



October 2013

The View from the Top.

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I can't believe it's October already! It seems like I just got the Camaros out of storage for the summer. But, time has a way of marching on, relentlessly, and we just have to try and keep up, I guess.

October Club Meeting Saturday October 5th

First, I want to thank Bonnie & Dennis Edwards for opening up their home to host the October club meeting. The club meeting will start at 1:00pm with the party starting immediately following meeting and will last until ?. This is a great time to visit with friends listen to good music maybe play a little horseshoes and make some smores around the campfire.

Please bring a dish to pass and what you would like to drink. Dennis and Bonnie are furnishing the Sloppy joes and Chili. Be prepared for a fun afternoon and evening. But first, proper directions would be a big help. Directions: You will need to get yourself onto I-94 in the Battle Creek area and look for exit #104 (11 Mile Road). You will go south on 11 Mile Road for approx. 9 miles. The Edwards' home will be on the left side of the road. Their address is: 7150 11 Mile Road, Burlington, MI 49029. There is plenty of space to park in their driveway and yard.

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 & evening with our WMCC Family and make some new (old?) friends. For those coming from a long distance, you may want to stay the night in the area. Dennis & Bonnie have plenty of room for those of you that would like to camp there is also a couple of hotels near by. The Qual-

ity Inn located right next to the casino (just nine miles from the Edwards home). The number there is: 269-964-3000. There is also a Holiday Inn nearby. Their phone number is 269-979-0500. They are about 12 ½ miles from Dennis & Bonnie's house.

Please RSVP Bonnie at (517) 765-9929 or zip-pypin@msn.com so she can plan for the main dish. If Saturday comes and you haven't RSVP'ed, PLEASE join us anyway!

14th Annual Berger Chevrolet "All Chevy Show" August 23&24, 2013:

The 14th Annual Berger Chevrolet All Chevy was a HUGE success. We had 230+ cars at the show and raised **\$1000** for the Ronald McDonald house. Congrats and thanks to all of you that made this such a successful and Fun event.



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

Great Job to all of you that helped with the show.

David Snyder also Donated 3 "2525 28th" prints to be auctioned off for charity. We auction one of at last months meeting for \$125 which will also be going to Ronald McDonald house. We will also auction another off at this mouths meeting. And the proceed from that will also go to Ronald McDonald house.

"2525 28th"



For 88 years Berger Chevrolet has been satisfying customers in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Thank you!

Michelle and I would like to thank all of our WMCC friends for the floral arrangement and for the thoughts, prayers, messages and cards we received after the sudden passing of my dad recently. Even though we now live far away y'all are still our close friends. We hope to see many of you at the MCACN show this year. We will be there with my father-in-law's Lil Red Express truck so look for us and say Hi!

Brian & Michelle Malmquist

Update on the Fall Color Tour October 10, 11, 12

John & Cheryl went up and finished the tour route a couple weeks ago. We will be going up old US 127 to Wolverine then taking H-58 over to Petoskey, coming in to DOWN TOWN from the east turned out to be a great road which think will have lots of color. Since we will be going right through Down Town they thought it might be a good place to stop for a little exploring/ shopping. We will be heading west out of Petoskey and going to Charlevoix going down the East side of the lake to Boyne City. Over to East Jordan, stopping at Murphy's for a snack then working our way back to the Grayling area, depending on the time we have some options for the evening.

ALSO John got an E-mail from Mike and Sue Miller saying they got the last room at FAY's motel, ANY Body still wanting to go the BACK-UP motel is River Country Motor Lodge #[989-348-8619](tel:989-348-8619) it is just down the street and looked like a nice motel also. **Edit: JUST Heard there was a cancellation FAYS and may still be 1 room open.**

Ok now the details The tour is planned for October 10, 11, 12. FAY'S MOTEL, 78 North I-75

Business Loop Grayling, Michigan 49738, 1-989-348-7031, www.faysmotel.com, for reservations. Remember that this year if you can't make it on Thursday the 10th we are staying at the same motel all weekend.

Departure time and place is 9am from the Pilot gas station in Ionia, this is near the freeway on M-66. From there we are going to zigzag our way through the state to get to Grayling around 5:30-6:00 in the evening. As the years go on it is getting harder to find roads that we haven't used on Color Tour, but I think for the most part we have a route that we haven't used yet.

From Ionia on Thursday we are going to take M-21 west to Lowell, Lincoln Lake rd. north up to 18 mile rd., jog around a couple of lakes, Through Trufant on Stanton rd. heading west again. Zigzag through the back roads up through the Croton-Hardy dam area, east on Jefferson rd. through Morley. Make our way to Blanchard MI. where we will find Loafers Glory at 431 main St., this is an old Hardware store built in the 1800's and renovated into a handful of small shops and "tee room" where we plan on eating lunch. We should be there around 1pm. From Blanchard we are going to do more zigzagging up to Farewell and jump onto M-115 and head west again. Take a spin around Lake Cadillac; they have a couple of nice parks near the water if the weather is good they will make a great picture spot. then up to Manton and across to M-66, just yesterday we found a short section of road that loops off M-66 then back to it, about 5 miles that was way better than we expected. Once we get onto M-66 again we will just head up to M-72 and take that to Grayling. Arriving at Fay's in time to settle in and find a place for supper.

Friday we don't have it fully planned but I think we will be going to Wolverine and take M-58 over to Petoskey, time permitting I would like to do a little tour around Lake Charlevoix and then back to Grayling.

