

# CAMARO CORNER

JANUARY 2006



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## THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

*by Doug Warren,  
WMCC President*

Is it just me, or did 2005 fly by so fast it just seems like a blur?

Winter in west Michigan came early, but has eased just a bid lately. Who would have thought we would have had snow on Thanksgiving, and rain on Christmas? Pretty weird, huh?

Anyway, a big Thank You goes out to Carl & Teresa Lins for hosting our Camaro Club Christmas Party again this year. We had a pretty good turn-out, with the usual huge amount of food, and of course, an enjoyable evening of socializing.

### January Club Meeting:

Please note the SPECIAL TIME for our January Camaro Club monthly meeting. The meeting will be on Saturday, January 7th @ 1pm. We will be meeting at the Woods Lodge restaurant in downtown Grand Rapids. They are located at 77 Grandville Ave. SW. Their phone number is 616-451-4300. We'll be making final plans for Autorama and discussing Superfest.



Having fun playing Left-Right-Center (a gambling game) at the Christmas party.

### Grand Rapids Autorama:

Of course, our next BIG THING is our involvement with the Grand Rapids Autorama coming up the 13th thru the 15th of January. Move in will be on Thursday, January 12. However, there is a chance we could move in some, on Wednesday night. This will be a last minute development, and we'll let the people showing their Camaros know, either by e-mail or phone, if this early move-in becomes available.

We're going to have a 10 Camaro display this year. It will be the largest Camaro Club display we've ever had at the Autorama, and I want to thank those members that volunteered to show their cars. We get a lot of positive exposure for the Club, as well as for our sponsor, Berger Chevrolet. This is a very important show for our Club, as we usually meet several potential new members every year. How many of you first learned about WMCC by attending the Grand Rapids Autorama? I have been in contact with both Bob Ashton, from Championship Auto Shows, and Mark "bullet" Black, the Grand Rapids Show Chairman about our Club display and

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The gang enjoying some conversation at the Christmas Party.

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working in the Exhibitors Lounge. I'm looking forward to another enjoyable and memorable weekend in downtown Grand Rapids. As of this writing, we're about 99% complete with the cars we have lined up for our display. This is how we're stacking up with Camaros for the display:

Matt Berger's candy apple green, 2002 Dick Harrell Supercar Camaro; Dennis Mykols' flamed, black 1980 Camaro; Carl & Teresa Lins silver, 1985 Berlinetta Camaro; Steve & Kathy Ogradzinski's blue, 1978 Z28 Camaro; Tim & Marge Drooger's Rally Green, 1968 396 SS Camaro; John & Cheryl Smith's black and red; 2000 Berger SS, John & Christi Falkenhagen's blue and white, 2000 Berger SS; James Hoffman's white, 1985 IROC-Z; Matt Murphy's blue, 1970 Berger 454 SS Camaro; and Matt Murphy's 2002 427 ZL-1 Camaro.

This sounds like a pretty nice display of Camaros, to me! John Smith recently purchased the necessary steel to build the extra stanchions we need. Ray Cochran has ordered extra flag rope for our barrier, and we'll be picking up the extra flooring we need very soon. Several members will need help with trailering their Camaros to the show, and we'll try to make those arrangements at the Club meeting. We'll also have a sign-up sheet going around to sign up for Exhibitors Lounge work duties, at the meeting, so please try to attend.

### **Camaro Superfest 2006:**

We are heavily into the planning stages for Camaro Superfest 2006. Our dates for the show are: June 30 thru July 2, 2006. We are considering changing our Headquarters hotel and making some other changes and additions to the show in an effort to make the show more exciting, and more fun. The Superfest planning committee had a meeting on Saturday, December 31st, in Ann Arbor to look over some of the possibilities in person. The goal is to make an intelligent and informed decision agreeable to both host Clubs and for the betterment of the show. This was written before the

meeting, so I can't yet tell you what was decided, but we should have a better handle of everything at our Club meeting!

