



## March 2018

### The View from the Top.

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We have planned a special **Meeting/Club Outing/Retirement Party** for **Saturday March 3rd, 2018.**

We are planning a Retirement party for all those member who have retired over the last few years which has been many!!! I not even going to try and name all of you. LOL

The meeting/party will start around 5 with food around 6pm and will be at the Baymont located at the 84th street & us131 by the Tanger Outlets in Grand Rapids. We have the meeting room there Reserved from 4-10pm and I'm sure they will let us stay longer if we are no disturbing anyone. The Club will be providing Pizza, snacks and Cake. Please bring your own Beverages.

Before the Meeting / Party we will be doing some Go-Karting at New Grand Rapids Grand Prix Indoor Go Carting Facility located near the Tanger Outlets. [www.grandrapidsgp.com](http://www.grandrapidsgp.com) Karting will start at NOON which is a little earlier than originally planned.. Karting is \$18 for 1 race or \$45 for 3 races(must be used by same person).

And since we are right at the Tanger outlets you may want to do some shopping. Please RSVP ASAP to [wmcamaro@gmail.com](mailto:wmcamaro@gmail.com) with how many will be attending the party so we can plan for food accordingly. Also please include how many will be go-karting, and how many races you plan to run so we can make the reservation.

The address for the Baymont 8282 Pfeiffer Farms Drive Byron Center, Michigan 49315. We have a blocked 10 rooms. Rooms are 1 King or 2 Queens for \$109 +tax per night. If you would like a room at the special rate call the Baymont 616-583-9535 directly and book by Feb 10th. Make sure to tell them you are with the Western Michigan Camaro Club.

The address for the Grand Rapids Grand Prix is 8455 Byron Commerce Dr. Byron Center, MI 49315.

The is a meeting/outing you won't want to miss, we may even have a special guest or 2 show up. I hope to see all of you there!!!!

#### 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 2017, 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

#### Dennis Edwards Birthday Party May 19, 2018

Dennis turns 60. Let us celebrate his birthday as well as all the 60 birthdays this year. Party is May 19, 2018 at Dennis and Bonnie's House, party and fun. Will have food, fun games, band and campfire. Please bring your lawn chairs, and



**Doug Warren, WMCC Founder**  
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whatever you want to drink and campers if you would like to stay. I will have pop, coffee and ice tea but BYOB.

Please RSVP to Bonnie Edwards  
[zippypin@msn.com](mailto:zippypin@msn.com)

### HRPT invite from the Malmquists!

Come see your NC WMCC friends!

The Hot Rod Power Tour will once again travel to Concord, NC, which means our house (just 5 miles from the venue) will again be open to all of our WMCC family! We would love to have you at our house on Friday, June 15 after the festivities conclude at the venue. We can also accommodate some of you to stay Friday night, and we have already received two bed reservations so they are going fast. We are tentatively planning to join everyone on the Power Tour. Hope to see many of you!

Brian and Michelle Malmquist,  
[sunset01ss@yahoo.com](mailto:sunset01ss@yahoo.com) / [847-528-0463](tel:847-528-0463)

### HOT ROD Power Tour heads south for 2018!

#### SCHEDULE

Friday, June 8 - Bowling Green, KY - University Plaza Holiday Inn - Sloane Center (Reg. Day)  
Saturday, June 9 - Bowling Green, KY - Beech Bend Raceway Park (Reg at Sloane Center)  
Sunday, June 10 - Chattanooga, TN - Chattanooga State Community College\*  
Monday, June 11 - Hoover, AL - Hoover Metropolitan Stadium\*  
Tuesday, June 12 - Hampton, GA - Atlanta Motor Speedway\*  
Wednesday, June 13 - Darlington, SC - Darlington Raceway\*  
Thursday, June 14 - Raleigh, NC - PNC Arena\*  
Friday, June 15 - Concord, NC - zMAX Dragway\*

\*Registration locations TBD

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Hot Rod's official travel partner, Anthony Travel can assist you in arranging your travel and hotel for this year's Power Tour. Visit Anthony Travel's Hot Rod Power Tour page <https://www.anthonytravel.com/hot-rod-power-tour/> to get started on booking your trip. If you have any questions, contact Anthony Travel at [hotrod@anthonytravel.com](mailto:hotrod@anthonytravel.com) or call 844-406-6850.



