



## March 2016

# The View from the top.

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OK, its the end of February and the weather just can't make up its mind. Last weekend it was 60+ degrees and just a couple days later we had almost a foot of snow, but thats not the important part. The important part is it's the beginning of March and that could only mean one thing. It means It's almost time to get our Camaros out of winter storage and start driving them again. WOOT! WOOT!

One last thing DUES ARE DUE, if you haven't paid yours yet please do so ASAP. Dues are what keeps this club a float and help pay

### Membership Dues

This is just a friendly reminder. Yearly membership dues are due in January. If you joined the Club *before* July of 2015, 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



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

for the great Christmas party and other events.

### WMCC March Club Meeting Sunday March 6, 2016

For our March club meeting we will be meeting at Old Chicago on 28th Street in Grand Rapids. Old Chicago is attached to the Ramada on the corner of 28th street and E Beltline.

**What: WMCC March Meeting**

**Where: Old Chicago**

**3333 28th Street S.E., Ste. A**

**Kentwood, MI49512**

**616-940-1111**

**When: March 6, 2016 @ 1:00 PM**

So mark your calendar and Please plan to attend.

### Welcome Graycen

Congratulations Steve & Kassie Hall and Grandpa Carl & Grandma Teresa Lins. Graycen Lins Hall was welcomed into the world on February 2nd at 2:04am she weighed 7 pound 5 oz and was 21 inch long.



## Tour of Missouri

Just wanted to open the invitation to WMCC, I'm planning a Tour of Missouri (and more).

Dates are April 29-May 1 2016. Travel to MO from MI would be April 28 and May 2 return to MI.

This tour is Like John Smiths' Color Tour and my Tour de Michigan, just in MO. We will be touring southern MO and parts of RTE 66, wineries and other local attractions. Hope some can make it down and see our new home and new State.

FYI, temps avg about 70 degrees during the day and 50's at night for these dates!

Here is a booking links for Tour Missouri, Thursday April 28 Jackson MO

Friday April 29 – May 1 Springfield MO  
<https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2270437>

Sunday May 1 Jackson MO  
<https://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2270386>

For more information contact Randy "Doc" Martin [bicycledoctor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bicycledoctor@sbcglobal.net)

Wish everyone well,  
Sincerely, Randy "Doc" Martin

## Source One Autoparts

I was recently contacted by Source One Autoparts. They buy GM Surplus parts, they recently bought a bunch of Late model Camaro Surplus parts. Parts include complete Z28 brake packages, Complete convertible top assemblies.

An email I received from them...

We now have complete Z28 brake kits, 4 rotors and 4 calipers. GM list price on that complete kit is in excess of \$15k and we'll be making it available for about half that.

We received a number of complete Camaro convertible tops this past week (in both black and tan). The GM part numbers are: 22936379 and 22936380. Here is a link to the black one on eBay:

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/22936380-Folding->

[Convertible-Top-Complete-Assembly-Black-2013-15-Chevy-Camaro-/331774465977?  
ssPageName=STRK:MESE:IT](http://www.ebay.com/itm/22936380-Folding-Convertible-Top-Complete-Assembly-Black-2013-15-Chevy-Camaro-/331774465977?ssPageName=STRK:MESE:IT)

It may be easiest to direct you to our eBay store or our website, I will provide links below.

<http://stores.ebay.com/Source-One-Auto-Parts>

<http://www.sourceoneautoparts.com/>

Please let me know if you have any questions. We would love to provide local Camaro owner's with Genuine GM parts at a discounted price.

Clay VanderMeeden  
"S1AutoParts" on eBay  
Source One Services  
8100 Neptune Drive  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
[269-343-3323](tel:269-343-3323)  
[1-855-766-3288](tel:1-855-766-3288)

## Wanted December 2015 Issue of Motor Trend Magazine

Ronnie Mykols IROC was featured in the Camaro Vs Mustang article in this issue.

<http://www.motortrend.com/news/mustang-vs-camaro-a-timeline-of-the-muscle-car-rivalry/>. If you have an extra issue that you would be willing to give up please contact Dennis Mykols [djmykols@comcast.net](mailto:djmykols@comcast.net)



## Hot Rod Power Tour 2016

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 22nd running of Power Tour, in 2016, is from June 11–17, starting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and ending in Kansas City, on a route that includes highways and winding backroads.