### **Club Outing to the NAIAS:**

On Sunday, January 22, we are planning a Club outing to the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall, in Detroit. We hope to get a good look at the new Camaro Concept car that is reportedly going to make its debut at the show. Right now, the plan is for everyone to get to Detroit on their own, and then meet in the lobby area of Cobo Hall. We plan on meeting at about 9:30am. If the Saleen display is still in its usual lobby location (just inside the doors, at the north end of the lobby), we'll meet there. In the event that it is no longer in that location, we'll try to meet up near the coat check area, near the ticket booths. We have a chance to get discount tickets through Barry Hensel, from EMCC. We'll need to know how many members need tickets, at our Club meeting, so we can order them from Barry. I would like to try and get a group photo in front of the Camaro Concept, if possible.

OK, that about does it for this month. Be sure to take a look at the Events Calendar. It is sure to fill in with many, many events as spring approaches. We'll see everyone at the meeting!

-- Doug Warren



*Carl's barn with all the babies tucked in for the winter.*

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## Western Michigan Camaro Club Monthly Club Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Carl & Teresa Lins, Greg Gornick, Joanne & Bob Gornick, John & Cheryl Smith, Ray, Tracey, Kyle & Ben Cochran, Chris Henderson, Doug & Anita Warren, Tammy & Gib Loudon, Gary & Shelley Crippin, Nancy & Dennis Stephens, Ronnie & Dennis Mykols, Dave & Gay Verburg, Kathy & Steve Ogradzinski, Al & Jan Boyer, Al Boyer, Jr., Dave & Angie Kemp, Tim & Marge Drooger, Bob Brainerd, Anne Kohler, and Amy Kugel.

At our annual Christmas party @ Carl & Teresa's house. Thank you for your hospitality!!

Our yearly dues are coming up in January...don't forget!!

Autorama:

We have 6-8 cars lined up right now. Gib & Tammy, John Smith, Matt Berger, Carl & Teresa Lins, Dennis & Ronnie, Matt Murphy(2), Tim Drooger, Steve O., and James Hoffman. Bob Brainerd will be a stand in if needed.

Doug will contact James Hoffman. Ray has ordered more of the flag banners for our barrier. Thank you to all who are volunteering to have their car in the show!! Ray & Tracey will open their home to Matt Murphy for the Autorama weekend. Thank you!! Possibly trailer parking can be found at Delphi. John Smith will check into this. More floor covering needs to be bought and stanchions need to be made. Does Matt have any cool signs or a display for his car? We are working the exhibitor's lounge, as always.

January meeting: Sat., Jan. 7th @ the Wood's Lodge 1:00 p.m. (Downtown Grand Rapids)

NAIAS (Detroit Auto Show): Sun., Jan. 22nd. Group outing to see the new Camaro concept at the show.

The show is in Cobo Hall, as usual, in Detroit. Meet at the Saleen display or by the coat check @ 9:30 am, inside the lobby.

Superfest: Marriott in Ypsilanti as a possible new headquarters hotel.

They have offered us a conference room, parking and lot options, many bars, banquet area, \$84 for a room, shuttle bus, possibly display the new Camaro in the lobby. There must be a certain number of rooms booked in order to get this price. The banquet must be held there. The price for the banquet is

\$29. We could charge \$20 and raise entry fee \$5, it evens out and the banquet is paid for. They will send us a weblink so that people will be able to see the hotel, etc.

Depot Town: Hudson Museum, antique fire station, beautiful shops, possible cruise-in, Friday activity.

Riverfront Park: They have car shows there and Tammy is checking on a price, have full restrooms, have pavilions. This is just an option. The town promotes the things that are coming to their area. They have a huge billboard at I94 and US23. There could possibly be a place for trailers.

WMCC has unanimously voted for the Marriott, the cruise to Depot Town, and possibly the park for the show. Possibly open up the show to spectators. It could bring in more people who are interested in our cars. Check out the park and see if it is free. Will the park hold 400 cars? Tammy will have this information on Monday.

