



The View From The Top by Doug Warren, President

Well, spring is finally here, and that can only mean one thing, it's Camaro time! And your Western Michigan Camaro Club will provide you with many opportunities this summer to enjoy your

Camaro with all of your Camaro Club friends.

Berger Chevrolet Special event: Dennis Barker made a big announcement at last months Club meeting. On Sunday, May 18, there will be a very special event at Berger Chevrolet. Dennis will be making deliveries of several 2002 ZL-1 "Super Car" Camaros. Dennis says, "We will be delivering 10 to 12 of the coolest Camaros in history on this day and we would like everyone to share in the fun. Dale and Matt Berger will be turning the keys over to the proud owners of these very rare Camaros, of which there were only 69 built. Please feel free to bring family and friends and be part of history in the making." We also have a quote from Chevrolet's Scott Settlemire, "Nothing would make me prouder than to see the happy faces on the new owners as they take delivery of some of the most significant Camaros ever." So, be sure to mark your calendars and plan on being at Berger Chevrolet for this significant event. Scott Settlemire goes on to say, "From a personal perspective, I really wish I had the opportunity to see Fred Gibb Chevrolet back in the 60's. I was fortunate enough to visit Yenko Chevy, but didn't bother to take any pictures. (Who would have known???) This is quite an occasion and without question, is an event you really don't want to miss ... I hope to see many of you there ..."

Camaro Superfest 2003: Planning for our Camaro Superfest continues and many of the important elements of the event are already set, and locked in. For all the latest information, look at the Camaro Superfest website @ www.camarosuperfest.com the website is updated regularly with all the latest event information. Of particular importance to our members (and the EMCC members) are our workers assignments for the various jobs throughout the weekend. Staffing of these job positions is critical to

New Member Profiles

We told you last month just a bit about Rick Brockschmidt and his '96 383 Camaro. Turns out Rick is a neighbor of a man who works with Doug Warren at Delphi. Rick is partial to running his modded F-body down the 1/4 mile at Stanton Raceway, even turning a 13.55 with street tires. We're pleased to have Rick and wife Terry in the Club. rickb@lynk.com

Another 2002 Hot Rod Camaro has found its way to the WMCC garage. Owner Dan Pott and wife Lori are Chevy fans, also enjoying cruises in their '65 Vette. Dan works for Hudsonville Christian Schools. Drop them a greeting, dpott@iserv.net.

You've seen Jerry and Melanie Bechtold from Wonder Lake, IL at many Superest and Berger events. As new members, they'll be here even more. Jerry installs HVAC systems and Melanie is a web designer. Jerry proudly pilots the Berger PR-2 Camaro. Drop 'em a note at bergerpr2@aol.com

Terry Householder is a new member -- and owner of the Berger 75th anniversary car #8.



Terry lives 25 miles from LaHarpe, IL, former home to Fred Gibb Chevrolet. Terry knows all about Supercars. Contact him at thouseholder@packagingcorp.com

the smooth operation of the event and ultimately to the very success of the event. This year we are trying a slightly different approach to this staffing need. We have had certain Club members volunteer to head up the different aspects of the event, and they will be responsible for getting volunteer workers and seeing that their "department" runs smoothly throughout the weekend. Following is a list of these "department heads", along with their phone numbers and e-mail addresses:

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Spectator Gate:
Kids Activities:
DJ-Music:

As you can see, there are still a couple of departments, that need "foremen", so PLEASE, volunteer to head up one of these departments, or call one of the foremen, and volunteer your services in their department for the weekend. As always, the more volunteers we get, the less time each worker needs to spend on their "job". I know both WMCC and EMCC have gotten many new members since last year, so there should be no reason we can't fully staff Superfest this year, and all work together to make Camaro Superfest 2003 the

very best one yet! I would like to address our newer members here for a minute: Maybe you've only been a member of the Camaro Club for a short while, and maybe you aren't really sure just what we're all about just yet. I can assure you that the best way to fully enjoy your Club Membership experience is to volunteer for one of these jobs. When you get involved in making something as special as Camaro Superfest be a success, everyone benefits from the experience. This is our biggest event of the year, and I guarantee you'll have the time of your life.

