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April 2010

The View from the top.

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Well, I must say that March 2010 was very nice to us. The weather could not have been better. Several members even drove their Camaros to our March Club meeting on March 7th, which is very unusual. Let's hope this nice weather bodes well for our summer of Camaro activities.

April WMCC Club Meeting, Saturday, April 10th:

We have something special planned for our April Club meeting, and that's a tour of, **Wing's Autoart**, a world class restoration and custom shop near Ionia. But first, ***please notice the change of date!*** Our usual first Sunday of the month meeting day, just happens to be Easter Sunday this year. It was felt we needed to move our Club meeting off the holiday (so our members can do things with their families). Therefore, we decided to move to the Saturday after Easter, which happens to be April 10, 2010.

Here's the plan: We will meet in the parking lot of the Ionia Bowl 300, located at 420 N. Dexter Street, Ionia, 48846. (We have held a couple of our Club meetings there over the last couple of years.) Plan on meeting in the parking lot at 12:30pm. We will leave from there at 12:45pm for the short drive to Wing's Autoart, so we can arrive as a group.

May WMCC Club Meeting, Sunday May 2nd:

Our May Club meeting at the **47th Annual Mendon Dust Off** car show, held at the Mendon High

School parking lot, in Mendon, MI.

Many WMCC members will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Three Rivers on Saturday evening (May 1st). (Holiday Inn Express, 269-278-7766, 1-800-HOLIDAY)



By Doug Warren,
WMCC President

It's important that we arrive at the show early to get good parking places. We plan to leave the Holiday Inn Express in Three Rivers by 7:00am on Sunday morning! Leaving by 7:00am should put us in Mendon, and in our parking spots at the High School before 8:00am. There will be a Pancake Breakfast again, yum! We'll gather together around our cars (or inside the gym, depending on the weather) at around Noon to have our Club business meeting. Be sure to bring your folding chairs!

For those not meeting us at the Holiday Inn Express, the show is located in Mendon, MI in the High School parking lot. Take M-60 east out of Three Rivers to Mendon (about 13 miles), stay on M-60 to Nottowa St. and go left on Nottowa (Wise Motors on corner). Go about 5 blocks and look for the football field on your right. Turn Right on the road that runs next to the field. Follow the signs. You have arrived at the Show. You should plan on being at the High School a little before Noon so you can attend the meeting. If the weather is nice, this is a nice and pretty big car show. One you shouldn't miss. It's a good way to kick off the season.

We have a couple of fun activities planned for Saturday (May 1st), so plan on getting to Three Rivers early.

GVSU Car Show, Saturday, April 17th:

At the Allendale Campus, Parking Lot H, 2pm – 6pm. www.gvsucarshow.com Please pre-register. \$5 donation for charity. This is one of the first car shows of the season, so come on out!

West Michigan Auto Auction Autocross #1 & #2, May 8 & 9, 2010:

OK, we've talked about becoming involved with autocross racing for some time. We even had Curt from the Furrin Group at our March Club meeting to talk to us about autocross events. Well, now is the time to get your car out there and get involved. These are two separate events, one on Saturday and one on Sunday, but both at the same location. That location is the West Michigan Auto Auction facility located at 4758 S. Divison Ave, near Moline, MI. (It's that large place you see with all the cars on the east side of US131, just south of 84th Street.) Here is a link for further information: http://www.myautoevents.com/pls/mae/frmEventDetail.Show?psevent_id=10971

This event is being hosted by the Furrin Group and they will be willing and eager to help any "newbies" to become involved, so don't be afraid to come on out and give it a try. We've got a couple of members which recently got new 2010 Camaros and this would be the perfect place to see just what that new beast is all about! (Dave & Gay, Dave & Angie yup, I'm talking about YOU!) ;-)

Lane Automotive Car Show, Saturday, May 29th:

Many of us have made the Lane Automotive Car Show an annual event. If you've been there, you already know why, if not, you need to check it out. And, best of all, it's FREE!

Mi-Fbody Meet & Greet, Saturday, June 5:

This event just keeps getting bigger and better each year. The main caravan from the west side of the State, will again leave at 9am from the Pilot Gas Station, that's just on the north side of the Ionia exit off I-96. There's a lot of talk going on about this event over on www.mifbody.com. Check there for all the latest updates and information.

