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FROM THE PRES-

As I sit here watching the snow blow past the window inevitably to end up on the driveway I just cleared, I wonder when we'll be driving our cars in nice dry weather again. I can see where some people can get depressed this time of year. Clearly it can happen to even the most optimistic among us. But, enough about sad things we can't control! Focus on what we can, Kathy and I just finished a meeting up to help Barry finalize the plans for Superfest. It will be here before we know it and should be our best effort to help a charity to date.

I so enjoyed the little time I had at the last meeting for the simple reason that we had so many members go out on what was not the best evening. We even picked up two new members at the meeting. A first in my recollection. I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate our newest board member Sharon Harpootlian (hence forth referred to as Madam Secretary) and thank Ernie Honke for his years of service to the club. Commitment like that makes this club one of the best. Everyone was thoughtful and patient through the election process and I appreciate that. Speaking of elections, I would like to have a committee put together of members to investigate us having a more defined process

to go with. Not that what we did is wrong, it just needs to be defined in our bylaws. Any volunteers just let me know and I'll work with you to sketch a few outlines to go with for a start.

By the time this hits the press, you'll have already learned that our "theme" is "Hot Wheels" or maybe more specifically the Hot Wheels Cars. While I've never quite "gotten" the whole phenomena of "Hot Wheels" I've come to appreciate their value to both their owners and more importantly the collectability of our beloved Camaro. Just found out today that there is a Facebook page (or whatever) dedicated to just that. I would suggest we all "like" that page and see if we can't get those people to enjoy a weekend with us this summer. Funny how perspectives change when you get a dose of it thrown in your face. More on that at a later date.

So, let's keep our meeting momentum rolling with the next meeting Monday, February 19th at The Kensington Grill & Smokehouse. That's right are we doing BBQ baby!! I tried to get into this restaurant earlier last year and it just didn't work out. Today I walked right in the front door and it was love at first smell. →

CAMARO  BY CHEVROLET

I knew right then and there where our next meeting was. It's in the Lyon Center Shopping Mall at Milford Rd. and I-96. Address being 30712 Lyon Center Dr. New Hudson, MI 48165. Eating starts at 6:00pm and the meeting about 7:30pm. My Wonderful Wife and I won't be able to attend due to bad vacation planning on my part. So, we did have lunch there and thought it was a good as it smelled. Please plan on attending as Superfest planning continues.

Remember last year's GMC Corvette Fest at Canterbury Village in Lake Orion? Well those fine people have invited us to return (guess I didn't screw up bad enough judging). It's Saturday June 16th, the day before Father's Day. I can't say enough about those folks and the show they put on, it is a VERY nice day away.

Last thing I need to let everyone know Kathy and I have planned the two day "extension" of the Tour d' Missouri now known as the Tour d' Getting There! Please let us know asap if you want to go with us down or back or both. The deadline for this is March 10th so I can make reservations. John will have more on the actual tour at the meeting I'm sure.

Regards, Snook OUT

EMCC SWAP AND SELL

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

CAMARO MEMORIUM

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

Tom Hawke	EMCC
Karen Lewis	EMCC/WMCC
Doug Warren	WMCC
John Glister	WMCC
John VanOrsdal	EMCC
Russ Sarns	EMCC
John Hancock	EMCC
Joan Turon	EMCC
Rich Worcester	EMCC
Dan Theriault	EMCC

They are at peace with our Lord.

LaRICHE/EMCC FUND

We are up and running!! The "Lou LaRiche Family/Eastern Michigan Camaro Club Community Fund" is now started & awaiting your donations. **DONATING IS VOLUNTARY!!** And it is tax deductible! We are set-up through the Canton Community Foundation and you go to their website to donate online. The link is 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. GREAT NEWS!!! The Lou LaRiche/EMCC FUND is now 43% funded!! We have had several nice sized donations! You still have time to donate to have it included in your 2017 taxes... donate by Dec 31st!!! THANKS for your support!!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have four new members this past month. Please welcome George Faris, Scott Hartung and Rickey Glen Campbell, who joined at the January meeting. Also welcome Eric and Andrea Bushrow, who joined by mail. WELCOME guys and gals!!

