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FROM THE PRES-

Hello EMCC, It's interesting that I am writing this article just five years after joining the club and 50 years after obtaining my dream car.

What an honor to become the president of such a cool club. And to be among some really nice and really cool people. I guess you can imagine, I think this is cool.

Thank you to all of you who have welcomed Bonnie and I into The Club and thank you to all of you who support its purpose, to do good things for others and have good times while we're doing it.

The new Board of Directors are working hard to keep the 35 year tradition of EMCC going strong. The Camaro SuperFest plans are coming along and initial registration is open. It's going to be a Fun Friday evening, July 10. And what will be the best car show all day Saturday, July 11. Please register as soon as possible.

The auto shows that are going on or did go on are always something to do in our winter doldrums. And I look forward to more of the spontaneous gatherings.

Our new sponsors, Saline and Taylor Chevrolets have generously come on board to help the club along.

Just a little about myself as an introduction, Bonnie and I have been married for 52+ years, we have three grown children, their wives and six grandchildren. We are involved with our church in

Redford. We like to travel and enjoy leisure activities. I am a retired electrical contractor - municipal inspector and like to putz around the house and of course do car stuff.

So, this is my first newsletter article to The Hugger and there is much more to say and do as the year goes on. Please check for Club emails regularly. Until we meet on the road or someplace cool. Be well and be safe,

John JD 68

CAMARO MEMORIUM

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

Tom Hawke	Karen Lewis
Doug Warren	John Glister
John VanOrsdal	Russ Sarns
Rich Worcester	Dan Theriault
Vicki Angelosanto	Joan Turon
Louis H LaRiche	John Hancock
Mark Harpootlian	Bill Koski
Raleigh Ormerod	Bob Kraft

They are at peace with our Lord.

EMCC MEETING

Your next EMCC meeting is on **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH** at the **LIBRARY PUB at 6363 Haggerty Rd West Bloomfield** (north of 15 Mile Rd) The Pub is located on the east side of Haggerty at the south end of the Bloomfield Village shopping center.

If you wish to partake in dinner, meet at 6pmish, the meeting will follow at roughly 7pmish.

THE NEW EMCC BOARD

Let's meet your new EMCC Board of Director members.....

EMCC President - John Danic

See the *FROM THE PRES* article for some info on John.

Treasurer- Sharon Harpootlian

My husband, Mark, was a member of EMCC for many years before I ever attended my first meeting. When he had his first surgery in 2014 he was not allowed to drive for several months and so I began driving him to meetings. The rest, as they say, is history! He loved to drive his beloved '69 and in December of 2015 I bought a 2016 Camaro - to update the fleet a bit. I have served several terms as club secretary and now am stretching my brain cells learning the duties of the treasurer. I have made many wonderful friends through EMCC - glad it is still part of my life.

Secretary - Julianne Vitale-Kuhn

Jules is a curious and creative individual with a strong research background and a passion for hands-on craftsmanship. Outside of her professional work, she enjoys classic cars, cooking, candle making, and traveling with friends and her husband - always seeking experiences that blend learning, creativity, and connection.

Member@Large - Tom Borg

Tom Borg resides in Canton MI with his wife Elizabeth and their miniature schnauzer, Ellie, and their two parakeets, Blue Sky and Poppy. He is a small business consultant and coach. Tom bought his first Camaro, a 1971 Rally Sport just after graduating from high school. And he loves driving and showing his Inferno Orange 2012 Rally Sport Camaro which he purchased in 2014. He has been a member of the Eastern Michigan Camaro club since 2023.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had no new members this past month. Please welcome Terese Tuohey! EMCC Membership is currently 125! **REMINDER - your 2026 EMCC dues are DUE!!!**

3 WAYS TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

ONE - Renewing on the Website or your phone: Go to www.emccamaro.com

TWO - Mail in a check/cash to:

Sharon Harpootlian 23710 Samoset Trail Southfield, MI 48033

THREE - renew in person at the February meeting.

We hope you will renew your dues and remain an EMCC member! **THIS IS YOUR LAST CALL FOR DUES RENEWAL!** If you do not renew by **Feb 22**, you will become inactive and removed from the EMCC email list.

THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!

EMCC SYMPATHIES

It is with the greatest sadness that we report that EMCC member Bob Kraft has passed away. His death was in the news, as it was a tragic murder. Also killed was Bob's brother and a friend. The three were in Florida for the January Mecum Auction. Bob is remembered for his passion for 3rd Gen Camaros and buying/selling parts for those models. He was a very friendly guy and a great EMCC member. Here is a link to one of the news reports -

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/florida-madman-stalked-tourists-near-disney-before-allegedly-killing-them-random-attack-family>

Bob is on the right.



Friends and family of both Bob and Doug Kraft will be received for visitation on Sunday, February 15th, 2026, from 1pm-4pm at Schoedinger Funeral Home, 5980 Perimeter Dr, Dublin, OH 43017. Funeral service will be held at the same location on Monday, February 16th, at 10am.

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.

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.

THE CORNER CAMARO

This month's Corner Camaro is EMCC member #66 Sandra & Steve Rinke and her '69 Camaro Pace Car. Here's their story....

