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FROM THE PRES-

So, what awaits us in this year 2024? A new Camaro EV? Perhaps a hybrid? What we do know is that despite our best efforts our beloved Camaro has ceased production yet again. Seems no matter how things change, they remain the same. Are we in for a prolonged hiatus? Not that my opinion counts for anything, I suspect not. Certainly not what we had in the "first void" I hope. And will we anxiously anticipate and desire the new version? Again, my opinion counts for nothing, probably not. No, people like me have not been convinced of the coming prophecy that is electric. I certainly hope our younger versions of us do. Yes, I know electric cars are amazingly fast, having experienced that firsthand. Just the thought of a mid 2 second zero to sixty does get the old heartrate accelerated. But I believe that the last production version of our namesake Camaro was the best of the best. One could have the track monster ZL1/1LE or the grocery getter Turbo 4. Either one fun to drive. Let us hope that the brain trust at GM will continue to improve on what they have and not go backwards. Would it not be something if they produced an EV that the masses actually wanted? One that did not need a government subsidy to sell.

Time will tell no doubt.

Our nomination deadline for officers has come and gone. Hearing from no one, it means that the present officers up for election are, well, re-elected. I will remain President despite my best efforts. Jen will continue as treasurer, and Chris cemented the role of the duly elected member at large that he filled for the remainder of Dale's term last year. The board did get together for a "New Year" meeting and collect our thoughts for the upcoming calendar year. It was clear that we needed to continue to improve our club to guarantee our continued growth despite the loss of any new Camaros. Couple of thoughts came up and will provide for some very interesting conversations with the members at our first meeting in January.

(Read on for venue and day/time) Work on CSF 2024 is well under way and a goal of opening registration by 1/15/24 was agreed upon. Now, that means we have a boat load of work to do. Will we succeed? Sure going to try. Our CSF LOGO is done and waiting digitalization. Artwork for our trophies and signage is looking awesome in its early stages. Rumer has it that it was "leaked" out on the facebook. Final drafts due at press time for this publication. Other items we discussed included a restructure of our dues.

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Seems we might be a tad unquitable towards those of us who are single or not families. Something we need to work out with everyone. Subbing out our website providing help to Mark. Getting him out of doing everything and getting the board more involved in the day-to-day updates. This would cost the club, which is something we currently do not pay for. Many thanks to Mark for all that he does and has done. When you start looking at the time involved on the website and upkeep you realize the value in trusted members like Mark. And as always, those ever-popular trips we have come to love to participate in. Waiting to hear if there is a Tour Missouri this year as well as the prospect of summer and fall trips both in Michigan and out of state (hint-hint). Keep your eye on your inbox, because you never know when that invite will strike.

On a personal note. I would like to thank the club for all the support, prayers and thoughts given to my family these past few weeks. The loss of my mother was not expected and without my family and the friends I have in this club I would have not been able to cope with my emotions. It was, as many of you know, a most difficult experience. Talking to the members that stopped by was something Kathy and I will never forget. Thank You all! **Snook OUT**

CAMARO MEMORIUM

You are no longer with us, but you are not forgotten!

Tom Hawke	Karen Lewis
Doug Warren	John Glister
John VanOrsdal	Russ Sarns
Rich Worcester	Dan Theriault
Vicki Angelosanto	Joan Turon
Louis H LaRiche	John Hancock

They are at peace with our Lord.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members this past month! EMCC Membership currently stands at 82. **YOUR 2024 DUES are DUE!** You can send in your dues renewal, only \$20, to EMCC at the club address - **6659 Schaefer Rd - Suite 1199 Dearborn, MI 48126** Make checks or money orders payable to EMCC. You can also pay cash at a meeting. Dues may also be made via paypal to payments@camarosuperfest.com **THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!**

EMCC MEETING

We're back to monthly meetings! Your next/January EMCC meeting will be on Monday, January 15th. The location is **MEXICAN FIESTA at 24310 FORD RD., DEARBORN HGTS.** (basically Ford Rd and Telegraph, NW corner) If you are coming from the west, turn left at Vernon St just before Ford Rd divides and take the alley to the parking lot behind the restaurant. We have a separate room reserved. Dinner starts at 6pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. We hope you can attend. It's good to "see" and talk with everyone! See you soon!

EMCC BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to all of our JANUARY EMCC Birthdays! See the calendar for those names and dates! Hope all your birthdays are great! If we have missed your birthday, we're sorry! Please email your birthday to Roxanne!

