



## *The View From The Top*

*by Doug Warren,  
WMCC President*

Happy Spring, to all our Camaro Club members and friends. As I sit here writing my column for the newsletter, it's 60 degrees outside. Yea! It's raining too, but at least it not snowing. It will only be a matter of days until at least one of our Camaros gets out of the garage for the first time this year. I can hardly wait! Vroom! Vroom!

On a personal note: Anita and I would like to thank all those members of our Camaro Club family that sent flowers and/or stopped by the funeral home after Anita's step-dad, and WMCC member, "Pops" Baker passed away early in March. The Camaro Club is very much our extended family, and your concern and sympathy was very much appreciated by both of us, as well as the rest of our family.

There have been some circumstances that have made it necessary for some of the Camaro Clubs plans to change. We will once again be having our monthly Club meeting at the Bad Guys Pizza Parlor in Wyoming. This is the same place we met last month, and it worked so well, we thought it would be good

to return there again this month. This month we will begin our meeting at 12:30pm, so we will have the opportunity to go on a cruise after the meeting, weather permitting. Let's all pray for nice weather! So, the details are: April Camaro Club meeting at 12:30pm on Sunday, April 4th. We will meet at the Bad Guys Pizza Parlor, 1885 28th Street SW, in Wyoming. Their phone number is: 616-538-1911. Bad Guys is located just about \_ mile west of the intersection of 28th Street and Burlingame Ave, on the north side of the street. We'll see you there!

I would like to ask our members to pull together once again to offer support to one of our own. Long time member, and extremely enthusiastic Club member, Dennis Barker, is no longer with Berger Chevrolet. Dennis has encountered some very serious issues in his life and has asked for our prayers and support for him and his family as they go through this very difficult time.

Some members may wonder how the Club's relationship with Berger Chevrolet could be affected without Dennis there to promote our Club. Matt Berger has assured me that our long standing relationship with Berger Chevrolet (over 20 years!) will not be affected by Dennis' departure and he continues to look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with the Western Michigan Camaro Club.

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By the time you get this newsletter, we will have had a Camaro Superfest Planning Committee meeting in Lansing with members of both WMCC and EMCC. We should have much to report on, about the progress of the plans for this year's Camaro Superfest. So, make sure you attend our Club meeting, so you can get all the latest information about the largest ANNUAL ALL CAMARO SHOW in the Country!

Looking forward to the May Camaro Club meeting, we have made plans to attend the 41st Annual Old Car "DUST OFF" car show in Mendon, Michigan held on May 2nd.

Because this car show starts early in the morning, and draws around 800 cars, we have made plans to arrive in the area on Saturday evening, and stay at some local motels in the Three Rivers area. This will make being there very early in the morning possible. Gary Crippin has put together the following is a list of recommended motels: Holiday Inn Express, 269-278-7766, 1-800-holiday, Std: \$89, Suite: \$94, Queen: \$99 Three Rivers Inn, 269-273-9521, 1-800-553-4626, pool side: \$65.69, non pool side: \$56.65 Best Value Inn: 269-273-8100, Std Queen Room, \$55 Super 8: 269-279-8888, Std: \$74, King: \$69

Dave Kemp has arranged for a reserved parking area for WMCC (Thanks Dave!) so make your plans now.

We will have a get-together in the afternoon to hold our Monthly Club Business meeting. We will discuss more details on this at this month's meeting (another reason not to miss the meeting!)

With Spring time virtually on our door step, it's time to think about making plans to attend the 2nd Annual WMCC Memorial Day weekend trip to the Wisconsin Dells. Those that attended last year had a wonderful time and will be looking forward to returning. We stayed at a very nice motel called the Dell Creek Motel. Tammy Loudon will arrange for a Camaro Club block of rooms again, so you will need to call the Motel, and tell them you're with the Camaro Club. Their phone number is: 608-253-7301. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our Wisconsin and Illinois members and tour a very scenic part of the country. The Parks' and the Levander's already have some neat things planned. You will want to make your reservations for May 28 (Friday), May 29 (Saturday), and May 30 (Sunday) as we will be traveling home on Monday (Memorial Day).

So, we'll see everyone on Sunday, April 4th at Bad Guys Pizza! Let's rev those engines!

-- Doug

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# 2004 EVENTS CALENDAR

All Camaro / Chevrolet Events:

- April 4 2004 WMCC Camaro Club meeting @ Bad Guys Pizza in Wyoming (see newsletter for details) Meeting at 1pm.
- May 2 2004 WMCC Camaro Club Meeting At Mendon "Dust Off" Car Show
- May 28-31 2004 2nd Annual Club trip to the Wisconsin Dells
- May 28-31 2004 CCI-WCA Great Northern Memorial Day Classic, Arlington (Chicago), Illinois
- May 28-31 2004 F-Body Gathering 8, Atlanta, GA
- June 3-4 2004 Indy 04 National F-Body Motorsports Event, Indianapolis, IN
- Jun 19 2004 June-July WMCC Camaro Club Meeting @ the Barker's house
- Jun 11-13 2004 16th Ontario Camaro Nationals, Niagara Falls, Canada
- Jun 11-13 2004 Super Chevy Show, US131 Raceway Park, Martin, MI
- Jun 18-20 2004 6th Camaros at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA
- June 26 2004 Mid-Iowa Camaro Club All Camaro Show
- July 2-4 2004 Camaro Superfest 2004 – Ann Arbor, MI
- July 21-25 2004 30th International CCI-WCC Convention, Hampton, Virginia Beach, VA
- Jul 22-25 2004 Super Chevy Show, Norwalk Raceway, Norwalk, OH
- Aug 6-8 2004 Super Chevy Show, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL
- Aug 7 2004 Delphi/GM/UAW "Day at the Races" Picnic/Car Show/Races – Berlin Rcw. y.
- Aug 12-15 2004 PNWCC All Chevy Show, Seattle, WA
- Aug 27-29 2004 Super Chevy Show @ National Trail Raceway, Columbus, OH
- Sep 3-4 2004 5th Annual Berger Chevrolet ALL CHEVY SHOW – Grand Rapids, MI
- Sep 18-19 2004 11th NEOCC Fall Classic Camaro Show @ Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH
- Sep 19-19 2004 F-body Gathering, National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY
- Oct 8-10 2004 4th Annual Fall Get-a-Way weekend – Suttons Bay, MI

