

June 2026



CHEVY Chatter



Lower Michigan Region VCCA

From Behind The Steering Wheel - by Bill Anderson



63RD VCCA CENTRAL MEET

OK, Times running out! If you hurry, you can sneak in a late registration for the 63rd Central Meet at the Flint Cultural Center, August 14. Registration is scheduled to close about 15 minutes after you read this newsletter, so get your plan in gear and register now, today. Our support entities like food and infrastructure are breaking our door down asking if you are going to attend. I sent "yes/no" email asking if you are attending/not attending several weeks ago. Apparently, everyone's email doesn't work, as there were few replies. Makes me wonder if anyone really reads this newsletter. Regardless, a Central Meet registration form and link to on-line registration are contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

OUT & ABOUT ON TOUR

So, what has been happening on the car tour end of the business? Sue and I joined the June 5 – 10, Back to the Bricks Promo Tour, visiting Clio, Big Rapids, Cadillac, Gaylord, Tawas, and Birch Run. Our '32 Chevy truck was the oldest and slowest of the 243 vehicle parade, but not always the last to finish each leg. Our start to finish trip encompassed 745 miles with no breakdowns, one steering gear adjustment, and experienced only one road rage incident. We drive too slow, apparently. Fuel economy, 13 mpg, 10 gallon gas tank, cruising speed: 40 mph.

In Big Rapids LMR member Scott Taylor displayed his '39 Chevy boattail speedster at the downtown car show. His metal work on that project is truly outstanding. The following morning, we visited Scott and Janet at their home, made the steering gear adjustment, and toured their collection of cars, tools, and collector memorabilia. (see photos next page)



Cadillac's show brought a visit by Pinky Randall's daughter Brenda and son-in law Dan Collins. She reads the Chatter Joyce receives. We talked about Pinky's love for Chevrolets and especially his favorite year, 1932.

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The rest of June was spent prepping for shows at Motor Muster at Greenfield Village and Eyes on Design at Edsel & Eleanor Ford Estate in Grosse Pointe. The Motor Muster '33 "Montana" Pick-up entry had to stay home for that event due to wiring issues and a crabby grabby clutch. Another of its brethren in the stable had to attend in its place.

See you at the Anniversary Meet in South Dakota later this month.



Scott's '39 Chevy Boattail Speedster & Bill's '32 P/U



Scott with his Masterpiece



No, there is no trunk



Everyone needs a car in the basement



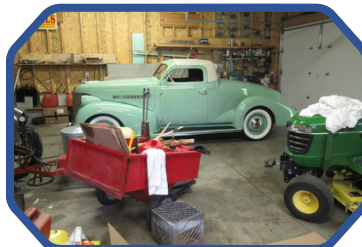
Elvis Presley Wall Art



Barn Storage



1923 Superior Touring



This is where the Boattail Sleeps



Barn projects waiting for attention

LMR Mothball Tour Save the Date!



Although details have yet to be finalized, our dates for the Mothball Tour are Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16, 2026. Our host hotel will be the Home2Suites/Tru by Hilton Kalamazoo Southeast on Cork St (at I-94) in Kalamazoo. We do NOT have a group code/pricing as of this printing, but will make that information available soon.

The tour, over two days, will take us down toward Centreville on Friday, and then up to Hickory Corners on Saturday. Once details are finalized we will publish those, along with a registration form, at www.lmrsvcca.org, and in the next Chevy Chatter.

LMR & VCCA Upcoming Event Calendar



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.

October 15-16: Mothball Tour - Home2Suites/Tru by Hilton Kalamazoo Southeast - Tour Locations 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



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

July 9: 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Wheels of Time – Advanced Engine Development in Pontiac's Heyday, Pontiac Transportation Museum, 250 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Leo Hilke will provide a technical perspective on engine engineering of that era.

July 11: 11 AM - 4 PM Lawton Summerfest Car Show, Downtown Lawton on Main Street, 615 N Main St, Lawton. Full day of family fun with a car show, craft show, farmer's market, concert, parade and fireworks.

July 18: 10 AM - 3 PM The 33rd Annual Car Capital Auto Show, R.E. Olds Transportation Museum, 240 Museum Dr., Lansing. Open to all makes & models. Features "Lansing's Auto Revolution," pre-1940 Durant, Oldsmobile, and REO Motor Cars.

August 1: 9 AM - 3 PM. KAARC Red Barn Spectacular, Gilmore Car Museum, 6865 Hickory Road, Hickory Corners. Antique & classic car show with over 1,500 show vehicles, a swap meet, and antique campers.

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



July Birthdays

Kristie Ferguson - 07/06
Ole Hagen - 07/13
Ron Deeds 07/24
Cierra Wilson - 07/26
Janie Nico - 07/28

July Anniversaries

Tom & Helen Hall - 07/13
Andy & Melissa West - 07/17
Stuart & Mary Galbraith - 07/22
Mike & Cathy Kelly - 07/30
Bob & Lois Gardner - 07/31





Sloan Auto Fair

Crossroads Village

July 27th & 28th



Crossroads Village



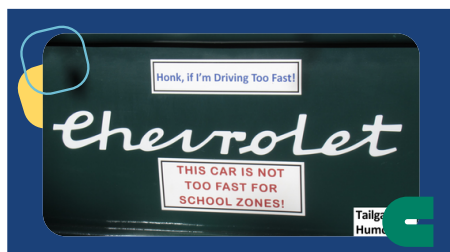
Huckleberry Railroad



Bill Anderson's 1935 Pickup



Marvin Grangers 1992
Chevy Blazer



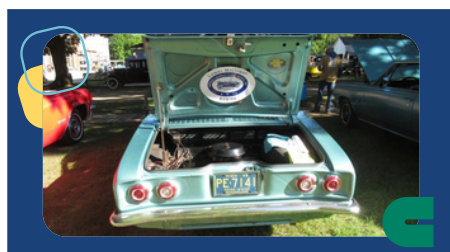
Tailgate Humor



Brian Granger's '65 Corvair was the star of the Legacy Car Display since he has shown it at the Auto Fair for more years than any other car.



