

# CAMARO CORNER



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## September 2009

### The View from the top.

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Hey, it's *SEPTEMBER* already !!!!!!! Where did the year go? Fall is just around the corner (my favorite time of year!) but that does not mean WMCC activities will slack off one bit. Take a look at the calendar and you'll still find plenty of things to do with your Camaro before the snow flies.

#### WMCC September Club Meeting, Sunday Sept. 12, 2009:

This month we have a very special activity planned. The only hitch is that it will require you to drive some distance. (Now, we all know that driving your Camaro is a good thing, right?) The meeting will be at the home of Gib & Tammy Loudon near Millington, MI. and will be at 10am on Sunday morning. This will allow us to attend the Frankenmuth Autofest Car Show for most of the day. If you have never attended the Frankenmuth Autofest before, you owe it to yourself to take this opportunity to do so. There are usually 3,000 to 3,200 cars in this show and all older than 1978. Cars come from all over the US and Canada to attend this show and you will see cars that you don't see very often. It's a great show, and a *must attend* for almost everyone that's been there at least once. But, if you are up for a little more fun, I recommend you attend the entire weekend. The show starts on Friday evening with a huge

festival, called a "Block Party", right in downtown Frankenmuth. The cars line Main Street, on both sides for several blocks through downtown. There are food booths, beer tents, dozens of live bands and of course the shops and restaurants that make

Frankenmuth famous. It's wall to wall people, cars, food and music. Last year they estimated 130,000 spectators! It's a great time. On Saturday (and Sunday), the show moves to the park across the river. There's a Manufacturers Midway and a huge Swap Meet to compliment the car show. This has to be the premier car show in the whole State of Michigan every year. You

don't want to miss this!

Check out this video on YouTube: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-Sc-0nhrRs&feature=player\\_embedded#t=332](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-Sc-0nhrRs&feature=player_embedded#t=332)



By Doug Warren,  
WMCC President



You can stay at the Loudon's for the weekend if you like. There is even room to park your camper/trailer if you have one. Just give Tammy a call if you plan to stay there either Friday night, Saturday night, or both. Home: 989-871-3586 Cell: 517-404-3540 I'm planning to invade their home for the entire weekend! J I hope to see everyone there!

Here are directions to the Loudon's:

You will exit I-75 at the Birch Run exit (exit # 136) and head east on Birch Run Road. Go east until you reach M-15 (approx 11 miles) and turn right (south) on M-15, go south (approx one mile) until you reach Arbela Road. Turn left (east) on Arbela Road. Note: the road turns to gravel. Once on the gravel part, follow the turn to the right (south) onto Oak Road. The Loudon's home is the third place on the left side of the road. The drive way is just after you crest a small hill. Their address is: 10125 Oak Road, Millington Mi 48746, if you want to Mapquest it yourself. (Note: Birch Run is approx. 20 miles north of Flint on I-75, for those that don't know where Birch Run is located.)

### **WMCC October Club Meeting, October 4' 2009:**

For our October Monthly WMCC Club meeting we will be attending The Buckhorn Bash Car Show in Three Rivers. We will have more details at the September Club meeting and in the October newsletter. Stay Tuned.

### **WMCC Fall "Hot Rod" Color Tour:**

The dates for our Annual WMCC Fall Hot Rod Color Tour are October 9-11, 2009. We'll be heading to the east side of the State again this year basing our activities out of Tawas City.

You will want to make your hotel reservations for our Fall Color Tour very soon. The name is **Tawas Bay Beach Resort**, 1-800-336-8601, Website:

[www.tawasbaybeachresort.com](http://www.tawasbaybeachresort.com) They have blocked 20 rooms for our group, and if

those fill up, we can get some more. This is a great area to see, and if you have the chance to pull it up online, please do so. We will be arriving on Friday (10-09-09) and departing on Sunday morning (10-11-09). This has traditionally been my favorite event of the year and I highly recommend attending if you can.

Room Rates for that time would be: City-side: \$98.99 + tax per room per night Bay-side \$107.99 + tax per room per night. You can call Liz Grzesik, Sales & Catering, Tawas Bay Beach Resort and Conference Center. 989-362-8600 Ext 163 or 800-336-8601 Tell them you part of the WMCC group.

