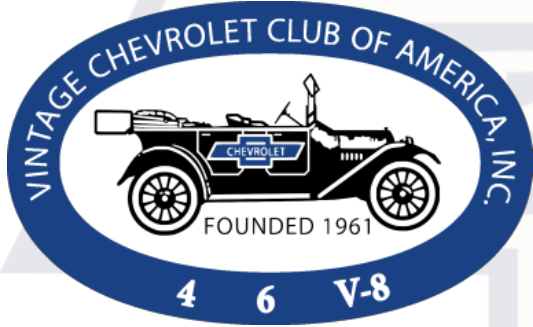


# CHEVY CHATTER



## Lower Michigan Region



### 2022 Hershey ACA Eastern Fall Meet

Story and Photos by Tim Reinke

The annual trip out to Hershey for the ACA Eastern Fall Meet was a success as usual. The group led by Dennis and Robin Reinke was without some of their regulars but had fun anyway. LMR members that made the trek in 2022 were Bill Anderson, Jim Schott, Bill and Daria Jusela, Dennis, Robin and Tim Reinke. While out there, we were able to visit with many VCCA members from throughout the county including but not limited to; Rich and Anthony Palazzo, Franklin Gage, Greg Barlage, Steve Kassis, Bruce Deford and many others. It truly is an event worth attending, if you are interested in 2023, get a hold of Robin Reinke.

This year's week started out slow as the remnants of hurricane Ian decided to park right over central PA and make itself at home Monday, Tuesday and into Wednesday morning. Once Ian moved out, it got to be perfect swap meet weather and the entire meet was shoulder to shoulder people for a little over 2 days.



There were many deals to be had and parts to be sold. Every spot was sold this year after a down year in 2021. Moving the meet earlier in the week (Tuesday-Friday) did not seem to deter people from coming out and even encouraged more vendors to stay open for the car show day.

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# Important Announcements!

**Membership renewal:** Included with this newsletter is your renewal form for 2023. Please fill it out and return it by December 31st 2022, even if there has been no change to your contact or car information.

If you wish to renew online by check or credit card, go to <https://lmrvcca.org/membership/>

## Minutes of the LMR-VCCA General Membership Meeting – October 23, 2022

Present: Brian Granger, Bill Anderson, Tim Mehl, Pat Mehl, Bruce Granger, Denice Thomas, Tim Reinke, Robin Reinke, Rod Thomas, Bill Jusela. Meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Reports**

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes as reported in the Chevy Chatter for the June and Sept. 18 membership meetings were approved.

**Treasurer:** Pat Mehl reviewed the budget. 1) We have received \$600 in seed money for the Central Meet. This has been offset by \$1000 in deposits paid out to our venues. 2) 2022 Expenses are higher due to the Central Meet activity thus far, and the costs for printing the newsletter. The expenses will likely exceed our revenue by \$400-500 range for the year.

**Membership:** Bill Anderson reported we have removed three inactive, unpaid members from our roster, but we have one new member. Total count presently is 88.

**Sunshine:** No news.

**Newsletter:** Tim Reinke repeated his need for articles for the newsletter. Tell us your car stories!

**National Board:** Tim Mehl indicated the location for the 2026 Anniversary Meet is still under consideration. Tim also presented Tim Reinke with a newsletter award from the National Board.

**Historian:** Bruce noted that he has procured two new tubs for storage of club materials.

**Awards:** Pat Mehl reported that Corrie is working on the appreciation awards, which will have a different look this year. The certificates have been completed and turned over to Brian Granger.

**Sloan Museum:** Brian reported that Bob Sovis' '39 Chevy is currently on display in the lobby of Bishop Airport in Flint. He also noted that reservations have been made for meeting space at the Sloan.

### **Old Business**

**Banquet:** Bill Anderson reported he has 9 paid reservations, 21 total reservations. Menu is to be served buffet style. Pat asked if any appropriate tip is included with the cost – Bill to check. Meeting was temporarily adjourned to hold Board elections.

### **Board Elections:**

Brian Granger asked for additional nominations. Seeing there were none, ballots were issued. The results were as follows:

Director: Brian Granger

Assistant Director: Bill Anderson

Secretary: Tim Mehl

Treasurer: Pat Mehl

Members-At-Large (2 positions, 2-yr. term): Bill Jusela, Denice Thomas

Elections were closed.