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, hordes of local spectators will take part in the event as well as they welcome the massive Power Tour cruise to their city!

Last year, we saw a record number of participants! In fact, we had exactly 6,095 drivers meet us at our stops along the 1,500-mile journey, with 2,120 of those drivers and cars making it on our Long Haul Gang for the entire week. Even better, we had around 116,000 spectators walk through our stops throughout the week.

### **What are the HOT ROD Power Tour dates and cities for 2016?**

**June 11** – Lamar Dixon Expo Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**June 12** – Royal Purple Raceway, Baytown, Texas

**June 13** – Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas

**June 14** – Traders Village, Grand Prairie, Texas

**June 15** – Remington Park, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**June 16** – Kansas Pavilions, Wichita, Kansas

**June 17** – Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kansas

**June 17** Late afternoon – Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, KS - LONG HAULERS ONLY\*

Register at: <https://www.raceit.com/Register/?event=35468>

## The Sturgis Camaro Rally

June 23–26, 2016

Sturgis Camaro Rally is an all generation Camaro event featuring a show & shine, drag racing, auto cross, poker runs, and much much more! Camaro owners will get the chance to cruise through the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota with their fellow Camaro owners while celebrating the number one American muscle car, the Chevy Camaro. <http://www.sturgiscamarorally.com>

Registration will be located at Iron Horse Saloon on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the 6th Annual Sturgis Camaro Rally. Stop in to pick up your registration package, ask questions, or register for the 2016 event.

### **Z28 DRIVER PACKAGE**

\$120 per car/driver before May 1st - \$130 per car/driver after May 1st

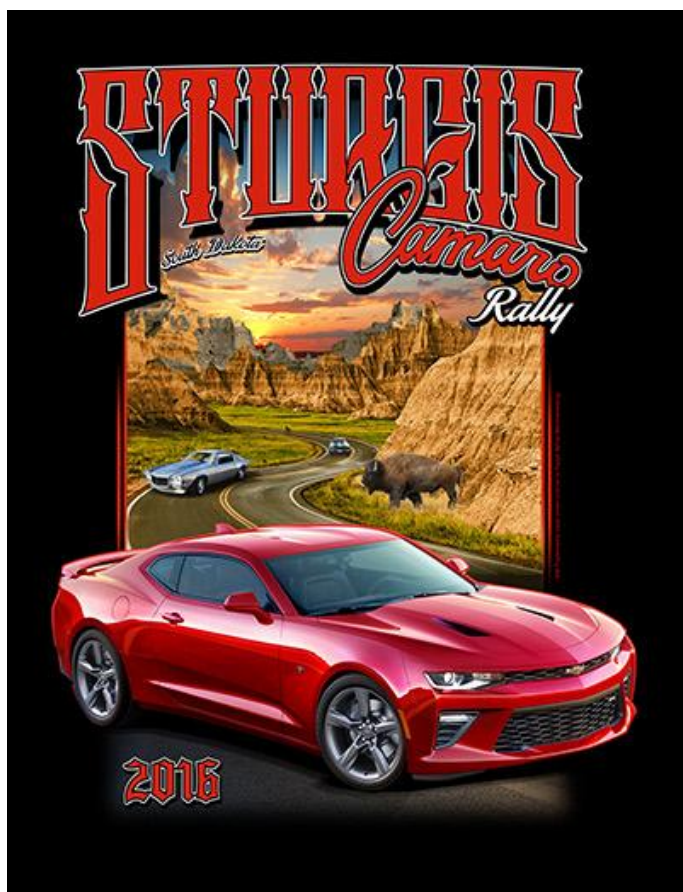
Knuckle Mixer Dinner

Pub Crawl

Complimentary Breakfast Friday

Auto Cross Participant Entry

Show & Shine Entry



Parade Entry  
Drag Racing Spectator Entry or \$10 Towards Participant Fee  
Poker Run Entry  
Banquet Dinner  
Participant T-shirt if registered by May 1st  
Entrance to be a participant at the drag races can be purchased at Sturgis Dragway.

