

April 2025

CHEVY CHATTER



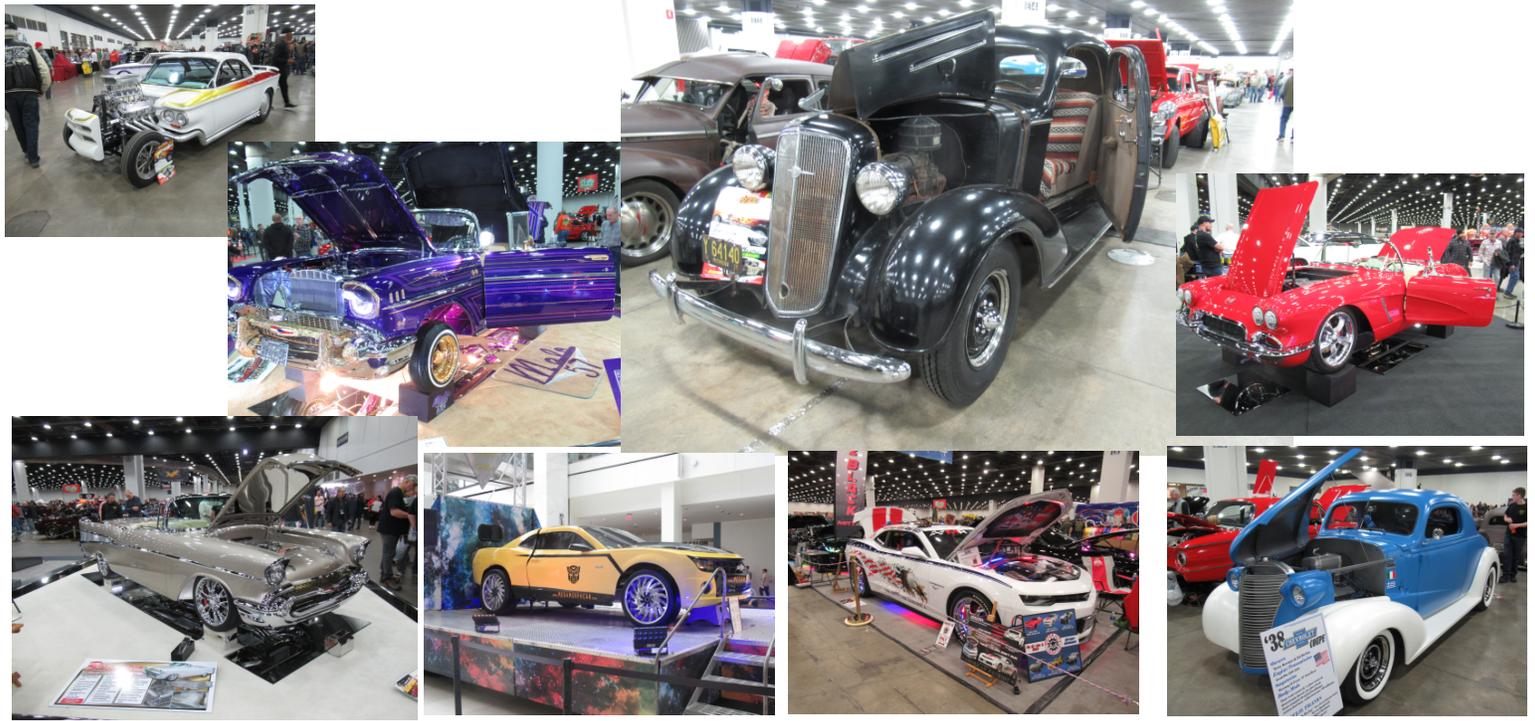
Lower Michigan Region

Happy Easter!

The 1st Tuesday of each month the Pontiac transportation Museum (Pontiac, MI) hosts free evening talks at 7pm. As a club, we got a "preview" of the museum before it opened a few years ago. Late LMR member John McMullen was instrumental in helping start this museum. Show them support whenever you can! April's(4/3) free talk will be on GM Coaches made in Pontiac. May's(5/1) will be on the Creation and Early History of the Pontiac Automobile.