The Superfest planning committee will check these areas out and make a decision soon.

Notes recorded by Anne Kohler

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January 2006 Recipes

## SUSIE Q CAKE

Submitted by Ray Cochran

### Ingredients:

Hostess Susie Q's  
Chocolate frosting

### Directions:

This is what I made for the Christmas Party and is about as easy and delicious as it comes. Take as many Susie Q's as you wish. Stack them in any manner you wish using frosting to hold them together. Then frost the outside of the whole thing. For the Christmas Party I stood them on end in a round cake pan and "frosted" them together until the pan was full. Then removed the pan and frosted the entire outside. This took 20 Susie Q's and 3 tubs of Chocolate Frosting.

RICH AND GOOD!

## VODKA, GIN OR WHISKEY SLUSH

Submitted by Dave & Gay Verburg

### Ingredients:

7 cups of water  
1 - 12 oz . frozen lemonade  
1 - 12 oz . frozen orange juice  
3/4 cup of sugar  
2 1/2 cups of Vodka, Gin or Whiskey

### Directions:

Mix and put in freezer. Serve 2 scoops in a glass and add 7-up, Squirt or grapefruit juice in the glass.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 28th, Doug & Anita Warren

## NEW MEMBERS

David and DeAnn Colvin  
3090 Riley Ridge Rd.  
Holland, MI 49424

David works for the County of Ottawa. David says about his car: The car is a Medium Quasar Blue Metallic 1995 Camaro B4C / GAM that is a former undercover car with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement in Torrance, CA. It only has 37,000 original miles because it was only used for special operations/ undercover work. I have a ton of info on this car and have even talked with the folks at the office where it was stationed. His e-mail address is:  
[ocsd492@chartermi.net](mailto:ocsd492@chartermi.net)

Marshall Elliott  
1160 Piper Av  
Muskegon, Mi 49445  
Employed by: Blood FT-End Clinic  
e-mail address:  
[blackhawccamaro@verizon.net](mailto:blackhawccamaro@verizon.net)  
Car: 67Camaro Rally Sport

Also welcome these new members that joined at the Christmas Party:

David & Sherri Fry  
507 54th Street SE  
Kentwood, MI 49548  
616-406-1716  
Dave works for Universal Food & Beverage and his email address is:  
[frydave@gmail.com](mailto:frydave@gmail.com)  
Sherri works for L-3 Communications and her email address is:  
[sherrifry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sherrifry@sbcglobal.net)

No Camaro yet, but looking for one. :-)

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# 2006 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

## WMCC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

- \*Jan 7 2006 WMCC Club Meeting – Woods Lodge, 1pm, 77 Grandville Ave SW, G.R.
- \*Feb 5 2006 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- \*Mar 5 2006 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- \*Apr 2 2006 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- \*May 7 2006 WMCC Club Meeting - TBA

## ALL CAMARO / CHEVROLET EVENTS:

- 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 15th Annual Camaro Superfest – Ann Arbor, MI
- \*Aug 26 2006 7th Annual Berger ALL CHEVY SHOW – Berger Chevrolet, Grand Rapids, MI

## OTHER AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS OF INTEREST:

- \*Jan 13-15 2006 Grand Rapids Autorama
- Jan 4-22 2006 NAIAS at Cobo Hall in Detroit
- \*Jan 22 2006 Club outing to the NAIAS at Cobo Hall in Detroit
- Feb 4-5 2006 Kalamazoo Swap Meet – Kalamazoo County Fair Grounds, Kalamazoo, MI
- Feb 10-19 2006 Chicago Auto Show – McCormick Place, Chicago, IL
- Feb 19 2006 25th Winter Swap Meet @ Delta Plex, Walker, (Grand Rapids) MI
- Jun 3-10 2006 Hot Rod Power Tour 2006 – Florida to New Jersey
- Aug 19 2006 12th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise
- Aug 26 2006 2nd Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise



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*The cold but pretty view out Ray Cochran's back door patio set the other day means no cruising for a while :(*

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## Message from Scott Settlemire

"...The name Camaro...means pal, friend, or comrade...Thus, it suggests the real mission of our new automobile...to be a close companion to its owner, tailored to reflect his or her individual tastes and at the same time provide exciting personal transportation...Chevrolet has chosen a name which is lithe, and graceful, in keeping with our other names beginning with C. It suggests the comradeship of good friends...as a personal car should be to its owner..."

