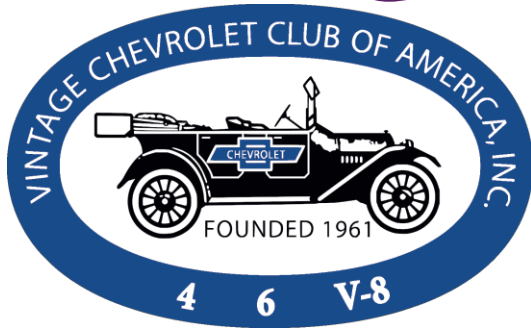


May 2023

CHEVY CHATTER



Lower Michigan Region



Happy Mother's Day

to all the many mothers in our Club and to all the mothers of our members.



GM in the News:

On Friday April 28th, GM CEO, Mary Barra made her way to Burton, MI to announce a \$100 Million investment in the Burton Processing Center. The investment will take about 3 years and will include advanced automation technology to modernize the warehouse and improve safety.

Improvements will include: Automated Storage and Retrieval System to automatically pull parts from storage, Automated mini-load system to rapidly sort parts to be sent to other distribution centers and nearly 3 1/2 miles of conveyors to reduce the walking done by employees. No comment was made on whether the improvements will have an effect on employment at the facility.

The warehouse in Burton opened in 2019 and is the Main Distribution Hub for "Genuine GM" as well as "AC Delco" parts. The facility fulfills about 15,000 parts orders each day and moves roughly 750,000 individual parts a day and employs more than 1200 employees and has donated more than \$900,000 to local nonprofits since opening.



Important Announcements!

The **Dust-off tour** is May 20th. We will be LEAVING from Junction of Hope Restaurant at 9:15 am. Please register with Bill if possible. See page 2 for details. We have a lot of members already registered and it promises to be an excellent day.

Mike McFarland and Tim Reinke will have a recruitment table setup at the Blue Water Region AACA Car Show in **Marysville** on **June 11th**. The car show is featuring Chevrolet's this year. Please try to attend!

Meeting minutes from the April meeting can be found on **pg. 5**. Please note that there will be a vote on a dues increase at our meeting on June 25th at the Sloan Auto Fair. If you have an opinion, be there to voice it.

Please register for the **60th Central Meet** in Kalamazoo ASAP!!! It is approaching quickly. registration form can be found in this newsletter on page 4 & 5.

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 8:00 AM (Breakfast, optional)

Junction of Hope Restaurant

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

Departing at 9:15 AM.

First Stop: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Montrose Antique Telephone Museum

144 Hickory Street, Montrose

Second Stop: Lunch 12:00

Cracker Barrel, Wilder Road, Bay City

Third Stop: Don Booth Model T workshop, Bay City

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Telephone Museum



Fourth Stop: 4:15 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.

A registration form for the dust-off tour was provided in the March and April Chevy Chatters. If you need to register and don't have one, contact Bill Anderson.

Questions: Contact Bill Anderson

248-881-6510

old50grit@comcast.com

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
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**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 48357

For Committee Use Only
Check # _____ Amt _____
Date Received _____

Confirmation 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.

Comments or Special Requests: _____

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

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America
Lower Michigan Region - Member Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2023

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 2 PM. 15 members were present.

Brian asked if there were any comments or changes to the meeting minutes from the last Member Meeting as published in the newsletter. Hearing none, the meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Pat stated that the current bank balance looks good. Registrations and funding for the Central Meet are coming in to our account. The biggest expense continues to be our newsletter. We are working hard to keep the costs under control, however, the postage rates are going to increase and we will have to see how much it affects costs. We only have 5 members who have not paid dues as yet.

Membership:

Bill stated that he has done much follow-up to get everyone to pay their dues for the year. We still have 5 members outstanding and Bill provided names. Some members will follow-up where they can to encourage re-registering. Pat made a motion to send final notices to these 5 members. The motion was seconded and approved.

Sunshine:

Denise stated that letters were sent to the families of recently deceased members Roger Carlson, Wayne Jackson and Sam Roberts.

Newsletter:

Since Tim Reinke was absent, there was no report. Brian asked that we all consider sending in articles to Tim in order to add interest to the newsletter.

Historian: Nothing to report.

Awards:

Bob Sovis' award was corrected and he has the new one. Corrie Mehl picked up this activity last year and did a good job with it.

