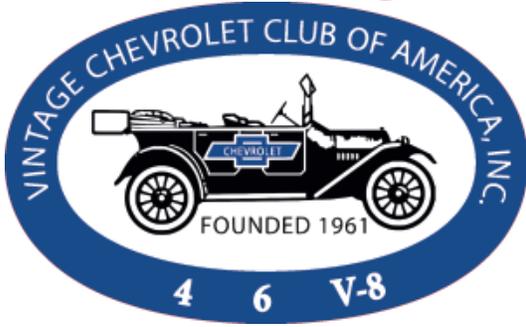


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CHEVY CHATTER



Lower Michigan Region



Rodney "Rod" Thomas

Long time member Rod Thomas (VCCA#: 6358) was laid to rest on Aug 21st in Clio, mi. Rod was born December 6, 1948 in Port Huron, Michigan to the late Lyle and Alta (Watson) Thomas. He grew up in Beecher and graduated from Beecher High School with the class of 1967. Rod proudly served his country in the US Army from 1969 to 1970. On May 4, 1984 he married Denice Huff in Caro, Michigan. He owned and operated Signs Etc. for over 20 years and provided the signs for the LMR VCCA Swap Meet. He worked for ABC Gutters for 5 years and finished his career as a Custodian for Grand Blanc Public Schools. He was a member of the Vintage

Chevrolet Club of America and the Pepsi Cola Collectors Club. Rod loved antique and vintage cars. He won awards in over 100 car shows including the Sloan Museum Auto Fair and Flint's Back to the Bricks with his 1949 Chevrolet Styleline Business Coupe. Rod and Denice enjoyed day trips with the Chevy club criss- crossing the state while antiquing and visiting car museums. He enjoyed restoring vintage items and was a master restorer of vintage gas pumps, pedal cars, tricycles, toys, signs, etc., using his rebuilding, repainting, hand lettering and pin-striping abilities. His brother Bruce, son Tony and dozens of others are proud owners of his restored items. However, his greatest joy in life was family, his wife Denice, children and grandchildren whom he always made homework for them to finish. Rod will be greatly missed.

Important Announcements!

Sept. 21th will be the annual Golden Memories car show at the Sloan Museum. We will hold a regular business meeting at 1pm in the museum. We are looking for members to serve on board positions for 2026. If interested please contact Bill Anderson (Old50grit@comcast.com) or any current board member.

HERSHEY is fast approaching (Oct 6-10). If you have ever wanted to check it out, this should be the year. If you would like to travel with a group, contact Robin Reinke (989-513-0590). He already has hotel rooms reserved and 3 vending spots. He brings a trailer with lots of room for parts.

The Mothball Tour will place on September 25-27 in the Muskegon area. Details/Registration are on page 2 and were included in the August edition. RSVP To Matt Dickenson by Sept 15th.

Mothball Tour 2025

The 2025 Mothball Tour will be centered in Muskegon with 2 nights at the host hotel, Thursday 9/25 and Friday 9/26. The hotel is the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1744 Patriot Drive, Muskegon, MI. Please call 231-766-6700 for reservations and ask for the VCC group rate on Thursday of \$135 for a Double Queen (\$140 for Single King), On Friday the rate is \$180 for a double Queen (\$170 for Single King). Breakfast is included. Rooms must be booked by September 4th. After that rooms will be booked on space and rate availability basis. Reservations can be canceled before 6pm, the day prior to arrival.

The following is the Tour itinerary:

Thur. 9/25 Arrive at Hotel in Muskegon, Lakes Mall area (near I-96 & I-31 interchange), breakfast included.

Fri. 9/26 Morning: Cruise to Steve's Antique Auto for a shop tour, Lake Michigan Scenic Drive, White Lake Lighthouse, and lunch in Fremont.



Afternoon: Cruise to Wolf Lake Park and then on to North Beach Park on Lake Michigan, return to hotel.

Sat. 9/27 Cruise to Muskegon's Farmer's Market, Muskegon's Historical Hackley Library to view the replica of the Book of Kells, cruise Pere Marquette Beach Park, lunch in Spring Lake close to I-96 & I-31, return home.



