



**August 2017**

## The View from the Top.

### Berger Chevrolet All GM Show 18th Annual Berger Chevrolet "All GM Show" August 25&26, 2017:

It's hard to believe, but this year marks the 18th Annual Berger Chevrolet All GM Show! By now, we have the running of this show pretty much down to a science. We plan to do things the same as always. We'll talk about any changes to jobs and duties at the Friday Evening Meet & Greet. so please plan to attend.

I couldn't be more proud of how well our Club members work together and have run this show over the years. So, plan on all the usual jobs again this year plus a few new ones. We'll be setting things up on Friday evening (tables, chairs, paperwork, folding and categorizing T - shirts, roping off some special sections of the lot, etc.). I plan to be at Berger around 6pm on Friday evening to get things started. We'll place as many Feature Cars as we can and wrap things up by 10pm.

The show officially starts at 8am on Saturday morning. However, inevitably, there will be show entrants in the parking lot by 6am, so we'll need to

### Membership Dues

This is just a friendly reminder.

Yearly membership dues are due, for most members, in January. If you joined the Club *before* July of 2015, your dues are now due. It's \$30 for a single membership and \$45 for a couple.

Dues may be paid at a club meeting or mailed to the WMCC Membership coordinator Shelley Crippin.

Please make checks payable to:  
"Western Michigan Camaro Club".

Mailing address:  
WMCC Membership  
C/O Shelley Crippin  
56138 Wilbur Road  
Three Rivers, MI 49093

get there as early as possible, by 6:30 - 7am at the latest. We'll set out all of our registration paperwork, position our parking workers and driveway/entry workers and open registration as early as we can. One of our biggest concerns is for our members that work out in the parking lot, either parking cars or manning the entry to the show. I want to make sure we have extra members that can relieve these workers from time to time. Standing out in the sun (hopefully!) for hours is the hardest job of all, so let's make sure we send relief workers out there and keep them supplied with water.

For our newer members, don't worry. The jobs are pretty easy and everyone will be happy to help you out if you need it.

We are having a Silent auction again this year. SO PLEASE bring an item or items for this auction. All proceeds from this auction will be given to Lori's Voice

This is shaping up to be greatest show yet! We'll see everyone there!

### September WMCC Club Meeting, Sunday, August 27th, 2017

**When: Sunday August 27, 2017**

**Where: Brann's Steakhouse & Grille  
5510 28th Street SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512  
616-285-7800**

**Time: Meeting will Start @ NOON**

Yes, the September WMCC monthly meeting will be a week earlier than our usual monthly



**Doug Warren, WMCC Founder  
1953-2010  
You will never be forgotten**

schedule. We will have many out of town members staying in Grand Rapids for the Berger show. This date change will also free up the upcoming holiday weekend for our members to enjoy family activities over the Labor Day weekend.

### **WMCC Fall Color Tour, October 5-8, 2017**

It's hard to believe that 17 years ago as my then work partner and President of WMCC Doug Warren were talking about a trip the Warrens has taken to the Blue Ridge Mountains, how he felt the club should do some kind of color tour in the fall after the show season was over. Just a weekend to get away and enjoy the cars and camaraderie of fellow members, no car show, NO having to clean the cars to show conditions, just driving and enjoying. We decided that the best time then would be after the October club meeting which at that time was always on the first Sunday of the month.



OK back to 2017, last year some of the participants thought it was time to try the U.P. again. That is where we looked for a home base.

#### **LAKEVIEW MOTEL AND COTTAGES**

3078 West Lake ST.

Hessel MI 49745

[LAKEVIEWHESSEL@EASTERNUP.NET](mailto:LAKEVIEWHESSEL@EASTERNUP.NET) (on the card it is all upper case but I think Lower will work) [906-484-2474](tel:906-484-2474). Paula Chafins is the owner and caretaker and has been for over 30 years. Has

over 10 motel rooms, 10 cottages. right across the street from the bay, two cottages are on the water. Next to the fire pits.

