



March 2014

The View from the Top.

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As I sit here looking at mountains of snow for as far as I can see, cruising in our Camaros seems like a far off notion. This has been one of the, if not the snowiest winter on record for West Michigan. But, keep the faith and the nice days will be here before we know it! And we may be able to get them Camaros out next month!!!

March WMCC Meeting Saturday March 1st, 2014

I want to thank Bonnie & Dennis Edwards for opening up their home to host the March club meeting. The thought was to meet at Dennis and Bonnie's home for the meeting then go to the Fire-keepers casino www.firekeeperscasino.com afterwards for Dinner & Gambling. The club meeting will start at 4:00pm.

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.

Attention Members:

Please be Advised that ANYONE who has not paid their club dues by May 1st, 2014 will be dropped from the mailing list and the Club roster. If you would like to continue getting the WMCC newsletter and keep up with all of the things WMCC does. Please pay those dues now.

Events Calendar:

I need those car show flyers and events dates so we can get our 2014 calendar of events put together.

If you have event dates you would like included please email them to wmcamaro@gmail.com. If you have Show flyers you can scan them and email them to me or you may mail me a hard-copy. My address is 56138 Wilbur Road Three Rivers, MI 49093.

2014 GM Heritage Center Tour

MiFbody.com has set up another visit of the GM Heritage Center www.gmheritagecenter.com to see their amazing collection up close! The GM Heritage center is not open to the general public. It is by appointment only. Please RSVP to Brian Meissen at meissen@mifbody.com and let him know how many you will be bringing.

The GM Heritage Center serves as a showplace for the vehicles of the GM Heritage Collection, and as the home of the Heritage and Media Archive. Located in an 81,000 square foot facility in Sterling Heights, Michigan. The Center has approximately 200 vehicles on display, while the Archive houses 15,000 linear feet of shelving containing significant documents, manuals, brochures, and artifacts documenting GM's rich history of innovation. The GM Heritage Collection is ever changing. New vehicles are constantly being obtained to fully represent GM's product story of the past 100+ years.

The tour will be on Saturday March 22, 2014
From noon to 2pm.

The address is 6400 Center Drive
Sterling Heights, MI 48312



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

Cost per person for this event is \$20(Cash Only) payable at the door.

A Final Update on John Hoppers Stolen and Wrecked Camaro ZL1

Last month we brought you the story of a 2012 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 that was stolen by a dealership employee and wrecked leaving the owners and customers of the dealership without their high performance GM muscle car but the family has since received their new Camaro ZL1 as a replacement with some special features making this Camaro even more rare and more valuable than the car that was totaled.

A quick background on the saga of the stolen and wrecked 2012 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 #1635 that was owned by John and Debbie Hooper. The Hoopers had taken their supercharged super-Camaro to Georgetown Chevrolet for some simple warranty repair work and since is a dealership and nothing can get done in a timely manner at dealerships the Hoopers had to leave their Camaro ZL1 at the dealership over the weekend. On Sunday December 15th, Georgetown Chevrolet service writer Eric Peterson broke into the closed dealership and stole the Hooper's Camaro ZL1 but while out trying to learn how the other half lives the thief wrapped the car around a pole.

The Hooper's Camaro ZL1 was totaled and over the weeks following that, the dealership did a lack-luster job of making good on the fact that their employee stole the car while in their possession. You can click [here](#) to read the initial report on the headache that the Hoopers went through in December 2013 and January 2014.

Fortunately, TorqueNews and many, many other media sources covered the story of the Hooper's Camaro ZL1 and as a result of the media frenzy, General Motors caught wind of the actions of the deadbeat dealership. GM contacted a few dealerships and found that Berger Chevrolet had a brand new 2013 Camaro ZL1 that would serve as a proper replacement for the Hooper's 2012 ZL1 so in cooperation with GM, Berger shipped the new ZL1 to Georgetown Chevrolet. We reported this good news back on January 16th but it was unclear as to when the couple would actually get their new Camaro and with the story seemingly coming to an end, it took some hunting around to find out what happened.

