



September/October 2020

The View from the Top.

September 2020

We had another great meeting in August, Thank you to Dennis & Bonnie Edwards for hosting & Dave and Angie Kemp for mapping out the wonderful cruise. It was nice seeing old friends again with plenty of room to Social Distance. I hope to see you all again on Sept 27th at Gilmores for our next meeting.

September/October WMCC Meeting Sunday September 27, 2020

For September /October Club meeting we will be going to Gilmores Car Museum in Hickory Corners Michigan for the Summer Sundaze Camaros at the Corners Car show. Pre registration is available.

www.gilmorecarmuseum.org/event-detail/summer-sundaze-starring-camaros/

If you would like to meet up and travel in as a group so we can park together. I will be at the Mcdonalds in Richland at 9:15am. Address is 8200 N 32nd St, Richland, MI 49083.

We will plan to have a meeting around noon at our cars. So please bring a chair and come join us.

Camaros at the Corners

By: Linda Lawrence

Needs your help for Sept 27 for Camaros at the corners, at Gilmores Car Museum in Hickory Corners. We would be working with the other clubs.. let's make Michigan Camaros great. Lots of people from all over. Looking to see Berger cars there and I Hope Matt and any other performance guys..

I understand the Vicksburg boys are coming some guys in Kalamazoo link and Lingenfelter's etc. anybody and everybody let's make this large. if you are able to help please contact me Linda Lawrence llblawrence@gmail.com

2020 Fall Color Tour Info

Hi All,

Cheryl and I just got back this weekend from doing the 2020 WMCC FALL COLOR TOUR route and verifying motel information. This year we will all be gathering on Wednesday night

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 2019, 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
56055 Woodridge Drive
Three Rivers, MI 49093



**Doug Warren, WMCC Founder
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October 7th and the Econo Lodge Inn and Suites, Iron Mountain Mi. and traversing nearly the entire length of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We will be as far west as you can travel on a paved road then going all the way back to Sault Saint Marie. This will be by far the most miles we have ever done with Thursday and Friday being similar to a Power Tour day with no show at the end of the day. Just under 300 miles both days. Saturday will be just over 200 miles.

There will be plenty to see with stops at Bond Falls, Little Girl Point, Lake of the Clouds, Lac La Belle (water fall that isn't on the map), Copper Harbor, H-58 to Grand Marais, Tahquamenon area and all the great roads in between.

Wednesday I will be leaving my house around 9 am. for anyone that wants to travel along. Iron Mountain is 6 hrs from there and anyone not wanting to leave that early or have other things that might have to be taken care of can make that day their own. The Holiday Restaurant that is right next door to Econo Lodge closes at 8 pm central time. and that will be the supper stop meeting point.

MOTEL INFO

I have not gotten any breaks in pricing so you might want to go online to book.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7TH

Econo Lodge Inn and Suites (MI153)
1609 S Stephenson Ave
Iron Mountain Mi. 49801
906-776-8000

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8TH

Konteka Motel
400 Main St.
White Pine MI. 49971

906-885-5170

They only have 14 rooms left after I booked ours so for a back up motel

Sunshine Motel & Cabins

24077 M-64

Ontonagon MI. 49953

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH

Econo Lodge Lakeshore

2050 S. US 41

Marquette MI. 49855

906-225-1305

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH

Adobe Lockview Motel

327 Portage Ave

Sault Saint Marie MI. 49783

Thankx John and Cheryl

WMCC Member Corner

By Anne Purdun

I'm typing this on my way up north. Just got off the phone with two of my favorite people from the club!! Meet John and Christi Falkenhagen. Yes, he is the same guy who happens to be our co-Vice-President.

The year is 1996. As many car lovers do, John and Christi went to Autorama. While wandering through the show, they found the WMCC exhibit and picked up information. Travel to 1998 and they attended their first meeting. It was the Christmas party and it was at Doug's house.

John, as many know, always has a cooler of beer. He was worried about bringing it because he didn't really know if it would be okay. Well, John Smith just happened to have his cooler at the party. John and Christi and John and Cheryl became instant friends!!