WMCC May Club Meeting: Our May Camaro Club meeting is this Sunday, May 4, at 1:00 PM. We will be meeting at Berger Chevrolet. Weather permitting (and the forecast looks good) we will be going on a nice spring cruise after the Club meeting. So, get your Camaros all spiffed up and ready to roll, and we'll see everyone this Sunday. Remember, the meeting starts at 1:00PM. Bring your cameras and we'll see you there.

Our WMCC window stickers are finished, so those new members that have not received your window sticker for your Camaro, may pick them up at the meeting. We'll be going over our last minute plans for our Club trip to the Wisconsin Dells over the Memorial Day Weekend.

Special Notice: Please note we have decided to combine our June and July Camaro Club meetings. This special meeting will be on June 22. We will be meeting at Berger Chevrolet. This is being done because a significant number of members will be going on the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour, which runs through the first weekend of June (our regular time) and the for the July date, we will be at Camaro Superfest in Ann Arbor.

Also, please note that we have tentatively selected Saturday, August 9th as the date for our Club outing to Berlin Raceway.

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Please mark this date on your calendars,
as well.

On a Personal Note: The Warren family
would like to express our sincere thank you to
everyone that prayed for BreAnna while she
was in the Shriners Hospital for Children in

Chicago. What was supposed to be a 5 to 7
day stay turned into a 23 day stay. She is
home now, and beginning her recovery.
Again, thank you for your support.

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2003 All Camaro / Chevrolet Events:

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| May 4 | WMCC Camaro Club Meeting @ Berger Chevrolet |
| May 17-18 | PACE Camaro Kick-Off, BeaveRun Motorsports Complex, (Wampum) Pittsburgh, PA |
| May 18 | Special ZL-1 Camaro delivery event at Berger Chevrolet 1pm |
| May 21-25 | WCA/CCI South/Central National, Oklahoma City, OK |
| Jun 1 | East Coast Camaro Gathering VII, Cumberland County College, Vineland, NJ |
| Jun 6-8 | Super Chevy Show – Martin US131 Motorsports Park, Martin, MI |
| Jun 10-15 | WCA/CCI 29th Ann. International Convention, Pinetop, AZ |
| Jun 13-15 | Camaro's at Carlisle/ All GM Nationals, Carlisle, PA |
| Jun 13-15 | 15th Annual Ontario Camaro Nationals, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada |
| *Jun 22 | WMCC Special Meeting This will be a combined, June and July Club meeting |
| Jun 28 | Mid-Atlantic Camaro Club ALL CHEVY SHOW, Jim McKay Chevy, Fairfax, VA |
| July 4-6 | Camaro Superfest 2003 @ Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, MI |
| July 10-13 | Super Chevy Show, Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, IN |
| July 12 | Camaros at Auburn – Auburn, Indiana |
| July 24-27 | Super Chevy Show, Norwalk Raceway Park, Norwalk, OH |
| Aug 2 | Fred Gibb Memorial Car Show, La Harpe, IL |
| Aug 3 | WMCC Camaro Club Meeting T.B.A. |
| Aug 8-10 | Super Chevy Show, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL |
| Aug 17 | Camaro Show, Camaro Parts Network, Berea, OH |
| Aug 29-30 | 4th Annual Berger Chevrolet ALL CHEVY SHOW , Grand Rapids, MI |
| Sep 7 | WMCC Camaro Club Meeting T.B.A. Possible date for special Annual Club Meeting |
| Sep 12-14 | Super Chevy Show, National Trail Raceway, Columbus, OH |
| Sep 13-14 | 10th Ann. NEOCC Fall Classic Camaro Show, Tallmadge, OH @ Summit Racing |
| Sep 13 | Midwest Camaro Fest, Independence, MO |
| Sep 19-21 | 3rd Ann. F-Body Gathering @ Nat. Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY |
| Oct 5 | WMCC Camaro Club Meeting T.B.A. |
| Nov 2 | WMCC Camaro Club Meeting T.B.A. |
| Nov 22-23 | Fall Chicago Chevy/Vettefest – McCormick Place – North, Chicago, IL |
| Dec 7 | WMCC Annual Christmas Party Tentative date, and location T.B.A. |

