

# CAMARO CORNER

OCTOBER 2005

30th Anniversary



## THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

by Doug Warren,  
WMCC President

I can't believe it's October already! It seems like I just got the Camaros out of storage for the summer. But, time has a way of marching on, relentlessly, and we just have to try and keep up, I guess?

### 2005 Berger ALL CHEVY SHOW Report:

Well, we've had another successful show at Berger Chevrolet. I want to thank all of our members for doing their usual job of "Gettin' R Done", at the show. Our Club has the amazing ability of taking on a task, and everyone just goes where they're needed, and they do their jobs without a lot of fuss. So, again, THANK YOU to everyone that just did their job, and made the show run flawlessly, once again. I also want to THANK, Matt Berger and the staff at Berger Chevrolet. First, for having the show in the first place, and then for supporting our Club, like you have so much, over all these years. It's a privilege to work with such a great business as Berger Chevrolet.

The weather on Show day, was just about perfect. In fact, I think it was the best weather

we've ever had for the Berger Show. However, in spite of that, the attendance was down quite a bit. We've talked a lot about this, and have tried to analyze why this was so, and we've come up with a couple of possible explanations. First, the gas prices were at an all time high, right after hurricane Katrina hit, and secondly, the 28th Street Metro Cruise was just the weekend before. While we can't do anything about the gas prices (don't you wish we could?), we can address the second concern. So, we're likely to move the Berger Show one week earlier next year, to coincide with the 28th Street Metro Cruise. This will give us some new challenges in organizing the show, but I'm confident we'll be able to make the show better than ever. And, speaking of the 28th Street Metro Cruise, I think it came off fantastically well! I would guess it surpassed everyone's dreams for a first time event. I look for it to grow into a huge annual event that the whole Wyoming, Kentwood, and Grand Rapids area will be proud of.

But, getting back to the Berger Show: Despite the lower turnout than we expected, the quality of cars was top notch. And, Thank You, to everyone that included their car as a Feature Car in the show, and to all of our Club members that brought their Camaro out to the show. Hey, I was just thinking, if

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Jeff Gassen thought it was about time to say goodbye to his original set of tires on his Hot Rod Camaro. Hope he had enough tread left to get him back to Wisconsin.

we can get over 30 Club Camaros out to the Berger Show, we should be able to get that many at every Club meeting, too, right?

### October Club Meeting:

As has become tradition with WMCC, the October Club meeting features a Fall Color Tour of the greater West Michigan area. This year, Steve and Kathy Ogradzinski have graciously offered to start the Color Tour from their home near Lowell, Michigan. The meeting will be on Sunday, October 2nd, and we need to meet at Steve & Kathy's at 11am, so we can fit a nice cruise and the meeting in for the day. After the cruise, we'll be stopping at the Crazy Horse Restaurant on M-57, right across the road from Rosie's Diner, north of Rockford. We'll have some food, and hold our Club meeting there.

Directions to the Ogradzinski's home: Take the Lowell Exit, #52 (north) off I-96 (Alden Nash Road – M-50), go north to 36th Street and turn right (east), follow 36th Street for one mile and their house will be on the left, at the corner of 36th Street & Emery Drive.

### WMCC Hot Rod Fall Color Tour - Suttons Bay, MI:

October 7-9 marks our Club's annual couple's get-away-weekend to the Traverse City area, renamed by Ray Cochran as the WMCC Hot Rod Fall Color Tour! This year, we've finally booked the

entire Red Lion Motor Lodge!

That's 18 rooms, so I expect us to have nearly 40 people enjoying the beautiful fall colors and amazing scenery in northern, lower Michigan. We'll be meeting on Friday morning at John & Cheryl Smith's home near Sand Lake at around 9am, hoping to be on the road before 10am. The Smith's home is on 22 Mile Road, just to the west of US131, off the Sand Lake exit. We've added an extra activity for Friday this year. We're planning on having dinner at the Legs Inn, in Cross Village on Friday evening. We're hoping to be able to see one of those spectacular sunsets over Lake Michigan from their restaurant. So, the plan is to head north in the morning, stop for lunch along the way, and arrive at the Red Lion in the afternoon. We'll check in, and take a short break, then get back on the road heading for Harbor Springs, where we'll pick up the "Tunnel of Trees" scenic drive and end up in Cross Village in time for the sunset, and a nice dinner!

We've got reservations at Boones Long Lake Inn for Saturday evening, and that's always a dining pleasure. Of course, we'll tour all around the area, see the sights, probably tour a winery and of course there's always sitting around the camp fire

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*The Berger All-Chevy Show racing action on Friday included Mike Miller's '69 Yenko Chevelle and many other great cars.*



*The Berger All-Chevy Show is a family affair. Here members Marge Drooger (near lane) & husband Tim battle it out at the track.*

in the evening and the chance to go to the casino. As I've said before, this is my favorite Club event of the year. I can't wait!!! Be sure to pack your two way radios for the weekend. With this many cars, communications while caravanning will be very important.

### **Grand Rapids Autorama:**

We have talked about our Club display for the Grand Rapids Autorama at our last Club meeting. The show is coming up in January. The Autorama staff has asked us to expand our Club display. We've already had a few Club members volunteer to show their Camaro. But, if you have not volunteered yet, and want to show your Camaro in Autorama, either plan on attending the October Club meeting or contacting me so we can plan our Club display. January seems like a long way off right now, but this will be our next "big" event, so we'll be talking about it a lot from now until then.

Take a look at the Events Calendar, and note the dates for our November Club meeting (Fall Color Tour- South) and our Christmas Party (December Meeting) ..... OK, we'll see everyone at the October Club meeting!