### **Berger ALL CHEVY Show report:**

Well, the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual (Can you believe we've done this ten times now?) Berger Chevrolet, ALL CHEVY Show is in the history books. In spite of less than ideal weather, the show was another roaring success. Between the registered show cars, the Feature Cars and our Club cars, there were right around 250 cars on site during the show hours. That's a pretty good showing for any year, good weather or not. We received high praises from Matt Berger and Dick Jacques for our ability to run the

### **Charity Donation**

On Monday, August 31st we took a trip to the Ronald McDonald House of West Michigan. We dropped off the cash donation we raised at the Berger All Chevy Show, a tidy sum of \$297. We also dropped off 25 pounds of aluminum can tabs that we have accumulated over the last year or so.

They were very grateful for the donation. It will go to fund the House and cover expenses associated with helping out families of sick children while the kids are in local hospitals.

So, please continue to save your aluminum can tabs. They turn them in for scrap metal and use the money raised to help cover expenses. A very worthy cause.

Thank You to everyone that worked the 50/50 raffle, the Silent Auction or saved can tabs. You really are making a difference.

You can check out their website at: [www.wmrmh.org](http://www.wmrmh.org)

event efficiently and with little fuss. Of course that would not be possible if it was not for all of our awesome members that work together to get the job done. It's a pleasure to be associated with such a fine group of individuals, it really is! The fact that we all get along so well is just icing on



the cake. For an only kid that grew up with no brothers or sisters, I sure have a fine bunch of them now.

We also got tons of positive comments from several of the show participants. I fielded one complaint after the show (by e-mail) and got that handled. It was simply a misunderstanding of how the Feature Cars are chosen. Once that was understood, the issue was resolved. I'm looking forward to many more great Berger All Chevy shows in years to come.

Of course one of the highlights of the show was the debut of the 2010 Berger SS Camaro. The car is simply awesome and I heard lots of positive comments from show spectators and participants alike. Another highlight was the "Burn-outs for Charity" in the east lot after the show. They were awesome and drew a huge crowd. Thank you to our members that prevented this activity from getting out of hand by blocking the few people that tried to put on their own burn-out show.

Take a look at the show photos, they tell the story of another awesome Berger All Chevy Show. I can't wait until next year.





## Doug's Roofing Project

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, a dedicated group of WMCC members volunteered to help re-roof our house. The weather was brutally hot, and if it was totally up to me, I would have postponed the project to a cooler day. (Did I ever mention how much I hate hot and humid weather?) LOL Gary, John S, John F, Ray C, Carl, Greg, Ray S, Nick, Marc & son, Tim, James and Dave all worked their butts off. They did an awesome job and we are very grateful for such an incredible group of friends. Thanks also goes to Christi and Carrie for supplying some afternoon food and refreshments.

We tried our best to feed everyone and keep the drinks coming while lending as much ground support as I could. I know the weather just about killed me and I can only imagine how it must have tired everyone else out as well.

Thanks again to everyone! You guys are the best !!!!!  
The Warrens



**From the FBODFATHER Scott Settlemiere:**

Good Afternoon, Camaro Comrades and Firebird Friends!

Many of you have asked, over the years, about the possibility of getting more information on your Camaro or Firebird.

I'm pleased to provide you with the following:

- >Availability of Factory Invoices
- >Availability of Window Label reproduction

I've broken these down into a couple of sections -- please feel free to send this on to your fellow enthusiasts and club members!

**GM Media Archive:** For detailed information, please go to: [www.gmmediaarchive.com](http://www.gmmediaarchive.com)

VEHICLE INVOICES: \$50

Buick from 1982  
Cadillac from 1980  
Chevrolet from 1977  
GMC from 1976  
Oldsmobile from 1977  
Pontiac from 1987

BUILD RECORDS: \$50

Build records are available for Cadillac only. (See Corvette Build records below) There are build records available for virtually all years of Cadillac going back to 1903 with exception of: 1968, 1974-79 and some 1973 models.

VINTAGE VEHICLE INFORMATION: \$50

GM Heritage center will decode the VIN and provide various documents for your vehicle. (see site for more details)

**FROM PONTIAC HISTORIC SERVICES:**

The vehicle invoice collection is the documentation of the vehicle cost broken out by model and factory options. It contains the original ship to dealer information, MSRP and invoice number that We now have the ability to provide a reproduction window sticker to Camaro enthusiasts.

The window sticker will look exactly like the original that would have come on their car when new. Attached is our "new" Camaro window sticker order form. The years that we will handle are 1981-2002.

However, to provide this service, we will require a copy of the dealer invoice for their car. Without it, we won't have the necessary information needed to correctly produce it.

