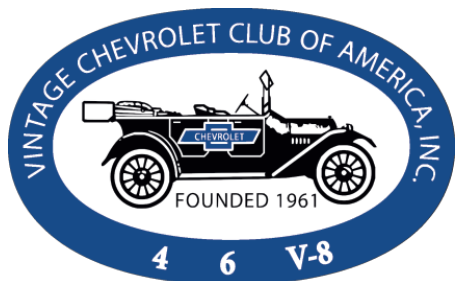


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Lower Michigan Region

2023 Dust-Off Tour

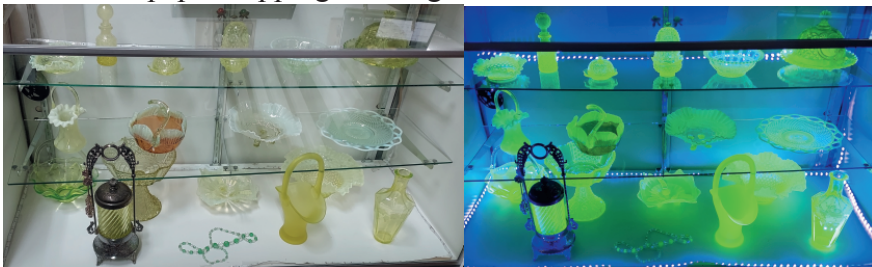
It was a chilly day, but sunny and clear weather made for an excellent day for blowing the soot out of the engines of our cars that most hadn't seen the road since last fall. The day started with a breakfast at the Junction of Hope Restaurant in Layton Corners.



Once we were all gathered in Layton Corners, we headed off to the Montrose Historical and Telephone Museum. We did miss a turn along the way because streets in town were not clearly and consistently marked, but eventually got there! From the outside, the building was very...unimpressive and expectations were not terribly high, but that all changed when we got inside.

The museum was divided up into 3 distinct areas. One wing of the building was dedicated to the general history of Montrose and included a special exhibit by a local collector of vaseline glass.

Another wing was dedicated to archiving genealogy of the area, where they collect graduation announcements, birth announcements, wedding announcements, obituaries and other newspaper clippings of longtime area families. The bulk of the museum was dedicated to telephone technology.



Vaseline glass is made with uranium infused glass. On the left is the glassware in natural light, on the right is the same glass glowing under a black light.

There were thousands of different phones on display ranging from the first telephone installed in Michigan to 90's animated phones and everything in between. The most fascinating piece I thought was the early automated switch board with a clear front so we could watch it work.

Story by: Tim Reinke
Photos by: Denice Thomas



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Important Announcements!

Sunday, June 25th at The Sloan AutoFair, we will hold a business meeting at 1pm in the Museum. We will be voting on a dues increase to help cover rising costs. If you have an opinion on the matter, please attend the meeting and express it.

The **60th Central Meet in Kalamazoo** is fast approaching. If you wish to purchase a t shirt, polo or hat, your registration must be received by June 16th. Please **register now!**

***On This Date in History:* June 28, 1953 - The First Corvette is assembled**

2 days before the first production car rolled off the assembly line, workers in Flint, hand assembled the first Corvette. The corvette was unveiled to the world in January of 1953, at GM's Motorama in New York. The car was immensely popular at Motorama and would go on sale 6 months later. The design of the car began with Harley Earl in 1951.

For 1953, 300 Corvettes were produced, and had pedestrian performance. In 1954, production was moved to St. Louis Missouri where it would stay until 1981 when it moved to its current location in Bowling Green Kentucky.

Sales for the Corvette were originally hampered by its poor performance, but Chevrolet did not want to concede sports car ground to the Ford T-bird and eventually Corvette sales greatly increased with the introduction of the V8 in 1955.

The Corvette is now in it's 8th generation with a starting price of \$64,500. In 1953, A Corvette could be purchased for \$3,490 (about \$39,000 in 2023 dollars).



A 1953 Corvette, a part of the GM Heritage Collection. All Corvettes in 1953 were this white and red color combination



From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

1. Mother Nature was kind to us on the Dust Off Tour. Those on the tour, saw things the club has never seen before. Bill Anderson gets a big "THANK YOU !" for running with my idea, adding his own spin and making the tour a great experience. Did not take my Corvair as Bruce wanted a navigator for the '75. (We got lost for awhile, but that's another story.) Ask Bruce about his story of gas cap for the Caprice.