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Now, we will travel back in time. It was March, 1979, when John bought his very first NEW Camaro. He had owned a Camaro before that. However, he bought the '75 used. They don't own the '75, but they definitely still own the '79!!

Now to a different time, Christi hung out with John and friends many times before their official first date. When he asked her out, he told her they would go on their "Real" first date when his '79 was out of the paint shop.

It was November 25th that they finally went on their official first date. That is why the 25th has always been important to them. Marriage date!! He invited her to cruise up to his family's property in his '79.

On the way home, they stopped at a roadside park. Well, John didn't want Christi to walk to the bathroom because it was slippery. He pulled right up to the bathroom so she wouldn't get hurt. He is a sweetheart!!

Long story short, the Camaro would not come back up the hill on its own. Remember, it was November in Michigan. Christi had to wait in the car while John went to get help. He not only brought help, but a tractor to pull the car back up the hill. Christi wasn't worried about waiting for him to come back. She knew she was safe because John would never let something happen to his Camaro!!

Back to 1999. I was at this particular Christmas party. It was at their house in Grand Rapids. In the garage was the Berger prototype. It was awesome!! Red with black stripes. Hmm...sounds familiar!!

After the official party was over, Christi remembers playing cards with those that stayed. Every time someone won, they would get to start up the Berger car. They also bet on who would own the prototype!!

WMCC got to make a commercial for the Legends Tour that same year. We all rode to Detroit to do it. I happened to ride with John and Christi. 'Til this day, I can't go through the Detroit tunnels without remembering Christi's siren echoing through them. Great memory!!

More important than that, Dennis was with us that day. During the tour through GM, they saw a beautiful blue Camaro. This led to the purchase of their gorgeous blue 2000 Berger SS #10.

Christi and John started walking that year to help each other get healthier. They just happened to walk through Berger's during their walks. They had a bit of a wait for their car to be delivered. On each walk, they would just happen to check to see if their car was in yet. I

They also own a very nice 1992 Indy Pace Car and a gorgeous 1969 Camaro. John has always wanted a pace car and a '69. The pace car was owned by Berger and one other owner. John Smith helped them find the '69.

This awesome couple, I may be a bit biased, has always enjoyed WMCC. They love the cruises, the shows, events, and the family that has come from being members.

HELP WANTED

As we move into the new year I would like to add a few New positions in WMCC and fill a couple of vacant ones. There are still several positions available if anyone is interested.

Events Coordinator(s)

This person would be responsible for our Calendar of events. This person would actively look for events for the club to attend, they would be the Club contact person for special events in the club.

Club Photographer

This position is just what it sounds like. This person would be responsible for taking pictures at WMCC events and meetings and getting them to me for the newsletter.

Columnist(s)

This job could be several people. I looking for people to write columns for the newsletter. They should be car related, how to's, new product offerings, or really just about anything of interest as long as its not politics.

If you are interested in any of these positions or have another position not listed that you would like please let me know as soon as possible. You can call text or email me.

Gary Crippin

President

269-506-0411

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NMCA/MNRA Show at US131 Motorsports Park

I would like to Thank Everyone who came out and helped at NMCA/NMRA Show. Everyone did a great job and we got nothing but rave reviews from the event staff and participants. And even got to see Jerry Noonan from New Jersey who was there racing. It was great to see you again Jerry!

In My opinion this was a very easy show for us, we showed up day of the show, did car show registration (didn't have to collect money, that was done at the gate) parked cars and did a little judging and at the end collected a check. We have already been asked back as the host club Next Year!!! They are shooting for June or July for the next show there. I should know more in the next month or so.

I believe this is a great opportunity for us, and a fun time. Show doesn't take a lot of work or prep from us., that is all handled by Promedia. I think this will be a good addition to our calendar and a Great way to promote our show the Berger Chevrolet ALL GM Show in August.

CRUIS'News IS BACK!!