NOTE - 2018 membership renewal has started!! Per the recent approved change in By-laws, renewal is \$20

You can pay at a meeting, or mail in your dues directly to SHARON at - EMCC Dues 23710 Samoset TR Southfield, MI 48033

FEBRUARY is your GRACE month... join now or be removed from our membership list! THANKS!!

THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!

EMCC FEB 2018 MEETING

Our next regular meeting will on **MONDAY, FEB 19, 2018**. The meeting will be at **The Kensington Grill & Smokehouse**. Located in the Lyon Center Shopping Mall at Milford Rd. and I-96, 30712 Lyon Center Dr. New Hudson, MI 48165. This is south if I-96 and on the east side of Milford Rd. Eating starts at 6:00pm. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. ALL are welcome! We hope to see YOU there!

EMCC MEMBER CAR LIST

PLEASE register your Camaro on our web-based database ... log on to- www.harpoweb.com/camarostuff/camaros.asp If you have questions or problems with the database, email Mark. This isn't mandatory, just for fun! **Please email a picture!**

NEW EMCC BOD

The EMCC membership held elections at the January meeting and have elected this Board of Directors for the next 2 years....

President - Paul Denski
Vice Pres - John Wrobel
Secretary - Sharon Harpootlian
Treasurer - Mark Harpootlian
Member at Large - Barry Hensel
Congratulations to the new EMCC Board of Directors!

EMCC TO AUTORAMA

EMCC has participated in the Detroit Autorama for the past 2 years. It seems we were too late in getting applications into the show to have another 3 car display. One member, Dan Hornblower and his '67 Camaro will be in the show! He'll get to use the club display items, but at this writing, we don't know if we can use his car display to promote EMCC and CSF. Watch your emails for details! Autorama is March 2-4

EMCC BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to all our February EMCC Birthdays!

JoAnn Wrobel..... Feb 1
Cindy Glaza Feb 16
Hope all your birthdays are great!
If we have missed your birthday, we're sorry! Please email your birthday to Barry or Sharon!



EMCC MEETING REPORT

There was a very good crowd for our first meeting of 2018. Thanks to everyone for attending! EMCC elections was the first item of interest and it went smoothly. All the current Board members were re-elected except for Secretary, which went to Sharon Harpootlian. MANY, many THANKS to Ernie for his 26 years of service!! Ernie was VP, President and Secretary over the course of EMCC history!! Congratulations to Sharon on her new post in EMCC! After elections, Paul had to leave, so John took over and talked about the Tour DeMO. Plans are being made and you must let Paul or John know if you are planning on going on this trip!! Barry was next with a CSF report on the tours and theme for our 2018 event. Hotel rooms are already booked by participants! Everything seems to be working out in the planning of our big event. Before he left, Paul also gave a great account of our charity - STIGGY'S DOGS! There were some free Camaro posters for members and some left over CSF signs that were available for a donation to our FUND! We had 3 new members attend and join EMCC at the meeting! Station 885 was a nice place to hold our meeting, we had a separate room, food and drinks were good!! Hope to see you at the NEXT EMCC meeting!! **ON MONDAY, FEB 19th!!!**

EMCC WEARABLES

EMCC has many different items available, on an order basis, to show your club pride! We have available- **EMCC Polo shirts, EMCC t-shirt, EMCC sweatshirts, EMCC hats, EMCC windbreakers, EMCC jackets!** Most of these can be personalized with your name and car type. If you are interested in an item, please email PAUL.

NOTE - you can BUY a favorite type of shirt, give it to Paul and we'll get it embroidered for you.

