

# CAMARO CORNER

APRIL 2006



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## THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

by Doug Warren,  
WMCC President

With April Fools Day here, it's officially "Spring" in Michigan.

Many of our members had their Camaros out of storage at the March Club meeting, and I expect there will be many more for the April meeting. And with the onset of spring in Michigan, it's officially Car Season, too! :)

### March Club meeting report:

We had a pretty good turnout for the March Club meeting, and the weather was not too bad. Many of our members drove their Camaros to the meeting, for the first time this season. We had our "2nd Annual Camaro Diecast and Collectable Show" during our meeting. There were several interesting Camaros to be seen. One of our long time members got a little confused, and brought a diecast Mus.... I can't even type it! There were rumblings of having him excommunicated, but nothing much came of it. I'm surprised he spent good money for that! Check



A few cool cars from the Diecast and Collectible Show at the March club meeting. And Ray demonstrates that a little Photoshop knowledge is a dangerous thing. LOL

out the photos.

After the business portion of our meeting, we got the group involved in stuffing, stamping and licking envelopes for the Camaro Superfest past participant fliers. We prepared right around 1,000 fliers ready for mailing.

### April Club Meeting Information:

We will be meeting at the Rio Grand Steakhouse restaurant in Wyoming for this month's Club meeting. We have reservations for 1pm. Their address is: 1820 44th Street SW, Wyoming, MI This is about two miles west, off of US131 on 44th Street, and just west of the traffic light at 44th Street and Burlingame Ave. After the meeting, those that are interested may accompany us back to our house. It's only a little over a mile to our house from there. We will have a dumpster here for the purpose of cleaning out our garage to make room for Project DZ74. When you're a pack-rat (like me) and have lived in the same place for 22 years, you end up with a lot of unnecessary "stuff". Well, Project DZ74 is just the excuse I needed to be willing to sort through, and throw away all the junk! (Our address is 1723 34th Street) With the help of our many friends in the Club, this job should go pretty well. And those that have not seen the Ol' '74 Z28, will get a chance to see what all the fuss is about.

### On-line Camaro Activities:

As I mentioned at the March Club meeting, there is a website that we are recommending our members to get involved with. It's [www.mifbody.com](http://www.mifbody.com) As it says when you log on, this is NOT a Club, but rather a place where Michigan F-body owners can communicate with each other and find out about activities, all around the State, that might be of interest to Camaro (and Firebird) owners. I would

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encourage you to sign up and introduce yourself to the group. I have suggested that our members sign in as: WMCC(your name). This way everyone will know you are a proud WMCC member. I'm signed in as WMCC Doug, and Gary is: WMCC Gary, as an example. Of course, if you want to use another name, that's fine too.

### **Calendar of Events:**

You will notice that the Calendar of Events grew substantially this month! Thanks mainly to the efforts of Dennis Mykols scouring the Internet, we have learned of many more car shows in our area. If you can't find something to do with your Camaro this summer, you sure aren't trying very hard! There are a few upcoming events listed, that I would like to highlight. I will try to do this every month, as the summer moves along. One of the first events I would like to focus on is the "2nd Annual MiFbody.com Meet & Greet". Yes, this is a direct result of becoming involved with the MiFbody website. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th . It will take place at the Stony Creek Metro Park in Shelby Township. (There is a \$4 fee to enter the park) I would like to encourage everyone to join us is attending this event. It will be a nice way to put faces to the names we see on the MiFbody website. After getting to know each other at the park, the plan is to cruise to a local Dairy Queen for a snack, and then on to a circuit of Woodward Ave, to finish off the day. Sounds like a pretty good time. I will try to have directions by the next Club meeting.

But, even before we head over to the east side of the State for the Meet & Greet, there is a Car Show much nearer to (most of) us. On April 8th , the Saturday after our April Club meeting, there is a show at Grand Valley State University in Allendale. It's sponsored by the GVSU Car Club, whose President is a member of MiFbody. You can pre-register at: [www.gvsucarshow.com](http://www.gvsucarshow.com) , or you can register the day of the show. This is right in many of our "backyards" so let's try to make a good showing at this show, too.

