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JANUARY 2022

FROM THE PRES-

Happy New Year to all my EMCC family. Let us hope that we can get to some of the things we have been prevented from these past two summers now. I do not know if that will happen, but we can plan it as if it will. Starting with a trip to the Mecum auction a few of us are taking in the next week. Kathy and I are driving down for the week and meeting Don and Dale there. After that there are numerous events Don has put on the calendar for "late" winter and "early" spring. Keep an eye on the calendar of events in this issue and subsequent ones as well. Don and company keeps coming up with so much we can participate in. We're lucky to have him on our side!

By the time you read this you should have received an email with an attachment of the slate of officers eligible for election to the board of directors. Please take the time to vote and properly send it by email to get counted. It is so important that you make your voice heard every time you can. Not all of us can get to the meetings regularly and this is your chance to elect the people that are supposed to represent you. We need to thank our outgoing long time Treasurer and friend Mark for all he has done over the many years of service to the club.

Mark has some ongoing health issues, and we wish him all the best.

With the election out of the way (so to speak) for the club meeting in January we will be able to better discuss the future of Superfest and any other activities coming up this year. Don is arranging the venue and it should be listed in this issue. Both date and time might be different than we are used to only because of venue restrictions and such. I hope we can continue to meet in person. We will certainly keep trying. Part of what we have become is the great times we have with in person meetings and events. I for one long to have this continue.

With all the interruptions in the supply chain and labor shortages it certainly has been difficult to finish up projects this winter. Waiting for a camshaft for Kathy's 1967. After that it is as simple as putting it back in the car. Can't wait to drive it again as it seems ages since we have. I certainly hope any projects you might have this winter can be completed and look forward to seeing them when the weather breaks. As always you know you can rely on this club for help should you need it. Stay warm and safe.
Snook OUT

THE CORNER CAMARO

This months' Corner Camaro is EMCC member David Hlavaty's 1968 base model Convertible! Our Camaro story begins in White Plains, New York, the original owner, GMC, Powertrain Division, took delivery of a 1968 base model, 327, Camaro, produced at the Norwood, Ohio Plant. This Camaro then went thru several owners and was completely restored in 1985-86 and ended up in Holden, MA, about 50 miles west of Boston. This Camaro 'story' requires a brief step back in time and has a connection to three families and four daughters thru Girl Scouts. Our daughters grew up and were members of a Girl Scout Troup, with the daughters of Kathy & Paul (Snook) Denski and Roxanne & Chuck England. Snook, mentioned one day, that we should get a Camaro and join EMCC for lots of fun with fellow members and driving a great classic car. To make a long story short with a lot of help from Snook, in 2011, we found our Camaro just outside of Boston. This numbers matching, 1968 LeMans blue, base Camaro has a 327 ci engine, Powerglide auto transmission, power convertible top and deluxe Parchment white interior. Since owning this '68 Camaro, we have made a few small changes, such as the 'bumble bee' stripe around front end and converting from column shift to console shift. Dawn and I have taken our Camaro on many fun and memorable trips, to mention a few, Michigan's upper peninsula, the Wisconsin Dells and the Tail of the Dragon. Great Story Dave and Dawn! And a great Camaro in EMCC! Thanks for being an EMCC member!!

EMCC JAN EVENTS

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. In JANUARY, we have no official events to attend.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had 3 new members this past month! Please welcome Joseph Shemanski, William Koski and Rob/Angela Marshall. EMCC membership for 2021 is now at 108 members!

THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!

Membership renewals are now being accepted!! Please send your renewals to EMCC Secretary Sharon Harpootlian 23710 Samoset Tr Southfield, MI 48033-2861 Dues renewal is \$20 You can also pay at a meeting.

CAMARO MEMORIUM

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

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

They are at peace with our Lord.

EMCC JAN MEETING

Our next regular meeting will be a week late!! The next EMCC membership meeting will be on Monday, January 24, 2022. Meeting place is set for **Rose's Restaurant** located at 201 N. Canton Center Road in Canton at the corner of Canton Center Rd and Cherry Hill. Arrive at 6pm if you plan on eating and the meeting will start at 7pm. We hope you will be attending - see you soon!

EMCC MEMBER CAR LIST

PLEASE register your Camaro on our web-based database ... log on to- 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 **NOTE!!** - we have LOTS of members in the registry, but no pictures!!

31st ANNUAL

CAMARO SUPERFEST 2022



The EMCC Board of Directors has been looking at many different plans, locations, etc.... The members also voted to "spread the wealth" on our charity efforts. This means we will be giving to many charity efforts, all vetted by the Canton Foundation for us, instead of only one charity. Our dollar goal will probably remain the same, so that we can support many more local charities. Sally West has volunteered to be our charity liaison with the Canton Foundation. THANKS Sally!!