It turns out that John and Debbie Hooper finally

took delivery of their new 2013 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 on Friday, February 4th It took six weeks of patience by the Hoopers but GM and Berger Chevrolet did their best to make up for the headache experienced by the owners of ZL1 #1635. The car sent to Delaware was not just any 2013 Camaro ZL1 but instead, it was a rare Berger Chevrolet model that included a handful of unique features like a blacked out grille, unique wheels, custom graphics and special floor mats. Finally, Berger Chevrolet included a laminated card signed by the Berger family that reads "This car was built for John Hooper".
(Photo of Johns New "Berger" ZL1 on back cover)

Some reports have included quotes from representatives from Georgetown Chevrolet and their parent First State Chevrolet whining that they have been pounded with rude phone calls, emails and social media postings but it seems to me that the dealership got exactly what they deserved. Their own internal security setup or lack thereof allowed one of their employees to steal the Hoopers 2012 Camaro ZL1 and wreck it, but when the time came for the dealership to bite the bullet and make good on the whole situation they totally dropped the ball. This should serve as a reminder to dealerships and shops around the country that when you take possession of a customer's car you are responsible for it when in the hands of your employees.

Kudos to General Motors and Berger Chevrolet for stepping up and fixing this problem for First State Chevrolet and the Hooper family.

Article reprinted from:

<http://www.torquenews.com/106/final-update-stolen-and-wrecked-chevrolet-camaro-zl1-delaware>

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 2013, 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

Western Michigan Camaro Club February 01, 2014

Present: Steve and Kassie Hall, Bob, Kelly and Jordan Donker, John and Cheryl Smith, John and Christie Falkenhagen, Carl and Teresa Lins, Doug Vandermear, Dave and Gay Verburg, Steve and Kathy Ogrodzinski.

Meeting @ 2:20pm: Not too much to cover. The weather was not cooperating with us some ventured out but understand why many did not show.

Dennis Miner: Some of you may know Dennis Miner "Wade" he is from the NEOCC and a WMCC member as well. His Father Jerald E. Minor passed away on January 30, 2014. All send our condolences to the family.

March 01, 2014: Dennis and Bonnie took the day to enjoy the Great Snowmobiling that MI has this year but called and stated they would Host the Next meeting at their house. For those of you who have not been there the address is: 7150 11 mile road Burlington MI 49029. They are directly south of Fire Keepers Casino. <http://www.firekeeperscasino.com/default/index.cfm> The thought was to meet at Dennis and Bonnie's then go to the casino afterwards. More info will follow.

15th Anniversary for the All Chevy Show at Berger.

Feature Cars 2014 Berger show: Carl discussed that we need to start thinking about the Feature Cars for the upcoming 2014 Berger Show. We have things to do soon. T-Shirt Design, Flyer Design and if we want to assemble items for the silent auction. We can receive donations from companies such as Mothers and Meguiar's but we need to have the complete flyer and send to them 3-4 months in advance.

Mendon Car Show: We discussed our normal Mendon Car show. The option came up to stay with the Mendon show or change it up for the May meeting and go to the Coldwater car show the following week. <http://www.coldwaterswapmeetandcarshow.com/>

Although the Mendon will still be going and all can attend but thought we may move this 1 week out for the May Meeting. Looking for suggestions for next meeting, The show is free and the hand out flowers to all the Mom's.

April Meeting: Looking for ideas Meijer Fredrick Garden (Butterfly's) <http://www.meijergardens.org/>

Thought it may be busy on a weekend. Other thoughts were Boulder Ridge wild animal park in Alto,MI <http://www.boulderridgewap.com/>

Possible Club House: John Smith though that maybe we could look at purchasing a small place to have meetings and such it's a Farmers Tavern that may be up for sale.

Club Dues:

Remember Club dues

Steve Hall has tested the Paypal account and is still in a trial phase. This Function will hopefully allow you to pay your club dues on the club Website. For those who would like to try this please let us know that you did try to pay on line and the result so we can insure it is working correctly. Visit the Camaro Club Web page then to the on-line Application and fill out info. Each person will have to fill this out as a New Member or Existing Member if you would like to pay dues on line.

http://www.wmcamaro.org/?page_id=667



Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting
Saturday March 1, 2014 @ 4pm.
At Dennis & Bonnie Edwards Home
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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