If the owner does not have the dealer invoice for their car, they can obtain the necessary paperwork from Allied-Vaughn. Their contact information is: [vehicleinvoice@gmmediaarchive.com](mailto:vehicleinvoice@gmmediaarchive.com)

However, in keeping with the integrity of how vehicles were built, we will not print a window sticker any other way from how the vehicle was produced. We will not add, delete nor change any options.

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- Chevrolet from 1977
- GMC from 1976
- Oldsmobile from 1977
- Pontiac from 1987
- Saturn from 1994
- Saab from 2000

*Excludes Fleet and Exported vehicle states starting in the mid 1970's.\** Vehicle Invoices are printed from microfilm or microfiche then scanned and emailed as an Adobe PDF for **\$50 USD**.

Most requests for copies of dealer vehicle invoices are reproduced from microfilm and microfiche. Copies of these records may vary in quality, depending on the condition of the archived record. We will give you the highest reproduction quality possible from these media sources. We will notify you if the invoices are not legible or unavailable.

Vehicle invoices are available for the following years: \*

- Buick from 1982
- Cadillac from 1980
- Chevrolet from 1977
- GMC from 1976
- Oldsmobile from 1977
- Pontiac from 1987
- Saturn from 1994
- Saab from 2000

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The format of Vehicle Build Sheets and Invoices vary by division and year

The vehicle invoice collection is the documentation of the vehicle cost broken out by model and factory options. It contains the original ship to dealer information, MSRP and invoice number that General Motors used to bill the dealer. The collection is archived on microfilm, microfiche, CD and is organized by VIN number. The collection covers almost all cars & trucks produced in the United States starting in the mid 1970's.\* Vehicle Invoices are printed from microfilm or microfiche then scanned and emailed as an Adobe PDF for **\$50 USD**.

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## 2009 Events Calendar

*(\*denotes Official WMCC Event)*

### WMCC Monthly Membership Meetings:

- \*Sep 13, 2009 At the Loudon's home: for Frankenmuth Autofest 2009 show
- \*Oct 4, 2009 WMCC Club Meeting @ Buckhorn Bash Car Show, Three Rivers, MI
- \*Nov 1, 2009 Visit Dan Baker's car collection, more info to come .....
- \*Dec 12, 2009 Annual WMCC Christmas Party @ the Lins' Home again !!!

### All Camaro / All Chevrolet Events:

- Sep 12-13, 2009 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Classic & F Body Summit Show @ Summit Racing, Tallmadge, OH
- \*Oct 9-11, 2009 Annual WMCC Hot Rod Fall Color Tour – back to the Tawas City Area

### Other Automotive Events of Interest:

- Sep 7, 2009 Labor Day Cars for Cancer, Knights of Columbus Hall, Muskegon, MI
- Sep 11-13, 2009 Frankenmuth Autofest 2009, Frankenmuth, MI
- Sep 11-13, 2009 Muscle Car Reunion & Drags @ KCIR raceway, (Kansas City)
- Sep 11-13, 2009 Street Rod Nationals North, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI
- Sep 11, 2009 Trendway 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Cruise-in, Holland, MI
- Sep 12, 2009 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Customer Appreciation Day Car Show, @ Greener's Auto Center, 2615 North 120<sup>th</sup>, Holland, MI
- Sep 12, 2009 Middleville Heritage Day Car Show, Main Street, Middleville, MI
- Sep 12, 2009 2009 Creston Car Show, on Plainfield Ave between Leonard and Ann St. Grand Rapids, MI
- Sep 13, 2009 West Michigan Muscle Car Show @ Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- Sep 19, 2009 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alto Harvest Festival Car Show, downtown Alto, MI
- Sep 25-27, 2009 Route 66 Car Fest in Springfield, IL
- Sep 27, 2009 Benefit Car Show, Grandville Banquet Center, across from Dawg Dogs in Grandville, MI
- Sep 27, 2009 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Capac Autofest, Capac, MI
- Oct 3, 2009 Immanuel Church Car Show – 325 104<sup>th</sup> Ave Holland, MI
- Oct 3, 2009 Whenever Weinies Year End Show, Fowlerville, MI
- Oct 4, 2009 Buckhorn Bash Car Show, Three Rivers, MI
- Oct 11, 2009 Swap Meet & Car Show, St. Joseph Co. Fairgrounds, South Band, IN

