

April 2026



# CHEVY Chatter



Lower Michigan Region VCCA

From Behind The Steering Wheel - by Bill Anderson



## **C'MON SPRING!**

The weatherman keeps tantalizing us with warm 60 degree days followed by snow flurries and occasional snow dust. However, that has not deterred yours truly from making plans for next month, the month after, and after. "No wick for the rested", as they say. April opens with the re-occurring first Thursday of month lecture at Pontiac Transportation Museum followed by first Saturday at the Warehouse with host LMR member Bill Milliken Jr. scheduling another automotive lecture to go along with attendee cars and coffee. (888 Railroad St, Ypsilanti)

## **MONROE SWAP MEET**

The Monroe 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Swap meet is April 12 and LMR has an indoor booth to let prospective members know we have interesting activities on our 2026 schedule. Stop by, visit for a moment, check out our new club banner, sample the candy dish, AND, you can even fill out a membership form to add a year to your membership, or sign-up for the Dust-Off Tour May 8 & 9. There is no charge, but I need to know who is coming and all appropriate contact information.

## **LMR SPRING BANQUET**

A scant 11 days later, the Annual LMR Spring Banquet will be held at the Winter Inn in Greenville, MI. Pat Mehl has us set up to order good food from the menu. We will hold a club business meeting before lunch. Dust-Off details, and other Summer calendar event updates will be covered. There will be several video presentations for your entertainment.

## **63RD VCCA CENTRAL MEET**

Planning conversations regarding next Summer's 63<sup>rd</sup> Central Meet August 14 & 15, 2026 are ongoing. Registration opened March 1st. Look for our ad in the April G&D. An online registration link is located at [lmrvcca.org](http://lmrvcca.org). A printable paper form is also available. There is one included in this newsletter, or send me an email at [old50grit@comcast.net](mailto:old50grit@comcast.net). Again, this Central 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. Just a reminder, those REGISTERED participants for Central Meet will receive Friday free admission to Sloan Museum. Those registering and staying for Saturday Back to the Bricks will receive a free BttB T Shirt.

## **DUST-OFF TOUR**

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. We have 5 business venues to visit on Friday, and two, possibly three collections on Saturday.

## **MOTHBALL TOUR**

For the 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 2: 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Wheels of Time – Industry Use of CAD/CAE in Product Development Lecture, Pontiac Transportation Museum, 250 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Tony Karew will provide insight into how the automotive world uses “math” in the current virtual design and development process.

April 4: 9 AM - 11:30 AM Points & Condensers Monthly Warehouse Gathering, Points & Condensers Preservation Society Warehouse, 888 Railroad St. Ypsilanti. Lecture begins 10 AM.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 65<sup>th</sup> 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](http://vcca.org) or via mail.

**Host Hotel**  
Best Western Plankota &  
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

### April Birthdays

Darrel Dowdy, Jr. - 04/02  
Bob Houskamp - 04/03  
Hope Dowdy - 04/06  
Hanna Mehl - 04/06  
Pamela Mehl - 04/12  
Denice Thomas - 04/19  
Mary Granger - 04/20



Lizz Reinke - 04/20  
Lois Gardner - 04/21  
Jay Amick - 04/22  
Kristine Hammond - 04/22  
Harry Snider - 04/22  
John McPeak - 04/29

### April Anniversaries

Scott & Janet Taylor - 04/01  
Mike & Susan McCarty - 04/16  
Jim & Sabrina Karras - 04/22  
Bill & Sue Anderson - 04/25



HAPPY  
Anniversary

# 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](http://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 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



## TOUR OVERVIEW:



This year's Dust-Off Tour is a 2 day tour visiting as many as seven venues in Suburban Detroit metro area

### **Hotel: Residence Inn by Marriott Detroit Livonia**

17250 Fox Dr, Livonia, MI 48152

(734) 462-4201

Advertised Price ~ \$120/night. No group discount.

**Departing Between  
8:30 & 9:00 AM each day**

### **Friday Venues:**

1. Vanguard Motors, Plymouth
2. Jack Roush Collection, Livonia

Lunch: Buddy's Pizza

3. Peaker Engine Shop
4. Colbecks Machine Shop



### **Saturday Venues:**

1. John & Dorothy Grace  
Car & Bicycle Collection
2. Jerry Szostak Shop & Car Collection
3. Karl's Cabin Restaurant
4. Jeff Bladow Collection



Some venues may be adjusted based on schedule changes or availability

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

Send me your information via email, USPS, or call me. I need to know how many are attending.

