



November 2013

The View from the Top.

November

Can you believe its November already? And in just a few weeks most of us will have our cars put up for a long winter nap. So lets all get those Camaros out for one last outing of the year this weekend.

November Club Meeting Saturday Nov 2

First, I want to thank John & Christi Falkenhagen for opening up their home to host the November club meeting. The club meeting will start at 1:00pm with the potluck lunch starting immediately following meeting. This is a great time to visit with friends and pick a few apples if there is any left.

Please bring a dish to pass and what you would like to drink. John & Christi are furnishing the Barbeque pulled pork, chicken, cutlery, plates & napkins. Please bring a dish to pass and Remember your beverages and if you want to bring your slippers to put on after you take off your shoes so your feet stay cozy it is recommended. There will be plenty of good food to eat (any WMCC event seems to always have plenty of good food available), So, come on out to spend a great afternoon with WMCC.

The Falkenhagens address is: 6900 N. Solomon Rd, Middleville, MI 49333. If you need direction please Give John & Christi a call. [269-795-7612](tel:269-795-7612)

FALL COLOR TOUR 2013

First off I would like to thank all that made it on the tour, It is the great people that make the moments great. THANK YOU!

Thursday started off with great weather once we left the Pilot station in Ionia, taking a left turn in down town Ionia and driving by Hackett School to

see club member Anne Kohler outside with the kids was a nice send-off, thankx Anne! Winding our way west on M-21 to Lincoln Lake Rd. heading north managing to find some pretty fair roads up and over to Pierson MI. where we joined with Dennis and Bonnie Edwards at the Trading Post.



My second graders really loved the drive-by on the first part of fall color tour!! They were playing Camaro at recess and everything! My principal came running out only to see tail lights, however!! Oh well, the kids thought it was funny!! Thank you all!!! Anne

After a short stop we made our way to a road side part on M-82 called High Rollaway overlooking the Muskegon River, from the high banks you could see the salmon in the river. Colors so far have been fair, the reds the brightest but still allot of green, but the sun was shinning on the WMCC and the roads were good.



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

After a small unexpected Detour east of Morley we made our way to Blanchard MI. picking up Roger and his yellow 10. Rounding the corner on main st. the first thing we see is a Tour Bus and I knew then the place was going to be packed. Packed was putting it mildly, after making our way through some of the stores we decided to go down the rd. to an alternate lunch stop.

The Barn Door on M-20 between Remus and Mt. Pleasant is a small place with two Great Girls working on Thursday afternoon. With out any notice they served our group of over 20 with out a hitch.

Taking the back roads on up to Farewell then M-115 to Cadillac, X-way to Manton, cross back east to M-66, just a little side road past that turned out great, now we were getting into some real color. M-72 into Grayling and once at Fay's Motel this would rap up the first Tour leg.

Fay's was everything we had hoped for. Clean rooms, some not too big but we didn't plan to stay in them long. After checking in we got the fire going, the Owners came out and clean up chairs, two yard swings by the fire was a nice touch also. The group split up for supper, some going to town for a little excitement and part of us just ordering pizza.

Friday morning brought a surprise when we woke and found the Blue 78 of Steve and Kathy O at the Motel. The morning was pretty foggy as we dragged our feet getting going. We pulled out of Fay's about 9:45 as the fog was just starting to lift. Taking M-93 out to I-75 to head north (old US 27 is pretty rough between Gaylord and Grayling) just before getting to I-75 the Sun popped out and blessed us with its presents again for the rest of the day.

Exiting I-75 at the south end of Gaylord, going up business 75 we made a right turn at Grandview dr. to see the Elk in the park, what luck, they were right next to the fence.

Old US 27 north out of Gaylord to Wolverine, west on Wolverine rd., this road was made for touring in Camaros in the fall. Bills Farm Market is located on top of a hill overlooking Petoskey, we had to stop if for no other reason than to look over the countryside, OH the one bathroom came in handy also.

Down town Petoskey for another break/shopping proved to be a little more of a challenge than I had

previously though. the large parking lots I was planning on using turned out to be privet and full. the one city lot had just a couple of open spots but it all worked out and the stop was a success.

Next stop was going to be a Winery at what we though was farther south down the road and

From the Millers!

