



## **August 2014**

### **The View from the Top.**

#### **August WMCC Club Meeting, Sunday, August 3rd, 2014**

For our August Meeting we will meet at Berger Chevrolet 2525 28th Street, Grand Rapids, MI at 1pm. We will have a Club Meeting (So bring those chairs) in the parking lot. We figured we would meet at Berger so we could go over any and all things we might need to talk about for the Berger All Chevy show in just a few short weeks. After the meeting we will take a short cruise somewhere for a late lunch.

#### **15th Annual Berger Chevrolet "All Chevy Show" August 22&23, 2014:**

It's hard to believe, but this year marks the 15th Annual Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show! By now, we have the running of this show pretty much down to a science. We plan to do things the same as always. We'll talk about our jobs and duties at our next Club meetings, so please plan to attend. Be sure to pick up show fliers from me so we can all work together to spread them around.

After hosting the Berger Show for all these years, we pretty much have the running of the show down to a science. I couldn't be more proud of how well our Club members work together and have run this show over the years. So, plan on all the usual jobs again this year. We'll be setting things up on Friday evening (tables, chairs, paperwork, folding and categorizing T - shirts, roping off some special sections of the lot, etc.). I plan to be at Berger around 6pm on Friday evening to get things started. We'll place as many Feature Cars as we can and wrap things up by 10pm.

The show officially starts at 8am on Saturday morning. However, inevitably, there will be show entrants in the parking lot by 6am, so we'll need to

get there as early as possible, by 6:30 - 6:45am at the latest. We'll set out all of our registration paperwork, position our parking workers and driveway/entry workers and open registration as early as we can. One of our biggest concerns is for our members that work out in the parking lot, either parking cars or manning the entry to the show. I want to make sure we have extra members that can relieve these workers from time to time. Standing out in the sun (hopefully!) for hours is the hardest job of all, so let's make sure we send relief workers out there and keep them supplied with water.

For our newer members, don't worry. The jobs are pretty easy and everyone will be happy to help you out if you need it.

We are having a Silent auction again this year. SO PLEASE bring an item or items for this auction. All proceeds from this auction will be given to Doug's favorite charity the Ronald McDonald house.

We arranged for some great Feature Cars and still have room for a few more. So if you know of any please let Carl Lins know ASAP.

This is shaping up to be another great event. We'll see everyone there!

#### **September WMCC Club Meeting, Sunday, August 24th, 2014**

Yes, the September WMCC monthly will be a week earlier than our usual monthly schedule.



**Doug Warren, WMCC Founder  
1953-2010**

**You will never be forgotten**

We will have many out of town members staying in Grand Rapids for the Berger show and this will be our only opportunity for another Club photo out in front of the dealership (since the lot will already be cleared for the show the day before). Therefore, we will meet in the front parking lot of Berger at 10am on Sunday morning for our Club group photo. Setting this photo up is a fairly laborious task, so to make this go as quickly as possible, we are asking everyone to be on time and attentive as we arrange all the cars in a layout that will look good in the photo. This date change will also free up the upcoming holiday weekend for our members to do family activities over the Labor Day weekend.

After the photo shoot, we will head to some place yet TBD for our club meeting & lunch. Depending on how the day goes, & how everybody feels we may take a Ice Cream cruise after the meeting.

### [US 131 Motorsports Park](#) [July 25th, 2014](#)

How about a little DRAG RACING!!! Nick Kemp has decided it is time for us to get back to the strip. So after some discussion on facebook among club members July 25th from 5-11 was picked for some test and tune fun.

Friday Nights include an open Test & Tune for any and all vehicles, novice or seasoned racer. Similar to Wednesdays, drivers can make unlimited time runs all evening and pair up against other racers for grudge matches. Whether you want to just test your vehicle, run against one another or just hang out with friends this is the place to be on Friday nights.

Friday night bonus, \$1 hot dogs at the US 131 Grill!

Gates open at 5pm, racing from 6pm to 11pm

Admission is \$10 and just an additional \$15 to run your car.

Children ages 6-12 are \$5 and children under 6 are FREE!!!

