



**May 2023**

## The View from the Top.

### WMCC May Meeting

**May 7, 2023**

For our May meeting we will be attending the [60th Annual Mendon Dust Off](#) at Mendon High School -148 Kirby Rd, Mendon MI. Show runs 8am-3pm. We will have the meeting around our cars about NOON! In order to park together we need to arrive together. We will Leaving the Holiday Inn in Three Rivers at 7:30am Sunday morning, so arrive before then.

FYI there is about 10 miles of road construction on US131 between Schoolcraft & Three Rivers, Please allow your self extra travel time.

For those of you coming into town Saturday, Please get ahold of me as we have a special activity planned for Saturday evening for those staying in town.

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

#### **Holiday Inn Express**

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

#### **Super 8**

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

### Dave Kemp Celebration of life

**When: Saturday May 13, 2023 2-5pm**

**Where: 61800 S. US Highway 131 Three Rivers, MI 49093**

Come help us celebrate one hell of a husband, father, papa and friend.

We will be having a celebration of life to share stories about this amazing man! Grab your bag chairs and head on out, Weenie King will be grilling up hotdogs and there will be side dishes as well. We will have water, lemonade and root

beer (Dave's favorites). We ask that there be no alcohol at this celebration, however we will be having a bonfire at another location, where you will be able to enjoy some adult beverages.

A side dish or dessert of your choice is always welcome, but not necessary at all.

We will have a DJ and ask that if you have songs that remind you of Dave, to please pass them along to her.

You are more than welcome to attend the bonfire, just ask for the address. We will be swapping even more stories of Big Dave and all his shenanigans! The location is between Three Rivers and Constantine on the BIG hill. We will have balloons at the road.

We hope to see you ALL there.

~Angie Kemp

### Berger ALL -GM Show

**August 25 & 26, 2023 for our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual All GM Show!**

Whether you're a car enthusiast, a Berger customer, or simply a part of the Grand Rapids community, there's a little something for everyone. There will be Classic GM Vehicles, food trucks, Chevrolet's Project X Car, Dick Harrell Funny Cars, DYNO testing, featured cars, a 50/50 raffle, music, and more!

The All GM Show is open to everyone! But **only General Motors vehicles can enter into the show.** We would especially like to invite any of those Berger Chevys from the '60's and '70's along with the all-new Custom Berger Camaros,



**Doug Warren, WMCC Founder  
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Hot Rod Magazine Limited Edition Camaros, Berger ZL-1 Camaro Supercars and the Berger Chevrolet - Dick Harrell Camaro Supercars.

This event is FREE for spectators, so bring your friends, family, and perhaps your GM vehicle, we'd love to see you there!

**Track Day** - August 25, 2023 at US 131 Motorsports Park | 9am-4pm

**Meet & Greet** - August 25, 2023 at Berger Chevrolet | 7pm-10pm

**All GM Show** - AUGUST 26, 2023 at Berger Chevrolet | 8am-4pm

We will have show flyers at the meeting

Please be Lining up those Feature Cars, Please email me names and contact info as well as the cars they will be bringing. Send info to:

[wmcamaro@gmail.com](mailto:wmcamaro@gmail.com)

### **NMCA All – American Carshow** **July 22 & 23, 2023**

We have once again been asked to be the host club for the NMCA All - American Carshow and dragrace July 22 & 23 at Martin US131 Dragway. <https://www.nmcadigital.com/martin-mi/c950>

This will pretty much be the same as the show last couple years.

We need Workers for Saturday and Sunday. Jobs amount to parking cars at the carshow and registration table, nothing difficult. By working a few hours each day this also gets you in to the show, only catch is you have to arrive at opening.