The quote above comes from Eliot M. (Pete) Estes – then General Manager of Chevrolet Motor Division...in remarks he made after announcing that Chevrolet would build a new car...the Camaro. The announcement was made in June of 1966.

Now...you may be wondering why I'd start a Holiday Letter with a quote from Mr. Estes...and it's really simple when you think about it.

You...and everyone else on this list...are a Camaro/Firebird Enthusiast. Because of these cars, you've made friendships all over the continent. During the Holiday Season, it's time for friends and family to get together and celebrate.

Further, while many people have been exceedingly upset since the cars went on "hiatus" in August of

2002, there is every reason to believe that the future indeed looks bright.

After the first of January, I'll be sharing with you a web address where you can watch the festivities from Detroit as a very exciting new Coupe Concept is unveiled on the morning of January 9, 2006.

Perhaps this 'unveiling' is the Christmas Gift that many of you have been asking for! As for the Holiday Season: I know many of you will be travelling far and wide to be with family and friends. It goes without saying (I hope) that you will wear your safety belts while behind the wheel – and that you will insist that everyone in the vehicle will be wearing them as well. And, if you enjoy a glass of "Christmas Cheer" – please, I beg you...turn your keys over to a friend. We want you around for many more years.

Another year draws to a close...and I'd like to thank you -- on behalf of everyone at GM -- for your continued support and enthusiasm for our cars and trucks. I personally thank you for your continued faith and support of the Camaro and Firebird Community.

May the new year hold for you and yours:  
Great health, prosperity, happiness....and all that is good.

Scott

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## A LOOK BACK AT 2005



*Our Club Display was stunning at the Grand Rapids AutoRama.*



*April 3rd, and our first trip to the beach for 2005.*



*Our first annual toy car show.*

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*WMCC member's Camaros at the Mendon "Dust Off" car show.*

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Hot Rod Power Tour in Milwaukee, WI.



The 30th Anniversary party.



Members waving goodbye to another outstanding Superfest!



Many amazing cars were on hand for the LAM benefit car show!

2005 Berger Chevrolet ALL CHEVY SHOW.



Fall Color Tour 2005.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### John & Audrey Glistner's 1985 Camaro IROC-Z

The '85 has had a ground up make over. The car has won the ISCA custom car class Nationally and has been featured in several national hot rod magazines. It also scored the highest points (993) ever in the Camaro Nationals. Since the make over there has been less than 30 miles put on the car. The car was done by Elite Body & Paint. Their shop has produced many Riddler cars and triple crown Corvettes. The motor has approx 420hp with a NOS system capable of 375hp. The motor was built by Impasato and the NOS by NOS and set up by CarPro Motor Sports. The car was glass bead stripped by the Strip-It shop. The paint is a tri-step paint custom mixed. There a 15 layers

starting with the base coats, tinted clear coats and the clear coats. This all was sanded, wheeled and polished. The paint, engineering, motor, Detail and car has won many Best awards in ISCA and other car shows. The interior was designed by Audrey and done by Shelby Auto Trim who has won several prestigious awards for interior in ISCA.

We have documentation of the as we purchased it new in 1985 and have pictures and documentation of the make over along with magazines and awards. We have invested over \$100,000.00 and looking for a fair price based on the merits of the car.

If interested please contact John at: (586) 977-5915





*2005 was just a BLUR!*

**Don't miss the January WMCC Meeting at Woods Lodge, 1pm, 77 Grandville Ave SW, G.R.**

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### **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**

President: Doug Warren 616.531.7482  
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