



January 2015

The View from the Top.

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As the month of December passes I can't help but think about the many great members WMCC has lost over the last several years. Doug Warren, Karen Lewis, John Glistler, Ken Miedema, and most recently Bob Gornick. I have many fond memories with all of these people. I am sure they are all watching over us.

January 2015 WMCC Club Meeting

It was decided by the membership at the Christmas party that we would not have a January meeting due to the holidays and everybody being busy.

Berger Show Planning Meeting.

January 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Brann's in Caledonia.
6450 100th St SE
Caledonia, MI 49316
(616) 891-6055

This will not be a regular club meeting. This will be

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 2014, 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 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

a meeting to discuss and organize details for the Berger Show.

WMCC February Club Meeting Saturday February 7th, 2015

For our February meeting we will be meeting at Gravity Taphouse Grille, 3210 Deposit Dr. Grand Rapids, MI 49546 @ 2 pm. This is in the vicinity of I-96 and M-37. They have a private dining room reserved for us. Thank you to Steve & Kathy O for making the arrangements.

Hope to see you all there!

A Message from John Smith

Hi all,

Just wanted take a minute and thank you ALL for the well wishes and visits. I'm home now and starting the long road to recovery.

THANK YOU !!!

John Smith

Great Deals at Berger Chevrolet.

Got the below message from Matt Berger. If your interested in a New Chevrolet stop in to Berger or Give Dick or Beth a call.

We just received a great year-end incentive on some of our 2014 inventory. There are only 30 units out of over 800 in stock that qualify. The deal is 20% off MSRP. The good news is that we have a couple of ZL1's and a 1LE that qualify for this huge discount. I know one is almost \$12,000 off. Even though they are far from the least expensive Camaros, this make them an incredible buy. The deal only lasts until January 2nd so I need to get the word out.



Doug Warren, WMCC Founder
1953-2010

You will never be forgotten

WMCC Christmas Party report

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone that attended our Annual Camaro Club Christmas Party. I would also like to thank Christi Falkenhagen for making the arrangements for the party. As usual, there was great stories and memories shared as well as hours of camaraderie with our WMCC "family". Some of us finally left the party at about 4am! LOL A Great time was had by all!



Upcoming Events

North American International Auto show

January 17-25, 2015

Cobo Center

One Washington Blvd.

Detroit, MI 48226

More info @ www.naias.com

Michigan International Auto Show

February 5-8, 2015

Devos Place

303 Monroe Ave NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

More info @ <http://showspan.com/MAS/>

Kalamazoo Antique Auto Restorers Club 52nd Annual Winter Auto Swap Meet

February 7-8, 2015

Kalamazoo County Expo Center

2900 Lake Street

Kalamazoo, MI 49048

More info @ www.kaarc.org

Detroit Autorama

March 7-9, 2015

Cobo Center

One Washington Blvd.

Detroit, MI 48226

More info @

<http://autorama.com/attend-show-2/mar-7-9-detroit-mi/>

WMCC 40th Anniversary Party

2015 is the 40th anniversary for the Western Michigan Camaro Club. John Smith has offered his property to host the party. The party will be the weekend of July 25th, 2015. Camping will be available for anybody who wants to bring a camper. I am sure it will be a great time. More details to come in the following months.

HOT ROD Power Tour 2015

HOT ROD Power Tour is the largest road trip in the world, with several thousand cars traveling to seven cities in seven days with great stops and cruise nights along the way that include massive amounts of manufacturer booths and local hot rods. The 21st running of Power Tour in 2015 is from June 6-13, starting in Madison, Wisconsin, and ending in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on a route that includes highways and winding back roads. Gearheads can join in at any point along the way; the exclusive Long Haul Gang includes the people who take the entire Power Tour route along with the staff of HOT ROD. Participants can sightsee, explore, and show off their cars in towns along the way and in each participating city, and spectators are free to come look at the massive Power Tour cruise scene every night!



