

June 2026



CHEVY Chatter



Lower Michigan Region VCCA

From Behind The Steering Wheel - by Bill Anderson



DUST-OFF TOUR

Sorry, if you missed it, but the Dust-Off tour was the literal fire hose version of Dust-Off Tours. Five venues on Friday, three on Saturday. Look for the road trip report in this newsletter

63RD VCCA CENTRAL MEET

Planning conversations regarding this Summer's 63rd Central Meet August 14 & 15, 2026 are ongoing. As this year's we're always looking for volunteers to help with the simple tasks. Don't be afraid to step-up. The folks at Back to the Bricks are offering free T-shirts to our group. We need a head count of cars wanting to park in the featured flat Lot by June 1. Our registration closes July 1. Late entries will park on Second Street where we will direct overflow. The layout maps for both Central Meet and Back to the Bricks are available on the LMRVCCA website, from me via email, or direct USPS if you desire.

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 free admission to Sloan Museum on Friday.

MOTHBALL TOUR

Tim Mehl is planning the Mothball Tour for Fall. Now is the time to share your venue and road trip ideas.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

The usual Monthly lectures and mini-shows at Pontiac Transportation Museum (First Thursday) and Bill Milliken's Points & Condenser warehouse in Ypsilanti (First Saturday), I'm sure will be well attended this month.

I'm going to attend the Back to the Bricks Promo tour in June with my '32 pickup. Should be interesting. I'll try not to get run over by impolite Corvettes this time.

End of June, 27, & 28, the Sloan Summer Fair is at Cross Roads Village. We have reserved parking, courtesy of the Granger brothers. A very nice setting for a car show. Sunday afternoon we will have a club meeting in one of the building meeting rooms. Join us!

LMR & VCCA Upcoming Event Calendar



June 28: LMR VCCA Meeting - Held during Sloan Auto Fair at Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, 6140 N. Bray Rd., Flint. Board Meeting 1:00 PM; General Meeting 2:00 PM in the Clayton Building. See map included in this edition of Chevy Chatter-Building #7 on map.

July 12-17: 65th VCCA Anniversary Meet - Rapid City, South Dakota. Registration now open.

August 14-15: 63rd VCCA Central Meet - Flint, MI. Two-day mini meet with VCCA class & PCC judging and participation in Back to the Bricks event. Registration form in this edition of Chevy Chatter

September 20: LMR VCCA Meeting - Held during Sloan Golden Memories at Flint Cultural Center, 1310 E Kearsley St, Flint. Board Meeting 1:00 PM; General Meeting 2:00 PM.

September/October: Mothball Tour - Western Michigan Area - Locations and Dates TBD

October 18: LMR VCCA Meeting - Junction of Hope Restaurant, 4136 Peet Rd, Chesaning. Board Meeting 1:00 PM; General Meeting 2:00 PM.

Michigan Collector Car Calendar



June 5-10: Back to the Bricks Promo Tour, The tour will travel from Clio, MI making its way to 4 hotel stops, & 4 Car Shows in 6 days. 6/5-Big Rapids; 6/7-Cadillac; 6/8-Gaylord; 6/9-Tawas; 6/10-Optional stops TBD.

June 6: 9 AM - 11:30 AM Points & Condensers Monthly Warehouse Gathering, Points & Condensers Preservation Society Warehouse, 888 Railroad St. Ypsilanti. Lecture begins 10 AM.

June 11: 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Wheels of Time – Pontiac's Metal Fabrication Heritage, Pontiac Transportation Museum, 250 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Jim Gaeschke will discuss the 100 year history of this facility.

June 27-28: 9 AM - 3 PM. Sloan Auto Fair, Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad, 6140 N. Bray Rd., Flint. LMRVCCA registered participants have designated parking spot. PARKING PASS in this newsletter.

September 12-13: Old Car Festival, Greenfield Village-Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Blvd, Dearborn. America's longest-running antique car show with vehicles from the 1890s-1932.

September 20: 9 AM - 3 PM. Sloan Museum Golden Memories Car Show, Flint Cultural Center, 1310 E Kearsley St, Flint. Exclusively for original or authentically-restored vehicles 1976 or earlier.