Before we joined up with the WMCC for the color tour, we stopped off to visit the Grandkids, in Fraser, MI... Jack is 6 and in first grade. It was Grampa Cheez's job to pick him up after school. Jack jumped in our Camaro and asked Grampa to drive by a group of his friends, so Grampa did Jack rolls down the window and yells "see I told You!!!" So Grampa asks Jack what he told his friends... Jack said he told them that Grampa was going to pick him up in his "race" car!!! Vroom-Vrooooo!! Yep, at 1year Jack was reaching for the shifter... he LOVES Grampa's Camaro "Faster Grampa Faster!" Don't you just love those little ones!!!

Just had to share... because we have extended family (divorced Granparents) we each have a name id to help the kids tell us apart... we come from WI so we are Grampa & Grama Cheez!!! Jack Loves when Grampa puts the Camaro through the paces...

We had a GREAT time and ENJOYED being with our Camaro Family for color tour!! John & Cheryl did a Super job of finding the most beautiful colors, weather and stops!! Great Tour!!! White Thunder is tucked away for the winter... Mike hates this time of year... no more Camaro rides till next spring!! May the Curves in the Road be Fun!!!

**Thanks, for the Memories,
Sue & Mike Miller**



once we got to were we though it was, it turned out to be back were we just came from. Some time descriptions on the computer aren't as accurate as you would like. Writing that one off we went west on US-31 making a stop at a water side park for take in the view then over to Boyne City rd. going down the east side of Lake Charlevoix to Boyne City. We pulled into the City complex to get some pics by the water, was about the only place to get all the cars in line without others in the picture.

Carl wanted to go ahead and get some pictures of the group going down the road so we made a plan for them to head out on Advance rd between Boyne and East Jordan, Randy Martin joined Carl and Teresa for the go-ahead. Not paying close enough attention to the time we could of waited a little longer but once the camera crew found a spot and got out of their cars we were coming around the corner. It all worked out and we got some great pic, and a video. Murray's Bar and Grill was the lunch stop for the day in East Jordan. Nice place with an outside deck were we perched and looked at the beautiful Camaros were parked at.

M-66 south to Mancelona, Mancelona rd. east back to old US 27 just south of Gaylord down to Waters, most of the group got on the x-way there. Back to Fay's.

With the fire ready to light, a large part of the group decided to cook out on the grills provided at the motel. While some of the group went to Fredrick's for supper. Others just sat by the fire and drank beer. The fireside chats were great and the Tigers were on in the trailer house for those who wanted to watch.

Saturday morning we woke with no fog and the whole group together we headed east on North Down River rd. past the National Guard shooting ranges making our way to Lewiston. Stopping for some quick stretching and potty, Randy Martin once again went ahead to take pics, he new the road and had a spot picked. North out of Lewiston just before M-32 the elevation drops and the road has a few curves in it. This is were we pass Randy perched with his camera ready. (THANKX RANDY) Over to Atlanta were we stop at the City park on a small back water, lined up for pictures but the Trees made a little too much shade to get good pictures.

North on M-33 to Onaway, looking for a better spot

to take pic. we line up next to the Old court house in Onaway, The building is being renovated into a museum, when an old man pulls up I thought we were going to get into trouble for having Steve in the Handicap parking spot it turned out that half the town came out to take pictures. It turns out that the older gentelman was the

Thank YOU!

A huge thank you to Cheryl and John Smith for planning and instrumenting a great Fall Color Tour. The time spent to plan such an event is a huge undertaking and truly appreciated.

**Thanks
Bonnie Edwards**

gentleman of the Lady in charge of the museum, She came over and opened up for us and gave the group free rain. to check out the place, Very Nice People.

North on M-211 to Black Lake, around the east side and heading to Cheboygan you will find the Dirty Duck Salon, this was the lunch stop for the day. With 27 people stopping in they were a little overwhelmed but the food was good. It got a little Smokey when we smokedout life is good.

From the shores of Lake Huron to the shores of Lake Michigan, once we got to the southwest corner of Wilderness State park we found a spot right on the water to stop and take a stroll on the bestroll. This is the very top of the Tunnel of Trees heading to Harbor Springs by way of Cross Village and Good Hart. A potty stop in Cross Village and back down the tunnel. Just south of Good Hart you will find a turn to the



south off and along closer to the lake shore. This worked good, the colors were good but the traffic was getting pretty heavy and it just wasn't that much fun. The side road was just as curvy and if you like looking at big houses this was the place to be, and not traffic. A quick back track up the tunnel we found Pond Hill Farm, home of Harbor Springs Vineyards and Winery.