### **Upcoming WMCC Club Meetings:**

Please take a look at the Club Meeting section of the Calendar of Events. Because of our busy schedule, and several conflicting events, it has been necessary to move some of our Club meetings off from our traditional "1st Sunday of the Month" time slots. This mainly effects the June, July & August Club meetings. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

### **May Club Meeting note:**

With what is becoming a tradition, we will hold our May Camaro Club meeting during the Mendon Dust Off car show on May 7th . But, we have an activity planned for Saturday, May 6th as well. We have a group outing to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo planned for Saturday afternoon, which should be great fun and very interesting. Of course many of our members stay in Three Rivers on Saturday night to make the trip to Mendon on Sunday morning easier. There will be much "hanging out and socializing" on Saturday night, you can be sure of that!

### **Camaro Superfest Update:**

The CSF website: [www.camarosuperfest.com](http://www.camarosuperfest.com) has been updated. We have already gotten several applications back in the mail. A direct result of our hard work stuffing envelopes at last month's meeting. The extra event fliers are finished, and we should have a box of them here in a few days. We can then send out our door prize and goodie bag requests to the many Automotive businesses on our mailing list. I will keep you posted on further updates.

--Doug

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

*4th, Gay Verburg*

*13th, Karen Loudon & Michelle Bohrer*

### **ANNIVERSARIES:**

*20th, Dennis & Ronnie Mykols*

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# 2006 EVENTS CALENDAR

 (NOTE: Events marked with a \* are Official WMCC Events)

## WMCC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

*Apr	2	2006	WMCC "APRIL" Club Meeting @ Rio Grand Steak House at 1820 44th St. SW in Wyoming, then back to Warren's to work on Project DZ74
(*May	6	2006	Club outing to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, the night before our Club Meeting @ Mendon Dust Off)
*May	7	2006	WMCC "MAY" Club Meeting – Mendon Dust Off Car Show, Mendon High School
*May	28	2006	WMCC "JUNE" Club Meeting – Tentative
*July	9	2006	WMCC "JULY" Club Meeting
*Aug	13	2006	WMCC "AUGUST" Club Meeting
*Sept	3	2006	WMCC "SEPTEMBER" Club Meeting
*Oct	1	2006	WMCC "OCTOBER" Club Meeting
*Oct	6-8	2006	WMCC Hot Rod Color Tour!

## ALL CAMARO / CHEVROLET EVENTS:

April	1 & 2	2006	Chevy-Vettefest – Chicago, IL
May	3	2006	MiFbody.com Meet & Greet Spring Kick-off, Stony Creek Metro Park, Shelby Twp, MI
May	19-21	2006	Indy Pace Car reunion, Indy Motor Speedway, <a href="http://www.Brickyard.com">www. Brickyard.com</a> for info
June	3	2005	2nd Riverfront Camaro Show – Wilmington, DE
Jun	9-11	2006	18th Annual Ontario Camaro Nationals – St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada
Jun	23-25	2006	8th Annual Camaros at Carlisle/GM Nationals, Carlisle, PA
*Jun 30-Jul 1,2	2006	2006	15th Annual Camaro Superfest – Ypsilanti, MI
Jul	14-16	2006	Super Chevy Indy @ IRP
Aug	2-6	2006	CCI/WCC 32nd International Convention, Springfield, MO
Aug	10-12	2006	'56 Chevy- 50th Anniversary Show, Detroit, MI
*Aug	26	2006	7th Annual Berger ALL CHEVY SHOW – Berger Chevrolet, Grand Rapids, MI
Sept	8-10	2006	Super Chevy Show @ Milan Dragway, Milan, MI
Sept	15-17	2006	F-Body Gathering, Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY
Sept	16-17	2006	NEOCC Fall Classic @ Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH
Oct	28	2006	Eckler's Camarofest, Titusville, FL

## OTHER AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Apr	8	2006	GVSU Car Show, GVSU campus, Allendale, MI
Apr	19-23	2006	Spring Carlisle – Carlisle, PA
Apr	30	2006	Car Show & Swap Meet, South Bend, IN, St. Joseph County Fairgrounds
May	6-7	2006	YASR Show & Shine, Depot Town, Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, MI
May	6	2006	Car & Motorcycle Show, Spank's Tavern, Battle Creek, MI
May	7	2006	43rd Annual Mendon Dust Off, Mendon H.S., Mendon, MI
May	13	2006	2nd Annual Cars for Cancer Car Show, Hidden Creek Mobile Home Park, Holland, MI 10am-3pm 616-335-5744
May	13	2006	Thunder Nationals, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI
May	13	2006	7th Collector Car Festival, Frankenmuth, MI
May	14	2006	4th Annual Car Show, Lakes Mall, Muskegon, MI
May	19-21	2006	Spring Auburn, Auburn, IN – Swap, auction, car corral – Kruse Auction Park
May	20	2006	Anne Kohler's School Benefit Car Show, Ionia, MI
May	20	2006	Drifters Car Show, Rec. Center, E. Columbus Street, Battle Creek, MI
May	20	2006	10th Burn Survivors Car Show, 5th/3rd Park, Comstock Park, MI (Grand Rapids)
May	20	2006	3rd FREE Muscle Car Spring Dust Off, Cole Classics Auto Mall, Kalamazoo, MI

