

CAMARO CORNER



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January 2010

The View from the top.

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Happy New Year everyone!

Is it just me, or does it seem to everyone else that we were just worrying about all the doom and gloom that was about to befall us for Y2K? Has it really been TEN YEARS since the Millennium? Wow, our "new" Camaro is eight years old already, too! I guess the old saying that "Time flies when you're having fun" is really true. I can truly say that I've had an incredible amount of "fun" being part of the Western Michigan Camaro Club. I truly feel like all of our members are part of my extended family. So, with that thought in mind, we head into 2010 with much anticipation of more "fun" that's surely to happen as we go forward.

Things seem a bit odd this year without our usual planning sessions for the Grand Rapids Autorama. Normally we would be right in the thick of things preparing our display and lining up cars to show. Maybe there will be a replacement show next year? Let's hope so.

January WMCC Club Meeting:

On Sunday, January 3, 2010 we will all meet at the new home of members, John & Christi Falkenhagen. Their address is: **6900 N. Solomon Rd. Middleville, MI 49333**. We will meet at **1pm** and are planning a pot luck lunch along with the meeting, so please bring a dish to pass. Phone **269-795-7612** if you need directions.

You should be able to Mapquest or Google Maps their address for directions.

Christmas Party Report:

We need to send a big *THANK YOU* out to Carl & Teresa Lins for hosting the annual Club Christmas Party again this year. We had a wonderful time, as usual, and the food was as awesome as can be. The party seemed to break up a little earlier than usual this year, wrapping up around 1am or so. Are we getting old, or what????????????? LOL



By Doug Warren,
WMCC President

NAIAS/GM Heritage Center

Tour: This year we have a special opportunity available to us. A member on MiFbody.com has arranged for a tour of the GM Heritage Center on Friday, January 22nd. Tours of this facility are not a regular thing, so you may want to

Membership Dues

This is just a friendly reminder. Yearly membership dues are due, for most members, in January. If you joined the Club *before* July of 2009, your dues are now due. It's \$30 for a single membership and \$45 for a couple.

Dues may be paid at a club meeting or mailed to the WMCC Membership coordinator Shelley Crippin. Please make checks payable to:

"Western Michigan Camaro Club".

Mailing address

WMCC Membership
C/O Shelley Crippin
56138 Wilbur Road
Three Rivers, MI 49093

take advantage and see many historical vehicles from GM's long history. The cost is \$10 per person and we will start the tour at 1pm.

If you are planning to attend, please post up your name on MiFbody.com in the GM Heritage tour thread (<http://www.mifbody.com/vbulletin/showthread.php?t=32637&page=4>) .

Or contact Gary: gomaro1@live.com or Doug: Our96ss@aol.com Watch this thread for any updates, and directions to the Heritage Center.

But, that's not all. The North American International Auto Show (at Cobo Hall) will be going on at the same time. (Actually from Jan 11th through the 24th) So there is another opportunity to take in this show while you're in the Detroit area. You can make a whole "Car Day" out of it.

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Attention Members:

Please welcome New Members

Tom VanDyke
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Dawn Email - dmv328@comcast.net

Toms Employer - Strong Industrial Supply
1994 Z28 Convertible

membership and \$45 for a couple. Thank You to those that paid their dues at the Christmas Party!

So:

That's about it from me this month. Short and sweet! J We'll see everyone at the Club Meeting on Sunday.

Attention Members

We are trying to update the WMCC club roster and we need you information.

A lot of the info in the current roster is out of date. People have moved , changed email Addresses, changed phone numbers, bought & sold cars, etc. So even if you think your information might be correct in the current roster PLEASE send it anyway so we can make sure we have the most current information for you.

What is needed:

- Your Names
- Current Address
- Current Telephone numbers you can be reached at (Home, Cell, Work)
- Current Employer
- Current Email addresses
- what Camaros/Vehicles you own

Please e-mail it to scrippin@live.com

or mail it to: WMCC Membership
c/o Shelley Crippin
56138 Wilbur Road
Three Rivers, MI 49093

Thank you,
Shelley Crippin

WMCC Membership coordinator.