With a full Day behind us we found our way back to I-75 and run back down to Gaylord, the Stampede Grill and bar was the supper stop, with just a little wait to be seated the food was fair and the game was on. After supper we made our way back down to Fay's to once again hang out around the campfire. Umbrellas were in order for this evening but the rain was never very heavy and the evening was good.

Sunday for those who did not have to part is a hurry we went east again to Roscomon were we found the Michigan Firefighters Association Memorial. this was kind of a neat place in the middle of no where. and that was the end of the Tour, Thanks again to all those that made the weekend great...

THANKX ,
John Smith





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September Meeting Notes

August 24, 2013

Present: Gary and Shelley, Ashley and Scott Crippin, Jeff Peloquin, Carl and Teresa Lins, Marc Bouman, Kathleen and Don Johnson, Dour and Phyllis VanderMeer, Dennis and Bonnie Edwards, Cassidy and Steven Hall, Daniel Dixon Jr., Bob and Kelly Donker, John and Christi Falkenhagen, Tammy and Gib Loudon, Dave and Angie Kemp, Dave and Gay Verburg, Tim Warren, Mike and Jackson Winger, Al and Jan Boyer

Berger Show: Gary told everything we did a great job. They discussed making a banner for the silent auction. Carl talked that next year would be the 15th annual and get can kozie and pens for our goodie bags. Gary stated we raised \$960.00 for Ronald McDonald House yesterday and the check is written for \$1000 and will be delivered to them. He stated he heard no complaints. Marc stated he had people who asked if they could vote for more than 5 cars. Tammy stated we were down on registrations and it was felt that construction had problems. Dennis asked what if we dropped the registrations and then charged for the shirts? The group felt that Berger is the one that stated we raise the price. Christi stated we are giving people a shirt and dash plaque. Gary suggested we tell people that are there before 10 a.m. will receive a shirt. John stated they found after the 11 o'clock time they had very few people come in after that. The group discussed the silent auction and Tammy shared that auctioning off items may be an option. Scott stated a live auction may be better in order to achieve a higher amount for the charity and he would be happy to help. Door prizes were discussed and anyone that does business on a regular basis may be open to giving some hats, cups, oil changes, etc. Christi stated door prizes and advertising this on the flyer is very helpful in increasing attendance.

Prints: Dave S. donated four prints to be auctioned with all proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald Hospital. Gary suggested that we auction two today and the next ones at the next meeting or possibly doing one for Christmas Party so we can advertise this in our newsletter. John stated members out of stated may be interested in getting a chance to participate. Gary suggested we sell one or two today and save the other ones for the next meeting. Christi stated that is a signed limited edition and it would be important for it to be matted on environmentally safe matting. One will be put on the newsletter and website in order to give out of towners an option. An auction was held for the pictures. The first picture went for \$120 to Tammy Loudon. It was decided we would auction another one off next month and then keep one for Christmas.

Meetings: The members have asked that we not come to Quaker for meetings as service was not good and it is just not good for meetings.

Club T-Shirts: We have a signup sheet and need payment for the shirts. Christi asked why members paying dues do not get a shirt every year. Gary explained that membership fees go to supplies and other things. Gary explained that the club shirts are \$15.00. He stated if you want a different color write it down and he will check but that would be a custom order and could not be exchanged. Marc inquired if sweatshirts would be coming. Gary explained that we could get sweatshirts with payment up front. Gary expressed that new members would get white shirts until our inventory is gone.

October Meeting: Gary shared that the meeting would be at Dennis and Bonnie's next month. Bonnie asked everyone to bring a dish to pass and we would do a potluck. Gary asked that the meeting be at 1:00 p.m. with all invited to stay and enjoy the day and evening. Bring campers as you are welcome to stay.

Website: Gary expressed that Steve was taking over the webmaster position for the club. Steve stated he is working on an online application and asked that everyone let him know if you would like anything posted. Christi asked would we still have something printed for registrations. Steve stated the PDF would still be available and people can print and fill out the application and send those in. Christi stated the importance of explaining when we give out items. Steve stated he has created a new business card for easy inexpensive cards that can be given to promote membership. Gary stated we have fees involved with websites that we have to pay but they are minimal. The group discussed the option of charging those that need hardcopies sent to their house. The problems with opening websites was discussed. Gary will put specifications to what is needed for printing.