October 6-9: Antique Automobile Club of America Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region Headquarter, 100 Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA 1310 E Kearsley St, Flint. The meet has over 9,000 vendors, over 1,000 cars for sale in the car corral, and over 1,200 cars at the car show.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



June Birthdays

Paula Granger - 06/04
Mike McCarty - 06/05
Melissa West - 06/08
Mike Kaskinen - 06/10
Carl Latora - 06/11



Tim Reinke - 06/14
Michael Kelly - 06/14
Andy Mehl - 06/20
Mary Galbraith - 06/23
Don Frasure - 06/25



June Anniversaries

Jim & Jo Carpenter - 06/18
Robert & Mabel Beam - 06/24
Jay & Carole Amick - 06/25
Rick & Sandi Kaskinen - 06/27
Clarence & Marie Straus - 06/30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY Anniversary



DUST-OFF TOUR - MAY 8 & 9

Tour Overview:

This year's Dust-Off Tour was a 2 day tour visiting five venues on Friday and three on Saturday covering Livonia, Plymouth, Brighton and Salem, Michigan.

Attendees: Bill Jusela, Andy West, Tim and Pat Mehl, Bill and Sue Anderson, Don and Corrine Frasure, Bill Milliken.

Friday Venues:

1. Jack Roush Collection, Livonia
2. Detroit Hot Rod & Custom
3. Vanguard Motors Warehouse
4. Vanguard Motors Main Showroom
5. Peaker Engine Shop, Brighton

Saturday Venues

1. John & Dorothy Grace Car & Bicycle Collection
2. Jeff Bladow Collection
3. Paul Wise Shop & Collection



First Stop:

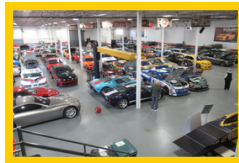
Jack Roush Collection

We were treated to stories from Jack's chief staff mechanic about the cars and people Jack Sponsored as part of the annual Great Race Road rally. A nice insider's view of the cars, the people, and the competition. Just an FYI, it is a time distance competition which bans the use of cell phones and other navigation equipment. The event supplies the Speedometer/odometer, and an official stop watch with instructions what distances and speeds the participants must travel.

On display were some of Jack's race cars and classic collector cars, in addition to Jack's famous experimental airplane he crash landed in a lake near Troy, Alabama in 2002.



Roush Wall Art



Gallery



Jack's Plane



Great Race Entry

Second Stop:

Detroit Hot Rod

Owner Bill Zhmendak showed us all the hot rods and resto-mods that his staff has under repair and restoration. By the looks of it, some have been hibernating for a long time. Lots of Chevy "LS" V8 powertrains.



Chevy Telephone Truck Waiting For Wheels



Dent Removal

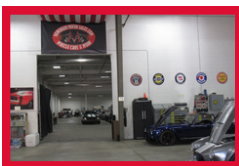


Group Photo

Third Stop:

Vanguard Warehouse

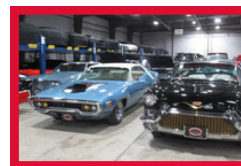
Vanguard is a collector car retailer that locates cars at Auction and other online sales outlets. They recondition and detail them at their main location and store the cars awaiting sale at their warehouse that is part of the huge building occupied by Detroit Hot Rod. So our drive was just around the corner to the next driveway for a visit.



Huge Warehouse



Beautiful Car



Some Of The Cars From Auctions



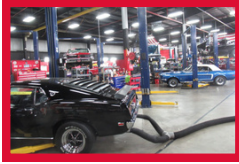
Great Fenders



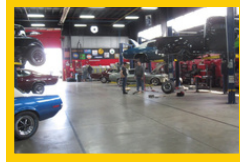
Fourth Stop:

Vanguard Showroom & Service Garage

Vanguard's main showroom is just 2.5 miles from the Warehouse. They perform detailing and "New Car Service" on each car, then photograph it for posting on the web. Last year, they did about \$20 million in sales.



Service Bays



On The Lifts



Rotary Table For Ad Photos

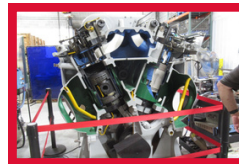


Bill Jusela, Pat Mehl, Sue & Bill Anderson, Tim Mehl, Andy West, Corrine & Don Fraser

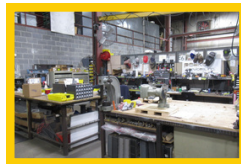
Fifth Stop:

Peaker Services

Peaker Services in Brighton, MI repairs & rebuilds large Diesel engines for boats and mostly locomotives. We're talking big machines, making upwards to 2000 hp. Our host has 44 years in the industry and shared many tales of performing service work in the U.S. and foreign countries.



Two Example Of Diesel Cylinders



Workbenches



Crankshaft Anyone?