### **New Business:**

**2023 Central Meet:** Pat Mehl reported that meetings will be held in the next two weeks with The Gilmore, and 4 Points by Marriott. She also has some information regarding stops for the plaque tour that she will forward on to Tim and Robin Reinke.

### **Other Activities:**

**50/50 Raffle:** Won by Pat Mehl. She donated her winnings back to the club.

**Badge fines:** 2 were collected.

**Tech Time:** Bill Jusela has a steering shaft issue, and is working on a generator plate replacement.


**2023 Calendar:** Tim Reinke asked for participation by the club at the 2023 AACA Blue Water Car Show on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The focus of the show this year is on Chevy's, so our participation would be fitting. We also reviewed the swap meets in the region for 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tim Mehl, Acting Secretary

*Hershey Cont.*

The AACA show always seem to bring out some very impressive early cars but not many early Chevys, however if '50s Chevys are your thing there were tons of them. Sadly I was distracted and did not get a lot of Chevy pictures, however the ones I did get are included here.

I would highly recommend experiencing Hershey at least once, there is something for everyone; fancy accessories, rare cars, rusty junk and TONS of people to visit with. 



Above: A Chevy Nova of particular interest. It has a dealer installed "Sky Roof"



Below: Jim Schott enjoys a giant sampler platter he mistakenly ordered at Fiesa Mexico while F\*\*d Model A owner Ted Metiva enjoys happy hour!



Above: The earliest Chevrolet on the showfield. A 1915 Royal Mail owned by VCCA member John Hershey who is NOT from Hershey, but Manheim PA.



A couple of shots of the show field on Friday. Left: a 1960 Biscayne.

Below: A wide-angle of the showfield with a 1935 Oldmobile front-and-center.





Left: The group enjoying supper at the Ice House Inn in Austintown, OH on the way home.



Above: a 1927 Durant. While not a Chevrolet, Durant was started by Chevrolet founder Billy Durant after his second ouster from General Motors. The first production year for Durant was 1921.



Above: The cooler than usual late-summer encouraged early and vibrant colors in the trees. Our drive home in the rain gave us the brightest and most clear rainbow I had ever seen.



Below: A very nice 1953 GMC pickup parked in DPC and in the editor's opinion should have been in points judging.



Some shots of the vending space including Father-Son Duo; Robin and Tim Reinke.





# LOWER MICHIGAN REGION

## VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP and/or MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolet and GMC-manufactured vehicles 25 or more years old.

Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet/GMC is not a prerequisite for membership.

In accordance with ORGANIZATION BY-LAWS, each applicant **must be a NATIONAL VCCA MEMBER in good standing** in order to become a REGION MEMBER. Yearly VCCA dues are \$40.00. LMR Dues are \$20/yr. To Join VCCA, go to [www.vcca.org](http://www.vcca.org) or fill out an application. LMR membership on the web: [www.lmrcca.org/membership](http://www.lmrcca.org/membership)

Your National VCCA # \_\_\_\_\_ National expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

(Regional dues are accepted pending receipt of National VCCA member & expiration date)  
Region renewal is due by mid-January. All region members will receive a monthly newsletter, January - December. The Chevy Chatter Newsletter will be distributed via email unless specifically requested.

For 2023 LMR is offering the same Next Generation Membership for 18 to 25 year old VCCA members as VCCA is featuring. This attractive membership is just \$5/yr. and brings you in contact with veteran LMR members plus club tour and car show activities.

Member 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Member 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdays (mm/dd) Member 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Member 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Anniv mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Res \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Res \_\_\_\_\_

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Email 1 : \_\_\_\_\_ Email 2 : \_\_\_\_\_

#### LIST VINTAGE CHEVROLETS OWNED (if any--attach list if needed)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u># Cylinders</u>	<u>Condition</u>

Membership Year:    \_\_\_2023: \$20.00  
                               \_\_\_2023 & 2024: \$40.00

Next Gen Membership: \_\_\_2023: \$5.00  
                               \_\_\_2023& 2024: \$10.00

Return completed form with dues to:

**LMR VCCA Membership**  
 3301 Saddle Ridge  
 Highland, MI 48357-2535

**Checks Payable to:**  
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## From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

"When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock ! " by James Whitcomb Riley

The leaves are falling and the snowbirds are heading south for the winter. Most of us have filled the gas tanks, added trickle chargers to the batteries and covered our prized Chevrolets for a long winter's nap.

