

# THE "HUGGER"

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE EASTERN MICHIGAN CAMARO CLUB



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DECEMBER 2023

## FROM THE PRES-

So, this is Christmas, what exactly do you want? Another cam, maybe new tires, wheels would be nice. Perhaps engine modifications are on your list. Turbo's, superchargers, intercoolers and such. Or do you long for the open road, vast expanses of new pavement under the wheel? We are the lucky ones my friends, we can hope for things that some (mostly Ford people) can't even fathom. All joking aside, there are many people in our area that are wanting for simple things, like food, warmth, shelter, friendship. Things we tend to take for granted. While we all help in our different ways, some volunteering, others sending monetary donations and hopefully all of us pray for those less fortunate. EMCC, and its sponsor has in the past selected one group of people and given all our CSF proceeds to that charity. Well, this year is different. Together, with Champion Chevrolet we have just begun to give. By the time you read this we will have given out \$5,000 to three different charities. \$2,000 went to the Detroit Goodfellows to provide holiday boxes containing clothes and toys to kids in several impoverished Detroit area communities. \$1,000 to Plymouth Community Foster Closet to provide immediate needs of cars seats,

clothing, etc. for families who are taking in new foster children. And finally, \$2,000 to the Lingenfelter Foundation to provide funding for Toys for Tots during the Lingenfelter Toys for Tots collection on December 2nd. I dare say that is just the beginning of what we are doing this holiday season. Does it solve all the problems? We all know it does not. However, we are making a difference in so many people's lives, and we do not intend to stop. EMCC will continue well beyond what you and I give because of the work we have started. Let us not grieve over the looming end of production of our beloved Camaro but look forward to what we can accomplish in its enjoyment for years to come.

And now the test portion of my monthly rant. I have heard crickets from any members wanting to run for club elected positions. You do still have time to nominate yourself or someone (with their consent) That is correct, silence! I have heard from one individual that wants their opinion heard by the board. And that is good. So, when you read this and think, I do not think (or the opposite) the board is doing a good job, but don't let anyone (the board) know that, well then shame on you. This club has always been about the membership and the membership drives it.

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And if the membership is silent, then we can only assume we are doing what the membership wants. Very few times in my professional career did anyone call or write to tell me I was doing a great job. I did get several people that disagreed with me and stated so strongly. Great, we had a conversation, I took their opinion, processed it and moved on. No one person can dictate what we do and do not do, me included. Even the strongest of opinions is just that, one person's opinion! So, I task every one of you, let us know, anyway you want. Email, anonymous letter, phone, text, smoke signals, sky writing, donuts in front of my house! I believe this board has listened and will continue to listen to every voice out there. I may have heard it before, but I weigh every opinion with my fellow board members and fulfill my obligation to you and this club. Lead it with passion and integrity. Hopefully with the approval of the many.

Snook OUT

## CAMARO MEMORIUM

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>  |

They are at peace with our Lord.



## EMCC AT MCACN

The annual trip to the Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals was last month and 6 EMCC members attended for the weekend. Good to see Randy Martin again! LOTS of very nice cars and Camaros! It was a great weekend trip.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had one new member this past month! Please welcome Tom & Elizabeth Borg. EMCC Membership currently stands at 82. December starts the dues renewal period that lasts through January. **YOUR 2024 DUES are DUE!** You can send in your dues renewal, only \$20, to EMCC at the club address - **6659 Schaefer Rd - Suite 1199 Dearborn, MI 48126** Make checks or money orders payable to EMCC. You can also pay cash at a meeting. **THANKS FOR BEING AN EMCC MEMBER!!**

## EMCC MEETING

There will not be an EMCC meeting in December, but we're trying to have a *Not-a-Meeting* gathering this month. Many venues are booked so it might be hard to find one. Please watch your email for any announcements and details! We hope you can attend. It's good to "see" and talk with everyone! See you soon!