October Meeting Notes

October 5, 2013

Present: Christi and John Falkenhagen, Carl and Teresa Lins, Angie and Dave Kemp, Cheryl and John Smith, Jeannette and Ray Shafer, Shelley and Gary Crippin and Ashley and Scott, Kassie and Steve and Darcy Stevens

Thank you: Everyone thank Dennis and Bonnie for hosting the meeting.

Berger Show: Gary stated he felt it went very well. He stated they got a cash influx they were not expecting and this was a nice surprise. Christi stated the plaque she sent for got their award. She stated she had forgot her receipt from Fedex.

Ronald McDonald House: We wrote a check for \$1000 for Ronald McDonald House as well as a check from Quaker Steak and Lube for them. Carl asked if anyone would like to go with him. Gary stated he would not have time so Carl stated he would take it up Wednesday. Carl stated Quaker Steak were very sorry for our experience and gave a check for Ronald McDonald House. The group discussed we would not go back for our meetings.

Prints: Gary stated we have a print to raffle later this evening. Gary stated three were donated to be auctioned off to raise at least \$100 each to go to charity. It was decided we would save the last one to be auctioned off at the Christmas Party. Gary: Gary stated rumor has it they are working on a modern day print at Berger but nothing definite.

Thank you Note: Gary stated they got a thank you note from Brian and Michelle. Everyone asked about Steve's mom. Christi stated his mom may be going into a Tendercare Facility.

Anita: Carl stated she made it back to Texas and she had been in the hospital down there. Then on Saturday and Sunday she was back in Butterworth. He said she did not want anyone to worry. Carl and Teresa went to see her and she had been discharged at 2 o'clock and she is home. She is a little weak but they sat and talked. Teresa stated she may have to go on dialysis. Teresa stated she would keep everyone up to date but give her a shout and she would enjoy that.

Color Tour: John stated we are going to have great weather. Cheryl stated Marv cancelled so there is another room available. John stated we are leaving on Thursday and Ann wants us to drive through Ionia. John stated we are meeting at 2:00 p.m. He stated we will call this a zig zag tour as we are going to go across the state. We will meet at the Pilot gas station. John reminded everyone to bring their radios.

Shirts: Gary stated the shirts are at the printer. He stated they worked on getting the logo right and will be getting them to Carl next week.

Chicago Show: Gary asked who is interested in going to the show again. He said Randy Martin contacted him and they are looking at putting together a bus to go over and they will make a stop in Kalamazoo to pick us up. Gary stated is November 23rd and 24th this year. Gary stated he will send an email out to everyone. Gary stated they are working on a cost.

Next Month's Meeting: John and Christi stated they would host meeting next month on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. The group discussed April 5th for having the meeting with the Ridler. John also stated Ty Mason would like to have us back some time. He was the gentleman with the Dyno.

December Christmas Party: Carl and Teresa offered to have the Christmas Party. Teresa stated we are planning for it on December 14, 2013.

2013 Events Calendar

(*denotes Official WMCC Event)

WMCC Monthly Membership Meetings:

- ~~*Jan 6, 2013 January WMCC Meeting ~ Quaker Steak & Lube, Grand Rapids, MI~~
- ~~*Feb 3, 2013 February WMCC Meeting ~ TGI Fridays, Kalamazoo, MI See Newsletter for Details~~
- ~~*Mar 3, 2013 March WMCC Meeting ~ Branns, Caledonia, MI~~
- ~~*Apr 7, 2013 April WMCC Meeting ~ Ionia Bowl 300, Ionia MI see newsletter for details.~~
- ~~*May 4, 2013 May WMCC Meeting ~ Holiday Inn, Three Rivers, MI~~
- ~~*May 25, 2013 June WMCC Meeting ~ Lane Automotive Show, Watervliet, MI~~
- ~~*Jul 5, 2013 July WMCC Meeting ~ Bob & Joanne Gornicks Hudsonville, MI See Newsletter for details.~~
- ~~*Aug 3, 2013 August WMCC Meeting ~ Red Barn Spectacular, Hickory Corners, MI See Newsletter for Details~~
- ~~*Aug 25, 2013 SEPTEMBER WMCC Meeting ~ Quaker Steak & Lube, Grand Rapids MI~~
- ~~*Oct 5, 2013 October WMCC Meeting ~ Dennis & Bonnie Edwards Home, Burlington MI~~
- *Nov 2, 2013 November WMCC Meeting ~ John & Christi Falkenhagens Home, Middleville MI**
- *Dec 14, 2013 WMCC Annual Christmas Party/Club Meeting - Carl & Teresa Lins home.**

