



## *The View From The Top*

*by Doug Warren,  
WMCC President*

Well, we just got home from the Hot Rod Power Tour 2004. Wow, what a week! (10 days, actually, counting driving to the start of the Tour and driving home.) Seven huge car shows, in seven days, in seven different cities! Pretty much car nut overload. But, more on that later.

First things, first. There has been another change of plans for our next Camaro Club meeting. Remember, the date has been changed to June 19, that's **THIS Saturday!** We will be meeting at Fallsburg Park in eastern Kent County, just a few miles northeast of Lowell, Michigan. We will be meeting at 12 o'clock, **NOON.** This will be our last Club meeting before Camaro Superfest, so it's important that you attend, if at all possible. We will be going over all last minute arrangements and work assignments.



On hand for Josh Loudon's graduation party are: L to R: Kneeling: Gib Loudon, Jeri Jean Levander, Doug Warren Standing: Jim Parks, Gary Levander, Angie Kemp, Dave Kemp, Josh Parks, Lynn Parks, Tammy Loudon, Rita Brainerd, Bob Brainerd and Anita Warren.

Directions to Fallsburg Park are as follows: Take the Lowell exit off I-96 (Exit 52) and go north on Alden-Nash Avenue into downtown Lowell to the traffic light (4.5 miles from I-96). (Alden-Nash becomes S. Hudson St. as you enter town) Continue north through the traffic light (becomes N. Hudson St.) and continue out of town. The road will change names once again and become Lincoln Lake Road. Follow Lincoln Lake north, through the traffic light at

Vergennes, until you come to Fallsburg Park Drive and turn right. Enter the Park towards the Enclosed Shelter (bear left at sign). Enter parking area under stone arch. After the meeting, all those interested will continue on to Belding and attend Amanda Barker's Graduation Open House at the Barker residence (850 Water Street, Belding)

The Open House runs from 2pm until 5pm.

It's been a very busy time for many WMCC members starting with our trip to the Wisconsin Dells over the Memorial Day weekend. Four couples from WMCC-Michigan made the trip to visit with our WMCC-Wisconsin

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members and enjoy the scenic area around the Wisconsin Dells. Dave & Angie Kemp, Bob & Rita Brainerd, Gib & Tammy Loudon and Doug and Anita Warren met very early on Friday morning to head for the Dells. We ran into the usual traffic snarl around Chicago (I don't know how those people put up with that mess every day?) and finally breezed our way into our motel. The weather was pretty nice and we enjoyed sitting in the courtyard of the Dells Creek Motel and relaxed a while, followed by dinner and a little shopping in downtown. Friday was pretty much the end of the nice weather as Wisconsin has been getting the excessive amounts of rain just like us here in Michigan. It ended up raining about 80% of the time for the rest of the weekend. However, the rain did not dampen the spirits of our group and we enjoyed the time we spent together. On Saturday we took a cruise down to Jim & Lynn Parks' home to attend Josh Parks' Graduation Open House. Luckily, it didn't rain while we were there, but it did turn pretty cool. WMCC members, Gary & Jerri Jean Levander were also at the party. Afterwards, Jim led us on a cruise to a local A & W drive-in. That was cool, and I mean that in two ways. We pretty much filled up their parking lot with cool cars, but it was in the upper 40's by then, too. Monday morning, we all packed up and headed back to Michigan. All in all, a great time, in spite of the weather.

Three days later, we were once again packed up and hitting the road for the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour. The Tour started in

Arlington, Texas, so we had a pretty good drive ahead of us, just to get to the beginning. Anita and I met up with Ray & Tracey Cochran in Zeeland at 6am on Thursday morning and began our trek south. In Merryville, Indiana we joined up with Greg Gornick, Bob & Joanne Gornick, Marc Gembinski and John Glister. We wanted to get as many miles behind us as possible on Thursday and we ended up staying in Forrest City, Arkansas after 13 hours on the road. We got to Texas on Friday and met up with more WMCC members and friends. Jim Parks and his buddy Bill, Brian Malmquist and his girlfriend Michelle and Mike & Sue Miller. We also touched base with Matt Murphy and the GMMG crew who brought the Dick Harrell/Berger Chevrolet Supercar prototype out for everyone to drool over. Wait until you see and hear this ultimate Camaro in person. It will blow you away!

The weather couldn't have been any more different than Wisconsin, the week before. We had high humidity's and temps in the upper 90's. It was brutal on us northerners! After spending Saturday melting in the parking lot in Arlington, we headed for Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sunday morning. Monday found us in Springfield, MO and Tuesday we were in St. Louis, MO. Probably the coolest day of driving came on the way to St. Louis as the Tour route took us through the hilly, twisty back roads of the Ozark Mountains. The Camaros loved this! The hot weather followed us along the way and mid to upper 90's remained the rule of the day. Gib & Tammy

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This photo shows Jim Parks' ZL-1, the Kemp's Hot Rod Camaro, the Loudon's Brickyard 400 Pace Car, the Warren's Hot Rod Camaro, Jim Parks' #100 Berger SS and Gary Levander's 1969 Camaro SS in front of the Dell Creek Motel in the Wisconsin Dells.