Other Automotive events of Interest:

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| May 4 | Truck Show and Swap, Charlton Park, Hastings, MI |
| May 4 | 40th Ann. DUST OFF, Mendon, MI |
| May 4 | Collector Car Fest. & Swap, Heritage Park, Frankenmuth, MI |
| May 11 | West Mich. Reg. SCCA – Solo II @ Sparta High School |
| May 16-18 | Goodguys Great Lakes Nationals – Barrien Springs, MI |
| May 17 | 7th Ann. Burn Survivors Benefit Car Show & Auction, 5th/3rd Park, Comstock Park, MI |
| May 29-Jun 1 | NHRA Nationals – Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL |
| May 30-Jun 6 | Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour |
| May 31 | Million \$ Cruise, starts 9am, Park & Ride Lot @ US131 & Center Ave, Kalamazoo, MI |

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| Jun 1 | 17th Ann. Pre-war swap meet, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI |
| Jun 7 | Rollin' Oldies Car Show & Blood Drive, Mi. Comm, Blood Ctr., 1036 Fuller NE, GR, MI |
| Jun 7 | Reunion 2003 Car Show & Swap, Mullally Park, North Muskegon, MI |
| Jun 8 | TriChevy Asson. Swap Meet, Will Co. Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL |
| Jun 13-15 | Good Guys Hot Rod Nationals, Indianapolis, IN |
| Jun 14 | Three Rivers Water Festival 2003 Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show - downtown |
| Jun 14 | 23rd Ann. Vicksburg Old Car Festival, Main Street, Vicksburg, MI |
| Jun 14 | Oldsmobile Homecoming, Show & Swap, Lansing, MI |
| Jun 15 | 22nd Ann. Father's Day Car Show & Swap, Charlton Park, Hastings, MI |
| Jun 20-21 | 7th Ann. Antiques on the Bay, car & truck show, St. Ignace, MI |
| Jun 21 | Detroit Reg. SCCA –Sololl @ Wurtsmith Airport, Oscoda, MI |
| Jun 21 | 9th Ann. Car Show, St John's High School, St. John's, MI |
| Jun 21 | 2003 Holland Car Show, Holland Outlet Mall East Parking Lot, Holland, MI |
| Jun 26-28 | 28th Ann. St. Ignace Car Show, St. Ignace, MI |
| Jun 26-29 | NHRA Nationals – Gateway International Raceway |
| Jun 27-29 | 31st Ann. Summer Auto Fair, Sloan Museum, Flint, MI |
| Jun 28 | Cars for Caring Car Show, Benefit Show, Old Courthouse Square, Charlotte, MI |
| Jun 28-29 | South Bend Reg. SCCA Solo II @ Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN |
| Jul 6 | Mad Dogs & Englishmen XIII, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI |
| Jul 19 | Homecoming Car Show, Wilson Park, Athens, MI |
| Jul 19 | 2nd Ann. Car Show, Dempsey's Frozen Custard, 309 E. Center Ave., Portage, MI |
| Jul 20 | South Bend Reg. SCCA – Solo II @ Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, MI |
| Jul 25-27 | Summer Carlisle, Carlisle, PA |
| Jul 26 | Remember the Alamo Cruise, 4 tp 10 pm, Coldwater, MI |
| Jul 26 | 15th Ann. Wayland Auto Show, City Park, Wayland, MI |
| Aug 2 & 3 | Red Barn Spectacular XXIII, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI |
| Aug 9 & 10 | 30th Ann. Antique Auto Show & Flea Market, Boyne City, MI |
| Aug 10 | 3rd Ann. Deano's Car Show, 1604 N. M-40, Allegan MI |
| Aug 15, 16 | 18th Ann. Elvis Memorial Car Show, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI |
| Aug 16 | Woodward Dream Cruise 2003 |
| Aug 23 | Augusta Village Car Show, Augusta, MI |
| Aug 24 | 9th Ann. Ponchos + Classic Car Show, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI |
| Aug 27-Sept 1 | NHRA US Nationals, Indianapolis Raceway Park, Indianapolis, IN |
| Sep 7 | Elkhart Auto Fest, Main Street, downtown Elkhart, IN |
| Sep 25-28 | Ducktail Run, Rod & Cust. Show, Eugene Linn Mem. Park, Gas City, IN (1972 & older) |
| Sep 25-28 | My Classic Car AutoFest, Evansville, IN |
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Minutes of the April WMCC Meetings

