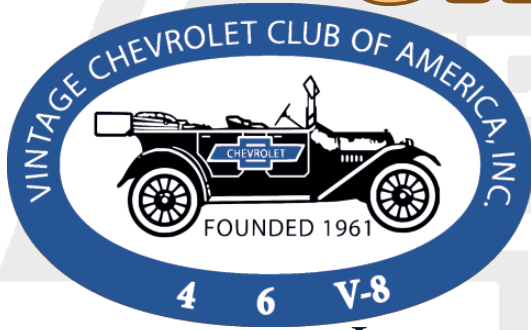


October 2022
CHEVY CHATTER




Lower Michigan Region

Sloan AutoFair

Photos by Denice Thomas

September 18, 2022

The weather was great on September 18th in downtown Flint for the 28th Annual Golden Memories car show held at the Flint Cultural Center. The show celebrates cars 50 years and older (that is 1972, folks! We are all getting old) in unrestored or as-original condition. A true celebration of the automobile industry. As usual the Lower Michigan Region had very good turn-out. Members and cars present were: Tim/Pat Mehl, Brian Granger ('65 Corvair), Bruce Granger ('71 Chevelle), Bill Jusela, Peter/Linda Patrick (1914 Baby Grand) Joyce Randall, Robin Reinke ('31 Devaux), Rod/Denice Thomas ('49 Coupe), Dennis/Bonnie Reinke ('59 Ford), Bill Anderson ('56 Bel Air) and Dave/Phyllis Rickabus. 



Important Announcements!

The ***Mothball tour*** will be hosted by Bill Anderson and Brian Granger in the Montrose, Mi area on October 15th. Please see pg 6 more more details and RSVP before the tour by using the form on pg. 7

November 5th is our ***annual banquet***. It will be held at Factory One in Flint. More information and a sign-up form can be found on page 3.

Minutes of the Lower Michigan Region – Vintage Chevrolet Club of America – Meeting, 6/26/22
Sloan Museum, Flint, MI

Call to order by Brian Granger at 1 p.m. Pledge of allegiance was recited

Members Present: Brian Granger, Bruce Granger, Bill Anderson, Pat Mehl, Jim and Verna Schott, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus, Rod and Denise Thomas, Peter Patrick, Darrell Hammond, Ole and Marie Hagen, Clarence Straus (with son David Straus).

Guest: Tammi LaVire

April 2022 minutes were approved with no changes.

Treasurer: Denise (by email) previously raised the question as to whether the 2022 budget had been approved earlier in the year. After discussion of the budget, motion was by Pat Mehl to accept the 2022 budget as presented. 2nd by Phyllis Rickabus. Motion passed unanimously. Cash flow includes memberships paid in advance; for the moment our bank balance stands steady, with no need to dip into our savings.

Membership – Bill reported that our membership count stands at 90 members, with 3 still unpaid for the year (1 of those has paid LMR dues, but is delinquent on national dues). Bill has updated photo rosters, as well as membership list for anyone who wishes to have one.

Sunshine – Denise shared that a sympathy card was sent to Brian Granger following the death of his mother-in-law.

Newsletter – no report. Brian noted that Tim (Reinke) is still looking for car stories.

National Board – no report (Tim Mehl not present).

Historian – nothing to report.

Awards – no report (Corrie Mehl not present).

OLD Business:

2022 Raffle Tickets – Brian and Pat both have tickets to sell for the 60th Anniversary Meet Cash Raffle.

T-Shirt/Jacket Orders – Bruce Granger presented the samples of clothing that Tim Reinke is offering as a fundraiser for the club. (Pictures and prices were shown in the June Chevy Chatter).

St. Clair Car Show – July 9. Tim Reinke suggested we have a presence at this show.

Annual Picnic – Starts on July 16 at Mike McFarland’s house. More details in the July Chevy Chatter.

2023 Central Meet – Pat reported that a contract has been signed and deposit given to the Gilmore Car Museum for the rental of the venue for the 2023 Central Meet. Pat noted that the cost was cut in half (\$2200 down to \$1100) by moving the show field to a different area rather than the main show field. Pat also reported that she has a signed contract with the 4 Points by Marriott Hotel in Kalamazoo, with a \$500 deposit due. The committee needs your help in finding businesses willing to support the meet in exchange for advertising opportunities during the show (program booklet, etc.).

New Business:

2023 Officers Election: Brian indicated the need for new officer candidates, and for members to consider accepting a nomination for a position (nominations are in September).

Other: Brian reported our “brick” is now in place in front of the Sloan Museum. In addition, a number of our members also made personal donations and their bricks are seen along the walkway to the front entrance.

60th Anniversary Meet: Brian asked about whether the LMR wants to provide a basket to be raffled at the Anniversary Meet in Bowling Green. Following discussion, a motion was made by Pat Mehl to send a \$100 donation check to the AM committee; 2nd by Bruce, unanimous vote.