## EMCC AT AUTORAMA

The 71st annual AUTORAMA show at Huntington Place/Cobo Hall is taking place the weekend of March 1-3, 2024. EMCC has had a display there many years, but we missed last year. We need volunteers to put their Camaro into a club display! Applications must be sent in together at one time, to insure we are placed together. Contact DON if you would like to be in our EMCC display! Applications are on the Autorama website -

<https://autorama.com/attend/detroit/>

## 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!

# THE CORNER CAMARO

We now doing the CORNER CAMARO by your member number... and that #1 spot belongs to your HUGGER editor, **Barry Hensel** and his **1976 Camaro Type LT**, aka, **StreetMaster!**

Barry ordered his Camaro in March of 1976, so that it would arrive in May of 1976, during better weather! Yes, Barry is the original and only owner of this Camaro LT. Ordered as high performance as possible, it included the 350 eng with 4bbl carb, Munsie 4 spd trans and a 3:08 posi rear axle. The LT package was ordered so that the interior would be optioned as a solid color fabric and the nicer ext trim. The day of delivery, Barry drove from the dealership to his parents' house, installed air shocks, then drove to Harlow Tire and traded in the stock wheels and tires for alum. Wheels and BFG tires. Thus, the Camaro remained stock for only 30 minutes! The Camaro was always to be what it still is today, the toy car, never a daily driver. About 6 months later, the side pipes, some engine chrome and the fiberglass hood with scoop were installed before the Camaro was in the 1977 25th Autorama! Barry won a 6th place award. An update on wheels & tires plus the addition of the dual carbs happened about 1994. The Camaro has seen many miles, MANY shows and awards and involved in two different Camaro Clubs, including EMCC. The StreetMaster still has 80% original paint and pinstriping that Barry did that first summer he owned it. It has always been stored during the winter months and enjoyed during the good weather months! It will be interesting that in only 2 years, the Camaro will be 50 years old! WOW! While it could use some minor repairs/paint fixes, the StreetMaster is still very road worthy and will be out and about as long as possible at EMCC activities! Quite a story!! Thanks Barry for being an EMCC member!!

**NEXT MONTH** - Duane McDonald #4



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Camaro Club




YES!! Our CAMARO SUPERFEST 2024 dates are all set and announced on Facebook a few weeks ago! Mark your calendars now.... we'll be repeating much of our great 2023 event again next year. Plus, we'll look at many ways to even improve the event! If you have any ideas, please contact a EMCC Board member. The EMCC Board collectively, will be the chairpersons for the 2024 CSF event. Give them your thoughts!  
**CSF 2024 is only 8 months away!!**

## EMCC MEETING REPORT

With no November meeting... we have no meeting report to give. There are a few activities that were emailed out to the membership. Hoping you can attend one or more of those. Hope you're at the next EMCC meeting! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



# DECEMBER 2023

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY                         | WEDNESDAY                           | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY                   |
|---|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |                |                                 |                                     |  | <b>1</b>                        | <b>2</b>                   |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                        | <b>6</b>                            | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>                        | <b>9</b>                   |
| <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b><br>Gavin Benedict<br>Emma Lee Zamm  | <b>12</b>                       | <b>13</b>                           | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b><br>Gary<br>Caracciolo | <b>16</b>                  |
| <b>17</b>   | <b>18</b><br>Luke Demott  | <b>19</b><br>Danielle<br>Linton | <b>20</b>                           | <b>21</b> <i>Winter<br/>Begins</i><br>Rebecca Callens<br>John Wrobel | <b>22</b>                       | <b>23</b><br>Debbie Merias |
| <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br> | <b>26</b>                       | <b>27</b><br>Sharon<br>Schotthoefer | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>                       | <b>30</b><br>Greg Rancillo |
| <b>31</b><br>Pam Ross   |   |                                 |                                     |  |                                 |                            |

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*EMCC Official events.....*

**DEC ?? – EMCC Not-A-Meeting Gathering**  
*Please watch your email for details!!*

### **OTHER EVENTS-**

Dec 9.. Motor City Solutions Toys  
for Tots 24331 Brest Rd, Taylor  
11am-2pm

Jan 6-7.. 50th Detroit Swap Meet  
Suburban Collection Showplace  
Sat 8am-5pm Sun 8am-1pm

Jan 20.. Jackson Auto Swap Meet  
Michigan Sport Facility 3055  
Shirley Dr, Jackson, MI 8am-2pm

