

CAMARO CORNER

June 2006



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THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

*by Doug Warren,
WMCC President*

All anyone needs to do, is to look at the WMCC Calendar of Events, to see that the “summer car season”, is finally upon us. If you can’t find something to do with your Camaro, you just ain’t tryin’ very hard! There’s the Hot Rod Power Tour, closely followed by Camaro Superfest and the Berger All Chevy Show, just to name a few of the “big” events, plus dozens of other local shows and cruises. It looks like it’s going to be a great summer.

June WMCC Club Meeting:

NOTE: The JUNE Club meeting will actually be held on May 28th. Yes, that’s the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. But the traditional first Sunday of the month time slot, will find several Club members out driving their Camaros up the eastern seaboard on the Hot Rod Power Tour.

For the meeting, the plan is to meet at the Tony Lin’s Restaurant @ 3850 Alpine Ave. N.W., on the north end of Grand Rapids (616-647-9888). We will meet at 1pm, and head out on a short cruise. Weather permitting, we’ll stop at a park and have our Club meeting there. Then, we’ll head on back to Tony Lin’s around 3pm, or so, and get something to eat.

Memorial Day weekend is shaping up to be a pretty busy weekend, as there is a big Cruise-in on Friday evening at Lane Automotive in Watervliet, MI. If that wasn’t enough excitement, there is a huge car show on Saturday, also at Lane Automotive. So, that gives you something to do on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I’m guessing Monday will be a recovery day!

Volunteer Needed:

By now, anybody that had planned to attend the “Second Annual MiFbody Meet & Greet” on May 13, knows that the event was rained out. It has been rescheduled for June 10th. However, a few of us, myself included, will still be on the Hot Rod Power Tour. We’ll need someone to volunteer to head up a caravan to the show. The venue still remains the same: The gathering will be in the Stony Creek Metro Park in Shelby Township (which is east of Auburn Hills) on Saturday, June 10th. The plan is to have a picnic lunch at Noon, vote on your favorite cars, and have awards at 4pm. After that, we’ll cruise to a near by Dairy Queen for desert, and end the day with a cruise on Woodward Ave. You can stay as late as you want, or leave early if need be. There will be a pot luck style picnic lunch, so please plan to bring a dish to pass. Like us, there will be other Clubs attending that have members on the MiFbody website. At this stage, it looks like Street Lethal Performance, Bay City Rides, and City Wide Camaro Club are some of the Clubs that will

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The parking lot where we stopped for dinner following the Mendon Dust Off.

be represented. Let's try to have a good turnout of WMCC members and cars. This sounds like it will be a lot of fun.

As I've mentioned in the last two newsletters, I want to strongly encourage you to sign up on the MiFbody forum. (www.mifbody.com) We have nearly 30 WMCC members already signed up, and some are on there ALL THE TIME! (Right, Gary?) This will be the best place to make arrangements for a caravan to the picnic. And, you should check back often for any last minute changes (like another rain-out).

Mendon "Dust Off" Car Show report:

Finally we had some decent weather at this show! It was quite brisk in the morning, but warmed up nicely into the mid 60's in the afternoon. Some of our members have called this year's show the Mendon "Dust On"! The High School is in the midst of doing some construction on their property, so there was a lot of dust blowing around, and settling on the cars. As dusty as it was, I'll take that and the mid-60 temps over the rain and mid-40's, (like we've had there the last couple of years), any day! We had a pretty nice turn-out of Club cars, though we were split up somewhat in the show. Take a look at the photos. It was a nice day for an early spring car show.

Camaro Superfest 2006:

Camaro Superfest will be here before we know it.



Anne Kohler wiping off some dust at the Mendon Dust Off. Oh, that's what they mean by that!

The show will feature many changes this year, so there is an air of excitement as we enter into a whole new era, for our biggest show of the year. With a new venue, and a new headquarters hotel, a great banquet with an exciting guest speaker, and of course the Camaro Concept show car (only at the banquet), I'm very excited to see how everything works out. Please go to www.camarosuperfest.com for all of the latest news. For our member/workers, please fill out a registration form, and send it in. Put "WMCC worker" on your form. If you work at least one work shift every day of the event, you will not have to pay for registration. However, you still will need to pay for your banquet tickets, and your event T-shirts. There are a limited number of banquet tickets, so make sure to send in your form early. You will also be assured to get the correct size T-shirt by registering early. Remember, you'll need to attend the banquet to see the Camaro Concept and to hear Tom Peters, from GM Design, speak about the Camaro Concept. Very exciting stuff!