#### ITEMS TO NOTE

Credentials give you access to the main stage and sponsor giveaways. If you want to be a long-hauler then you will use your credential to "scan in" at each stop. Credentials at the end of the tour that have been scanned in at every stop are eligible for the long-hauler signs.

Passengers (in addition to the two people who receive credentials) do not receive credentials. Passengers may ride in the car and gain entry to the stops but will not be eligible for giveaways.

More information can be found at [hotrod.com/events/power-tour](http://hotrod.com/events/power-tour)

#### **Long Hauler \$129**

*In it for the long haul? Onsite parking, special gift bag, and opportunities for sponsor giveaways with your souvenir credential, and special long hauler gift if you check in at every stop.*

- +2 long-hauler credentials
- +Vehicle entry at all venues (1 vehicle)
- +1 goody bag with giveaways
- +Long-Hauler finisher plaque (will receive if checked-in at all 7 stops) - 1 plaque per credential
- +Long-Hauler finisher certificate
- +Access to 'Long-hauler only' giveaways on-site (certain sponsor giveaways are reserved only for long-haulers)

*NOTE: Long Hauler package will only be available for collection at the first stop- if a Long Hauler package is purchased and not collected at the first stop the package (including credential) will default*

to the Multi-Day

### Multi-Day \$129

Come with us for a few days and save. Onsite parking and special gift bag.

+2 multi-day credentials

+Vehicle entry at all venues (1 vehicle)

+1 goody bag with giveaways

### Single Day \$45

Hang with the largest road trip in the world for a day. Onsite parking, license plate and dash plaque.



Camaro Superfest 2018 is all set for a great week-end of activities... check these event highlights.....

- \* Thursday night Open House Vanguard Motors
- \* Low cost entry fees
- \* Friday night Open House Livernois Motorsports
- \* Low cost Swap spaces!!
- \* Friday tour of the COPO Build Center!!
- \* Friday tour of the GM Heritage Center!
- \* **DRIVE TO** Judging
- \* 100+ Awards in 33+ classes!
- \* Goodie Bag for first 600 participants!
- \* ALL participants eligible for Door prizes!
- \* Dash Plaque for first 600 participants!
- \* Saturday Night dinner/tour at Lingenfelter
- \* Camaro Parts Swap & Sell Area
- \* Mike Oginsky/Team RFC Sunday service
- \* Camaro Theme – Hot wheels!
- \* Meet great Camaros, people & friends!!
- \* Two Great food vendors onsite!!

We hope that YOU and your CAMARO will be attending this summer. Registration will be open SOON!!! Watch our website and FB announcements!

## [Camaro ZL1 Wins the 2018 Daytona 500](#)

The Chevrolet Camaro got a fantastic start to its time in NASCAR's big leagues with Austin Dillon winning the Daytona 500 in his #3 Camaro, while

the #43 ZL1 of Darrell Wallace Jr took the runner-up position and three other new Chevy race cars finished in the top ten.

After struggling throughout much of the 2017 NASCAR Monster Energy Series, the Chevrolet teams were looking to bounce back during the 2018 schedule of the sport's pinnacle association. The teams were hoping that a much-needed boost would come from the new Camaro ZL1 race car and after the first event of the season – the 2018 Daytona 500 – the new Chevy "stock car" is looking mighty good.

### **Camaro ZL1 Looks Good Early**

The new Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 stock car got off to a great start during the week leading up to the 2018 Daytona 500. Alex Bowman drove the #88 car into the pole position during single-car qualifying and Chase Elliott won the second of the two Can-Am Duels, putting two new Camaro ZL1 race cars in the top four for NASCAR's biggest race.

Neither of those drivers would join the prestigious list of Daytona 500 winners, but the new Camaro ZL1 would begin its time in NASCAR's big leagues with a big win.

