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## THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

by Doug Warren,  
WMCC President

**April 2005**

As I sit here, just past St. Patty's Day, typing away at the old computer, I can't help but wonder if Spring will EVER come to West Michigan! The weatherman says we've been unusually cool, several degrees below normal, and unusually snowy, several inches more than normal, for a typical March. And, man, ain't that the truth!

### April WMCC Club Meeting:

I'm still hopeful that the weather will straighten out in time for us to break the Camaros out of storage for our April Camaro Club meeting. Let's all keep our fingers crossed! Speaking of our April WMCC Club meeting, we've secured another Sam's Joint Restaurant for our meeting once again. This will be the third month in a row we've met at a Sam's Joint, and everyone seems quite happy with the atmosphere, and the food, which is always very good. In February, we met at Sam's Joint in Alaska, and last month we met at Sam's Joint near Gun Lake. This Month, we're heading west a bit and meeting at the Sam's Joint Restaurant in Norton Shores, which is in the Spring Lake, Muskegon area.

The actual address of the Sam's Joint Restaurant in Norton Shores, is: 6618 Grand Haven Road, Spring Lake, MI 49456. Their phone number is: 231-798-7155. The restaurant is located right near the intersection of Grand Haven Road and Pontaluna Road. Thanks to Jan Boyer, we have reservations for 12:30pm on Sunday, April 3, 2005.

### March Meeting Revue:

I especially enjoyed our March Club meeting (even though I was feeling quite a bit under the weather) and thought the Camaro Die-cast & Collectable Show came off very well. I was especially impressed at the variety of Camaros represented, from 1/64th scale all the way up to a couple of very large Muscle Machine remote controlled 1969 Z28's (approximately 1/12 scale). I was also very pleased to see very few "duplicates", showing the incredible amount of different Camaro die-cast cars have been produced. I can see this becoming an annual event. I thought it really helped us get through the winter blahs. Thank you to everyone that took the time to bring parts of their collections to our meeting.

Another thing that made quite an impression on me was when we started talking about our "summer schedule". It didn't take long and we were already talking about the Second Annual Halloween Party! Our Club has become so active that a vast majority of our summer is already set. We have several activities available to our

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WMCC members looking at some of the cars in the Camaro Die-cast car show at the March WMCC Club meeting: L to R: Ronnie Mykols, Nancy Stevens, Pat Lewis, Greg Gornick (in background), Anne Kohler

membership every month, from now until late in the Fall. If you can't find something to do with the WMCC this summer, you just aren't looking very hard! Please take a good look at our Events Calendar.

### Upcoming Events

Let's take a look at some of the things we've got planned for the next few months. Our May Club meeting will be held at the Mendon Dust Off car show. Like last year, many members will stay in at the Holiday Inn Express in Three Rivers on Saturday night, and then we'll make the short drive over to Mendon High School, as a group, on Sunday morning. If the weather is good, this is a very large car show, and we'll need to arrive early to get a good place to park as a group. Following are the hotels available in Three Rivers.

Holiday Inn Express, 269-278-7766, 1-800-holiday

Three Rivers Inn, 269-273-9521, 1-800-553-4626

Best Value Inn: 269-273-8100

Super 8: 269-279-8888

For the last few years, the Club has gone on a nice long holiday weekend trip to the Wisconsin Dells on Memorial Day weekend. Well, it seems that most everyone feels we've pretty much done everything at the Dells, so this year, some members have decided to attend the Classic Chevy International – Worldwide Camaro Club event in



Some of the Die-cast Camaros at the March meeting. Note that the Grumpy's Toy Camaro in the lower portion of the photo, and the picture along the back of the display are actually signed by Bill Jenkins and are owned by Jeff Suess. The other Camaros are Doug Warren's.

Manitowoc, Wisconsin, instead. The event, called the "2005 Great North Central Memorial Day Classic" and will be held at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc on May 27 thru the 29th. The Holiday Inn phone number is: 920-682-6000 and you will need to use the code "CLA", to get the special event price of \$72 per night. You must pre-register for the show by May 1st. For more information go to: [www.worldwidecamaro.com](http://www.worldwidecamaro.com) and click on "events" along the right side of the page. Then click on "Worldwide Camaro Club Special Event Days", and then look for the Great North Central Memorial Day Classic link, and you can print off an entry form right there.

With many of our members once again going on the Hot Rod Power Tour, we have decided to postpone our June Club meeting, which would be traditionally on the first Sunday in June. We'll instead, have the meeting during the WMCC 30th Birthday Party, which will be on June 18th. And, because the first Sunday in July, will be while we're at Camaro Superfest, we'll also count this meeting as the July WMCC Club meeting as well.

