

# MARYLAND CAMARO CLUB

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## 2022 CLUB OFFICERS Club Founder, Robert McMahon



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Club!

The month started off a little rainy for us for our resumption to Jimmy Cone. We will try again maybe before the end of the year, if not we will schedule a cruise in or two there next year! We did make it over the Eldersburg for the Cruise In there held on Saturdays. We had a few new members join us there as we were hanging out and having a little membership drive along with handing out flyers for our show in September.

We had two of the club's long-standing events in August. The first one was the Littlestown show, which I am unable to attend each year, but it sounded like we are back to the Good Ole Days in Littlestown. We had a great turnout including some new members. The second August club staple was the Crab Feast. We had almost 30 people out together and it was truly a great time of picking crabs and fellowship. Great to see so many of the club family members out together! After the crab feast, a few of us headed up to Hagerstown to the Saturday night Cruise In held at Valley Mall. We passed out flyers and had a great time hanging out. A great way to end a super day!

Next up for us is the All-GM Show. As we have been stating this is our last show for the foreseeable future. We would like to go out with a bang. So, I am asking if you are not busy that day, please come to the show. You don't even have to register your vehicle if you do not want. Just come out and enjoy the day with Club Members and many of our friends from the past! We have another great show lined up including the Back Pages Band and you all know how good they are! They are always pumped up about our show and their past performances have dictated that! It would be nice to show the band the support they have shown us for the past two years! Bring your kids and grandchildren to participate in the Hot Wheels ZL1 Challenge. We will be awarding trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. We will have Beef It Up Catering for some great Barbeque! Ashley's Creations will keep us "sugared up" for the entire event.

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Hope to see you all at the show.

Thanks for being great members!

#MCCStrong

#Camarostrong

Respectfully yours,

Respectfully yours,  
David Via, President  
Maryland Camaro Club



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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello MCC

July brought us 6 new members and many cars one member has 5 Camaros.

3 Gen1

1 Gen2

2 Gen3

2 Gen4

2 Gen6

In September we have three events. Come out and join us.

1. Monthly Meeting September 7<sup>th</sup> (on Zoom. Email coming soon.)
2. All GM Show September 10<sup>th</sup>
3. Sykesville Car show September 25<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)

**Our ALL-GM show is our focus. Let's get registered. Let try to make this year's show the highest MMC participation ever.**

As David said let go out with a big bang. Let get pre-register. It one day a year/event that we are calling all MCC members to attend.

### **Zoom meeting:**

We now have a dial in capability for our monthly meeting for those that can't do Zoom. You will see the dial in number in the monthly meeting email and Facebook post.

If you are a subscriber of the newsletter, please consider joining the club.

Please go on the website and register or renew for 2022.

<https://mdcamaroclub.com/product-category/membership/>

If you are a subscriber of the newsletter but not yet a member and you will be in Carlisle for the show, drop by our club tenet and visit with us.

Respectfully yours

Erick Perez, Vice President

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## 2022 MEETING DATES

Meetings are held the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Until further notice, meetings will be held on-line using Zoom. We now have a licensed version of Zoom.

<u>Wednesday</u> January 12	<u>Wednesday</u> February 9	<u>Wednesday</u> March 9	<u>Wednesday</u> April 13
<u>Wednesday</u> May 11	<u>Wednesday</u> June 8	<u>Wednesday</u> July 13	<u>Wednesday</u> August 10
<u>Wednesday</u> September 7	<u>Wednesday</u> October 12	<u>Wednesday</u> November 9	<u>December</u> No Meeting

## July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Commenced:** 7:00 pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:00 pm

**Meeting Attendance/Introductions:** Over **17** Members in attendance!

**Club Officers in Attendance: 03**

David Via  
Erick Perez  
Lesley Savoy  
Beth Via

**Club Officers Absent: 0**

**Active Club Members: 110**

**President's Report:**

- Called Meeting to Order.
- Discussed upcoming events.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- MCC bank account current balance.

**Secretary's Report:**

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**Vice President/Social Committee Report:**

- Discussed results up and coming events

**Webmaster Report:**

- None currently

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Open floor

**Next Meeting:** June 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm (Zoom)

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:00 pm

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



Registration is open use link below

<https://mdcamaroclub.com/all-gm-show/>

**New Location: Walkersville Fire Department**

**Address: 79 W Frederick St, Walkersville, MD 21793**

**In Frederick Maryland**

**We are pleased to announce the date of our 33rd annual show  
Come join us for a great day of food (Breakfast and Lunch) Live  
music and amazing cars.**

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## UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS 2022

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### Event Schedule 2022

#### September

Zoom Meeting	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom
ALL GM Show	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Walkersville, MD
Tail of the Dragon	Sept 24 – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Robbinsville, NC

#### October

Endless Summer	Oct 6 -9 <sup>th</sup>	Ocean City, MD
Fall Festival Car Show	TDB	Charlestown, WV
Guinness Brewery	Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Baltimore, MD