**Contact:** Bill Anderson

**Phone:** (248) 881-6510

**Email:** [old50grit@comcast.com](mailto:old50grit@comcast.com)



# REGISTRATION FORM



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Additional Participants:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Which Day(s)?*

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday      \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday



### *Send this information to:*

Bill Anderson  
3301 Saddle Ridge  
Highland, MI 48357  
Cell: (248) 881-6510  
Email: old50grit@comcast.net.



# Save the Date - 63rd Central Meet

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.



**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](http://lmrvcca.org)  
Email: [lmrchevy@gmail.com](mailto:lmrchevy@gmail.com)  
Phone: 248-881-6510



## 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.

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America  
 63<sup>rd</sup> Central Meet - Flint, MI  
 August 14 – 15, 2026  
 Comfort Inn & Suites  
 1359 Grand Point Court  
 (I-475 and East Hill Road)  
 Grand Blanc (Flint), Michigan  
**(810) 498-3429**

**HOTEL REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
 July 16, 2026**



Link to  
 Central Meet website:  
[lrvcca.org](http://lrvcca.org)

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_ VCCA # \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Children (Age) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Other Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

VCCA Region \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing a vintage vehicle? YES NO

Are you bringing the vehicle on a trailer? YES NO

If you are bringing more than one vehicle, please fill out a registration face page (this page) for each vehicle.

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make & Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

Color \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

Engine: 4-Cyl. \_\_\_\_\_ 6-Cyl. \_\_\_\_\_ 8-Cyl. \_\_\_\_\_ Is the Vehicle to be Judged? YES NO

Is this your first time showing this vehicle? YES NO Has this vehicle previously won an award? YES NO

**How would you like your car judged?**

**Class Judging** \_\_\_\_\_ **HPOCF** \_\_\_\_\_ **CDPC** \_\_\_\_\_ **DISPLAY ONLY** \_\_\_\_\_ (Add \$5 award fee below)

**Personalized/Modified:** \_\_\_\_\_ Please contact the PCC Administrator \$15/car \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Name  
 And Contact Number

Admission tickets per registered member and guests for the Sloan Museum for Friday ONLY, August 14, will be included in registration packet.

Amount		How Many?
Meet Registration fee:	\$ 50 (per member and family)	<u>  1  </u> _____
Additional vehicles (same owner or spouse)	\$ 10 per vehicle	_____
Trailer Parking fee	\$10 per trailer	_____
VCCA Award Fee (no charge for Display only)	\$ 15 per vehicle	_____

Meet registration fee includes all family members, registration of ONE vehicle, registration materials, and admission. Check made out to VCCA – LOWER MICHIGAN REGION. All VCCA members attending the 63rd Central Meet must register and pay registration fee. Awards are paid for out of the registration fees collected.

**Total Page 1** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT SCHEDULE AND FEES**

**Friday:** Breakfast/Lunch during judging: Vendors available at the judging site (On your own).

**Dinner:** Northern Smoke BBQ food truck and picnic: Each entrée comes with choice of 2 sides, drink and dinner roll.

Sliced brisket ½ lb.	\$ 29.00 x _____ persons	\$ _____
St. Louis Style Rib Dinner (5 bones)	\$ 24.00 x _____ persons	\$ _____
Pulled Chicken Dinner	\$ 21.00 x _____ persons	\$ _____
Pulled Pork Dinner	\$ 20.00 x _____ persons	\$ _____

**Saturday: Back to the Bricks: will attend with vehicle:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Central Meet Apparel:** **Registration must be submitted by July 20 to ensure merchandise is available for the meet.**

**Meet T-Shirt:** Size – Men’s: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ Lg. \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
2XL \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$14.00 ea. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Baseball Cap:** One size adjustable Price: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**50/50 Raffle:** Tickets: \$1 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteering:** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Wherever we’re needed! \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Table: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Preferred: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Observer: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Runner: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tabulator: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Field Entrance Check: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parking Assistant: Sloan \_\_\_\_\_ BttBricks: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FROM PAGE 1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES – Checks payable to VCCA – LOWER MICHIGAN REGION** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*You must be a member in good standing to register for the 63rd Central Meet.*

