picture time at Jackson's Orchard

VCCA "Next-Gen" Membership

In the next few months, the VCCA will be offering a reduced fee membership opportunity for the next generation of Chevrolet Enthusiasts.

Aimed at young adults aged 18-25, they can receive all the benefits of the VCCA for only \$5/year.

If you have any children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or otherwise, be on the lookout for this opportunity in the G&D in the next few months.

Questions can be asked by email to: nextgenvcca@gmail.com ➡

VCCA 60th +1 Anniversary Meet

-A quick recap

There were way too many activities at the Anniversary Meet to describe them all here, plus you would rather see pictures than read about it. So I will just give a brief list of the opportunities afford to those who went, in hopes that you will decide to do the 65th Meet in 4 years.

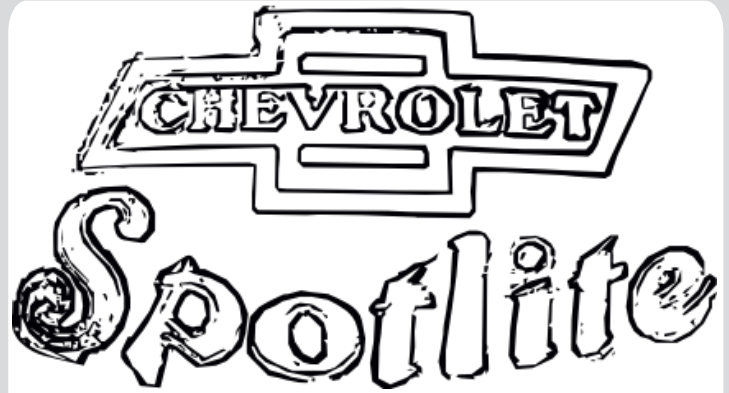
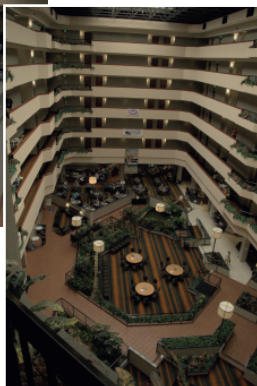
The meet was held in Bowling Green Ky, home of the Chevrolet Corvette, so naturally the Corvette Museum was a big deal, if a VCCA member bought a museum entrance with their meet registration they could visit the museum whenever they wished as many times as they liked throughout the week.

The host hotel was home to the swap meet, multiple seminars throughout the week including '14-'16 H-models, VCCA Library, Chevrolets in the Movies and many more. In the host hotel was also a room full of special displays including vintage clothing, diaramas and model cars.

The motorsports park across from the Corvette Museum was host to the judged car show on Tuesday and members could drive their cars around the track on Wednesday.

Friday included a tour with well over a hundred cars in line headed to Franklin Ky, after stopping at the South Union Shaker Village.

The closing banquet featured a comedy show that ran off the rails a bit when the crowd became a little too much for comedian Scott Long to keep up with. ➡



Chip Sweet Attends his 11th Anniversary Meet

LMR & SJR Member Forest "Chip" Sweet is one of only 2 VCCA members to have been at all 11 Anniversary Meets the Club has had starting with Indianapolis in 1971.



Chip Sweet (left) and John DeBrincat (Right) in front of the host hotel for the VCCA 60th Anniversary Meet

The other VCCA member to have been at all meets is John DeBrincat from Castle Hill, New South Wales, Australia.

Editor's Note: To keep Chevrolet Spotlight a regular feature I need your help. Please send me the story about how and why you joined the VCCA & LMR!

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LMR member Dave Rickabus in his Suburban with Chuck Gibson who had a similar truck.



Daria, Bill and Maria Jusela recreate a "Charlie's Angels" pose from their younger years.