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May 20 2006 2nd Rutter's Spring Roundup Car Show, Kalamazoo, MI  
 May 26 2006 Friday Evening Cruise-in, Lane Automotive, Watervliet, MI  
 May 27 2006 Lane Automotive Car Show @ Lane Automotive, Watervliet, MI  
 Jun 3-10 2006 Hot Rod Power Tour 2006 – Florida to New Jersey  
 Jun 3 2006 Soar With the Eagles Car Show, Eagles Lodge on Capitol, Battle Creek , MI  
 Jun 8-11 2006 Carquest NHRA Nationals, Route 66 Dragway, Joliet, IL  
 Jun 10 2006 Crusin for Life Car Show & Blood Drive, Grand Rapids, MI  
 Jun 10 2006 26th Old Car Festival, Downtown, Vicksburg, MI  
 Jun 16-17 2006 15th Ann. On the Waterfront Car Show, St. Ignace, St. Ignace, MI  
 Jun 10 2006 4th Cutlerville Days Car Show, Cutlerville (Grand Rapids), MI  
 Jun 17 2006 Three Rivers Water Festival Car Show, Three Rivers, MI  
 Jun 17 2006 Vintage Car Club Outlet Mall Car Show, US31 & James ST, Holland, MI  
 Jun 17 2006 Greater Galesburg Day Car Show, in the Park, Galesburg, MI  
 Jun 18 2006 Charlton Park Father's Day Show, Charlton Park, Hastings, MI  
 Jun 23 2006 Discover Stevensville Car Show, Stevensville, MI  
 Jun 24 2006 3rd Annual Antique Car Show, Sparta, MI  
 Jun 24 2006 Classic Car Show, downtown, Centerville, MI  
 Jun 30 –July 4 Battle Creek Field of flight Car Show, Air Show, Balloon Fest, Kellogg Airport, B. C. , MI  
 July 4 2006 Classic / Antique Car Show, in the Township Park, Allendale, MI  
 July 4 2006 9th Annual County Seat Old Car Show, Mason, MI  
 July 8 2006 7th Festival of Cars Show, Downtown, South Haven, MI  
 July 8 2006 9th Show & Shine, City Hall, Bridgman, MI  
 July 8 2006 Show & Shine, Main Place, Zeeland, MI  
 July 9 2006 Wheels of Grand Haven Car Show, Grand Haven, MI  
 July 14-15 2006 Fiesta of the 50's, St. Joseph Co. Fairgrounds, Centerville, MI  
 July 15 2006 Hot Air Jubilee Car Show, Jackson Co. Airport, Jackson, MI  
 July 15 2006 10th Classic Car & Truck Show, downtown, Paw Paw, MI  
 July 23 2006 2nd Michiana Cruisers Benefit Car Show, Barron Lake Rd & Hwy 60, Niles, MI  
 July 28 2006 Race Week Festival Car Show, downtown, Jackson, MI  
 July 29 2006 3rd Annual "Sons of the Legion" Car Show, Croton Am. Lg. Hall #381, Croton, MI  
 Aug 3 2006 Thunder in the Park, Classic Rock Concert and Car Cruise, 5th/3rd Park, G. R., MI  
 Aug 4 2006 Cruise Night, Monmouth, IL (Night before Fred Gibb Show)  
 Aug 5 2006 Fred Gibb Memorial Car Show, LaHarpe, IL  
 Aug 4-6 2006 IHRA Northern Nationals, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI  
 Aug 5-6 2006 Red Barns Spectacular, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI  
 Aug 5 2006 13th Car Show, American Legion Post 42, Charlotte, MI  
 Aug 5 2006 Onstead Kiwanis Car Show Nationals, Michigan Int'l Speedway, Irish Hills, MI  
 Aug 6 2006 5th Glad Peach Festival Car Show, downtown, Coloma, MI  
 Aug 12 2006 Del Shannon Car Show, Coopersville, MI (Cruise-in on Friday night)  
 Aug 12 2006 8th Make a Wish Benefit Car Show, Battle Creek, MI  
 Aug 12 2006 9th Annual Car Show, Elk's Lodge #113, Lansing Ave, Lansing, MI  
 Aug 13 2006 6th Annual Car Show, Deano's Pizza on M-40, Allegan, MI  
 Aug 19 2006 12th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise  
 Aug 19 2006 Rock & Roll Classic Car Show, downtown, Dowagiac, MI  
 Aug 19 2006 Benefit Car Show, @ Trendway on Quincy St., Holland, MI  
 Aug 19 2006 Capitol Area Balloon Rally and Car Show, MI Trap Shooters Grounds, Mason, MI  
 Aug 20 2006 Ganton Roadside Classic Car Show, 2100 Springport Rd, Jackson, MI  
 Aug 25 2006 Classic Car & Motorcycle Show, GM Proving Grounds, Milford, MI  
 Aug 26 2006 2nd Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise

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Aug 26 2006 Augusta Car Show, Augusta, MI  
 Aug 27 2006 Hastings Summerfest Car Show, Hastings, MI  
 Aug 30-Sept 4 Mac Tools NHRA US Nationals, IRP, Clermont, IN  
 Sep 2 2006 7th Classic Car Show & Ox Roast, downtown, Lawrence, MI  
 Sept 2 2006 4th Car & Craft Show, Begg Park in Springfield Twp, Battle Creek, MI  
 Sept 3 2006 7th Annual Car Show, Beekman Center on Wabaugh Rd., Lansing, MI  
 Sept 8-10 2006 Frankenmuth Auto /Oldies Festival, Frankenmuth, MI  
 Sept 9 2006 MI NSRA Appreciation Day Car & Truck Show, Lane Automotive, Watervliet, MI  
 Sept 9 2006 Baroda Fest Car Show, Baroda, MI  
 Sept 9 2006 Westwinds Classic Car Show, Robinson Rd @ McCain Rd, Jackson, MI  
 Sept 9 2006 Spanky's Car Show, Spanky's Tavern on W. Michigan, Battle Creek, MI  
 Sept 9 2006 3rd Annual Founders Day Car & Truck Show, The Manor, Jonesville, MI  
 Sept 9 2006 12th Grape Escape Classic Car Show, Middle School, Paw Paw, MI  
 Sept 9-10 2006 Street Car Nationals, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI  
 Sept 10 2006 12th West Michigan Muscle Car Show, Cilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI  
 Sept 15 2006 Crusin' the Gut Downtown, Lansing, MI  
 Sept 16 2006 Funny Car Nationals, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI  
 Sept 23 2006 Creative Arts Festival & Car Show, downtown, Otsego, MI  
 Sep 27-Oct 1, 2006 Fall Carlisle, Carlisle, PA  
 Sep 30 2006 Red Flannel Car Show, Cedar Springs, MI  
 Oct 1 2006 Applefest Car Show, Niles, MI  
 Oct 1 2006 6th "Before the Garage" Car Show, Comstock Park, Lansing, MI  
 Oct 1 2006 Starr Commonwealth Founder's Day Car Show, Albion, MI  
 Oct 7-8 2006 Bangor Apple Festival Car Show, Bangor, MI  
 Oct 8 2006 7th WOW Hot Rod Happening, WOW at Museum, New Buffalo, MI



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## PROJECT DZ74 APRIL UPDATE

Well it has been a fun month. Everyone's enthusiasm is infectious! It is still pretty cold out but that hasn't stopped the WMCC from getting things rolling. Several folks (myself NOT included) gathered at Doug's house on one of the coldest days of the year to move the Sub frame, Rear end, and Engine/Trans out to those who are going to inspect, clean and rebuild things. On a much warmer day Doug and I spent a couple of hours rearranging and organizing parts.

Dave Kemp has made a first inspection on the T56 Transmission. Says it looks to be in very good condition and will likely not need a complete rebuild. We had some concerns about the engine. It has been sitting freshly rebuilt for 20 years and although sealed pretty well we expected to find some minor rust in the cylinder bores that would need cleaned up. But again, Dave says everything looks great. Last I heard he was waiting on a scope to take a better look at everything. Thanks Dave and Angie.

The Rear End was taken home by Al and Jan Boyer. You can see in the pic that it has been cleaned up and is in primer. Paint soon to come. Then we can install the new axle seals and set up the Trans Am WS6 Rear Disk Brakes. Thanks you Al and Jan.