Old Business:

Pat updated everyone on the status of the Central Meet. Both club and hotel registrations are now open. We are looking for volunteers to run events. We are also looking for contributions for baskets to raffle off. Ken and Nancy Turnwald donated two bottles of wine. Phyllis R stated that they will provide local honey and maple syrup. We want to highlight Michigan products as much as possible. Pat stated that food reservations have been made. Brian asked that we provide a space in the store for other regions to sell their items.

meeting minutes cont.

Bill A talked about the Dust-off Tour. The tour will be the 20th of May. You don't need an old car. Robin Reinke may have a local group in Bay City that will also participate.

New Business:

Tim M provided an update on events at the National Level. A recent Board motion will be published in the G&D soon regarding breaking HPOCF into specific classes. This will better reflect the age of the vehicles being considered for Best of Show in this category. Tim also mentioned the declining membership at the national level as well as the current status of the Budget. Lastly Tim mentioned that the next Anniversary Meet will be 2026 and an announcement on the location will be made soon.

Brian brought up the issue of dues. He stated that it has not increased since 1990 and may be time to consider one. The LMR Board has proposed an increase for annual dues to \$25/yr with an additional \$5 for hard copies of the newsletter. A discussion ensued. This meeting notes will be a notification to members of this increase, when published. A vote will be held at the next regular meeting in June. Dave R made a motion which was seconded and passed unanimously. The motion in Memorial Memberships was mentioned as being tabled.

Bill A stated that a number of members have paid ahead. Phyllis R suggested we ask them for additional donations. It was generally agreed that no one will be allowed to pay ahead until this motion is approved.

Future Events:

The next meeting is June 25th at the Sloan.

Brian brought up the subject of the Summer Picnic and that the Board had agreed to move it to Back to the Bricks on August 19th. Brian will look into Mott Culinary School providing food and location.

The Mothball tour is tentatively planned for Grand Rapids the weekend of October 13th and 14th.

The next meeting after that is at the Junction of Hope and is October 22nd.

It was previously agreed to move the banquet to the spring. Therefore the next Banquet will be in the Spring of 2024 at a location TBD.

Tech Talk

Bill J talked about rebuilding the generator and starter for his '20. He did it himself as he could not find a vendor. He used a liquid insulation product to repair the wiring. It seems to be a good fix.

Jim S mentioned that he had good success with the Bumper Barn re-coring his radiator.

Brian mentioned that his son bought Clarence Strauss' '57 Chevy. He talked about the extensive work it has required.

The meeting was adjourned.

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger



1. A third of the year is already gone. It's getting warmer out which means many will be starting their vehicles and cruising. There is still time to sign up for the Dust Off Tour happening May 20th. The club will be touring places we've never been before. Hopefully, Mother Nature is kind. My plan is to drive my '65 Corvair, if I get all the little oil leaks taken care, in time. The gaskets ,seals and "O" rings are original and almost 58 years old.
2. Our next regular meeting will be at the 51st Annual Sloan Auto Fair, on June 25th, at one o'clock. Your ideas, thoughts and concerns, etc. , are welcome. (Officers for 2024, dues increase, FALL TOUR Host, & etc.) If you are not able to attend, send an email to me (grangerb59@yahoo.com) and I will share at the meeting.
3. Speaking of the FALL TOUR, is there someone on the western side of the state willing to be the Host ? I have already found one place to tour in the Grand Rapids area (which the club has never visited) called Terrytown RV. They have a showroom with some fifty five vehicles. This place has only been opened about a year, I'm told. There are other site in the area which are close by, and this could be a one or two day event.
4. While doing your Spring cleaning you might have found vehicles and/or related items you no longer need. Send the list to our Editor, Tim Reinke @ trreinke@gmail.com, so he can print said items in the club newsletter.
5. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all you May babies, no matter your age. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY if you were married in the month of May. (that's 45 years for my twin and sister-in-law).

Correction: The Blue Water Region AACA

Car show in Marysville is on **SUNDAY June 11**. not the 10th as published in the calendar in prior issues.

Happy Anniversary!

Paul Pawlosky & Deb Schultz-Pawlosky
May 1, 1999

Rod & Denice Thomas
May 4, 1984

Bruce & Mary Granger
May 5, 1978

Gary & Pam Mehl
May 10, 1980

Darrell & Christine Hammond
May 13, 1989

Happy Birthday!

4 Deb Schultz-Pawlosky 14 Judy Oswald
5 John Vass 15 Bonnie Reinke
11 Tim Mehl 17 Richard Koker
11 Jennifer Klock 24 Barbara Sparks
14 Doug McFarlen 24 Lowell Rotherth
14 Maria Jusela 25 Joyce Randall
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