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## FROM THE PRES-

Here we are caught up in the middle again. Just past the thankful and entering the giving season. Can't help myself but to impart the multitude of feelings going through my brain box to my favorite friends of all time. Among the people we need to thank for allowing us to continue our service to others are all the fine people at Champion Chevrolet who have sponsored our club this last year. Without their commitment to us it would be difficult to achieve what we have. Vanguard Auto Sales really came up with the lifesaver at Superfest by co-sponsoring Milan Day. Detroit Hot Rod, Corrigan Oil, Ric and Rocky's and NBP and EMCC Member Don Jorgensen kept up their continuing support as well. Can't forget The Lingenfelter's for all they do. Several members and guests gave on multiple occasions rounding out those we need to thank. So, no matter how gloomy I might have thought it had gotten during this last year, we look on the bright side and give thanks to all the people, both in and out of the club, that made a difference in so many people's lives. Not only do we get to have the opportunity to give, but so many were helped. I need to give special thanks to the board, who give so much of their personal time when we need to

accomplish all things club related. You and I know who they are, and I cannot say enough about their devotion to this club. On that note, we are in need of a secretary to fill Roxanne's shoes. She has decided that she needs to step back for a time and can no longer fulfill her position. Anyone interested please let me know. It will be for the remainder of her term ending in 2026.

Then there is the giving season. The club will have several opportunities to continue our charity work. The Lingenfelter Collection again is having its 3rd annual Toy's for Tot's Drive at the Lingenfelter Collection. December 7th from Noon to 3pm, 7819 Lochlin Drive, Brighton, MI. Vanguard Motor Sales is helping out as well and will be on site. MIS has a food drive that results in you being able to drive around the speedway in exchange for a food item. Stay tuned to your email for further information on these. Don has several more activities involving donations as well. Some listed here, others come up all the time and he does his best to keep us informed. Watching your email is a must this time of year. All the while Sally, in conjunction with the Local Impact Alliance (Canton Community Foundation) constantly keep the needs of others in mind and look for ways to help.

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Where will we go from here? Next year promises to be even better than this past one. I will be searching out more sponsors and ways to keep the momentum going. You can help too. Got an idea, let us know. Sponsorship possibility, call me. If I can help you I certainly will.

After all this there is the one thing so easy to give, (and what we are good at) our friendship and caring to all our members. May the spirit of Christmas help make this time of year the best. Even through the snow and ice I hope you find the joy and happiness you deserve. Some of you might even enjoy snow and ice! Say Hi to people you see, remember old friends, make new ones. Stay safe in your travels. Make memories like there is no tomorrow. Oh, and mark your calendar for July 27th 2025 for the return of "Christmas in July". Well, because one just isn't enough.

Merry Christmas to the best car club ever. Happy New Year to the best people ever.

**Snook OUT**

## 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>  |
| <b>Mark Harpootlian</b>  | <b>Bill Koski</b>    |

They are at peace with our Lord.



## EMCC MEETING

For your next EMCC meeting, we're not sure when or where, so watch your email, EMCC website and the HUGGER for those details. We hope to see you there!

## EMCC BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to all of our DECEMBER 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!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member this past month. Please welcome Tom Rifai to EMCC. Dues renewal for 2025 can happen anytime starting now! Per the new dues policy, dues are \$20 per year per person. You can renew at a meeting, or by mail to the club address (include a note with the name(s) of members and your check/money order made out to EMCC) or go to our new website - [www.emcamaro.com](http://www.emcamaro.com) and you can renew and pay online! **PLEASE RENEW SOON!** EMCC Membership is currently 83. **THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!**

## 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 setup through the Canton Community Foundation. Use their website to donate- [www.cantonfoundation.org](http://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!!

Many thanks to all of our supporters, especially Champion Chevrolet for allowing us to give so much back to our community. We are always trying to give where it does the most. I am so very proud of our group and what we do.

Thanks, Sally West,

EMCC Philanthropic Chair

## EMCC - AUTORAMA

It's TIME to consider placing your Camaro in the annual AUTORAMA car show at the Huntington Place/Cobo Hall happening on Feb 28-March 2, 2025. EMCC has all the display materials you will need.... we just need your Camaro and you to register. Go here for an application -

<https://autorama.com/entry-forms/detroit-mi/>

Deadline is FEB 2nd. If you are interested, please contact BARRY so he can help coordinate the display and entries!

[Barry76Lt@wowway.com](mailto:Barry76Lt@wowway.com)

## THE CORNER CAMARO

This month's Corner Camaro goes to EMCC members Kathy & Paul Denski, members #397. With several Camaros to choose from, they selected the 2010 RS/SS "McDreame" to highlight in this HUGGER. Here's the story-

It was October 20th 2008, that was the day you could actually order a new Camaro for the first time in a long time. I remember it well. On the way to work I stopped by our old sponsors dealership and tried to order Kathy's. Not so fast, as they did not have the software as of 9am. OK, so I would return after work. It was a loooonnnngggg day at work.

