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## FROM THE PRES-

Well it is August and ordinarily we would be looking forward to the Dream Cruise as well as looking back at a whole summer full of car shows and Camaro fun. Alas, we are not. No Dream Cruise this year, yes, a few die-hard cruisers will undoubtedly drive up and down Woodward reliving those bygone days when over a million people lined the historic byway. Although we did get together with others and drive our Camaros some we might pause and feel sorry for ourselves (we should not). Without all those shows and cruises to go to it changed our entire summer. Then the thought hits me, for the people our chosen charity serves things do not change. They are without the service men and women who gave the supreme sacrifice. Families that are constantly struggling to make ends meet. Dealing with the loss of their family member will never end for them. Their struggles do not change, it cannot, those people are never coming back. So, we must learn to move on, it is not so bad for us, we still have each other. We still can meet with social distancing and/or a mask. Why, we even had a virtual car show. And I am happy to announce that we will have raised over (yes over)

\$10,000. And while the exact number might be a week away or so, we have some comfort that we helped those families that lost loved ones in service to our country. Folds of Honor will be able to add our contribution to many others and continue to serve our military families. We did good, and we did it right. Still managing to raise much needed funds for a charity. We might have just said our show was cancelled and let it go at that. Believe me, that thought crossed my mind. But with the dedication of many we pressed on. We could not have done it without the passion that our Camaro community has and the wonderful people in this club. Many new members in the last few months hopefully will get to know us and help us continue the good work. I've met a few and we are in good company. Let us hope this pandemic soon becomes a thing of the past. But let us not forget what we accomplished this year.

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We took an adverse situation and made the best of it maybe even better than that. Perhaps that is what should be most proud of. Much like the founder of Folds of Honor, who witnessed a bad situation and then thought " I can help fix this" and did. So as we look forward to finishing the work on Camaro Superfest Virtual Version remember those our charity serves. Please keep them and all our service members in your thoughts and prayers. We are so blessed to have what we have and can thank them for that. Freedom isn't Free. **Snook OUT**

## THE CORNER CAMARO

This months' Corner Camaro is EMCC member Rick "Captain" Neibert's 1995 Z28! Rick is the original owner and here's his story.... Purchased October 9, 1994, on my 45th birthday from Bernie Hoot Chevrolet. Color is Dark Purple Metallic with interior of Charcoal Gray. It has 168,000 miles. In 2009, the year I joined EMCC, I started restoring the car. Interior and exterior were all redone and the engine received lots of modifications to give her some added pep!! Plus chrome accessories to make it look good were added too. The chassis and drivetrain were also modified with great aftermarket items to enhance performance. The original "solid shooter wheels", were replaced with American Racing five spoke Chrome wheels. Michelin Pilot tires completed the look. All of this was done over a nine year period. My son-in-law, Eric Christner and Rob of Cuda Automotive helped with the project. Kudo's to them for their expert help. The car has earned several awards over the past few years. With nothing other than routine care to do, I can enjoy driving it. If you want your Camaro considered for the "Corner Camaro" it must be in the club photo directory!

## EMCC MEETING REPORT

Our July meeting was almost rained out! A pretty good thunder storm came through and cleared just in time for us to have a meeting. Despite the weather, several members attended - approx. 23. Some even came a good distance! THANKS!! The meeting was brief with reports from Barry on our Virtual CSF, Mark on the CSF finances, Don on a few upcoming events, Tony on the Tour deMichigan and Paul on the charity efforts from our CSF event. We took up a small collection for the VFW hall, for allowing us to use their shelter. We hope to see you at the NEXT EMCC meeting!

## EMCC AUG MEETING

Our next regular meeting will be on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020**. Our location is the new home and grounds of **Chris and Sally West**. They live at **26040 Stancrest Dr. South Lyon** and this will be an outside meeting. For those that want to, we'll have a Camaro-van to get there, meeting at USA Ice Arena on Beck Rd, just north of M-14 at 3:15pm, leaving at 3:30pm. Please remember to bring your masks, chairs and snack tables and be ready to have fun... see you there! The official EMCC meeting will start about 4pm. We hope to see YOU there!

