



November - December 2022

The View from the Top.

Hi everyone,

We will not be having a November meeting due to not having a plan for one. Starting In January I would like to start having member pick a month and plan a meeting/event. If everyone took one month we would only need each of you to plan a meeting once every couple of years. It would also allow to go to different places that some of us have never been. We will discuss this more at the Christmas party and put a plan together for 2023!!!

WMCC Christmas Party/Meeting Saturday December 3, 2022

This year Shelley and I will once again be hosting the Christmas party at our home In Three Rivers. Party will be Dec 3, 2022. Party Officially starts around 4pm Dinner will be around 5:30 - 6:00pm, but feel free to arrive anytime on the 3rd after noon. Dinner will be potluck style. The club will be providing a Taco/Burrito bar. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, please do so, however don't let not bringing a dish stop you from coming. Party is BYOB, so bring your favorite beverage.

The Crippin's Address is 56055 Woodridge,
Three Rivers, MI 49093

We will be doing a gift exchange again; however, we are not doing a White Elephant gift exchange this year like we have in the past. Gifts should be something that you wouldn't mind taking home. Gifts Limit is \$25. The Gift exchange is optional don't feel obligated to participate if you don't want too. Please Join us for a Night of fun with Friends, Games, Door Prizes and Memories!!!

Please RSVP to wmcamaro@gmail.com or on the face book event ASAP so we can plan food

accordingly.

Below is hotel info for those that want to stay, these 2 hotels are located next door to each other.

Super 8
711 US-131, Three Rivers, MI 49093
(269) 279-8888

Holiday Inn Express
1207 W Broadway St, Three Rivers, MI 49093
(269) 278-7766

I look forward to seeing ALL of you there!!!



Doug Warren, WMCC Founder
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2022 WMCC FALL COLOR TOUR RECAP

First off, I want to thank all who attended the 2022 Fall Color Tour. I have always said it is the people that make it a great time.

We started the weekend on Thursday and the ONE-9 gas station at M-66 and I-96 with 11 cars and headed north on M-66 to south river rd. where we turned left and followed the river to Saranac, crossing over the river and north through farm country. Turning onto Potters rd. heading west to Fallsburg Park and over the Covered Bridge, stopping to take a few pics. Then it was north to Greenville. Traveling east through the countryside and making our way north on county rd. 585 through Sidney, Entrican, Mecosta and on around Tubbs Lake, through Barryton then the back way in to Ewart. We stopped for lunch at 6th & Main restaurant where the Millers and Loudon's joined up.

After lunch we took river road over to M-66 on up through Marion to the 90deg. turn to McBain where we kept going north to Falmouth rd. and over to Falmouth where we stopped at Ebels general store. Raining lightly. I think everyone enjoyed the old town feel of the store I know Steve really liked the flannel coat he bought there.

Back on the road heading north again through the countryside, now the colors are starting to show very nicely as we made our way to North Higgins State Park and The CCC museum. Which was closed but it was a good chance to stretch our legs. Back on the road through Roscommon, north winding our way up to Lewiston and the Redwood Motor Inn.

Friday the weather was off and on rain to start out as we took the back roads to Atlanta and on up to Onaway then more back roads around Black Lake up to Cheboygan where we had lunch at Mulligan's and did a little browsing in town. The colors were really looking good through this area. After lunch we headed down US-27 around Mullet Lake, through Indian River,

Wolverine to Vanderbilt where we took the back rds. Some maybe not planned but it worked out going around Tree Tops Resort and Golf, really nice area, hilly and great colors, rain had stopped but the wind was pretty strong. Pulling into a Mobile on M-32 to stretch and drain, only there about 5 minutes when the O's joined back up after they turned off the head back early. From there it was back to Lewiston for the night. For Super Gary ordered pizza that we ate in the lounge area. good time to enjoy each other's company.

Saturday, we headed south out of Lewiston, Sun was shining but still cold and windy. The Edwards and Lins got to dodge the wildlife. All good, just had to clean their britches. taking County rd. F 32 east to M-72 and over to M-65. Stopping at the corner gas station to stretch and drain. Up 65 to M-32 where we stopped at a roadside part the hill side. Pretty windy but we managed to take some pics. Working our way over to Long Lake north of Alpena for lunch at the Sand Bar and Grill. because of the weather we arrived early but they opened for us and were great host. Leaving we went around the west side of Long Lake and back roads over to 65 again and up to Posen. Turning left and back roads up through Hawks and Millersburg up to Ocqueoc Falls Park. Back over to Onaway and down to Lewiston.

That's pretty much it for the 2022 fall color tour.
THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED.
John and Cheryl Smith

[Link to 2022 WMCC Color tour Photos](https://photos.app.goo.gl/se48ENwoDbnN1h1JA)
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/se48ENwoDbnN1h1JA>

2023 WMCC Fall Color Tour

Hi All: just to get you thinking, Cheryl and I went to Leelanau on the ride home from Lewiston and checked out M-22 Motel, the old Red Lion, it was pretty nice and talked to the new owner Kevin, they have done a lot of up grades with the same basic lay out.

