

CAMARO CORNER

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THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

by Doug Warren,
WMCC President

Well, as I sit here in front of the computer writing this, we just had 12 inches of snow last night, and the temps will be at or below zero tonight. I guess it's officially winter here in Michigan! You wouldn't think there would be much going on with the Camaros right now, but that couldn't be farther from the truth. We've just come off another very successful and rewarding Autorama here in Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids Auto Rama Report:

As I mentioned above, we had another great showing at the 36th Annual Auto Rama here in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This was the second year the show has been held at the brand new Devos Place convention center in downtown G. R. Move-in went 1000% better this year! I had a hard time believing we had our display set-up, and all 6 cars placed in the display, before noon on Thursday. Move-in has NEVER gone that smoothly. I got thinking (I know, pretty scary!) and believe that the Camaro Club has had a Club Display in the Grand Rapids Auto Rama, every year there's been an Auto Rama, since 1976! (There was no Auto Rama during the construction of the new convention center).

I must admit, that I was a bit skeptical about the idea of using white flooring for the display, but once I saw it all together, with the checkered black & white boarder, I was very impressed. All the fears I had of it sliding around or getting marked up badly by the tires, never materialized. With the

checkered flag pennant rope barrier, it looked awesome!

As always, our Club members went above and beyond the call of duty in their dedication to our Club display, not only with their Camaros, but in making sure all the little details of the display were "just right" as well. From the activity posters, to our Club informational brochures, to the individual display items, to keeping the display clean, it couldn't have been any more perfect.

I especially want to thank those members that volunteered to show their Camaros. There is much work involved with having a car in the show, both during the show, and especially in the days leading up to the show. I also want to thank everyone that helped transport the cars to the show, as well. So, thank you to: The Boyer's, the Falkenhagen's, the Stevens', the Cochran's, the Glisters', the Kemp's, the Crippin's, the Lins', the Smith's and Les Miller, for getting the cars, and

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Some of our Club members that were on hand at the end of the Autorama show to help with tear-down, gathered together for a fine group photo. They are, from Left to right: Dennis Stevens, Ray Cochran, Kyle Cochran, Audrey Glisters, Carl Lins, Teresa Lins, Dave Kemp, Angie Kemp, Shelley Crippin, Jan Boyer, Anne Kohler, Tracey Cochran, Doug Warren, John Falkenhagen, Cheryl Smith, Christi Falkenhagen and Al Boyer. Missing from the photo were John Smith, Gary Crippin and John Glisters. They were off getting the trailers in line for move-out.



Kyle Cochran with his 1976 Type LT and hardware to go with it!

display looking so good. And then there's another host of members that helped by working the Exhibitors Lounge throughout the weekend. Thank you to all of you as well!

I was very pleased to see that everyone in our Club display got a Class award in the show competition, and we are all very proud of Kyle Cochran for winning the Rising Star Awards for Best Engine, and Best Interior! All that time scrubbing with the tooth brush paid off, eh Kyle? The great looking Camaros in our Club Display were the Boyer's 1968 Camaro RS convertible, the Falkenhagen's 1982 Indy Pace Car, the Stevens' 1967 Camaro RS, Kyle Cochran's 1976 Type LT, the Glister's 1985 IROC-Z and Tracey Cochran's 2001 Camaro SS.

We were also very happy to win the Best Club Display Award for the second year in a row. This award was somewhat anti-climactic, as it turned out there was not another Club competing against us. However, I believe that would not have made any difference, as our Club display looked awesome, easily one of the very best Club displays we've ever had! Our display generated much interest among the show attendees, and many of our Club informational brochures were taken. Hopefully we'll see some new members as a result. Thank you again to everyone involved!