EMCC AT AUTORAMA

The 71st annual AUTORAMA show at Huntington Place/Cobo Hall is taking place the weekend of March 1-3, 2024. We need volunteers to put their Camaro into a club display! Applications must be sent in together at one time, to insure we are placed together. Contact DON if you would like to be in our EMCC display! Applications are on the Autorama website -

www.autorama.com/attend/detroit/

THE CORNER CAMARO

Our next Corner Camaro goes to Duane McDonald, life member #4 and owner of Saturn Printing in Livonia. He has supported EMCC since day one! Thanks! Duane's Camaro is a 1979 Z28 with some modifications. Here's his story-

I have a 1979 Z28 Camaro. I purchased it from Lou LaRiche Chevrolet Plymouth in August 1978. It arrived in October of that same year and I was 18 years old. The Z28 was white with the red/orange striping, which has not changed. T-tops were the new thing to have and my Camaro had them! The interior is mostly white and the powertrain was a 350 engine and auto trans. After the car was one year old and out of warranty is when I began the first of many modifications. To this day there is not much factory items left in the car. The interior is redone in velour in Burgundy and silver. Crager wheels and bigger rear tires were first. Then the engine received a B&M low blower with Webber side-daft carbs, steel braided hoses and Hooker headers. The headers hooked up to chrome side pipes. My Camaro Z28 has not been driven much over the years and some work needs to be done to bring it back to being road-worthy. I met Barry in 1980 and joined the Camaro Club Of Michigan and we've been friends ever since. When CCOM split in membership, I went with the new club and was one of the founding 5 members of the Eastern Michigan Camaro Club! Joining the Camaro Club was a great experience, sharing similar interests with fellow members. I enjoyed all the outings and the camaraderie that goes along with being a member. Although I don't participate as much as I did, I still follow along with the group and try to help when I can. I thank Barry and everyone for allowing me to be a member. Thanks Duane for being an EMCC member and supporter!!

NEXT MONTH - Ernie Honke #6



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YES!! Our CAMARO SUPERFEST 2024 dates are all set and announced on Facebook a few weeks ago! Mark your calendars now.... we'll be repeating much of our great 2023 event again next year. Plus, we'll look at many ways to even improve the event! If you have any ideas, please contact a EMCC Board member. The EMCC Board collectively, will be the chairpersons for the 2024 CSF event. Give them your thoughts!
CSF 2024 is only 7 months away!!

EMCC SYMPATHIES

The entire EMCC membership expresses our deepest sympathies to Paul and Kathy Denski and the Denski family on the recent loss of Paul's mother. We are sorry to also report the passing of Sharon Harpootlian's mother on New Year's eve. Our deepest sympathies to Sharon and Mark and their entire family during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Jerry Glaza	2 Jason Kuhn Jimi Phillips	3 Jennifer Sievert	4	5	6
7 Bob Kraft Michelle McLauchian	8 Jamie Wilson	9	10	11	12 Chuck England	13
14	15  EMCC MEETING	16 Tonda Kraft	17	18	19	20
21 Lisa Benedict	22	23	24	25 Wendell Wilson	26	27 Joe Attard Brian Johnson
28	29	30	31	Waneita Bovan Trish Hoornstra Dale Baird Kevin Murphy	Feb 5 Feb 6 Feb 7 Feb 12	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EMCC Official events.....

JAN 15 – EMCC Meeting Mexican Fiesta
Dearborn Hgts. 6pm dinner, 7pm mtg

OTHER EVENTS-

Jan 6-7.. 50th Detroit Swap Meet
Suburban Collection Showplace
Sat 8am-5pm Sun 8am-1pm

Jan 20.. Jackson Auto Swap Meet
Michigan Sport Facility 3055
Shirley Dr, Jackson, MI 8am-2pm

Feb 1-4.. Michigan International
Auto Show DeVos Place 303 Monroe
Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI
11am-9pm events@showspan.com

Feb 2-3.. KAARC Winter Swap Meet
Kalamazoo County Expo Center
2900 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI
<https://kaarc.org/winter-swap-meet/>
2pm-6pm

FUTURE EMCC EVENTS-

Feb 19 - EMCC meeting

Feb 9-11 - 9th Annual Chrome & Ice
Dort Federal Event Center, Flint

March 1-3 - 71st Annual Detroit
Autorama Huntington Place/Cobo

EMCC WEARABLES

If you want a shirt, please contact PAUL/DON!! Depending on the size of the order, prices will vary (lower), but here are the base prices....

