



June 2025

The View from the Top.

WMCC June Meeting Sunday June 8th, 2025

Club Member Paul Rumisek has planned a nice meeting, potluck/ lunch & car show for us. Paul has put a lot of thought and work into this. Would Like to see a large turn out to support all of his efforts. Below are the details Paul has provided.

Sunday June 8, 2025 the Western Michigan Camaro Club meeting will held in the Clubhouse at Stone Falls of Ada Starting at noon. Bring a Dish to pass, your favorite drink, chairs and Camaros to showoff and brag about.

When: Sunday June 8, 2025 @ Noon

Where: Stone Falls of Ada

330 Stone Falls Drive SE, Ada MI 49301

If you have questions please contact
Paul **616-634-3818**

Hope for nice weather and see **YOU ALL** there!!!

Berger ALL –GM Show 2025

Berger Chevrolet's All GM Show in 2025 will be our FINAL car show.

With this being the final year for the show we are looking for cars that were sold NEW at Berger Chevrolet to be feature cars.

If you have a car or truck that was sold new at Berger Chevrolet and would like to be considered for a feature car, Please email me a couple of pictures, details about the car and your contact info. wmcamaro@gmail.com. Don't hesitate we have already filled 25 of the 40 feature car spots.



Doug Warren, WMCC Founder
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2025 WMCC Fall Color Tour Update October 9-12, 2025

2025 WMCC Fall Color Tour will once again be departing from the Meijer Store Parking Lot in Cedar Springs on Thursday October 9th at 9 am. The route north to Mackinaw City and the Clearwater Motel. Which we will use as base for the weekend. Will take on some familiar roads and roads we have not traversed as a group before. we will be stopping at the Hideaway Bar located at 11224 Starvation Lake RD. Mancelona MI. 49659. for lunch then continuing the trip up on more back roads.

Friday we will be taking the long way to Harbor Springs for our usual Friday city tour and shopping event. There is a public parking lot on the water front and we will be eating lunch at Pierson's Grille and Spirits located at 103 State St. Harbor Springs MI. 49740

Saturday. I'm looking for suggestions and we can discuss them at the next 5 meetings to get it figured out.

We will be staying at the Clearwater Lakeshore motel. <https://www.clearwatermackinaw.com/>

When you make your reservation let them know you are with WMCC, they are going to try and keep are rooms close together. Also please note this motel is 2 stories, there is no elevator. So if stairs are a problem please make sure to request a ground floor room. As of today Room Price is \$130 a night and up depending on room style.

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Thankx to all that are interested in going. Once again it will be the people that make it a great time. Thanks, Cheryl and John.

The Bow Tie Block Party

Thursday June 19, 2025 3-8pm

Join Young Chevrolet in Ionia on June 19th for a celebration of Chevrolet. 3669 S State Rd Ionia, MI 48846

Camaros, Corvettes, Chevelles, Novas, Impalas, Tri-5 Chevies, oh my! Proceeds from the event support the Ionia VFW & Ionia Teen Center.

Our Guest of Honor Mr. Jon Moss, voted a top ten Chevrolet Man of all-time, is the retired head of the legendary General Motors Special Vehicle Group and is called the last great performance icon of our time.

Mr. Moss appears in support of his biography, "Keys to the Kingdom" which documents the career of Jon Moss and his incredible contribution to the hobby. Jon built high powered Camaros, Corvettes, Monte Carlos, Trucks, and even boats traveling the country demonstrating them at his "Toys Tests" showcasing Chevy Performance.

Joining Mr. Moss is the award-winning and #1 best-selling author of "Keys to the Kingdom" and automotive historian, Sean E. Reavie.

During the event, Reavie narrates a PowerPoint of Mr. Moss's career to include the previously unknown "CERV 4" project.

Called "The greatest black operation in automotive history" the CERV 4 was funded off book, off sight, and off the radar of General Motors by Chevy General Manager Jim Perkins. Perkins recruited Moss to save the Corvette from being cancelled at an upcoming board meeting as GM had already decided to do away with American's Sports Car.

Reavie tells the incredible story in the book and the telling at the "Bowtie Block Party" is the first public discussion of the project that had it been discovered, would have led to Perkins and Moss being terminated and arrested. The project was so secret, the former VP of Engineering and director of the CERV 3 project contacted Reavie telling him there was no such thing as a "CERV 4 Project."