Ice Cream hides inside
that trunk



Bruce Granger's Pick-Up His
'75 Caprice stayed Home

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 28, 2026, 1:07 PM

Crossroads Village, 6140 N Bray Rd, Flint, MI 48505

ATTENDEES

Bill Jusela, Pat Mehl, Tim Mehl, Bill Anderson, Bruce Granger, Brian Granger, Steve Ruggarello, Mike Kelly

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:07 PM

Pledge of Allegence

Introductions of Visitors and Members

Minutes of April 25, 2026 Presented: Reviewed, discussed, moved, seconded, and approved.

Old Business

- **Mothball Tour**
 - Dates of October 15-16 are tentatively proposed. The Kalamazoo area has been selected and a host hotel has been secured. Touring locations are still needing to be determined and secured for the tour. Will propose at a later date.
- **Central Meet**
 - Discussion was tabled for later in this meeting.

New Business

- **Treasurers Report (Bill Jusela)**
 - Reported current bank balances
 - Central Meet registration income so far is \$2,925 with more coming in this week
- **Membership (Pat Mehl)**
 - We currently have 79 Members
 - One new member
 - One potential member refunded as they did not hold National VCCA membership
- **Sunshine (Pat Mehl - Volunteered)**
 - Sabrina Karras is under the weather
 - Gary and Pam Mehl are doing okay after deer accident following the Spring Banquet
- **Tech Talk**
 - Tim Mehl is currently working on his 1984 Monte Carlo cooling system

Central Meet

- **Registration**
 - Set to close July 1
 - Can be extended if necessary
- **Reviewed schedule**
- **On-site Food**
 - Grab-n-Go and food truck plans
- **Port-a-johns**
 - Suggested adding wash station
- **Signage**
- **Trailer Parking at Hotel & Show Site**
- **Use of Personally Owned Golf Carts**
 - Needs research and follow up
- **Meet Packet Content**
 - ID Tags, lanyards vs clip vs other styles
- **Field Layout**
- **Awards**
- **Security Detail for Site at Night for Trailers**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:50 PM

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

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/MH20U3>

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 _____

FOR SALE! LMRVCCA Member Classifieds!

For Sale by Member

Tri-Five Chevys

1955	1956	1957
CHEVROLET BEL AIR 2 DOOR HARD TOP SPORT COUPE	CHEVROLET BEL AIR 2 DOOR HARD TOP SPORT COUPE	CHEVROLET BEL AIR 2 DOOR HARD TOP SPORT COUPE
		
265 CU. IN. / 180 H.P. POWER PAC POWERGLIDE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FRAME OFF RESTORATION REGAL TURQUOISE / INDIA IVORY PAINT TURQUOISE VINYL / STRAW PATTERN CLOTH WONDERBAR RADIO WHITE WALL TIRES / WIRE WHEEL COVERS TINTED GLASS \$65,000 OBO	265 CU. IN. / 190 H.P. POWER PAC 3 SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION FRAME OFF RESTORATION POWER STEERING DUSK PLUM / INDIA IVORY PAINT BLACK & WHITE CLOTH LEATHER DOOR PANELS WHITE WALL TIRES TINTED GLASS NATIONAL AWARD WINNER CHEVROLET CLASSIC SCORING: 993 OF 1,000 \$70,000 OBO	283 CU. IN. / 245 H.P. TWO 4 BARREL CARBURETORS BAT WING AIR CLEANER POWERGLIDE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FRAME OFF RESTORATION POWER STEERING ONYX BLACK PAINT BLACK & RED PATTERN CLOTH WONDERBAR RADIO WHITE WALL TIRES TINTED GLASS \$72,000 OBO
	<i>THE</i> Heartbeat OF AMERICA	FOR SALE Contact: Carl Latora (269) 929-4965

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



July 12-17, 2026

Rapid City, South Dakota

Register online at vcca.org or via mail.

Sunday, July 12

Registration; FEC & Vehicle Photos; Swap Meet; Seminars

Monday, July 13

Registration; FEC & Vehicle Photos; Swap Meet; Ladies Celebration; Judging School/Seminar; Welcome Event; Seminars

Tuesday, July 14

Judging & Show Day; Evening Sightseeing; Seminars

Wednesday, July 15

Mt. Rushmore/Custer State Park Tours; Basket Drawings

Thursday, July 16

Deadwood/Crazy Horse Tours; Banquet & Awards

Friday, July 17

Travels home or alternate sightseeing in Rapid City or local areas

SOLD OUT

Host Hotel:

Best Western Ramkota &
Conference Center

Alternate Hotel

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

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