So whos down for some stripping? Lol

### [Del Shannon Car Show and cruise in Coopersville MI.](#)

Cruise: August 8th, evening. Dash plaques for first 200 donations. After cruise party at Keyser Manufacturing. Free concert. Food and beverages avail-

able.

Show: August 9th. Registration 7:00-12:00, autos, motorcycles, & trucks

Pancake Breakfast: 7:00-10:00

Train shuttle available. Awards and Trophies at 3:00.

Truck Show at Keyser Manufacturing  
Early registration (Before 8/1) \$12 per vehicle.

Day of Show: \$15.00

600 dash plaques available

Pancake Breakfast: \$5.00

Shirts: \$10-\$13

Delshannoncarshow.org

### [Fall Color Tour update](#)

This weekend Cheryl and I took some time and got in touch with Lynn Dewey, he is the man that owns the barn with all the cars facing the road on our trip up Grayling on Thursday. No Camaros but all Chevys, late 60s early 70s A body. It will be a nice place to stop and stretch.

I still have to nail down the exact place but I am planning on meeting at the Coopersville Exit 16 on I-96, 68th Ave. there is a couple of places I will pick one in the near future.

For those that don't have reservations the # to Fay's is 1-800-257-3010

For those that are going a quick rundown, Thursday Oct. 9th leaving from Coopersville around 9am and hitting the back roads with some of the towns crossing will be Newaygo, Big Rapids, stopping in Mt.Pleasant at Mountain Town for lunch. On up to Beaverton, Gladwin and St. Helen, (I don't think I will make it to Mt. St. Helen Washington so I figured St. Helen Mi. would work.) After stopping to look at Lynn's collection we will head into Grayling and get settled in. Friday will be a trip to Petoskey for a couple of hrs. of browsing and the waterfalls in town. Make a Circle back to The Cross in the Woods near Indian River and back to Grayling. Just might have time to see out friends in Gaylord on the way up, or down not sure yet. Saturday we will be making the loop around to Alpena, Rodgers City, Onaway and back down. Falls just west of Rodgers City.

Its going to be a great time again and I can't wait for October.

Thanks, John Smith

## Red Barns Spectacular Car Show, Saturday August 2, 2014:

Saturday, August 2. Gilmore Classic Car Museum's, Red Barns Spectacular Car Show. The show hours are from 9am-5pm. The Museum is located on the corner of M43 & Hickory Road, just west of Hickory Corners, MI. In general terms, it's east of Plainwell, north of Gull Lake, south of Hastings and west of Hickory Corners. For more information, you can visit their website @ [www.gilmorecarmuseum.org](http://www.gilmorecarmuseum.org).

## Camaro Corral at the Woodward Dream Cruise Saturday August 16, 2014

Sponsored by Chevrolet, the Camaro Corral at the Woodward Dream Cruise will be located just south of I696 in the picturesque parks adjacent to Pleasant Ridge City Hall!

We will have space for 150!!! Camaros.

- Parking will be absolutely free.
- We will allow people to come and go as they please. We want the Corral to be full of Camaros, not a bunch of empty spots. :)
- Ramps will be on-site to get your vehicle from the road up over the curb into the grass.
- Portable restrooms will also be available on site as well.
- There will not be any on-site food, but there are food options within walking distance from the Corral's location.

TO RESERVE A SPOT ON THE LIST --

Please email Brian Messien at [meissen@mifbody.com](mailto:meissen@mifbody.com) with your first & last name. put "Camaro Corral Reservation" in tile or sign up on the facebook event page. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1433882976897634/>

If you do not show up by 10am we will be giving away your spot on a first come, first serve basis.



## 2016 Camaro spied for the first time

We have our very first spy photos of the next-generation, 2016 Chevrolet Camaro, in what looks like a higher-performance variety. The heavily camo'd tester was spotted on General Motors' Milford, MI proving grounds .