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

- Jun 1, 2013 9th Annual Michigan FBody Spring Meet & Greet 2013
- Jul 5-7, 2013 Camaro Superfest 2013 Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, MI
- *Aug 23-24, 2013 14th Annual Berger Chevrolet "All Chevy Show" - Grand Rapids, MI**

Other Automotive Events of Interest:

- Apr 13, 2013 9th Annual GVSU Carshow. Lot H Grand Valley State University Allendale Campus 11am-3pm
- Apr 27, 2013 Four Star Muffler Car Show Battle Creek, MI \$10 9am -2pm 269-275-4720 or 269-830-2168
- Mar 17, 2013 Swap Meet Russ Milne Ford Macomb, MI \$3/person 8am- 2pm 810-798-8803 or 586-949-3727
- *May 5, 2013 50th Ann. Dust Off @ Mendon High School, Mendon, MI 269-273-3535**
- May 10, 2013 Car Show Woodveiw Christian Church, Wyoming, MI 5-8pm 616-532-5303
- May 11-12, 2013 26th Ann. Car Show & Swap Meet Coldwater, MI www.coldwaterswapmeetandcarshow.com
- May 19, 2013 Antique & Vintage Motorcycle Swap Meet & Show. St Joesph County Fairgrounds Centreville, MI 269-375-2295
- *May 25, 2013 25th Ann. Lane Automotive Car Show (Free!!!!), Watervliet, MI**
- Jun 1, 2013 Classic Car Show 3pm Free Concert 6pm 5/3 Ball Park Grand Rapids, MI www.wgvu.org/realoldiesconcert2013/
- Jun 8, 2013 33rd Ann. Vicksburg Car Show, Downtown Vicksburg, MI \$14 www.vicksburggoldcarfestival.com
- Jun 8-9, 2013 Machines of Muscle Car, Truck & Motorcycle show Olde World Village Augusta, MI www.Oldeworldvillage.com
- Jun 15, 2013 Three Rivers Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show, Downtown Three Rivers MI \$10 269-278-8193
- Jun 16, 2012 32nd Annual Fathers Day Carshow @ Charlton Park, Hastings, MI 269-945-3775
- Jun 22, 2013 10th Ann. Covered Bridge Classic Car Show, Centreville, MI \$10 www.centrevillecoveredbridgedays.com
- Jun 22, 2013 Car, Truck, Bike & Tractor Show 8326 W. DE Ave Kalamazoo, MI 8am- noon 269-344-8250
- Jun 29, 2013 Car Show Comstock High School, Comstock MI. 11am - 3pm 269-267-5297
- *Jun 30, 2013 3rd Annual Summer Classic Carshow, Light & Life Wesleyan Church 3 Rivers, MI \$7 www.lwclive.com**
- *Jul 6, 2013 6th Annual Adam Shafer Memorial Car Show - Lawton High School, Lawton, MI**
- Jul 13, 2013 Kindleberger Car Show Parchment, MI 8am-2pm \$15 www.kindleberger.org
- Jul 20, 2013 Iron Brigade Burnout Carshow US12 Speed & Custom New Buffalo, MI \$10 269-231-5234
- Jul 20, 2013 25th Ann Wayland Car & Motorcycle Show, Wayland, MI 9am- Noon \$10 269-673-3032
- Aug 3, 2013 Red Barn Spectacular, Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Covers, MI \$10/person
- Aug 17, 2013 August Village Car Show Augusta, MI 1-5pm \$15 269-731-5334
- Aug 25, 2013 Hastings Summerfest Car Show Downtown Hastings, MI 8am-5pm \$10 269-248-8789
- Aug 31, 2013 Classic Car Show Lawerance, MI 10am-2pm \$10 269-655-9147
- Sep 6, 2012 11th Annual Trendway Benefit Cruise-IN, 13467 Quincy St, Holland, MI 5-9 PM \$5 616-218-1570
- Sep 8, 2013 Muscle Car Plus Car Show Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Covers, MI \$15 269-345-2202
- Sep 26-29, 2013 Ducktail Rod & Custom Show Gas City, IN 1972 & Older www.ducktailrun.com

Cruise Nights

Saturday - Dairy Queen Hastings, MI - 2nd Saturday of each month May - Sept 6pm-Dusk



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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**Don't Miss the Next
WMCC Meeting SATURDAY November 2, 2013
at John & Christi Falkenhagens home @ 1pm
in Middleville, MI.
See Newsletter for Details.**

Camaro Corner



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