



November 2014

The View from the Top.

November WMCC Club Meeting, Sunday, November 2nd, 2014

For our November meeting we will be meeting at TGI Friday's in Kalamazoo. TGI Friday's is located right off of US131 on West Main St. (M-43). Take exit 38A off of US131. TGI's is on the north side of the road right between US131 and the Marathon Station. If you get to target you went to far, If you get to Meijer you went the wrong way.

What: WMCC February Meeting

**Where: TGI Friday's
5650 West Main Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(616) 349-6010**

When: November, 2 @ 2:00 PM

If there is enough interest we can take a cruise after the meeting. There is several nice scenic roads in the Kalamazoo area.

Hope to see you all there!

WMCC Christmas Party Saturday Dec 6th, 2014

This year we will be having the WMCC Christmas party in the banquet room at the Baymont Inn and Suites at 8282 Pfeiffer Farms Dr. in Byron Center. The Party will be on Saturday December 6th, 2014 Starting around 5pm. WMCC will be providing the meal Pizza & Subs so all you need to bring is yourself & your Favorite drink.

A block of rooms has been blocked for us, for the night of our Christmas party, December 6, 2014. They are holding 10 Queen rooms and 10 King rooms under the WMCC reservation. These rooms will be released to the general public if they are not reserved by November 6th, 2014. Heather McKinnon, the Sales and Marketing Manager has

offered us a special rate of \$89 plus tax. They do have a indoor pool. The number for reservations is 616-583-9535. They are located off of 131 and 84th street.

We are asking that Everybody please bring a gift for the Ronald McDonald house. Gifts can be anything from cleaning supplies and movies (DVD) for the house to gifts for the families staying at the house of the Christmas holiday. The families are what I hope that we would try to take care of. We will talk more about this at this months club meeting.

Thanks Christi Falkenhagen for making the arrangements.

Fall Color Tour 2014 Recap

Another GREAT WMCC FALL COLOR TOUR weekend in the books, 13 beautiful CAMAROs all made it to Fay's on Thursday night. 11 starting in Coopersville and 1 joining in Big Rapids and 1 at Lake Station on M-10. THANKX to all who attended, I truly believe it is the people and the camaraderie that make the weekend so great. THANK YOU.

THURSDAY started at the Speedway in Coopersville and quickly got moved to the Shell station right next door after finding out how much truck traffic there was going through the Speedway station. South on 68th to Eastmanville, left on Leonard, sun in our eyes, it was a great start, weather perfect, cool and sunny. North on 14th making our way through Marne, over to Kenowa,



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

You will never be forgotten

north through the patchwork fields and orchards, rolling hills, all great in the sunshine. First stop High Rollaway on M-82 just east of Newaygo. One of Doug's favorite spots, colors not in full bloom yet but still good color, even in the parking lot. Leaving there and taking the back way into Newaygo from the east, down the hill and hitting M-37 at the light in town, over the river and right on Croton rd. to the Dam area. This year heading up the east side from Croton to Hardy dam. Crossing the dam and turning north on Elm and what I call Old M-20 into Big Rapids, East out of town on 16 mile making our way to Chippewa Lake with the sun still hanging in there. East on Colman rd. through Barrington to Brinton rd., north to Lake Station. A quick stop at Citgo and the last member of our group catching up we were off to Clair for lunch at Ruckles Pier. Nice hometown Bar/ Restaurant, good service and good food.

From Clair over to Beaverton and up M-18 through Gladwin, starting to see the clouds now coming

down from the north. North of Gladwin we caught F-97 north and ran that up to St. Helen, Lake St. Helen is a good size lake but the roads we took didn't give you a very good view of it. On up to Lynn Dewy's place we meet some neat car people and viewed Lynn's collection in progress.

I think everybody from both groups had a good time there.

North up to M-72 and then west into Grayling and get settled into Fay's for the night.

FRIDAY morning was cloudy and the cars were wet from the dew, weather report was slight chance of rain west of I-75, (lake effect). We headed north on old US-127 to Gaylord to view the Elk at the Elk Ranch which is next to the Elks Club, go figure. More animals this year but smaller. East out of Gaylord to county rd. F-44 up around Tree Tops golf and resort area. Very hilly and beautiful area. Heading north the mist just starting to come down now. Even though we



are east of I-75, not bad though, you could still enjoy the colors and hillsides. Getting into Levering for a potty stop John Falkenhagen puts it best, sitting in his car, radio on, now it's pouring and the weather comes on slight chance of a sprinkle!

Up Old 127 a short distance to C-48 heading over to Boyne Falls, take a right on Slashing RD. roads are still wet but the rain has stopped for the most part. This is a great road to nowhere. Fairly new pavement winding up the hillside, perfect Camaro road, then the pavement stops and we turn around



and back to C-48. At Boyne Falls we head north on US-131 to Walloon Lake and back east to River Rd. taking that north into Petoskey from the south. Lunch and shopping in down town Petoskey for a couple of hrs. Now we are on the lake shore and the sun came back out to make for a better day. Over to the city complex where the Bear river dumps into the bay there is a couple of manmade waterfalls, fishermen but no fish. Even run into some new members who were on a family fishing outing.