polo shirts... cotton (K500) or moisture wicking (K540).... men's or ladies... \$27 small-3XL

T-shirts.... cotton (5000).... men's or ladies... \$18 small-3XL

t-shirts.... moisture wicking (42000).... men's or ladies ... \$22.00 small-3XL

sweat shirt.... no hoodie, std collar (12000).... \$29 small-3XL

hats..... (C112) \$20.00

You can also have your name put on the right side and a second line if you wish too... maybe your car description? Your name is \$5, the extra line is \$3.50. (ex.- Barry 1976 Camaro Type LT)

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EMCC OFFICIAL STUFF

The Eastern Michigan Camaro Club is a registered non-profit club in the State of Michigan, with the purpose of promoting fun and fellowship between its members, other Camaro owners, and promoting the Chevrolet Camaro. **Our meetings are held once a month and are at various dates, locations and times.** Meeting information is in our monthly newsletter and website. The EMCC sponsor is **Champion Chevrolet, Howell, MI.** Dues are only \$20 per year! If joining after Oct 1, you will be good through the following year. Membership renewals are also \$20 per year. Membership and dues are renewed every January.
Club web site- www.emcamaro.org
Club Address- 6659 Schaefer Rd - Suite 1199 Dearborn, MI 48126

CAMARO FUNNIES!



PUN(s) OF THE MONTH: 1) Who invented King Arthur's round table? Sir Cumference. 2) I used to work in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it. So, they gave me the ax.

THE LAST WORD: A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "But why?", they asked, as they moved off. "Because", he said, "I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer."

EMCC MEMBER CAR LIST

PLEASE register your Camaro on our web-based database ... log on to- www.emcamaro.org/ClubCars/Camaros.asp If you have questions or problems with the database, email Mark. This isn't mandatory, just for fun! **Please email a picture!** mark@majormicro.com **NOTE!!** - we have LOTS of members in the registry, but we're missing many pictures!!

EMCC DONATES!!!

EMCC does it again!! Many of our members came together as we donated to TWO local charities...



EMCC visited the Plymouth Community Foster Closet, toured the facility, and presented them with a check for \$1000. The mission of the 'foster closet' is to provide free clothing and other necessities to children as they enter foster care. They serve 300 families every month and accept new and gently used clothing, toys, and books which can be donated on Tuesdays from 10-12 and Thursdays from 3-5. They are always looking for volunteers. Go to their Facebook page for information on donating to and volunteering with this worthwhile organization. They are located at 40540 E Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. 248-716-0338 Here's a note from their Director -

I would like to thank you again for your generous donation to the Plymouth Community Foster closet. It was a real pleasure getting to meet all of you. The work we do at the Closet is humbling, fulfilling, and incredibly rewarding. But that work would not be made possible without the assistance of wonderful groups like yours. My late father-in-law was a lifelong car enthusiast. It was just after his passing that I came across the application for your grant. Honestly, it may have been something that I looked past as I personally do not know a whole lot about cars (and clearly wrongly assumed that was a "must"). But in that moment, I was thinking about him, thinking of

his car love & reading a little bit about your club. It felt like a sign to go ahead and apply. Funny how life works out that way. We are thrilled to have your support, and I'd like to think he had a little bit to do with guiding me to you.

All the best, Kristin New



EMCC has been busy in December and made their third donation this month. We visited the warehouse for the Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit this morning. They were founded in 1914 and their mission is No Kid Without a Christmas! We presented them with a check for \$2000. During the holidays they distribute gift boxes containing clothing and toys to kids from 4 to 13 years old living in Detroit, Highland Park, Redford, River Rouge, Hamtramck, Harper Woods, and Ecorse. Throughout the year they also sponsor a dental program, camperships, shoe program, and scholarships.

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EMCC CHARITY FUND

The "Eastern Michigan Camaro Club Community Fund" is open to your donations. **DONATING IS VOLUNTARY!!** And it is tax deductible! We are set-up through the Canton Community Foundation. Use their website to donate-

www.cantonfoundation.org

Make sure you select **The Eastern Michigan Camaro Club Community Fund** in the pull down menu of where you want your donation to go. Here is another link....

<https://localimpactalliance.org/funds/canton/donor-advised-funds/the-lariche-family-eastern-michigan-caramo-club>

THANKS for your support!!

EMCC CHARITY CORNER

EMCC is always looking for local charities that we can evaluate for possibly receiving grant monies from our funds via the Canton Community Foundation. If you know of a local 501(c)3 charity that could use some financial assistance then contact **Sally West** at sallyawest@aol.com and she will send you the link where the charity can apply for a grant.