#### **Rates**

2 beds, motel \$75

1 bed, motel \$65

3 beds, cottage \$90 (1 twin bed and two full, maybe Queen) only has two 3 bed room cottages

2 bed, cottage \$85 has 8 two bed cottages

**COTTAGE RENTERS MUST BRING OWN**

**SOAP, TOWELS, TOILET PAPER.**

Dates for the 2017 fall color tour are:

Thursday October 5th, meeting at MEIJER in Cedar Springs. Departing around 9am.

Friday October 6th, (home base at Lakeview Motel and Cottages), Sault Ste. Marie, Tahquamenon Falls and back to Hessel

Saturday October 7th, Kitch-iti-kipi spring and raft. Palm Book state park near Manistique. H-58 (road) from Munising to Grand Maris. and back to Hessel.

Sunday October 8th, we head for home.

### **October & November WMCC Meetings**

October Meeting will be on **Saturday SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 @ Carl & Teresa Lins Home**. More details to follow next month.

November meeting will be in the Southwestern Area (Kalamazoo and South) of the state on Saturday **NOVEMBER 4, 2017**. We will be doing a cruise, poker run, Road Rally or something of that nature. We will be meeting at NOON to kick this event off. More details to follow next month.

### **WMCC Christmas Party December 9, 2017**

Carl Lins has made all the arrangements for the annual WMCC Christmas party. This year we will be at the DoubleTree hotel in Grand Rapids again. We are asking that those of you who plan to attend the party to please let us know and pay as soon as possible \$20/Person. This is half of the cost for the Food/Room. The club account will pick up the other half from the Berger show/Account to make it more affordable. As always anyone that wants to pay more we always welcome donations.

We will have a sign up sheet at the Berger Show and Club Meeting.

#### **Where:**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Grand Rapids Airport  
4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49512-1915, TEL: 616-957-0100

#### **When:**

December 12, 2015

#### **Time:**

05:00-12:00pm- (Well that's when we have the room reserved I am sure we can extend or continue as we do every year).

There are rooms available I believe the rate is \$109/Night ht. Make sure to tell them you are with the WMCC Party. **(If booked prior to November 20, 2017)**





Berger Chevrolet's 18th Annual

# All-GM Show

Hosted by the Western Michigan Camaro Club

**Two full days jam-packed with speed, performance, & fun!**

**Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

- **Open Track Day** at US131 Motorsports Park in Martin, MI
- Bring your ride between 10am and 4pm and run the lights like a pro
  - Get a ride in a wheel standing COPO Camaro  
(Limited number available, \$30 fee will be charged)
- \$20 entry fee, 100 vehicle limit. Pre-register at [bergerchevy.com](http://bergerchevy.com)
  - Free for spectators

- **Meet & Greet** at Berger Chevrolet, Grand Rapids, MI - 7pm - 10pm
- **28th Street Metro Cruise**

**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

- **All-GM Show** - 8am - 4pm at Berger Chevrolet
- Featuring funny cars, DYNO, over 50 awards, GM Show Cars, feature cars, silent auction, live DJ, 3rd Annual GMMG reunion, classic GM vehicles, and more!
  - \$15 registration fee includes free t-shirt for the first 200 entries  
(Registration day of show only. No pre-registration for Saturday car show)
  - Spectators are free as always



*"when fast isn't fast enough"*

**Berger Chevrolet**  
2525 28th St SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Meet 16-time NHRA Funny Car Champ,

**John Force**

Saturday from 11:30 - 1:30

*John Force*  
RACING



**Berger Chevrolet cordially invites you to attend the  
18th Annual All-GM Show**

Berger Chevrolet has been building Camaro's and other custom performance vehicles since the 60's and are seasoned experts in the arts of speed and performance. Yenko, Nickey, Dana, Baldwin-Motion and Fred Gibb Chevrolet are sadly long gone, but Berger Chevrolet is still very much in business.

The super car is still very much alive and with Berger Prescribed Power, we've got what it takes to make you go FAST. Since 1925, Berger Chevrolet has been owned and operated by the Berger Family – 92 years of keeping performance alive!