New Officers and Members at Large have been chosen for 2023 and a New Calendar of Events has been drawn up. Let anyone on the Board know about your ideas for the Dust Off in the spring, Picnic in mid summer, and Color Tour in the fall. The club can't visit these interesting places if we don't know about them.

July 19-23, 2023, the Lower Michigan Region will be the host region for the 60th Central Meet which will be held in and around the Gilmore Museum located in Hickory Corners, MI. Tim and Pat Mehl are the Co-Chairpeople in charge. This is a lot of work and there are many already helping them. They will need all our help.

Congratulation for those couple who tied the knot in November and Happy Birthday to those born in November who have passed around the sun, again. Thank you to those who have served and/or currently serving this Veteran's Day. Finally, may your turkey be juicy and no lumps in your taters & gravy, this Thanksgiving Day.

Brian Granger, Director, LMR, VCCA (I hope this is alright - I'm not a long winded person, but I think I covered everything)



## Happy Anniversary!

Victor & Barb Pitcavage  
November 1, 2001

## Happy Birthday!

- 4 Bill Jusela Sr.
- 4 Dennis Reinke
- 6 Thomas Hall
- 11 David Nico
- 14 Loretta Jackson
- 15 Harvey Hammond
- 17 Paul Pawlosky
- 17 Carol Buller
- 20 Ross Vincent
- 23 Jeff Bladow
- 24 Michael Sparks

## 2022 Board of Directors

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# Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2023 Calendar

## January

7-8	Detroit Swap Meet, Novi MI	Novi MI
8	Great Lakes Region, VCCA Swap Meet	Peotone IL
29	Script A MARC Swap Meet	Saginaw MI

## February

3-4	KAARC Swap Meet	Kalamazoo MI
5	Walter P. Chrysler – Great Lakes Region Swap Meet	Warren MI
10-12	B2B Chrome and Ice Car Show	Flint, MI
24-26	Detroit Autorama	Detroit MI

## March

20	Eastside A's MARC Swap Meet	Macomb MI
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## April

16	Monroe Swap and Sell	Monroe MI
16	<b>LMR-VCCA Meeting @ Junction Resturant</b> <b>1pm Board, 2pm General Membership</b>	<b>Layton Corners MI</b>
29	GLR – VMCCA Swap meet	Fowlerville MI

## May

20-21	<b>LMR-VCCA Dustoff Tour – Location and Specifics TBD</b>	
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## June

10	BWR-AACA Car Show – Chevrolet Feature for 2023	Marysville MI
24-25	<b>Sloan AutoFair</b> <b>LMR Membership Meeting – 1pm</b>	<b>Flint MI</b>

## July

6-8	Iola WI Swap Meet	Iola WI
19-23	<b>VCCA 60<sup>th</sup> Central Meet – LMR Host Region</b>	<b>Kalamazoo MI</b>
29	<b>LMR Summer Picnic – Location &amp; Specifics TBD</b>	

## August

5	KAARC Red Barn Spectacular – Gilmore Car Museum	Hickory Corner MI
19	<b>Back to the Bricks</b>	<b>Flint MI</b>

## September

17	<b>Sloan Museum Golden Memories</b> <b>LMR Membership Meeting – 1pm</b>	<b>Flint MI</b>
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## October

2-6	AACA -Eastern Fall Meet	Hershey Pa
13-14	<b>LMR-VCCA Dustoff Tour – Location and Specifics TBD</b>	
22	<b>LMR-VCCA Meeting @ Junction Resturant</b> <b>1pm Board, 2pm General Membership</b>	<b>Layton Corners MI</b>

## November

Banquet will be held in April 2024

## April 2024

13	<b>Recognition and Spring Kickoff Banquet</b>	<b>Location TBD</b>
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\*\*\*Note: All dates are tentative and subject to change\*\*\*

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