RSVP Please by September 15 to _____ or call me at 206-795-3790

Name(s) _____

Contact Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Driving: _____ Vintage _____ Year _____ Modern

I am planning on arriving: _____ Thursday night

_____ Friday morning at the Fairfield Inn & Suites (we will be departing at 9:00am for Steve's Antique Auto)

I would like to track my mileage: _____ while on tour

_____ to Muskegon from my home _____ return to my home

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From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Bill Anderson

Two busy months on the calendar. First, August with Back to the Bricks car show in Flint, now we zoom into September, with the Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village during the first weekend where us pre-1932 Chevy owners show off our rides. Then we have Golden Memories at Sloan, September 21, followed quickly with the Mothball Tour, Sept. 26-27 in Muskegon, hosted by Matt Dickenson. Plenty of opportunities to keep the flat spots off the tires before cold weather sets in. Don't forget, we have a regular membership meeting at Sloan Museum at 2 PM, (Board Meeting at 1) September 21 as part of our Golden Memories activity. Nominations for 2026 officers will be accepted. Self nominations are always welcome. Take time to step up and offer new ideas.

Back to the Bricks was a good showing for our Chevy's. Second Street saw cars from Jim and Sabrina Karras, Chris and Debbie Cufu, Bill Anderson, Andy and Melissa West, Brian, Bruce, and Marvin Granger, and Bill and Daria Jusela



-See You on the Road.



Bruce Granger's
'75 Caprice Classic



Brian Granger shows off
his corvair to a prospective
new member

Happy Anniversary!

Dennis & Bonnie Reinke
September 1, 2007

Joe & Karen Scheuring
September 17, 1966

Ole & Marie Hagen
September 18, 1965

Gerald & Pamela Nagy
September 18

Steven & Theresa Maveal
September 20, 1980

David & Traci Alger
September 25, 1999

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Edwin Oswald
- 3 Jeanette Beach
- 5 Janet Taylor
- 6 Jim Lamberts
- 10 Ken Beaver
- 11 Kayleen Kohtz
- 12 Dave Rickabus
- 17 Verle Wetherwax
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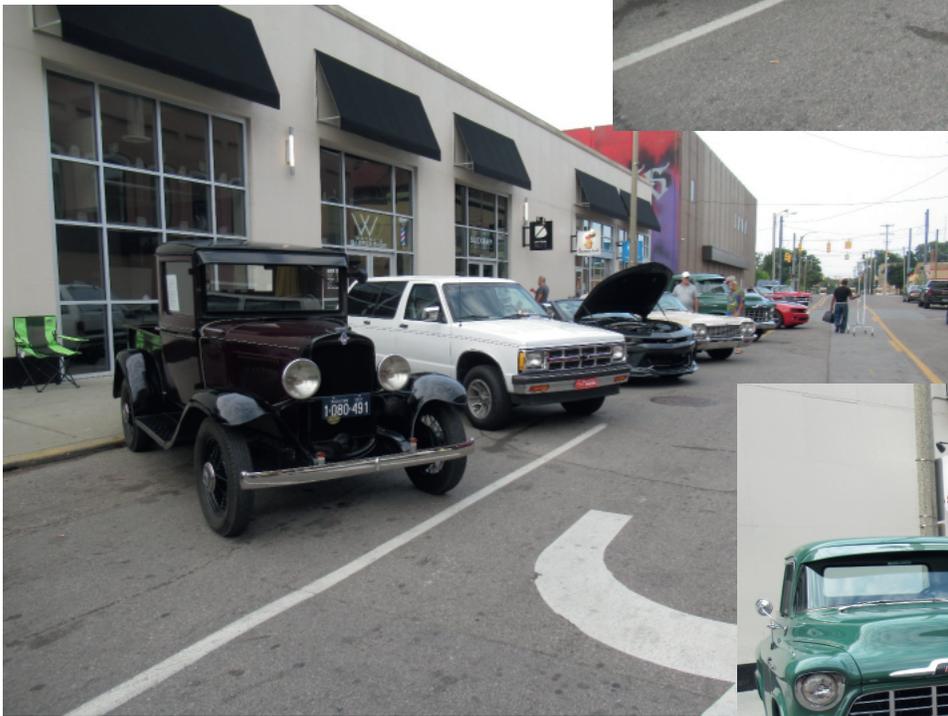
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Photos of the LMR's display on 2nd street during Back to the Bricks courtesy of Bill Anderson



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