To celebrate their performance heritage & their 92nd Anniversary, Berger is throwing another ALL GM SHOW party. Over the last eighteen years, the show has grown into a national caliber event with participants coming from over a dozen States and Canada. Hosted by the Western Michigan Camaro Club, the show will be Saturday August 26, 2017. All GM cars & trucks, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Oldsmobile, GMC, Saturn, etc. (\*\*Must be GM Bodied and GM Powered) are invited to participate. We would especially like to invite any of those "Berger" Chevys from the 60's and 70's as well as all the special "Berger SS" Camaros, Hot Rod Magazine Limited Edition Camaros, Berger ZL-1 Camaro Supercars and the Berger Chevrolet – Dick Harrell Camaro Supercars. Think of it as a homecoming! As always, all car enthusiasts are invited to attend.

There will be several "Milestone" Berger Chevys, and 4th, 5th, & 6th generation Berger Special Edition SS Camaros on display. The show will go on rain or shine and will be an indoor/outdoor show. This year we will also be hosting the GMMG reunion inside the Service Department.

**Event Hours:**

**Friday August 25:** Open Track Day – 10am to 4pm at US131 Motorsports Park Martin, MI

**Friday August 25:** Meet and Greet – 7pm to 10pm at Berger Chevrolet

(This is an informal activity designed to allow us to watch the "cruisers" along 28th Street participating in the "28th Street Metro Cruise").

**Saturday August 26:** All-GM Show – 8am to 4pm at Berger Chevrolet (Registration Opens at 8am)  
Food vendor will be on site for your convenience.

**For More Information:**

Berger Chevrolet web site: [www.bergerchevy.com](http://www.bergerchevy.com)

Dick Jacques phone: 616.293.1850

email: [dickjacques@hotmail.com](mailto:dickjacques@hotmail.com)

You can also contact Western Michigan Camaro club members:

President: Gary Crippin [wmcamaro@gmail.com](mailto:wmcamaro@gmail.com)

Co-Vice President: Carl Lins [carl.lins@gmail.com](mailto:carl.lins@gmail.com)

Co-Vice President: John Falkenhagen [jcfalkenhagen@yahoo.com](mailto:jcfalkenhagen@yahoo.com)

**Area Hotel Information:**

Hawthorn Suites 2701 E. Beltline Ave SE 616-957-8111

Holiday Inn 3063 Lake Eastbrook SE 616-285-7600

Ramada Inn 3333 28th Street SE 616-949-9222

Clarion Inn & Suites 4981 28th Street SE 616-956-9304

Best Western Hotel 5500 28th Street SE 616-949-8400

Crowne Plaza 5700 28th Street SE 616-957-1770

Fairfield Inn 3930 Stahl Drive SE 616-940-2700



Date Show

**Berger Chevrolet All GM Show - Berger Chevrolet Grand Rapids, MI 2525 28th Street . Entry Fri Us131 Motorsport Park Aug 24-25, 2017 \$20, Entry Fee Sat Berger Chevy \$15 See Website for more details. [www.bergerchevy.com](http://www.bergerchevy.com)**  
 Super Chevy Show - US 131 Motorsports Park 1249 12th St. Martin, MI USA  
 Jun 2-3, 2017 See website for more details [www.us131msp.com](http://www.us131msp.com)  
 17th Annual Ontario Camaro Nationals, @ Holiday Inn & Suites Oakville @ Bronte  
 June 9-11, 2017 2525 Wyecroft Rd, Oakville, ON L6L 6P8 see website for more details [ontariocamaroclub.ca/camaro-nationals/](http://ontariocamaroclub.ca/camaro-nationals/)  
 13th Annual Michigan FBody Meet & Greet - Bakers of Milford 2025 S. Milford Rd, Milford MI 9am to 3pm see website for more  
 Jun 10, 2017 details [www.mifbody.com/meetgreet/](http://www.mifbody.com/meetgreet/)

Jun 23-24, 2017 19th Annual Camaro Nationals Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick MD. See website for more details [www.camaronationals.org](http://www.camaronationals.org)  
 Jun 22-25, 2017 The Sturgis Camaro Rally - Sturgis, SD. See website for more details [www.sturgiscamarorally.com](http://www.sturgiscamarorally.com)

