

Mid-Winter 2026



CHEVY Chatter



Lower Michigan Region VCCA

From Behind The Steering Wheel by Bill Anderson



Happy New Year!

Ok, now what Christmas Gift did you give your Chevy? Fresh air for tires? An IOU for an Oil Change? Are you taking bets on whether the Ground Hog will see his shadow?

Its Indoor Car Season

We have tours, swap meets, and related indoor activities to keep the flat spots off your tires this winter. Planning conversation regarding next Summer's Central Mini-Meet August 14 & 15, 2026 are ongoing. This meet is condensed into 2 days to minimize time, expense, and complexity. The folks at Sloan and Back to the Bricks have set aside space for our group at their venues. Look for the G&D initial calendar notice in February issue, and an updated advertisement announcing the Mini-Meet by March 2026 issue of G&D, in addition to info in this newsletter.

Oh yes, by the way: As chairman for the event, I'm always looking for volunteers. Step up, give me a call.

Awards Banquet Reminder:

Spring Banquet, April 25th. Winter Inn in Greenville, MI. Order off the menu. We will have a club business meeting at the same venue. Guest Speaker will have an interesting topic

Dust-Off & Mothball Tours Dates are settled:

Tim & Pat Mehl are reviewing tour suggestions. The Dust-Off tour, May 16 & 17 tour will visit some interesting venues in Southeast Michigan. Any additional ideas are welcome. We'll stop at your backyard if you'll be home.



2026 LMR memberships are still accepted and now due. If you receive the Chevy Chatter copy via mail your expiration date is on your label and your dues are \$30. Response to email reminders has been good. If you receive the Chatter via email your dues are \$25. Pat Mehl is the new membership Chair. Late renewals will be posted whether arriving in my mailbox or hers. The updated membership form is included with this month's Chatter. You can now pay your dues online at lmrvcca.org!

Michigan Collector Car Calendar



Here's what you missed in January:

Jan. 4 & 5: 8- 5 PM Detroit Swap Meet, Suburban Collection, Novi, MI

Jan. 4: 8 AM – Noon: Points & Condenser Group meets for coffee, conversation, and the usual collector car video presentation, 888 Railroad St, Ypsilanti

Jan 8: History and evolution of GM trucks, 250 West Pike St. Pontiac, MI

Jan 17: The Jackson Swap meet, 3055 Shirley Rd, Jackson - Swap meets always have something you didn't know you needed.

Jan 17-25: Detroit Auto Show at Huntington Place (formerly Cobo Hall) in Detroit.

There's Still time to See These Events:

Feb. 6-7: The KAARC Winter Swap Meet at Kalamazoo County Expo Center. Pat & Tim Mehl will have a membership table set up. Stop by & say hello.

Feb 5: 7:00 PM. 100 Year History of GM Milford Proving Ground presented by GM Retiree Club. Location Pontiac Transport Museum, John McMullen Auditorium. Arrive early for best parking.

Feb 7: Points & Condenser Meeting in Ypsilanti. Featured speaker from Slate Trucks, Troy, MI. Maker of configurable, inexpensive EV Pick-Up trucks. This presentation should be quite interesting.

Feb. 13 – 15: Back to the Bricks 11th Annual Chrome & Ice, Dort Financial Center, 3501 Lapeer Road, Flint. Nice collection of Hot Rods & Resto-mods.

April 12: Monroe Swap Meet, Monroe County Fairgrounds. LMR will have a membership table in the vendor building. Stop by, empty the candy dish, volunteer for an important task this summer.

As winter progresses into March, we can schedule a Saturday to visit one or two workshops in the Detroit area or in your neighborhood. I have a couple in mind, but need feedback before committing. Let me know, Email or Call if interested, or contact me with your ideas. Old50grit@comcast.net. 248-881-6510

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January Birthdays

Stu Galbraith - 01/02
Robin Reinke - 01/07
Dennis Wendland - 01/08
Quy Beaver - 01/10
Jakob Mehl - 01/21
Sharon Wetherwax - 01/23
Susan McCarty - 01/25
Sue Anderson - 01/31