*A charged UL approved automotive fire extinguisher must be with your vehicle at all times during a VCCA meet.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make a copy of this form before sending to the meet registration chairperson:

**Bill Anderson**  
**3301 Saddle Ridge**  
**Highland, MI 48357**

Confirmation will be sent immediately to all registrants, along with a map and directions to the 63rd Central Meet headquarters hotel. Hotel reservations must be made directly with **Comfort Inn & Suites, Grand Blanc,(Flint) Michigan, 810-498-3429. Rates are variable depending on room selection. Mention Vintage Chevrolet Club when making your reservation.**

You may also register online at: [lmrvcca.org](http://lmrvcca.org) (click on the link for the Central Meet).

**Meet registration (without merchandise) is due no later than Aug. 1, 2026.**

<b>For Committee Use Only</b>	
Check # _____	Amt _____
Date Received _____	



# 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>

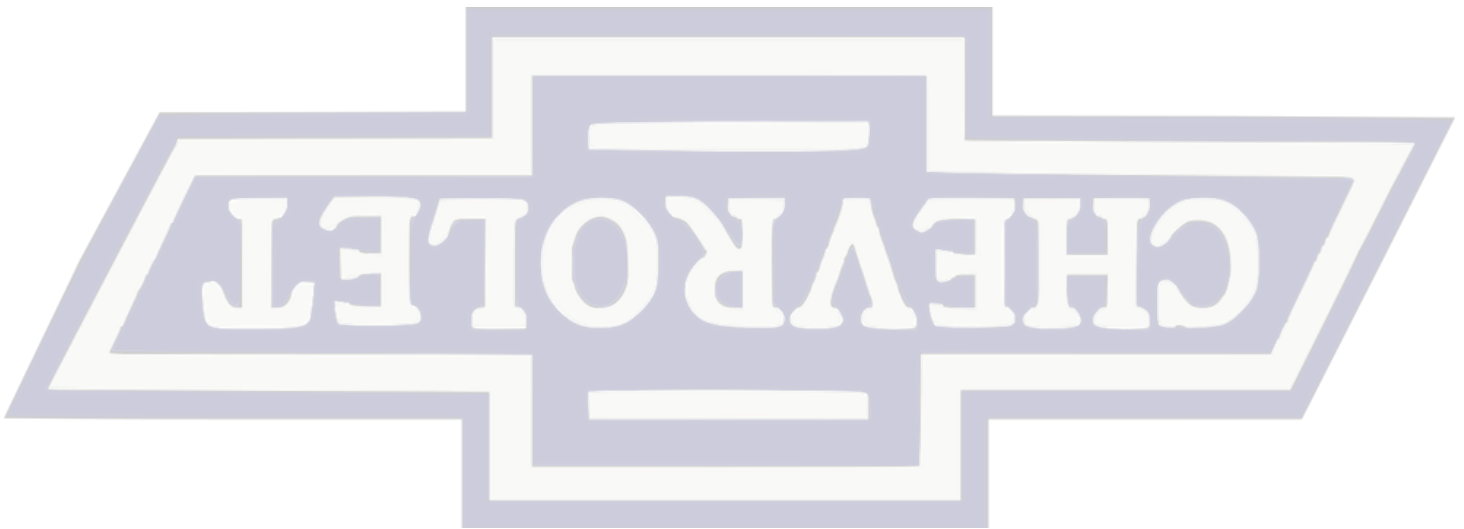
Return completed form with dues to:  
**LMR VCCA Membership**  
 Attn: Pat Mehl  
 P.O. Box 20  
 Paw Paw, MI 49053

**Renewal via Website using Credit Card:**  
<https://lmrvcca.org>  
**Via USPS: Checks Payable to:**  
**VCCA Lower Michigan Region**  
 Questions? Call 269-217-1253

Visit the Lower Michigan Region of the VCCA  
website on the internet at [lrmvcca.org](http://lrmvcca.org)

Visit the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America at [vcca.org](http://vcca.org) or  
follow them on  Facebook and  Instagram

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