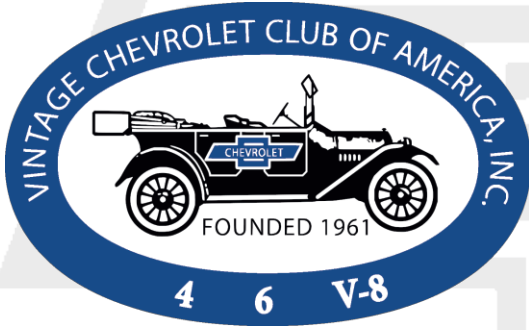


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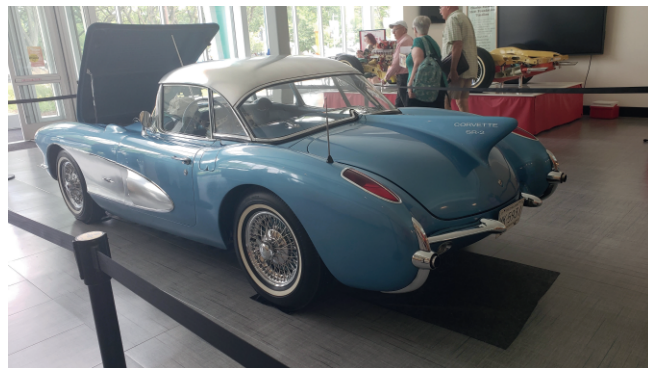
June 24-25, 2023



Important Announcements!

The **Central Meet** is upon us. Registration deadline (July 5th) has likely already passed by the time you are reading this. If you have any last minute questions or concerns, contact Pat or Tim Mehl (269) 217-1253 or pat.m.vcca@gmail.org.

More Chevrolet photos from the Auto Fair courtesy of Denice Thomas.



AACA Marysville Car show

June 24-25, 2023

Rain hampered attendance at the Blue Water Region of the AACA's Marysville Car Show. The show featured Chevrolet this year and the LMR VCCA had 3 cars on display.



Chevrolet Club Members with cars on display were: Steve and Elle Hughes, Paul Pawlosky and his daughter Anne and Bruce Granger.



Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

Lower Michigan Region - Meeting Minutes, June 25th, 2023

Call to Order: Brian called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

New Members and Guests: There were no new members in attendance. Roger Sovis was attending with his dad, Bob.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brian asked if there were any questions or changes to the meeting minutes. With none noted, the April 2023 meeting minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer: Pat indicated that our checking account is good as there is money there coming in for the Central Meet. We are on budget for the year.

Membership: Bill indicated that our current membership stands at 87. He lamented the fact that there is a lack of participation on the part of the younger generation.

Sunshine: Bruce G reported that Jim Johnson is not doing well. Denise with follow-up.

Newsletter: As Tim Reinke was not present, there was no report.

National Board: Tim Mehl indicated that there has been no recent activity at the Board Level. He mentioned that the 2026 Anniversary Meet will be in Rapid City, South Dakota. The local support for our event is excellent and we were pleased with the arrangements. The hotel is close to the fairgrounds where the event will be held. Also the hotel is quite large and we have reserved around 175 rooms there. Also, there are plenty of other hotels nearby.

Historian: Bruce had nothing to report

Awards: As Corrie Mehl was not present, there was no report.

Old Business:

Central Meet: Pat indicated that we currently have 75 members registered. She expects to have somewhere around 85 to 90 when we close registration. Due to a change in the hotel staff Pat met with them again this past week and reconfirmed all of our plans. Pat mentioned that security at both the hotel and the Gilmore should be good. She was pleased with the great work Tim Reinke did in putting together the tour route. She brought a copy of the meet booklet for everyone to look at if they wish. Comments are welcome. Lastly she mentioned the need for volunteers to help with various activities including Registration and Merchandise pass-out.

Dues Increase: Brian stated that this issue was discussed at the April Meeting and was published in the meeting minutes in the Newsletter. Brian reiterated that the motion up for vote includes a \$5 increase in annual dues and an additional \$5 to receive the Newsletter via hard copy. The increase is effective January 1st of 2024. Prepayment of dues prior to that date is acceptable. Brian then asked for a vote and the motion was passed unanimously with 13 members present.

New Business/Other:

Brian had proposed that we have the annual summer picnic at the Back to the Brick event. However, he has not been able to contact anyone at the Mott Culinary School. These plans are on hold.