John and Cheryl Smith have graciously offered to host the WMCC 30th Birthday Party at their

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WMCC March meeting at Sam's Joint Restaurant at Gun Lake. Starting at the lower left part of the table: Dave Kemp, Angie Kemp, Tammy Loudon, Gib Loudon (hat), John Falkenhagen, Christi Falkenhagen, Kyle Cochran. Other side of the table, R to L: Teresa Lins, Carl Lins, Al Boyer, John Smith, Cheryl Smith (behind menu). Standing along back: Shelley Crippin, Steve Ogrodzinski (by post), Kathy Ogrodzinski (behind post), Bob & Rita Brainerd (seated).

home near Sand Lake. Thanks, John & Cheryl!  
We'll talk about some of the details at this month's Club meeting. We would like to try and get in contact with as many past members as we can, and invite them to join us in our celebration.

Of course, the 4th of July weekend, will find all of us in Ann Arbor for Camaro Superfest 2005. For all the latest news on Camaro Superfest, check in often at: [www.camarosuperfest.com](http://www.camarosuperfest.com). We'll be talking about all the latest Superfest developments at this month's meeting as well.

On July 17th we'll be hosting a Benefit Car Show to support the LAM Foundation. LAM is a very rare and lethal lung disease which affects young women. Our Club member, Nancy Stevens is one of the unfortunate ones to be afflicted with this condition, so the Club has decided to have this show, to help support research into this particularly nasty disease. We'll be talking about more of the details of this car show at the meeting, too.

The first weekend in August will find many of our Club members making the long drive to LaHarpe, Illinois to attend the Fred Gibb Memorial Car Show. Therefore, we will once again change our usual meeting date from the first Sunday of the month, to the following Saturday, which is August 13. We will be planning a Club outing to Berlin Raceway to watch John Smith race. John has announced he will retire after this racing season, so this will be the last opportunity for us to root for John as a group. We'll have the Club meeting in the afternoon, prior to the evening's racing activities.

So, this takes us into the first couple of weeks of August, so we'll stop here, and cover the events beyond this, in next month's newsletter. We'll see everyone at Sam's Joint on Sunday, April 3rd @ 12:30pm.

Remember to check in often at our Club website: [www.wmcamaro.org](http://www.wmcamaro.org) You can view the current newsletter, as well as our past newsletters there.

-- Doug Warren



*April Recipe*

## EASY PEACH COBBLER

Submitted by Ray Cochran

Easiest yet best tasting cobbler we have ever had!

### Ingredients:

1/4 cup margarine  
1/2 cup flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 tsp. baking powder  
pinch of salt  
1/2 cup milk  
1 can sliced peaches or any pie filling

### Directions:

Melt margarine in a 1-quart casserole dish (I use a 9x9x2 pyrex)  
Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and milk in a bowl and mix well.  
Pour into prepared casserole dish DO NOT STIR.  
Top with peaches (I mush them up a little first) and about 1/4 cup of juice from the can DO NOT STIR.  
Bake at 450 for 30 minutes.  
This is small - makes 4-6 servings.  
GREAT WITH ICE CREAM

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### March Birthdays:

Gay Verburg      April 4th  
Karen Lewis      April 13th

### Anniversary:

Dennis & Ronnie Mykols

## From Your Secretary:

### BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER

My students are having a benefit spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 22, 05. It is at our school, Welch Community Education, 830 Harrison St., Ionia, MI, 48846, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are selling tickets for \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for under 16 and senior citizens, and under 2 is free.

All benefits are going to our local domestic violence/women and children's shelter which is called RAVE. My group of eight students has planned, organized, and will put on the dinner. They are an amazing group and I want them to do very well!!

I will be selling tickets at our April meeting if anyone is interested. Even if you cannot attend, it is for a great cause! If you can attend, you can meet some of my students and see for yourselves how amazing they are!!

### MARCH OF DIMES/WALKAMERICA

There is nothing like having too many pots in the fire...my students and I are also walking to help babies who have been born prematurely!! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please see me at the April meeting. I don't raise the money for myself, but for the team. I use it to earn prizes for my students to win when they show up to the walk in May!!

Thanks everyone, Anne Kohler



Members looking at the Sam's Joint Menu and signing in on the meeting attendance sheet. L to R: Angie Kemp, Tammy Loudon, Gib Loudon, John Falkenhagen, Christi Falkenhagen, Tracey Cochran (behind Christi, you can just see her hair) and Doug Warren (standing).



Members look at the "Car Show" prior to the Club meeting. L to R: Dan Baker, Greg Gornick, Joanne Gornick, Tracey Cochran & Gary Crippin.