27th annual CAMARO SUPERFEST 2018

June 29-30, July 1, 2018
Riverside Park, Ypsilanti, MI, USA

CAMARO SUPERFEST 2018 has been officially announced! **We're underway!**

Our 2018 charity - STIGGY'S DOGS! www.stiggysdogs.org They use rescue dogs to help Veterans with any type of disability!! **Rescuing one to rescue another!!** COOL!! Our 2018 goal will be to raise \$15,000!

Our Friday night activities are still being planned.

The BIG news is of our Friday tours! We are returning to the COPO Build Center, to see these factory drag cars being built! CSF is the only car event to be able to bring you a tour of the COPO Build Center! We will have a very special surprise when there!! We also have time at the GM Heritage Center in the afternoon.



Our Saturday night plans will be very similar to last year - a cruise to the Lingenfelter Collection. This will again include a dinner and more activities to help our charity!



The next BIG news.... our theme - helping celebrate the Hot Wheels 50th anniversary by having Hot Wheel Camaros as our theme. We have permission to use the new logo!! Here is our proposed (no way final) t-shirt and award artwork....



Official sponsorship emails went out and we have several that have already responded... and upped their sponsorship levels! **MANY THANKS** to these sponsors... Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, National Parts Depot, Motor City HiPerformance, Lingenfelter Performance, Hagerty, CamaroNews, CamaroZ28.com, Ecklers, Chris Stanglers Customs and new sponsor Vanguard Motor Sales!

Once again our goal is to have all arrangements and sponsors on board and done to allow us to open registration in February. The hotel is already able to accept reservations. It's best to call the hotel direct. Just think- CSF-2018 is only 5 months away!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

EMCC Official events.....

**FEB 19 ... EMCC Meeting at 7:30pm at the
The Kensington Grill & Smokehouse**

OTHER EVENTS-

Feb 3-4 - 55th Kzoo Swap Meet
Kalamazoo Expo Center
Feb 9-10 - Chrome/Ice Car Show
Dort Event Center, Flint, MI
Feb 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
Feb 24 - Cars & Coffee at Gateway
Classic Cars, Dearborn 9am-12pm
March 2-4 - Detroit Autorama
March 4- indoor swap meet
Gorno Ford, Woodhaven 8am
For more events, times, locations-
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FUTURE EVENTS-

Mar 19 - EMCC meeting
Mar 24-25 - Hot Rod & Racing Expo
JUNE 29-39 JULY 1 CAMARO SUPERFEST

EMCC TOUR deMISSOURI

The EMCC Tour deMissouri is being planned for the last weekend in April, officially April 27-29, 2018! Hosted and planned by Randy Martin, our past President, it's a bit of a long haul, but a very fun trip with your fellow Camaro owners and members! More info as we get it from Randy... mark your calendar now!



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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**
Club Address-
43642 Lotus DR Canton, MI 48188

CAMARO FUNNIES!

We found these CAMARO FUNNIES on facebook over the past month-



FROM THE Vice-Pres.....

Considering the weather we had on meeting night, I'd say we a great turnout...as you might expect, not many Camaros; I counted (1). But, we had a great crowd and we ate and drank well and enjoyed shooting the breeze with our Camaro friends.

One of my agenda items was to mention the upcoming Tour de Missouri, during the last weekend in April; please consider going this year. It's a bit of a drive to get there, and back of course, but it's a great ride on some very nice Missouri roads. Randy Martin sure does a good job of finding the back roads and arranging sites to see. And, as you might expect, he finds "good eats" places!

My other agenda item was Tour de Michigan coming up during the last week of September, this year. I asked everyone at the meeting, and I'm now asking all those reading this note, to seriously consider taking the lead and organize routes, sites, and hotels. We had three couples organize last year's tour and, I believe, we had a great time.

If you do decide to be one of the tour guides, please rest assured that those of us that organized the 2017 tour, would truly be happy to help you organize the 2018 tour. We have lots of maps, travel books, and ideas to help make the next tour be a success.

Finally, I'm happy to announce that our food vendor, Smokey Rhodes, will be back with his very delicious BBQ...YUM! So, hope to SSSEEYA at the next meeting.

