

THE BIRD FEED



Western Michigan Firebird Club

"Keeping the Dream Alive"

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The Inside Track

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Hey Everybody- Can you feel it?? Feel what you ask??? Springtime!?!?!?!? It's in the air and will be here before you know it. I can hardly wait, 2011 is promising to be a great year for WMFC!!

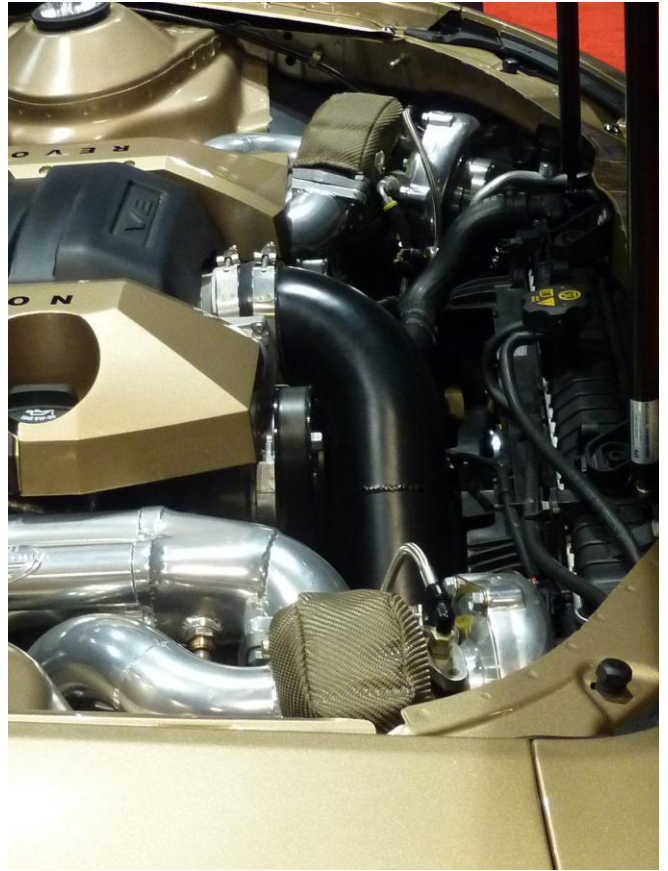
Those who made to last month's meeting at the Quaker Steak restaurant, enjoyed a good meal at a very cool facility, and we shared some of our plans for the upcoming car season. This month's meeting is going to be held this Saturday March 5th @ 6pm, we'll be meeting at the Hudsonville Grill in Hudsonville, Mi. See the events section of this newsletter for more info.

Nathan and I went took our families to the Chicago Auto Show, and as always had a great time. One of my goals this year was to arrive at the show early enough to get in line for the Jeep Ride & Drive (which turns to be more of a "ride" than a "drive", there's a designated Jeep employee who does the driving. ☺). In years past I never cared to stand in the 2hr long line to go on the ride myself, so I've always watched from afar as the Jeep vehicles traversed through an indoor obstacle course. Well this year we finally did it we stood in line for an hour and ½ (good thing we got there early hey?!? ☺) In the end it

was worth it, the kids loved it and I even learned a few things about the new Jeep products that I hadn't known before.

The highlight of the show though had to be the Camaro display, they had the soon to be released Camaro Convertible, the 2011 Camaro Indy Pace Car, and what promises to be the "king of the hill" in 2012, the 550 hp, supercharged, ZL1 Camaro. I've said it before, and I'll say it again, now that Pontiac is gone we Firebird enthusiast are going to have to live vicariously through the Camaro.





Events to remember

April Shop Tour

Our April monthly meeting is going to take place on Saturday April 16th @ 6pm.

We'll be attending a shop tour at:

Paradise Motors
2693 Calann Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI

My understanding is that they specialize in Chevelle restorations, but will do anything somebody might bring to them. They have a few cars in process of being restored as I'm writing this, should be a great event be sure you set time aside to attend!!!