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What we did notice is that everything was still green. I'm thinking about moving the trip next year back a week in hopes of more color.

We can talk about it at the Christmas party. Just wanted to get you thinking. John

Up Date on old #12

For those that are new I have done some major work on my 2000 Berger Anniversary SS over the last few years. Well there was still some nagging issues with it as far as the tune on the motor. One of them being WOT/ wide open throttle, it would miss and back fire nearly every time.



We after the Berger show this past August we were hanging around the campground with some other club members, one of them was Greg Gornick. I struck up a conversation with Greg about this problem knowing he had experience with tuning the early LS motors between his car and his Dad's. After explaining the problem to him he suggested that it might not be a tune problem but rather a spark problem.

Turns out the LS motors tend to swirl the air coming into the chamber and with a bigger cam you can blow out the spark. Greg said he learned this and the fix is to close the gap on the spark plugs down to .025 from .040 and not to use the expensive narrow tipped plugs.

So I pulled my plugs out and sure enough I had NGK cadmium tipped plugs gaped at .040. Down to the parts store I go to get some AC R44 TS plugs, just the standard plug that comes with the car. gaped them at .028. That is just were they ended and low and behold no more problems with WOT.

I still have a few issues left but that's one more down.

THANKX GREG FOR THE HELP. John Smith

World's Rarest 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Is a Super Stock Racer With Only 210 Miles

Because that's the year that saw the iconic and brutal COPO Camaros come into the spotlight. Created and ordered by Don Yenko, COPO 9561 featured the solid-lifter, 427-cubic-inch (7.0-liter) L72 big-block engine. Rated at 425 horsepower, it was a big departure from the range-topping, 375-horsepower L78 of the SS 396.

Yenko used the COPO system to order 201 cars with this engine, but as word got out, other dealers went for the COPO 9561 option and Chevrolet sold about 1,000 examples.

Then there's COPO 9560, an even more menacing version of the Camaro. Conceived by drag racer Dick Harrell and ordered through Fred Gibb Chevrolet, this Camaro was also fitted with a 427 V8.

But unlike the L-72, this mill was an all-aluminum big-block designed specifically for drag racing. Called the ZL-1, it was underrated at 430 horsepower.

Fred Gibb Chevrolet ordered only 69 ZL-1s, a number that makes this COPO one of the rarest Camaros ever built. And needless to say, it's also the most desirable and expensive, with pristine examples fetching up to \$1 million at public auctions.

But the COPO ZL-1 isn't the rarest 1969 Camaro out there. Some factory examples were turned into unique rigs by Chevrolet dealers. The Berger Camaro you see here is one of those cars.

This Camaro started life as an SS 396, which came with a 396-cubic-inch (6.5-liter) V8 rated at 375 horsepower from the factory.

But it was almost immediately fitted with an L72 of the COPO 9561 variety by Berger Chevrolet of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Upgraded to NHRA Super Stock specs, the Camaro was campaigned by Dick Arons and Gordy Foust in the 1969 season, revving its engine and burning rubber at the U.S. National, Spring Nationals, and Summer Nationals. The car won the SS/E class at the NHRA Spring Nationals in Dallas, Texas that year.

More than 50 years later and the drag racer is a restored gem that wears a hand-painted livery and showcases a perfect interior that still carries all the upgrades made by Berger Chevrolet.

The 427 V8 engine was rebuilt by Dick Arons himself during the restoration and the engine bay



includes the signatures of the people who drove it to quarter-mile glory back in the day.

It also comes with a long list of vintage goodies, including the four-barrel carburetor, Crane camshaft, a fabricated eight-quart oil sump, Booth-Arons air cleaner lid, and Hooker Super Comp headers.

The four-speed manual gearbox, Hurst shifter, and 4.10 rear engine complete the list. It also rides on original 15x4 Cragar front wheels and replacement 15x8 Cragar rear wheels.

And amazingly enough, this Camaro shows only 210 miles (338 km) on the odometer. That's because it was never tagged for street use, so the extremely low mileage was recorded one quarter-mile at a time. Unless there's a brand-new pony car hiding somewhere in a barn, this Super Stock racer could also be the lowest-mileage 1969 Camaro in existence.

Showcased at Mecum's Chattanooga 2022 auction, the Berger Camaro is scheduled to go under the hammer at Kissimmee 2023. The event takes place between January 4-15, 2023.

And it will probably fetch a lot of money. In January 2022, a double COPO 1969 Berger Camaro of the street-legal variety changed hands for \$286,000, so this Super Stock monster might break the \$300K mark.



2022 picture links

[Berger All GM Show 2022 Photos...](https://photos.app.goo.gl/nhdKJKQthk3SRSL38) <https://photos.app.goo.gl/nhdKJKQthk3SRSL38>



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**Don't miss the
Next WMCC Meeting/ Christmas Party
Saturday December 3, 2022
In Three Rivers, 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.

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