Saturday we are planning the big loop up through Atlanta, Black Lake, Cheboygan, west over to Levering, up to Wilderness state park, down to Cross Village, Good Hart. Into Harbor springs and back to Grayling.

I think every day will be a great cruise

with neat things to see and GREAT Camaro friends to enjoy them with. As always sunny days and fair temps are good things, but the important things are the friendships that we all enjoy. The Motel might just be the best thing this year with the option to hang around a campfire or gather in the living room of the trailer house room we have rented.

So if you have never done a Color Tour with the West Michigan Camaro Club this might just be the best year yet. I can't think of anybody ever saying they didn't have a good time.

We finished the Friday route for the tour. We will be going up old US 127 to Wolverine then taking H-58 over to Petoskey, coming in to DOWN TOWN from the east turned out to be a great road which I think will have lots of color. Since we will be going right through Down Town I thought it might be a good place to stop for a little exploring/shopping. We will be heading west out of Petoskey and going to Charlevoix going down the East side of the lake to Boyne City. Over to East Jordan, stopping at Murphy's for a snack then working our way back to the Grayling area, depending on the time we have some options for the evening.

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Once again we will be Meeting up at the Pilot gas station on M-66 on Thursday morning at 9am, Oct. 10th. Looking forward to another great weekend with the Club.



August Meeting Notes

WMCC August 3, Meeting at Hickory Corners, Red Barn Spectacular

In attendance, John & Christi Falkenhagen, Carl Lins, Steve Hall, Dave & Gaye Verburg, Don & Kathleen Johnson, Paul & Wendy Murphy, Rob & Julie Bush, Wade Schindorf, Kevin and Leo McNamara, Doug VanderMax, and Jason Klooster, Sandy Roys & Bert Kowalczyk. I am sorry in advance if I have misspelled any names, it is purely unintentional. John and Cheryl Smith caught up with us later at the Lins' home due to our communication failure on the meeting time change.

Right off the start let us apologize for the mix up in meeting spots and time. When we went to this show with Doug, we met at the Big Boy at the Plainwell/Otsego exit, well that is no longer a "Big Boy", but rather a "Janna's Pancake House". Well the best that Carl could figure was the wife got the restaurant in the divorce, because the colors were all the same. Then one critical thing we left out of the updated meeting notes were the change in time of the meeting. I do believe Gary mentioned at July's meeting that he had yet to get ahold of the people at the place to find out if there would be special parking for us. Thank you Carl for your efforts in getting in touch with the right person for this. Carl found out we needed to be in by 9am and arrive all together if we wanted cars newer than '88 to be allowed in with us. As long as we were there, we were able to go through all of the barns, have our meeting at 11am, still go through more displays and for sale set ups and do as we wished. I am sure we had the meeting at 11, rather than 2pm because of the heat and the fact that we were smack dab in the middle of an open field with no shade, and it was only going to get warmer.

If you missed the meeting, these are the minutes:

We Started with the introductions of New members Jason Klooster, Sandy Roys and Bert Kowalczyk. Jason says he has connections with the Martin Drag Strip and he will try to get us in there for some fun runs. We discussed the WMCC's responsibilities at the Berger All Chevy Show and if you can be there to give a couple hours of your time it would be greatly appreciated. Steve Hall said he and Cassidy plan on selling the 50/50 tickets all day. We discussed the Western Michigan Camaro Club has agreed to be the Host club at Quaker Steak and Lube the Sunday following the Berger Show for their "Sunday Car Cruise In".

Dennis and Bonnie Edwards have offered their place in Buchanan for the October meeting as long as it is on a Saturday due to the time involved in getting ready for work the day after a Sunday meeting. They have plenty of parking and if you wish to take your camper, they have a spot for you. This would most likely be Pot-luck. The following weekend is going to be the WMCC Fall Color Tour. There is a link to the motel on the clubs website, and they still have 7 rooms available. Make sure you mention you are with the WMCC.

Steve Hall has spent a lot of time and money on programs to update the club website. He has designed a business card that anyone can get from him to hand out, and if you have a Smartphone and the scanner app, you can scan the symbol and it takes you right to the website, or you can use the information on the back of the card to log in to the site.

Carl has been trying to accumulate the info needed to update the Club Roster. When you are at the Berger Show, PLEASE take the time to seek the table out at registration that Carl will have this on, so that you may verify your information is accurate. I am not sure if there is going to be a printing of the Roster but at least if you need to get ahold of someone in the club, you will be able to locate them through the website.

We discussed our Silent Auction and its purpose at the Berger Show. Jason said he may be able to get some oil changes or tickets to the track, and Rob is a mechanic and he said he can give some oil changes and tire rotations.

Carl reminded us to encourage Spectators at the show as well as ourselves to go talk to the feature car owners, they are doing us a favor by bring their car in to our show, let's not leave them alone in the feature car garage area.

Meeting was adjourned around 12:30 so that we could look in some more barns and distribute flyers.

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 3, 2013 November WMCC Meeting ~ TBD**
- *Dec 7, 2013 WMCC Annual Christmas Party/Club Meeting - TBD**

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.vicksburgoldcarfestival.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



**Don't Miss the Next
WMCC Meeting SATURDAY October 5, 2013
at Dennis & Bonnie Edwards home @ 1pm
in Burlington, 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.

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