John Smith our resident race car builder/driver took the front Sub frame to work on. It will be cleaned, primed and painted chassis black before reassembly of the front suspension. We have some of the suspension parts but are awaiting word on some possible sponsorship for parts like the tubular control arms and coil over shocks.



*Now everyone can say they have checked out Doug's rearend :)  
Seeing some progress on Project DZ28.*

Thanks goes out to John and Cheryl. As Doug locates and organizes parts. Most of the chrome pieces are coming home with me to be cleaned up and polished. Most of these are not aftermarket parts. They are original GM pieces that Doug had chromed many years ago. Things like the steering shaft and the hood hinges. I see things and think "hey I have that part chromed on my car". Then I pick the piece up and realize that original GM part weighs a lot more than mine and is much heavier duty. Very cool!

There are some other things happening and we have purchased some parts. We need to have the Inner Fender wells and Radiator Support painted and John Smith Jr. has agreed to help us with that. Thanks John Jr.

Matt Berger has set up an account in the Berger Parts Department to help us with the GM parts that we will be needing. Thank you Matt.

Doug is continuing to get the garage organized. Two cars have been moved out to Carl and Teresa Lins house for storage to free up room in Doug's garage to work on the project. And there is a Garage Cleanup Party planned after the April club meeting.

As I said we have purchased a few things. Doug bought the complete power windows setup that was in last months newsletter. We have new valve springs for the heads and slotted front rotors for the brakes. Also a few parts have been picked up from the powder coater. Now that warm weather is looming and we have made some room in the garage (I actually got to touch the car for the first time the other day) the project is really going to take off. It is going to be a HOT WMCC summer! I can't thank all those that are contributing of their time, money and effort enough! THANK YOU!!!

See, only half as long as last month LOL.

DZ74 Project Manager

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## Western Michigan Camaro Club Monthly Club Meeting Minutes

### March 2006 Meeting Notes:

#### Sam's Joint Restaurant at Gun Lake

Attendance: Doug & Anita Warren, Amy Kugel, Anne Kohler, Dennis & Ronnie Mykols, Tim & Marge Drooger, Dave & Gay Verburg, Gib & Tammy Loudon, Dale & Angela Rogers, Jason VanDeusen, Brad VanHemert, Al, Jan, & Alan Boyer, Gary & Shelley Crippin, James Smith, Greg Gornick, Dave Wilkins, Brian Totten, Marc Bouman, John & Cheryl Smith, Ray & Tracey Cochran, Steve & Kathy Ogrodzinski, Steven Hall Lins, Teresa Lins, Dave & Angie Kemp.

New website will be good for us—everyone please sign on as WMCC(yourname).

[www.mifbody.com](http://www.mifbody.com)

May 13, 2006 Shelby township cruise-in

April 8, 2005 GVSU car show.

Register at [carshow.gvsucarclub.com](http://carshow.gvsucarclub.com) 4 to 8pm.

[www.fbody/event.org](http://www.fbody/event.org) May 18-20 car show at Indianapolis Race Park.

August 3, 2006, Thursday. Thunder in the park, classic concert and car show. If interested call Jeff Steere 616-617-6895. Meet at McDonalds by 131.

Super Chevy show has moved to Milan in September.

Carlisle Show: how many are going? Ray is going, so let him know!! Ray will have hotel info.

May 20, 2006 Anne's school benefit show, noon to 5pm. \$10 to register.

DZ74 Fund: have a raffle, a jacket—donate Camaro shirts to Jan, she will make a quilt.

Many have already donated to the cause.

Pieces and parts have been distributed among the club members who are working on the project.

Matt Murphy is working on rounding up the parts for the car. Doug, check your emails and talk to Randy for seats!!

Kalamazoo Air Zoo outing on Sat., Mendon Dust-off/meeting on Sunday: May, 6, 7th

Memorial weekend: Auburn show or Lane Automotive

We need to work on CSF past participants letters after business meeting.

Notes taken by Anne Kohler

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Carla & Ryan's 1980 Camaro

Asking \$5000

Contact: (616) 453-7333

Cell: (616) 403-6666

Email:

[egreenway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:egreenway@sbcglobal.net)

1980 Chevrolet Camaro

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*Check out Amy Kugal's New Ride!! '95 3.4L 5 Speed.*

**Don't miss the next meeting on April 2nd, 1pm @ Rio Grand Steak House, 1820 44th Street SW, Wyoming.**

### **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.

### **WMCC Officers**

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### **Club Sponsor**

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### **Website**

[www.wmcamaro.org](http://www.wmcamaro.org)



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