More die-cast Camaros. The black IROC-Z belongs to Dennis Mykols, and looks just like their "big" Camaro. Dennis also made a display that mimicked our Club Autorama display, complete with stanchions and trophies!

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## 2005 EVENTS CALENDAR (NOTE: Events marked with a \* are Official WMCC Events)

### WMCC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

*Apr	3	2005	WMCC Club Meeting at Sam's Joint in Norton Shores (Spring Lake – Muskegon area) See newsletter for details
*May	1	2005	WMCC Club Meeting at Mendon "Dust Off" car show
*Jun	18	2005	WMCC 30th Anniv. Party / June-July Club meeting @ the Smith's in Sand Lake
*Aug	13	2005	WMCC Club Meeting/Berlin Raceway Outing
*Sep	4	2005	WMCC Club Meeting T.B.A.
*Oct	2	2005	WMCC Club Meeting T.B.A.
*Nov	6	2005	WMCC Club Meeting T.B.A.
*Dec	11	2005	WMCC Club Meeting – Christmas Party T.B.A.

### ALL CAMARO / CHEVROLET EVENTS:

May	13-15	2005	Super Chevy Show, Norwalk Raceway Park, Norwalk, OH
*May	27-29	2005	CCI/WCC North Central Memorial Day Classic, Manitowoc, WI
Jun	10-12	2005	Super Chevy Show, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI
Jun	10-12	2005	Ontario Camaro Nationals, St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada
Jun	24-26	2005	All GM/Camaro Nationals, Carlisle, PA
*Jul	1-3	2005	Camaro Superfest 2005 @ WCC in Ann Arbor, MI
Jul	14-17	2005	Super Chevy Show, Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, IN
*Jul	17	2005	LAM Benefit Car Show – Standale, details to follow
Jul	20-24	2005	31st Ann. CCI/WCC International Convention, West Chester, OH
*Jul	30	2005	Gembinski Party – Imlay City, Michigan (Tentative)
Aug	12-14	2005	Super Chevy Show, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL
*Sep	2-3	2005	Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show @ Berger Chevrolet in Grand Rapids, MI
Sep	15-17	2005	F-bodies @ Bowling Green, KY, Corvette Plant, Bowling Green, KY
Sep	17-18	2005	NEOCC Fall Classic @ Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH
*Oct	7-9	2005	WMCC Hot Rod Fall Color Tour – Suttons Bay, MI
Oct	7-9	2005	Super Chevy Show, National Trail Raceway, Columbus, OH

### OTHER AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Apr	20-24	2005	Spring Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle, PA
*May	7	2005	Cruise for a Cure – Car Show, Night Hawk Bar, Whitneyville Rd & 68th St.
May	27-28	2005	17th Annual Lane Automotive Cruise-In & Car Show, Watervliet, MI
June	4 -11	2005	Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour
Jun	18	2005	Holland Car Show, at Holland Outlet Mall, Holland, MI
Jun	24-25	2005	2nd Annual NMCA Hot Rod & Muscle Car Nationals @ US131 Motorsports Park
Jul	23	2005	Funny Car Nationals, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI
*Aug	6	2005	7th Annual Fred Gibb Memorial Open Car Show in LaHarpe, IL
Aug	6	2005	UAW / DELPHI / GM Day at the Races, Berlin Raceway, Marne, MI
Aug	6-7	2005	Red Barns Spectacular XXV Car Show & Swap Meet, Gilmore Classic Car Museum
Aug	11-13	2005	IHRA Northern Nationals, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI
Aug	13	2005	Del Shannon Memorial Car Show – Coopersville, MI
*Aug	20	2005	11th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise
Aug	20	2005	20th Elvis Memorial Car Show, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
Sep	11	2005	West Michigan Muscle Car Show and Swap Meet, Gilmore CCM, Hickory Corners, MI
Sep	28-Oct 2	2005	Fall Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle, PA

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### 2002 Hot Rod Edition Camaro

My name is Al Porco and I live in DeWitt, I have my Hot Rod Edition Camaro for sale. It's red, A4, 1139 miles on it, t-tops, the car still has 1 year and 3 months on the factory warranty, anyone who knows me will tell you there's no cleaner car then mine. If you know of anyone who might be interested please let me know

**The price is \$28,000**

If the car sells quickly enough I'll also include in the price the GM extended warranty I bought. The extended warranty will add 4 more years with a 50K mile limit, the extended warranty also has a zero \$\$ deductible. I've enclosed a couple of pics.

I love the car but I just don't drive it. It's never been in the rain..It's never been smoked in either. When I say this car is perfect I mean just that, if anyone doesn't agree with me on that I'll pay for there trip to look at it.

