

THE BIRD FEED



Western Michigan Firebird Club

"Keeping the Dream Alive"

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The Inside Track

Scott van Tamelen, WMFC President

Happy New Year everybody, hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Our holidays were both good, and sad.

My family and I spent our Christmas at Fort Myers Beach, Florida and had a great time. The weather was far better than forecasted, and it was nice to see a few Firebirds on the road.

Unfortunately while we were down there we received the sad news that a good friend to most of us WMFC members, Doug Warren, had unexpectedly passed away. Doug was the President and Co-founder of the Western Michigan Camaro Club. When the core group of us here at WMFC had first started talking about putting together a Firebird club, it was Doug we turned to for advice, and guidance. Doug had taken the Camaro Club from a small group of members in 1975, and turned into a very strong 200+ membership base, so his wisdom/expertise was a great resource to me, and the WMFC founders. More than that though Doug was the kind a guy who could befriend anybody, and did so often, it wasn't uncommon to attend a car show with him and have numerous people come up wanting to carry on

a conversation with him. And his knowledge of everything Camaro was awe-inspiring. Doug will be greatly missed by many.....God speed Doug, God speed.



WMFC News:

Our “Bowling & Pizza” afternoon that was held Dec 5th was a success. We had about 8 members and their family’s show up to partake in the fun. I know we all had far more pizza than we could eat in fact we ended up giving some away to other bowlers around us. I hear it was determined that Dave Kuyers was our bowler of the day, congrats Dave!!! I’m not sure what your final score was, but I have to guess it was 300 pins more than myself, LOL!!! (I’m not the greatest bowler. ☺)

WMFC Christmas Party

Because of everybody’s hectic Holiday schedules it was determined to put off the annual WMFC Christmas Party until after New Year. The details have been finalized and they are as follows:

We’ll be meeting on Saturday January 15th @ 6:30pm at the Logan’s Roadhouse restaurant located just off of M6 and Kalamazoo Ave in the Kentwood area.

The actual physical address for those who need to mapquest it is: 1651 SE Marketplace Dr Caledonia, MI 49316

Please RSVP by email to:
michael.vantamelen.sum9@statefarm.com

WMFC Auto Show Attendance

We’ll be setting the plans for attending the upcoming Auto Show events in Detroit and Chicago at the Christmas Party.

At this point we know that a few of us will be attending the Chicago Auto Show together and will be traveling via the commuter train out of Michigan City, Indiana. We’re scheduling to do this on Saturday February 12th, and the train drops us off right at the McCormick Place where the show takes place.

We’ll be finalizing the details for Chicago and putting together a plan for those who want to attend the Detroit show together.

Welcome new members

I'd like to welcome Mike Zimmerman and Fred Meinberg as new members to the club.....

Mike comes to us from Grant, Michigan and owns a beautiful 1998 Firebird Formula.





Welcome aboard Mike hope to see more of your car this summer!!!!!!

Fred comes to us from Royal Oak, Michigan and owns an outstanding 2000 Trans Am. He's no stranger to Firebirds as his family also owns a beautiful 1967 Firebird too.....





Welcome aboard Fred, I hope you can join us for some of the club events throughout the summer....think TA Nationals!!!! ;)

Events to remember

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Detroit Auto Show

Some the WMFC members are planning to attend the North America International Auto Show in Detroit together.

The show runs from Jan 15 thru the 23rd for the public. We will be finalizing details of at the January monthly meeting.

Chicago Auto Show

Some the WMFC members are planning to attend the Chicago Auto Show at the McCormick Place near downtown Chicago on Saturday Feb 12th.

We'll be traveling via the commuter train out of Michigan City, Indiana. We'll be finalizing details as to where we plan to meet before heading onto Michigan City at the next meeting.



Upcoming Events

WMFC Monthly Meetings:

January 15th, 2011- Annual WMFC Christmas Party.

February Meeting- TBD

WMFC Official Events:

January 15-23rd, 2011 North America International Auto Show in Detroit, Mi. Time and date TBD

February 12, 2011 Chicago Auto Show at the McCormick Place in Chicago, Ill. Meeting time and place TBD

Jun 4, 2011 MiFbody Meet & Greet- Bakers of Milford, Milford MI

Aug. 26-28, 2011 - Annual Trans Am Nationals, Dayton, OH

Other Automotive Events:

January 9, 2011 Indianapolis Automotive Swap Meet @ the State Fairgrounds West Pavilion 8am-4pm.

Feb 5-6, 2011 KAARC 48th Annual Winter Swap Meet @ Kalamazoo Fair Grounds

Jun 4-11, 2011 Hot Rod Power Tour - Florida to Detroit

*Aug 27, 2011 12th Annual Berger Chevrolet All Chevy Show Grand Rapids, MI (date tentative)



The Western Michigan Firebird Club is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of the classic Pontiac Firebird through a passionate interest in keeping the Dream Alive.

Meetings:

The WMFC holds monthly meetings throughout the year. The times and locations may vary, so please see the upcoming events page or check out our website for specific times and locations. http://www.wmfirebird.com/Recent_Upcoming_Events.html

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