2. Our next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. at the 51st Annual Sloan Auto Fair, on June 25th. Make sure you have read the club minutes from April's meeting, posted in the May Chevy Chatter and are ready to discuss them.

3. Tim Mehl said, at the April meeting, that the next anniversary meet would be held west of Bowling Green. It's "Mt. Rushmore or Bust", again, for 2026 (just 3 short years away) and the 65th VCCA Anniversary Meet. Start saving your pocket change. I still have my hat from the last time (35th VCCA Anniversary Meet) in 1996. so I will be taking/wearing it . Should the region get new ones , instead ?

4. Do you know of an interesting place or collection to visit on the west side of the state ? (the club likes to visit cider mills in the fall) Do you want to host the event ? Please contact myself or Bill Anderson with your thoughts.

5. At the club September regular meeting, at the Golden Memories event, nominations for 2024 officers will begin being taken. Elections will be at the October meeting held in Layton Corners. The jobs are not hard, just take a moment or so ,of your time, during the month, so think about volunteering.

6. Sending Birthday Wishes to those born in the month of June. Happy Anniversary to all you June Brides and Grooms.



A Member in search!

Dennis Wendland (VCCA # 30986) is in need of a right rear window regulator for a 1936 4dr sedan. Searches in Texas and California have not been fruitful. I you have one, or know of someone who does, reach out to Brian Granger or directly to Dennis Wendland (denwend8853@yahoo.com)

Last Chance to Leave a Legacy with An Engraved Brick at Sloan

If you've been to the new Sloan Museum of Discovery in Flint, Michigan, you may have noticed business logos and names in the brick pavers that line the East entrance sidewalk and picnic area. The engraved bricks were part of a campaign to raise money for the new Sloan building, and to provide a unique and thoughtful way to honor a business or loved one who has a passion for science, history, or the Genesee County region in general. Now that we're open, the brick campaign will soon be ending. The last day to purchase an engraved brick that will be permanently part of Sloan Museum of Discovery walkway is August 31, 2023.

Learn more at SloanLongway.org/Development. Ready to order? Order online here, email Membership@SloanLongway.org, or call (810) 237-3457 to order today!

Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2023 Calendar

June

11	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 60 th 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

Dustoff continued.

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From the telephone museum we took a long jaunt up to Bay City to dine at Cracker Barrel then we were off to be hosted by Don Booth, a well known restorer of Model T Fords. Any of you who are members of the AACA Facebook page might recognize his name as he posts lots of pictures of his projects, which right now includes a fruit truck fashioned from a coupe that is owned by the Route 66 Museum, for which he is restoring the body while someone in Indiana is restoring the mechanicals.

After leaving Don's we headed back south to Birch Run where the Periards have their farm and unrestored truck collection which includes a very complete Durant-Dort Carriage. While on the farm we were provided with popcorn



as a snack while we could look around at the trucks, farm animals and equipment. At one point, our host started a large hit-and-miss engine he keeps on his property. Just as we were leaving, some members of the Cars of the Past Touring Club, who happen to be friends with the Periards showed up. Thanks to all who who attended, especially our hosts and guests and especially to Bill Anderson for setting up an excellent tour!





The Blue Water Region AACA 30th annual Marysville Car Show

Honoring



Sunday, June 11, 2023 in Marysville Park

Benefitting the non-profit Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum

Car show is located in tree shaded Marysville Park, 801 E. Huron Blvd, Marysville, MI

From 9:00am - 3:00pm

Cars start parking at 8:00am * Dash Plaques & Awards *

LMR Members Steve & Ella Hughes and Paul & Deb Pawloski will have their Chevys featured on the dash plaque.

Mike McFarland and Tim Reinke will have a recruitment booth at the car show, your assistance and attendance would be greatly appreciated. Lets show off how active we can be!

Happy Birthday!

3 Bill Tylka
5 Mike McCarty
5 Cecil Klock
8 Melissa West
11 Carl Latora
13 Phyllis Rickabus
14 Tim Reinke
14 Michael Kelly
17 Michael Lauth
20 Andy Mehl
23 Mary Galbraith
25 Don Frasure
27 Ella Hughes

Happy Anniversary!

Cecil & Mary Jo Klock
June 8, 1967

Jim & Jo Carpenter
June 18, 1955

Norbert & Nancy Kollin
June 18, 1960

Bob & Mable Beam
June 24, 1961

Jay & Carole Amick
June 25, 1977

Welcome Aboard!

Albert Blixt of Ann Arbor and his 1941 2 Door sedan

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