Thanks,  
Al 517-669-9371

PS: I bought the car new from Dick Jacques 06/06/03.



### 1986 Camaro Iroc-Z

5.0 Liter V8 (305 cid ) 215 hp, Tuned Port Fuel Injection, 20,060 miles. Show quality. White exterior, saddle interior,auto trans, air cond,16" wheels,am/fm cass radio, cruise control, ps,pb,pw, p/locks,p/hatch, glass T-tops, tilt wheel, pwr mirrors, Etc.

**Asking \$13,900**

Car is ready for Spring and Summer competitive class car shows. Paint is perfect,not a pinpoint imperfection. Interior like the day it rolled out of The assy. plant. Wheels are perfect, tires; basically new Goodyears with approx. 200 miles on them. Can arrange shipment to MI via Reliable Carriers.

Contact: Robert F Check  
14704 Sky Hawk Dr.  
Suncity West, AZ 85375  
Ph: (623) 546-1836  
Email: Rcheck@cox.net

WMCC member, Ron Purdun, has purchased a professional, Fuel Injection Cleaner, and is offering a discount to fellow WMCC members to have their fuel injectors cleaned. It is recommended that you have this service done every 15,000 miles. This is the same kind of machine that a dealership would use. Please contact Ron or Anne Kohler at 616-527-2432 or rscamaro@iserv.net for more information and a great discount price.

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## **Western Michigan Camaro Club Monthly Club Meeting Minutes**

March 6 Meeting Notes

@ Gun Lake Sam's Joint

Attendance: Doug Warren, Kyle & Tracey Cochran, John & Christi Falkenhagen, Gib & Tammy Loudon, Dave & Angie Kemp, Dennis & Ronnie Mykols, Carl & Teresa Lins, Al & Jan Boyer, Dan Baker, John & Cheryl Smith, Bob & Joan Gornick, Amy Kugel & Kenya Jones, Kathy & Steve Ogradzinski, Bob & Rita Brainerd, Greg & Peg Gornick, Jeff Seuss, Dennis & Nancy Stevens, Gary, Shelley, & Scott Crippin, Pat Lewis, and Anne Kohler.

### **NMCA Event: 2nd Annual NMCA Hot Rod & Muscle Car Nationals @ US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI, June 25 & 26, 05**

While we were considering working this event as a host Club and reviewing the contract, another car club jumped in and signed up to host this event. So, it's a opportunity lost, but it did come at a very busy time in our schedule, so maybe it's not such a bad thing after all. We still have the opportunity to go as a group and get a Group Discount: We will need a minimum of 20 cars to get the discount, and need to register several weeks prior to the event.

### **1st Annual Cruise In for a Cure – Car Show**

New place: Night Hawk Bar (at the corner of 68th Street & Whitneyville Road)

6950 Whitneyville Rd., Alto, MI May 7, 05

\$10.00 per entry

### **2005 Great North Central Memorial Day Classic, Manitowoc, WI**

This is a CCI-WCC National Event. Many Club members are opting to attend this event instead of going to the Wisconsin Dells again. Held at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc.

Registrations need to be in by May 1, 05

## **7th Annual Fred Gibb Memorial Open Car Show**

La Harpe, IL

August 6, 2005

Pre-entry: \$12.00

Day of show: \$15.00

Tammy has the flyers!! Many Club members are planning to attend this show.

We need to find another day to go to Berlin Raceway because John Smith is retiring this year!! So, we picked .....

### **Berlin Raceway Day:**

Saturday, August 13, 05 Spectator Drags

Group Day

\$10.00 per person

Doug passed around the 131 Dragway & Mid-Michigan Motorplex event flyers for all to see.

April 3, 05 meeting @ Sam's Joint in Norton Shores

May 1, 05 meeting @ Mendon Dust-Off

Holiday Inn, Three Rivers will be available for lodging.

June 18, 05 @ John & Cheryl's (June/July meeting)

July 30, 05 @ Mark Gembinski's

Aug. 13, 05 @ Berlin Raceway

Sept. 5, 05

Oct. 2, 05

Oct. 29,30, 05 @Loudon's

LAM Benefit Car Show (July 17, 05)

Need to contact LAM Foundation & Tracey's Dad.

### **Superfest:**

Job duties being split between clubs.

Pat Lewis spoke to the club and gave out some door prizes from Rescue-1 and AllMaxx. Thank you Pat.

As the meeting was held, we folded, stuffed, labeled, and stamped the past participant letters for Superfest. Thank you everyone for your help!!

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**Don't miss the next WMCC club meeting at the Sam's Joint restaurant in Norton Shores, which is in the Spring Lake, Muskegon area 12:30pm on Sunday, April 3, 2005!**

**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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