

# CAMARO CORNER

MARCH  
2007



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## THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

*by Doug Warren,  
WMCC President*

For the first time, in **MANY** years, we had to cancel a

Camaro Club meeting due to bad weather! After a mild autumn, and a very late start to winter weather, Ole Mother Nature decided to hit West Michigan with a nasty and prolonged winter blast. Since the Club has grown so much over these last few years, we now have members that live far and wide, across our Great State (and beyond). The driving conditions in West Michigan on February 4th were very bad, and the State Police were asking for only emergency traffic to be out driving around. I thought it was best not to put our Club members in danger, and decided to call off the February Club meeting.

As I sit here at my computer, writing this column for the March newsletter, the weather has just finally broken and we've had above freezing temps for the first time in about three weeks. Spring must surely be just around the corner! And, with spring, comes Camaros!

### March WMCC Club Meeting:

As has become tradition, we will be holding our March Camaro Club meeting, Sunday, March 4th at the Sam's Joint Restaurant at Gun Lake. The March meeting also marks our "3rd Annual Camaro Die Cast and Collectible Show". Sam's Joint Restaurant is located near Gun Lake. We'll be meeting at 1:00pm. The address for this Sam's Joint is: 2412 Briggs Rd. S., Middleville, MI. It's located right near the entrance to the Gun Lake State Park. Their phone number is: 269-795-3965.

### Calendar of Events:

With the "Camaro Season" is just around the corner, please take a look at our Events Calendar. Even now, at this early part of the year, it's starting to fill up. There are many special events coming up this year, and I'm sure we'll have organized cruises to many of them. If you become aware of an event (car show, swap meet, cruise, etc.) that you think might be of interest to our members, please let me know, so I can get it added to the Calendar. My e-mail address is: Our96ss@aol.com

### Cyber-Camaros:

It's been a while since I mentioned anything "new" in the area of Cyber-Camaros. Recently we received an e-mail from Scott Settlemire mentioning a Camaro related website that I had not previously known about. It is: [www.camaro5.com](http://www.camaro5.com) and as the name implies the talk centers around the highly anticipated 5th Generation Camaro. Patrons are from all over the country, and many are going to be "first time Camaro owners" when the 5th Gen finally hits the streets. Over all, this is a friendly and interesting forum, and I would encourage you to check it out. Of course, Gary

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*Think Spring!*

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Crippin signed in, and promptly overwhelmed everyone with the sheer volume of his posts! LOL

Of course, many WMCC members remain quite active on the MiFbody website. Please note that the Spring Michigan F-Body Meet & Greet is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2007. The Meet & Greet will be held at Kensington Metro Park, near Milford, Michigan. It's an easy place to find, right next to the I-96 freeway. WMCC will be organizing a caravan, leaving from the Ionia area, as the date draws near.

### **2007 Membership Dues:**

Just a friendly reminder, since we canceled our Feb. Club meeting. Anyone that joined the Club before July of 2006, your Membership dues are now due for renewal. Many members have already renewed for 2007, and we thank you for your promptness. Dues are \$30 per member, \$45 for a couple.

### **GM / CCI / WCC 40th Anniversary of the Camaro Celebration:**

Many of you already know about this event, so consider this just a reminder. This event is causing quite a stir on the Internet, so if you are planning to attend, you should make your hotel reservations ASAP. You also need to register for the event, and doing so early will speed up registration at the event. Here are the details:

Classic Chevy International to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 1957 Chevrolet and the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Camaro & Firebird at the GM Tech Center, Detroit/Warren Michigan

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

**3RD, DOUG WARREN**

**6TH, JOANNE GORNICK**

**16TH, DENNIS STEVENS**

**17TH, ASHLEY CRIPPEN**

**26TH, ANITA WARREN**

### **MAR. ANNIVERSARIES:**

**30TH, AL & JAN BOYER**

August 9 – 11, 2007

The Milestone Event Will Feature Awards for Top '57 Chevys, '67 Camaros, '67 Firebirds & Cars in Other Categories. 1955-72 Chevy & 1967-2002 Camaro & Firebird Owners are Encouraged to Bring Their Cars. All Car Enthusiasts are Invited to Attend. Titusville Florida: Building the 1955 and 1956 celebrations in '05 and '06 and continuing its tradition of promoting Classic Chevys and Camaros, Classic Chevy International, in conjunction with General Motors, will hold a special celebration commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the 1957 Chevrolet and the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Camaro & Firebird at GM's Warren, Michigan Tech Center. The extraordinary event will take place August 9-11, 2007 on the Tech Center grounds. Thursday August 9th and Friday August 10th are registration and special activity days for registrants only. All car enthusiasts are invited to view hundreds of Classic Chevys, Camaros and Firebirds on display on Saturday, August 11th from 9 am to 4 pm, culminating with special guest speakers and awards. Public admission at the gate is under \$10.