Mothball tour: Bill Anderson mentioned that the plans for the tour are progressing. He expects it will be an overnight event as there are two venues currently planned and a possible third one under discussion. He may also add the Meijer Gardens to the agenda since we have not been there in a while. This will be our last event of the year.

Banquet for 2024: There was a discussion around this event and possible venues including the new GM Heritage Center which has moved to Grand Blanc.

Bill mentioned a couple of other venues that he is considering for future events.

Election 2024 Officers: Brian brought up the need for new Board Members to run for election for next year. A discussion around methods to get more member involvement ensued.

Other Activities:

Tech Talk: Bruce mentioned that he is searching for a rare "Guide Power" bulb for his convertible due to the failure of one bulb after 48 years!

Verna Schott won the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment

Brian adjourned the meeting.

Flint Celebrates 70 years of the Corvette

On Friday June 30th, Applegate Chevrolet in Flint celebrated 70 years of the Corvette with a large gathering of collector cars. Brian Granger took his 1965 Corvair 500 Coupe and Bruce Granger took his 1975 Caprice Classic which had bought new from Applegate Chevrolet. They were the only Corvair and Full Size Chevrolet Ragtop.

Later that evening there was a gathering at the future site of the GM Heritage Center in Grand Blanc.



CORVETTE 70TH ANNIVERSARY 2023



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Bill Jusela adds to his collection!

Bill Jusela has kept a long-time club Chevy in the region by purchasing Clarence and Marie Straus' 1915(?) H4 Baby Grand. The car fits in perfectly with Bill's 1916 490 Roadster (restored by the late Lloyd Henige) and 1920 490 touring car purchased from Texas.



Clarence and Marie Straus purchased the Baby Grand in 1976 from a local car guy. The car did run as the time and was stored in a museum. At the time, the Straus' were looking for an earlier car to take to Greenfield Village's pre-1918 show. The gas in the tank had turned to gook and Clarence borrowed marbles and stone from his kids to shake in the tank to clean it up, then he had to patch the holes that developed. At the time, Marie described the ride of the car as being "rich and comfortable" and "waist-and-shoulders above that of a modern car" .



Please send me a short story about a car you have owned to help keep this column alive.

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

1. Can you believe half a year is gone by? The days are getting shorter, again. We have already lost 36 seconds of daylight, since Summer began.

2. The Sloan Auto Fair is behind us and the next club adventure will be the 60th VCCA Central Meet in less than three weeks. Next month, LMR is scheduled to return to our 2nd Street parking area, west of Saginaw Street. The date is August 19th, for Back to the Bricks. The work of replacing bricks will be halted for the event, but our part is suppose to be done by then. We only have space for about a dozen vehicles. Let either of Bob Sovis or I know if you plan on coming. More details will be in the August Chevy Chatter.

3. Our next regular membership meeting will be held September 17th during the Sloan Museum "Golden Memories" Show. Meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. Nominations for 2024 officers will be opened (election will occur during our regular meeting in Layton Corners at Junction of Hope starting at 2:00 p.m.). Y'all should think about running for any of the officer positions. Either gender can run for office, too. The club, now, only has four regular meetings a year with two board meetings held on the same day in April and October. Since Covid, the Board has also had zoom/phone meeting to take care of any urgent business and they have worked very well. Four days out of three hundred and sixth five days a year is not that much time to dedicate to run the club.

4. Bill Anderson stated that the Fall Tour is currently planned for the western side of the state. The dates are about October 13/14th (after Hershey). Want to help him or do you know of any Cider Mills over there? He has a couple of ideas/places for us to visit, but will always listen to any ideas you may have. In the past, the club has visited the tunnel of trees and the Meijer Gardens, just to name a couple of places. Let either of us know .

5. Sending Happy Birthday / Anniversary wishes out to those born / married in the month of July.

6. Hope to see y'all at one of our next three major events, this year. (the Gilmore Museum-60th Central Meet, during Back to the Bricks, and/or Sloan Museum "Golden Memories" .), so keep the shiny side up and the greasy side down. Be safe, drive carefully and have fun with your old Chevy.



Happy Birthday!

6 Kristie Ferguson

9 John Schoen

13 Ole Hagen

19 Larry Lauria

12 Will Kriewall

22 Pat Fitzgerald

28 Janie Nico

29 Peter Patrick

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Helen Hall
July 13, 2019

Peter & Linda Patrick
July 24, 1971

Andy & Melissa West
July 17, 1999

Bob & Lois Gardner
July 31, 1959

Patrick & Suzi Macaluso
July 20, 1974

Will & Vickie Kriewall
July 31, 1959

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