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## FROM THE PRES-

Well, it finally hit the fan, so to speak. Yep, winter showed up and dumped its fury upon us. Got the snow blower out and everything. That, and some seasonably normal cold temperatures, and I am thinking my decision not to go to Florida for the Mecum auction might have been a bit hasty. Rest assured our fellow member, and Vice President Don, is basking in the sunshine as I write this. And yes, he has reminded me of that. We wish him well with his visits to some of our other members in the sunshine state. Maybe he will send some warmth our way so we can start to think about spring and getting our Camaros out of their winter hibernation. (Those of us fortunate enough to have done that).

So, I was driving to my Grandson's hockey tournament way up dere' in Big Rapids and saw that I had a voice message on my phone from our friend and sponsor Scott LaRiche. Now, whenever your sponsor calls, you immediately start to think what's wrong. Sorry, but that is how a Presidents mind just works (No jokes please) (yes it occasionally does work). Being that I was driving, my Wonderful Wife dialed up Scott and put him on speaker. Asked if I had a minute and bam... Scott informed me that Lou LaRiche

Chevrolet is being sold. After that long awkward moment I immediately congratulated him and his family on the news. Many thoughts then raced through my mind. Yes, the obvious, and the many repercussions that the club might face. All this with Camaro Superfest starting to really get going. Still a great moment for Scott and his family. None of which can be belittled. They deserve all the things that will go with the sale of a very successful lifelong business. All of which I have been fortunate enough to have a taste of myself.

After the weekend passed and I was able to digest the thought and met personally with Scott. We went over the things that mattered to all of us. Who would the new owners be? What would their intentions as far as sponsoring us be? Would they be willing (or able) to follow with the amounts that Scott so generously gave? How would we handle the fund that is in both of our names? I could go on, but you get the point. After an hour, I had some settling of my concerns, but more remained. I then knew who the purchasers were. The worst part of what I knew is that I did not know anybody in the organization or anything about them. Not good things when you must start fresh negotiations for sponsorship.

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Step in Scott, he talked with the new team and found out just who I needed to talk to. Made an initial phone conversation with them in which he spoke very highly of us and our philanthropic efforts in conjunction with the dealership. That made for an easier introduction by phone for me. I must admit, it went very well. A follow up email (and after a few more emails) I am very proud to say we have a new sponsor. One week and one day later. Are we out of the woods yet, hardly. They are a very large corporation and follow very strict guidelines for sponsorship and charitable giving. There are many hoops to jump through and there will certainly be a learning period for us (Especially me). This will affect almost every aspect of Camaro Superfest. From the signs and trophies, to just how we approach the event itself. Hopefully, they will be as cooperative as LaRiche has been and we will enjoy many years of mutually beneficial association. Time will tell. Then another Boom, last Wednesday Scott calls to inform me that the deal has been kiboshed by GM and they are enforcing their ROFR. Right of First Refusal means they get to choose who gets the dealership, not Scott and his family.

Fast forward to now, February 7th 2023. I am very proud that after two weeks full of stress, emails, personal visits and a whole bunch of hard work on both sides we can finally announce our new club sponsor.

So, congratulations Scott and Family, I hope you enjoy many happy years of retirement. We will certainly miss the pleasant and friendly relationship we have had over the years. Thanks for the memories. Keep the shiny side up and have a good drive. Even if it is in your Corvette.

Did I forget something, opps! Our new sponsor is **Champion Automotive Group**. The actual name may vary depending on their wants. Many thanks to their team for welcoming me and us into their realm. Let us make sure they

remember us and want to stay our sponsor for years to come. And just so you know they sell more than Chevrolets! For you GMC, Buick, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram and Dodge fans. (I know we do not have any, but marketing is job one).

It's fine, just another day in the life of EMCC in January in Michigan. What could possibly go wrong? **Snook OUT.**

## EMCC MEETING

The next EMCC membership meeting will happen on Monday, February 27. The meeting will take place at **Mr Miguel's Mexican Grille/Cantina 39305 Plymouth Road Livonia, MI. 48150 734-744-4002** This is located about a 1/2 mile east of Haggerty Rd. For those that wish, dinner at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm. It's good to "see" and talk with everyone! We hope you will be attending! See you soon!

## CAMARO MEMORIAM

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

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

They are at peace with our Lord.

## THE CORNER CAMARO

This months' CORNER CAMARO is John Danic's '68 Camaro SS convertible! Here is his story - In 1968 I was just beginning to drive. The Mustang and Camaro were duking it out. Camaro won my heart! Finally, after 50+ years, putting all of the responsibilities of the rest of life behind, I bought my dream car. A 1968 SS/F (Frankenstein) 350 small block, needing some TLC. My wife calls it the "other women in my life", at Least she's a beauty... and so are you dear!! And it is... both of them! Thanks John for sharing your Camaro story! Thanks for being an EMCC member!!



We have a new logo for Camaro Superfest 2023... see above! Nice! Here is Nita's latest event news-

Greetings EMCC Members & Superfest Fans!!

We have had a very exciting week in preparations for this year's 32nd Annual Superfest. On Saturday we had an excellent meeting with Multi-Lakes and I can't help but think this partnership was meant to be.

We are working on food packages so our members can stay and enjoy more of the festivities and less worrying about running to go grab a meal.

The entertainment this year will be a new addition and we're excited to sit under the stars and partake.