This is how your info will appear in the Roster:

Gary Crippin
Shelley Crippin

56138 Wilbur Road
Three Rivers, MI

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Shelley Cell: 269-506-0901

Gary—Azon USA

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Shelley—Tupperware & Lia Sophia Consultant

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WMCC Christmas Party



2010 Events Calendar

*(*denotes Official WMCC Event)*

WMCC Monthly Membership Meetings:

- *Jan 3, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting @ John & Christi Falkenhagen's home. 1pm Pot Luck lunch
- *Feb 7, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- *Mar 7, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- *Apr 4, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting - TBA
- *May 2, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting - TBA

All Camaro / All Chevrolet Events:

- Jun 11-13, 2010 22nd Annual Ontario Camaro Nationals, @ the Four Points Sheraton , St. Catharines, Ont., Canada
- Jun 25-27, 2010 12th Annual Camaro Nationals by the American Camaro Assn. – Carlisle, PA
- Jul 2-4, 2010 19th Annual Camaro Superfest, Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, MI
- ***Aug 27-28, 2010 11th Annual Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show @ Berger Chevrolet
2525 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI**
- Sep 11-12, 2010 17th Annual Camaro Fall Classic @Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH

Other Automotive Events of Interest:

- Jan 11-24, 2010 NAIAS – COBO Hall, Detroit, MI
- Jan 22 2010 MiFbody tour of the GM Heritage Center Warren, MI \$10/person
- Feb 4-7, 2010 Michigan International Auto Show, DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, MI
- Feb 14, 2010 Auto Parts Swap Meet – Delta Plex, Grand Rapids, MI
- Feb 12-21, 2010 Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL
- Feb 26-28, 2010 58th Annual Detroit Autorama, COBO Hall, Detroit, MI
- Mar 5-7, 2010 48th Annual World of Wheels, Chicago, IL
- Jun 5-11, 2010 Hot Rod Power Tour



“This is what bad girls get for Christmas!”

or at least that's what Dave Verberg is trying to make us believe. LOL

***Congrats to Gay Verberg on her NEW 2010 Infernal Orange Metallic,
RS 2SS, 6 speed CAMARO!***

Gay says she cant wait to get it out on the road!

At Press time the car was still at the Dealership with less then 5 miles on it having the stripes finished up.

December 2009 Meeting notes:

December 12, 2009

Christmas Party at Lin's

Present: Doug and Anita Warren, Bob and Joanne Gornick, Wade and Stacie Shindorf, Carrie and James Hoffman, John and Christi Falkenhagen, Marc Bouman, Bob and Kelly Donker, Dave and Angie Kemp, Ray, Ben and Tracey Cochran, Anne Kohler, Gary and Shelley Crippin, Dan Baker, Dennis and Ronnie Mykols, John and Cheryl Smith, Gib and Tammy Loudon, Dave and Gary Verburg, Christy and Nick Kemp, Dennis and Bonnie Edwards, Jan and Al Boyer, Alan Boyer Jr., Carl and Teresa Lins, and Jeff and Debbie Pelogin

Big thank you to Carl and Teresa for hosting our Christmas Party again!

Secretary: Thank you Ann Kohler for your many years of service as Club secretary. Ann has decided to step down and Bonnie Edwards has volunteered to be the new Club Secretary.

Thank you Dan Baker for letting us tour your garage last month to see your cars.

January Meeting: John and Christi Falkenhagen have volunteered to host the January Club meeting at their new home. John will send out directions. The date for that meeting will be January 3, 2010. Details and directions will be in the next news letter.

MiFbody.com is organizing a tour of the GM Heritage Center Warren, MI on January 22, 2010. There will be a \$10 fee, per person to get in. We need a number and the count so far we have 7 couples.

Anniversary Party: April will be Clubs 35th Anniversary and we talked about having an Anniversary celebration. We don't have a date or location locked down yet, but John & Cheryl Smith, John & Christi Falkenhagen and Kevin & Roberta McNamara have stated they could have the party at their homes. Doug stated he would like to invite as many past members as possible for the party. Do we want to follow this up? We will table this until next month. A suggestion was made to get a banner made for the 35th Anniversary to take to club members.

