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CHEVY CHATTER



Lower Michigan Region



Happy Thanksgiving!

The images to the left and right are from a 1947 Chevrolet advertisement



The Mothball group in front of the original Kaskinen Chevy dealer



Chevy Spotlight!

On October 11, 2024 Bruce Granger drove his 1975 Chevrolet Caprice back to Applegate Chevrolet, the dealership that he purchased it from exactly 50 years earlier. He was even featured on the local news and brought some cider and donuts to the meeting to celebrate!



Applegate Chevrolet Back to the Bricks 2024 Photo Contest

2024 Mothball Tour

Story by Pat Mehl

With the weather in our favor, 18 LMR members/guests headed off on the annual Mothball Tour in the northwest area of northern Michigan. Several of the gang started out with breakfast on Friday at the After26 Depot Café in downtown Cadillac. Housed in a renovated train depot (and right on time, a freight train passed by while we were having breakfast), the café employs developmentally challenged adults, similar to the Junction of Hope in Layton Corners.

We headed out after breakfast to Classic Car Deals, which is a consignment automotive broker. Fun to walk through their on-site collection, it was interesting to note that most of their consignments are “virtual” – they claim to have one of the largest consignment businesses in the country, selling and buying vehicles from around the world. One of our members, Corrie Mehl, fell in love with a 1985 Silverado K20 and almost took it home!



After a great lunch at the 13th Street Market on the west side of Cadillac, we then caravanned out to the little town of Kaleva, where Rick and Sandi Kaskinen were waiting to show us around their newly-organized building of over a dozen classic cars and lots of other automotive memorabilia. They then escorted us down to where the family had a Chevrolet dealership until sometime in the 1960's.



From there we had a short walk to the site of the Bottle House; John Makinen, owner of Northwestern Bottling Works, built this house using over 60,000 soda bottles. The building now houses the Kaleva Historical Museum.



Our next stop was the Gwen Frostic Print Company in Benzonia on our way to dinner and our motel. Ms. Frostic was one of America's foremost nature artists, using images carved into linoleum blocks and then printed using Heidelberg presses to create stunning prints, cards, and other products.

After dinner, a few of us managed to get to the Point Betsie Lighthouse to witness what western Michigan is known for – an amazing sunset!

Mothball cont.

Saturday, most of the group met up early at the Lighthouse Café in Elberta, waiting at the door with several other customers to get into the popular restaurant as soon as they opened. We were not disappointed! The food was great, and service first-rate! From there, we headed into Frankfort, where we met Jeff Hale, owner and curator of his father's and his extensive collection of cars and other (mostly beach-themed) memorabilia. Lots of fun to wander through the collection of Cutlass 442 W30s, Indy Pace Cars, juke boxes, and beach party assortment. The Hale Museum is a must-see if you land in Frankfort!



We then headed to a great hamburger joint near the airport in Traverse City. Lunch was followed by a stop at Mike Nickel's Woodworking. Many of us remember our stop a few years ago; shortly after we were there, Mike's building was almost entirely destroyed by fire. Thanks to many folks who helped financially as well as providing replacement inventory for irreplaceable documents, tools, and supplies, Mike rebuilt. The photos tell the story of his comeback. He is an automotive treasure that we hope will be around for a long time yet!



At the end of the visit to Mike's, our members all traveled home safely, probably tired from a busy couple of days, but hopefully having enjoyed another fall weekend in northern Michigan!



Vintage Chevrolet Club of America-Lower Michigan Region
Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Brian led the group in the Pledge

New Members and Guests: There were no new members or guests present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Brian asked if there were any changes/questions on the meeting minutes from the last meeting. Hearing none, Brian asked for a vote on the minutes which were unanimously approved.

Reports:

Treasurer: Pat Mehl stated that we continue to maintain a healthy checking account balance. We have not had to touch the extra funds in the separate account.

The budget for 2025 was approved.

Membership,

Sunshine, Brian mentioned that Marie Strauss is in a nursing home.

Newsletter, Tim Reinke was not present, so nothing was reported. Tim continues to look for articles for the newsletter!

National Board, Nothing to report.

Historian, Bruce Granger recently received a donation of plastic totes for storage of our archives.

Awards, Nothing to report. Bruce Granger requested that he not receive any future awards as he already has too many!