Pictures from Detroit's AutoRama

Courtesy of Bill Anderson



Important Announcements!

We will be having a recruitment booth at the **Monroe Swap Meet**. This swap meet was started by the LMR many (many) years ago and is the largest auto swap meet in Michigan. Please come out to the Monroe County Fairgrounds on **April 13th from 8am to 2pm**. At 3 pm our business meeting will take place at Monroe Community College. See the March Chevy Chatter for more information.

The 2025 *Kickoff Banquet* will be held on *April 26th* at the Brookshire Inn & Golf Club in *Williamston, MI*. RSVP by April 12th to Pat Mehl. See page 4 for details.

**Lower Michigan Region VCCA
Dust-Off Tour May 9 & 10, 2025**

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Additional Participants:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Tour Donation: \$10/car

Checks Payable to: **Lower Michigan Region, VCCA**

Note: A donation to the Lost Railway Museum will be made.

You may register by email and pay me on the day of the tour.

Send this information to:

Bill Anderson

3301 Saddle Ridge, Highland, MI 48357

Cell: 248-881-6510

From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Bill Anderson

Ready.... Set.... Go air up those tires. It is getting close to time to warm-up those flat spotted tires that weren't fortunate enough to avoid resting on the garage floor all winter. Also, it is time to kick the rodents in the pants and let them find a new place to reside. Time to freshen up those bug (glue) traps around the shop, especially near entry and garage doors where insects will soon be crawling in.



Ok, now that is out of the way. What do we have on the calendar for April? The LMR will be signing up new members and existing membership renewals at the Monroe Fairgrounds swap meet, Sunday, April 13. Your officers will greet you at Table X100 in the main Exhibition Building. Stop by to say hello, and register for the Dust-Off tour May 9 & 10. Then, after visiting your favorite auto parts, come to the 3 PM LMR membership meeting at near-by Monroe Community College.

Two weeks later, Saturday April 26, we will hold the LMR annual banquet. Featured speaker will be Al Jones from Back to the Bricks. Come and meet the founder of that group and learn about BttB history and 2025 activities.

Again, most of you missed the PCPS presentation at LMR Member Bill Milliken's Points and Condenser Society warehouse in Ypsilanti. The March 1 lecture at the warehouse, 884 Rail Road St. featured the career of GM Executive, Ed Cole, narrated by Barry Levine.

Saturday April 5, a group of Classic Car Club members will attend, driving their classics to Bill's warehouse to show them off and enjoy this month's guest speaker's presentation at 11 AM. This event is a nice time to exercise your favorite ride and smooth out those flat spotted tires. The Speaker will be from the Ford Piquette Museum.

For those who missed it, Autorama in Detroit started off the month of March. Again, many very nice hot rods on the main floor, as well as a basement full of driver quality rat rods.

The presentation at Pontiac Transportation Museum April 3, at 7 PM, will revisit the heyday of the former GM Truck and Bus Assembly Plant in Pontiac. That property on Woodward Ave. is now home to M1 Concourse.

By popular demand, the Dust-Off tour, May 9 & 10, is currently headed toward Monroe on

Friday and Manchester/ Grass Lake Region on Saturday. We will visit an Antique Bicycle Collection, a private collection of Nash Automobiles, two restoration shops, the Lost Railway Museum and a restaurant with a classic automotive theme. Look for the sign-up sheet, or send me an email Old50Grit@comcast.net. We'll need a \$10/car donation for the Lost Railway Museum.

Again, if you know of museum, workshop, or private collection venues we can visit, let me know.

Bill Anderson
Director & Membership
248-881-6510

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SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

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REGISTERED INDOOR CARS BY 7 AM OUTDOOR NONREGISTERED CARS AFTER 7 AM

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APRIL 3: *The People Movers from Pontiac - Sixty Years of GM Coach Heritage, Evan McCausland, Coach Enthusiast*
For sixty years the majority of transit buses and intercity motor coaches from coast to coast had one thing in common: Their journeys began in Pontiac, when they rolled off the Truck & Coach assembly line off South Boulevard.

