

THE BIRD FEED



Western Michigan Firebird Club

"Keeping the Dream Alive"

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The Inside Track

Scott van Tamelen, WMFC President

Welcome to the first "publicized" West Michigan Firebird Club newsletter. The club has taken a big step forward in the last month. We have a website www.wmfirebird.com, our member T-shirts are on order, the club decals are in production and we even have our first "official" member. Welcome Larry!!!

As we look forward to our first year as an organized club, it should be a blast. We already have a lot of events, both local and national, on our calendar for members to participate in together. I'm sure as the cruising season draws nearer, we'll be adding more. After all, that's what we started the club for...to enjoy our cars and to meet others who enjoy doing the same.

One of our first events of the year was the tour of the GM Heritage Center. This was organized thru MiFbody and included members from there as well as members from the WMCC (West Michigan Camaro Club). We had four of our members attend, and the report back was that we need to do it again soon. It was awesome to see some of the coveted concept cars of the past. Like all three of the original

Firebirds. None of which the production car has/had anything in common with, other than name. There was also a '69 TA, '94 25th Anniversary TA, '99 30th Anniversary TA and the "last built" Trans AM on display, too. One of my favorites, though, was the '83 Buick Riviera Indy Pace Car. This car has always intrigued me because of the engine enhancements made for it to fulfill its pace car duties. It has a twin turbo 3.8 V6 pushing 450hp and is still front wheel drive....can anybody say Torque Steer?!?!?! The cars on display there are always changing, so it's unlikely that if we went back this summer we'd see the same cars. Anytime the opportunity to tour the Heritage Center comes up, it's one of those "must attend" events. And that's because it's only open to prearranged club tours and your participating club must have at least 20 attendees.

Well, I hope you enjoy the first newsletter and also hope you can join us at next month's club meeting. Let's make 2010 a great year and a great start for the West Michigan Firebird Club.

The Wingspan- spanning past events

Most of our cars are put away and it's pretty cold outside. But that's not going to stop the WMFC from having some fun! The club continues to meet monthly and attends "inside" activities through the winter months.

Back in December we had our first annual WMFC Christmas Party. It was an evening hosted by Scott and Cat Browne that was full of food and fun. The group included Scott and Michelle van Tamelen, Kyle and Tammie DenBoer, Dave and Judy Kuyers, Robin Zfenix and Mike Keen. We look forward to having this Christmas gathering grow from year to year.



2009 WMFC Christmas Party

January brought a couple of club outings, starting with our monthly "Rock-n-Bowl" night. The group met at the Fairlane Lanes in Grandville for a night of strikes, gutters and new friendships. It's always fun to have first timers join us...even if you can't break 100!!



Rock-n-Bowl



GM Heritage Museum



Then the club had the incredible opportunity to tour the GM Heritage Center Museum in Sterling Heights. Our group of Scott, Kyle, Mike and Cat, all drove across the state for the day. It was an amazing tour through the history of car concepts and ideas. This tour is a "must see" for anyone...car fanatic or not. We'll definitely plan another visit over there!!



Rock-n-Bowl

Upcoming Events

Monday March 1, 2010.....Monthly meeting held at 7pm in Hudsonville
3270 Central Blvd, Hudsonville, MI 49426

Monday April 5, 2010.....Monthly meeting held at 7pm in Hudsonville

***Saturday April 17, 2010.....Annual GVSU Car Club Spring Car Show
www.gvsucarshow.com

Monday May 3, 2010.....Monthly meeting held at 7pm in Hudsonville

Saturday May 15, 2010.....Ban One Car Show Atlanta, GA
www.banoneshow.com

***Monday May 31, 2010.....Hamilton Memorial Day Parade
(more info to come)

***Saturday June 5, 2010.....5th Annual Michigan F-Body Association's Meet & Greet
www.mifbody.com/MeetGreet/

Monday June 7, 2010.....Monthly meeting held at 7pm in Hudsonville

Friday & Saturday June 18 & 19, 2010.....Firebird Gathering in Dundee, MI
www.78ta.com/dundee.php

Friday & Saturday June 18 & 19, 2010.....7th Annual Central Lake Car Show
www.joelshooks.com

Saturday July 3, 2010.....WMFC Annual Fourth of July BBQ
(more info to come)

Monday August 2, 2010.....Monthly meeting held at 7pm in Hudsonville

***Friday, Saturday & Sunday August 27, 28 & 29.....26th Annual Trans Am Nationals
<http://www.78ta.com/nats/>

Cruise-Ins: (Seasonal) Friday & Saturday nights.....Dawg Dogs in Grandville, MI. Just south of 28th
St on Wilson Ave.

****Denotes an Official WMFC Event



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 meetings on the first Monday of the month. The times and locations may vary, so please see the upcoming events page or check out our website for specific times and locations. www.wmfirebird.com

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