**NOTE** - The West estate is on a dirt road, but is a VERY short distance!!!

## 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**

**John Hancock**

**Joan Turon**

**Rich Worcester**

**Dan Theriault**

**Vicki Angelosanto**

They are at peace with our Lord.

## 29th annual CAMARO SUPERFEST 2020

July 3-4-5, 2020  
ONLINE - VIRTUAL

CAMARO SUPERFEST 2020 - VIRTUAL!!!  
Our event has been completed! And, with GREAT success! The website will remain up and running for at least another month. Go to this special website -

[www.camarosuperfest.com/virtual](http://www.camarosuperfest.com/virtual)

A HUGE Thank-you to EMCC Treasurer Mark Harpootlian and the fabulous work he did on the website and tracking our online sales. Here are the numbers....

218 entries total, approx. 75 judging entries and we awarded 45 judging awards! We covered 26 states and 3 Canadian Provinces. Plus, we had one entry from Australia!! (how's that for long distance!)

We sold 155 t-shirts, 28 commemorative plaques and 83 dash plaques. Plus approx. 10 signs! There were also several donations and refunds from earlier registrations that were donated. We also had a couple of "anonymous" donators that helped cover some of our award expenses! THANKS!!! Whoever you are!!

Our charity donation will be a good size one!! We don't have the exact total yet, but soon, so watch for a special announcement. Our charity for 2020 - **FOLDS OF HONOR - Motor City!**



This is another Michigan based veterans charity! They provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service-members.

[www.facebook.com/foldsmotorcity](https://www.facebook.com/foldsmotorcity)

While it is sad that our event for 2020 had to be cancelled, the CSF - VIRTUAL was the next best thing!

## 30th annual CAMARO SUPERFEST 2021

July 1-2-3-4, 2021  
Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, Michigan, USA

CAMARO SUPERFEST 2021 planning is now under way! The dates shown above reflect the desire to do a 4 day event, like we did for our 25th anniversary. That decision has not been fully made, but we're promoting these dates, just in case. A survey of some past participants and our EMCC membership will take place very soon. We have many ideas and suggestions on what to fill the two off-site days with. We're already in contact with the hotel and Ypsilanti for reservations. **CSF-2021- our BIG 30th anniversary event is only 11 months away!!**

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE CSF CHARITY CHECK PRESENTATION ANNOUNCEMENT AND DATE!**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had two new members this past month and a renewal! Please welcome- Arthur and Lori Bradshaw, Jon Henry and renewal Dave and Patti Downey! EMCC membership for 2020 is now at 88 members! GREAT!! **THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!**

## LaRICHE/EMCC FUND

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

[www.cantonfoundation.org](http://www.cantonfoundation.org)

Make sure you select the **Lou LaRiche Family/Eastern Michigan Camaro Club Community Fund** in the pull down menu of where you want your donation to go. THANKS for your support!!

August 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 KRIPA GUNGUNE	7 CHARLES "C" HALL	8
9	10 JOSHUA JULIAN	11	12	13 JOE GEORGE	14 DAVE CANEDO ROGER NORTH YVONNE HAAG	15
16 EMCC MEETING Chris and Sally's @ 4pm	17	18 DENISE McPHERSON	19	20	21 JAMES BARBEE	22
23 DON HUTCHINSON	24	25	26 GAIL HUTCHINSON	27 ERIC PLESS	28 KATHY WALKER	29
30	31					

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**EMCC Official events.....**

