

# CAMARO CORNER



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## August 2012

### The View from the top.

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I can hardly believe it's August already. But the heat and humidity (which I hate) tells me we're in mid-summer. Even though we're in the last half of summer, and we still have one major event to keep us busy, the 13th annual Berger Chevrolet "ALL Chevy Show".

#### August WMCC Club Meeting, Saturday, August 11th, 2012

We will be having the August meeting on **Saturday August 11th at the GM/Delphi Summer Picnic, Car and Motorcycle Show**. The was specially invited WMCC to attend this show. The show is **Saturday, August 11, from 11am-4pm**. On the Burlingame Ave. lawn and small parking lot The address is **2100 Burlingame Ave, Grand Rapids MI. 49509**. The the plant will be open for tours just two of those hrs. They are planning on buying shirts and given out plaques under the same principle as the Berger show. John told them we would bring at least 15 cars, if we get more that would be amazing, less would be fine also.

I'm guessing the meeting will probably be around 11am or noon.

Food will be provided, Kids Games, Dunk Tank (need volunteers to be dunked for charity!), Dealerships showcasing GM vehicles (Berger will be there). Mark your calendars!

#### 13th Annual Berger Chevrolet "All Chevy Show" August 24&25, 2012:

It's hard to believe, but this year marks the **13th Annual** Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show! By now, we have the running of this show pretty much down to a science. We plan to do things the same as always. We'll talk about our jobs and duties at

our next Club meetings, so please plan to attend. Be sure to pick up show fliers from me so we can all work together to spread them around.

After hosting the Berger Show for all these years, we pretty much have the running of the show down to a science. I couldn't be more proud of how well our Club members work together and have run this show over the years. So, plan on all the usual jobs again this year. We'll be setting things up on Friday evening (tables, chairs, paperwork, folding and categorizing T-shirts, roping off some special sections of the lot, etc.). I plan to be at Berger around 6pm on Friday evening to get things started. We'll place as many Feature Cars as we can and wrap things up by 10pm.

The show officially starts at 8am on Saturday morning. However, inevitably, there will be show entrants in the parking lot by 6am, so we'll need to get there as early as possible, by 6:30-6:45am at the latest. We'll set out all of our registration paperwork, position our parking workers and driveway/entry workers and open registration as early as we can. One of our biggest concerns is for our members that work out in the parking lot, either parking cars or manning the entry to the show. I want to make sure we have extra members that can relieve these workers from time to time. Standing out in the sun (hopefully!) for hours is the hardest job of all, so let's make sure we send relief workers out there and keep them supplied with water.



Doug Warren, WMCC Founder  
1953-2010  
You will never be forgotten

For our newer members, don't worry. The jobs are pretty easy and everyone will be happy to help you out if you need it.

We are having a Silent auction again this year. SO PLEASE bring an item or items for this auction. All proceeds from this auction will be given to Doug's favorite charity the Ronald McDonald house.

We arranged for some great Feature Cars and there will be some special friends from out-of-town attending the show, so it's shaping up to be another great event. We'll see everyone there! This Will be a Great Show!

### **September WMCC Club Meeting, Sunday, August 26th, 2012**

Yes, the *September* WMCC monthly will be a week earlier than our usual monthly schedule. We will have many out of town members staying in Grand Rapids for the Berger show and this will be our only opportunity for another Club photo out in front of the dealership (since the lot will already be cleared for the show the day before). Therefore, we will meet in the front parking lot of Berger at 10am on Sunday morning for our Club group photo. Setting this photo up is a fairly laborious task, so to make this go as quickly as possible, we are asking everyone to be on time and attentive as we arrange all the cars in a layout that will look good in the photo. This date change will also free up the upcoming holiday weekend for our members to do family activities over the Labor Day weekend.

After the photo shoot, we will head to Old Chicago's just down the road for our club meeting & lunch. **Old Chicago address is 3333 28th Street Grand Rapids, MI 49512.** Depending on how the day goes, & how everybody feels we may take a Ice Cream cruise after the meeting.