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## Other Automotive events of Interest:

- April 21-25 2004 Spring Carlisle, Carlisle, PA
- Jun 5 – 11 2004 10th Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour – Ft. Worth, TX to Green Bay, WI
- Jun 19-20 2004 28th Car Craft Street Machine Nationals – Lima, OH
- Jul 17-18 2004 Rod & Custom Magazine Americruise – Springfield, MO
- Jul 16-18 2004 Car Craft Magazine Summer Nationals – St. Paul, MN
- Aug 21 2004 10th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise
- Sep 17-19 2004 Fall Car Craft Street Machine Nationals
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## **March WMCC Meeting Notes**

We met @ Bad Boys Pizza on 28th Street in Wyoming

Attendance: Brent Findlay, Amy Kugel, Kyle & Tracey Cochran, Joan & Bob Gornick, Dave & Gay Verburg, Roberta, Cole, & Kristen VanHarn, Steve Ogradzinski, John Falkenhagen, Dave & Angie Kemp, Greg & Peg Gornick, Chuck & Nita DeGraaf, Mark Savara, Dave & Sandy Edlund, Jeff Suess, Gary, Shelley, Ashley, & Scott Crippen, Anne Kohler, Dan Baker, Doug Warren

Welcome to New Members: Dave & Sandy Edlund from Muskegon.

We discussed changing our plans for the June/July Meeting: It will now be held on June 19th at the Barker's home in Belding. It will also be Amanda Barker's Graduation Open House.

We have rescheduled the Cruise Night: tentative date June 26th (however, that date now needs to be changed as well)

Berlin Race Night: The Club voted to attend the UAW/Delphi Day (Aug. 7th) at Berlin Raceway, as it offers much more than just a Saturday night race.

John Smith has looked into buying some carpet for our Autorama Camaro Club Display. We need to cover an area of 20 X 60 feet, which is quite a bit of carpeting. Even at the good price of \$4.00 /yd. and \$1.00/ft. to bind the edge of the carpeting, we still would be spending approximately \$1000 to buy new carpeting. It was suggested to find possible sponsorship? Brent will check on this!!

Don't forget to attend the Grand Rapids Gryphon's Hockey Game with the Club: Next Sat./March 13, 2004

Update of members having Website Problems? Everyone was okay this month, except for Mark Savara. We will mail Mark his newsletter until he gets his computer setup to open our online newsletters.

AYA Racing Possible Dyno Day @ Aya Racing in Holland, MI Ray Cochran will check this out for the club.

Superfest: Past Participant Flyers are done! Thank You!

Superfest Diecast Car Vote: white or silver? He is making only 75 this year!! Everyone would like to see a white car!!

Superfest Planning Meeting Date: March 28th @ Noon Lansing @ Big Boy What about Ryan's on Saginaw?

Doug has asked Brian Malmquist to help by designing the Superfest t-shirt this year!! Some Superfest foreman jobs are available this year!

Next Meeting: April 4th: Nice Day: take a cruise: meet at Bad Guys Pizza again!!

May 2: Mendon Dust-off: 8 am, stay-over @four hotels Meeting in afternoon Aug. 1st: Gunn Lake meeting with a picnic, etc. Potluck and cruise

Website Members Rides: Send pictures to Ray Cochran, Or bring them to next meeting. Brent can scan them right at the meeting!!!

Meeting Notes taken by Anne Kohler, edited by Doug Warren

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**We are pleased to tell you about some new members; Mike and Lis VandeGuchte of Zeeland (69 SS); Steve Peabody from Belding (81 Z/28); Marc Bowman of Jenison, (looking for a car); and Milissa Houston of Grand Rapids (69 RS Convertible) . We'll tell you more about these new members and their cars in the next Camaro Corner. Please meet and greet them at the next Club gathering.**

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**NEXT MEETING: April 4, at 12:30 pm. The address is: Bad Guys Pizza and Grinders, 1885 28th Street SW, Wyoming, MI. Their phone number is: 616-538-1911.**

**The Western Michigan Camaro Club** is dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation and promotion of the Chevrolet Camaro as the premier four passenger sports car ever. The club was formed in 1975.

**Meetings**

The WMCC holds monthly membership meetings on the first Sunday of each month. Times and location vary, so see the newsletter or check the club's web site at [www.wmcamaro.org](http://www.wmcamaro.org) for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

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