### **Z28 GUEST PACKAGE**

\$50 per guest  
(Only available with purchase of Z28 Car/Driver Package)  
Maximum of 3 guests per Z28 package  
Knuckle Mixer Dinner  
Pub Crawl  
Complimentary Breakfast Friday  
Drag Racing Spectator Entry  
Poker Run Entry  
Banquet Dinner  
Participant T-shirt if registered by May 1st

### **SS DRIVER PACKAGE**

\$ 75 per car/driver before May1st - \$ 85 per car/driver after May 1st  
Knuckle Mixer Dinner  
Pub Crawl  
Complimentary Breakfast Friday  
Show & Shine Entry  
Parade Entry  
Poker Run Entry  
Banquet Dinner  
Participant T-shirt if registered by May 1st  
Entrance to be a spectator or participant at the drag races can be purchased at Sturgis Dragway.

### **SS GUEST PACKAGE**

\$50 per guest  
(Only available with purchase of SS Car/Driver Package)  
Maximum of 3 guests per SS package  
Knuckle Mixer Dinner  
Pub Crawl  
Complimentary Breakfast Friday  
Poker Run Entry  
Banquet Dinner  
Participant T-shirt if registered by May 1st  
Entrance to be a spectator at the drag races can be purchased at Sturgis Dragway.

### **RS DRIVER PACKAGE**

\$20 per car / driver - no guest package available  
Show & Shine Entry  
Parade Entry  
Entrance to be a spectator or participant at the

drag races can be purchased at Sturgis Dragway.

In addition to the participant voting at the Loud American Show & Shine, we will be having a Show Car Competition. This is a competitive car show judging competition that will be an additional \$25 fee to enter before May 1st. After May 1st the fee will be increased to \$50. Please see the Show Car Competition event section for more info.

### **12th Annual Michigan FBody Meet & Greet 2016**

Started in 2005, the Spring Meet & Greet has become not only a tradition for members of the MiF-body.com website, but a tradition for members of the entire Michigan Camaro and Firebird enthusiast community. The show is meant to be a laid back, casual show to promote face-to-face interaction with Camaro and Firebird enthusiasts. Many of us know each other through the various large forums but we do not get a chance to meet in person and check out each other's cars. The Meet & Greet was created to help create new friendships and new bonds.

In 2009, the informal BBQ was amped up into a full fledged car show. We switched locations from being held at local Metro Parks to our new home: Bakers of Milford. Known for their free weekly Sunday cruise-ins, Bakers of Milford was the perfect fit for our show. A great restaurant, clean restrooms, outdoor grill, and an open parking lot: all the makings for a perfect car show!

For 2016, the Michigan FBody staff are happy to announce that we will again be supporting another charity! This year's charity will be Turning Point - a local charity from Mt. Clemens, Michigan, which offer services to end domestic violence and sexual abuse. **We ask for a minimum \$10 donation for anyone who wishes to have their vehicle judged. Donations can be made at the event.** We plan to have multiple ways to donate towards the Turning Point charity while at our event, so bring your wallets and let's support a great charity!

**What:** 12th Annual Michigan FBody Meet & Greet 2016

**Date:** June 4th, 2016

**Time:** 9am to 3pm (Awards ceremony at 2pm!)

**Location:** Bakers of Milford, Milford, Michigan

**Address:** 2205 S. Milford Rd, Milford, Michigan

**<http://www.mifbody.com/meetgreet/>**

**Western Michigan Camaro Club**  
**January 30, 2016**  
**Vitalie's Sports Bar and Grill**

**Present:** Dave and Gay Verberg, Dave and Angie Kemp, Gib and Tammy Loudon, Al Boyer, John and Cheryl Smith, Gary and Shelley, Ashley and Scottie and Dennis and Bonnie Edwards

**Next Month's Meeting on March 6, 2016:** The group discussed having next month's meeting Uccello's on Beltline. Gary will call and make arrangements.

**Frankenmuth Show:** Tammy stated the Frankenmuth show would be on September 9, 10 and 11th weekend and Tammy said she would host gathering and has room for camping as well as a couple bedrooms, more information to come.

**Berger Show:** The group discussed the Berger Show. The GMMG cars will all be in the service bay. The group discussed what changes we may need to look at for planning. Gary stated Jim was going to buy some awards for the GMMG participants. They will have to register as part of the Berger Show and we will put up some different for their window cards. Gary is printing up a few flyers to take to Kalamazoo for the swap meet. Gary said he would have to have to print more later.

