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FROM THE PRES-

Well ,well, well, just when you thought you heard the last from me, here I am again. Only because I have the honor and privilege of announcing the newest EMCC Board members to you. Yes, I know we are were to have elections in January. And while I would love to had to email everyone with directions, answer numerous emails about said directions, receive multiple phone calls and texts about said directions, yada yada yada and so forth. We just had enough volunteers to cover all the available positions. And, yes, I could have sent out an email directing you to vote for each person, but it would have been a waste of both of our time. I want you all to remember me as the guy who saved you all that work and frustration. You can thank me later.

So, without further adew... Announcing Tom Borg as your new Member at Large. Your new Secretary of the Eastern Michigan Camaro Club is Julianne Vitale-Kuhn, serving the final year of the term replacing Sharon Harpoottian who is your new Treasurer serving a two-year term and, drum roll please, your new President of the Eastern Michigan Camaro Club is John Danic also serving a two-year term.

I am confident these members will serve the club diligently and with the upmost regards for all the things we stand for. They will join Don Jorgensen in the second

year of his term as Vice President. I wish them all the best as I fade away into the sunset. Knowing that the club is in good hands.

Please join us at the club meeting on the 6th of January 2026. At Mr. Miguel's Mexican Grill and Cantina. 39305 Plymouth Road in Livonia, MI 48150. 6:00pm for dinner and 7:00pm (ish) for the meeting to get to know the new board.

Snook OUT, This time for real!

EMCC TO SWAP MEET

Hello to all, we have a planned trip to the Suburban Showplace Collection on Jan 3, to visit Detroit Automotive Swap Meet. Meeting at Leo's Coney Island at 47830 Grand River Ave. Novi, MI 48374 Meet for breakfast at 7am and wheel up by 7:45am to arrive at the Swap Meet at 8am. If you will be attending, let DON know! 517-410-9304 emccvp@gmail.com

CAMARO MEMORIUM

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

Tom Hawke

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Joan Turon

John Hancock

Bill Koski

They are at peace with our Lord.

EMCC ELECTIONS!!

So, when there just enough volunteers to fill each board position as we have had in the past, electing them is by proclamation. And so it is this time. I wished we had more members willing to serve the club in this matter. There is nothing wrong with have two differing opinions for us to choose from. I believe it strengthens any organization. However, by the power vested in me as your President until this month's meeting when the new board takes over, I hereby acclaim that the nominee's for President John Danic, Treasurer Sharon Harpoortlian, Secretary Julianne Vitale-Kuhn and Member at Large Tom Borg are all duly elected to their respective post. Long live EMCC.

Snook OUT Again.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new member this past month. EMCC Membership is currently 118! REMINDER - your 2026 EMCC dues will start to be collected in December-January.

THREE WAYS TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP: please note - new membership cards will be sent out in early 2026

ONE - Renewing on the Website or your phone: Go to www.emcamaro.com If doing this from your computer click on Membership and scroll all the way down to the renewal section. It will take you to PayPal where you can pay your dues, \$20 per person. If doing it on your phone click on the three bars in the upper right and then select membership.

TWO - Mail in a check/cash to: Sharon Harpoortlian
23710 Samoset Trail
Southfield, MI 48033

THREE - renew in person at the January meeting - stay tuned for details about the meeting
We hope you will renew your dues and remain an EMCC member!

THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!

EMCC MEETING

Your next EMCC meeting is on **TUESDAY JANUARY 6TH** at **Mr.**

Miguel's Mexican Grill and Cantina located at 39305 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150. If you wish to partake in dinner, meet at 6pmish, the meeting will follow at roughly 7pmish. Map is available on the web site and we look forward to seeing you there.

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 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>

Many THANKS to our supporters for allowing us to give so much back to our community. We are always trying to give where it does the most. I'm so very proud of our group and what we do. Thanks, Sally West, EMCC Philanthropic Chair

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.

35th ANNIVERSARY!!



**JULY
10-11** **2026**



CAMARO SUPERFEST 2026

July 10-11, 2026

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

CAMARO SUPERFEST is the longest running ALL Camaro event in the USA! CAMARO SUPERFEST is Michigan's largest Camaro only car show and shine. Held annually every summer over one weekend, our multi-day car show includes fun activities, and a traditional car show. We offer a non-judged entry fee as well as a judged entry fee option. The Eastern Michigan Camaro Club invites you to Camaro Superfest where all generations of Camaro are welcomed in any and all conditions. In 2026, we are celebrating our 35th anniversary of our show. We have a selection of special awards that any judged car will be eligible to win regardless of year or modification. This year will also see the second year of our Harpo Edition Award.

REGISTRATION - We are buttoning up our special Friday activity. Once our contract negotiations are finished, registration will open. Be sure to read about our

activities and explore the site to learn more about our event.

FRIDAY'S ACTIVITY - We have something special planned for our Friday activity. Trust us, just take the day off work and plan to spend your day with us. Stay tuned to the website and social media for up-to-date info. Friday Evening Cruise-in and Fish Fry at Multi-Lakes. No fee for entry. Show off your Camaro at this cruise-in which attracts all makes and models of cars. Fish Fry dinner available for purchase at the club house.

