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Lower Michigan Region

Birds of a Feather

Story & Photos by Bill Jusela

H model owners gather for an evening...

Pete Patrick ('14 H4), Paul Kinze ('15 H4), Jeff Bladow ('16 H4), Darrell Dowdy ('16 H2 1/2), and Bill Jusela ('15 H4) gathered at Bill's garage for an evening of camaraderie, kicking of tires, comparing notes and telling of stories on Oct. 25, 2023.


Paul (Alva, OK) had reached out to Bill to share he would be in Michigan for a family event and would like to get together, and so we did. Bill reached out to the others in the Detroit area and the date was set.



A good portion of the evening was devoted to 'inspecting' Bill's recent acquisition of his '15 and comparing notes to each other's cars and highlighting the differences amongst the cars. Highlighted differences included 1-man vs 2-man touring tops, tire sizes, radiator differences, hood differences, ignition switches, carburetors and more. In the early days of Chevrolet, the differences were often resulting from inventory run-down, running model changes and factory/supplier differences as much as the model year designs themselves. It was also interesting to compare the H models to Bill's '16 490 Roadster and '20 490 Touring.

For those less familiar with the H models, these were built from 1913-1916. The 1913 built vehicles were produced as 1914 model year vehicles. H4 is known as a Baby Grand Touring. H2 ('14 & '15) & H2 1/2 ('16) are Royal Mail Roadsters. The main difference being H2's had their gas tank behind the seat on a flat deck, whereas the H2 1/2 has an integrated turtleback trunk behind the seat. There was also an H3 produced in '15 and released as an Amesbury Special Roadster.



Stories told throughout the evening included how each of our cars came to be part of our collections, how some of the families grew up with the cars and tales of show experiences with them. 



2024 Calendar of Events

January

6-7	Detroit Swap Meet, Suburban Collection Showplace	Novi, MI
7	Great Lakes Region – VCCA Swap meet	Peotone, IL
20	Jackson Swap Meet, Michigan Sports Facility *new location	Jackson, MI
28	Script A Swap Meet, McDonald Cadillac	Saginaw, MI

February

2-3	KAARC Swap Meet, Kalamazoo Event Center	Kalamazoo, MI
9-11	B2B Chrome & Ice Car Show, Dort Ice Arena	Flint, MI

March

17	LMR St. Patrick's Day Meeting, Junction Resturant	Layton Corners, MI
17	Eastside A's Swap meet, Russ Milne Ford	Macomb, MI

April

14	Monroe Swap Meet, Monroe County Fairgrounds	Monroe, MI
20	LMR 2024 Kickoff Banquet, Brookshire Golf Club	Williamston, MI

May

10-11	LMR-VCCA Dustoff Tour – Location & Specifics TBD	
18-19	Bearing Burner's Swap Meet and Car Show, KofC Picnic Grounds	Shelby Twp, MI
19	Back to the Bricks Promo Tour	Flint, MI
26	Festival of Cars Car Show, Rochester Municipal Park	Rochester, MI

June

9	Cars "R" Stars Car Show, Packard Proving Grounds	Shelby Twp, MI
9	Blue Water Region, AACA Car Show, Marysville Park	Marysville, MI
7-12	Back to the Bricks Promo Tour	Flint, MI
22-23	Sloan Musuem AutoFair Car Show	Flint MI
	LMR Membership Meeting – 1pm	
24-28	VCCA 4 Cylinder Tour	Great Falls, MT

July

13	LMR Summer Picnic – Location & Specifics TBD	
22	Iola Swap Meet	Iola, WI
25-27	VCCA 61th Central Meet – host: Cuyahoga Valley Region	Strongsborg, OH

August

3	Red Barn Spectacular Car show and swap meet, Gilmore Car Museum	Hickory Corners, MI
5-10	Back to the Bricks Tuneup week	Flint, MI
17	Back to the Bricks, Downtown Flint	Flint, MI

September

7-8	Old Car Festival, Greenfield Village	Dearborn, MI
15	Sloan Museum Golden Memories	Flint MI
	LMR Membership Meeting – 1pm	
28-29	LMR-VCCA Mothball Tour - Location & Specifics TBD	

October

7-11	AACA Eastern Fall Meet Swap Meet and Car Show	Hershey, PA
20	LMR-VCCA Meeting @ Junction Restaurant	Layton Corners MI
	1pm Board, 2pm General Membership	



It's time to let some vehicles go to someone who can enjoy them more than me do to my physical limitations I have decided to sell half of my cars. They are the following:

Mike McFarland 810-790-1812 can send pictures.

1955 Nomad - \$60,000. Glacier blue and white. All stock except disc brakes. 265 v8, auto, new CARS seat covers. All documents since new.



1956 Belair 2 dr htp - \$70,000. Silver and white. Frame off restoration. 6Cyl, powerglide, loaded with accessories. No air but everything else.

1966 Belair 2dr sedan - \$35,000. Turquoise in and out. Owned for 39 years. 29,000 miles, all original, 6 cyl, automatic, loaded with accessories.



1957 convertible - \$125,000. Turquoise and white. 283 & powerglide. Frame off restoration.



1958 Nash Metropolitan coupe - \$28,500. Turquoise and White. \$50,000 in restoration receipts. Everything is new, test miles only. The best in the country, a California car.

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Stu Galbraith
- 7 Robin Reinke
- 10 Quy Beaver
- 21 Jakob Mehl
- 23 Sharon Wetherwax
- 25 Susan McCarty
- 31 Susan Anderson

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

If you are reading this, we all made it around the Sun, again. Happy New Year, 2024! Hope to see you at our next meeting in March.



Happy Anniversary!

Tim & Lizz Reinke
January 2, 2016

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