Attention Members:

Please welcome New Members

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2010 Camaro, 1993 Silverado

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1987 Jeep Wrangler
1973 Volvo P1800ES

Motorstate Challenge event, June 18-20, 2010:

This is an awesome weekend event including a Friday evening dinner cruise, a Saturday track day at Gingerman Raceway and a Sunday Autocross at lake Michigan Community College. Spaces at limited, so if you are interested, you need to sign up soon. www.pro-touring.com/events/msc/2010/

WMCC Fall Color Tour, October 7 – 10, 2010:

Yes, October is still a long ways off, but we need to lock in a hotel (and negotiate a group rate) and decide on a couple of activities. We can also arrange for a group rate for the Pictured Rocks boat tour. At the March meeting, we had a pretty lengthy discussion on this trip, but since about 15-16 of our "regular" members (especially ones that usually go on the Fall Color Tour), most decisions were tabled for talk at an upcoming meeting. Hopefully, most of those missing in March will be there at the April Club meeting and we can get some details locked in.

OK, we'll see everyone on Saturday, April 10 in Ionia!

Autocross update.....

The first two autocrosses have been approved by the venues.

May 8&9 - West Michigan Auto Auction in Moline. Preregistration at www.myautoevents.com highly suggested! Cost is \$15 FG and Camaro Club members and \$20 non-members, \$10 Vintage class (older than 1980). \$5 discount on the second day if you run both days. There may be a Test/Tune session Saturday night for an additional cost.

June 27 - US 131 Motorsports park autocross. Preregistration will open around May 1st. Watch for more information coming.

Preregistration is highly suggested for either of these events. We have a limit of 80 cars per day. FG and Camaro club members will not be turned away after the limit is met. Minimum of 4 runs per event.

For more information check the website, www.myautoevents.com, or email me at wdrsbtr@iserv.net.

Curt Rosenstengel
Furrin Group
Speed Coordinator

For Sale

2002 Hot Rod Magazine limited edition Camaro.

36 built, ea is serial numbered. one for each year 1967-2002

This one was ordered special with the optional Phase II engine package. New heads, cam, headers, full exhaust replacement with high flow cats, modified throttle body, computer tuned on dyno. 400 HP at the wheels = approx 460-470 actual engine HP. Car is also a 6 speed.

Options I added ; Electronic Exhaust Cut Out, Hurst short throw shifter, Line-Loc, Custom Fikse Wheels with one of a kind custom made badges for center caps. 4:10 Rear Gear Ratio.

All options are on Window Sticker, it is purchased new from special dealer with all options, and dyno sheet. Sticker price was \$54,000.00

asking \$35,000

Under side of hood and engine compartment signed by all who worked on car, and various members of Hot Rod Magazine Staff, and Scott Setlemeyer from GM, the person who got the car approved to be built, modified, and sold NEW from the dealer. Car now has 29,000. miles on it after being on 3 Hot Rod Power Tours and many shows. Kept in Heated and Air Conditioned storage it's entire life.

Contact Jeff Gassen 608-877-1907 or cell 608-576-7032 or email jeffg.scc58@sbcglobal.net



2010 Events Calendar

(*denotes Official WMCC Event)

WMCC Monthly Membership Meetings:

- *Apr 10, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – Wing's Auto Art shop tour/meeting (details in newsletter)
- *May 2, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – Mendon Dust Off Car Show @ Mendon H.S., Mendon, MI
- *Jun 6, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – Meeting at Kevin McNamara's home near Dorr
- *Jul 4, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – Party/Club Meeting @ Bob & Joanne Gornick's – fireworks viewing, food, etc.
- *Jul 31, 2010 WMCC 35th Anniversary Party @ the Edwards home
- *Aug 1, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – (Probably will hold the Aug. meeting the night before at the 35th Ann. Party)
- *Aug 29, 2010 WMCC September Club Meeting – Cruise/ Tour of Ty Mason's Dyno Shop, Picnic
- *Oct 3, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- *Nov 7, 2010 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- *Dec 11, 2010 WMCC Annual Christmas Party/Club Meeting - TBA

All Camaro (& F-Body)/ All Chevrolet Events:

- *Jun 5, 2010 6th Annual MiFbody Spring Meet & Greet @ Bakers in Milford, MI
- Jun 11-13, 2010 22nd Annual Ontario Camaro Nationals, @ the Four Points Sheraton , St. Catharines, Ont., Canada
- Jun 12-13, 2010 Super Chevy Show, Norwalk, Ohio
- Jun 12, 2010 Kool Chevrolet All Chevy Show, 3770 Plainfield Ave, NE Grand Rapids, MI
- 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
- *Jul 11, 2010 3rd Annual Michiana Camaro Club – All Camaro Show – unconfirmed -more info later
- *Jul 31, 2010 WMCC 35th Anniversary Party @ the Edwards home
- Aug 14-15, 2010 Super Chevy Show, Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL
- *Aug 27-28, 2010 11th Annual Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show @ Berger 2525 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI
- Sep 11-12, 2010 17th Annual Camaro Fall Classic @Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH
- *Oct 7-10, 2010 Annual WMCC Fall Color Tour Weekend – 4 days !!! Upper Peninsula