SATURDAY ALL CAMARO SHOW & SHINE

This is what Camaro Superfest is all about! Drive or trailer your Camaro to our show field and spend the Day surrounded by other enthusiasts and their Camaros. ALL GENERATIONS ENCOURAGED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND! For those who like to compete, we offer a judged entry so you can show off your detailing skills. Judging will be Saturday only. Classification list and details on in our Judging and Awards section. We also offer the option of a Display (non-judged) entry.

SATURDAY DINNER - Saturday after a day on the show field walk over to the pavilion and sit down for grilled steak or chicken dinner. (Cash bar available) Pre-registration is required! Awards will be presented at dinner.

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST -

Multi-lakes country breakfast will be available at the clubhouse Sunday morning again this year. We kindly request an RSVP to pass along in order to help them plan, but breakfasts will be purchased at the door. Sunday will see all of our traveling friends headed back home. 2026 Camaro Superfest will be Friday and Saturday only.

HOST HOTEL - Our Host Hotel is Hampton Inn by Hilton. The rate is \$139 per night.

169 Loop Rd Commerce Twp, MI

48390 (248) 624-8100

Special rate dates: Thursday, July 9th - Sunday, July 12th, 2026

Last Day to Book: June 10th, 2026

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We also have a back-up hotel, with a reserved block of rooms at the Towne Place Suites by Marriott. The negotiated rate is \$144 per night.

199 Loop Rd Commerce Twp, MI
48390 (248) 669-3200

Special rate dates: Thursday, July 9th - Sunday, July 12th, 2026
Last Day to Book: June 10th, 2026
Please see Camaro Superfest Website for registration and hotel booking links.

www.emcamaro.com/camaro-superfest/

Camaro Superfest 2026 will be held July 10th-11th, 2026
Multi-Lakes Conservation Association
3860 Newton Rd, Commerce Charter Twp, MI 48382

CSF 2026 is only 7 months away!!

THE CORNER CAMARO

This month's Corner Camaro is EMCC member #50 Tom Borg and his 2012 RS. Here's their story....

Some people remember exactly where they were when they met "the one." For me, it wasn't a person—it was a car. Yes, I'm perfectly comfortable admitting that.

I first saw an ad for the 2010 Camaro in the autumn of 2009, and it stopped me cold. From the side, it had that unmistakable 1969 Camaro DNA—classic muscle, clean lines, and pure attitude. But the front and rear? Total 21st century. It was the perfect mashup of old-school cool and modern swagger. Right then and there, I knew one thing: someday, somehow, I was going to own a Camaro.

Fast forward four years. By that point, I wasn't casually "looking", I was researching. Daily. I even built a spreadsheet. Not a napkin list. A real spreadsheet with columns for "must haves," "should haves," and "nice to haves." (This is what happens when patience meets obsession.) My must haves included Inferno Orange Metallic paint, auto trans, a sunroof, and a few other non-negotiables. Compromise was not on the menu.

Then came the afternoon of

December 23rd, 2013 just days before Christmas, when the automotive gods smiled. There it was online: a 2012 Camaro Rally Sport that matched about 99% of my criteria, sitting quietly at a Ford dealership in the great state of Kansas. I immediately called the dealership and asked about it. Ironically, the salesperson I spoke with didn't even know the Camaro had been listed yet. That's when I knew timing was on my side.

After a short conversation, the deal was done. I bought my Camaro with just 8,700 miles on it, without ever seeing it in person. It arrived on January 14th, and I'll say this: pictures did not do it justice. It looked even better in real life. It also came with some nice extras—billet chrome door sills, chrome RS insignias on the front fenders, and Lloyd's floor mats. The only blemish was a small dent on both the driver and passenger doors from shipping. One phone call later, the dealership apologized, told me to get them fixed, and send them the bill. Easy fix. Back to smiling.

Since then, it's been nothing but smooth cruising. More than 70,000 miles later, I've added a few personal upgrades along the way: custom-painted black racing stripes on the hood and trunk, rear window louvers, new brakes and rotors, a new exhaust system, RS rotor covers, new tires, fresh Lloyd's mats for the front and trunk, plus an aftermarket GPS and backup camera—because even cool cars need to know where they're going.

My Camaro RS has been an absolute blast to own. It's been reliable, fun and a joy to drive. It turns heads, makes me smile every time I hit the gas, and reminds me that some dreams are worth waiting for. And if loving your car this much is wrong... I don't want to be right.

Great story Tom! And a great Camaro in EMCC! Thanks for being an EMCC member!!

NEXT MONTH — member #88 Tom Rifai

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  Jerry Glaza	2 Jason Kuhn Jimi Phillips	3 Jen Sievert
4	5	6 EMCC MEETING	7	8	9	10
11	12 Chuck England	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 	20	21	22 Chris McAllister	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Nicole Brewer						

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EMCC Official events.....