**Loudon and Bob Brainerd and his son met up with us in St. Louis.**

**Ray & Tracey and Anita and I took a side trip to see the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. If you've never been there, I would recommend stopping by. I found it truly awe inspiring! There is a museum complex under ground, under the Arch, where you can see a movie about the Arch's construction. Pretty amazing!**

**From St. Louis we were on our way to Davenport, Iowa where the hot gave way to wet. It rained on our way to Chicago, too and that got the cars REALLY DIRTY! I'll bet Greg Gornick will have to go through therapy to get over his Camaro getting that filthy! J On Friday morning we left a rainy, foggy Chicago to head for the last stop, Green Bay, Wisconsin and the parking lots of Lambreau Field. And by Friday evening, it was all over. Our long line of Camaros drew plenty of attention during the week. What a sight, to see them streamed out in single file as we went around curves and over hills. The week was pretty much a blur for me, but all in all, quite the adventure. There are countless other stories from the week that I could tell, but**

**there just isn't time here for that. You'll just have to come to the Club meeting and hear the tales first hand!**

**On Saturday morning we would head out for Michigan, and home. But the thought of fighting our way through the Chicago for a third time in two weeks just was not very appealing, so some of us decided to take the northern route and head through the Upper Peninsula instead. It was only about 100 miles farther going that way, but a hundred times more scenic, not to mention way less stressful. It was a nice end to a week long on the road and about 2,500 miles. Next years Power Tour is supposed to go from "somewhere in the Midwest", and go to Florida. Will we go again? Maybe, but I know I'm not ready to start just yet. For those that have never gone on the Power Tour, I would say you have to do it at least once. It'll be an experience you'll not soon forget.**

**OK, so the next big thing on the agenda is Camaro Superfest on July 2 thru 4 in Ann Arbor. We'll see everyone there!**

**-- DOUG**

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# 2004 EVENTS CALENDAR

## **AAII Camaro / Chevrolet Events:**

- Jun 19 2004 June-July WMCC Camaro Club Meeting @ Fallasburg Park, see newsletter.  
Meet at the Park at NOON
- Jun 18-20 2004 6th Camaros at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA
- June 26 2004 Mid-Iowa Camaro Club All Camaro Show
- July 2-4 2004 Camaro Superfest 2004 – Ann Arbor, MI
- July 21-25 2004 30th International CCI-WCC Convention, Hampton, Virginia Beach, VA
- Jul 22-25 2004 Super Chevy Show, Norwalk Raceway, Norwalk, OH
- Aug 6-8 2004 Super Chevy Show, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL
- Aug 6 2004 Huge Cruise Night, Monmouth, Illinois (night before Fred Gibb Memorial Car Show)
- Aug 7 2004 Delphi/GM/UAW "Day at the Races" Picnic/Car Show/Races – Berlin Raceway
- Aug 7 2004 Fred Gibb Memorial Car Show, LaHarpe, Illinois
- Aug 12-15 2004 PNWCC All Chevy Show, Seattle, WA
- Aug 27-29 2004 Super Chevy Show @ National Trail Raceway, Columbus, OH
- Sep 3-4 2004 5th Annual Berger Chevrolet ALL CHEVY SHOW – Grand Rapids, MI
- Sep 18-19 2004 11th NEOCC Fall Classic Camaro Show @ Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH
- Sep 19-19 2004 F-body Gathering, National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY
- Oct 8-10 2004 4th Annual Fall Get-a-Way weekend – Suttons Bay, MI

## **Other Automotive events of Interest:**

- Jun 19-20 2004 28th Car Craft Street Machine Nationals – Lima, OH
- Jul 17-18 2004 Rod & Custom Magazine Americruise – Springfield, MO
- Jul 16-18 2004 Car Craft Magazine Summer Nationals – St. Paul, MN
- Aug 21 2004 10th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise
- Sep 17-19 2004 Fall Car Craft Street Machine Nationals

### ***NEW MEMBERS!!!***

Please give a warm WMCC hello to Kevin and Jamie Weeks. Kevin and Jammie are from Jones, Michigan and own a 1991 Z/28. Seems the Weeks saw the Club display at Autorama and picked up one of our membership forms. Drop 'em a note at [pepper71@hotmail.com](mailto:pepper71@hotmail.com). Welcome Kevin and Jammie.





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#### **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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