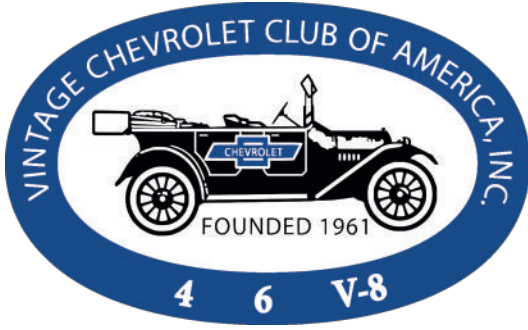


May 2024

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.

Banquet Special Guests

for the 2024 Kickoff/Awards banquet the LMR invited all Michigan VCCA members who joined before 1970 and our speaker was daughter of Don Yenko famed Chevy Dealer, Lynn Yenko.



Above: Bob & Mable Beam (VCCA#: 1071, Joined: 1964)



Above: Hope Dowdy (VCCA#:59514, Joined: 1967) & her son Darrell Dowdy Jr (VCCA #: 2895, the family's original #)

Right: Diane Sovis (VCCA#: 1552, joined: 1965) & Bob Sovis' children Renee & Roger



left & right: Lynn Yenko giving her presentation on her father .



Important Announcements!

The **Dust-off tour** is May 10th & 11. We will be LEAVING from The Comfort Suites in South Grand Rapids @ 9:00 am. Please register with Bill if possible. See page 2 for details.

Meeting minutes from the March meeting can be found on pg. 5. Please note that if you would like to make a donation to The Sloan Auto Fair in honor of Bob Sovis the deadline to contact Pat Mehl is May 15th.

2024 LMR, VCCA Dust-Off Tour

May 10 & 11, 2024

Tour Overview:

This year's Dust-Off Tour is a 2 day tour visiting attractions in Grand Rapids area.

Emphasis is more on destinations than a driving route. The tour is finding your way to the Hotel.

Area Hotel: Comfort Suites Grand Rapids, South [\(616\) 301-2255](tel:6163012255) 7644 Caterpillar Ct SW, Grand Rapids, (\$125/night) No block of rooms is reserved.

Friday, May 10

9:00 AM Depart from Comfort Suites for Terrytown RV Sales

11 AM – 1 PM Lunch Restaurant TBD

1:30 -3:00 PM GR Auto Gallery

4722 50th St SE, Kentwood, MI 49512

3:30 – 5 PM Gerald Ford Museum or Meijer Gardens on your own

6:00 PM Dinner on your own



Saturday, May 11

8:45 AM Depart from Comfort Suites

9:00- 11AM Dom Federico Collection

2660 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

11:30 – 1PM Lunch Restaurant TBD

1:30 PM Chief Noonday Car Park

11899 M-179, Yankee Springs, MI 49348.

Terry is host

Trip ends at your leisure



Grand Rapids Maps and driving directions from the hotel will be supplied on the day of the tour.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Let me know you are attending.

Send me an email or call me to sign-up.

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Lower Michigan Region, VCCA 2024 Calendar

May

10-11	LMR-VCCA Dustoff Tour – See Pg 2 for details	Grand Rapids, MI
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 LMR Membership Meeting – 1pm	Flint MI
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	Strongsville, 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 LMR Membership Meeting – 1pm	Flint MI
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 1pm Board, 2pm General Membership	Layton Corners MI

The LMR is very appreciative of all who donate their time in serving the club. This year, all members who served in positions of responsibility received custom LMR coasters.





Above: Hope Dowdy & Robin Reinke



Above: Bill and Daria Jusela and Dave and Phyllis Rickabus visit with Lynn Yenke & Al Heikkinen



Above: Dave and Phyllis Rickabus undoubtedly scheming and plotting!

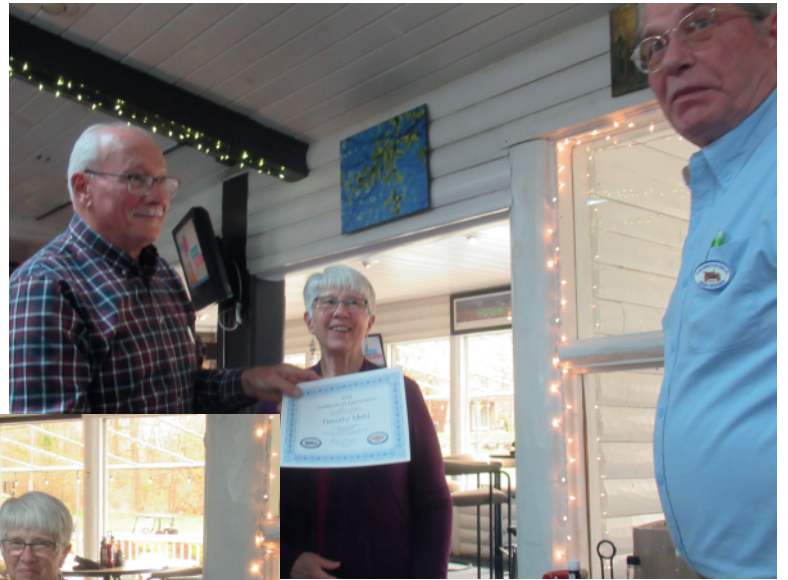


Right: Pam and Pat Mehl visit with Ole Hagen, Brian Granger and Michael Horton.

Ken & Nancy Turnwald visit with the Sovis family in the background.



Above: Darell Dowdy Jr. visits with part of the Mehl clan



2023 Board Members receiving their certificates of appreciation

Lower Michigan Region - Vintage Chevrolet Club of America General Membership Meeting Minutes - March 17th, 2024

Congratulations to Bill Jusela on receiving the “Best of the Best” award for 2023 with his 1916 490 Roadster!