Treasury Report: Anita gave a Treasury Report. The Club is doing OK. We just had a \$1220.65 expense for a new batch of (100) Club T shirts.7.41. Besides our annual Club membership dues, the only other fundraiser is the Berger Show.

The Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Chicago was a great show. We possibly could rent a bus next year to attend as a group. Bob Ashton was in charge of it and it was a world class muscle show.

Doug got a call from Berger and said Bill Porterfield now owns a '68 Camaro Dick Harrell Funny Car that will be featured at the Berger All Chevy Show in August.

A suggestion was made to check on renting the Gingerman road course for a day but the only time it is available is during the week, as weekends are always booked out a very long time but this is an option. s. Keep those things in mind and we will take more suggestions for activities as we plan Club events for 2010. A suggestion of having a autocross for the club event old Delphi plant in Grand Rapids. John Smith will check into this. The Club will also look into buying our own timing equipment as cones.

Club T-shirts: We have new club t-shirts. Doug stated we need to give the new members their shirts. Any current members that want to buy a t-shirt we need to charge at least \$12.20 as that is our cost. A suggesting was made to charge \$12.00 each to members. Gary has some old shirts left over which will be sold for \$6.00 each.

Dave Verburg wanted to remind everyone to keep an eye on the History Channel for the Ultimate Factories show about the Camaro plant that is very interesting and they are showing this month.

Dan Baker talked to Ty Mason and he is excited about having club come over. He is doing dyno tuning to Matt Berger's car and he would like to show us his facility. It was decided that this would be a good place to visit in the spring.

Dan stated that we should get more Chevy cars so we don't have as many complaints about the Camaro club overwhelming the Berger show. Dan stated he could contact some people with different cars that would like to participate. Doug stated in the past we have recruited cars from other events. Doug reminded members to scope out some potential feature cars when you attend other events throughout the summer. Get their contact info so we can get back with them about the show.

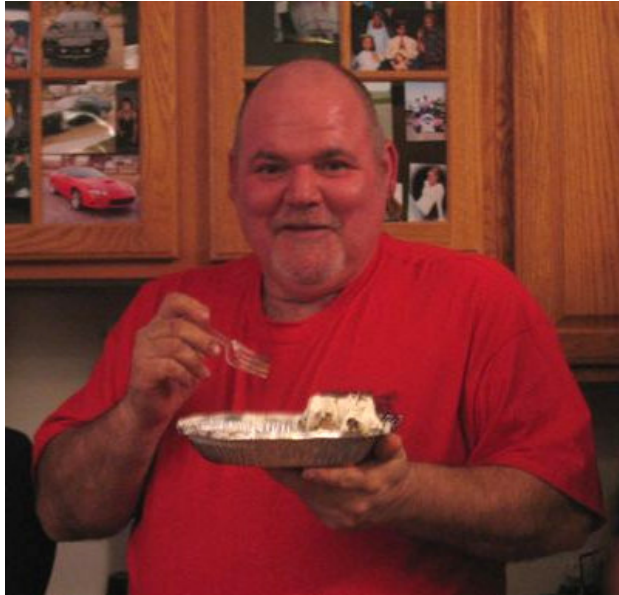
Stained Glass: Carrie Hoffman wanted to share a stained glass window of their car. Carrie would like to do one of the Berger picture with all the cars and then raffle it off.

Club Brochures: Doug stated we need to update our Club brochures with Shelley's address. We will try to do this at the January Club meeting.

Chevy Hi-Performance Magazine : Next month they will feature the 2010 Berger SS car.

Camaro5.com web site has jackets and if you live in Canada and buy a Camaro, you get this jacket. One Camaro5 club members in Canada club can get this lamb's wool jacket (made by Choko) that has your VIN# inside the jacket, for us residents of the USA and you can purchase these for about \$500.00. These are very nice and it comes with a coat cover. Info on this can be found on Camaro5.com.

The meeting was adjourned by Doug.



**Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting
Sunday January 3rd, 2010 at the home of
John & Christi Falkenhagen
in Middleville, MI at 1pm
See Newsletter for details.**

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.

WMCC Officers

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