

March 2026



CHEVY Chatter



Lower Michigan Region VCCA

From Behind The Steering Wheel - by Bill Anderson



Its Still Indoor Car Season

Wow! Autorama is coming up Feb 27 -March 1 in Detroit! Not a show to be missed, especially the basement collection of hoopties, Rat Rods, and Live band Rock Music. Someday, I may submit my '32 Sedan for display. I found some novelties at the KAARC swap meet in Kalamazoo, Feb 6. Pat & Tim Mehl ran the LMR/VCCA member recruitment table at that event.

Hopefully you didn't miss Chrome & Ice in Flint 2 weeks ago. Another good show organized by the Back to the Bricks folks. Had a Chevy dealer in Fenton volunteer to help sponsor part of this Summer's Central meet. Need some follow-up.

The "100 Years of Testing at GM Proving Ground" in Milford presented at Pontiac transportation Museum on Feb. 5, was, once again, attended by over 70 folks in the John McMullen Auditorium. Didn't see LMR members there.

What else is coming up?

Monday, March 2: Greenfield Village Motor Muster registration begins. Event will be held June 20, 21. Cars newer than 1932. The events at The Henry Ford complex are popular and registrations fill up fast.

Thursday, March 5: 7 PM Pontiac Transportation museum will present the history of development that took place in the "triangle" area that is now part of the M1 Concourse/car condo complex. There were several manufacturing businesses in that area, including GM Truck & Bus.

Saturday, March 7: 7 AM - Noon, Points & Condenser Group Meets for coffee, conversation, and a presentation by Larry Webster, editor of the Hagerty Magazine, 888 Railroad St, Ypsilanti.

Sunday, April 12: Monroe Swap meet Celebrates its 50th Anniversary. LMR will have an indoor display and recruitment table. You are invited to join me to guard the candy dish, hand out membership forms, G&D's, and registration forms for Central Meet. Email or Call if interested.

Planning conversation regarding next Summer's Central Mini-Meet August 14 & 15, 2026 are ongoing. Registration opens March 1. Look for more information in this newsletter plus online links and email attachments. Again, 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. The G&D initial calendar notice is in February issue, and an updated advertisement announcing the Mini-Meet will be in the April 2026 issue of G&D, in addition to info in this newsletter.

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. Presentation: 100 Years of GM Proving Ground History.

Dust-Off Tour

Dates are pulled ahead one week to May 9 & 10. The Dust-Off tour will visit some interesting venues in the Plymouth/Canton area of Southeast Michigan. For Mothball Tour we still plan to visit your backyard. Just contact Tim Mehl or myself to let us know if you'll be home.

Michigan Collector Car Calendar

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.

April 25: 9 AM - 3 PM. Donald's Dust Off Car Show, Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 W Hickory Road, Hickory Corners. Donald's Dust-Off is a celebration of automotive diversity, welcoming show cars of all makes, models, and years.

May 16: Back to the Bricks 1st Swap Meet, Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, 6140 N. Bray Rd., Flint. Will be held the day before the Dust Em' Off Show.

May 17: 9 AM - 3 PM. Back to the Bricks Dust Em' Off Show, Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, 6140 N. Bray Rd., Flint. You must register on your own for this activity to gain entrance into the show.

May 30-31: Michigan Antique Festival's Classic Car Show and Swap Meet, Midland County Fairgrounds, 6905 Eastman Ave, Midland. Classic car show with judged contests and huge swap meet with auto parts, tools & memorabilia.

June 14: 9 AM - 3 PM Marysville Car Show, Marysville Park, Car show is at the corner of River Road & E. Huron Blvd., just east of 801 E. Huron Blvd. Enter off of River St.

VCCA 65th Anniversary Meet Is Coming Soon! Here is some Information!



July 12-17, 2026

Rapid City, South Dakota

Registration is now open!

You can register online at vcca.org or via mail.

Host Hotel

Best Western Hankota & Conference Center

Alternate Hotel

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Rapid City I-90
(605) 355-9090

The block name is: 2026 Vintage Chevrolet of America
Reservation cut off 05/27/26

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

Jill Anderson - 03/01
Martha Bamfield - 03/02
Dave Brummel - 03/03
Bob Crawford - 03/03
Jim Schott - 03/03
Matt Dickinson - 03/04
Darrell Hammond - 03/05
Pamela Nagy - 03/10
Bill Anderson - 03/14
Mike McFarland - 03/15
Cathy Sweet - 03/16