PUN OF THE MONTH: *My wife applied at the post office but they wouldn't letter...they said only mails work there.*

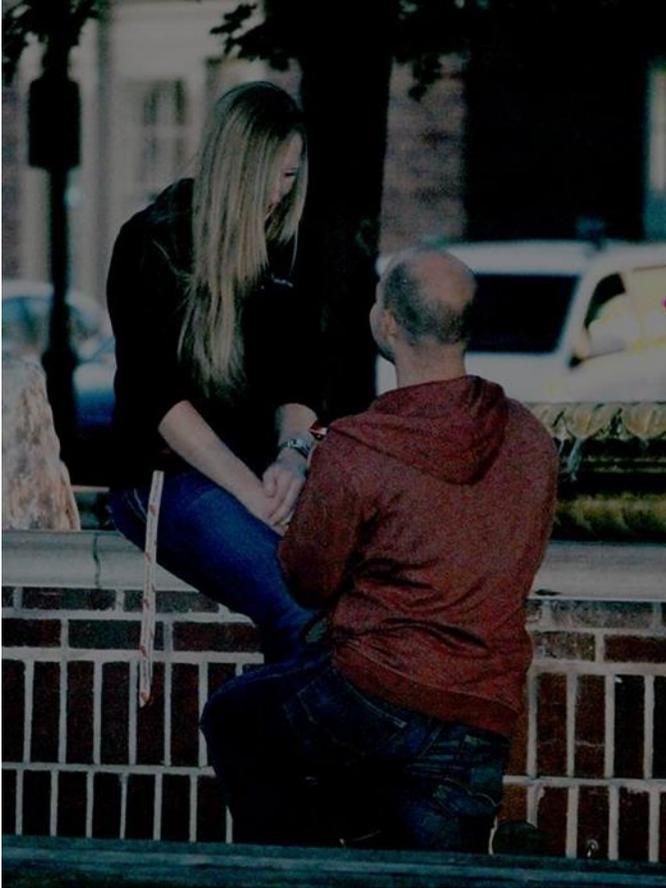
Hope to SSSEEYA soon!

John, SSSEEYA



EMCC WEDDING BELLS!

At the January EMCC meeting, it was announced that Julianne and Jason (aka.. chicken guy) are engaged to be married!! We also have heard from Victoria and Tom, who were engaged in October and planning a June wedding!! CONGRATULATIONS to both couples!! Anyone for a CSF wedding? LOL!! Wishing you the best in all of your plans!!



NEW FB CAMARO PAGE

EMCC member Debra Gray, and a few friends, have started a new Facebook Page. Look for **CAMARO~BOWTIES**. Looks like fun and lots of picture sharing!! I'm sure if you message Debra, she'll be happy to add you on the page. Have fun!!

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EMCC WEBSITE UPDATE

The EMCC website has been updated! Check it out - www.emccamaro.org

EMCC TOUR deMICHIGAN

The EMCC Tour deMichigan is being planned for September. We're not positive on dates just yet, but will be getting those scheduled very soon. We are looking for 3 more couples to help plan the event. Each couple would take a day of the tour. This worked out really nice last year and we'd like to repeat that success. If you are interested in helping plan the Tour, please contact VP John!

EMCC at HOTROD EXPO

We are looking at possibly having a display at the Hot Rod & Racing Expo, held at Suburban Showplace in Novi the weekend of March 24-25. Stay tuned for more info.....

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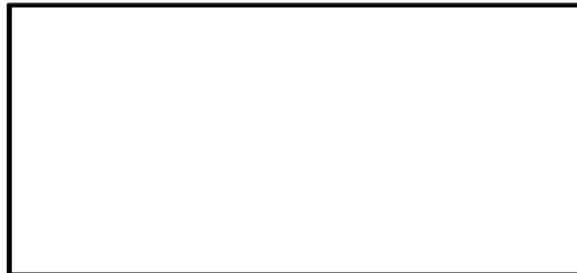


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