Engine Test "Buggy"



Everyone Needs A Heavy Duty Mail Box Post

Saturday

First Stop:

John Grace Collection

John and Dorothy entertained us with their two warehouses filled with both antique cars and antique bicycles. Their daughter entertained us with a demo ride on a high wheeler and later, neighbor Matt Sinclair, gave us rides in John's 1911 Regal touring car.



Antique High Wheeler



Rows of Antique & Vintage Bicycles



Side By Side Bicycle



1911 Regal



Bright Red Two-Seater

Saturday Second Stop:

Jeff Bladow Collection

Jeff and his wife see a car they like, then buy it. Make or Model year is seldom important, although MoPars appear popular.



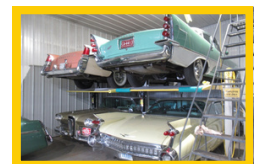
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High Shine Finish



Beer Anyone?

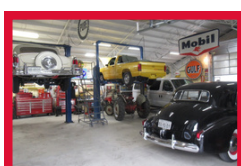


Big Fins, Today

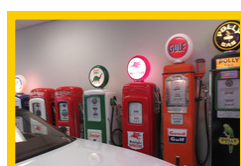
Saturday Third Stop:

Paul Wise Workshop & Collection

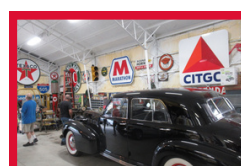
Paul Wise is a retired automotive service business owner with a diverse collection vehicles and garage art.



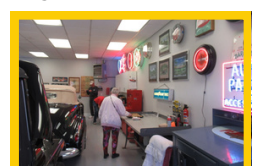
Tip Top Garage



Vintage Gas Pumps



Check Out Those Gas Station Signs



Hey Look! This Place Has A Cookie Table



The Lower Michigan Region will have a presence at the Sloan Auto Fair on June 27-28. Any members that are registered participants can use the parking pass below to park in our preferred parking section along Church Street. Just show the volunteers at check in the pass and they will direct you where to park. LMRVCCA will also be holding a meeting on June 28th during the Auto Fair. The meeting will be held in Clayton Hall, building #7 on the map to the left. The Board Meeting will begin at 1pm and the General Meeting will begin at 2PM. We hope to see many LMR members there!



Lower Michigan Region VCCA

Chevy Club Reserved Parking

Church Street

Sloan Auto Fair - June 27-28, 2026

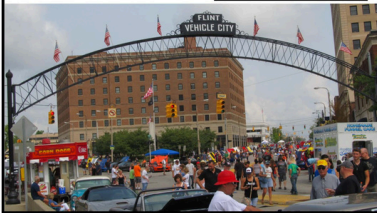
Save the Date - 63rd Central Meet

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.

	63rd Central Meet 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		



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:

Cars: Host Hotel

Trailers: Host Hotel 6-8 Spots available

Overnight Security monitored parking at Central Meet show
field, Flint Cultural complex, near Whiting Auditorium
Details forthcoming. Participants will be notified by email.

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



August 14-15, 2026

Hosted by: LMR VCCA

Each Registrant will receive maps via Email or USPS.

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America
 63rd 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:
lmrvcca.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 _____ \$ _____

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

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 \$ _____

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.

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: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd 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 (click on the link for the Central Meet).

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

For Committee Use Only

Check # _____ Amt _____

Date Received _____

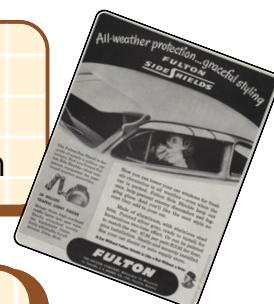
WANTED! LMRVCCA Members On the Lookout!



WANTED

One pair of Fulton side sun shields.

Contact: Luke (989) 621-5382 - VCCA #45707 - West Branch



WANTED

1936 Chevy standard chrome bumpers, front and rear. In good shape and rechromable. I hope to hear from someone soon as I am getting close to completing my car and would like to be able to join in on club activities. Any contacts or leads would be appreciated. Thank you. Contact: Dennis P. Wendland (989) 387-9813 or denwend8853@yahoo.com - VCCA #30986



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 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

Chevy Chatter Publication Information

The Chevy Chatter is published every month. Ads and other contributions from members are welcome for publication in the Chevy Chatter. The deadline for all contributions is the 15th of every month. To submit material send via email to editor@lmrvcca.org or via mail to Editor at 2876 W. Wing Road, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858. Newsletter Editor is Sabrina Karras.

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



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