Moss and Reavie have two book signings planned so please follow the link to register for the event to get an autographed book and poster.

For More information Contact- Rob Stehley
Young Chevrolet 616-527-4800

<https://www.ubmeevents.com/event/8db7133c-3dfe-4a4f-9085-1af84491c174>

2025 HOT ROD Power Tour

HOT ROD Power Tour heads from Indiana to Ohio for its five-day road tour in 2025. Several Members have expressed interest in going this year again with it being so close. We can discuss this in more detail at the meeting. Below are the details about the event.

<https://www.hotrod.com/hot-rod-power-tour-2025/>

Put the internet rumors in the rearview mirror because we are delighted to announce the HOT ROD Power Tour returns in 2025. The world's largest traveling car show hits the highways June 9 through June 13 as over 6,000 vehicles participate in one of the most anticipated car events of the year. The MotorTrend event team and HOT ROD editors have curated a route that runs west to east, beginning at the famed Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park.

The 31st annual road trip includes three dragstrips and two fairgrounds with Monday's kickoff featuring drag racing on the famous Indianapolis Raceway Park strip. The second day heads north to Joliet, Illinois, to one of the most notorious tracks on the NHRA national event schedule. Route 66 Raceway will come alive on Tuesday, June 10, as the second straight day of drag racing goes down. It is a rare occasion, in recent years, for a group outside of NHRA to use at the quarter-mile course in the stadium-like dragstrip.

The third and fourth days are a break from dragstrips as Power Tour visits the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A short drive east into Michigan brings the group to Thursday's stop at Monroe County Fairgrounds in the city of the same name. And finally, the tour concludes at the Summit Motorsports Park, one of the crown jewels on the NHRA national event tour. Drag racing will take place at three locations and Power Tour officials will be announcing autocross details shortly. Also be aware of a new feature for 2025 for Pro Street cars, a special showcase is being organized for the opening day kickoff in Indianapolis with information coming soon.

31st Annual HOT ROD POWER TOUR 2025 SCHEDULE

KICKOFF / Day 1: Monday, June 9—Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, Brownsburg, Indiana

Day 2: Tuesday, June 10—Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, Illinois

Day 3: Wednesday, June 11—Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Day 4: Thursday, June 12—Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, Michigan

Day 5: Friday, June 13—Summit Motorsports Park, Norwalk, Ohio

Get Your Tickets!

There are several levels of tickets available—Platinum, Gold, Long Hauler, and Daily.

The Long Haul category is reserved for those who wish to attend every day, and it comes with several perks, like a car pass and two admission tickets for every venue, Long Haul plaque, and other goodies. Also available, but in limited quantities, are the Platinum and Gold packages that feature special parking locations, lunches, exclusive goodie bags, and other VIP perks. HOT ROD Power Tour also offers single and multi-day passes for enthusiasts who can't make the full five-day road trip. Be sure to check the HOT ROD Power Tour website for the most up-to-date and accurate information. As always, fans and enthusiasts can come to every venue free of charge to enjoy the showgrounds and motorsport activities.

WMCC Caribbean Cruise **Feb 14-22, 2026**

Hi All,

Below is the link to the cruise we have been talking about at the meetings. There are currently 20+ WMCC members booked on this cruise.

Day 1: Miami

Day 2 & 3: Fun Day at Sea

Day 4: Aruba

Day 5: Bonaire

Day 6: Curaçao

Day 7 & 8: Fun Day at Sea

Day 9: Miami

Arrives at 8:00 AM

We look forward to seeing more of you join us!

<https://www.carnival.com/itinerary/8-day-southern-caribbean-cruise/miami/horizon/8-days/cze/?itinportcode=mia&military=N&pastGuest=Y&senior=N&numGuests=2&evsel=&hideSailingEvents=true&locality=1¤cy=USD&sailDate=02142026&roomType=IS>

The Real Meaning Behind The ZL1 Badge On A Chevy Camaro

By Gray Van Dyke Published May 18, 2025

In the world of Camaros, there are few badges that manage to captivate enthusiasts quite like the ZL1. The three characters amount to much more than a faster trim or a simple styling package, as they completely recalibrate the concept of what a muscle car can be. Whether on the strip, the street, or the track, the [Camaro ZL1](#) was a total performance machine—especially in the case of the sixth generation that came just before the discontinuation of the [Chevrolet](#) pony car.