**AUG 16 – EMCC general meeting at  
Chris/Sally West house, South Lyon**

### **OTHER EVENTS–**

AUG 9 – Diamond Back Saloon car Show, Belleville  
 AUG 9 – USMA/GROOMS RESTOS Sterling Hgts. 8-2pm Reg 8-10:30  
 AUG 15 – Woodward Dream Cruise  
 AUG 14-15 – Cruisin' the D  
 AUG 23 – Wrecks & Restos Car Show Rochester Hills  
 AUG 23 – Billy Sohns Memorial Show 14.5 & Livernois (Elmwood) Left One Block Clawson City Park.  
 USMA Biggest Best Of 2020 Reg 8-10:30 for Judging. Trophies at 2  
 SEPT 5 – USMA/Dixieland Car Show Register 8-10:30 For Judging Trophies At 2. Everyone Welcome Telegraph & Dixie Hwy Waterford

### **FUTURE EMCC EVENTS–**

Sept 20 – EMCC Meeting  
 Sept 11-12 – Bloomington Indy  
 Sept 19 – USMA/Golling Cruise-in  
 Sept 27 – Camaro Day at Gilmore

## WEEKLY CRUISE NIGHTS

There are several weekly cruise nights that many EMCC members like to attend. Here are a few....

**MONDAY** – Canton Car Cave and Blue sky Ice Cream/Burgers, Belleville

**WEDNESDAY** – Merri-5 Bowl

**THURSDAY** – Garden City Café and Blue Sky Ice Cream/Burgers and American Legion Westland

**SUNDAY** – Bakers in Milford





## **Eastern Michigan Camaro Club BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Social Media - **volunteer needed!**

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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 and other Camaro owners, and promoting the Chevrolet Camaro. Our meetings are on the **THIRD MONDAY** of each month and are held at various locations. Meeting locations are in our monthly newsletter and website. Meetings start at 7:30pm. The EMCC sponsor is **Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Plymouth, MI.**

Dues are only \$20 per year! Those joining after Oct 1, 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](http://www.emcamaro.org)

**Club Address-**

43642 Lotus DR Canton, MI 48188

## **FROM THE Vice-Pres.....**

So here we are at the end of July and after a very successful virtual Superfest. It seems, to me, that we had just started planning the activities and now we're done. At any rate, I'm looking forward to next year when we should be able to have a real face-to-face Superfest, back in Riverside Park. Yay!!!

A huge shout out to Don, our activities director, for all he's doing to give us every opportunity to get out, drive our beautiful machines, and see other people with similar enjoyments...our cars, people, and good food!!

Please continue to stay safe for your sake as well as for others...we will get past this virus!

**PUN OF THE MONTH:** My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but, I got canned...couldn't concentrate.

**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."

John SSSEYa!!

## **WMCC – BERGER SHOW**

The annual WMCC-BERGER Chevrolet show in late August has been cancelled for 2020. They are doing a virtual show instead. Go to [https://www.wmcamaro.org/?page\\_id=1085](https://www.wmcamaro.org/?page_id=1085) for details and a link to enter your car in the show. Berger Chevrolet will send out the actual show link to all the participants once they have them up on the car show page.



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## EMCC WEARABLES

If you want a shirt, please contact BARRY!! Again, 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)

## CAMARO FUNNIES!

She said, I love your body...



... but she was talking to her Camaro ...

## NEOCC FALL CLASSIC

Every September, many EMCC members make the trek to NE Ohio for the FALL CLASSIC all Camaro event hosted by the NEOCC. We are sorry to report that now, even the one day event plans have been cancelled for 2020. EMCC regrets this news, but looks forward to returning to the NEOCC Fall Classic in 2021!!

## EMCC TOUR deMICHIGAN

The Tour for 2020 will take place on Friday-Sunday, October 16-18.

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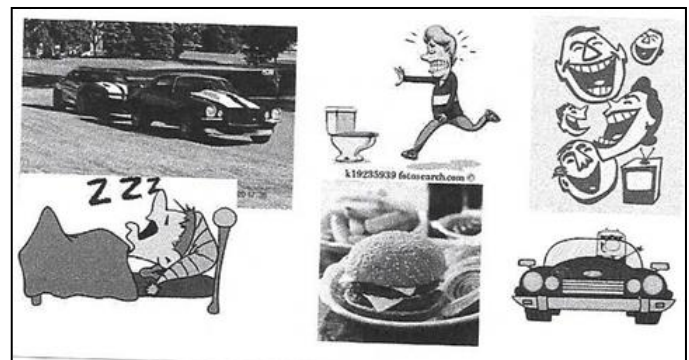
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Jules ask's "Are you in?" Kristy ask's "Or are you Out?"