February WMCC Club meeting:

After all the hard work at the Auto Rama, I thought

a meeting at a nice restaurant might be just the thing to put us all in a great mood, and also give us a chance to relax just a bit. So, we have reservations at the Sam's Joint restaurant in Alaska, Michigan on February 6th, and our reservations are for 1:00pm. We'll have our Club meeting there as well. Many of us have been to this Sam's Joint before, and with their wide range of items on the menu, and reasonable prices, it should fit the bill very nicely. So, just plan on meeting at Sam's Joint, at 1:00pm. Sam's Joint is located at 7449 68th Street S.E. in the small town of Alaska. (Their address is listed as Dutton, as that's the nearest post office.) Their phone number is: 616-698-1833. Alaska is a small town approximately 18 miles southeast of downtown Grand Rapids. Probably the easiest way to get there is to utilize the new M-6 freeway on the south side of Grand Rapids. You can exit on the M-37/ Broadmoor exit off the new M-6 freeway. Go south a short distance to 68th Street and then go east on 68th Street into Alaska. Sam's Joint is on the north side of the road. We'll see everyone there at one o'clock.

Camaro Superfest 2005 update:

Well, plans for the Camaro Superfest 2005 show are coming along rather nicely. The event website: www.camarosuperfest.com, will be getting regular updates as plans are firmed up. Make sure to check back there often, so you can keep abreast of the continuing developments.

I am pleased to announce that we have filled my vacant position as Event Co-Chairman. Tammy Loudon, our Membership Chairperson, has volunteered to become the Camaro Superfest Co-Chairperson. She will work very closely with Jan Boyer, who has volunteered to work together with Tammy on this important job. They will welcome much input from the rest of the Club as they take on this new responsibility. Thank You, to both of you, for stepping up and taking on this new job.

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WMCC 30th Anniversary Celebration:

As mentioned last month, this year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Western Michigan Camaro Club. So we decided a party was in order! John & Cheryl Smith have volunteered to host this party at their home on Saturday, June 18th. We will have more details on this as the date approaches. We hope to contact as many former members of WMCC as we can locate, and invite them to share in this celebration. I had the opportunity to touch base with several former members during the Auto Rama, and they all seemed interested in joining us in the fun!

Another benefit to this date is that our members that are going on the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour, will be back by then, and it will come just a couple of weeks before Camaro Superfest. Therefore, we'll take advantage of this, and have our June Camaro Club meeting prior to the party getting really going!

In conjunction with the Club's 30th Anniversary, Jan Boyer is putting together a nice scrap book documenting some of the things WMCC has done over the last thirty years. If you have any photographs of Club activities you would like to donate to this project, please see Jan. I'm sure she'll welcome any photos you may have.

WMCC's website:

I would like to encourage everyone to utilize the Club's website on a more regular basis. Brent Findley has put much effort in developing a very nice website for the Club: www.wmcamaro.org, and there is much that can be learned there. Besides announcements about important events for the Club, you can find all of our recent Club newsletters archived there. If you want to check back on something the Club did a year ago, for instance, you can go to the newsletter archives and check it out.

Brent suggested we develop a plan, or reward system, for our members to showcase their Camaro on the opening page of the website. The feature Camaro could remain on the opening page



February Recipe

CHOCOLATE PUDDING DESSERT

Submitted by Tracey Cochran

1st Layer

1 cup graham cracker crumbs

1/2 cup margarine

1/2 cup flour

Mix and pat into ungreased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 for 10-15 min.

2nd Layer

8 oz soft cream cheese

1/2 of a large cool whip

1 cup powdered sugar

Mix and spread on cooled graham cracker crust

3rd Layer

3 oz box of vanilla instant pudding

3 oz box of chocolate instant pudding

3 cups of milk

Mix and add to 2nd layer

4th Layer

Top with remaining Cool Whip

Garnish with shaved chocolate (optional)

for a while, say 6 months, and then another member's Camaro featured there. We still need to come up with a good plan for implementing this, and we'll discuss this at the Club meeting. I also want to remind everyone that the newsletter is always posted on the website just prior to the next WMCC Club meeting. So, if your newsletter has not arrived in the mail, or you didn't get the e-mail notice about the newsletter, you can always check the website in the days leading up to the next Club meeting. Just click on "current newsletter".