Jun 30-Jul 2, 2017 26th Annual Camaro Superfest - Riverside Park Ypsilanti, MI see website for more details [www.camarosuperfest.com](http://www.camarosuperfest.com)  
 CamaroFest 2017 in Bowling Green, KY see website for more details [www.phastekperformance.com/CamaroFest-2017-Bowling-Green-KY-Kentucky-s/1566.htm](http://www.phastekperformance.com/CamaroFest-2017-Bowling-Green-KY-Kentucky-s/1566.htm)  
 Jul 14-15, 2017 Green-KY-Kentucky-s/1566.htm

Jul 13-15, 2017 CamaroFest\_VII Bowling Green, KY see website for more details [www.camarofest7.com](http://www.camarofest7.com)  
 2017 All Camaro Show - XXX ROOT BEER DRIVE-IN, ISSAQUAH, WA See website for more details [www.pnwcc.com/all-camaro-2017-show](http://www.pnwcc.com/all-camaro-2017-show)  
 Jul 16, 2017 show  
 NEOCC Fall Classic 2017 - Summit Racing 1200 Southeast Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 see website for more details  
 Sep 9-10, 2017 [www.neocc.org/annual-neocc-fall-classic/](http://www.neocc.org/annual-neocc-fall-classic/)  
 Oct 12-14, 2017 F-Body Beach Bash 2017 - Myrtle Beach, SC see website for more details [fbodybeachbash.com](http://fbodybeachbash.com)

#### Other Car Shows

Sat, Apr 08, 2017 58th Annual Swap Meet, Auto City Speedway, 10205 N. Saginaw St. Clio, MI Gates open at 7am \$5 admission. More info 810-348-0684 or 810-686-9500

Sun, Apr 30, 2017 Car Show & Swap Meet, St. Joesph County Fairgrounds South Bend, IN 6:30am-3pm \$15 Fee more Info [www.pioneerautoassn.com](http://www.pioneerautoassn.com) or 574-674-6111

Sun, May 07, 2017 54th Annual Old Car Dust Off, Mendon High School, Mendon MI more info 574-612-1975

Sun, May 14, 2017 6th Annual Fastlane Motorsports Car Show @ Lin's Long Lake Tavern 8946 S. Sprinkle Road, Portage, MI \$10 Reg Fee. More Info 269-312-0976

Sun, May 28, 2017 Fruitport Old Fashioned Days Car Show Location Fruitport Middle School Parking Lot 113 E. Pontaluna Rd. Fruitport, MI 49415 Registration starts at 8:30 am Show is 10-2 Pre-registration is \$10 Day of show is \$15

Fri, Jun 02, 2017 Cruise IN for Kids Burn Camp, 6-9pm @ Salem Township Park, 3003 142nd Ave Burnips, MI 49312 Reg Fee \$10

Sat, Jun 03, 2017 Ionia Cruisin Classics, Downtown Ionia, MI 9am-3pm rain or shine. \$15 Reg Fee. More Info [www.ioniacruisinclassics.com](http://www.ioniacruisinclassics.com)

Sat, Jun 03, 2017 Main Street Car Show, Downtown Plainwell, MI Reg @ 9am Fee 20 more info Brandy 269-207-9199 or [www.plainwelldays.com](http://www.plainwelldays.com)

Sat, Jun 10, 2017 Vicksburg Old Car Festival, Downtown Vicksburg, MI. 9am -4 pm Reg Fee \$14 more info 269-649-1312

Sat, Jun 17, 2017 Veteran Appreciation Cruise 2017 9am meet @ Meijer on Gull Road in Kalamazoo, MI. 9:45am leave for VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, 10:15am-2pm Car Show at VA Medical Center. More info call Gary 269-345-2202

Sat, Jun 17, 2017 17th Nashville Annual Classic Car Show, Downtown Nashville, MI 8am-2pm Reg fee \$10 More Info 069-838-5170

Sat, Jun 17, 2017 Three Rivers Car Show, Downtown Three Rivers, MI \$10 Reg Fee. 8am-noon more info [www.trchamber.com](http://www.trchamber.com)

Sun, Jun 18, 2017 Fathers Day Car Show, Carlton Park Hastings, MI 8am-4pm Rain or Shine reg fee \$15 Must be 1992 or older.