### Cruise-Ins:

- Mondays: Russ' Grand Haven location, 1313 S. Beacon Blvd (20% discount on food)
- Tuesdays: Mr. Quick's Cruise-in, Apple Ave, east of Muskegon
- Tuesdays: Fricano's Pizza, Alpine & 7Mile Rd. north of Grand Rapids
- Wednesdays: Culver's 6300 28<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Cascade, MI 5 to 9pm
- Wednesdays: Russ' Muskegon location, 3225 Henry St. (20% discount on food)
- Wednesdays: Gilmore Classic Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI
- Wednesdays: Ice Cream Shop in Wayland. Free small ice cream for each car. Starting the end of May.
- Thursdays: Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury, IN 5:30-8:00pm Participation is free and will receive dining & shopping discounts, door prizes, and more
- Fridays & Saturdays: Dawg Dogs in Grandville, MI Just south of 28<sup>th</sup> Street on Wilson Ave.





## August 2009 Meeting notes:

August 2, 2009

@Carl & Theresa Lins' house



**Attendance:** Doug & Anita Warren; Anne Kohler; James & Carrie Hoffman; Gary, Shelley, Ashley & Scott Crippin; John & Cheryl Smith; John & Christi Falkenhagen; Al & Jan Boyer; Greg & Peg Gornick; Ray & Ben Cochran; Ray & Jeannine Shafer; Bob & Kelly Donker; Dennis & Ronnie Mykols; Al Boyer, Jr. & Jamie; Dave & Gay Verburg; Marc Bouman; Bob & Joann Gornick; Peg, Skip & Shawn Wieland; Nick & Christy Kemp; Dave & Angie Kemp; Paul & Wendy Murphy; and Dennis & Bonnie Edwards.

Ray & Doug have come up with a new design for the back of the club shirts. They passed it around for our approval.

Thank you to Carl & Theresa for our meeting place and great picnic!!

Berger would like to replace or make new name badges for our club members. Make a notation next to your name on the sign-in sheet today if you need a name tag.

We are invited to an outing on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> as a club. National Night Out. In Kentwood.

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>: Eagle Show hosted by Portland Cruisers. Eagle, MI

### **Berger Show:**

Club parking should be at the east side of the building. Let's take a few in the front, but not as many as we have been taking. We also need to make sure that people know that as host club, our cars are not in the voting.

The club awards should be done first so that everyone knows that our cars are not in the voting.

We will be doing a silent auction again benefiting Ronald McDonald House of West Michigan.

\*\*\*Possibly give a special pass to these people or have a list from Dick for those guests coming to the show.

\*\*\*Need to talk to Dick about the bowtie placement possibly being moved.

Those working the entrance keep a flyer with you!

We will have about 15 feature cars, hopefully, this year. We have 12 already lined up.

Putting one of each generation along the windows in front in red would be a great picture opportunity.

### **Fall Color Tour:**

Don't forget to make your reservations!!

Thank you from the Shafer's for the great turnout at the show. They managed to raise \$900 for the scholar ship. Winners at the show: Nick Kemp, Dennis & Ronnie Mykols, Ray Cochran, and James Hoffman.

Be sure to pass out Berger flyers for the next three weeks!!

We had an drawing for the things given to us from our June meeting!! Thanks to J & S Car Care

### **Attention Ladies** **It's a BeautiControl "Spa" party** **Post Wedding Shower** **For Carrie Hoffman**

Given by Shelley Crippin - The WMCC VP's Wife  
Saturday October 3, 2009 at 4:00 pm  
4486 Whitneyville Road SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
RSVP to Shelley only  
269-273-5051 - home  
269-506-0901 - cell  
[scrippin@live.com](mailto:scrippin@live.com)

Carrie did not receive a pre-wedding shower from the WMCC Ladies do it being canceled a couple of times by the shower organizer. So I am giving her a post-wedding Shower. This one will Not be Canceled. So Please join us for an afternoon of relaxation, fun and good times.

Carrie and myself look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,  
Shelley Crippin



**Don't Miss the Next WMCC Meeting**  
**Sunday September 13th at 10am**  
**Meeting will be at Gib & Tammy Loudon's**  
**home, in Millington, 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](http://www.wmcamaro.org) for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

### **WMCC Officers**

President: Doug Warren 616.531.7482  
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### **Club Sponsor**

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### **Website**

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Watch [www.mifbody.com](http://www.mifbody.com) for the latest info on upcoming **WMCC** events.

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