South out of Petoskey on McDougal going right, left, right, left, left, left, right and so on around and up to M-68 and into the Indian River area with a stop at the Cross In The Woods. For those of you that aren't familiar with the place it is a 40' tall Cross erected in the woods with a worship area and gift store. They do hold outdoor services there weather permitting. With the night being young and my plans over some of the members went north to Mackinaw City and the rest headed south to Fay's taking both the



freeway and the old rd.

SATURDAY, up and on the road around 9:30 again lead us out M-72 east to F-97, this time going north and turning onto North Downriver RD. another good road for the vista. Going east and joining M-72 again through Fairview where they were having a Car/tractor show and fundraiser for the local school, we viewed the cars at 30mph, they looked good. Taking a left on M-65 after another car show stop, it seemed like every time we stopped we had lookers.



Stopping at the road side park on M-32 just past the junction, it lays on a hillside overlooking to the north, nice place. Up M-65 again to Long Rapids RD. into Alpena area, break out the smart phone and wiggled our way through a development to miss some traffic and end up at Stoney Acers Winery. Turned out to be a very nice stop, the outside had a lot of started projects but the inside was great.

Lunch in Alpena at Johnny Lau Saloon went well and just so happened to be the other winery we were looking for was right across the river so some of the members walked over for a bit. Leaving Alpena we went up US -23 to Grand Lake RD. the nice girl at Stoney Acers turned us on to it. Around the east side of Grand Lake was much better than going 23 all the way. Once reaching Rogers City we stopped at the Quarry Viewing area. They had so many people looking at the quarry over the years they put up a platform and sign board. 102 years the quarry has been active.

After leaving Rogers City we headed west on C-68 with a stop at Ocqueoc Falls, this is a nice place on the Ocqueoc river with a series of natural falls, I



didn't see any but a person taking pictures there said the salmon were coming up the river. The DNR officer didn't even look to see if we had a park pass, he was just checking the fishermen. We took C-68 through Onaway, stopped and rubbed Gerald R. Ford's head a little. Then on to I-75 and back to Fay's from there to enjoy another evening around the fire, the trip down 75 made me glad I took the Black car.

All in All I think it was a great weekend with a GOOD TIME had by all. Once again THANK



YOU to all the members that made the trip.

John & Cheryl Smith

THANK YOU

Wanted to let everyone know what a great job John and Cheryl Smith did on organizing the route, motel and eateries for our Fall Color Tour. 13 Camaros, a rainbow of color, left Coopersville on two lane roads through farmland, orchards and lots of color heading north through Croton/Hardy, Big Rapids, Claire, on to Grayling for 3 great nights at Fay's Motel. Those dear people have the cleanest rooms, best rates and a firepit always filled for us. Friday was Petoskey area and Saturday Alpena, Rogers City, and Onaway. We never lost each other, we had great visits and reminiscing times. Saw some beautiful waterfalls, trees and country side. We even got to drive fast. Thanks to all the club members for the great time.

Sandy Roys and Bert Kowalczyk

FALL COLOR TOUR 2015

All the dates for the 2015 fall color tour will be October 8th, 9th, and 10th. We are going to go back to the Leelanau Peninsula next year and

are looking for a home base, If you have any suggestions please feel free to let me know. We did stop and check out some Cabins on the south end of Northport, It is an association with 7 cabins for rent. The Web site is Homewoodcottages.com. They are nice cabins, there would be at least 6 couples doubling up for our group to fit. One room cabins starting at \$100 a night and two bed room cabins at \$150. I urge you to check out the web site and see what you think.

We also stopped and looked at the motel just south of Leland on M-22 just north of m-204 overlooking Lake Leelanau, Beautiful place, laid out well, steep hill driveway, at this writing I don't have the broacher and can't believe I don't remember the name but I do know if we picked a place at \$190 a night for two there wouldn't be a lot of members going next year.

We are still looking and keeping our options open, would like to have something finalized by March or April.

Thanks,
John Smith.

WMCC 40th Anniversary Party

2015 is the 40th anniversary for the Western Michigan Camaro Club. I have offered my property to host another party. At this time I am thinking a Friday/Saturday event with possibly a golf outing, cruises, maybe a poker run. Camping will be available for anybody who wants to bring a camper.

We would like to do this in July, either the 10th/11th, 17th/18th, or the 24th/25th. I would like your input on what weekend works the best.

Please send your suggestions to

john.smithsr@gm.com

Thanks, John Smith

We will Have more discussion about this party at the meeting.

Camaro Superfest 2015

24th annual CAMARO SUPERFEST 2015

Friday-Sunday, July 3-4-5, 2015

Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, Michigan, USA

HQ hotel - Marriott at Eagle Crest, Ypsilanti, Michigan, USA

Registration should open in February 2015.





Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting
Sunday November 2, 2014
At the TGI Fridays
in Kalamazoo, 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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