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CHEVY CHATTER



Lower Michigan Region

Happy Valentines Day!

Sunshine Report

Dave Rickabus reports that Phyllis Rickabus has entered hospice care at the Stonegate health campus in Lapeer. Cards can be sent to their home address.

Ole and Marie Hagen have moved into Pomroy Senior Living in Northville, MI.

Brian Granger reports that Marie Straus is doing well.

If you are aware of a club member who experiences a health issue please contact our sunshine lady (Denice Thomas) or Director (Bill Anderson). This club is a family and we want to be aware of how our members are doing.

Orlando Auto Museum visit By Tim Reinke

I recently took a vacation to Orlando Florida and decided to visit the Orlando Auto Museum owned by real estate investor Michael Dezer. The collection is billed as the largest private auto collection in Florida containing more than 2000 vehicles. Some highlights included; the worlds longest car, The US's largest collection of Vespas as well as many movie vehicles. Sadly, the room with the James Bond cars was rented out for a private event so I didn't get to see those. Here are some pictures of the Chevrolets I was most excited about as well as a room with at least 19 Studebakers. If you are ever in the Orlando area make sure to check it out!



Membership renewal: If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2025 please do, even if there has been no change to your contact or car information.

From Behind the Steering Wheel

B-r-r-r

with Bill Anderson



I think the recent cold weather blast has challenged even the heated workshops to keep our Chevys warm.

If offseason maintenance has been impossible, then at least we Michigan LMR members have warm indoor opportunities to feed our need to visit cars and parts. Cold weather shows like Detroit Auto Show, and Novi Swap meet, and Jackson swap meet have filled some of our needs in January.

In February we have:

Jan 31 & Feb 1 KAARC Kalamazoo Swap meet, Tim and Pat Mehl will have an LMR-VCCA table at that meet.

Feb 1, Points and Condenser Society meeting at LMR Member Bill Milliken's warehouse in Ypsilanti, Lecture about the new motorsports complex under construction in Howell

Feb 6, Pontiac Transportation Museum meets for an "Evening at the Museum" Presentation,

Feb 7-9 Back to the Bricks Chrome & Ice at Dort Financial Center, in Flint

Feb 28-March 2 Detroit Autorama. An event not to be missed

April will be a busy Month. Plans are taking place for our membership booth at April 13 Monroe Swap Meet, followed by a mid-afternoon LMR Club Meeting nearby at the Monroe Community College. Stay tuned for more details. If you'd like to help with the club table and display, let me know.

Two weeks later, we will review and celebrate our activities at our Spring Banquet April 26, at Brookshire Golf Club, Williamston. Look for more information later in this issue. Our tentative guest speaker is scheduled to talk about Back to the Brick's activities for 2025.

Dust-Off tour, May 9 & 10, is currently headed toward Bay City-Midland area with a Lake Huron Circle drive tour. If you live in that area, we might just stop by to see where your classic Chevys hibernate.

Otherwise, I have had feedback wanting a Southeast Michigan route. So I am assembling that route and will solicit votes on which is preferred. Watch your email box for information.

If you have museum, workshop, or private collection venues we can visit, let me know.

Until next Month, **Bill Anderson**
Director & Membership
248-881-6510

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Pat Mehl
- 10 Wendy Whalen
- 12 Joseph Scheuring
- 18 David Alger
- 18 Thersa Maveal
- 18 Norbert Kollin
- 19 Marie Hagen
- 21 Roy Ellenwood
- 22 Bill R. Jusela
- 22 Harry Snider
- 23 Diane Sovis
- 28 Jim Carpenter

Happy Anniversary!

- Jim & Cherie Johnson
February 9, 1973
- Bill & Diane Bullard
February 11, 1961
- Jim & Verna Schott
February 20, 1965
- Andy & Bekka Mehl
February 25, 2006

Welcome Aboard!

Chuck Patton
from Grosse Pointe

Michigan Auto Events Calendar

FEBRUARY

<u>6</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Evening at the Museum, Pontiac Transportation Museum</u>
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

1	Sat	Points and Condenser Preservation Society, Milliken Warehouse, Ypsilanti, MI
16	Sun	Eastside A's Swap Meet, Russ Milne Ford, Macomb

APRIL

5	Sat	Points and Condenser Preservation Society, Milliken Warehouse, Ypsilanti, MI
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.

2025 Spring Banquet

After a successful “first run” at changing our banquet from late fall to spring, we are once again inviting all our membership to join us for the **2nd Annual Spring Awards Banquet!**



Here are the particulars:

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2025

Time: Social hour – 11 a.m.; Lunch – noon; Program – 1 p.m.

Place: Brookshire Inn & Golf Club, 205 W. Church St., Williamston, MI (Phone: 517-655-4694)

Menu: Your choice of items from the following selection:

Smash Burger: 1/3 lb burger with L, T & Onion \$9

Turkey Melt: Smoked turkey, bacon, provolone, L, T & bistro sauce on pretzel bun \$10

Soup & Salad Bar: \$13

Grilled Atlantic Salmon: w/ choice of herb glaze, Cajun spices, or BBQ glaze; incl. choice of side side and choice of salad \$20

BBQ Ribs: Full o ½ slab, incl. choice of side and choice of salad. \$20

Program: Awards will be presented, speaker TBD, a 50/50 raffle will be held.

Cost: Food and beverages are on your own. A registration fee of \$5 is asked to help cover speaker’s fees and other miscellaneous charges.

RSVP: By April 12, 2025, using the attached registration form and mail with your \$10 fee per person to Pat Mehl, P.O. Box 20, Paw Paw, MI 49079.

If you would like to attend, but require transportation assistance, please call Bill Anderson at 248-881-6510.

Any questions, please contact Pat Mehl at 269-217-1253 or email Pat.M.VCCA@gmail.com.

I will be attending _____ Number in party _____ \$ Amount enclosed \$5 x persons: _____

Names _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

I need help with transportation: Yes _____ No _____

Address _____

I can help with Transportation: Yes _____ No _____

Address _____

Please mail reservation form with fee to: Pat Mehl, P.O. Box 20, Paw Paw, MI 49079

Michigan Auto Events Calendar_{cont.}

MAY

5	Sat	Points and Condenser Preservation Society, Milliken Warehouse, Ypsilanti, MI
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

JUNE

<u>7</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Saginaw Valley Region, AACA Car Show, Crossroads Village, Flint, MI</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Blue Water Region, AACA Car Show, Marysville Park, Marysville, MI</u>
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, Findlay, 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)
<u>13</u>	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Orphan Car Show, Stahl's Automotive Museum, New Haven, MI</u>
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

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

+Newly added items are in green italics

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The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolet manufactured vehicles and GMC manufactured trucks. Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet or GMC is not a prerequisite for membership. LMR region dues are \$25 per year. To become a member, an applicant must be a National VCCA member in good standing. National dues are \$50 yearly.

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