Other Automotive Events of Interest:

- Apr 17, 2010 6th Annual GVSU Car Show, lot H from 2pm-6pm. Charity donation entry fee
- Apr 24, 2010 Ferris State University, High Performance Motorsports Car Show, Lot 37 @ Big Rapids Campus
- Apr 26, 2010 (Monday) Digital Corvettes Track Day at Gingerman Raceway, South Haven, MI
- Mar 5-7, 2010 48th Annual World of Wheels, Chicago, IL
- May 8 & 9, 2010 Furrin Group Autocross @ West Michigan Auto Auction
- May 15, 2010 14th Annual Burn Survivors Car Show @ 5/3 Ball Park, Comstock Park, MI
- May 22, 2010 Red Cross Benefit Classic Car & Motorcycle Show @Popeye's Chicken, 92 E. Columbia, Battle Creek, MI
- May 23, 2010 Annual Dust Off car Show @ Gilmore Classic Car Museum, 9am-4pm Hickory Corners, MI
- May 29, 2010 22nd Annual Lane Automotive Car Show (Free!!!), Watervliet, MI
- May 31, 2010 Climax Car Show @ Climax High School, Climax , MI "free"
- Jun 5, 2010 South Haven Festival of Cars, downtown South Haven, MI
- Jun 5, 2010 4th Annual Ionia Classic Car & Truck Show, downtown Ionia, MI
- Jun 5, 2010 Home is where the Heart is Car & Motorcycle Show @ Hot Rod Harley-Davidson, Muskegon, MI
- Jun 5-11, 2010 Hot Rod Power Tour
- Jun 10-13, 2010 6th Annual Black Hills Overdrive, South Dakota
- Jun 13, 2010 Leila "Carboretum" Car Show @ Leila Arboretum, 928 W Michigan Ave, Battle Creek, MI
- Jun 18, 2010 (Friday night) Spring Lake Heritage Festival Car Show, @ Spring Lake Wesleyan Parking Lot, 5pm to 9 pm
- Jun 18-20, 2010 Motorstate Challenge @ Lane Automotive/Gingerman Raceway/ Lk.MI. Comm. Col., South Haven, MI
- Jun 19, 2010 7th Annual Moose Classic Car Show @ Sparta Moose Family Center, Sparta, MI
- Jun 19-20, 2010 Car & Motorcycle Show, Cadillac Moose Lodge #531, 7461 E 34 Road, Cadillac, MI
- Jun 26, 2010 7th Annual Covered Bridge Downtown Car Show, Centerville, MI
- Jun 26, 2010 Classics in the Park, Alamo Twp Park, north of Kalamazoo, MI
- Jun 27, 2010 Furrin Group Autocross @ US131 Motorsports park, Martin, MI
- Jul 3-4, 2010 Furrin Group Autocross @ GVSU
- *Jul 10, 2010 3rd Annual Adam Shafer Memorial Car Show – Lawton High School, Lawton, MI
- Jul 10, 2010 3rd Annual Classic Car & Motorcycle Show for Hospice @ Dorr Moose Lodge, Dorr, MI
- Jul 18, 2010 Michiana Cruisers Benefit Car Show @ Centennial Park, Buchanan, MI
- Jul 23, 2010 National Baby Food Festival Cruise-In, Freemont, MI 5pm-8pm "free"
- Jul 25, 2010 Salvation Army Benefit Car Show @ 400 Capitol Ave. Battle Creek, MI
- Aug 7, 2010 30th Annual Red Barns Spectacular Car Show, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- Aug 8, 2010 4th Annual Apple Peel-in Car Show, Greenville, MI
- Aug 8, 2010 10th Annual Deanos Car Show, Allegan, MI
- Aug 14, 2010 20th Annual Del Shannon Memorial Car Show, Coopersville, MI
- Aug 14, 2010 Crusader Car & Motorcycle Show, 2620 Remico SW, Wyoming, MI
- Aug 14, 2010, 3rd Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show, 310 N Franks Ave, Sturgis, MI
- Aug 14-15, 2010 Furrin Group Autocross @ MSU
- Aug 21, 2010 16th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise, along Woodward Ave
- Aug 21, 2010 Augusta Village Car Show, Augusta, MI
- Aug 21, 2010 25th Annual Elvis Memorial Car Show @ Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- Aug 27-28, 2010 6th Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise, along 28th Street from Grandville to Cascade.
- Sep 10-12, 2010 Frankenmuth Autofest 2010, Riverside Park, Frankenmuth, MI
- Sep 10-12, 2010 Street Rod Nationals North Plus, @ Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds. 1980 and older only.
- Sep 12, 2010 West Michigan Muscle Car Plus Show, 9am-4pm, Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- *Sep 18, 2010 MiFbody Fall Meet & Greet @ the Gilmore Classic Car Museum
- Sep 18, 2010 Furrin Group Autocross @ My Auto Import Center, Muskegon, MI
- Sep 18, 2010 4th Annual Alto Harvest Festival Car Show, Alto, MI