JAN 6 – EMCC MEETING Mr. Miguel's in Livonia 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting

OTHER EVENTS-

Jan 3-4.. Detroit Swap Meet
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Ave, Novi
Jan 3- 8am-5pm Jan 4- 8am-1pm
Jan 17-25.. Detroit Auto Show
Huntington Place/Cobo Center
10am-8pm daily
Jan 17.. Jackson Auto Swap Meet
Michigan Sport Facility 3055
Shirley Dr, Jackson, MI 8am-1pm
Feb 6-7.. KAARC Winter Swap Meet
Kalamazoo County Expo Center
2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo
Feb 6 2pm-6pm Feb 7 8am-2pm
Feb 13-15.. Chrome & Ice Car Show
Dort Federal Event Center 3501
Lapeer Rd, Flint Feb 13 12pm-8pm
Feb 14-15 10am-3pm

FUTURE EMCC EVENTS-

Feb ?? – EMCC meeting

Feb 27-28 Mar 1 – Detroit Autorama

NOTE – most cruise nights are winding down – **FOR MORE CAR SHOWS AND EVENT LISTINGS**, please go to the Cruis'in Media website – <https://cruisnmedia.com/events-calendar/>



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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 & website. 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
Club Address- 6659 Schaefer Rd - Suite 1199 Dearborn, MI 48126

CAMARO FUNNIES!

DAD JOKES: 1) I used to hate facial hair, but then it grew on me. 2) What state is known for having small soft drinks? Minnesota. 3) What state is known for having the most streets? Rhode Island?

A BIT OF CHRISTMAS HUMOR:

How do you wash your hands over the holiday? With Santatizer. Why don't you ever see Santa in a hospital? Because he has private elf care. Why is Santa afraid of getting stuck in a chimney? He has Claustrophobia. Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can ho ho ho. What does Santa do when his elves misbehave? He gives them the sack.

CAMARO CARtoons!



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.

EMCC SWAP AND SELL

Swap and Sell items are FREE to EMCC members/friends. Email items to Barry - barry76Lt@wowway.com

FOR SALE - SS Camaro 2010 - 14 - Pypes Axle Back Exhaust Tip system - \$185 Excellent condition Here is the link to see them on Craigslist.

<https://detroit.craigslist.org/wyn/pts/d/canton-pypes-axle-back-exhaust-tip/7894474412.html>

EMCC member Tom Borg 734-812-0526
tom@tomborg.com

FOR SALE - Camaro Gen 5 Wheels, AVARUS by Savini, Brushed Silver four 19 inch wheels. 19 X 9.5 rims Like new, never used. Pristine condition. Comes with four Blizzard snow tires that have been stored in a garage and not exposed to sunlight.

These tires are 10 years old so you should not use them. Includes lug nuts with key. These wheels do not have tire pressure sensors. Fits LS or LT model not SS. \$1150 for set

<https://detroit.craigslist.org/wyn/wto/d/canton-camaro-rims/7891382112.html>

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FOR SALE - This is like new DAAG wheel and is in excellent condition that fits a Gen 5 Camaro and many other GM vehicles that use this type of wheel.

Pardon the dust and cobwebs. The tire is about ten years old so I wouldn't recommend you use tire. That said the wheel has a few scratches on it however



it would make a great spare for those GM cars and Camaros that did not have one that came with your car. The wheel size is 19 X 8.5J \$65

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2026 CAMARO SHOWS

For your future planning - These are primarily for Camaros and/or F-bodies. We'll add more events to this list as dates become known.

CAMARO SUPERFEST 2026

Dates: July 10-11, 2026
Location: Multi-Lakes Conservation Association in Commerce Charter Twp, Michigan Details: Celebrating its 35th anniversary, this show welcomes all generations of Camaros. Longest running ALL Camaro event in the USA!

Camaro Nationals

Dates: July 17-18, 2026
Location: Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, Pennsylvania Details: Features multiple levels of judging, nonjudged classes, vendors, and auctions.

Camaros of Michigan Car Show

Date: August 1, 2026
Location: Roll Xscape in Holland, Michigan Details: This is the 9th annual car show, with proceeds going to a charity.

Black Hills Camaro Rally

Dates: June 17-20, 2026
Location: Rapid City, South Dakota Details: A weekend event with car showcases and scenic drives.

NEOCC Fall Classic

Date: September 5
Location: Summit Racing, Ohio



EMCC TO AUTORAMA

The annual Detroit Autorama is happening Feb 27-28, March 1, 2026. Will EMCC have a display? Looks like not this year. Having received no volunteers, we'll forgo a display in 2026.

EMCC MEETING REPORT

We did not have a December meeting, so there is no meeting report. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2026! We hope to see you at the next EMCC meeting!



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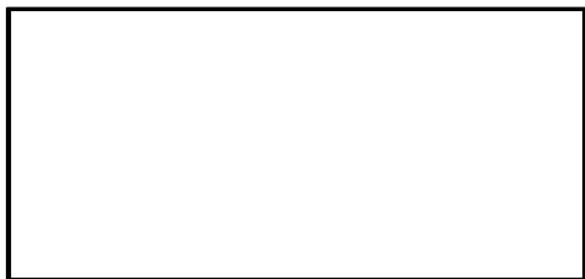
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