Those who wish to join the activities and want to bring their Chevy, Camaro or Firebird should note the following information:

Thursday, August 9. 8 am – Noon Check-in and Registration at host hotel. 1 pm – 6 pm Lunch and open tours of The GM Heritage Center.

Friday, August 10. 9 am - 5 pm Tours to: Flint & Detroit area automotive attractions.

Saturday, August 11.

7 am - 9 am: On-site vehicle registration at Tech Center.

9 am - 3 pm: Car Displays, special guest speakers, GM dignitaries, judging

3 pm - 4 pm: Indoors awards presentations to: Top 3 1957 Chevys, Top 3 1967 Camaros, Top 3 1967 Firebirds, Best 1955, Best 1956, Best 1958-64, Best 1965-72, Best Truck, Best 1968-69 Camaro, Best 1968-69 Firebird, Best 2nd/3rd Generation Camaro, Best 2nd/3rd Generation Firebird, Best 4th Generation Camaro and Best 4th Generation Firebird.

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The August 9-11, 2007 50th Anniversary of the 1957 Chevrolet, 1967 Camaro & 1967 Firebird is suggested to be a must-attend event for all Chevy and Firebird enthusiasts and a great entertainment venue for the general public, with activities planned to entertain and celebrate this historic milestone. The GM Tech Center is located at Mound Road and 12 Mile Road in Warren, Michigan.

For more details, or to download the Registration Form to enter your Classic Chevy, visit the Classic Chevy website: [www.classicchevy.com](http://www.classicchevy.com). Camaro and Firebird owners may visit [www.worldwidecamaro.com](http://www.worldwidecamaro.com).

For More Information Contact: Sharon Stowe, Classic Chevy/Worldwide Camaro

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Hotel Information:

1. Comfort Inn -- 7001 Convention Blvd -- Warren, MI (about a mile north of Tech Center) 586-268-9020 -- booking code is "SSOA" (not just reserved for SSOA members -- we simply needed to come up with a memorable 4-character code!) Special rate for that code is \$59 a night

2. Hampton Inn -- 7447 Convention Blvd -- Warren, MI 586-977-7270 -- booking code is "CSSO" -- Special Rate for that code is \$83 a night

3. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites -- 30000 Van Dyke Ave, Warren, MI 586-573-7600 -- (directly across the street from GM Tech Center) Rate is \$79 a night -- identify yourself as part of the Chevy/Camaro 40th Anniversary celebration at the Tech Center.

4. Residence Inn -- 30120 Civic Center Blvd, Warren -- 586-558-8050 -- (directly across the street from GM Tech Center)

5. Marriott Courtyard Detroit/Warren -- 30190 Van Dyke Ave -- Warren, MI (directly across the street from GM Tech Center)

6. Fairfield Inn -- Warren -- 7454 Convention Center Drive -- Warren -- (about a mile north of the Tech Center) 586-939-1700

Both Comfort Inn and Hampton Inn are holding 40 rooms each for Camaro/Firebird Enthusiasts. Scott STRONGLY suggests you book early into the rooms (like right now!) -- as they anticipate several hundred 55-57 Chevy Enthusiasts -- about 450 Corvette Enthusiasts -- and he's HOPING 1,000 Camaro/Firebird Enthusiasts.

**There are no February 2007 Meeting notes since the meeting was snowed out.**



*Superfest at Michigan International Speedway.*



*WMCC members on the '03 Power Tour.*



*2003 Power Tour stop in New Orleans.*

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# 2007 EVENTS CALENDAR (NOTE: Events marked with a \* are Official WMCC Events)

## WMCC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

*Feb	4	2007	WMCC February Club Meeting
*Mar	4	2007	WMCC March Club Meeting
*Apr	1	2007	WMCC April Club Meeting
*May	6	2007	WMCC May Club Meeting
*Jun	3	2007	WMCC June Club Meeting (Tentative ?)
*Jul	8	2007	WMCC July Club Meeting
*Aug	5	2007	WMCC August Club Meeting
*Sep	2	2007	WMCC September Club Meeting
*Oct	7	2007	WMCC October Club Meeting
*Nov	4	2007	WMCC November Club Meeting
*Dec	8	2007	WMCC Christmas Party/December Club meeting