June 6 – Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin

June 7 – Parkland College, Champaign, Illinois

June 8 – Gateway Motorsports Park, Madison, Illinois

June 9 – Memphis International Raceway, Memphis, TN

June 10 – Hoover Metropolitan Stadium, Birmingham, AL

June 11 - TBD

June 12 – Lamar Dixon Expo Center, Baton Rouge, LA

June 13 – Lamar Dixon Expo Center – LONG HAULERS ONLY*

*Saturday, June 13th, is not open to the general public. The venue will only open for the Hot Rod Power Tour Long Hauler ceremony.

To register go to <https://www.raceit.com/>

[Register/?event=30034](https://www.raceit.com/Register/?event=30034)

**Western Michigan Camaro Club Christmas Club
December 6, 2014**

Present: Shelley and Gary, Ashley and Scott Crippin, Christi and John Falkenhagen, Tammy and Gib Loudon, Teresa and Carl Lins, Jeannine and Ray Shafer, Christy and Nick Kemp, Cheryl and John Smith, Angie and Dave Kemp, Gay and Dave Verberg, Kathy and Steve Ogradzinski, Kelly, Bob and Jordan Donker, Sandy Roys, Bert Kowakzyk, Kathleen and Don Johnson, Jan and Al Boyer, and Dan Baker

Memorial: Carl shared we lost a very great club member, Bob Gorneck today. He stated it was a great ceremony and a nice testament to his life.

Christmas Party: Carl thanked everyone for attending the Christmas Party and thanked Christi and John for setting this evening up.

Video: Gary stated he shared the 2003 video of the Hot Rod Power Tour because this was the year that Bob Gorneck purchased his car. Tammy shared the story of the first time they go to meet Bob Gorneck. Many of the other members discussed stories with Bob.

New Members: We welcomed new members Greg and Beatrice are here. He has a couple Pontiacs and Mustangs but is working on getting a Camaro.

January Meeting: The group discussed having next month's meeting. Gary suggested having the meeting on the 10th. Everyone discussed having the meeting February 7th at Gravity in Grand Rapids Michigan and Kathy will call and take care of the reservations. We will do this at 2:00 p.m. More information to come.

Berger Show: Carl, John F. and John Smith and Gary are talking about getting some more help as they have several positions within the club that need filled. Carl expressed getting feature cars and getting t-shirts was difficult and we need more help. They need help with doing the flyer. He expressed they are going to go to Berger and discuss what they are planning to do and ask what they want the club to do. The club discussed that reducing the price of the show and then let people pay for the shirt. John Smith suggested having a Berger meeting to organize the Berger show. Dan suggested we give someone that enters the show and possibly we give those that enter the show with a car get a reduction of price for the shirt. Dennis stated we need to have structured meetings where we tell everyone this is what we are discussing and have people sign up early to volunteer their time for the different stages of the process. Gary stated he will probably get this flyer out and hopefully that will be ready to go out in January. Christy stated we need to look at trying to include the younger generation like a vintage like shirt. The suggestion was having a Berger Show planning meeting to finalize this meeting. Gary stated he would like someone to volunteer to get feature cars and t-shirts. The Berger Meeting will be on January 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Brann's in Caledonia. Christy will work on a new club flyer.

Newsletter: Gary stated he will need to have everyone send information to him for the newsletter. He stated if anyone goes to a car show please write something up.

WMCC 40th Anniversary Party: John Smith discussed having the 40th Anniversary at his home. The group discussed having the party on July 25th and we have the meeting at this same event. Everyone voted and it was decided we would have the party on July 25, 2014. This will be Friday/Saturday and Sunday event. John stated if there is enough interest we can do a golf outing. John stated he would like to see if we can get Berger representative to show up. John stated that kids are welcome. Gary stated the club will pay for the main dish. The main event will be on Saturday but there will be events on Friday also.

Thank you to Christi: Everyone thanked Christi for setting up this Christmas Party.

Ronald McDonald House: Gary thanked everyone for bringing things for the Ronald McDonald House



**There will be no
January Camaro Club meeting
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.

WMCC Officers

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