Sat, Jun 24, 2017 The Alamo Foundation 2017 Classic & Crafts in the Park at Alamo Little League 8326 West DE Ave Kalamazoo, MI 49009 8am - 2pm more info <http://www.thealamofoundation.org>

Sun, Jul 09, 2017 Kids Camp Car Show, @ Deano's 50's Diner, Allegan, MI Reg Fee \$15 3-7pm All Proceeds go to sponsor Childrens summer camp.

Sun, Jul 16, 2017 4th Annual Faith Baptist Church Car Show, 56070 Murray Street Mattawan, MI 49071 1-4pm More Info 269-506-0818

Sat, Jul 22, 2017 2017 Paw Paw Days Car Show, Downtown Paw Paw, MI Reg Fee \$15 8am-? More Info [www.pawpawchamber.com](http://www.pawpawchamber.com)

Sun, Jul 23, 2017 Sunset Cruisers Car Show to Benefit Calhoun County Animal Shelter @ Pizza Hut 20 East Columbia, Battle Creek, MI Reg Fee \$10 1-3pm Collecting Dog & Cat food & Supplies, also collecting Non Perishables for South West Mi Food Bank More info Brian 269-753-8515

Sat, Aug 05, 2017 Red Barn Spectacular car Show & Swap Meet. Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI. Cars must be 25 years or older. 8am-4pm Reg Fee \$20 more info [www.kaarc.org](http://www.kaarc.org) or 269-377-7756

Sat, Aug 12, 2017 Del Shannon Car Show On Main Street in Downtown Coopersville, MI 7am-3pm Show Reg \$15 More Info at [www.delshannoncarshow.org](http://www.delshannoncarshow.org)

Sun, Aug 13, 2017 Deano's Pizza & Ice Cream 17th Annual Car Show. 1604 M40 North, Allegan, MI 49010. 9am-4pm. \$15 Reg Fee More Info 269-686-9009

Sat, Aug 19, 2017 Augusta Village Car Show, Augusta Village Park Augusta, MI 1-5pm Rain or Shine \$15 Reg Fee. More Info 269-731-4414

Sat, Sep 09, 2017 23rd Annual Grape Escape Classic, Downtown Paw Paw, MI 8am-3pm \$15 reg fee. More info 269-655-1111 or [www.wineandharvestfestival.com](http://www.wineandharvestfestival.com)

Sun, Sep 10, 2017 Muscle Cars Plus 23rd Annual Car Show, @ Gilmore Car Museum Hickory Corners, MI Reg Fee \$20. 9am-3pm

Fri, Sep 15, 2017 Sunset Cruisers Car Show @ Pizza Hut 20 East Columbia, Battle Creek, MI Reg Fee DONATION. 5:30-9pm Rain Date Sept 17 4-8pm collecting Non Perishables for South West Mi Food Bank. More info Brian 269-753-8515

Sun, Nov 26, 2017 Freemans Super Sunday Swap Meet. Indiana State Fairgrounds 1202 E. 38th St. Indianapolis, IN. \$7 Admission, 8am-3pm

May 13-14, 2017 30th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet, Branch County Fairgrounds, Coldwater, MI Show Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday 8am-3pm. Free Entry with Show Car.

Nov 18-19, 2017 Muscle Cars & Corvette Nationals, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center Rosemont, IL Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 9am-5pm



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**Don't miss the next WMCC Meeting  
Sunday August 27, 2017  
at Brann's Steakhouse & Grille  
in Grand Rapids, 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 weekend of each month. Times and location vary, so see the Newsletter or check the club's web site or face book page for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

### **WMCC Officers**

President: Gary Crippin 269.506.0411  
Co-Vice President: Carl Lins 269.795.7878  
Co-Vice President: John Falkenhagen 269.795.7612  
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### **Club Sponsor**

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### **Website**

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

### **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/westernmichigancamaroclub/>

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

### **Camaro Corner**



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