## ALL CAMARO / CHEVROLET EVENTS:

Feb	8-11	2007	WCC/CCI Winter Nationals, Orlando, FL
Jun	8-10	2007	19th Annual Ontario Camaro Nationals, St Catharines, Ontario, Canada
Jun	9	2007	2nd Annual Kool Chevrolet All Chevy Show, 3770 Plainfield, NE Grand Rapids, MI
Jun	22-24	2007	GM Nationals/9th Ann. Camaro Nationals, Carlisle, PA
*June 29-July 1	2007		<b>Camaro Superfest 2007, Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, MI</b>
Jul	4-6	2007	WCC/CCI International Convention, Hagerstown, MD
*Aug	9-11	2007	<b>WCC Camaro 40th Anniversary Celebration, GM Tech Center, Warren, MI</b>
August	11	2007	Del Shannon Car Show – Coopersville, MI
*Aug	25	2007	<b>8th Annual Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show</b>
Sept	8-9	2007	14th Annual NEOCC Fall Classic, @ Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH
*Oct	12-14	2007	WMCC Hot Rod Fall Color Tour – Suttons Bay, MI
Nov	17-18	2007	Chevy Vette-Fest, D.E.Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL

## OTHER AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS OF INTEREST:

Mar	9-11	2007	Detroit Autorama
May	25	2007	Lane Automotive Friday Night Cruise-in
*May	26	2007	<b>Lane Automotive Car Show</b>
Jun	2-8	2007	Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour
Jun	2	2007	ionia Classic Car & Truck Show – Downtown, Ionia, MI
Jun	10	2007	Vintage Motorcycle Show & Swap – Gilmore CCC, Hickory Corners, MI
*Jun	16	2007	<b>Michigan FBody Spring Meet &amp; Greet – Kensington Metro Park, Milford, MI @ Martindale Beach Pav.</b>
Jun	16	2007	Port City Racing Performance Car Show – Port City Racing, Muskegon, MI
Jun	17	2007	26th Annual Fathers Day Car Show – Charlton Park, Hasting, MI
Jul	14	2007	18th Grand Ledge Classic Auto Show – Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge, MI
Jul	27-28	2007	Supercar Reunion – Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL
Aug	4	2007	Red Barns Spectacular Car Show – Gilmore CCC, Hickory Corners, MI
Aug	12	2007	Apple Peel-in Car Show, Klackles Orchard, Greenville, MI
Aug	18	2007	Woodward Dream Cruise
Aug	21-26	2007	Old US27 Power Tour – Coldwater to Cheboygan – starts in Coldwater, MI
Aug	25	2007	3rd Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise
Sep	3	2007	Labor Day Cars for Cancer – Muskegon, MI
Sep	7-9	2007	Frankenmuth Autofest 2007 – Heritage Park, Frankenmuth, MI
Sep	9	2007	West Michigan Muscle Car Plus, Car Show & Swap – Gilmore CCC, Hickory Corners, MI

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## Project DZ74 Update:

Has it been a long, cold, snowy month, or what? You would think we were living in Michigan or something. Due to the unfriendly weather, not a lot of activity has happened around the car itself. That's OK though as the fresh paint needed a little time to harden.

But, that doesn't mean we haven't been busy! We have had a very active month raising money to get DZ74 finished. We have Ebayed several items and sold the original Z28 wheels to someone that just called out of the blue looking for some. Most of the parts sold were either out of Doug's "stash" or original parts off the car that will not be used in the rebuild. To quote Doug "it's really cool to see the car helping to pay for itself".

In last months newsletter meeting minutes you may have read that the project was getting very low on funds. I am thrilled to report that one month later we now have two thirds of the money needed to get Project DZ74 back on the road.

At this months meeting we will be collecting items to continue our Ebay fund raising. So please dig through your closets, basements and garages and help out our cause. If you would like to contribute something you may bring it to the meeting or contact me via email or phone and we can arrange for it to be picked up.



*More photos of Doug's '74 Camaro in it's former glory days.*

The pics this month are of Doug's beloved '74 Z from "back in the day".

Warm weather and WMCC cruises will soon be upon us and how cool is it going to be to look up and once again see DZ74 in your rearview mirror.

DZ74 Project Manager

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*Vintage photo of Doug's '74 Camaro back in the day.*





*Let's hope we don't see any more of this!*

**Don't miss the next club meeting Sunday, March 4th  
at the Sam's Joint Restaurant at Gun Lake.**

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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**

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#### **Club Sponsor**

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#### **Website**

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