## EMCC BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to all our JULY 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 Sharon!



## EMCC SWAP AND SELL

Swap and Sell items are FREE to EMCC members and friends. Email items to Barry.

**FOR SALE** - 1983 Z28 Camaro, 350 Cu.In. Reman Jasper Engine, New Clutch Assy. Newer brakes, exhaust, & front end work. Newer stereo, very nice interior, detailed engine, & 5 speed transmission. Just turn the key & go!!!! No Emails, No Texts, Pickup Only. No Call, No Cash, No Car! \$8500 (Marysville, Mi.)

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reply by email:

[d4f546d9b6503a3ab3437954c26a6a22@sale.craigslist.org](mailto:d4f546d9b6503a3ab3437954c26a6a22@sale.craigslist.org)

**FOR SALE** - 1997 Base Camaro - 3.8 v-6 - Auto Trans - Black exterior with gray interior - has been stored last 5 years - Needs fuel pump - 197k original miles - original owner \$2500 OBO Call: Larry 248-379-8651

## EMCC IN HINES PARK

EMCC members are gathering in Hines Park, every other week and alternating Thursday and Fridays. Locations will vary and will be announced via email. Come on out for a relaxing evening of great conversation and friendship!

## EMCC MISC NEWS

The annual EMCC Christmas party is very questionable, as to if and where it could be held. Normally on the first Saturday in December, other dates and locations are being considered, if it can be held at all. More info as it becomes available.

## CHEVY CYBER CRUISE

Here is a link to join in a new cyber cruise event sponsored by Chevrolet! It's FREE to enter your Camaro in this event, prizes to be awarded!

<https://chevydetroit.com/giveaways/cybercruise>



## EMCC EMAILS

Our club relies heavily on email to support our club and inform the members of up-coming events and activities. We hope you are checking your email often, as many events/activities pop-up quickly. What we would like to see is when sending an email or reply, please start the subject line with **EMCC**. This will alert all members that the email is an official club email! Thanks!!

## EMCC MEMBER CAR LIST

**PLEASE** register your Camaro on our web-based database ... log on to-

[www.emcamaro.org/ClubCars/Camaros.asp](http://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](mailto:mark@majormicro.com)





# EMCC COVID-19 POLICY

The Eastern Michigan Camaro Club in its activities strongly urges its members and participants in any official club event to abide by Executive Order 2020-59 concerning wearing of masks and social distancing. Simply stated, you must wear a mask in an enclosed public place and outside if you can't maintain a distance of 6 feet from others. While we are not the mask police and certainly don't want to offend anyone, the Board would not want us to be the cause of anyone getting the virus. This policy will apply to all "official club business and activities". Meetings and club shows, right now, are the only official gatherings we have. We do participate in member arranged gatherings outside the club. Anyplace we meet indoors would require the use of face protection so keep that in mind when attending. All public outdoor places would require social distancing or short of that, wearing a mask. Please respect that we have a number of members that are in the "highly susceptible" group for infection and this helps protect all of us.



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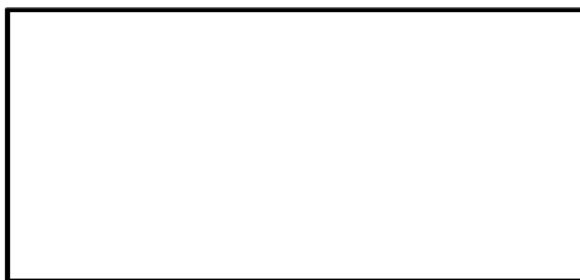


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