EMCC EVENT NEWS

While there are many events listed on the calendar, there are always a few that are considered "club" events, where we hope more members will try to attend those select events. Look for separate articles on some of these events. For other events, please contact **DON**, our Activities Director. For those events you are interested in, Don will keep track of those and who are interested and send out emails only to people for those events.

EMCC SWAP AND SELL

Swap and Sell items are FREE to EMCC members/friends. Email items to Barry - barry76Lt@wowway.com

FOR SALE: two rally rims (typically used on first gens) They are 15x8, reproductions with two bolt circle patterns, so they should fit just about anything. They are in excellent condition. Asking \$20 each. If interested, contact MarkHarpootlian@gmail.com

EMCC FINANCIALS

EMCC 2023 financials will be available at the January meeting. As always, the books belong to the club and not any one person. If anyone would like to inspect them at any other time during the year, please reach out to EMCC Treasurer Jen. Jen adds, "I've been honored to be the treasurer the past 2 years, however if someone would like to take over the position they should not hesitate to run in the elections." THANKS Jen!!

EMCC MEETING REPORT

With no December meeting... we have no meeting report to give. Hope you're at the next EMCC meeting! Happy New Year!!

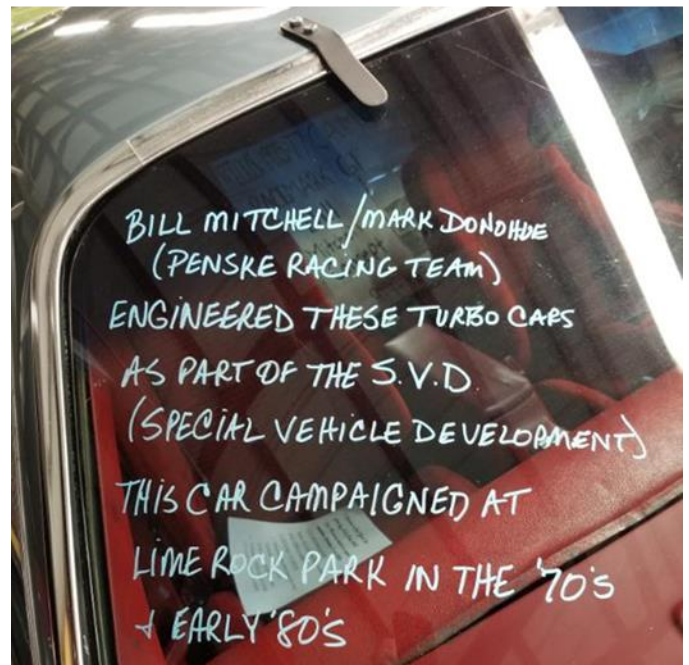
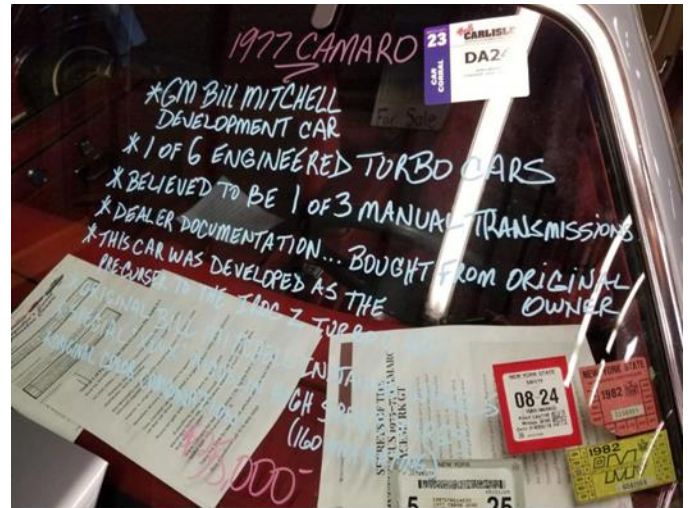
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CAMARO HISTORY!

A friend of Barry's (who owns an original 1980 Z28 that will be for sale this spring... bumper) sent this to him as seen at last years Fall Carlisle swap meet! WOW! 1977 Camaro Turbo car, 1 of 3 manual shift Bill Mitchell designed Camaros. Possibly driven by Mark Donohue! Is thought to be the pre-cursor of the IROC-Z turbo cars made later. All that history and looking in nice shape for only \$35,000.





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