### **October 11-14 Fall Color Tour Update**

*By John Smith*

Hi All, It is amazing that it is already July and although I have had a plan for the fall tour, I'm just now getting it out. Many of you have made your reservations for the weekend of October 11th, 12th, & 13th, before the meeting I will check to see how many rooms are still available.

Here's the plan:

**Thursday Oct. 11th**, depart from the truck stop at M66 and I96 in Ionia around 9am. Heading north on M66 to M21 in down town Ionia, Left on M21 to

St. Johns then north on US 27. We will be taking US 27 all the way up to Gaylord, At the south side of Gaylord we will go to bus 75 through town and on to old US 27. Was going to do this at Mt. Pleasant but the old US 27 is really Ruff until after Gaylord. Once through Indian River we will stay on Old US 27 along Mullet Lake to Cheboygen then on to Mackinaw City. Should arrive in time to enjoy some of the local sites and establishments.

Thursday night Motel,, VINDEL MOTEL, Mark and Clara Heming owners, 223W. Central Avenue. 49701 [321-436-5273](tel:321-436-5273), or [877-884-6335](tel:877-884-6335) ( the 877 number has been troublesome, recommend using the 231 # )

**Friday Oct 12th**, Depart Mackinaw City and head across the bridge up I-75 to M-134 along the shore line to Detour Village. Take a short Ferry ride across to Drummond Island. Explore the island for a short time, maybe get a bit to eat here then back across the ferry and make our way to Sault Ste. Marie, trying to stay close to the shore and maybe a couple of ins/outs. No real good roads along the shore line.

Lockview Motel [906-632-2491](tel:906-632-2491), 327 West Portage Avenue. 49783. Right across the street from the Sault Locks, right next door to a good restaurant, and within blocks of other attractions.

**Saturday Oct 13th**, Departing Saulte Ste Marie, taking the back roads to Brimley, My favorite stop at Mission Hill look out. Taking the scenic south shore drive to M-123 then to Paradise, maybe White Fish Point light house and onto Tahquamenon Falls, both of them this year. Now going down M-123 to Newberry, Timber Charlie's is a restaurant. Making our way back to St. Ignace to stay at the Wayside Motel [906-643-1569](tel:906-643-1569) 751 North State St. 49781.

The daily miles this year are rather low compared to last year. I just felt we needed to "stop and smell the roses" per say. With that being said IF anybody has any suggestions of places to stop and visit along this rout or close by. Please let me know and I will try to check them out and add them to our stops. Hopefully the HOT temps this summer hang on into October again. See you all at the Meeting.



## Camaro 1LE Laps Virginia International Raceway in 2:58.34

DETROIT – The 2013 road-racing inspired Chevrolet Camaro 1LE, with Camaro engineer Aaron Link behind the wheel, lapped the famed Virginia International Raceway (VIR) “Grand Course” in 2:58.34 – a time previously accomplished by only the upper echelon of performance cars.

The \$3,500 1LE package is available on Camaro 1SS and 2 SS coupes, with a manual transmission. A Camaro 1SS with the 1LE package starts at \$37,035, including destination, making it one of the most affordable, most capable performance cars offered by any manufacturer.

“The Camaro 1LE combines the best elements of the SS and the ZL1 with a focus on handling,” said Al Oppenheiser, Camaro chief engineer. “We optimized every part of the SS for improved track driving, including gear ratios, suspension tuning, and chassis mounts. The result really brings the Camaro SS alive at every turn – whether you’re carving through your favorite backroads or working on lap times on the track.

“Best of all, the Camaro 1LE is \$10,000 less than its nearest competitor,” Oppenheiser said. “For drivers looking for an affordable way to get on the track, what they save with the 1LE will cover a lot of days at the track.”