Bob Gardner - 03/17
Jo Carpenter - 03/17
Mary Samulski - 03/19
Mabel Beam - 03/20
Victor Pitcavage - 03/22
Gary Mehl - 03/22
Diane Latora - 03/24
Robert Beam - 03/26
Mary Jo Klock - 03/27
Sabrina Karras - 03/29
William Bissell - 03/29

March Anniversaries

Mike McFarland & Mary Samulski - 03/04
Roy & Deb Ellenwood - 03/16
Bill & Sue Weinberg - 03/26



HAPPY
Anniversary



Happy
Birthday

LMR Activity Highlights



Bill Anderson took these fantastic pictures at the 11th Annual Back to the Bricks Chrome & Ice Winter Indoor Car Show that was held February 13th, 14th, & 15th at the Dort Financial Center in Flint, MI. He had a great time at the show. He did say that there were no Chevy's older than 1960's to be seen at the show however!



2026 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

National VCCA Board Representative

Joseph Razumich, #51086, Director - Area 7B - Central

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, on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Opened in 1902 by T. B. Winter, the Inn was one of two first class hotels in Greenville, Michigan, 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 from the full menu at Winter Inn, which you can preview at www.thewinterinn.com/our-menu.

Date: Saturday, April 25

Time: 11 a.m. Board Meeting

Noon General Meeting and Social Hour

1 p.m. Lunch

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Presentation on the 100-year History of the GM Proving Grounds

Presentation of Awards

Place: Winter Inn, 100 N. Lafayette, Greenville, MI

Parking available behind the Inn, or across the street in the City lot.

Please call Pat Mehl, 269-217-1253 with any questions.

We ask that you complete and return the registration form included below to:

Pat Mehl, P.O. Box 20, Paw Paw, MI 49079. Please RSVP by April 17, 2026.



Lower Michigan Region, Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Annual Awards Banquet

Yes, I/we will attend the banquet on April 25, 2026:

Member Name _____

Other guests attending with me:



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 lrmvcca.org!

Save the Date - 63rd Central Meet



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Central
Meet**

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Michigan
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VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA INC.
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**Back to the
BRICKS**

August 14 & 15, 2026
Celebrate your Chevy's
Heritage in Flint, Michigan
Birthplace of General Motors
2 Day Mini Meet
Class Judging
BBQ Banquet

Free:
Sloan Museum Entry
Factory One Tours
Downtown Car Show
Featuring VCCA Vehicles

Registration: lmrvcca.org
Email: lmrchevy@gmail.com
Phone: 248-881-6510



63rd Central Meet

Flint, MI

August 14 & 15, 2026

The Lower Michigan Region, VCCA, is the 63rd Annual Central Meet Host, in conjunction with Flint's Back to the Bricks (BttB) car show.

This is a 2-day Mini-Meet and registration will feature a Free Friday admission to Sloan Museum, and C.S. Mott's Applewood Estate. Longway Planetarium admission is available for a \$10 fee.

On Saturday, our Vintage Chevrolets will be featured with special premium parking on the brick paved Saginaw Street's Flat Lot.

While at the show, you can visit Durant Dort Factory One, two blocks away, which is the birthplace of General Motors, and where the Buick Club has the Vintage Buicks on the Bricks display. The Factory One office shows a video history of General Motors all day. Free lectures about Buicks and the History of Flint are presented at 10 AM and 2 PM.

Central Meet Schedule

Friday, August 14, 2026

9:00 AM Check-In At Cultural Center

Whiting Auditorium North End

Receive Packet

(No Meet Check-in at Hotel)

Parking :

Trailers & Support Vehicles park adjacent to

Show Field or in Applewood Parking lot.

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Field Entrance Check

Show Field Parking

1:00 PM—4:00 PM

Judging

5:00—6:00 PM Best of Show Selection

6:00—8:00 PM BBQ & Awards Presented

Friday Night Parking Opportunities:

1. Cars: Host Hotel
2. Trailers: Heritage Center Lot next to hotel via a separate driveway

Saturday, August 15, 2026

6:00—8:00 AM Show Cars Arrive & Park at Flat Lot

Enter via Harrison St.

Trailer parking in University of Michigan "Harrison lot"

5:00 PM Show Officially Ends

Hotel: Comfort Inn & Suites

1359 Grand Point Court

Grand Blanc (Flint), Michigan

Phone: 810-498-3429

Code: Vintage Chevrolet Club

HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 16, 2026

Each Registrant will receive
Maps via Email or USPS.



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>
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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:

VCCA Lower Michigan Region

Questions? Call 269-217-1253

Visit the Lower Michigan Region of the VCCA
website on the internet at lrmvcca.org

Visit the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America at vcca.org or
follow them on  Facebook and  Instagram

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