#### November

Air and Space Museum	Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chantilly, VA
Helmets off to Heroes	Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Summit Point, WV
Veterans Day Parade	Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Martinsburg, WV

#### December

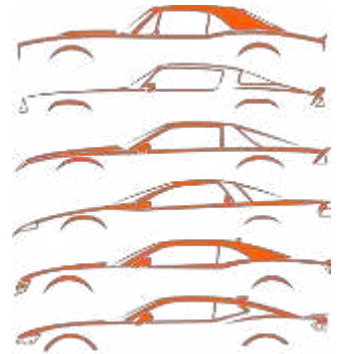
Christmas Party	Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Millersville, MD
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## NEW MEMBERS

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Member Number:	Camaro/Firebird	New/Welcome Back
924	2022 Camaro	New
923	1969 SS	New
922	1969 Camaro 395	New
	1976 Camaro stock	
	1982 Camaro Road course	
	1989 IROC 350	
	1994 Camaro 396 LT1	
	1998 Z28 stock/super stock	
	2002 SS bracket car, 463	
921	1969 ss396	New
920	2019 Black 2SS	New
919	1967 Camaro	New
918	1967 Camaro	New
917	2010 2SS	New
916	1969 Camaro	New
915	1969 Camaro Z28	New
914	1979 Camaro Z28	New
913	2022 Red 1LE SS	New



With these new and welcome back members, we have the following cars in the club

Generation:	Quantity:
Gen 1 1967-1969	34
Gen 2 1970-1981	08
Gen3 1982-1992	15
Gen 4 1993-2002	17
Gen 5 2010-2015	22
Gen 6 2016- Present	37
FB Gen 1 1967-1969	01
FB Gen 2 1970-1981	01
FB Gen 3 1982-1992	02
FB Gen 4 1993-2002	02

We welcome you to the club! We are very excited to have you folks in the club. Hang on and stay tuned! We are a very active club and if you blink you might miss us, Just Kidding! If anyone has any questions about the club, please do not hesitate to reach out to any club member. We will be reaching out to you folks for a little background on why you purchased your Camaro or just a story about the Camaro you would like to share.

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## CAMARO CORNER

Hanging Out with the Maryland Camaro Club in June!

### *Jimmie Cone August 13th*



### *Littlestown Car Show and Festival August 20th*



### *Crab Feast August 27<sup>th</sup>*



Visit our event Gallery on the website for all the pictures of the event and much more.

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## Articles:

### 1978 Pontiac Trans Am Sitting in a Barn Hides Good News Under the Hood, No Rust



The 1978 Firebird didn't necessarily bring major styling refinements as compared to the previous model, and in many ways, the most notable change was the upgrade received by the famous W72 engine. Available on the Trans Am and the Formula, the engine was upgraded from 200 to 220 horsepower, specifically to provide drivers with more adrenaline behind the wheel.

1978 was, however, the last year when the W72 was produced, with Pontiac actually planning to save about 10,000 units specifically to use them on the 1979 Firebird. Thanks to the demand for the W72, however, Pontiac managed to save just around 8,600 engines that made their way to the '79 Firebird.

Regarding the production numbers, the Trans Am was the most popular version, accounting for more than 93,000 units out of the total 187,000 Firebirds produced this year.

One of them is right here, coming out from a barn where it's been sitting for a long time. As you can tell from the photos shared online by eBay seller banditsclassicunits, the car doesn't necessarily come in its best shape, but on the other hand, it's not a wreck either.



In  
the  
says  
no

fact,  
seller  
there's

worrying rust on this Trans Am, and the best news is hiding under the hood. The original 400 paired with an automatic transmission still turns over by hand, so it's not locked up from sitting.

Despite these claims, however, the floors and the trunk pan still require some patching, but a thorough inspection is recommended anyway to figure out just to how degree the metal has already been compromised.

Based on the shared photos, this Trans Am is worth a full restoration, especially if the price is right. At this point, the only bid is around \$7,800, and given a reserve hasn't been enabled, this could be the winning offer.

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## 1972 Chevy Camaro Packs a Punch



Everyone involved in the performance automotive hobby lives with a level of passion that follows not only each build but also the excitement generated in the privilege of ownership. Regardless of whether you're into factory-perfect restorations, canyon-carving Pro Touring styles, or hard-core motorsports, the adrenaline rush is the common thread that pulls it all together. For Mark Dykeman of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, a lifelong involvement in drag racing has given him the ability to compete nationally while also building rewarding relationships from coast to coast. His latest Chevy, the 1972 Camaro, laid out across these pages personifies a level of performance that bridges the gap between the street and track. As owner of Dykeman Welding and Fabrication, specializing in structural steel and miscellaneous metals, he's been able to fuse his talents into every build passing through the shop.