GVSU Car Show

Weather permitting some the WMFC members are planning to attend the GVSU Charity Car Show to be held on the GVSU campus on Saturday April 9th, 2011.

We'll be meeting across the street from the GVSU main entrance prior to show at:

Hansen-Dyke Automotive, Inc
4271 Lake Michigan Drive
Allendale, MI 49401

From there we'll drive into the show as a group so that we can park together. Hope to see you there!!!

WMFC March Meeting

We're meeting Saturday March 5th @ 6pm at the Hudsonville Grill restaurant located at 4676 32nd Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426.

Come join us for good food and Firebird camaraderie.



Upcoming Events

WMFC Monthly Meetings:

Saturday March, 5th 2011- 6pm @ Hudsonville Grill 4676 32nd Avenue, Hudsonville, MI 49426.

Saturday April, 16th 2011- Shop Tour: 6pm @ Paradise Motors 2693 Calann Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI

May, 2011-TBD

WMFC Official Events:

April 9, 2011 GVSU Charity Car Show- GVSU Campus Allendale, Mi

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

August 26-28, 2011- 2011 Trans Am Nationals, Dayton Marriott Hotel, Dayton, Ohio

Other Automotive Events:

Mar 4-6, 2011 30th Anniversary Chevy Vettefest, Stephens Center, Chicago, IL

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

June 11, 2011- 8th Annual Moose Classic Car Show, Sparta, Mi

August 7, 2011- 5th Annual Apple Peel-In Car Show, Greenville, Mi

Aug 13, 2011- 21st Annual Del Shannon Memorial Car Show, downtown Coopersville, Mi

Aug 20, 2011- Woodward Dream Cruise – Metro-Detroit area

Aug 26, 27, 2011- 7th Annual 28th Street Metro Cruise, thru Grandville, Wyoming, Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Mi (tentative)

Sep 5, 2011- 7th Labor Day Cars for Cancer Car Show, along the Lake Michigan beach, Muskegon, Mi

Saturday, Sep 17, 2011- Holland Rescue Mission Benefit Car Show, Holland, Mi



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](http://www.wmfirebird.com/Recent_Upcoming_Events.html)

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WMFC “For Sale” Section

Hi my name is Jesse- I have a rare and unique 1982 Firebird for sale. I'm asking \$4500 and the details are as follows:

My car was bought new in Bangor, Maine in the summer of '82 by Peter Tammaro. He owned it for 28 years, put a total of 54,000miles on it, and sold it to me in the summer of 2010.

The car has never been rusted or wrecked. It is very clean underneath. It has had one quality and professional repaint to the original color about ten years ago. It is very shiny and nice as it has always been garaged. The rubber around the doors and windows are in exceptionally good condition and you can readily tell this car has not been left out to suffer the effects of hot sunny days of the summer or the foul weather of other seasons.

The unique feature of this Firebird is that it's a 2.8 six cylinder car, how many of those have you seen lately?? The engine fires up at the flick of the key and if you can drive a four on the floor - you're good to go. Everything works as it should mechanically and this car can be driven in whatever direction you point it, and as far as you choose to go. It drives like a 56,000 mile car should. Gas mileage is in the mid twenties. The air conditioning works correctly and is cold. Tires and shocks are two years old with very few miles.

The interior is and always has been CLEAN!! I am really a stickler about that and will not buy or ride in a car that has been used for a dining room or bathroom. NO baby diapers, dogs, cats or exotic pets have hitched a ride with this one. The original owner, like me, had a kitchen table and some chairs at home so he used them instead of the Firebird. It smells like a car is supposed to --doesn't need air freshener or perfume. I truly like the car but recently married a widow that is just short of 5 ft and cannot manipulate the stick shift.

The Firebird can be seen almost anytime - stored in my garage near Beulah, Mi 49617. I will gladly give Mr. Tammaro's # to anyone who might like to talk to the original owner. We travel a bit in the winter so in addition to my # here 231-882-9910, you may also contact me via my cell at 231-871-0036.