Call to Order: Brian called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance took place

New Members and Guests: Bill Jusela introduced Jack Wheeler who is from Durand. Bill recently purchased an engine from him. Also in attendance for the first time was Mike Horton of Swartz Creek.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brian requested any comments or changes in the meeting minute from our last meeting. Since there were none, the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer: Pat reviewed the results of 2023 and indicated that we had made \$5000 from the Central Meet. This was primarily a result of higher attendance than planned. Our bank account is in good shape! She briefly reviewed the 2024 budget as well.

Membership: Bill Anderson indicated that 14 members have failed to renew. That leaves us at 80 current members. A discussion took place regarding the 14 members. Some of the membership will follow-up with individuals regarding their status.

Sunshine: Denise indicated that she sent a get well card to the Tylka family. She also sent a card to the Sovis family. Bill Jusela mentioned that he got a copy of the H Model 2024 calendar and gave it to Marge Henige. He reports that she is doing well.

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

National Board: Tim Mehl indicated that he will be coming off the Board as of the next meeting which will be held in April. Tim and Pat talked about their activities on behalf of the Board in directing the Library Committee.

Historian: Bruce brought a number of old records from various meets, for people to look at. Tim Reinke had requested them so he could see some of the pictures of his father and grandfather's cars.

Awards: Pat Mehl has been working with Corrie Mehl to make up the awards plaques for the upcoming Awards Banquet.

Old Business

Pat Mehl mentioned that she has sent 8 invitation letters to members that have been in the VCCA for more than 50 years. Four of these are LMR members and the other 4 are National members. We will pay for their dinner if they attend the awards banquet.

Pat Mehl also reviewed the menu for the Awards Banquet. Everyone seemed to be happy with the menu choices presented. Brian indicated that he has arranged for Lynn Yenke to be our guest speaker. Pat stated that the deadline for registration for the Awards Banquet is April 10th with the Banquet being April 20th.

Bill Anderson handed out the flyer for the Dust-off Tour and discussed the details.

New Business/Other

Tim Reinke made a motion to send the LMR donation on behalf of Bob and Ron Sovis to the Sloan Museum Auto Fair instead of the VCHF. Brian indicated that we will solicit additional donations from the membership in the next newsletter with a deadline of May 15th. All of the funds will then be presented to the SMAF at the event this summer. The fund should be specifically earmarked for the automobile collection. Tim's motion was seconded by Pat Mehl and passed unanimously.

Brian mentioned that he has applications for the Central Meet, the Midwest Meet and the SMAF on the table for anyone to take.

Brian indicated that Andy Jurski is going to set up a VCCA booth at the Monroe Swap Meet which will be April 14th. If you are interested in helping Andy please call him at 419-262-0789.

Andy Mehl suggested that the club sell a work shirt for a fund raiser. He feels that this is an item missing from the offerings in the G&D and that many people would have an interest in it. He also suggested that we consider door magnets since whoever was doing them had stopped. There was a general discussion of options and additional considerations. Andy will work with Tim Reinke to develop costs and other details for further review.

Tim Reinke requested people to send him pictures and articles for the newsletter.

Other Activities:

Brian indicated that he had a call from a member asking if someone could go look at a car for him in Utica. This is a '62 Chevy convertible. Tim Reinke will see about it.

Tim Mehl mentioned that a gentleman in Concord MI had a large collection of Kent-Moore tools to dispose of. He is looking for someone to help with them. Brian gave Tim a number to call.

Bill Milliken Jr. is looking for an axle for his '28 Chevy. Bill Anderson suggested he call Chip Sweet.

Bill Jusela stated that he is proud to be the caretaker of Lloyd and Marge Henige's beautiful car. He said he let Marge know that it is really their car that won!

Sue Anderson won the 50/50 raffle and gave the funds to the Club.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:09 PM.



From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS. WHAT DO MAYFLOWERS BRING ? PILGRIMS !

Pat Mehl did a wonderful job planning/hosting our banquet on April 20th. A big thanks goes out to her, Bill Anderson (Who showed a powerpoint/slide show of 2023 events.) and Lynn Yenke (our guest speaker - Who showed pictures and stories about her father, Don Yenke.)

At the March 17th regular meeting, Tim Reinke made a motion (see March minutes in this edition), for the club to send a donation on behalf of Bob Sovis and his son, Ron, to the Sloan Auto Fair. This was approved. If you wish to donate, please send to Pat Mehl, region treasurer, by May 15th (check made out to LMR-VCCA).

Cruising & Car Show season have already begun. Are you planning on going on the LMR Dust Off Tour? Maybe you can only do one day. Which is fine. Just let Bill Anderson know your plans, ASAP.

Per the event calendar, our next regular club meeting will be June 23rd (@ 1:00 p.m.) during the second day of the 52nd Sloan Museum Auto Fair. The club parking will be in front of the Bower Theater (like we have for years), on the south side of Kearsley St., There will be a special display in the Durant Plaza, this year, of Woodies.

Per our region by-laws (Article II, Section 3 - TERMS), this is Bill Anderson and my third consecutive terms serving the LMR. We have to take a break from acting in these positions. Think about running for either office. These are not hard jobs. The region currently only holds four meetings a year. Two are held at the Junction of Hope in Layton Corners (March and October) and two are held at the Sloan Museum of Discovery (June and September). Start thinking about serving the club as an officer for 2025. Nominations will open during the September meeting.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary go out to those who have a special day in May.

Happy Birthday!

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

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

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