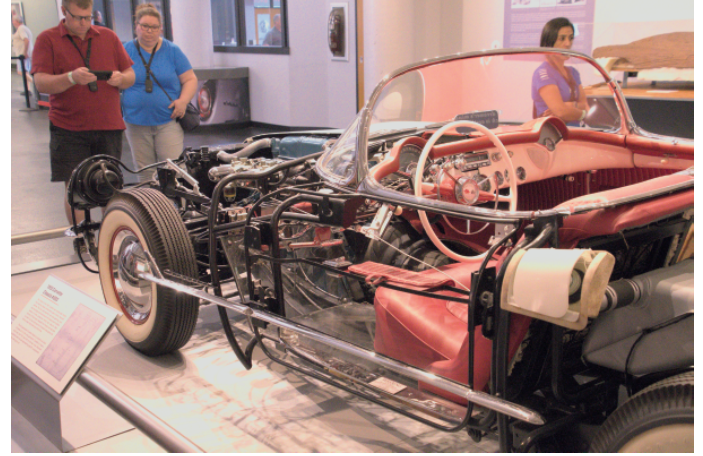
Scott Taylor Sr. and Scott Taylor Jr. with their 1922 FB.



Bruce and Brian Granger with Bruce's '75 Caprice.



Chip and Kathy Sweet's freshly restored '31 Roadster Pickup.



Corvette Chassis #3 as a cutaway display at the Corvette Museum.

A small example of cars on tour parked at the South Union Shaker Village. It was a little rainy when we started out.



Pam, Reagan, Gary and Corrie Mehl next to their '89 Caprice. The dog was not interested in the heat that day.





Left: A few cars parked in front of the Train Museum in Bowling Green.



Right: a large HO model railroad inside the train museum.



Left: Some Ohio VCCA members enjoying a trip through the Lost River Cave.



Above: Brian Granger and other VCCA Members getting ice cream at Chaney's Dairy barn

Below-left: A small fraction of the Mehl clan in line for Ice Cream at Chaney's Dairy Barn.



Below: Hundreds of people at the closing banquet.



Right: Robin Reinke takes his '31 Cabriolet for a photo shoot at The Station Restaurant in Franklin Ky.



Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2022 Calendar

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

October 15th: Mothball Tour - Montrose, MI

November 5th: Banquet - Factory One, Downtown Flint.

Note: All dates are tentative and subject to change

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

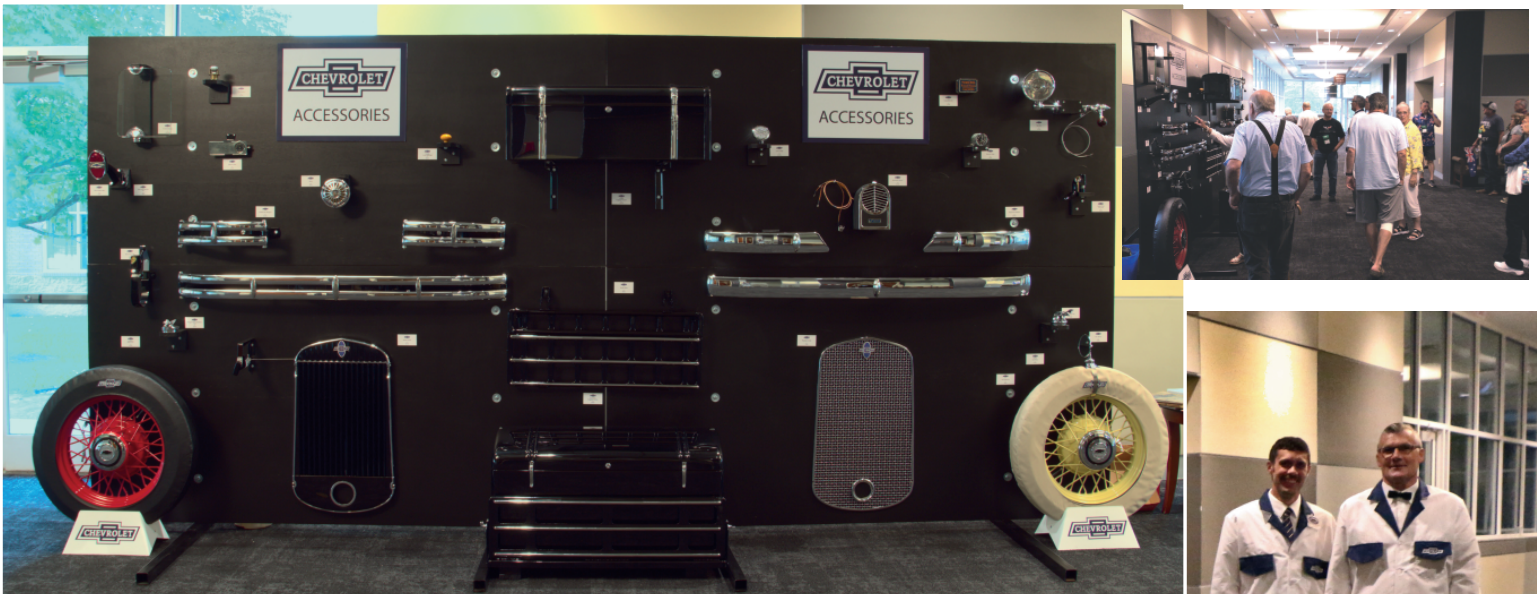
Eight pages have fallen off the 2022 calendar. The 60th VCCA Anniversary Meet and Back to the Bricks are in the history books. Now is the time to think about 2023. Nominations of LMR 2023 officers will begin during our meeting, September 18, at 1:00 p.m., at the 28th Golden Memories Show on the grounds of the Sloan Museum of Discovery, Flint, MI. All positions are open. Think about running for an office and share your knowledge with the club.