March 2010 Meeting notes:

March 7, 2010

At Sams Joint, Middleville MI

(1) We talked about getting our cars out for the season; Doug told story about the Johnson Park Hillclimb solo races from the past.

(2) Autocross: To buy our own timing equipment, we would need to spend a couple grand, just to get into our own Autocross racing. Nick said that around 100 cones have been donated to the Club. So, the big expense then, is the timing equipment. We think it's a good idea to get involved with other solo events first, to see how much interest is generated from our Club members before we make that large of an expenditure. Curt Rosenstengel was here from "The Furrin Group" to talk about our racing opportunities. **May 8th & 9th there is an Autocross event at the Michigan Auto Auction** hosted by the Furrin Group. There are a few more autocross events through out the summer as well. We will also be looking into possibly setting up a course at GM, in Wyoming, that is better suited for our larger cars. The Furrin Group would be willing to co-sponsor putting an autocross on with our club and bring their equipment.

Besides the several solo available to us this summer, there also is the Motor State Challenge coming up in mid-June. Hosted by the Pro-Touring.com website and Motorstate/Lane Automotive and officiated by the South Bend Region of the SCCA. For the 3 day event (dinner cruise, track day, autocross) weekend it will run you \$115. The cruise the evening before is really fun along with the picnic. The cruise, at the very least, is a ton of fun. You can go on their website and choose each individual event as long as you become a SCCA member. Another racing opportunity at Gingerman comes up on April 26th. It is hosted by the Digital Corvettes website and costs \$100 for one day at least two hours of track time).

Curt's info:

Curt is the Speed and Ice Racing coordinator for the Furrin Group. The Furrin Group has been around for 59 years, born on the types of cars that came from England after WWII. Their first autocross event of the summer is West Michigan Auto Auction Event. They set up a course in their parking lot. Some layouts are a hard road courses some are "lazy" road courses. They run events several places including Martin, near lakeshore, Grand Rapids, MSU, etc.

Autocross racing takes a lot of finesse (more than raw power). Suspension is very important, brakes are important. There is no competition against smaller cars. Each car is placed in their own class against similar type cars. There is no extra cost unlike SECA if we join them as a club. Events include: Tight courses to open courses. Experts design the course. They have run on the US 131 Motorsports Park. They are able to build the course both tight and open. They have also gone to Grand Valley. They have also go to Michigan State for a course. In September they do an event on the Lakeshore. Going from straight line racing to this, most find it more fun and it lasts longer. The lap lengths are typically in the range of 45 seconds, others have been as much as 1.5 minutes.

For further info on this subject look at: www.myautoevents.com & www.furrin.org

Curt also talked about **Road Rallies**: There are three basic types. (1) TSD, (2) Continental, (3) Gimmick. Many of the Furrin Group rallies include some gravel roads. There will possibly be an all-paved rally this summer.

TSD style: Given a list of instructions, check points along the way and you have to arrive on time. There will be a TSD rally next weekend starting in Lowell.

Continental style: similar to time, speed, distance.

Gimmick style: Sign hunt, puzzle (possibly theme related), etc.

April meeting: up-in-the air. Saturday, April 10th for Our next Club meeting. We will visit Wing's Autoart restoration and custom shop.

MI-Fbody meet n' greet is in June 5th in Milford.

Latest online discussion is Fall Color Tour: Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. a trip to the U.P. Mackinaw Island trip or not? Angie Kemp suggested having people meet in Mackinaw City and people go their own way from there. Possibly splitting up into 2 groups? The 2nd weekend in October in Mackinaw is not all that great as many shops are already shut down for the season. We would like to include a Big Spring stop during the weekend, per Bonnie's requests,

Berger Chevrolet news: All 20 Berger SS Camaros for 2010 are sold.

New member: Mike Fouts, Rick Michaels. Guest: David Ervine (possible future club member).



Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting
Saturday April 10th, 2010
at Wing's Autoart.
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.

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