-- Doug Warren

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

### **Birthdays:**

*Oct. 2nd, Peg Gornick  
Oct. 11th, Anne Kohler  
Oct. 14th, Scott Crippin  
Oct. 19th, Greg Gornick, Amy Kugel  
Oct. 23rd, Cheryl Smith  
Oct. 28th, Carla Long  
Oct. 29th, Jeff Suess*

### **Anniversaries:**

*Oct. 6th, Ray & Tracey Cochran*

## **FROM THE DESK OF RAY COCHRAN**

Preparation is well underway for the [WMCC '06 Calendar](#). I should have a sample ready for viewing at the November Meeting. As in the past delivery will be at the Christmas Party or by mail if requested. I will take orders at the November meeting or you can email me anytime to place an order at [zmanrc@hotmail.com](mailto:zmanrc@hotmail.com).

Price will be the same as last year, \$20 each.

Thanks,

Ray



*Matt Murphy's genuine Dale Earnhardt Jr. NASCAR racer wowed the crowd at the 2005 Berger Chevrolet ALL CHEVY SHOW.*





October 2005 Recipe

## MARGARITA CAKE

A light orange flavor with just a hint of twang

Submitted by Ray Cochran

### Ingredients:

- 1 (18.25 ounce) package orange cake mix
- 1 (3.4 ounce) package instant vanilla pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup water
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup tequila
- 2 tablespoons triple sec liqueur
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon tequila
- 2 tablespoons triple sec liqueur
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 10 inch Bundt pan.
2. In a large bowl combine cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, oil, water, lemon juice 1/4 cup tequila and 2 tablespoons triple sec. Beat for 2 minutes.
3. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 45 to 50 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; remove to rack and pour glaze over cake while still warm.
4. To make the glaze: In a small bowl, combine confectioners' sugar with 1 tablespoon tequila, 2 tablespoons triple sec and 2 tablespoons lime juice. Mix until smooth.



Mark Sidelnyk brought his stunning LS1-powered Grand Sport replica to the Berger Show from Illinois. The car was completed just days before the show!

## NEW MEMBERS

*Please welcome James Hoffman of Grand Rapids! He's the proud owner of a 1985 IROC-Z.  
e-mail: [quickcamaro@comcast.net](mailto:quickcamaro@comcast.net)*

*Also welcome Pat Skelton of Constantine, MI. Pat owns a 1985 Camaro with an LS-1 engine!  
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# 2005 EVENTS CALENDAR (NOTE: Events marked with a \* are Official WMCC Events)

## WMCC MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

- \*Oct 2 2005 WMCC Club Meeting Color Tour Cruise ending at Crazy Horse on M-57
- \*Nov 6 2005 WMCC Club Meeting Meet at B&G Discount, Schoolcraft, Fall Cruise
- \*Dec 11 2005 WMCC Club Meeting – Christmas Party @ Teresa & Carl Lins' home again

## ALL CAMARO / CHEVROLET EVENTS:

- \*Oct 7-9 2005 WMCC Hot Rod Fall Color Tour – Suttons Bay, MI
- Oct 7-9 2005 Super Chevy Show, National Trail Raceway, Columbus, OH

## OTHER AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS OF INTEREST:

- Sep 28-Oct 2 2005 Fall Carlisle Swap Meet, Carlisle, PA
- Jan 13-15 2006 Grand Rapids Autorama

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## Western Michigan Camaro Club Monthly Club Meeting Minutes

September 2005 Meeting Notes

Attendance: Doug Warren, Gib & Tammy Loudon, Al & Jan Boyer, Alan Boyer, Dave & Angie Kemp, Carl & Teresa Lins, Anne Kohler, Greg & Peg Gornick, Bob & Joanne Gornick, Ray Cochran, Kathy & Steve O., Dennis & Nancy Stevens, Dave Verberg, Amy Kugel.

### Grand Rapids Autorama 2006:

**Jan 13 – 15, 2006**

Lounge is still run by us.

Possible people to show in the Club display: Dennis Mykols IROC-Z, Brian Henderson' IROC-Z, Nick Kemp's Z28, Tim Drooger's '68 RS/SS  
Gib & Tammy's Wonderful One, Carl & Teresa's Berlinetta, Steve O's Z28.

Possible people to ask: Matt Berger's Green Dick Harrell car, Matt Murphy's 70 454 Berger Camaro, Mike Noonan's 2002 GMMG, Mike VendeGuchte's '69 SS 396, Dale & Angela Rogers' '68 Z28

We will be having a larger Club display and will need to work on more stanchions, more flooring, and more flags.

(Note: Contact Brent Finley about website contacts for membership not getting through to us.)

### Berger show:

Matt would like to coincide the show with the 28th St. Metro Cruise.

Hopefully the drag racing would be open to all cars on Friday. Have the show from 9 to 2 on Saturday. Some more feature cars from the Super Car Reunion would be able to attend if it's one week earlier.

More people may stay overnight if the drag racing is the day before. Call it test and tune for Friday.

Thank you for all of the recent articles in the newsletter from our members.

### Next meeting Oct. 2nd , end at Crazy Horse Saloon in Rockford.

**Start @ 11:00 at Steve & Kathy O's in Lowell, MI.**

### 2nd Annual Halloween Party: Oct 21-22-23, 2005 @ Gib & Tammy's

E-mail Tammy (gibloundonsteel@yahoo.com) if you are planning on attending.

Nov. meeting starts at B & G Wholesale in Schoolcraft on 131.

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*As always, there was a great variety of bowties at the Berger Show!*

**Don't miss the next WMCC Club Meeting Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Start @ 11:00 at Steve & Kathy O's in Lowell, MI. End at Crazy Horse Saloon in Rockford.**

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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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