The Mothball Tour will take place, October 15th. Bill Anderson and myself are planning a one day tour in and around the Montrose, MI area off M-57. We are still in the planning stages so I can't say much here. More details will be shared at the meeting on September 18th and in the October issue of the Chevy Chatter.

Are there any private collections or interesting sites you would like to share with the club for us to visit? Let anyone of the board members know about them before the next board meeting, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. at Junction of Hope located in Layton Corners, MI. This will be a planning meeting for the 2023 club calendar year. Following this will be the regular club meeting with elections of 2023 officers starting at 2:00 p.m.

This year's banquet will be held at Factory One, Flint, MI., on November 5th. with more details to follow at our next meeting and in October newsletter.

I hope you had a happy Labor Day !



A display of special interest at the VCCA Anniversary Meet was put together by LMR members Robin and Tim Reinke. They recreated a 1931 Chevrolet Dealer Accessory display. Complete with part numbers, prices and even shop coats.



On This Date in History: GM open Milford Proving Grounds September 25th, 1924

Alfred Sloan opened GM's Milford Proving Grounds on Sept 25th 1924. It was the first facility designed exclusively for the testing of automobiles. The sight was chosen because it was the highest and hilliest land in Oakland county.

A bus tour of the Milford Proving grounds was a highlight of the VCCA's 50th Anniversary Meet in Flint in 2011.

Features of Milford Proving Grounds:

1. 4.5 Mile circle track
2. 3.8 mile oval track - the original test track from 1924
3. Black lake - coated with a special sealant that becomes very slippery when wet
4. Dedicated gravel rd.
5. Seven sisters test track
6. Ride and Handling Track - located within the circle track
7. East-West Straight-a-way
8. North-South Straight-a-way
9. 60% Grade road - used to test parking brakes and transmissions
10. Milford Road Course - 3 mile, 17 turns. Simulates parts of race tracks across North America, as well as Germany's Nurburgring track.

Overhead view of Milford Proving Grounds. Courtesy: GM



Happy Birthday!

- 2 Edwin Oswald
- 3 Jeanette Peak
- 5 Janet Taylor
- 6 Jim Lamberts
- 10 Ken Beaver
- 10 Chuck Stebelton
- 11 Kayleen Kohtz
- 12 Dave Rickabus
- 17 Verle Wetherwax
- 22 Verna Schott
- 30 Chip Sweet

Happy Anniversary!

- Dennis & Bonnie Reinke
Sept 1, 2007
- Bob & Diane Sovis
Sept 3, 1983
- Wayne & Loretta Jackson
September 11, 2010
- Joe & Karen Scheuring
Sept 17, 1966
- Gerald & Pamela Nagy
Sept 18
- Steven & Theresa Maveal
Sept 20, 1980

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