Member Bill Jusela has purchased the late Lloyd Henige’s 1916 Chevy, and is excited to be able to bring it to Bowling Green for judging once again. We are so glad that he’s kept this vehicle in “the VCCA family”.

Calendar:

July 16 – Picnic

July 29/30 – 59th Central Meet in Bowling Green, followed by

July 31 – Aug. 5 – 60th VCCA Anniversary Meet in Bowling Green. Registrations were due by June 25.

Aug. 20 – Back to the Bricks

Sept. 19 – Gold Memories – Sloan – Membership meeting at 1 p.m. with nominations for officers

Oct. 15 – Mothball tour – Bill is still looking for suggestions for venues!!!

Oct. 23 – Junction of Hope, Layton Corners – Board meeting, 1 p.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., including
Election of officers for 2023.

Nov. 5 – Awards Banquet – Brian and Bruce to look at the new Sloan Museum as a possible venue; Bill to look at Factory One.

Other Activities:

50/50 Raffle: Rod Thomas (hmmm, all in the family?) was the winner of \$26.00 in cash.

Badge fines: Were collected. We’re not making much money here – but that is a good thing!

Tech Talk: Jim Schott shared a story about his Chevy. Brian shared information on where to get a speedometer repair. Bruce shared that he was driving his Chevelle when he noticed he had no dash lights. After talking to a mechanic, he sprayed some WD40 on the switch that operates both the dash lights and the brake lights, and behold, he had dash lights once again!

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

2022 LMR Chevrolet Banquet November 5, 2022



Location:

Durant-Dort GM Factory One
303 West Water Street
Flint, MI 48503

Time:

11:00 AM - Noon, visit with friends
Noon – 1:00 PM Food Buffet
1:00 PM - Video History of GM & Factory One
1:15 PM - Guest Speaker: Kevin Kirbitz
1:45 PM - Awards and Installation of Officers

Reservation:

Name(s): _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Phone: _____

No. Of Guests _____ @ \$35 each
Total: _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Send your reservation and payment to:

Bill Anderson
3301 Saddle Ridge, Highland, MI 48357
Phone: 248-881-6510

Check Payable to: Lower Michigan Region

Or web registration at:

<https://lmrvcca.regfox.com/2022-lmr-banquet>

Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2022 Calendar

October 15th: Mothball Tour - Montrose, MI, Meet @ Junction of Hope Resturant (Layton Corners 8:30am)

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

November 5th: Banquet - Factory One, Downtown Flint. 11am-3pm.

Note: All dates are tentative and subject to change

Correction:

In the September 2022 Chevy Chatter, I regretfully did not include Ole & Marie Hagen's Anniversary. So here it is!

Happy (late) Anniversary!

Ole & Marie Hagen
September 18, 1965

If you ever spot an error in a newsletter, please let me know (trreinke@gmail.com) or (989) 513-5129 and I will gladly issue a correction.

Happy Birthday!

6 Richard Beach
7 Melissa Lauria
22 Carole Amick
23 Mark Whelen
25 Cherie Johnson
27 Donna Houskamp
29 Gerald Nagy
30 Jack Kohtz
31 James Steinbauer

From Behind the Steering Wheel

1. Fall is upon us and you know what that means - Fall Tour. As you can see in this newsletter, We will be starting at Junction of Hope. They open at 8:00 a.m. and we will be leaving about 9:30 a.m. for our first stop. So there will be plenty of time, for those who wish to do so, to have a very nice breakfast before the tour starts. The tour will end at Montrose Orchard, Montrose, MI, where those who wish can purchase apples, cider and whatnots.



2. Our last regular meeting, of the year, will be held at Junction of Hope, Layton Corners, MI, starting at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 23, 2022. During this meeting we will re-open nominations of officers for 2023, then hold our election. As you can see in the September minutes, we have many members who have excepted nominations, but this is your chance to put your hat in the ring, too.

3. Happy Halloween !

Happy Anniversary!

Jack & Kay Kohtz Verle & Sharon Wetherwax
October 3, 1964 October 13, 1990

Mark & Wendy Whalen Jeff & Jennifer Bladow
October 10, 1987 October 18, 1997

Dave & Phyllis Rickabus Janie & David Nico
October 12, 1985 October 29, 1978

Chip & Kathy Sweet
October 31, 1964

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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.

Minutes of the General Meeting of the LMR-VCCA September 18, 2022

Present: Brian Granger, Bill Anderson, Pat Mehl, Bruce Granger, Tim Mehl, Denice and Rod Thomas, Bill Jusela, Robin Reinke, Joyce Randall, Dennis and Bonnie Reinke, Dave and Phyllis Rickabus.

Guest: David Straus

Call to Order at 1:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Reports:

Treasurer: Pat Mehl did not have an updated budget to share. She shared that \$1000 has been spent for deposits (Gilmore Museum and 4 Points by Marriott hotel). We have received a \$600 check from the 2022 Central Meet Committee which will be used to offset costs while income is pending.