We need everyone to pitch in here and help, working these shows is why we no longer need to have club dues. Please email me what day you are able to help. [wmcamaro@gmail.com](mailto:wmcamaro@gmail.com)

### **NSRA show in Kalamazoo**

**Below is an Email I received.....**

*I am the Event Director for the National Street Rod Association North event we hold in Kalamazoo each year. I like to invite a local car club to the show on Saturday to just come and display their cars. Since we have a Camaro on the artwork this year, a Camaro car club just*

*fits the bill.*

*Our show is held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Sept 8,9 and 10 this year. If you would be interested in attending the show (no cost to the club members) just let me know. We can discuss the details later.*

**I have responded to the event director that WMCC is in. He has asked us to bring 15-20 Camaros Saturday sept 9, 2023. We will be getting free entry for the Camaro Driver and 1 Passenger. We will have Prime parking.**

**Please let me know ASAP if you want to attend. I will reaching out to a couple other clubs to fill the spots WMCC does not fill.**

### **2023 WMCC Fall Color Tour**

Hi All, As Promised at the Christmas Part here is the info that we have worked out for the 2023 Fall Color Tour.

Dates are Thursday October 12th, 13th, 14th. Ending on the 15th.

The Motel info is  
M22 Inn-Suttons Bay  
4290 S. W. Bay Shore Dr.  
Suttons Bay MI 49682  
ph. 1-231-271-6694

This is a little on the pricey side with 10 rooms at \$136, 4 or 5 rooms at \$172 and the rest are over \$200. I have sent an E-Mail and left phone messages to inquire about a group discount but I have not gotten a response as of yet. Cancellation will cost you \$25 dollars if done 10 days before arrival date and your whole deposit, which is one nights stay, if less than the 10 days.

Cheryl and I stopped in on our way home last fall and all rooms have be remodeled and up graded. A handicap room installed on the side of the main house. Fire pit is moved back towards the woods.

The location has always worked in the past and I believe the whole area has gotten more popular thus the higher prices.

I will get the start/gathering point out in late April or early May.

Thankx for your patience John Smith

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## John Smith Jr Project Truck Update

My 68 Chevy C-10 build has taken a turn on drive line plans. After doing research on the 98 LS1 wouldn't handle the power that I want to make. So I now have a 2014 C7 with the 6.2 LT1, 6sp transmission and big brakes.



## For Sale 2013 Camaro 2SS.

Would appreciate if you would pass this on to anyone that may be interested. Will be sending it to Garage Kept soon, but rather sell it directly.

Engine modified by Baker Engineering, 500+ RWHP, 6 speed automatic with paddle shifter.

47K miles. All options except sunroof, special order interior, Navisat, tires, Michelin Pilot, and

brake pads. The color is all dark

Nice driving car. Asking \$26K

Thanks

Stuart Johnson

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616-485-4439



## **SIXTH GENERATION CAMARO BOWS OUT, CHEVROLET ANNOUNCES FINAL COLLECTOR'S EDITION**

**Chevrolet Motorsports will continue to compete across the world; Chevrolet announces this is not the final chapter for nameplate.**

2023-03-22

DETROIT – After nine strong model years in the market, with hundreds of thousands sold, the sixth generation Chevrolet Camaro will retire at the conclusion of model year 2024. The final sixth generation Camaros will come off the assembly line at the Lansing Grand River Assembly Plant in Michigan in January 2024.

Available in coupe and soft-top convertible variants, this latest generation Camaro is known for supreme athleticism and composure. Magnetic Ride Control became available on the Camaro SS in the sixth generation and track-focused 1LE packages proliferated through all levels of the lineup for the first time. The ultimate street-legal track Camaro, the 650 horsepower ZL1 1LE, produced the fastest time for any Camaro around GM's Milford Road Course at the company's Milford Proving Ground in Michigan.

Whether it is picking up awards for on-road performance, or race wins and championships at tracks across the world, Camaro has demonstrated Chevrolet's ability to win in the most demanding environments.

"As we prepare to say goodbye to the current generation Camaro, it is difficult to overstate our gratitude to every Camaro customer, Camaro assembly line employee and race fan," said Scott Bell, vice president, Global Chevrolet. "While we are not announcing an immediate successor today, rest assured, this is not the end of Camaro's story."

Chevrolet will celebrate this storied nameplate with the addition of the Camaro RS and SS, and on a limited number of ZL1 equipped vehicles available in North America. The Collector's Edition pays homage to Camaro, resurfacing ties that date back to the development of the first generation Camaro in the 1960s, most notably the

program's initial code name: Panther.

