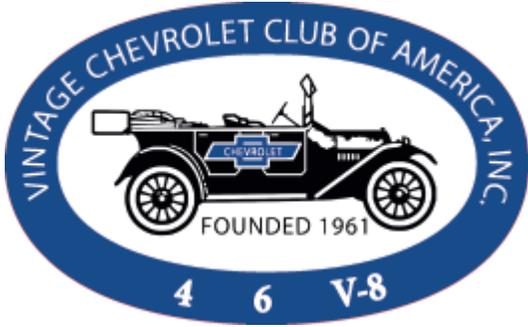


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# CHEVY CHATTER



## Lower Michigan Region

### *2025 Mathball Tour 9/26-9/27*

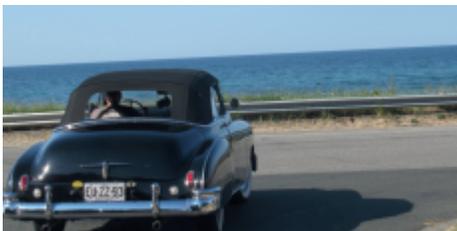
We were blessed with perfect weather and a great host in our visit to Muskegon, with excellent scenic tours on Michigan's western coast.



10 attendees in 5 cars were treated to smooth, lightly traveled roads, with host Matt Dickinson leading the group in his '50 Convertible. Cars following him included Rick & Sandi Kaskinen in their '68 Camaro, Jim, Verna, John, and Jen Schott in their '21 Equinox, Bill Anderson his '56 Bel Air, and Jeff & Sue Pettis (Wisconsin VCCA members) in Matt's '37 Coupe.



Mid-Morning, we visited Steve Sturim's Antique Auto Restoration and repair facility. Located in a once vibrant industrial area which was home for furniture companies, Continental engine Corp., and Brunswick Bowling & Billiard products, among other famous Western Michigan companies. Steve gave us a tour of his shop with its full compliment of machine tools. 3 mechanics were busy, each with a service project.



## Important Announcements!

Our last **meeting**/Event will be at Junction of Hope restaurant in Layton Corners on **October 26th** at **1PM**. We will be having elections for 2026 Board of Directors as well as setting the calendar for 2026 and discussing the Central Meet. Please come and give your opinion!

# More from the Mothball tour

The driving route was quiet, smooth, free from excess traffic, and mostly tree lined, which kept our group from straying off course.

Then again, some of the driving portion of our tour was both exciting, and at times, challenging. Many forks in the road were encountered, and Matt took them. We really enjoyed the fork labeled “No Outlet” to the right, and “Dead End” to the left. Selecting the “Dead End” led us to the White River Light Station which guards a canal connecting Lake Michigan to inland White Lake. The fishing pier along the canal extends out into Lake Michigan and, at first, appears long enough to reach Port Washington, Wisconsin, but alas, a bridge connecting Michigan to Wisconsin hasn’t been completed at this location.



Day 2: Saturday

Mike and Lisa Kaskinen joined the tour in their '65 Chevelle.

First stop was the Muskegon Farmers Market. If you couldn't find either a home grown fruit or veggie to take home, there were plenty of baked goods for sale.



Next stop on our route was the Hackley Library, a gift to Muskegon Schools by Charles Hackley, one of Muskegon's early lumber barons. A unique library item on display was a 1990 replica of the 1200 year old illustrated Irish 'Book of Kells', containing four Latin gospels written by monks over a 75 year period around 800 A.D.



From there, our tour took us past the Charles Hackley homestead and then along lakeshore drive to Kruse Park. Interesting how folks with homes set back from the Lake Michigan Shoreline have sand dunes in their front yards.

Lunch in Spring Lake brought our tour to a close with a parting photo of Saturday's Chevy Fleet.



DATE September 21st 2025



LOWER MICHIGAN REGION  
MEETING MINUTES  
**DATE 09.21.2025**

**Location:** Sloan Museum, Bob Sovis Room

**Attendees:** Bill Anderson, Brian Granger, Bruce Granger, Daria Jusela, Bill Jusela, Denice Thomas, Jim Karras, Sabrina Karras, Tim Reinke, Robin Reinke, Pete Cimbala(Guest)

**Call to Order:** Bill Anderson at 1:03

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**June Meeting Minutes:** reviewed for benefit of those not attending June Meeting, approved Bil Jusela 1st and Sabrina Karras 2nd

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer had nothing to report. No significant activity

**Sunshine Report:** Denice is retiring, No volunteers as of now

**Historian Report:** Bill Anderson asked about bylaws/roster. Digital will be best available to others. A hard copy will be made just in case.