According to Oppenheiser, the VIR Grand Course configuration is a challenge for production cars because recording a fast lap requires prodigious power, precise handling and tenacious grip. “To break a three-minute lap on the four-mile Grand Course is an incredible accomplishment for any car,” he said. “Like the Nurburgring, at VIR there’s never a moment when the car rests at

steady state. Each lap tests every aspect of a car, including power, brakes, steering, tire grip and chassis balance.

Earlier this year, Link drove a 2012 Camaro ZL1 Coupe around the Grand Course in 2:52.4. Link’s 2:58.37 lap time in the 1LE further demonstrates the Camaro’s capabilities on a road course.

The car Link drove was a production-spec Camaro SS with the 1LE package, modified with only a race seat

and roll cage for safety. The 1LE proved to be track-capable, even with temperatures approaching 90 degrees in the early-morning test session. “Like the ZL1, the 1LE is very easy to drive fast, and its performance is very consistent,” said Link. “Even in the hot, humid conditions through a tank of fuel, there were no issues with brake fade, changes in grip, or powertrain performance.

“One of the best sections in the 1LE is the Climbing Esses,” Link said. “They are a series of four quick turns, as the track climbs uphill, that tend to upset the balance of most production cars. The 1LE offers such neutral balance, and tenacious grip, that I could charge into the Esses at nearly 125 mph and steer the car with the throttle to carry a tremendous amount of speed through the Esses. That would not be possible in a car that wasn’t as confidence-inspiring as the 1LE.” A heritage of handling.

The Camaro 1LE package was introduced in 1988, inspired by Camaro’s involvement in Pro-Am road racing.

For 2013, the 1LE package is offered only on 1SS and 2SS coupe models, featuring a 6.2L LS3 V-8, which is rated at 426 horsepower (318 kW) and 420 lb-ft of torque (569 Nm). In addition, 1LE is only available with a six-speed manual transmission.

While the Camaro SS features a Tremec TR6060-M10 for all-around performance, the Camaro 1LE features an exclusive Tremec TR6060-MM6. Paired with a numerically higher 3.91 final-drive ratio, the close-ratio gearing of the transmission is tuned for road-racing performance. As with the ZL1, the 1LE transmission features a standard liquid-to-liquid cooling system for track use.

The 1LE also features exclusive, monotube rear dampers instead of the twin-tube dampers on SS models. The new hardware allowed engineers to tune the 1LE suspension to focus on optimal body-motion control while preserving much of the ride quality and wheel-motion control of the Camaro SS.

Other changes to optimize the 1LE for track-day use include:

Larger, 27-mm solid front stabilizer bar, and 28-mm solid rear stabilizer bar for improved body control.

Strut tower brace for improved steering feel and response.

ZL1-based 20 x 10-inch front and 20 x 11-inch aluminum wheels.

285/35ZR20 Goodyear Eagle Supercar G:2 tires front and rear (identical to the front tires for ZL1) ZL1 wheel bearings, toe links and rear shock mounts for improved on-track performance ZL1 high-capacity fuel pump and additional fuel pickups for improved fuel delivery during high-cornering.

Visually, the 1LE package for 2013 is distinguished by its matte-black hood, front splitter and rear spoiler – as well as the 10-spoke ZL1-based wheels, which are finished in black. The functional front splitter and rear spoiler contribute to the car's on-track performance by helping to reduce aerodynamic lift at high speeds.

Inside, the 1LE package incorporates the ZL1's flat-bottom steering wheel, trimmed in suede microfiber and designed for easier heel-and-toe driving on the racetrack. The quick-acting, short-throw shifter from the ZL1 is also trimmed in suede microfiber.