More information on the 2024 Camaro line and Collector's Edition package will be available closer to the start of orders this summer. Since our founding days with Louis Chevrolet, performance always has been and will continue to be an integral part of Chevrolet's DNA. From Corvette to Colorado and Silverado ZR2, to Tahoe RST and Blazer EV SS<sup>1</sup>, the brand will continue to offer a range of exhilarating vehicles for the street, the track and off-road.

### **Motorsports**

Chevrolet campaigns the sixth generation Camaro in a variety of series, including NASCAR, IMSA, SRO, NHRA and the Supercars Championship. Camaro will continue to compete on track, working with motorsports sanctioning bodies to ensure Chevrolet's presence in racing moving forward.

"Chevrolet's products and our relationship with our customers benefit from motorsports," said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. vice president, Performance and Motorsports. "Our plan is to continue to compete and win at the highest levels of auto racing."

### **ABOUT CHEVROLET**

Founded in 1911 in Detroit, Chevrolet is now one of the world's largest car brands, available in nearly 80 countries with nearly 2.7 million cars and trucks sold in 2021. Chevrolet models include electric and fuel-efficient vehicles that feature engaging performance, design that makes the heart beat, passive and active safety features and easy-to-use technology, all at a value. More information on Chevrolet models can be found at [www.chevrolet.com](http://www.chevrolet.com).

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# Car Show Benefit for Growing Roots

Friday June 16, 2023 5-9pm

[Fricano's Pizza on Alpine Ave. \(Grand Rapids, Michigan area\)](#)

\$10 entry fee.

Live entertainment with band [Twister](#).



**BERGER'S 24TH ANNUAL**

# ALL GM SHOW

**HOSTED BY WESTERN MICHIGAN CAMARO CLUB**



## WHEN

**AUGUST 25, 2023 | ALL DAY**  
Track Day at US 131 Motorsports Park

**AUGUST 25, 2023 | EVENING**  
Meet & Greet at Berger Chevrolet

**AUGUST 26, 2023 | ALL DAY**  
All GM Show at Berger Chevrolet

## VEHICLE INFO

GM Vehicles Only  
\$20 Vehicle Entry Fee  
Same Day Registration  
Free for All Spectators

## CAR SHOW DETAILS

Classic GM Vehicles, Food Trucks,  
50/50 Raffle, Over 50 Awards,  
Vehicle Portraits, DYN0,  
Feature Cars, GMMG Reunion,  
and More!



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Berger Chevrolet and the Western Michigan Camaro Club invite you to the

# 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALL GM SHOW

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023**

**TRACK DAY** at US 131 Motorsports Park 9am-4pm

- Race your own GM vehicle: \$20 fee, 100 racer limit
- Must be 18 or older. Long pants & closed toe shoes required
- Same day registration
- Concessions paid for by Berger Chevrolet

**MEET & GREET** at Berger Chevrolet 7pm-10pm

- Join us to watch the 28th Street Metro Cruise from our lot
- ALL EVENTS ARE FREE FOR SPECTATORS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023**

**ALL GM SHOW** at Berger Chevrolet 8am-4pm

- \$20 vehicle registration fee, same day registration
  - FREE T-shirt for the first 300 entries
  - Food available for purchase at food trucks
- EVENT IS FREE FOR SPECTATORS**



## QUESTIONS?

**Gary Crippin**

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# 2nd ANNUAL CAMARO/MUSTANG CAR SHOW



## DJ YORK MEMORIAL

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>

7905 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI 49002

Show Open from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Awards Presented at 1:15 PM



### Trophies for:

Best Camaro  
Best Mustang  
The YorkStrong Award

### Vendors:

Menchie's Frozen Yogurt  
Lopez Creations L.L.C  
Pristine Clean Detail & Ceramic Coating  
Matt's Snacks

### Activities:

Raffles  
50/50 Drawing  
Music



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### [2nd Annual Camaro/Mustang Car Show Registration Form](#)

Pre-Registration fee: \$15.00 due by July 1; Registration Day of Event: \$20.00

We will NOT use your contact data other than to provide you with our Car Show information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Kalamazoo Camaros and mail with Registration Form to: Kalamazoo Camaros 1594 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Otsego, MI 49078

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Kalamazoo Camaros at [kalamazoocamaros2018@gmail.com](mailto:kalamazoocamaros2018@gmail.com) with any questions.