February Birthdays

Pat Mehl - 02/01
Wendy Whalen 02/10
Joseph Scheuring - 02/12
David Alger - 02/18
Marie Hagen - 02/19
Bill Jusela - 02/22
Harry Snider - 02/22
Diane Sovis - 02/23
Mike Webster - 02/23
Jim Carpenter - 02/28

January Anniversaries

Tim & Lizz Reinke - 01/02

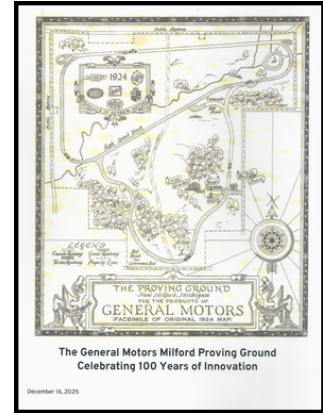
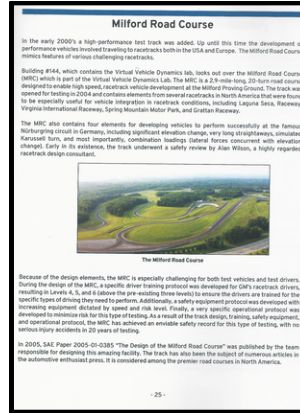
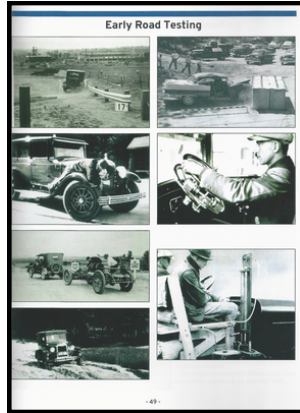
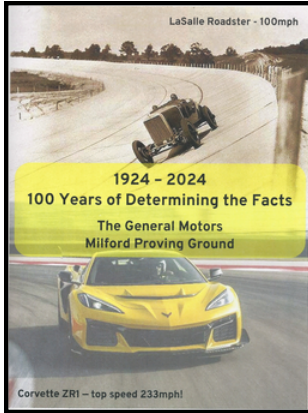
February Anniversaries

Bill & Diane Bullard - 02/11
Jim & Verna Schott - 02/20
Matt Dickinson & Jill Anderson - 02/22
Andy & Bekka Mehl - 02/25

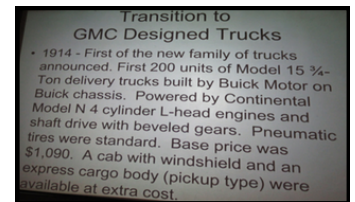
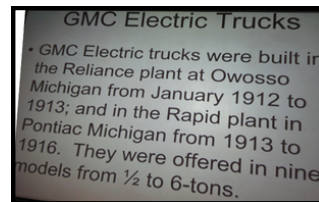
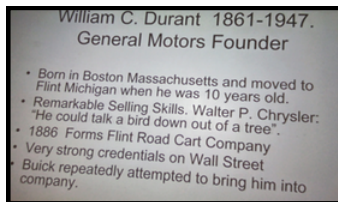
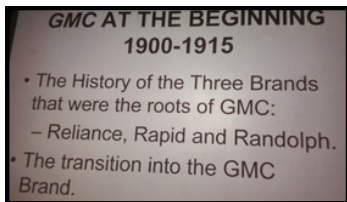


GM Milford Proving Ground Retiree 100th Anniversary Book

Members of the GMPG retiree club recently published an Anniversary Book featuring the history of research & development activities at the facility. To date, there are only 40 copies printed with no current plans for additional copies. Bill Anderson was lucky to receive a copy this week. A sample of pages are shown below.



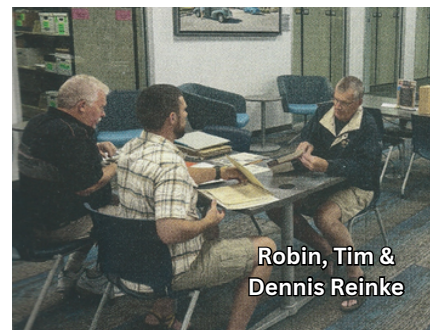
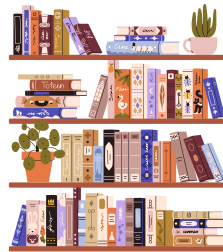
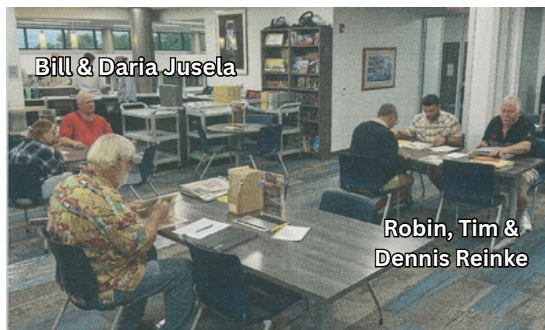
GM Trucks presentation at Pontiac Transportation Museum