First thing we talked about was our financial report. The Club is doing pretty good, and will be making several purchases in the near future, including Club window stickers, paper, copier toner and of course, postage stamps. Doug encouraged everyone to sign up for the electronic newsletter, as it saves the Club postage, you get the newsletter faster, and it's in color. Doug and Mark need to update the e-newsletter list.

WMCC window stickers and prices were discussed. We decided to go with Berger Graphics. We will get 50 cling stickers for whoever might want them and 250 crack and peel stickers.

Doug shared with us Mark Deremo's design for a new club t-shirt. The group decided they would like Berger Chevrolet Prescribed Power logo on the t-shirt.

Doug passed around a flyer for The Fred Gibb Memorial car show. Dennis says the car show starts Aug. 2nd but there is a cruise in Monmouth, IL on Aug. 1st

Tammy shared with us a letter from Helen Gibb saying "thank you" for coming down, and she hopes we will be able to make the Car show in August.

Dennis reported on the ZL1 presentation at Berger Chevrolet on May 18th. There is going to be a lunch-in for WMCC members and ZL1 owners. We talked about how to get the word out about this special delivery.

Mark has suggested that we should put the June Annual meeting on hold and put it to a later date like October. Some members think that month won't be very good either. Someone brought up September. Sept 7th could be a possibility.

Jeff tells us about a road course in Waterford Hills and he explains some rental information. Waterford Hills has a driving school coming up on April 20. The website is www.WaterfordHills.com Jeff will send Doug a list of solo events.

Doug said up he would like to do a Road Rally sometime this year. Gary says he thinks it would be cool if we did it during the winter in our other cars.

Next Months Club meeting will be May 4th. A suggestion for a cruise after the meeting was brought up, and approved. We will be combining our Club meetings for June and July on June 22.

Dennis explained how we are going to have a cookout instead of a Pig roast on that Saturday when we are in Wisconsin, at the Dells, on Memorial Day weekend. Tammy mentions that there are still 5 rooms left at the motel, all with double beds.

Everyone discussed what time we should leave for the Dells on Friday because we don't want to run into Chicago Traffic. The Barker's plan on leaving pretty early.

Camaro Superfest planning and progress was discussed, and everyone agreed that both clubs should have a joint planning meeting, soon. Doug will talk to Barry and they will come up with a plan.

Tammy reported on the embroidery of the WMCC Club logo on coats and hats. She will find out more information on Monday. Dennis makes a motion that the club should pay for the \$75 fee for the emblem. Everyone agrees.

Brent reported on the an issue about the space on the Club website. Majority votes on more space.

Pat Lewis said up how Helen Gibb will be coming to Camaro Superfest. And she will be speaking along with Dennis and Matt.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Attendance: Doug, Anita Warren and BreAnna, Gary, Shelley and Ashley Crippin, Denny, Julie, Amanda, Emily and Robert Barker, Gib and Tammy Loudon, Greg Gornick, Bryan Yohe, John Falkenhagen, John and Cheryl Smith, Brent Findley, Jeff Suess, Dave Verburg, Carol H., Pat Lewis, Marc Gembinski, Joe Armstrong

(Notes taken by Emily Barker)

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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 for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

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