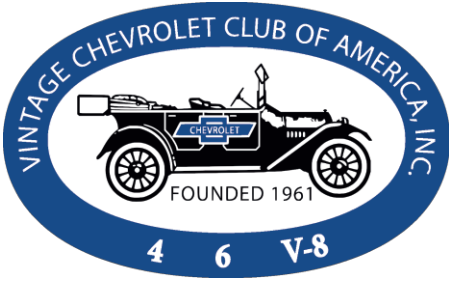


April 2023

CHEVY CHATTER



Lower Michigan Region

Meet Highlights

Wednesday: Evening Cruise-IN
Meet hundreds of local car enthusiasts

Thursday: Day-At-Glimore
Explore the many buildings and see many rare cars
Explore sites around Kalamazoo at your lesiure

Friday: Car Show Judging
Relax on the green grass of the Gilmore grounds
Enjoy plated formal supper

Saturday: Plaque Tour
50 mile tour around Gull Lake
See a private car/boat collection
Awards banquet at a special location

Meet registration is now open.

A registration form can be filled out online at:

<https://lmrvcca.org/central-meet/central-meet-eregistration/>

Or a paper form is included in this newsletter.

Do you have your Hotel for the 60th Anniversary Meet Yet? Now is the time!

Host Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton
3600 E. Cork St.
Kalamzoo, MI 49001
(866) 961-3003
use code: VCC

Alternate Accomodations: Holiday Inn Express
3630 E. Cork St.
Kalamzoo, MI 49001
(269) 373-0770
use code: VCC

2023 Lower Michigan Region, VCCA Dust-Off Tour

May 20, 2023

Tour Overview:

This year's Dust-Off 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, optional)
Junction of Hope Restaurant

4136 Peet Rd (Route M57, 6 miles East of Chesaning)

Departing at 9:30 AM.

First Stop: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Montrose Antique Telephone Museum
144 Hickory Street, Montrose

Second Stop: Lunch 12:30

Cracker Barrel or Ponderosa, Wilder Road, Bay City

Third Stop: _Don Booth Model T workshop, Bay City
2:00 – 3:00 PM



Telephone Museum



Fourth Stop: 4:40 PM Hugh Periard Farm and Antique Truck & Farm Equipment Collection,
2717 E. Birch Run Road

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

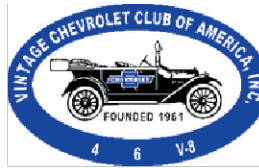
The Members signed up for the 2022 Mothball are automatically signed up for the Dust-Off:
Tim Reinke, Robin Reinke, John McMullen, Michael Lauth, Bruce & Mary Granger, Rod & Denice
Thomas, Dave & Phyllis Rickabus, Dennis & Bonnie Reinke, Brian Granger

Questions: Contact Bill Anderson
248-881-6510
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Signup form can be found on
pg. 7 of this newsletter

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America
 60th Central Meet
 Kalamazoo, MI
 July 19 - 22, 2023
 Four Points by Sheraton
 3600 E. Cork Street Ct.
 Kalamazoo, MI
 (866-961-3003 code VCC)

HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
June 25, 2023



*Lower
 Michigan
 Region*



**60th
 VCCA
 Central Meet
 July 19 - 23,
 2023**

Link to
 Central Meet website:
vccacentralmeet.org

Name _____ (Last) _____ (First)
 _____ (Spouse) _____ VCCA # _____

Attending Children (Age) _____ () _____ () _____ ()

Other Guests _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____ VCCA Region _____

**Emergency Name
 And Contact Number**

Swap Meet Space: \$25 per space (@Gilmore, Thursday and Friday) _____ \$ _____

Are you bringing a vintage vehicle? YES NO Are you bringing the vehicle on a trailer? YES NO

I would prefer to park my trailer: Hotel \$25.00 _____ Gilmore Museum \$10.00 _____ \$ _____

If you are bringing more than one vehicle, please fill out a registration face page (this page) for each vehicle.

Vehicle Year _____ Make & Model _____ Body Style _____

Color _____ Vehicle Serial # _____

Engine: 4-Cyl. _____ 6-Cyl. _____ 8-Cyl. _____ Is the Vehicle to be Judged? YES NO

Is this your first time showing this vehicle? YES NO Has this vehicle previously won an award? YES NO

How would you like your car judged?

