

# CAMARO CORNER



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Great American Performance

## July 2012

### The View from the top.

#### July 2012

Here we are heading into July already. Wow, where has the year gone? This time of year, we're in the middle of "car season" and there are plenty of activities to keep even the casual car nut busy. Take a look at the Calendar of Events to find several local shows to attend. WMCC has something a bit different planned for our July Club meeting this year. Please note the dates, as the meeting is not on our usual 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month this time.

#### July WMCC Club Meeting, Saturday, July 7th, 2012

We will be holding our July Club Meeting at the **Adam Shafer Memorial Car Show** in Lawton, MI. Meeting will take place around our cars at **11am**. The Adam Shafer Memorial Car Show is a special event organized by our members Ray & Jeannine Shafer. Adam was their son; and was a teacher at Lawton High School. Proceeds from the show will go to the Adam Shafer Memorial Scholarship Fund at Lawton High School. So you can see that this is an important and special event. Entry fee is \$10. Please make plans to attend. The address to the **Lawton High School is: 68443 29th St, Lawton, MI 49065.**

Registration begins at 7:30am and awards are planned for 2pm.

See article below for more info on show.

#### 5th Annual Adam Shafer Memorial Car Show, July 7th, 2012

The Shafer family is pleased to present the 5TH ANNUAL ADAM SHAFER MEMORIAL CAR SHOW.

Ray and Jeannine Shafer joined the WMCC after

they inherited their son's Camaro. Adam passed away at the age of 22 due to injuries he sustained in an accident in February of 2005. Adam graduated from Lawton High School and was the head baseball coach there as well. Each year a scholarship is awarded to a graduating Senior boy that exemplifies Adam's spirit and sportsmanship.

The Car Show will be held July 7th, 2012 at Lawton High School, 68443 29th Street, Lawton, MI 49065, RAIN OR SHINE!

Registration is from 7:30am-1pm: Trophies at 2pm. Trophies go to the top 40 plus Best In Show.

100 % of the proceeds are donated to the Adam Shafer Memorial Scholarship Fund at Lawton High School.

DJ, Door prizes, and Dash Plaques. Fantastic food will be available on site for sale.

Entry Fee: \$ 10.00 per entry

Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship as we remember, honor, and celebrate the memory Adam Shafer.

We look forward to seeing you all there,  
Ray and Jeannine Shafer

#### 2012 Motor State Challenge, July 13 -15, 2012

Pro-Touring represents one of the fastest growing facets of the performance automotive hobby and



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

Motor State Distributing, Lane Automotive and All-star Performance Products are pleased to announce that they will host the Fourth Annual Motor State Challenge. **The event will be held July 13-15** and will once again take place amid the lush orchards and vineyards of Southwestern Michigan, on the shore of beautiful Lake Michigan. Several top manufacturers of Pro-Touring components will also be on hand all three days to answer questions and to showcase their factory test cars. This event is the perfect opportunity to safely test a car's performance on the road course, in the autocross and to show off what the car can really do. A full schedule of activities is already confirmed so plan to be here all weekend.

**New This Year** - The 2012 Motor State Challenge will see a division of the competition with two model year groupings - 1988 and Earlier and 1989 and Later and a third category "Touring Group" with no year boundaries.

<http://www.motorstate.com/msChallenge.htm/>

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

*By John Smith*

Hi ALL. Just got back from the U.P. For those of you interested in the fall color tour as in the past the dates are the second weekend in Oct. Thursday the 11th, Friday the 12th, Saturday the 13th, and Sunday the 14th.

The important things I want to get to you are the motels:

**Thursday October 11th** will be at the Vindel Motel in Mackinaw City. [1-877-884-6335](tel:1-877-884-6335). This is a nice horse shoe shaped motel just west of the freeway, walking distance from the main drag. I think they have just 14 rooms so book early then cancel if you change your mind. around \$75

**Friday October 12th** will be at the Lock view Motel in Sault Ste. Marie. [1-800-854-0745](tel:1-800-854-0745) This motel I think fits our requirements to a "T", right across the street from the locks, right next door to a restaurant, and a half a block from numerous drinking establishments. they have lots of room and prices start at \$58 for seniors and \$68.

