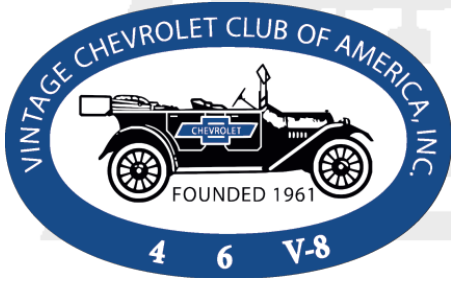


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Lower Michigan Region



In Memoriam

Sam Roberts (VCCA# 40233) passed away on March 17th, 2022. He joined the VCCA in 2001.


Roger Carlson (VCCA# 15548) passed away on May 24th, 2022. His wife Kathleen Carlson passed away on August 2nd, 2022. They joined the VCCA in 1981.

Wayne Jackson (VCCA# 5977) passed away on November 29th, 2022. He joined the VCCA in 1971. Wayne served in the US Army during the Korean War. He played a huge role in the GM Futurliner restorations.

Detroit Area Corvair Club - Garage Squad

Story by: Mike McFarland

On Saturday 1/28/23, I was privileged to have the garage squad come to my house. Now this is not the crew you see on TV but they are from the Detroit Area Corvair Club. 4 members came and installed new pushrod tube seals in my '64 convertible, fixed the exhaust, changed oil and filter and other things all for a small \$\$ donation to the Ypsilanti Museum. It was a great experience for me as I no longer can do the work myself. After we got done we enjoyed great camaraderie and had a lunch of pizza and wings. Maybe this is something our region could do. There is a lot of knowledge in this club and we have members that could lend a hand or need a hand. I know my local mechanic shop would have charged me \$1000.00 to do everything they did. We started at 9am and were done by 1pm, 4 hours! It really helps when you have knowledgeable people who know what they are doing. That is what a car club is about. Why don't we give this some thought? Maybe we could have 4 areas; North, South, East and West.

My thanks go out to the Detroit Area Corvair Club and their Garage Squad. If this sounds like an idea, bring it up to Brian Granger or at a meeting. We could make it a small fundraiser for our club. 



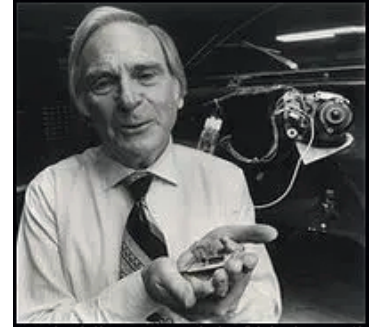
Editors Note: My sincerest apologies for the delay in the above death notices. We have a very large club and it is difficult to keep track of everybody. If you know of a club member that is in poor health or recently passed away, please let someone on the board know. We want to be aware of our friends and their wellbeing, and certainly want to acknowledge their passing as soon as possible.

On This Date in History:

February 9, 2005 - Robert Kearns, inventor of intermittent wipers dies.

Robert Kearns was born in Gary, Indiana on March 10th, 1927. He attended University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University and Case Institute of Technology, in Cleveland Ohio.

Robert Kearns credits his invention of the intermittent wipers to an accident nearly 10 years prior. On Kearns wedding night in 1953, he was opening up a champagne bottle in his hotel room, when the cork popped out of the bottle and hit him in the left eye, leaving him legally blind in that eye.



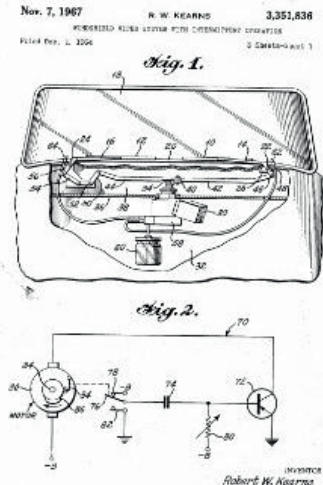
Kearns holding a model of his invention

9 years later, he was driving his Ford Galaxy in a light mist of rain, with the wipers on. He noticed that the constant movement of the wipers was far more bothersome to his vision than the actual water on the windshield and determined that the wipers did not need to be cycling as often as they were, so he went back to his workshop and pieced together a wiper system with a delay between wiper cycles.


On December 1, 1964, Robert Kearns filed for a patent for his design. He first went to Ford to sell his invention and then would try to sell it to GM and Chrysler to no success. All three companies were not interested in purchasing his system.