LMR Activity Highlights



Guess who made it into the pages of AACA's November/December 2025 Antique Automobile Issue? Hanging out in the library, gathering facts & figures.



2020 LMR Leadership

2026 Officers

- Bill Anderson - Director
- Tim Mehl - Assistant Director
- Daria Jusela - Secretary
- Bill Jusela - Treasurer

2026 At-Large Board Members

- Jim Karras
- Matt Dickinson
- Sabrina Karras

2026 Committee Chairs

- Pat Mehl - Membership
- Sabrina Karras - Chevy Chatter Editor
- Bruce Granger - Historian
- Jim Karras - Webmaster

How To Interpret Antique Car Ads Official Conversion Chart - Just For FUN!

IF AD SAYS: IT REALLY MEANS:



Rare Model.....Nobody liked them when new, either
 Older Restoration.....Can't tell it's been restored
 Needs Engine Work.....Its been frozen for 30 years
 Uses No Oil.....Just leaks it out
 No Rust.....No Body or Fenders, either
 Rough.....It's too bad to lie about
 Rough.....Pits, Holes & Dents Galore
 One Owner.....No one else ever wanted it
 No Time to Complete.....Can't find parts
 Needs Interior.....No seats
 Rebuilt Engine.....New Spark Plugs
 May Run.....Never has
 Low Mileage.....Third Time around
 Many New Parts.....Breaks down frequently
 29 Coats Hand Rubbed Paint.....Took that much to cover rust
 Clean.....Sat in Rain Yesterday
 Best Offer.....About what I expect to get
 Always Driven Slowly.....Won't go any faster
 Prize Winner.....Hard luck trophy 3 times
 Stored 25 Years.....Under a Tree
 Real Show Stopper.....Orange with Purple Fenders
 Easy Restoration.....Parts just fall off
 Ready to Show.....Recently washed
 Good Top.....Only Leaks when it rains
 Good Investment.....Can't Depreciate Further

Save the Date - Spring Banquet & First 2026 LMR Meeting of the Year

It was a fine year in 2025, with lots of vintage car events, and plenty of opportunity to catch up with VCCA friends.

To officially end 2025, and bring in 2026, we cordially invite you to our annual Spring Awards Banquet, to be held at Winter Inn, 100 N. Lafayette in Greenville, MI, on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Opened in 1902 by T. B. Winter the Inn was one of two first class hotels in town, servicing many of the visitors coming to town by rail. Experience a confluence of history and style and enjoy the hospitality of the Thornton family. Beginning with a membership meeting, we will then enjoy a wonderful meal that you can select from a menu pre-selected for your enjoyment.



Some of the details have yet to be worked out, so please remember to look for more details and a reservation form in future Chevy Chatters. Hope to see you there!



Meet the new Chevy Chatter editor - Sabrina Karras



Hello everyone! Thank you so much for reading this edition of the Chevy Chatter. My name is Sabrina Karras, VCCA member #43031. I am the new editor of the Chatter and I am taking over from Tim Reinke. Please join me in thanking Tim for volunteering his time and doing such a wonderful job as editor these past few years. I have been a member of LMR for many years and am glad to step up and take a more active role in the club now that I am a full time resident of Michigan. Since moving here from California in 2024, it has been a pleasure getting to meet all of the kind and welcoming people of LMR. I look forward to producing many enjoyable editions of the Chatter in the months to come. If you have any article, pictures, or information to submit to future editions, please reach out to me at editor@lmrvcca.org or at the address on the back. Happy reading!



LOWER MICHIGAN REGION

VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolet and GMC-manufactured vehicles twenty-five or more years old. Ownership of a vintage Chevrolet/GMC is not a prerequisite for membership.