Berger All Chevy Show; August 26th:

By the time you read this newsletter, we'll have fliers for the Berger All Chevy Show. We'll want to pass these out everywhere we go this summer. We'll also be faced with a new challenge having the show the same day as the 2nd annual 28th Street Metro Cruise. I'm confident we'll do fine, and have another great show.



Here's Gib Loudon, doing some "Spring Cleaning" at the Mendon Dust Off.

Project DZ74 Update

I must apologize for there not being an update in the May News Letter. Work was nuts at the time and I just couldn't get caught up.

Work is moving along at a guarded pace. Many of you helped out with the garage cleaning, THANK YOU. The Z is now sideways in the garage and we have full access to it.

The rear end has been cleaned and painted and returned to Doug. Thanks Al and Jan.

The front subframe has been cleaned, welds ground down and smoothed and is now in etching primer. It will be filled and smoothed some more and then painted.

The original L-82 motor has been all checked out and looks great. Being a machinist, Doug knew the proper way to store the motor. It looks as though it was just rebuilt yesterday and appears it may not even need a gasket kit.

The T-56 6 speed that Doug purchased out of a '95 Z28 was also checked out and appears to be nice and clean.

As many know, mating a late model transmission to an older motor is not as easy as just bolting it up. It requires a special

bellhousing, clutch set up and cross member. This is what we are researching now and hope to have it all figured out by the time the front subframe is completed.

Now for the BIG NEWS! We have a new sponsor on board! We are very pleased to welcome YEAR ONE. Matt Murphy approached them with our little project. They responded that they were very interested and would love to help us out. Shortly there after the UPS guy showed up at my door with 2 Year One catalogs. Doug and I spent several hours pouring over the catalogs which produced a prioritized wish list. The list has been forwarded to Year One and we are working out the details. WELCOME ABOARD AND THANK YOU!!!

It may appear that not much is happening, but there is a lot of research being done before we spend what money we do have. We want to do it once and do it right!

Thank you all!

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FUTURE MEMBER!!!



This future club member is Nancy Stevens' grandson Coen, AKA Chico. Congrats!!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

*20th, Angela Rogers
27th, Brian Totten
28th, Cynthia Armour*

ANNIVERSARIES:

*17th, Carl & Teresa Lins
20th, Jeff & Doris Seuss
24th, Bob & JoAnne Gornick
29th, Steve & Kathy Ogrodzinski,
Josh & Karen Loudon*

2006 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

WMCC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

*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 – Tony Lins Restaurant on Alpine. Meet @ 1pm for a cruise, eat @ 3pm
*July	9	2006	WMCC "JULY" Club Meeting – meeting @ Dennis Mykols & Grand Haven Car Show
*Aug	6	2006	WMCC "AUGUST" Club Meeting – meeting @ Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Red Barns Show
*Sept	3	2006	WMCC "SEPTEMBER" Club Meeting
*Sept	8-10	2006	WMCC Scenic Tour of the "Thumb" starting @ the Loudon's
*Oct	1	2006	WMCC "OCTOBER" Club Meeting
*Oct	6-8	2006	WMCC Hot Rod Fall Color Tour!

ALL CAMARO / CHEVROLET EVENTS:

May	19-21	2006	Indy Pace Car reunion, Indy Motor Speedway, www. Brickyard.com 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	10	2006	MiFbody.com Meet & Greet Spring Kick-off, Stony Creek Metro Park, Shelby Twp, MI
Jun	23-25	2006	8th Annual Camaros at Carlisle/GM Nationals, Carlisle, PA
*Jun 30-Jul 1,2		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:

May	26	2006	Friday Evening Cruise-in, Lane Automotive, Watervliet, MI
May	27	2006	Lane Automotive Car Show @ Lane Automotive, Watervliet, MI
Jun	3	2006	20th Classic Car Swap Meet @ Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
Jun	3	2006	Soar With the Eagles Car Show, Eagles Lodge on Capitol, Battle Creek , MI
Jun	3	2006	Eastside Extravaganza @ Northway Lanes, Muskegon, MI
Jun	3-10	2006	Hot Rod Power Tour 2006 – Florida to New Jersey
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	10	2006	4th Cutlerville Days Car Show, Cutlerville (Grand Rapids), MI
Jun	10	2006	Crusin' The Gut, Lansing, MI (Also July 22 & Sept. 23, 2006)
Jun	16-17	2006	15th Ann. On the Waterfront Car Show, St. Ignace, St. Ignace, 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	17	2006	Lyons-Muir Festival & Car Show, Lyons, MI (on the island)