Pet's are allowed but must be leashed and up to date on all shots and licenses. EMCC committee asks that members and guests be respectful of cars and keep their distance. We will have a kids area for our guests and are excited to have lots of things for the kiddos to do.

Lastly, our President has tentatively secured our Friday MIS laps! More information to follow when registration opens very soon.

If you have any questions or thoughts please reach out to me any time on my cell 80-938-9985 or email at [EMCCNita@google.com](mailto:EMCCNita@google.com) or [EMCCNita@gmail.com](mailto:EMCCNita@gmail.com)

CSF 2023 is only 6 months away!!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have no new members this past month! EMCC Membership currently stands at 67.

**THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!**

## 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 those people for those events.

## LaRICHE/EMCC FUND

The "Lou LaRiche Family/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](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. Here is another link....

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

THANKS for your support!!

## EMCC - HOT ROD EXPO

We will not have a display at the Detroit Autorama, but we will have a display at the Hot Rod & Racing Expo. This will take place on Saturday & Sunday, March 25-26, 2023. It will again be at the Suburban Collection Showplace. Show times are March 25 9am-6pm and March 26 9am-3pm We'll need EMCC volunteers to help work the display and pass out club and CSF info! [www.HotRodRacingExpo.com](http://www.HotRodRacingExpo.com)

## EMCC SWAP AND SELL

Swap and Sell items are FREE to EMCC members and friends. Email items to Barry - [barry76Lt@wowway.com](mailto:barry76Lt@wowway.com)

# FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 JoAnn Wrobel	2 	3	4
5 Wanetia Bovan	6	7 Dale Baird	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16 Cindy Glaza	17 Kris Bastedo	18 Carol Hogan Sandra Rinke
19	20  Chris West	21	22 William Koski	23	24	25
26	27 <b>EMCC MEETING</b>	28				

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*EMCC Official events.....*

**FEB 27.. EMCC meeting at Mr Miguel's Mexican Grille/Cantina Livonia, MI**

### **OTHER EVENTS-**

FEB 24-26... Detroit Autorama at Huntington Place.

MARCH 19.. East Side A's 51st Annual Swap Meet 8am - 2pm  
Milne Ford Macomb, MI  
Admission \$5 (586) 206-6653

March 26.. Detroit Area Auto Modelers Macomb Community College Sports & Expo Center  
9am - 3pm

Every Saturday... Rochester Ram's Horn Breakfast Club  
1990 S Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 6:30am-11am

Every Saturday... Parking at Pasteiner's 33202 Woodward, Birmingham, MI 8am-10am

### **FUTURE EMCC EVENTS-**

Mar ?? - EMCC meeting

Mar 25-26 - Hot Rod & Racing Expo



## EMCC BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to all our FEBRUARY 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 MEETING REPORT

We have no new meeting report, as there was no January meeting. We hope to see you at the next EMCC meeting!



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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 **Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Plymouth, 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](http://www.emcamaro.org)  
**Club Address-**  
43642 Lotus Dr Canton, MI 48188

## CAMARO FUNNIES!



**PUN OF THE MONTH:** 1) Why do math teachers make good dancers? Because they have algorithm.

**THE LAST WORD: BOSS:** John, send me a joke. **INTERN:** Sorry, I'm working right now. **BOSS:** Great, send me another one.

## 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)

## 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) **NOTE!!** - we have LOTS of members in the registry, but we're missing many pictures!!

## 2023 HOT ROD TOUR

The 29th annual HOT ROD Power Tour Driven by Continental Tire kicks off at Atlanta Motor Speedway and will wind its way north through the Carolinas before concluding at Tennessee Bristol Motor Speedway. It is regarded as the largest traveling car show, with 6,000 cars and trucks and tens of thousands of fans participating over a five-day road trip. Making this year's event more special is the celebration of HOT ROD's 75th Anniversary.

<https://www.motortrend.com/events/2023-hrptroute-announcement/>

## Cadillac Escalade and Chevy Camaro are the next 'Brand Umbrellas'

GM plans to expand the Escalade and Camaro names into sub-brands, like the planned Corvette range of EV models. In the case of the Camaro, these models have been provisionally defined as a fully electric 2+2-seater coupe and convertible, a decidedly sporty crossover offered in two-door and four-door body styles, and a mid-price flagship sports car loosely linked to the C9 Corvette in content but not in appearance. Substantial in-house synergies should make the all-electric Camaros a solid business case with global appeal.

<https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a42097052/gm-escalade-camaro-brands/>



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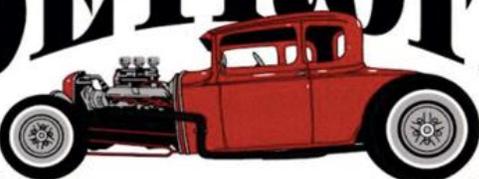


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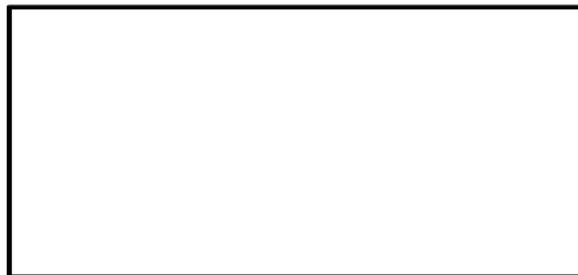
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