MAY 1: *The Pontiac Automobile - The Successful Creation and Early History, Larry Mihalko*

JUNE 5: *Notable Knights of the Draw Knife: Stories of Pontiac's Earliest Vehicle Makers, Carol Egbo*

PONTIAC TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM ~ 250 W PIKE ST, PONTIAC

Tour Overview:

This year's Dust-Off Tour is a 2 day tour visiting five venues on Friday near Monroe, Michigan and three attractions in Manchester - Grass Lake area on Saturday. \$10 per car Tour Donation covers a donation to the Lost Railway Museum in Grass Lake.

Recommended Hotel: Country Inn & Suites, 665 Tecumseh St. Dundee, 48131, 734-529-8822
Advertised Room Rates less than \$100 plus tax. No room block is reserved.

(Breakfast available at Hotel)

Departing at 9:00 AM.

Friday Venues:

- 1 Antique Bicycle Collection, New Boston
- 2 USA Trailer Car restoration and sales facility

Lunch: Pete's Garage Restaurant (Automobile theme, Monroe)

- 3 Ken & Mary Havekost Nash cars & parts in Monroe
- 4 Calder Farm Dairy, Carleton (Ice Cream Stop)

Saturday: Venues

- 1 RA Engineering car restorations, Manchester

Lunch: Jerry's Pub & Restaurant at Wampler's Lake (Brooklyn)

- 2 Lost Railway Museum, Grass Lake

Maps and Directions will be supplied on the day of the tour.

Questions?

Contact Bill Anderson
248-881-6510
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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 \$5 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

APRIL		
5	Sat	Points and Condenser Preservation Society, Milliken Warehouse, Ypsilanti, MI - Ford Piquette Plant Presentation
13	Sun	Monroe Spring Swap Meet, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI
13	Sun	LMR Membership Meeting, Monroe, MI 3 p.m. – Z259 Conference Rm, Lay-z-Boy Center, MCComm College
26	Sat	LMR Spring Awards Banquet, Brookshire Golf Club, Williamston, MI 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
MAY		
5	Sat	Points and Condenser Preservation Society, Milliken Warehouse, Ypsilanti, MI
9-10	Fri-Sat	LMR Spring Dustoff Tour Monroe, Manchester, Grass Lake
18	Sun	Back to the Bricks (BttB) Dustoff'Em Off Car Show, Dort Financial Center, Flint, MI
24	Sat	Rochester Festival of Cars, Rochester Municipal Park, Rochester, MI
31-1	Sat-Sun	Michigan Antique Festival Car Show & Swap Meet, Midland, MI
JUNE		
7	Sat	Saginaw Valley Region, AACA Car Show, Crossroads Village, Flint, MI
7	Sat	Points and Condenser Preservation Society, Milliken Warehouse, Ypsilanti, MI
8	Sun	Blue Water Region, AACA Car Show, Marysville Park, Marysville, MI
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.

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

Happy Birthday!

3 Bob Housekamp	20 Lizz Reinke
6 Hope Dowdy	21 Lois Gardner
6 Hanna Mehl	22 Jay Amick
11 Scott Dodge	22 Kristine Hammond
12 Pam Mehl	22 Harry Snider
19 Denice Thomas	24 Patrick Macaluso
20 Mary Granger	29 John McPeak

Happy Anniversary!

Scott & Janet Taylor April 1, 1961	Michael & Carol Buller April 24, 1970
Mike & Susan McCarty April 16, 1977	Bill & Susan Anderson April 24, 1981
Ed & Judy Oswald April 17, 1961	John & Sandy Schoen April 27, 1979
Jim & Sabrina Karris April 22, 2000	

Welcome New Member!

Area 7B Director
Joe Razumich
of Portage, IN

with a 1964 Chevelle & a 2004 Corvette

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