

# December 2012

# **The View from the Top.**

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Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and didn't eat too much, or get too exhausted Christmas shopping. But before we talk about anything else, we need to talk about our Annual Christmas Party/Club Meeting.

## WMCC December Meeting / Christmas Party Saturday December 1, 2012

The Christmas Party is always one of the most enjoyable events of the year and I always enjoy seeing so many of our Club members getting together for a good time and great food. As has been the case for the last few years, Carl & Teresa Lins once again have volunteered to host the party at their home. They have always been wonderful hosts and their hospitality makes the

# **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 2012, 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 party just that much more fun. Thanks Again !!!!!!

The Party will be on **Saturday**, **December 1st** and will start around 6pm and go until ???? Please bring a dish to pass. Please bring your own drinks as it's a BYOB.

Their address is: *11331 Jackson Road, Middleville, MI 49333* Home phone: *269-795-7878* For those that have not been to their home before, you can "mapquest" their address for a map & directions.

There will be many WMCC and Camaro related door prizes given away through out the evening, just remember to get your prize ticket when you arrive.

For those of you who wish to participate in Left-Right-Center game that has become a WMCC Christmas Party tradition. It has been asked that you bring with you at least 3- \$2 lottery tickets to be given away as game prizes.

At some point during the evening we will hold our December Club meeting. We'll start to talk about our activities for next spring and summer. Don't miss this great get-together.

# The Latest From at Berger Chevrolet.

#### By Matt Berger

We just completed a deal to get an extra 40 Camaros from Chevrolet. We will have the Dusk Edition Convertible, Hot Wheels Edition Coupes and Convertibles, ZL1 Coupes and Convertibles and 1LE SS coupes. Along with the special editions we will have a great assortment of base



Doug Warren, WMCC Founder 1953-2010 You will never be forgotten models, 2LT and 2SS Coupes and Convertibles. The orders are being pulled with production scheduled for the early Spring of 2013.

Our first 2 1LEs arrived this week. The red 1LE 2SS is at Ty Mason's Custom Horsepower for a little premium plumbing and tuning. We're hoping somewhere between 475-500 HP. It will be our prototype for the new Berger SS 1LE. Lots of cool appearance stuff from the original concept with a little more oompfff! Hopefully we'll have it done in the next three weeks. The second is an orange car (2SS) with ebony leather. The gearing change on both of these to the new 3.90 final drive makes a huge difference. They just blow the tires off in the bottom 2 gears and those are some sticky Goodyears! Acceleration is improved considerably. The new close ratio 6 speed does a great job of keeping the engine in the fat part of the powerband. The 3.90 gear set will be offered (with tons of other assorted performance goodies) by Chevrolet Performance Parts. They had it all on display at this year's SEMA show. The list included Brembo ZL1 brake kits, head and cam upgrades and HD driveline pieces just to name a few.

Our next project is a 200 HP 240 TQ Sonic RS Hatchback. Parts for that one should be on the way. It's not a Camaro but I've been driving a 1.4 turbo stick RS and it has a lot of potential. It too has more aggressive final drive ratio (4.13) and a close ratio box. They only weigh 2700 lbs. so turn entry speeds border on ridiculous. It's a hoot but needs a bit better handling, appearance and power. You can build a really trick one for \$25-27K new and very well equipped. It should be fun and get high 30's on the highway. This is Chevrolet's SCCA and Grand Am B-Spec racing entry and has solid suspension geometry and a solid drive train. Chevy Racing has won almost everything this year and will want to keep that tradition going. We hope all is going well for the club.

# WMCC January Club meeting Sunday January 7th, 2012

Our January club meeting will again be at **Quaker** Steak and Lube, 4515 28th Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49512-1911. Their Phone number is: (616) 285-9464. The meeting will be on Sunday Jan 8th, 2012 @ 2:00 PM. So mark your calendar and Please plan to attend.

# **November Meeting**

I would like to thank Dave and Angie Kemp for planning a wonderful cruise, tour of the boat Museum and fantastic 50's Gas Station. The Cruise and tour seemed to be liked by all.



# **GMMG Registry Forum is coming**

GMMG owners will be able to visit, Parts for sale & wanted, GMMG's for sale, upload info & photos of their cars & a whole lot more.

This will be live in a few days. Link...... http://forums.gmmgregistry.com/

More info as we get closer.

For More info contact: Jim Smith GMMG Registry info@gmmgregistry.com

# 2012 Events Calendar

(\*denotes Official WMCC Event)

WMCC Monthly Membership Meetings:

\*Dec 1, 2012 WMCC Annual Christmas Party/Club Meeting - At Carl & Tersea Lins @ 6 pm

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

Other Automotive Events of Interest:

Cruise Nights

#### Western Michigan Camaro Club September Meeting Notes November 4, 2012

**Present:** John and Cheryl Smith, Anita Warren, Gary, Shelley, Scott and Ashley Crippin, Al and Jan Boyer, John and Christie Falkenhagen, Carl and Teresa Lins, Gib and Tammy Loudon, Steve and

Kathy O, Dave and Gay Verberg, Dave and Angie Kemp, & Nick Kemp

**Fall Color Tour:** John discussed the color tour which was October 11-14<sup>th</sup>. He explained the route they took and many of the highlights of the tour.

**January Meeting:** This meeting will be on Sunday, January 6, 2013. The meeting will be at Quaker Steak and Lube on 28th at 2pm. John Falkenhagen will make the arrangements.

**Christmas Party:** The group discussed the dates for the Christmas party at Lins and it was decided it would be on December 1, 2012. A list will be out to sign up for the Christmas party so please sign up. Christmas party will start at 6:00 p.m. until. The party will be held at Carl and Teresa's house so let us know if you need directions.

**Club Picture:** Gary will get with Ray and hopefully have info at the Christmas party.

**Newsletter Update:** For sale Items will only stay in the newsletter for 1 month. Your will be run each month that it is submitted.

**Frankenmuth/Birch run Weekend:** a possible weekend getaway for shopping and festivities was discussed. The 1st weekend in march was suggested. Tammy said she would check on possible room discounts.

**T-Shirts:** Gary expressed we need to order small, medium, large and extra large t-shirts. Jan will process the order and Gary will have Ray send the art work. These will be ordered in either the month of Dec or Jan.

**Golf Outings as a Charity:** Nick Kemp stalked about a possible golf outing as a charity event for either RMDH or a fundraiser for WMCC. Nick suggested maybe the Saturday before the Mendon dust off in May. The members felt they would be open to an event.

Birthday: Everybody wished Steve O. a happy Birthday.





Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting / Christmas Party Saturday December 1, 2012 @ 6pm. The party will be at Carl & Teresa Lins home in Middlville, 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 for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

#### WMCC Officers

President: Gary Crippin 269.273.5051 Co-Vice President: Carl Lins 269.795.7878 Co-Vice President: John Falkenhagen 269.795.7612 Secretary: Bonnie Edwards 517.765.9929 Treasurer: Anita Warren 616.531.7482 Membership: Shelley Crippin 269.273.5051 Webmaster: Gary Crippin 269.273.5051 Newsletter Editor: Gary Crippin 269.273.5051 Club Archivist & Photographer: Pay Coebran 616.402.2941

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### <u>Website</u>

www.wmcamaro.org

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#### **Camaro Corner**



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