Class Judging _____ **HPOCF** _____ **CDPC** _____ **DISPLAY ONLY** _____

Personalized/Modified: _____ Please contact the PCC Administrator \$15/car _____ \$ _____

		How Many?	Amount
Meet Registration fee:	\$ 60 (per member and family)	<u>1</u>	\$ <u>60.00</u>
Additional vehicles (same owner or spouse)	\$ 10 per vehicle	_____	\$ _____
VCCA Award Fee (no charge for Display only)	\$ 5 per vehicle	_____	\$ _____

Meet registration fee includes all family members, registration of ONE vehicle, meet dash plaque, and registration materials. All VCCA members attending the 60th Central Meet must register and pay registration fee. Awards are paid for out of the registration fees collected.

Total Page 1 \$ _____

Model Vehicle Display: _____

Crafts: _____

EVENT SCHEDULE AND FEES**COUNT:****TOTAL:****Wednesday:** Early Bird Welcome (Food is on your own) @ Gilmore - no entry fee _____ \$ 0**Thursday:** Admission to the Gilmore Museum \$14/person/day (see instructions) _____ \$ _____

If you will be at the Gilmore on Friday for vehicle judging only, you are not required to pay an additional Museum entrance fee. If you wish to continue touring the buildings, we ask that you pay for admission for 2 Days.

Welcome Luncheon and program (Thurs.)- @ Gilmore \$25/person _____ \$ _____

Friday: Box lunch during judging. \$17 per person. Please choose one for each person:

_____turkey/cheddar _____ham/Swiss _____veggie wrap TOTAL: _____ \$ _____

Dinner @Four Points: Pot Roast \$40_____ Chicken \$35 _____ Veg Stir Fry \$35 _____ \$ _____

Saturday: Plaque Tour (includes all admissions tickets) \$10/person _____ \$ _____

Awards Luncheon - The Lubritorium \$35/person _____ \$ _____

Central Meet Apparel - Apparel orders must be placed by June 16th, 2023**Meet T-Shirt** \$12.00 each; add \$2 for 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Size - Men's: S _____ M _____ Lg. _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ \$ _____

Polo Shirt - Men's: \$25.00 each; add \$2 for 2XL, 3XL, 4XL

Size - Men's: S _____ M _____ Lg. _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____ \$ _____

Baseball Cap: One size adjustable Price: \$15.00 each _____ \$ _____**Basket Raffle:** Tickets: \$1 each or 40 tickets for \$20 (to be held Friday at Dinner) _____ \$ _____**50/50 Raffle:** Tickets: \$1 each (to be held Saturday at Awards luncheon) _____ \$ _____**Volunteering:** Name _____ Wherever we're needed!

Judge: Name _____ Registration Table: Name: _____

Class Preferred: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

Observer: Name _____ Runner: Name _____

Tabulator: Name _____ Field Entrance Check: Name _____

Parking Assistant: Gilmore _____ 4 Points by Sheraton _____

TOTAL FROM PAGE 1 \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES - Checks payable to VCCA - LOWER MICHIGAN REGION \$ _____*You must be a member in good standing to register for the 60th Central Meet.**A charged UL approved automotive fire extinguisher must be with your vehicle at all times during a VCCA meet.*

Signature: _____ DATE: _____

Please make a copy of this form before sending to the meet registration chairperson:

Bill Anderson
3301 Saddle Ridge
Highland, MI 48357Confirmation will be sent immediately to all registrants, along with a map and directions to the 60th Central Meet headquarters hotel. Hotel reservations must be made directly with **Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Kalamazoo, MI (866-961-3003)**, and must be reserved no later than **June 25, 2023 to receive group rate**. Rates are \$109.00 a night including breakfast for 2 (plus taxes and fees). Please use the code VCC when making reservations.**For Committee Use Only**

Check # _____ Amt _____

Date Received _____

Comments or Special Requests:

You may also register online at: vccacentralmeet.org. **Meet registration is due no later than July 5, 2023.**

Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2023 Calendar

April

16 Monroe Swap and Sell Monroe MI
 16 LMR-VCCA Meeting @ Junction Resturant Layton Corners MI
 1pm Board, 2pm General Membership

May

6 GLR – VMCCA Swap meet Fowlerville MI
 20 LMR-VCCA Dustoff Tour Layton Corners MI
 See pg 2.

June

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

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 Flint MI
 LMR Membership Meeting – 1pm

October

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

November

Banquet will be held in April 2024

April 2024

13 Recognition and Spring Kickoff Banquet Location TBD

Happy Birthday!