Returning to the showroom and capturing my Salesman we sat down to a short discussion about what I wanted. Everything comes to mind. IBM (indigo blue metallic) 6 speed, no stripes (not a fan of the vinyl at the time) RS/SS 2SS option. All that was offered at the time.

Arriving home slightly late for dinner, Kathy asked "where ya been?" And after stuttering several times in an attempt to hide the facts, she busted me. "What color?" Was the next question she asked. "Blue", I said. "Nope, I want red", and the phone call to our salesman ensued. "What color red is offered?" Her question posed, he responded with two shades and Kathy insisted upon something akin to Firetruck Red

and that turns out to be Victory Red. And so it was to be. We waited just short of 6 months (April 15th, 2009) to take delivery of the first 5th Generation Camaro delivered to the public in Michigan. Racing each other from work when they called, Kathy arrived first, giving her the advantage to look, sit in and inspect what would become her "McDreme". We then proceeded to have the first known modification made to the new generation Camaro. Custom painted black stripes under multiple layers of clear. Only to find out that GM wanted it back! That's right, it escaped from the factory without the necessary QC checks at the time. "Do you think they will notice the stripes?" inquired Scott. I guess we will find out. They actually sent a truck to pick it up. Needless to say, we took official delivery some two weeks later. It was love at first sight, Kathy and McDreme together for ever. Still her favorite, 40,000+ miles and several other Camaros later. Don't let her fool you, if there was a choice between me and, well, it wouldn't end well for me. She makes it clear on each trip we take what Camaro we take. Occasionally I win, but I think she just feels bad for me at times.

Thanks Kathy and Paul, for sharing your Camaro story! Thanks for being EMCC members!!

**NEXT MONTH** - member #407 Jerry Glaza and his 2023

## EMCC WEARABLES

Many members have asked about EMCC shirts, hats, jackets. We don't have a supplier of these items. SO, we suggest you buy what you want/need at any store you wish. Then bring those items to the next EMCC meeting. We'll then send it all to our embroiderer to get them customized with the EMCC logo on it. We can probably get your name stitched on too. The EMCC logo is \$12-15 to be put on. Your name is \$3-5 to be stitched. Logo goes on left chest, names on right.



## **CAMARO SUPERFEST 2025**

**July 11-12-13, 2025**

**Multi-Lakes Conservation Club  
Commerce Township, Michigan, USA!**

ANNOUNCING.... our 2025 date for the 34th annual Camaro Superfest! We're all set for dates and location. We have some great ideas for a fun Friday activity. We're looking at other ways to improve our long-standing event. If you have any ideas, please contact an EMCC Board member. Stay tuned for more details as they are confirmed.

*CSF 2025 is only 7 months away!!*

## **EMCC MEETING REPORT**

For the November EMCC meeting, we met on the west side of town. Unfortunately, I could not make it, again, as that night was also the monthly meeting of the Reading RR Historical Society. I just happen to run the zoom meeting for them, so I had to attend. I was also the "entertainment" for after the business part of the meeting, giving a presentation on the upcoming National Model RR convention to be held in Novi the week after CSF 2025! With that... I received this info on the meeting....

Novembers "Not a meeting" was very well attended. 30+ members enjoyed a meal at Mr. Miguel's on the odd Tuesday evening. Refreshing events for the month coming up was our own Don the events man. Most of the meeting time was given to what we might do next year and ideas abound! Trips from "day trip" to multiple nights out on the road were discussed and many "places" offered. Chris offered his opinion on who should (or should not) plan these roadies. Since I have done many of these it was discussed

that others might volunteer to plan several or any trip throughout the year. Please let us know if you are interested in doing so. I will offer any support that I can to assist. Remember there are no bad ideas, especially if you plan them! Among the many ideas were, to Port Huron, Circle the Lakes, The Tour d' Michigan, two days in Ohio, Tail of the Dragon and points south near there. Of course, we have the slew of day events that we have but don't know of yet.

Kathy announced the return of "Christmas in July" letting everyone know the day. July 27th, 2025. Camaro Superfest July 11,12,13, 2025 was reinforced.

Lastly, we discussed the dues vote and the increase that was voted in by the membership. The results of the vote are as follows: 39 votes YES, 10 votes NO, and 8 votes DON'T CARE. So, Effective January 01, 2025, EMCC monthly dues will be \$20.00 per person. This was done in order to bring parity to all families. Those of us blessed to have spouses did have an advantage. Our hope is that everyone will renew at the new rate. This will hopefully cover the increased expenses for our web site. We hope to see you at the next EMCC meeting!