Sometime in 1970, my Dad replaced my Mom's 1965 Corvair convertible with the 1969 Camaro Indy Pace Car. I was 15 at the time. A year later, I took my driver's training test in the Camaro. Fortunately, my Dad let me continue to drive the car in my high school years. I was one lucky girl! Upon graduation, in 1973, I married Steve. My Camaro days were done at that point, until much later, but Mom continued driving the car from time to time for the next 10 years or so. Because it wasn't used often, it developed some mechanical problems, so Dad covered it up and there it sat in their garage for many years. However, for my Dad's 80th birthday, Steve and I decided to uncover the car and see what it needed to get it running to surprise Dad. It actually didn't need much. A new master cylinder, some used/new tires as it had snow tires on it, and lots of cleaning. He was so surprised to see the car and immediately drove it around the block. In 2014, I became the official owner of the Camaro. At that point, Steve and I decided that we would like to start driving it again and taking it to a few select car shows. With some minor mechanical repairs, the car is primarily original, with approximately 56,000 miles. What puts a big smile on my face is driving it on a sunny, warm day with the top down to show off it's flashy orange and black houndstooth interior. To this day, I still get lots of looks, as I did back in those high school days! Great story Sandra! And a great Camaro in EMCC! Thanks for being an EMCC member!!

NEXT MONTH - member ?? Looking for a volunteer!

Ed Note - Extra THANKS to Sandra, who sent in her story while on vacation!!

35th ANNIVERSARY!!

CAMARO SUPERFEST

**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. Friday Evening Cruise-in and Fish Fry at Multi-Lakes. No fee for entry. 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, we'll be hosting an Awards Banquet! It will be 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. This is not an event scheduled activity, but for those staying Saturday night, it could be one last chance to get together before you head home.

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

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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.

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Please see Camaro Superfest Website for registration and hotel booking links.

www.emcamaro.com/camaro-superfest/
CSF 2026 is only 6 months away!!

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 JoAnn Worbel	2 	3	4	5 Waneita Bovan	6	7 Dale Baird
8 Ann Pape	9	10	11	12	13	14  David Hlavaty
15 Tricia Bagnell	16  Cindy Glaza	17 	18 Sandra Rinke	19	20 Chris West	21
22	23	24	25 EMCC MEETING	26	27	28
						

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EMCC Official events.....

FEB 25 – EMCC MEETING at LIBRARY PUB
at 6363 Haggerty Rd West Bloomfield
6pm dinner, 7pm meeting

OTHER EVENTS-

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
Feb 27-28 Mar 1.. Detroit Autorama
Huntington Place Detroit
March 22.. East Side A's 54th
Annual Swap Meet Packard Proving
Grounds 49965 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby
Township 8:00am - 2:00pm

FUTURE EMCC EVENTS-

March ?? – EMCC meeting

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) Why did the man fall down the deep hole? 'Cause he couldn't see that well.

2) Yesterday I spotted an albino dalmatian. It was the best I could do.

3) Why do some couples go to the gym? 'Cause they want their relationship to work out.

THE LAST WORD: It was late in the day when a fully loaded minivan pulled into the only remaining campsite. They began to work feverishly to unload and set up the tent. Next, the boys ran to gather firewood while the girls helped their mother set up the kitchen and begin supper. The camper in the next site marveled to the children's father: "I've never seen such teamwork nor a camp that was set up so quickly. I'm impressed." The father turned to the neighbor and nodded sagely, "I have a system", he said. "No one goes to the bathroom until the camp is set up."

CAMARO CARtoons!



EMCC BANK REPORT

Here is something new... a monthly Treasurer's Report!! Here is what happened in January 2026 -

Balance	\$10,780.03
Dues Income	+\$ 952.49
Web Expense	-\$ 190.69
Ending Balance	\$11,541.83

EMCC MEETING REPORT

We could not attend the January meeting, so I do not have a report to give. We hope to see you at the next EMCC meeting!

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>

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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.

NEOCC Fall Classic

Date: September 5

Location: Summit Racing, Ohio



Black Hills Camaro Rally

Dates: June 17-20, 2026

Location: Rapid City, South Dakota
Details: A weekend event with car
showcases and scenic drives.

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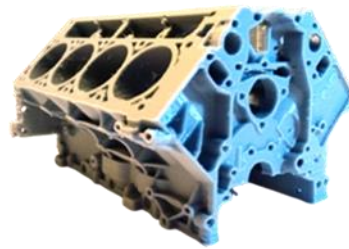
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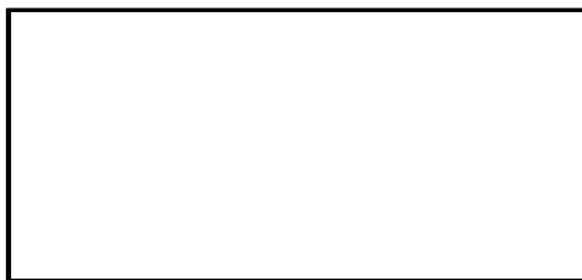
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