Brian suspended the meeting to take additional names for Board positions for 2025. Receiving no additional names from the floor Brian asked for a vote on the 2025 Board. The Board was unanimously approved and consists of:

Director: Bill Anderson

Assistant Director: Tim Mehl

Secretary: Daria Jusela

Treasurer: Pat Mehl

Sr. Board Members: Pam Mehl, Andy Mehl

Jr. Board Members: Bill Jusela, Jim Karras

Brian returned to the agenda.

Old Business: Pat Mehl provided an update on the work shirt proposal from Andy Mehl. Expect action on this item in the Spring of '25.

Brian asked if anyone had found any additional club equipment. No additional items were identified. Pat Mehl will maintain a list of these items.

Pat Mehl reviewed the recent Mothball tour and the many positive comments from this event.

Brian reviewed the list of activities for 2025

New Business/Other: Bruce Granger told the group that he recently celebrated 50 years of owning his Chevrolet by taking it back to the dealership where he bought it. They were surprised and pleased to see him as no one has ever returned with their vehicle before!

Other Activities: Bruce Granger stated that Pinky Randall's daughter recently contacted him as she has 660 issues of the "Friends" magazines. Some years are complete and some are not. She is asking a dollar each for them. Bruce also mentioned that he received an email from John McMullen's daughter with a list of cars that are now for sale. See Bruce if you have an interest. There were no Chevys in the list.

As Denise Thomas was absent; there were no badge fines or raffle.

Tech Talk: Jim Schott mentioned that he recently changed the carburetor on his '51 Chevy only to find that the cause of the fuel leak was the fuel line spraying gas all over the carburetor. He suggested doing a thorough job of troubleshooting before replacing parts!

Bill Jusela mentioned that he had trouble with the starter on his '16. The button was sticking. He disassembled it and was surprised at how simple it was. Upon reassembly it worked like a champ!

Bob Gardner brought a few Hemmings for anyone who wanted them and mentioned that he has 2 boxes of '57 Chevy parts for sale.

Bruce Granger brought refreshments to celebrate the 50th anniversary of buying his Caprice

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Future Events Calendar

DECEMBER 2024

Dec. 11 Wed 11 am – 3 pm Stahl Museum Christmas Party

JANUARY 2025

4 Sat. Bill Milliken Points & Condensers, Ypsilanti, MI (Every first Saturday of the month)

4-5 Sat-Sun Detroit Swap Meet, Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, MI

12 Sun 50th VCCA Great Lakes Region Swap Meet – IL

18 Sat Jackson Auto Swap Meet Show, Michigan Sport Facility, 8 am – 1 pm

26 Sun 42nd Annual Saginaw Swap Meet, McDonald GMC/Cadillac, Saginaw, 7 am – 1 pm

31-1 Fri-Sat KAARC 61st Annual Swap Meet, KZO County Expo Ctr, Kalamazoo
(Jan. 31: 2 pm – 6 pm, Feb. 1: 8 am – 2 pm)

FEBRUARY

7-9 Fri-Sun BttB Chrome & Ice Winter Indoor Car Show, Dort Financial Center, Flint, MI

28,1,2 Fri-Sun Detroit Autorama, Huntington Place/Cobo Hall, Detroit (Feb. 28 – March 1 & 2)

MARCH

16 Sun Eastside A's Swap Meet, Russ Milne Ford, Macomb

Future Events Calendar cont.

APRIL

- 13 Sun Monroe Spring Swap Meet, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI
- 13 Sun **LMR Membership Meeting, Monroe, MI 1 p.m. – Place TBD**
- 26 Sat **LMR Spring Awards Banquet, Brookshire Golf Club, Williamston, MI**
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MAY

- 9-10 Fri-Sat **LMR Spring Dustoff Tour Location TBD**
- 18 Sun Bearing Burners Swap Meet Location and Time TBA
- 18 Sun Back to the Bricks (BttB) Dustoff'Em Off Car Show, Dort Financial Center, Flint, MI
- 24-25 Sat-Sun Rochester Festival of Cars, Rochester Municipal Park, Rochester, MI
- 31-1 Sat-Sun Michigan Antique Festival Car Show & Swap Meet, Midland, MI (May 31 – June 1)