## **2023 Calendar of events**

### **Official WMCC events**

**May 7 60th Annual Mendon Dust Off** 8am-3pm Mendon High School 148 Kirby Rd, Mendon MI. This will be our May WMCC Meeting location.

**July 22 & 23 NMRA/NMCA Power festival** Car show. 7am-4pm. Martin US 131 Motorsports Park, Martin MI. We are hosting this event and need volunteers. Please email Gary for more info or to volunteer.

**August 25 & 26 Berger Chevrolet ALL GM Show**. Berger Chevrolet 2525 28<sup>th</sup> street, Grand rapids, MI. We are hosting this event and need volunteers. Please email Gary for more info or to volunteer.

**September 9 43rd NSRA Street Rod Nationals North** 8am-7pm Kalamazoo County Expo Center Kalamazoo, Michigan. We have been asked to this show as "SPECICAL GUESTS". They would like us to attend with 15-20 Camaros of any year. 30 Year rule will not apply to us. We a being given free entry & prime parking. If you would like to attend, please email Gary for more info.

**October 12-15 WMCC Fall Color tour 2023**. Suttons Bay, MI See Newsletter or John Smith for Details.

**Dec 2 WMCC Christmas Party 2023** Detail TBA

### **Camaro shows**

**July 7-9 Camaro Superfest - [www.camarosuperfest.com](http://www.camarosuperfest.com)** Multi Lakes Conservation Association in Commerce Charter Twp, Michigan ~Details TBA

**July 8 2nd Annual Camaro/Mustang Car Show** 9am-2pm First Reformed Church of Portage 7905 S Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI, United States, Michigan

**July 20-23 Camaro Fest XII [www.camarofest.org](http://www.camarofest.org)** Bowling Green, Kentucky

**2023 MIFBody Meet & Greet** Details TBA

### **Car shows**

**May 6 DeNooyer Dust-Off 2023 | Truck & Car Show** 8am-1pm [www.denooyerford.net/dustoff/](http://www.denooyerford.net/dustoff/) DeNooyer Ford Dust-Off, 13485 Portage Road, Vicksburg, MI 49097

**May 13 & 14 35TH Annual Coldwater Swap Meet & Carshow**. [www.coldwaterswapmeetandcarshow.com](http://www.coldwaterswapmeetandcarshow.com)  
8am-4pm Branch County Fairgrounds 262 Sprague Street Coldwater, Michigan

**June 3 Ionia Carshow**, Main street Ionia, MI 9-3pm

**June 10 Vicksburg Old Car Festival** 8am-4pm 104 S Main St, Vicksburg, MI, United States, Michigan

**June 16 Car Show Benefit for Growing Roots** 5-9pm [Fricano's Pizza on Alpine Ave. \(Grand Rapids, Michigan area\)](#)

**June 17 Three Rivers Water Festival Carshow** 8am-3pm 1 Main Street, Three Rivers, MI

**June 18 41st Annual Fathers' Day Car Show** 8am-5pm Charlton Park 2545 S.Charlton Park Rd, Hastings, MI

**July 15 Centreville Covered Bridge Days Car Show** 8am-Noon Historic Downtown Centreville MI

**August 19 Woodward Dream Cruise** [www.woodwarddreamcruise.com](http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com) Woodward Ave, Detroit Metropolitan Area

**August 27 Comstock High School Car Show** 10am-5pm Comstock High School 2107 N 26th St Kalamazoo, MI

**Please email [wmcamaro@gmail.com](mailto:wmcamaro@gmail.com) the info and/or flyers and dates for all the upcoming shows & events in your area so we can add them to calendar.**



**Don't miss the  
Next WMCC Meeting  
Sunday May 7, 2023  
In Mendon, 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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### **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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