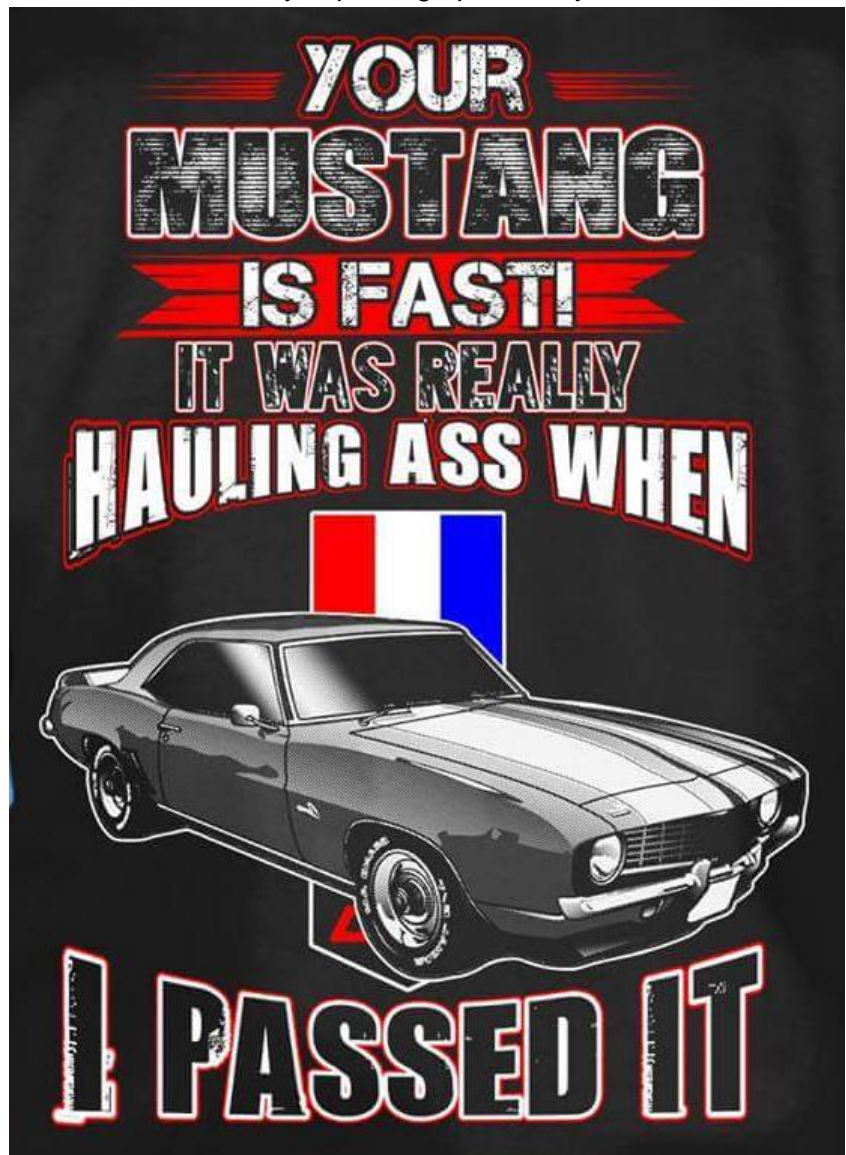
**Dues:** Gary will put reminder in next news letter for dues.

**Christmas Party:** Gary talked about the amount paid by club and that the hotel has invited us back. The food was very good and everyone felt it was a good fit and everyone had fun. It was discussed we need to keep the room longer if possible. Gary stated he would ask that question. We have reserved for next year's Christmas party.

**Source 1 Auto Parts in Kalamazoo:** Gary shared they buy overstock parts from GM. They have one dozen sets of Z-28 brakes (5<sup>th</sup> Gen) that are ½ price.

**Sturgis Camaro Rally June 23-26th:** Tammy said she and Gib are going on the Sturgis Rally in June.

**Power Tour:** The group discussed it starting in Texas this year and how far it is this year. It starts in Louisiana and has two Texas stops.





**Don't miss the next WMCC Meeting at  
At Old Chicago in Grand Rapids, MI  
Sunday March 6, 2016 @ 1:00pm  
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 weekend 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**

President: Gary Crippin 269.506.0411  
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### **Club Sponsor**

**Berger Chevrolet ~ BERGERCHEVY.COM**

### **Website**

[www.wmcamaro.org](http://www.wmcamaro.org)

Watch [www.miifbody.com](http://www.miifbody.com) for the latest info on upcoming **WMCC** events.

### **Camaro Corner**



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