## **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.





# DECEMBER 2024

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY              | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
|---|---------------------|--|--|----------|--------|---|
| 1   | 2                   | 3  | 4  | 5        | 6      | 7   |
| 8  | 9                   | 10<br>Mary Asta  | 11<br>Emma Lee Zamm<br>Gavin Benedict  | 12       | 13     | 14  |
| 15  | 16                  | 17   | 18   | 19       | 20     | 21 <i>Winter Begins</i><br>John Wrobel  |
| 22  | 23<br>Debbie Merian | 24   | 25  | 26       | 27     | 28  |
| 29  | 30<br>Greg Rancilio | 31  |     |          |        |  |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*EMCC Official events.....*

**NO December EMCC meeting**

### OTHER EVENTS-

- Dec 8.. Model RR Open House - Barry Hensel's Reading Lines will be open to view/enjoy. All are welcome! 12noon-4pm  
43642 Lotus Dr Canton, MI (Palmer-Sheldon area)
- Dec 28.. Caffeine and Chrome Gateway Classic Cars 15011 S. Commerce Dr, Dearborn 9am-12pm
- Jan 4-5.. 51st Detroit Swap Meet Sat= 8am-5pm Sun= 8am-1pm  
Suburban Collection Showplace 46100 Grand River Ave, Novi
- Jan 10-20.. Detroit Auto Show Huntington Place/Cobo Center 1 Washington Blvd, Detroit
- Jan 18.. Jackson Auto Swap Meet Michigan Sport Facility 3055 Shirley Dr, Jackson, MI 8am-1pm
- Jan 31-Feb 1 61st KAARC Winter Auto Swap Meet Kalamazoo CO Expo Center 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo 2pm-6pm Fri 8am-2pm Sat

Feb 7-8-9.. Chrome & Ice Car Show  
Dort Federal Event Center 3501  
Lapeer Road, Flint 10am-8pm

### FUTURE EMCC EVENTS-

Next EMCC meeting TBD  
Detroit International Auto Show  
Detroit Autorama

### FOR MORE CAR SHOWS AND EVENT

**LISTINGS**, please go to the Cruis'in Media website -  
<https://cruisnmedia.com/events-calendar/>

## EMCC SPECIAL EVENT

This **Saturday Dec. 7** from 12-3pm is our Annual Lingenfelter Toy Drive at 7819 Lochlin Dr. Brighton. We will meet at Leo's Coney Island at 30422 Milford Road in New Hudson just South of I-96 and North of Grand River at 11am to grab a bite to eat and wheels up at 12noon to arrive at the Collection shortly after that. **YOU MUST BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY OR TOYS TO ENTER.**

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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 is sponsored **Champion Chevrolet, Howell, MI.** Dues are \$20 per year per person! If joining after Oct 1, you will be good through the following year. Membership renewals are also \$20 per year per person. Membership and dues are renewed every January.  
Club web site- [www.emcamaro.com](http://www.emcamaro.com)  
**Club Address-** 6659 Schaefer Rd - Suite 1199 Dearborn, MI 48126

## CAMARO FUNNIES!



**PUN(s) OF THE MONTH:** 1) Why did the Teddy Bear skip dessert? He was stuffed. 2) Where does a polar bear keep his money? In a snowbank. 3) It was an emotional wedding. Even the cake was in tiers.

**THE LAST WORD(s):** 1) ALLAN: Does exercise help the brain make better decisions? ELLEN: Yes. Last week I ran a mile and decided, "Never again."  
2) JANIE: Did you grill the chicken? JOHNNY: Yes, but it still won't tell me why it crossed the road.



## WINTER STORAGE?!

Are you looking for a place to store your Camaro for the winter? I have a place for you! My son-in-law Justin Smith now has a "barn". He can fit 4 Camaros in the barn, next to his Camaro and his camper. The barn is new, unheated and no electricity. The location is in Brownstown, Telegraph and West Rd area. The cost is only \$75 per month! Contact BARRY if you're interested - [barry76LT@wowway.com](mailto:barry76LT@wowway.com)



## EMCC EVENT PICTURES

Here's a photo of the recent \$2500 donation by EMCC to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Taylor



Here's a picture from the last Northville Cars & Coffee on Nov 9th with John, Dale, Chris and Don attending



## EMCC SWAP AND SELL

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

**WANTING TO BUY** - Looking for a Chevy 8.5 inch 10 bolt rear axle from drum to drum to install in a 1981 Camaro Z28 248-227-9111  
Tom Rifai MD [tomrifai@gmail.com](mailto:tomrifai@gmail.com)



**FOR SALE - FREE!!** I have an oil pan and a pair of cylinder heads from a 1973 Chevy 350, originally from a base model Corvette, the L48 engine. The heads are high chrome cast alloy iron, Casting No. 3998993, intake valves 1.94, exhaust valves 1.50.  
734-395-8713 Richard Pomerantz  
Ann Arbor, MI [aarantz@comcast.net](mailto:aarantz@comcast.net)



## 3D LS3 ENGINES

EMCC member Patrick can 3D print a working LS3 engine! He had some flyers at the last EMCC meeting. These are kits that you build. The engine scale to 1:10 full size. They don't "work" but when powered by an electric motor, all of the parts move! If you are interested in this unique model, please contact Partick. See his ad on the next page.



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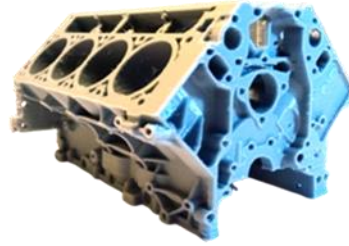
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