### **FUTURE EMCC EVENTS-**

Jan 15 - EMCC meeting  
Feb 9-11 - 9th Annual Chrome & Ice  
Dort Federal Event Center, Flint  
March 1-3 - 71st Annual Detroit  
Autorama Huntington Place/Cobo

## EMCC WEARABLES

If you want a shirt, please contact PAUL/DON!! 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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## 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 sponsor is **Champion Chevrolet, Howell, MI.** Dues are only \$20 per year! If joining after Oct 1, you 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](http://www.emcamaro.org)  
**Club Address-** 6659 Schaefer Rd - Suite 1199 Dearborn, MI 48126

## CAMARO FUNNIES!



**PUN(s) OF THE MONTH:** 1) I like bowling; seriously, it's right up my alley. 2) How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.

**THE LAST WORD:** Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

## EMCC MEMBER CAR LIST

**PLEASE** register your Camaro on our web-based database ... log on to- [www.emcamaro.org/ClubCars/Camaros.asp](http://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](mailto:mark@majormicro.com) **NOTE!!** - we have LOTS of members in the registry, but we're missing many pictures!!





## 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 set-up 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!!

## EMCC CHARITY CORNER

EMCC is always looking for local charities that we can evaluate for possibly receiving grant monies from our funds via the Canton Community Foundation. If you know of a local 501(c)3 charity that could use some financial assistance then contact **Sally West** at [sallyawest@aol.com](mailto:sallyawest@aol.com) and she will send you the link where the charity can apply for a grant.



## 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.

## SANTA LIKES CAMAROS!

Here is Santa at Disney in a 5th gen Camaro!! And some other Christmas Camaro fun images....







## 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)

**WANTED:** We have received an email request, looking for 5-6<sup>th</sup> gen factory splash guards. If you know where any can be found or are for sale, please contact Tom Borg [tom@tomborg.com](mailto:tom@tomborg.com) 734-812-0526

## EMCC ELECTIONS!

In January, EMCC members will vote on 3 positions of the Board of Directors. Up for re-election are President, Treasurer and Member at Large. You can nominate someone else or even yourself at the January meeting, or before the meeting by contacting anyone on the Board and letting them know your intentions. Right now, no one else has been nominated and all current officers are running to be re-elected.

## EMCC OTHER HOBBIES

Many EMCC members have other hobbies. Some are shared by several EMCC members, namely model railroading. Barry Hensel and Rick Neibert both share this hobby and are again open for tours of their home model railroads. This will be on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. See the next page for directions and times. You are welcome to visit all 3 layouts too.

## EMCC 2024 DUES

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## EMCC DONATES!!!