-- Doug Warren

2005 EVENTS CALENDAR

ALL CAMARO / CHEVROLET EVENTS: (NOTE: Events marked with a * are Official WMCC Events)

*Feb	6	2005	WMCC Club Meeting
*Mar	6	2005	WMCC Club Meeting
*Apr	3	2005	WMCC Club Meeting
*May	1	2005	WMCC Club Meeting
May	13-15	2005	Super Chevy Show, Norwalk Raceway Park, Norwalk, OH
Jun	10-12	2005	Super Chevy Show, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI
*Jun	18	2005	WMCC 30th Anniversary Party / Club meeting
*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	Benefit Car Show – Standale, details to follow
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
Oct	7-9	2005	Super Chevy Show, National Trail Raceway, Columbus, OH

OTHER AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Feb	5-6	2005	Winter Swap Meet, Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds, Kalamazoo, MI
Feb	11-20	2005	Chicago Autoshow (new cars)
June	4 -11	2005	Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour
Jun	24-25	2005	Pro Hot Rod & Muscle Car Nationals, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI
Jul	23	2005	Funny Car Nationals, US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI
*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	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



John & Audrey Glister's Bright Yellow 1985 IROC-Z.



Dennis & Nancy Stevens' Gold 1967 Camaro RS.



John and Christi Falkenhagen showing off their award at AutoRama.



Tracey Cochran with her award at AutoRama.

Western Michigan Camaro Club Monthly Club Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2005 WMCC Club meeting @
Berger Chevrolet

ATTENDANCE: Doug Warren, Dave & Angie Kemp, John & Christi Falkenhagen, Gib & Tammy Loudon, Al, Jan & Alan Jr. Boyer, John & Cheryl Smith, Teresa Lins, Dennis & Ronnie Mykols, Marc Bouman, Gary, Shelley, Ashley & Scott Crippin, Dave & Gay Verburg, Anne Kohler, Greg & Peg Gornick, Ray, Tracey & Kyle Cochran, and Les Miller (Tracey's Dad), Dennis & Teresa Stevens , and Pat Lewis.

CLUB SCRAPBOOK: Jan Boyer is compiling a club scrapbook.. Please bring in any photos that you have. The older they are, the better. Hint-hint, there, Doug.

CLUB ROSTER: If you have changes in your personal information as printed in the latest edition of the Club Roster, please contact Tammy Loudon, she will correct the information.

CAMARO SUPERFEST: Fri. events @ Milan Dragway, exclusively our track until 4pm. A lower price has been negotiated for Thurs. night room at the Holiday Inn. Tammy Loudon & Jan Boyer have stepped up to take over as co-chairpersons. Thank you!

We think we should give out the event survey at registration, instead of in the goodie bag, letting it stand out, so that more people will respond to it. Awards and dash plaques have been narrowed down. Classes have been adjusted. T-shirts should have a standard price for all, say \$15. They will be paid for faster and then any extras can then be donated, after the event is over.

AUTORAMA: Trailers are set for all cars. Tracey will bring the easels. We will have new Club brochures and the drawing to display. Tammy will get a couple of additional banners made up: "30 years and still going strong" Let's celebrate the clubs 30th anniversary.

EXHIBITORS LOUNGE: Sign-up sheet is going around. Need to bring Clorox wipes and movies.

BENEFIT CAR SHOW: Dennis & Nancy Stevens: Dennis has a chance to have a fundraiser/car show/cruise in during the summer. It will be to raise funds to support the foundation for Nancy's rare lung disease. Can anyone help them with planning?

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY PARTY FOR WMCC: June 18 or July16th are dates available for John & Cheryl Smith to host the 30th Anniversary Party at their house. Possible meeting before Superfest. Set dates: June 18th Party
July 17th for benefit car show

Thank you for your efforts:

Theresa (and Carl) Lins for the Christmas Party
Tammy Loudon for getting the Christmas gifts
John & Christi Falkenhagen for getting the flooring for Autorama!!

CLUB WEBSITE: Brent Findley has suggested we have some sort of contest, or reward system, that would result in showcasing a members' Camaro on the opening page of the website. This could be changed a couple times a year. Possibly at the times of Autorama & Berger show.



Our Club Display was stunning at the Grand Rapids AutoRama.

Don't miss the next WMCC club meeting at the Sam's Joint restaurant in Alaska, Michigan on Sunday, February 6th, reservations are for 1:00pm.

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 for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

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