**Saturday October 13th** we will be back at the Wayside Motel n St. Ignace. [1-906-643-1569](tel:1-906-643-1569). This is the place that we stayed at two years ago, They have been busy with the maintenance and improvements since they bought the place back then and have all the rooms open. prices at \$49 for 1 bed and \$54 for two beds.

I'm hoping for another good weather year and we should be able to gather in the parking lots in the evenings.

**REMEMBER** to tell them that you are with the West Michigan Camaro Club when you make reservations, This will keep us closer together and maybe get a better rate. The Locks view said anything over 10 would get a break.



Anne Kolher Winner of the Pastors Choice Award at the 2nd Annual LLWC Summer Classic Carshow with her 2001 Berger SS

### **Ronald McDonald House Garden Dedication**

On Saturday, June 9th Christi & I, along with Dave & Gay Verburg attended the Dedication of the Playscape & Family Garden at the Ronald McDonald House here in Grand Rapids MI. When walking out the back door of the RMD House the first thing you step on is the patio that has a number of 4x8 bricks that were purchased by our club members. They wrap around a play area for children that are staying with there parents. When they first proposed the project the initial estimate was approx. \$70,000. With our purchases of bricks and donations from area landscape and various contractors who donated time and materials, it ended-up costing RMH \$0. I was very pleased by the number of bricks that were purchased from our members. RMH and it's staff are very pleased and thankful for all that the WMCC has done for them with our donations.

Thank You,  
John Falkenhagen



Looking forward to another great color tour, will get more info out in the coming months.

### **THE 2013 CAMARO 1LE: ANOTHER ICON RETURNS**

***The 2013 1LE Performance Package** is more than just a tough-looking, aggressive Camaro. It's the latest entry in a legendary lineup of track-dominating racing machines and it's taking performance to the next level.*

*Here we take a quick look back at the origins of RPO code 1LE.*

#### **TRIGGERING RPO 1LE**

The original intent of 1LE was to allow Chevrolet to offer a Camaro designed specifically for a road course. A 1LE-equipped car wasn't designed for everyone. Because of this, the order procedure was kept relatively quiet.

Between model years 1989 and 1992, RPO 1LE was triggered by ordering the RPO G92 Performance axle with an IROC-Z Coupe ('89 and '90) or Z28 coupe ('91 and '92). Each year saw slightly different 1LE packages.

When G92 was ordered, it forced other options such as engine oil cooler, 4-wheel disc brakes, dual converter exhaust and P245/50ZR16 tires. A G92 Camaro required either the 350ci (RPO B2L) engine with automatic transmission, or the 305ci (RPO LB9) with five-speed manual.

Basically, it worked like this. If RPO G92 was ordered with air conditioning, the cars were built as street vehicles. If air conditioning was NOT ordered, 1LE racing equipment was added. This included features such as an alu-

minum driveshaft, performance brakes inspired by the Corvette (a detail that lives on in the 2013 1LE), specialized front and rear shock absorbers, heavy-duty jounce bumpers, and fuel tank baffles. Fog lamps were deleted both for weight savings and to improve airflow into the radiator for improved cooling capability.

#### **1993**

The 1LE package offered at the start of Camaro's fourth generation included larger stabilizer bars, radiator baffles, and HD shocks and struts. As in previous years, air conditioning was not available when one ordered a 1LE package.

#### **1994-1997**

Around this time, the 1LE became known as the Performance Suspension Package and was aimed at anyone who wanted a little more bang out of their Camaro, not just hardcore racers.

#### **1998-2000**

With the advent of a mid-cycle update on the Camaro, the 1LE package changed due to suspension updates and the introduction of the aluminum-block LS1 engine. The package now primarily included heavier-duty suspension components and manually adjustable shocks/struts. Air conditioning was now available with the 1LE package, and the package could now be ordered on either the Z28 or the Camaro SS.

#### **2001-2002**

As product priorities shifted, the 1LE package was dropped as a regular RPO option. Disheartened enthusiasts had no way of knowing, but a triumphant return would eventually be in the cards...

#### **2013**

The 1LE is back and ready to run. From its red Brembo front and rear brakes to its light-weight wheels and unique performance suspension, the 2013 Camaro 1LE Performance Package is more than worthy of the 1LE



name.