JUNE

- 14-15 Sat-Sun Motor Muster, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, MI
- 28-29 Sat-Sun Sloan Summer Fair, Sloan Museum, Flint, MI
- 29 Sun **LMR Membership Meeting, Sloan Museum, Flint, 1 p.m.**

JULY

- 10-12 Thu-Sat Iola Car Show and Swap Meet, Iola, WI
- 20 Sun **LMR Summer Picnic Time and Place TBD**
- 23-26 Wed-Sat VCCA Central Area Meet, Lima, OH Details in G&D as available

AUGUST

- 2 Sat KAARC Red Barns Spectacular, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- 2 Sat Jack Frost Car Show, Jack Frost Museum and Estate, Washington, MI
- 16 Sat Woodward Dream Cruise
- 16 Sat **Back to the Bricks – LMR on 2nd St., Flint, MI**

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 Fri-Sun Frankenmuth Auto Festival, Heritage Park, Frankenmuth, MI
- 6-7 Sat-Sun Greenfield Village Old Car Festival, Dearborn, MI (dates are currently tentative)
- 21 Sun Golden Memories Car Show, Sloan Museum, Flint, MI
- 21 Sun **LMR Meeting (Board – 1 p.m., Membership – 2 p.m.), 2026 Election Nominations**
- 26-28 Fri-Sun **LMR Mothball Tour Time and Place TBD**

OCTOBER

- TBD Midwest Region Annual Meet, Southwest Wisconsin
- 7-10 Tue-Fri AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Car Show and Swap Meet, Hershey, PA
- 8 Wed AACA Cars & Stars
- 19 Sun Packard Proving Grounds Open House, Shelby Township, MI
- 22-27 Wed-Mon4-Cylinder Tour, Montrose, CO
- 26 Sun **LMR Meeting – Board Elections (Board – 1 p.m., Membership – 2 p.m.),**
Junction of Hope Restaurant, Layton Corners

All dates subject to change. Please see the Chevy Chatter or G&D for updated information.

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Brian Granger

November is upon us. The third "ber" month of the year. Vehicles have been stored for the winter season, but that does not mean you have to just sit at home. Many of the Snowbirds have headed South. There are many places to visit, during the colder months. Look at the 2025 calendar of events the Board has put together. Have some fun kicking tires and locating that part you need. Let Tim Reinke, "Chevy Chatter" editor, know of your adventures - be sure to take pictures, too.



There are a few important dates this month. Remember to vote on the 5th, Veteran's Day is the 11th. I salute all of those who have served. Thank you! Next, we have Turkey Day (Thanksgiving) on Thursday the 28th. Last, but not least, Black Friday on the 29th. Happy Shopping! I'm staying home.

As you see, in the October Regular Meeting Minutes, there are a few changes to the Lower Michigan Region Board, for 2025. A few members you know - they have just changed jobs. We have a couple new faces, too. Contact any of them, with your ideas of future places to visit, news about members and/or concerns.

Sending Birthday wishes to those who have made it around the Sun, again. Happy Anniversary to those couples married in November.



For Sale: 1941 Chevrolet Master Deluxe 2 Door Sedan is for sale for \$20,000. It is a 2003-2018 restoration by Mike Buller to near original condition. Ruby Maroon is its color, and extras include a 48 radio, clock, jack and heater. The 216 is a 1941. 46 videos document the restoration and 100s of pictures. Included is about \$3,000 in parts and an uninstalled vacuum shift. and a large box full of memorabilia. Contact Mike at 989-859-7367 or at Michaeljbuller@yahoo.com



I am on the final stages of my restoration of my 33 chevy 4 dr. Master. I am ready to sell the many and various spare parts that I have accumulated. if you need/want items for a 33 Chevy Master please contact me with your need/want and I will respond to let you know if I have that item(s).

Phone: 1 734 426 3586

Email: Scheuring5@aol.com

Thank you, Joe Scheuring , VCCA # 46826

Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 4 Bill Jusela Sr. | 17 Paul Pawlosky |
| 4 Dennis Reinke | 17 Carol Buller |
| 6 Thomas Hall | 20 Ross Vincent |
| 11 David Nico | 23 Mark Whelan |
| 15 Harvey Hammond | |

Happy Anniversary!

Victor & Barb Pitcavage
November 1, 2001

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