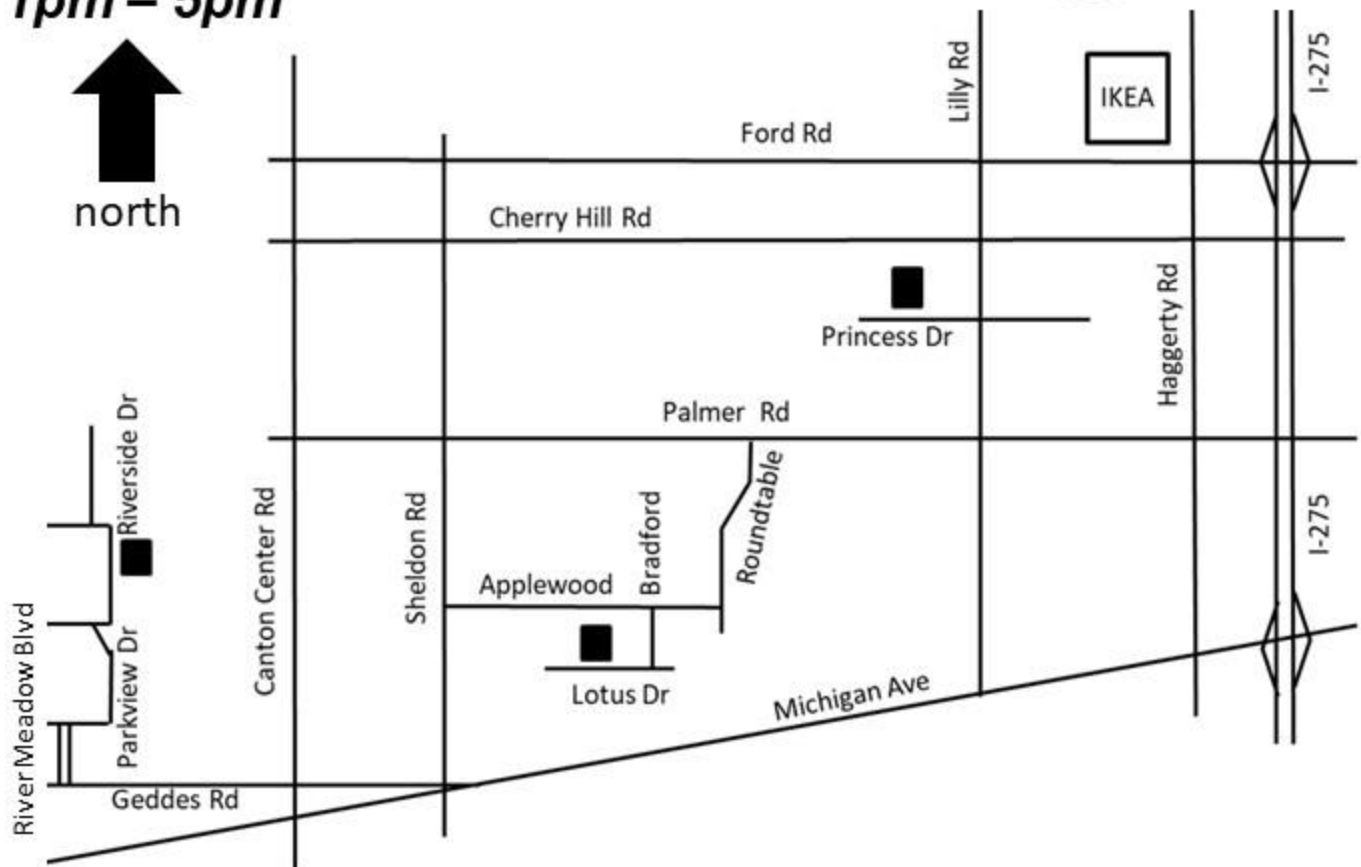
EMCC does it again!! Many of our members came together today at The Lingenfelter Collection to take part in their Toys for Tots event. Bags of toys were carried in and placed in one of three Corvettes they had in the showroom to collect our donations. In addition, EMCC presented a check to the Lingenfelter Foundation for \$2000 so that they could pass the money onto Toys for Tots as well. As you can see we didn't let the Grinch steal the donation check. Great job everyone! Thank you to all our members, sponsors, and others who donate to our fund so that we can bless others. Sally West



# DIVISION 6 – Motor City Division LAYOUT TOURS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

1pm – 5pm



|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>Tom Kosta<br/>959 Princess Dr<br/>Canton, Mich. 48188<br/>1pm – 5pm</p>       | <p>HO Standard Gauge<br/><b>Great Northern Empire</b> is circa 1974 running the GN and CB&amp;Q from Chicago to Seattle. It has two main tracks of about 150 feet. The Chicago station yard is a 9 track stub end yard with 5 passenger and 4 classification tracks.</p>   |
| <p>Barry Hensel<br/>43642 Lotus Dr<br/>Canton, Mich. 48188<br/>12 noon – 5pm</p> | <p>HO Standard Gauge<br/><b>The Reading Lines - Central Division</b> - set in 1970 and completely operational. The RDG Lines is a 2 track mainline with continuous running and is operated with Easy DCC. Scenery is complete.</p>   |
| <p>Rick Neibert<br/>3317 Riverside Dr<br/>Canton, Mich. 48188<br/>1pm – 5pm</p>  | <p>HO Standard Gauge<br/><b>The Chessie System Huntington Division</b>. Era 1974 through 1985. Proto freelance layout. Modeled areas Huntington WVA to Lynchburg VA. Primarily coal hauling, with through freights and Amtrak trains. HO<sub>n3</sub> Lynchburg and Western tourist line under construction. Digitrax command control system. Four hundred foot double track main line. Three staging yards.</p> |





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