Ford was the first auto company to introduce intermittent wiper here in the United States in 1969, when they were added to their Mercury line of vehicles. Chrysler and General Motors soon followed. Robert Kearns would sue them all, in a decades long battle for his invention.

He opened his first lawsuit against Ford in 1978. He would represent himself in court and requested \$395 million in damages. The lawsuit would finally be closed in 1990 when Kearns was awarded only \$5.2 million. Along the way he declined a \$30 million settlement out of court and insisted it go to the jury. In the end, Ford agreed to pay \$10.2 million to avoid a 2nd trial.



Kearns' patent granted November of 1967

Robert Kearns would pass away on February 9, 2005 due to prostate and brain cancer. A New Yorker article in 1993 was used as the basis for a 2008 movie about Kearns and his legal battle with the Ford Motor Company. The movie, "Flash of Genius", was quite factually accurate but was considered a box-office bomb making only \$4.8 million yet costing more than \$20 million to produce. 

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger



1. Is everyone ready for Spring? I know I am. Finally had to get the snow blower out, Sunday, the 29th. 1st time since last Winter.

2. I've made my reservation at the Host Hotel, for the 60th Central Meet, at Hickory Corners. Now just waiting to fill out registration form, when available. Hope to see many of you there next July. Tim and Pat Mehl (co-chair) and their committee have been working hard planning this event.

3. If you are getting cabin fever, the Back to the Bricks Chrome and Ice will be held on the 11th and 12th of this month at the Dort Financial Center opening at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$10 - Adults, \$7 - Youth (12-17), & Under 12 Free. Parking is \$5. There is a special event on Friday the 10th, but that's \$45 a head. You can check out all info @ backtothebricks.org/chromeandice2023.

4. For the shortest month of the year, everyone gets to celebrate three holidays: Ground Hog Day (2-2), Valentine's Day (2-14) and President's Day (2-20). Let's not forget all those who have an anniversary and/or birthday this month. They are listed on page 5 of this newsletter. Drop them an email or call to wish them a happy day.

5. Till next month, stay safe.



FLASH OF GENIUS



Flash of Genius movie promotion

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Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2023 Calendar

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	LMR-VCCA Meeting @ Junction Resturant 1pm Board, 2pm General Membership	Layton Corners MI

May

6	GLR – VMCCA Swap meet	Fowlerville MI
20-21	LMR-VCCA Dustoff Tour – Location and Specifics TBD	

June

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

July

6-8	Iola WI Swap Meet	Iola WI
19-23	VCCA 60th Central Meet – LMR Host Region	Kalamazoo MI
29	LMR Summer Picnic – Location & Specifics TBD	

August

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

September

17	Sloan Museum Golden Memories LMR Membership Meeting – 1pm	Flint MI
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October

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

November

Banquet will be held in April 2024

April 2024

13	Recognition and Spring Kickoff Banquet	Location TBD
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For Sale: 1928 National Landau coupe. Frame off restoration of high quality blue-black leather interior & white walls. call for more info. asking \$18,000.

Mike McFarland: 810-790-1812



For Sale: 1964 Corvair Monza convertible. nice car, tan/black. New pushrod, tube, seals/tires, runs and drives great. No rust, great stainless and chrome. \$9,500.00.

Mike McFarland: 810-790-1812



Happy Birthday!

- 1 Pat Mehl
- 3 Bob Sovis
- 10 Wendy Whalen
- 12 Joseph Scheuring
- 18 David Alger
- 18Thersa Maveal
- 18 Norbert Kollin
- 19 Marie Hagen
- 21 Roy Ellenwood
- 22 Bill R. Jusela
- 22 Harry Snider
- 23 Diane Sovis
- 28 Jim Carpenter

Happy Anniversary!

Jim & Cherie Johnson
February 9, 1973

Bill & Diane Bullard
February 11, 1961

Jim & Verna Schott
February 20, 1965

Matt Dickinson & Jill Anderson
February 22, 2014

Andy & Bekka Mehl
February 25, 2006

Welcome Aboard!

Steve and Ella Hughes
of Kimball, MI. They have a 1923 business coupe and a 1997 Silverado.

Daria Jusela Maria Jusela
of Rochester, MI. of Rochester, MI.
Daria and Maria are the daughters of Bill R. Jusela and granddaughters of Bill E. Jusela. They are members of the VCCA's new Nex-Gen program.

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