As of this writing... plans are still being worked on and we just can't announce anything until we have a full event plan.

EMCC 2022 ELECTIONS

In January at our EMCC meeting, there will be elections of some officers on the EMCC Board of Directors. Per the By-laws, this next election has the members voting on President, Treasurer and Member-at-Large. Here are our candidates...

- PRESIDENT - Paul Denski
- TREASURER - Jen Sievert
- MEMBER AT LARGE - Barry Hensel
Chris West

All EMCC members should have received an email (or paper) ballot to be filled out and sent in. If you have not received this, please contact a Board member ASAP! GOOD Luck to all candidates! To see the candidates and hear their story, go to page 6-7 of this HUGGER!

EMCC MEETING REPORT

There was no December EMCC meeting, so thus, there is no meeting report! We hope to see you at the NEXT EMCC meeting!

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 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!!

RECENT EMCC EVENTS



Some EMCC members did attend the Christmas Light display at MIS last month. Here's a picture that Kristi took....



EMCC DUES ARE DUE

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JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Jason Kuhn	3 Jen Sievert	4	5	6	7	8
9 William Waldrep	10	11	12 Chuck England	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Lisa Benedict Tim Gilder	22
23	24 EMCC MEETING	25	26	27 Joe Attard	28	29
30 Tarita Nelms	31 Justin Smith					

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EMCC Official events.....

JAN 24 - EMCC meeting at Rose's in Canton
6pm to eat, 7pm meeting start

OTHER EVENTS-

JAN 15-16.. 48th Annual Detroit
Swap Meet Surburban Showplace
Novi, MI 770-330-8559

8am-6pm Sat 8am-3pm Sunday

JAN 26-30... Frankenmuth Zehnder's
Snowfest

JAN 29... Caffeine and Chrome
Gateway Classic Cars Dearborn
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

FUTURE EMCC EVENTS-

Feb 21 - EMCC Meeting

Feb 11-13 - Chrome & Ice show

March 4-6 - Detroit Autorama

EMCC BIRTHDAYS!

Happy Birthday to all our January 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 Sharon!



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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 and other Camaro owners, and promoting the Chevrolet Camaro. Our meetings are on the **THIRD MONDAY** of each month and are held at various locations. Meeting locations are in our monthly newsletter and website. Meetings start at 7pm. The EMCC sponsor is **Lou LaRiche Chevrolet, Plymouth, MI.**

Dues are only \$20 per year! Those joining after Oct 1, 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

Club Address-

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CAMARO FUNNIES!



PUN(s) OF THE MONTH: Frosty: I can't believe it's January already. Holly: Time waits for snowman.
Pam: Do you think I should apply for the job at the watch factory?
Sam: Only if you like making faces all day.

THE LAST WORD: A preacher commented during his sermon, "There will be much wailing and weeping and gnashing of teeth among the wicked when they pass on to the next world." One parishioner raised his hand and asked: "What about those of us without any teeth?" The preacher said: "Teeth will be provided."

AUTORAMA 2022

The annual Detroit Autorama 2022 is scheduled for March 4-5-6, 2022. EMCC has sent in our applications - Thanks Butch, Don, Joyce and Barry for sending in! Once the show arrives, we'll be looking for EMCC members to help with set-up, tear-down and being at the display to promote EMCC. We hope you will have time to help!



EMCC CANDIDATES

Here are your EMCC candidates...

FOR PRESIDENT -

For those of you that are new or haven't yet met me, allow me to introduce myself. My name is officially Paul Denski II, however, I go by Snook. And that is no relation to anyone on the east coast. I have been a member of the EMCC since 2006 (or so). And your President for about 6 or 7 years. They have all been fun and I do enjoy the club immensely. My Wonderful Wife is the driving factor in all this because it is she that decided to have me join way back when. She currently owns a 1967 RS, 2010 2SS, 2017 ZL1 and a 2018 COPO. All of which I am responsible for. No problem on my part as it has given us both the opportunity to form long time friendships within the club that we both cherish. I am open to any questions that you might have by both email and or phone. My contact information is 734-718-2940 or Snookmack@gmail.com . That's me on the left!