But how did the ZL1 come to be, and what does the designation signify? Were it not for the efforts of a few daring rule-breakers, it's possible that the [Chevrolet Camaro ZL1](#) would have gone undeveloped, potent in concept but unrealized in practice. After all, once the first run of 1969 models was completed, it wasn't until 2012 that Chevrolet formally brought the moniker into its lineup. As for the meaning—read on to see what makes the ZL1 such a legend among muscle cars.

The ZL1 Owes Its Existence To The COPO Program

The ZL1 first appeared on the Camaro in 1969. At the time, it wasn't even a trim, but rather the RPO code for an aluminum 427-cubic-inch V8 that Chevrolet developed for Can-Am racing. Though General Motors had enacted a ban on installing engines larger than 400-cubic-inches in anything other than [the Corvette](#) and big trucks, an enterprising dealer by the name of Fred Gibb was determined to see the special powerplant's potential realized on the strip. Accordingly, he found a loophole that allowed him to order 50

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Camaros (thus satisfying the Stock Eliminator production requirement) fitted with the aluminum engine.

Skirting The GM Brass With The Perfect Loophole

GM originally established the Central Order Production Order (COPO) program for fleet vehicles, like police cars and large trucks, that had to be ordered to identical specifications in limited quantities. Beyond special paint options, the forms also offered unique engines and transmissions that were not typically available in production vehicles. Of course, it wasn't long before Chevrolet dealers wized up and saw what the COPO program could enable. Don Yenko started using the system as early as 1966 to make projects like the Stinger Corvair come to fruition.

In 1968, Fred Gibbs approached Chevrolet Production Promotions manager Vince Piggins with a pitch to install the L78 396 engine and TH400 automatic transmission into a run of 50 Chevy IIs for drag racing. The combination made for an engineering first for General Motors, and, even though the Mystery Novas didn't race to success that year, the order paved the way for Gibb's next effort. Come 1969, he tapped Piggins once again, this time ordering a run of fifty 1969 Camaros fitted with the aluminum 427-cubic-inch ZL1 V8 under the hood. At over 100 lbs lighter than the iron-block L72, it made for a marked upgrade.

The Original Camaro ZL1 Was A Bonafide Sleeper Car

The 1969 Camaro ZL1 was instigated under COPO order #9560. Along with a Holley 4-barrel carburetor mated to its competition-derived L88 V8, it also received F4I suspension, a heavy-duty cooling system, beefed-up front springs and brakes, as well as a ZL2 cowl-induction hood. Buyers had a choice of transmission options in the TH400 automatic and the Muncie M21; when mated to a BE-code 12-bolt rear end with 4.10 gears, Chevrolet rated it at 430 horsepower and 450 lb-ft of torque.

Beyond the underrated output, ZL1s were [sleeper-like](#) in their appearance. Unlike Don Yenko's street-going COPO Chevy II and Camaro, though, Fred Gibb wanted his project to be for the drag strip only. Accordingly, appearance options on 9560 cars were limited to blue bowtie emblems, Camaro badges on the fender and deck lid, as well as color-matched wheels. ZL1 Camaros didn't feature the rear spoiler or RS appearance package, and their all-

black interiors came without a radio.

Fast On The Strip, Slow To Sell In The Showroom

As Fred Gibb had predicted, dropping the Can-Am-derived 427-cubic-inch V8 under the hood of the Camaro resulted in some truly tire-slating performance. Though Chevrolet rated the engine for 430 horsepower and 450 lb-ft of torque, in reality, the Camaro ZL1 is known to have made well over 500 ponies, and some sources put that number closer to 600. Back in the day, that made it one of the most powerful cars available, and the mammoth output remains competitive today. Even [compared to modern muscle](#), the 1969 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 is a seriously quick car.

From the showroom, the 1969 Camaro ZL1 was easily capable of running low 13-second quarter-mile passes, which made it considerably quicker than some of its '60s rivals. Of course, when prepared for drag strip use as intended, the car could be tuned to be quicker still. During a period test, a Hot Rod reviewer managed a best performance of 11.85 seconds at 119.06 mph, while legendary drag racer Dick Harrell was able to turn an 11.64 at 122.15 mph that same day. When outfitted for Super Stock competition—with a fiberglass hood and fenders, massive slicks, and other accouterments—Harrell managed to take a Camaro ZL1 to a blistering 10.41.