Membership: Bill Anderson reported we still have 3 delinquent members from 2019, who will be dropped from our roles before the end of this year; numerous attempts to contact them has had no results. So currently we have 88 paid up members (52 paid through 2022, 30 through 2023, 4 through 2024, 2 through 2025). The member count is the same as 2021. Bill also passed out updated photo and alphabetical rosters.

Sunshine: Denice Thomas reported sending sympathy cards to the families of Clarence Straus, Sharon Mehl (sister of Tim and Gary), and former member Clare Wright. She also sent out get well cards to Lois Gardner (ill) and Bob Sovis (injury due to fall). Bob is back in the hospital after a second fall.

Newsletter: Tim Reinke – no report.

National Board: Tim Mehl reported on the 60th Anniversary Meet in Bowling Green, KY; good turnout, few problems, and a good time had by all who attended. Tim displayed a t-shirt given to anyone who donates a minimum of \$50 to the Vintage Chevrolet Heritage Foundation. Tim also reported that investigation is ongoing to find a location for the 2026 Anniversary Meet.

Historian: Bruce Granger – no report.

Awards: Corrie Mehl – no report.

Sloan Museum Rep: Jim Schott – no report.

Old Business:

Board Meeting (1 p.m.)/General Membership Meeting (2 p.m.) Junction of Hope, Layton Corners

This will be our final call for nominees before elections at this meeting.

New Business:

The meeting was suspended to allow for Nominations for Board positions to be held. The following members agreed to be nominated:

Director: Brian Granger

Assistant Director: Bill Anderson

Secretary: Tim Mehl

Treasurer: Pat Mehl

Members-At-Large (there are 2 positions open): Bill Jusela, Denice Thomas, Dave Rickabus, Phyllis Rickabus

The nominations were closed. Further nominees can be suggested at the October meeting.

2022 Mothball Tour – Bill shared the itinerary for this year's Mothball Tour, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 15. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Junction of Hope Restaurant for breakfast, departing at 9:30 a.m. There will be 4 stops around the Montrose/Birch Run area. Lunch is on your own, registration fee of \$10 per car. Registration form will be in the October Chevy Chatter.

Awards Banquet: This year's Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, at Factory One in Flint. A buffet style luncheon will be served. Further details and registration form will be available in the October Chevy Chatter.

2023 Central Meet: There will be a ZOOM committee meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. Committee members include Pat and Tim Mehl (co-chairs), Tim Reinke, Bill Anderson, Robin Reinke, Bill Jusela, Mike McFarland. This meeting will center around nailing down the schedule for the meet, including dates for the judging show, plaque tour, awards program, welcome event. As of this date, the meet is scheduled for July 19 – 22, subject to adjustment by the committee.

Next Gen Membership - Tim Mehl presented this new chapter, which is meant to draw in 18 – 25 year olds into the club. The cost for these young adults is \$5/year, and includes an electronic subscription to the Generator & Distributor. Tim raised the idea, which has already been instituted in two of Area 7B's regions, to allow any Next Gen Members to join the Lower Michigan Region for \$5/year, and to include an electronic version of the LMR's newsletter, the Chevy Chatter.

MOTION: made by Bill Jusela, seconded by Pat Mehl

Pursuant to the formation of the Next Gen Chapter of the VCCA, we move to allow those members to join the Lower Michigan Region for \$5 per year until the age of 26, where they are eligible to continue their membership at the regular rate charged for adults. This Next-Gen LMR membership will include all benefits of the club, including the electronic version of the region newsletter, The Chevy Chatter. Motion was passed unanimously.

Other Activities:

50/50 Raffle: won by David Straus.

Badge Fines were collected.

Tech Time/Open Discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Mehl

Treasurer/Secretary of the Day

2022 Lower Michigan Region, VCCA Mothball Tour October 15, 2022

Tour Overview:

This year's Mothball Tour is a one day tour visiting three attractions in Montrose/Birch Run area. \$10 Tour Donation covers admission to the Telephone Museum

We will meet at 8:30 AM (Breakfast option)

Junction of Hope Restaurant

4136 Peet Rd , Chesaning, MI 48616

(Route M57, 6 miles East of Chesaning)

Departure at 9:30 AM.

First Stop: 10:00 AM

Montrose Antique Telephone Museum
144 Hickory Street, Montrose 48457

Second Stop: Lunch 12:00

Leo's Coney Island,
8645 Main St, Birch Run, MI 48415

Third Stop: _1:30 PM

Hugh Periard Farm and Antique Truck & Farm Equipment Collection,
2717 E. Birch Run Road, Burt, MI 48417

Fourth Stop: Montrose Orchards Cider Mill,
12473 Seymour Rd., Montrose, MI 48457

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

Questions: Contact Bill Anderson
248-881-6510
old50grit@comcast.com

Montrose Telephone Museum



Montrose Cider Mill



Web Registration: <https://lmrvcca.regfox.com/2022-lmr-mothball-tour>

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Mothball Tour REGISTRATION FORM

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Additional Participants:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Tour Donation: \$10/car

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

Note: A donation to the Telephone Museum will be made.

Send this information to:

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