## For Sale

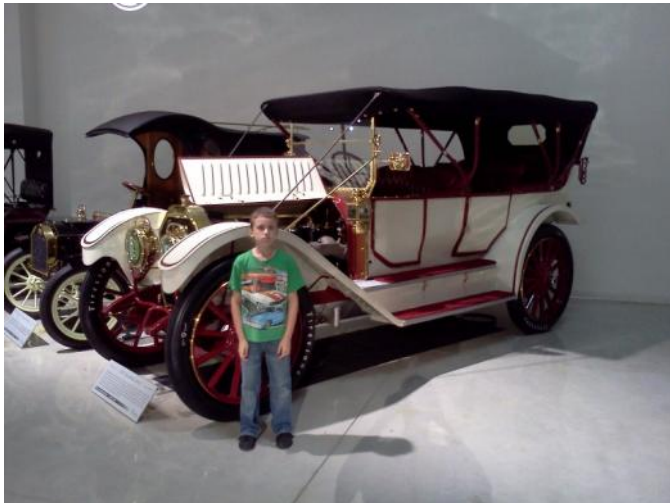
(4) 20" polish alum. wheels with lugs and locks,  
(4) Perelli "PZERO" tires with monitors.  
All are brand new-NO miles !

\$995.00

Contact Ron

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WMCC at the GM Heritage Museum  
Hot Rod Power Tour 2012



## 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. Esti-  
mate 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:

- \*Jul 7, 2012 WMCC Club Meeting – Adam Shafer Memorial Car show in Lawton, MI See newsletter for details.
- \*Aug 1, 2012 WMCC Club Meeting – TBA
- \*Aug 26, 2012 WMCC **SEPT** Club Meeting – TBA
- \*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:

- Jun 29, Jul 1, 2012 Sturgis Camaro Rally @ Sturgis SD [www.sturgis-camaro-rally.com](http://www.sturgis-camaro-rally.com)
- Jul 6-8, 2012 21st Annual Camaro Superfest, Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, MI [www.camarosuperfest.com](http://www.camarosuperfest.com)
- Jul 12-15, 2012 Music City Chevy Show, Nashville, TN [www.ecklerscamaro.com](http://www.ecklerscamaro.com)
- Jul 19-22, 2012 Super Chevy Show, Maple Grove Raceway, Reading, PA. [www.superchevy.com](http://www.superchevy.com)
- Jul 27-29, 2012 Grand Am/Nationwide Camaro Corral at Indy – Indianapolis, IN [www.camaro5150.com](http://www.camaro5150.com)
- 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 Ontraio 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:

- \*Jul 7, 2012 5th Annual Adam Shafer Memorial Car Show – Lawton High School, Lawton, MI
- Jul 13-15, 2012 2012 Motorstate challenge. <http://www.motorstate.com/msChallenge.htm/>
- Jul 14, 2012 Classics & Camaros 2012, Todd Wenzel Chevrolet, Hudsonville, MI
- Jul 21, 2012 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayland Car Show @ Wayland City Park, Wayland, MI 269-673-3032
- Jul 21, 2012 Marlette Classic Car Cruise-In 12-4pm Marlette, MI 48453 [marlettecarshow@gmail.com](mailto:marlettecarshow@gmail.com)
- Jul 21, 2012 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show Downtown Paw Paw, MI [www.pawpawchamber.com](http://www.pawpawchamber.com)
- Jul 28, 2012 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Capital Celebration Car Show @ Adado Riverfront Park West, Lansing MI [www.reoldsmuseum.org](http://www.reoldsmuseum.org)
- 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



**Wade Shindorf Autocrossing  
his 2002 Camaro SS at  
Hot Rod Power Tour 2012  
in Muskegon, MI**







**Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting**  
**SATURDAY July 7, 2012**  
**at Adam Shafer Memorial Car Show**  
**Lawton, 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.

### **WMCC Officers**

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### **Club Sponsor**

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### **Website**

[www.wmcamaro.org](http://www.wmcamaro.org)

Watch [www.mifbody.com](http://www.mifbody.com) for the latest info on upcoming **WMCC** events.

### **Camaro Corner**



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