FOR TREASURER -

Hello to my fellow EMCCers! My name is Jennifer Sievert. For those of who don't know me, it might be because I'm a little shy at first. However, I'll open up quickly as soon as the conversation turns to driving country roads, the best songs for Camaro vacations, or whether car wax should be kept in the fridge! I'm also here to help with common Camaro dilemmas like which microfiber towels can touch the paint, or when to polish those pesky tailpipes! I drive the 2017 Silver Ice Metallic SS with red fender hashes, pictured below. I've been a member since 2018, and some may refer to me as "Bucksnot 2." Julianne Kuhn and Vicki Angelosanto were the first EMCC members I met, and they helped plant the seed to join. The next thing I know, this club invited me to sit with them at their table! I thought to myself, "what an awesome group of people I'm sharing lunch with-I'm in!" It was a great decision to join, and now I would like the opportunity to help our club by serving as your treasurer. I typically respond to texts and emails more quickly than calls. But if you leave a voicemail I will return it. 734-945-2516 or jensievert@gmail.com.



FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE -

Hello! Most of you know me or I hope you do. If not, I am Barry Hensel, EMCC member 1. It was I and 5 others that started EMCC in 1991. I was involved in another Camaro club for 17 years before EMCC was started. I was the first President and have been your Camaro Superfest Chairman for 27 of our 30 years of that event. I have also been your HUGGER editor since the club started. I have really enjoyed being a part of such a great club and group of members. Some of the friendships are forever and all are enjoyable! In case you don't know "me" but maybe you know my Camaro, I own the 1976 Camaro LT, known as "StreetMaster". I am hopeful you will re-elect me as your Member-at-Large. It is an honor to be part of the BOD and I believe I can still offer my experiences and advice to the Board. Thanks!



My name is Chris West. I am an engineering manager at McLaren Engineering in Livonia and have worked in automotive for about 35 years. My wife, Sally, and I have been EMCC members for 6 years. My first new car was a 1978 Camaro from Gene Hamilton Chevrolet that was the dealer's demo vehicle. We currently have four Camaros - a 1969 Hugger Orange SS w/ a 383, a numbers matching 1971 RS/SS under reconstruction, a 1997 30th anniversary Z28 and a 2018 SS Hot Wheels edition. We have had the 1969 SS for about 26 years and are original owners of the '97 and the '18. Driving the cars is great but the best part is the people we have met, and developed friendships with, in the EMCC family. The '18 Hot Wheels is now our go to for the EMCC Tour de Michigan and the '97 is the Frankenmuth Chicken Run special. The 1969 frequents local shows like Bakers and the monthly downtown South Lyon Lake Street Show, as seen in the accompanying picture with my son and me. I'm the slightly more mature (senior) looking one on the right. I must say though that the highlight of the EMCC year is Superfest (pre-Covid). Spending a weekend with friends from EMCC, meeting other Camaro owners and using our cars to raise money for charity makes being a part of the Club special.



You Could Own A 1969 Camaro with 2.4 Miles On The Odometer and Two Front Ends!

Built at the height of pony car mania, the 1969 Chevrolet Camaro ranks among the most highly regarded American cars ever made. And this one, being sold at Barrett-Jackson's Scottsdale Auction, is kind of a two-in-one. I say "kind of" because, although it comes with two engines, neither powers it. Built as a promotional display car and used by Chevrolet on the 1968 Motorama circuit to promote the 1969 model, the car has an interchangeable front end. When displayed at Motorama, this "Double Header Car" could rotate and its front end swapped from a base six-cylinder model to an RS/SS 350 V8 at the press of a button. One of just two known to exist, this is the perfect cherry on top for the Camaro collector who has it all. The car comes with both engines, but only the V8 is original. That's because unfortunately, a prior owner didn't much care for the straight-six and threw it away. Following a 10 year search, however, a replacement six-cylinder cutaway engine used for demonstration purposes by GM was found, restored, and installed. As you might expect from anything this old, especially something that was displayed publicly, there are some signs of age, but they've been kept in an attempt to maintain originality. Despite its age, the title for this Camaro shows it as having just 2.4 miles (3.8 km) on it. Fortunately, it won't be very hard to keep mileage low since the engines don't run. The Camaro doesn't have doors either, a decision GM made to allow visitors at its exhibits to peer inside the new car unobstructed.

Barrett-Jackson's Scottsdale Auction is set to run from January 22-30, 2022. This lot is offered with no reserve and along with the car, the winner will also get some of the original blueprints and wiring schematics for the display, as well as a Jerry MacNeish Certificate of Authenticity.



This article was borrowed from the Jan NEOCC newsletter.

EMCC SWAP AND SELL

Swap and Sell items are FREE to EMCC members and friends. Email items to Barry.

EMCC WEARABLES

If you want a shirt, please contact PAUL/DON!! Again, 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)



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