Founded in 1911 in Detroit, Chevrolet is now one of the world's largest car brands, doing business in more than 140 countries and selling more than 4 million cars and trucks a year. Chevrolet provides customers with fuel-efficient vehicles that feature spirited performance, expressive design and high quality. More information on Chevrolet models can be found at [www.chevrolet.com](http://www.chevrolet.com)

## For Sale

SBC Engine Complete from Air Cleaner to Oil Pan. Ready to drop in and go!  
355 , 2 Bolt Block, 624 Heads with approx 20,000 miles since rebuild. Very mild unknown cam. Estimate 280hp

Edelbrock 1407 Electric Choke Carb 750cfm

Weiland Stealth Intake

GM Serpentine Belt System

Also comes with;

Edelbrock Air Cleaner

Distributor with wires

Alternator

Water Pump

Starter

Auto Trans Flex Plate

This is the engine that has been in my '73 Camaro for the last 12 years. Ran great when pulled. I just decided it was time to replace it with something else. Always had synthetic oil. Would use about a quart each summer.

~~\$900~~ **Price Reduced \$700**

**Contact Ray Cochran for more information.**

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## 2012 Events Calendar

(\*denotes Official WMCC Event)

### WMCC Monthly Membership Meetings:

- \*Aug 11, 2012 WMCC Club Meeting – GM/Delphi Car and Motorcycle Show Grand Rapids, MI @ Noon
- \*Aug 26, 2012 WMCC **SEPT** Club Meeting – Old Chicago 3333 28th street, Grand Rapids, MI 49512 @ 12:30pm
- \*Oct 7, 2012 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- \*Nov 4, 2012 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- \*Dec ??, 2012 WMCC Annual Christmas Party/Club Meeting - TBA

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

- Aug 2-5, 2012 Camaro5 Feast III – Lucas Oil Raceway – Indianapolis, IN [www.camaro5.com](http://www.camaro5.com)
- Aug 10-12, 2012 BBOMG4(Buyers & Builders Ontario Meet & Greet) St. Catharines, ON Canada [www.camaroz28.com](http://www.camaroz28.com)
- \*Aug 25, 2012 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show @ Berger 2525 28<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI
- Sep 8-9, 2012 19th Annual Camaro Fall Classic @Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH [www.neocc.org](http://www.neocc.org)
- \*Oct ???, 2012 Annual WMCC Fall Color Tour Weekend

### Other Automotive Events of Interest:

- Aug 4, 2012 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Red Barn Spectacular @ Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI [www.kaarc.org](http://www.kaarc.org)
- Aug 11, 2012 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show@ Doyle Community Center, Sturgis, MI [www.sturgismi.gov](http://www.sturgismi.gov)
- Aug 12, 2012 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Deanos Pizza Car Show, 1640 m-40 North Allegan, MI 269-686-9009
- Aug 18, 2012 Augusta Village Car Show @ Augusta Village Park, Augusta, MI noon-5pm 269-731-5334
- Sep 7, 2012 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Trendway Benefit Cruise-IN, 13467 Quincy St, Holland, MI 6-9 PM
- Sep 8, 2012 Immanuel Church Benefit Carshow , 325 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, Holland, MI [www.immanuel-church.org](http://www.immanuel-church.org)
- Sep 9, 2012 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Musclecars Plus Car Show @ Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- Sep 23, 2012 Bone Yard Rejects Carshow & Swap Meet @ Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone, IL 815-478-4356

### Cruise Nights

Sat – Taco Bell 5560 Beckley Road Battle Creek, MI - Every Week May – Oct 5pm-?? 269-986-2216

### For Sale

Nice complete service manual 3" thick \$45  
Two new repo IROC Z wheel centers \$10 each  
New repo 82-85 Z-28 IROC front header emblem \$12  
Very rare Camaro quartz clock \$30  
Very nice automatic overdrive console cover \$20  
Nice pass. side mirror & pad, nice glass, red paint is fair \$25  
Complete working smog pump, hard to find \$40  
Contact Jon Moss  
[zaniemoss@gmail.com](mailto:zaniemoss@gmail.com)



### For Sale

(4) 20" polish alum. wheels with lugs and locks,  
(4) Perelli "PZERO" tires with monitors.  
All are brand new-NO miles !

\$995.00  
Contact Ron  
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**Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting  
SATURDAY August 11th, 2012  
at GM/Delphi Summer Picnic, Car and  
Motorcycle Show Grand Rapids, MI  
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](http://www.wmcamaro.org) for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

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