**Membership:** 80 Members, Condolences to Rod Thomas

-Brian paused the meeting to take nominations for 2026 office positions-

**Director:** Bill Anderson

**Assistance Director:** Tim Mehl

**Secretary:** Daria Jusela

**Treasurer:** Bill Jusela

**Members at Large:** Jim Karras, Bill Jusela, Matt Dickinson, Sabrina Karras

**Ex-Officio:** Brian Granger

**Newsletter:** Sabrina Karras

**Membership:** Pat Mehl

**Historian:** Bruce Granger

**Awards:** OPEN

DATE September 21st 2025

**Webmaster:** Jim Karras

**Sunshine:** OPEN

- Brian opened the meeting back up-

**Other News:**

**Mothball Tour:** this week, so far 7 vehicles are registered. Under the direction of Matt Dickinson

**2026 VCCA Central Mini-Meet Concept:** Talked about the idea and trying to solidify coupling this year's Central Meet with Back To The Bricks. We had Pete Cimbala come in so we could talk about using the flat lot for Saturday and how to go about doing that.

Thursday the 13th of August 2026: This would be an optional day for folks who come early. We have four stops thought about, Hugh Periard Collection, and Crossroads Village.

Friday the 14th of August 2026: This would be Judging day. In the morning would be a travel day for folks who didn't come on Thursday. Around Noon we would start with a field entrance check. Then in the afternoon finish up the entrance check and begin judging. By the late afternoon we will be doing awards, a picnic is being considered but not official yet, tabled for now.

Pete was talking about if we were to do the flat lot, we will see if we can begin staging the flat lot Friday night for their opening ceremony.

Saturday the 15th of August 2026: This would be the day of Back To The Bricks. We are looking into our options for the flat lot or seeing if we can do second street again. We are having lots of questions, but with Pete there we were able to get an idea of how the flat lot works and what the day would look like. This is still under review. 6am Start to get the cars staged for the flat lot. We were told about a trailer parking off of Kersley until 5pm.

**Banquet:** Bill Jusela asked if we can talk about at the next meeting to schedule a banquet and a location. Jim Karras said he could look into some golf courses over there and see what we can find.

**Swap Meets:** There is a swap meet in January in Illinois.

**Adjourned:** Bill Anderson Closed the meeting at 1:49Pm

## From Behind the Steering Wheel

with Bill Anderson



As you read this, several of your fellow LMR members will be headed to Hershey, PA for the AACA Fall Swap Meet, Auction, and Car Show. We die-hards refuse to miss it. There is always an item or two in the swap meet, we can't resist taking back home. Tim and Robin Reinke will have a swap space again this year offering a variety of "You can't do without" items. Stop by, and lighten their load.

September 21st was the Golden Memories Show at the Sloan Museum Complex in Flint. This year, the weatherman intimidated most prospective attendees to leave their prized vehicles at home, as it did, in fact, rain. Our first Fall membership meeting was held in Sloan's Bob Sovis room where Bruce & Brian Granger, Denice Thomas, Jim & Sabrina Karras, Bill & Daria Jusela, and Robin & Tim Reinke joined me in discussing our plans for the 2026 Calendar year.

Our final Fall Meeting will take place Sunday, October 26 at 1 PM at Junction Of Hope Restaurant in Layton Corners, Michigan. At that time, we will be updating our discussion on the following topics:

\*Nominations for 2026 Officers (**Now is the time to step forward and throw your proverbial hat in the ring. Fresh ideas and club strategies are always welcome.**)

\*2026 Calendar

Two more items: 1) It is time to check your LMR membership renewal status. Your membership expiration date appears on your printed Chevy Chatter copy. If you receive an email copy, I will be sending you an email reminder of your status. Lets get this activity wrapped up by the first of the year. 2) Bill Jusela urges you to bring a small, unique Chevrolet item to display on our archive table at the next meeting. If you have a vintage part like a door handle, spark plug, model car, hub/dust cap or other unique part or publication, bring it to share and discuss.

See You there!

Bill

### Happy Birthday!

6 Richard Beach

7 Melissa Lauria

17 Rick Kaskinen

22 Carole Amick

23 Mark Whelen

23 Jim Karras

25 Cherie Johnson

27 Donna Houskamp

29 Gerald Nagy

30 Jack Kohtz

31 James Steinbauer

### Happy Anniversary!

Jack & Kay Kohtz  
October 3, 1964

Mike & Lisa Kaskinen  
October 18, 1986

Mark & Wendy Whalen  
October 10, 1987

Janie & David Nico  
October 29, 1978

Verle & Sharon Wetherwax  
October 13, 1990

Chip & Kathy Sweet  
October 31, 1964

# A few pictures from a wet Golden Memories Car Show



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