In accordance with the NATIONAL VCCA ORGANIZATION BY-LAWS and the LOWER MICHIGAN REGION, VCCA BY-LAWS, each applicant **must be a NATIONAL VCCA MEMBER in good standing** in order to become a REGION MEMBER and must maintain that NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP status for continued REGION membership.

YEARLY VCCA NATIONAL DUES ARE \$50.00, Print Magazine: \$35 Digital Magazine: \$5 Next Gen, Digital Magazine

Your National VCCA # _____

National expiration date _____

LOWER MICHIGAN DUES: (Multiple year dues accepted)

___ \$25/yr. Email Newsletter

___ \$30/yr. USPS (Printed) Newsletter

___ \$5/yr. Next Generation (Younger than 25 Years old), Email Newsletter

All region members will receive a monthly newsletter, January - December. Event Calendar and Club activities will be posted in the monthly newsletter. Membership renewal dues need to be received by mid-January.

Member 1 _____ Member 2 _____

Birthdays (mo/day) Mbr 1 _____ Mbr 2 _____ Anniv mo/day/yr _____

Summer Address _____ Dates of Res _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Winter Address _____ Dates of Res _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____ Mobile: (____) _____

Email 1 : _____ Email 2 : _____

LIST VINTAGE CHEVROLETS OWNED (if any--attach list if needed)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Body Style</u>	<u># Cylinders</u>	<u>Condition</u>

Return completed form with dues to:

LMR VCCA Membership

Attn: Pat Mehl

P.O. Box 20

Paw Paw, MI 49053

Renewal via Website using Credit Card:

<https://lmrvcca.org>

Via USPS: Checks Payable to:

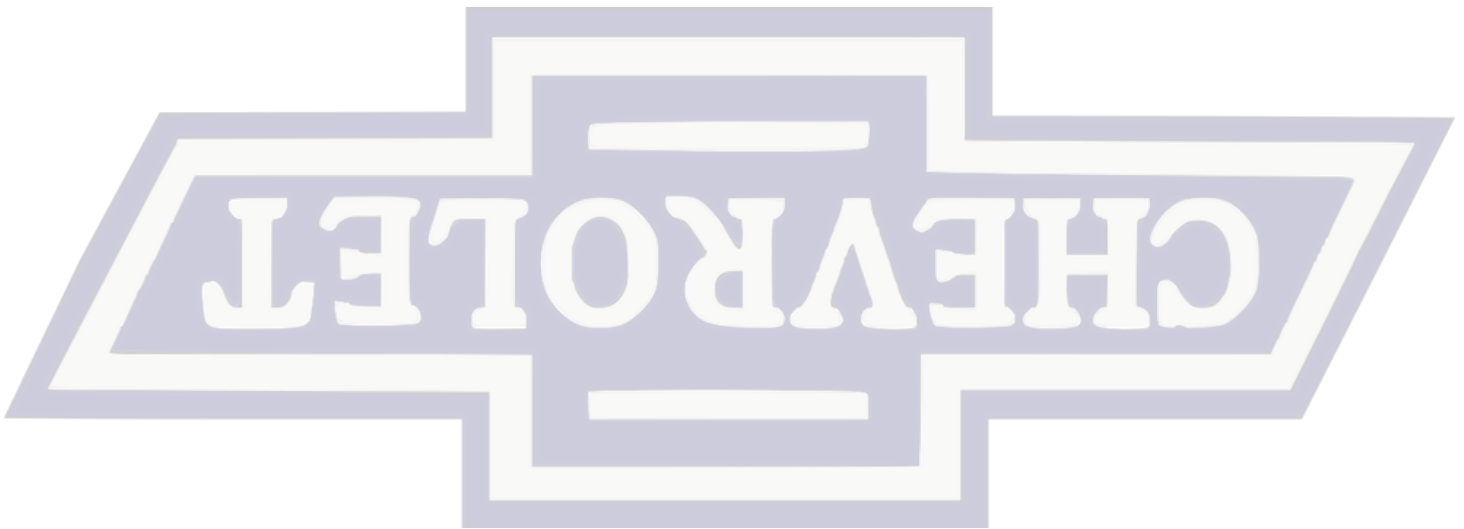
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