3 Bob Housekamp

3 John McMullen

6 Hope Dowdy

6 Hanna Mehl

8 Robert Jack Pence

11 Scott Dodge

12 Pam Mehl

17 Marilyn Henige

19 Denice Thomas

20 Mary Granger

20 Lizz Reinke

21 Lois Gardner

22 Jay Amick

22 Kristine Hammond

22 Harry Snider

24 Patrick Macaluso

29 John McPeak



Earlier in March, the Detroit Chevy Dealers Group posted a picture of a new Chevy Silverado parked in front of the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse (near the Blue Water Bridge north of Port Huron). The picture was taken during the day so a computer rendered light beam was added. The original picture is shown on the left.

It was a nice picture but with one HUGE flaw. The Fort Gratiot Lighthouse is renown for it unique green light. DetoritChevy quickly apologized and changed the photo to showcase this green light. The new picture is shown to the right.



The Fort Gratiot light was changed to green in 1934 so mariners could quickly differentiate the lighthouse from the headlamps of trains headed to the paper mill along the shoreline.

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

SPRING IS HERE ! THE GRASS HAS RIZ ! I WONDER WHERE THE FLOWERS IS ?

Our 1st meeting for 2023 will be April 16th, at 2 p.m., Junction of Hope, Layton Corners, MI. I know, same day as Monroe Swap Meet. We'll have to plan better next year. Sorry about that. For some fun, I have planned a MINITURE INDOOR CRUISE IN/CAR SHOW to be held at our April meeting. I got the idea for this event from Chris Cufir, who held a similar event for the Glass Capital Region, on February 26th. There will be four classes in which you may enter. Class 1: Small scale diecast (ex: Hot Wheels, Matchbox, HO scale & Micro Machine) Class 2: Medium scale diecast (1/43 to 1/24 - Franklin Mint, Danbury Mint, Etrl, Factory Promo) Class 3: Large scale self built cars & trucks (1/25 to 1/12-plastic models) Class 4: "Auto Themed" creations (including self crafty auto creations). This is to be a fun event and as such, there will be no judging, no entry fee, no dash plaque, no goodie bag and provide your own food and drinks (Juntion of Hope serves food afterall), but I will have a three by five card for you to fill out, much like a window card for class, year, model, name, etc.



There is a new museum in the state of Michigan, which opened just after Christmas 2022. The Grand Rapids Classic Auto Museum (7303 Division Ave, Grand Rapids, MI) is located in the five acre Terry Town RV Showroom. There are about 55 vehicles on display. A Corvair friend, Jamie Reinhart, is the new Curator/Conservator/in house Mechanic. It is FREE and open to the public Monday through Thursday (9-5:30) Friday & Saturday(9-5).

This year, Easter is April 9th and because the price of eggs is so high, I suggest, instead of coloring eggs for your Easter Egg Hunt, you paint some medium oval shaped rocks and hide them. HAPPY EASTER to one and all. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all you April babies and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to those couples married in April. As Porky Pig said: "That's all folks !"

Happy Anniversary!

Scott & Janet Taylor
April 1, 1961

Mike & Susan McCarty
April 16, 1977

Ed & Judy Oswald
April 17, 1961

Jim & Sabrina Karris
April 22, 2000

Michael & Carol Buller
April 24, 1970

Bill & Susan Anderson
April 24, 1981

John & Sandy Schoen
April 27, 1979

On This Date in History: The Pontiac Solstice stars in an episode of the Apprentice April 14, 2005

As a part of the marketing campaign for the new 2006 Pontiac Solstice, GM partnered with NBC and future President Donald Trump to feature the car on the hit show The Apprentice. The episode aired on April 14 2005 and featured 6 contestants. They were divided into two teams and tasked with developing a sales brochure for the car. The brochures were judged by Pontiac executives. One member of the losing team would hear Trump's famous word's "Your Fired!" and one member of the winning team would be given a solstice.

During the episode, viewers were encouraged to purchase one of the first 1000 cars produced. Those 1000 cars were sold out 41 minutes after the episode began. ➡



right: Advertisement for The Solstice episode of The Apprentice

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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.

2023 Lower Michigan Region, VCCA Dust-Off Tour
May 20, 2023

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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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