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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	2006	Battle Creek Field of flight Car Show, Air Show, Balloon Fest, Kellogg Airport, B. C. , MI
Jun	30–July 4	2006	Mild to Wild Rides, Ottawa County Fair Grounds, Holland, 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	4	2006	Allendale Car Show
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	12	2006	11th Ann Scott Flahive Memorial Cruise, Leave Driftwood Inn, Muskegan, MI 7pm
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	15	2006	Muskegon Main Street Car Show, Western Ave. (Big Show)
July	22	2006	NATIONAL BABY FOOD FESTIVAL CAR SHOW, DOWNTOWN FREMONT
July	22	2006	3rd Annual "Sons of the Legion" Car Show, Croton Am. Lg. Hall #381, Croton, MI
July	22	2006	NATIONAL BABY FOOD FESTIVAL CAR SHOW, DOWNTOWN FREMONT
July	22	2006	CRUSIN THE GUT IN DOWNTOWN LANSING (ALSO SEPT 23)
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
July	30	2006	Grand Haven's Coast Guard Car Show
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	11	2006	Coopersville: Del Shannon Cruise-in Friday Night (Recommended!)
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	13	2006	North Side Summer Car Show, Mullally Park, N. Muskegon, MI 231-774-8738
Aug	19	2006	12th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise
Aug	19	2006	Tendway Car Show, 13467 Quincy, Holland, MI 616-218-1570
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
Aug	26	2006	Augusta Car Show, Augusta, MI
Aug	27	2006	Hastings Summerfest Car Show, Hastings, MI

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Aug	30-Sept 4	2006	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	Frankenmuth Car Show
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	22	2006	Cruzin' The Gut, Downtown Lansing, 2nd one of the year Friday night
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



A few WMCC members enjoying the Pancake Breakfast at the Mendon Dust Off car show. L to R: Anne Kohler, Tammy Loudon, Doug Warren, Al Boyer (both in back), Gib Loudon, Bonnie & Dennis Edwards.



Ray's new look. New Goodmark hood, painted front spoiler and white interior! Stunning!



Doug Warren's and Angie Kemp's Hot Rods basking in the sun.

Western Michigan Camaro Club May 2006 Club Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Doug Warren, Greg Gornick, Anne Kohler, Amy Kugel, Carl & Theresa Lins, Angie & Dave Kemp, Gib & Tammy Loudon, Ray & Tracey Cochran, Bob & Joanne Gornick, Dennis & Ronnie Mykols, Dan Baker, Al & Jan Boyer, Dennis & Bonnie Edwards, Carrie Farrell & James Hoffman, Tim Drooger, Bob Brainerd, Dave Wilkins, Brian Totten, Cynthia Armour, Dave & Gay Verburg, Alan Boyer, Jr., Gary, Shelley, Ashley, & Scott Crippin.

Superfest Update:

Everything is going very well. Free DJ Fri. night in Depot Town. Parking spots will be assigned at the hotel. More parking areas at the show need to be manned this year. Rain should not be a problem with the Park. 48-52 have preregistered so far. Goodie Bag Stuffing will be Thursday night before SF. We need to have at least the pre-registered bags done for Thurs. registration.

June Meeting:

May 28,06 @ Tony Lins Restaurant on Alpine Ave. at 1pm for cruise, eat at 3pm.

May 13, 2006 F-body Show: Bring a dish to pass. Meet @Dennis Stevens house or Ionia exit to leave at 8:45 am.

August 2007: Old U.S. 27 Power Tour. Starts in Coldwater, ends in Cheboygan

Martin 131 Dragway: Club against club with BBQ picnic. \$20 to race, \$5 to watch. August 11th? More info to come

Hudsonville Cruise-in each Saturday nights @Gemmin's Hardware.
Dorr cruise-in's on Thursday evenings.
F-body cruise-in.

June 3, 2006 Steve Hall's open house.



James Hoffman's cool 3rd gen



Scotty, Shelly, Ashley, Tracey, Christy and John enjoying the nice weather at the Mendon Dust Off show.



Bob & Joanne Gornick's Hot Rod.



Al's, Ray's and Anne's cars at the Mendon show.



Gib and Tammy Loudon's new and improved '76.

**Don't miss the next meeting on May 28, @ Tony Lins
Restaurant on Alpine Ave. at 1pm for cruise, eat at 3pm.**

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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