The Engine Doubled The Price Tag

The ZL1 engine option added roughly \$4,200 to the bottom line

Fred Gibb was unable to sell all 50; GM redistributed the remaining 37 cars

A further 19 were ordered after reallocation

The Aftermarket Brought The ZL1 Back For Gen

Even though the 1969 Camaro ZL1 had been an expensive item and a niche seller, Chevrolet recognized the appeal of the legendary performance model, and it incorporated the name on a number of subsequent show cars and concepts. One of the most notable potential successors came in the form of Jon Moss' fourth-generation concept. Like the original, it featured an all-aluminum big-block engine, though it was significantly larger at 572 cubes in displacement. Around the turn of the millennium, enthusiasts increasingly called for a follow-up to the first ZL1. While the interest was there, Chevrolet refused to take on such a project. Instead, the team at GMMG, Inc. (builders of the Dale Earnhardt "Intimidator" SS and other specialty performance Camaros) stepped in and took matters into their own hands. Before long, they had a prototype that featured a modified Corvette LS6 V8 mated

The Final Show



Berger's 2025 All GM Show
August 22 - 23



When and Where

AUGUST 22, 2025 | 9AM - 4PM
Track Day at US 131 Motorsports Park

AUGUST 22, 2025 | 7PM - 10PM
Pre-Show Party at Berger Chevrolet

AUGUST 23, 2025 | 8AM - 4PM
All GM Show at Berger Chevrolet

Vehicle Info

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

The Final Show Details

Classic GM Vehicles, Berger Family Vehicle Collection, Food Trucks, Berger History Mural, Over 50 Awards, Vehicle Portraits, DYNO, Feature Cars, GMMG Reunion, and MORE!



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- Race your own GM vehicle: \$20 fee, 100 racer limit
- Racers must be 18+ wearing long pants & closed toe shoes
- Same day registration open 9AM - 1PM

PRE-SHOW PARTY at Berger Chevrolet | 7PM - 10PM

- Food truck: Lovie's
- Live music by local band The Night Caps

Saturday, August 23, 2025

ALL GM SHOW at Berger Chevrolet | 8AM - 4PM

- \$20 vehicle entry fee
- Same day registration open 8AM - 12PM
- FREE t-shirt & exclusive hat for first 400 entries
- Food trucks: Lovie's, Olly's Donuts, Two Bones BBQ

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to a Z06 clutch assembly, as well as Penske adjustable coilovers, Eibach lowering springs, larger sway bars, and modified link geometry.

2002 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 Specs

	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Engine	350-Cubic-Inch LS6 V8	350-Cubic-Inch LS6 V8	427-Cubic-Inch LS6
Transmission	6-Speed Manual	6-Speed Manual	6-Speed Manual
Drivetrain	RWD	RWD	RWD
Power	400 hp	475 hp	600 hp
Torque	N/A	N/A	575 lb-ft

As homage to muscle cars from the golden age of performance, GMMG built 69 ZL1 Camaros as B4C Police Cars in three Phases, with each package bringing its own engine specification along with some subtle options differences. The Phase I and Phase II cars featured a 350-cubic-inch LS6 V8 under the hood, with the former putting down 400 horsepower and the latter increasing output to 475. Assuming you wanted to take performance even higher, Phase III cars featured a 427-cubic-inch LS6 capable of delivering some 600 horsepower and 575 lb-ft of torque. Naturally, the third option proved the most popular, as 31 of the 69 cars were built to Phase III specifications.

Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 1LE Specs

Engine	Supercharged 6.2-Liter LT4 V8
Transmission	6-Speed Manual, 10-Speed Automatic
Drivetrain	RWD
Power	650 hp
Torque	650 lb-ft

However, it wasn't until the introduction of the [sixth-generation Camaro](#) that the ZL1 achieved its true potential. Powered by a supercharged 6.2-liter LT4 V8 good for 650 horsepower and 650 lb-ft of torque, it was made only better by the 1LE Track Package that brought impactful upgrades like a new aero package, Multimatic shocks, smaller 19-inch wheels, and a strict weight-saving diet that shaved 60 lbs from the standard ZL1. Together, the changes allowed the ZL1 1LE to set a Nürburgring time of 7:16.04— that's 13.6 seconds faster than a non-1LE car.

Pictures from WMCC Camping Trip May 22-26, 2026





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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Watch www.mifbody.com for the latest info on upcoming **WMCC** events.

**Don't miss the
Next WMCC Meeting
Sunday June 8, 2025 In Ada, MI
See newsletter for details**

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