YES!!! Cruis'News is back, but in a different format.... email! If you were a subscriber, you should have received an email listing of car events, something that CN was famous for and what started the magazine. If you want to be on their email list, please contact

Dana at Cruis'news Inc. P.O.Box
1287, Sterling Heights, MI 48311-
1287 info@cruisnews.com

From their first email edition, here is an updated list of car shows that have CONFIRMED CANCELLATIONS

- Frankenmuth Auto Fest-Sept 11-13
 - NSRA Hot Rod Nats North (Kalamazoo) -Sept. 11-13
 - USMA/Car Cruise & Festival (River Rouge) -Sept 13
 - Eyes On Design (Grosse Point Shores)- Sept 13
 - USMA/Pomeroy Living (Lake Orion)-Sept 17
 - Eastpointe Gratiot Cruise – Sept 17-19
 - Ididit Open house Car Show (Tecumseh) - Sept 19
 - Diddy Fest (Garden City)- Sept 19
 - Milford on Main Street Car show on Sept 20
 - Bearing Burners Car Show & Swap (Utica) - Sept. 20
 - Great Pumpkin Car Show (Howell) - Oct.10
 - SEMA Aftermarket Show (Las Vegas)- Nov. 3-6
- P.S. REMEMBER It is very important to contact Car Shows and Cruise Nights to verify dates and times prior to traveling to events.

FOR SALE



1985 Camaro IROC-Z . All original 33,828 miles. Purchased from the original owner who I am still in contact, I am the second owner. Originally Delivered to Apple Chevrolet Menominee Falls WI Transferred and sold to Torrison Chevrolet/Subaru, Two Rivers WI Original registration of title, invoice, window sticker, owner's manual and other documentation No accidents, some dings and scrapes from over the years. Solid sheetmetal, Original Glass, Front sheetmetal was resprayed early in its life due to the failing GM Water based paint-again, no accidents Options include: Pwr Windows, Pwr Antenna, Rear disc brakes, Tilt Column, and more Front Tires are original, rear tires were replaced years ago with factory Goodyear Gatorbacks Engine rubber (hoses/belts) and seals replaced due to age does not smoke on start-up Original hoses, belts, fuel filter, spark plugs all retained for the collector Radio has been updated with correct era cassette player, original owner does not have recollection of this happening, the original dealer may have swapped the radio. Front rotors, pads replaced early in its life Fuel Injector repaired/replaced during the warranty period No trade offers please <https://www.cars-on-line.com/gen3-cars/col1/posting/103285>
Price \$ 18,000 Contact Derek Aasen 920-323-3556

Flo's car show Rockford Michigan August 27th





CAMAROS at the Corners

Sunday, September 27, 2020

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Gilmore Car Museum

6865 W Hickory Rd

Hickory Corners, MI 49060

Contact & More Info

Contact: Gilmore Car Museum

Email: info@gilmorecarmuseum.org

Phone: (269) 671-5089

Each Summer Sundaze is a different themed event on the historic 90-acre campus of the Gilmore Car Museum; where the stars are the cars! September 27th features Camaros!

Time:

- Sunday, September 27th
- Show: 10:00am -2:00pm
- Exhibitor gate opens: 9:00am

Public gate opens: 10:00am

Registration/Pricing:

- \$20 to register (includes admission for driver and one passenger).

o Pre-register to secure your spot!

Register your vehicle [HERE](#)

General Info:

- Top 5 Awards plus President's Award and Sponsor Award
- Each "Summer Saturdaze and Summer Sundaze Starring" has a featured car theme, **but all classic cars are welcome.** A special show field will be set-up for the designated make of the day.
- Limited Capacity with social distancing and mask on/mask off outdoor areas.
- Advance reservations recommended to secure space at gilmorecarmuseum.org.
- No Swap Meets at Gilmore Car Museum run events in 2020.

Please note Museum Memberships are NOT valid for exhibitor admission.

Spectator Admission:

\$16.00 per person

\$11.00 for children 11-17

FREE for children 10 and under

Questions?

Contact email: info@gilmorecarmuseum.org

Contact phone: 269-671-5089



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**Don't miss the next
WMCC Meeting
September 27, 2020
At the Gilmores Car Museum
In Hickory Corners, 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

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