Despite the hefty amounts of camo, our spies' very long lenses reveal that the next-gen muscle car will sport a more aggressive and slightly more muscular aesthetic, with what appears to be a lower roofline and a shorter rear decklid. The area between the rear doors and the rear wheel also appears tighter, while the front wheels look closer to the car's corners. Obscured by the camo, it also looks like this new model may feature a more rounded rear end.

There are also a few high-performance bits and bobs on display here. The quad exhausts are rather prominent in the rear bumper, while large, flashy wheels aren't what we're use to seeing on a vehicle so early in its development. A rear spoiler can be seen poking off the rear decklid, while the hood sports what look like some cooling vents. It's entirely possible that these items could indicate that this is the next-gen ZL1 or SS 1LE.

Underneath the sheetmetal, a new, lighter Alpha platform is tipped to replace the current car's older Zeta platform, and has been given the codename A1BC. Under hood, six and eight-cylinder engines are expected to be offered, as well as the 2.0-liter, turbocharged four-cylinder found on Alpha-platform cars like the Cadillac ATS and CTS.

As for when we can expect it to hit showrooms, our spies claim production will begin in October of 2015 in Lansing, MI. Considering that, establishing a timeline points to a debut at either the Detroit Auto Show in January, or at April's New York Auto Show.



# Berger Chevrolet

## All Chevy Show

15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

August 23<sup>th</sup> 2014 8am to 2pm  
2525 28th Street S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan



*Stick around for the "10<sup>th</sup> Annual 28<sup>th</sup> Street Metro Cruise"  
happening right in front of the dealership*

*(Meet & Greet Friday Evening 7pm to 10pm)*

**\*Awards to the "Top 25" Chevrolets at the Show\***

**\*Hosted by the Western Michigan Camaro Club\***

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# Berger Chevrolet

## "The Last of the Supercar Dealers"

Berger Chevrolet cordially invites you to attend the 15th annual "All Chevy Show". Yenko, Nickey, Dana, Baldwin-Motion and Fred Gibb Chevrolet are sadly long gone but **Berger Chevrolet** is still very much in business. Since 1925 Berger Chevrolet has been owned and operated by the Berger family - **89 years of keeping performance alive!**

To celebrate their performance, heritage Berger is throwing another **ALL CHEVY SHOW** party. Over the last 14 years the show has grown into a national caliber event with participants coming from all over the United States and Canada. Hosted by the Western Michigan Camaro Club, the show will begin on Friday, August 22, and ends on Saturday, August 23, 2014. All Chevrolets (**Chevy Bodied AND Chevy Powered ONLY, please**) are invited to participate. We would especially like to invite any of those "Berger" Chevys from the '60s and '70s as well as all the special "Berger SS" Camaros, Hot Rod Magazine Limited Edition Camaros, Berger ZL-1 Camaro Supercars and the Berger Chevrolet - Dick Harrell Camaro Supercars. Think of it as a homecoming! As always, all car enthusiasts are invited to attend.

There will be several "milestone" Berger Chevys and 5th generation Berger Special Edition SS Camaros on display. Many of the above mentioned Camaros will be on hand for all to see as well. The show will go on **Rain or Shine** and will be an Indoor/Outdoor show.

This year we will again be having a "Meet & Greet" get together on Friday evening (August 22rd). This is an informal activity designed to allow us to watch the "cruisers" along 28th Street participating in the "[10th Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise](#)". The hours for the Meet & Greet are 7pm to 10pm and there will be a food vendor on site for your convenience.

### **Event Hours:**

Friday: Meet and Greet – 7pm to 10pm at Berger Chevrolet

Saturday: All Chevy Show – 8am to 2pm at Berger Chevrolet (Registration Opens at 8am)

### **Entry Fee**

\$25.00 per car includes one free T-shirt per entry, and a dash plaque to the first 200 entrants.

### **For More Information:**

Berger's web site: [www.bergerchevrolet.com](http://www.bergerchevrolet.com)

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Ramada Inn	3333 28 <sup>th</sup> Street SE	616-949-9222	Fairfield Inn	3930 Stahl Drive SE	616-940-2700
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Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting  
Sunday August 3, 2014 @1pm  
At Berger Chevrolet  
in Grand Rapids, 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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### **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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