### **First Win for the Camaro**

The new Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 was at or near the front of the Daytona 500 field throughout the race, but when the green flag dropped with just two laps left, Aric Almirola was out front in his Ford Fusion. As Austin Dillon made a hard run



on Almirola on the last lap, Almirola came up the track to block the Camaro in second. Dillon did not lift, bumping Almirola and sending him into





the outside wall.

From there, Dillon just had to cruise to victory and the new Camaro ZL1 race car had its first win in the NASCAR big leagues – and it was the Daytona 500.

In addition to winning the race, Darrell “Bubba” Wallace Jr finished second in the #43 Camaro ZL1, Chris Buescher finished fifth in his #37 Camaro, Ryan Newman finished eighth in the #31 Camaro and AJ Allmendinger rounded out the top ten in his #47 ZL1.

### ***The Camaro’s Rein Begins***

Chevrolet has long been the dominant manufacturer in every level of NASCAR with vehicles including the Lumina, the Monte Carlo, the SS sport sedan, the Impala, the Bel Air and even the Silverado, but the brand’s two most popular performance models – the Camaro and the Corvette – have never been a part of the sport’s biggest races. Of course, the Camaro has been a success in the NASCAR Xfinity Series, but the level once known as the Winston Cup has never seen a Camaro in its lineup.

That changes for 2018, with the Camaro finally coming to the NASCAR big leagues, and the car couldn’t have gotten off to a better start. This doesn’t guarantee a return to the title spot for Team Chevy, but this is the best possible start in pursuit of the next NASCAR championship for Chevrolet.

“Winning the Daytona 500, the most iconic race of the year, is absolutely incredible,” said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet vice president of Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. “It is a goal every year. It is extra special to win it this year with Austin Dillon and Richard Childress and our new Camaro ZL1 race car. Chevy’s designers and engineers worked well with our race teams to prepare the Camaro ZL1 for this season. We are proud of our partnership with both of them as Austin wins his first Daytona 500 and Richard wins his third.”

It should be noted that Austin Dillon won his first Daytona 500 in the 2018 running of the race in the #3 Chevy – exactly 20 years after the late Dale Earnhardt won his first Daytona 500 in the #3 Chevy.



For all your Camaro Needs [Bergerchevy.com](http://Bergerchevy.com)

## Western Michigan Camaro Club

January 20, 2018

**Present:** Teresa and Carl Lins, Cheryl and John Smith, Angie and Dave Kemp, Christi and John Falkenhagen, Gay and Dave Verburg, Gary and Shelley Crippin and Ashley and Simon, Kathleen and Don Johnson, Kellie and Bob Donker and Bonnie and Dennis Edwards

**Retirement Party:** Gary discussed since we have had many retired he and Carl have discussed having a get together at the Baymont Hotel. We will get the meeting room and get some pizza's and celebrate this retirement on March 3rd in the evening. We will reserve the room. Gary stated we can do the Grand Rapids Grand Prix and they are electric and that right across the road.

**Dennis Edwards Birthday Party:** May 19, 2018 at Dennis and Bonnie's House, party and campfire and fun. Please bring your lawn chairs, and want to drink and campers if you would like to stay.

**Camping Trip:** Many of us have fifth wheels and travel trailers and others like camping so we have planned some fun. Please join us for some great fun. Memorial Day Weekend at White River Campground which is located at 735 W. Fruitvale Road Montague, MI 49437 (231) 894-4708. They have cabins, tenting, full hook ups.



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**Don't miss the next WMCC Meeting /  
Retirement party at  
At the Baymont  
In Byron Center, 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 weekend of each month. Times and location vary, so see the Newsletter or check the club's web site or face book page for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

### **WMCC Officers**

President: Gary Crippin 269.506.0411  
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Co-Vice President: John Falkenhagen 269.795.7612  
Secretary: Bonnie Edwards 517.765.9929  
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### **Club Sponsor**

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### **Website**

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

### **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/westernmichigancamaroclub/>

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

### **Camaro Corner**



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