With a racing career that spans over the last two decades, Mark got started with a 1980 Camaro, which evolved into his first official drag car, eventually hustling into the low 5s in the eighth mile. It's currently being redone in the home race shop alongside his son, Jack, who will soon take the wheel at the track. As the years progressed, Mark purchased the legendary X275 Class, Blue Goose 1972 Camaro, from Tommy Kirk of MAC FAB Beadlocks, taking delivery just in time for Lights Out 7 at South Georgia Motorsports Park. As you can imagine the level of exhilaration that followed on the dragstrip in a car capable of running in the 4.60s was nothing short of wicked, especially with it being his first-time racing at the venue.

When it came time to raise the bar, his current race car, a 2014 Camaro, was constructed by Dennis McPherson and the team at DMC Racing in Halifax. Mark tells it's a true game-changer as the X275 Class build showcases a DMC 25.3 spec chassis embodying everything state of the art in drag racing today while also showcasing a Harrell Engine & Dyno-built, all-billet 470ci LS capped by a ProCharger F-1X 106 supercharger with enough gusto to push the car into the 4.20s at 170 mph. While competing in the X275 Drag Radial Series on the eighth mile at heads-up events, including Lights Out, No Mercy, and Yellow Bullet at tracks across the country, the experience has always been shared with his wife Alyson, son Jack, and daughters Ashlie, Brooke, and Maci. Even though drag racing is a focus, he's never forgotten the thrill of running a hot combination on the street, which led to his latest build. Having followed the build of Editor Licata's "Project Orange Karate" Camaro, he was inspired to create his own low-slung second gen with razor-sharp handling, scorching power, and an aggressive attitude.

It wasn't long before his search brought him to good friend, Dave DeRose, who just so happened to have a 1972 RS for sale. The factory four-speed car was a perfect base to start with, so cash was swapped for keys. After running it as purchased for one season, he and Jack formulated a plan to bring the car to the next level by first addressing chassis dynamics, suspension, and braking. Knowing it would be getting a massive horsepower boost, out back a Moser Engineering 9-inch housing was packed with 3.90 gears spinning matching 35-spline axles. It's suspended in place by a combination of Calvert Racing leaf springs and nine-way adjustable shocks along with Smith Racecraft Assassin traction bars. To bring handling to the next level, a Heidts front suspension package was incorporated featuring their Pro-G subframe packed with all the right bits, including tubular upper and lower control arms, 2-inch dropped spindles, 1¼-

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inch splined sway bar, and QA1 single-adjustable coilover shocks. To tame the beast, a Wilwood dual-master pushes fluid through stainless lines to matching 12-inch Dynalite-Series rotors and four-piston calipers anchored at each corner. Linking it all to the street are a set of original Z28 wheels sized 15×7 front and 15×8 rear wearing Cooper Cobra Radial GT rubber.



Under hood, Mark wanted to retain an LT1 V-8 amped up with plenty of go-fast goods. Golen Engine Service of Hudson, New Hampshire, started by machining a GM cast-iron, four-bolt main block to 396 and packed it with a Scat forged 4340 steel crank linked to matching 4340 steel H-beam rods capped with Mahle forged aluminum slugs getting bumped by a Comp Cams hydraulic roller. A set of AFR 210cc Eliminator heads bring the dynamite, especially when matched to an Edelbrock Super Victor intake wearing a Holley Terminator EFI system brought to life by a Holley Terminator management system. Added details include a Vintage Air Front Runner accessory drive system, Chevrolet Performance valve covers and air cleaner, as well as an Optima RedTop battery. It sparks to life through an MSD Pro-Billet ignition with exhaust moving through Lemons headers linked to a MagnaFlow 3-inch stainless exhaust with matching mufflers. It's all good for a solid 580 hp on the dyno when linked to an American Powertrain TREMEC T56 Magnum trans packing an Atomic twin-disc clutch and custom driveshaft. The flawless installation, all related plumbing, and exhaust were handled by Pat O'Brien of Precision Industries of Taunton, Massachusetts.

Wanting to bring the original sheetmetal back to factory-fresh standards, Mark Higgins of Tewksbury took on the task. Once the body was stripped bare, Higgins went to work by replacing the lower quarter-panels, doorskins, rear valance, and front fenders with fresh steel from Classic Industries followed by adding a steel cowl induction hood from Goodmark. Once everything was made mirror straight and the gaps set, Higgins then laid down a decadent coating of PPG custom-blended Hugger Orange accented by classic black stripes. Reassembly followed with O'Brien adding plenty of fine details thanks to fresh bumpers, trim, gaskets, grille, and spoiler from Classic Industries. Finally, updated LED lighting from Diode Dynamics (front) and Dakota Digital (rear) completes the look.

Inside, O'Brien installed an American Autowire Classic Update kit followed by filling a factory replacement dash from Classic Industries with Dakota Digital VHX carbon-fiber-faced dials to monitor the vitals. A Forever Sharp Muscle wheel mounts to an ididit tilt column to carve a course while shifts fly through an American Powertrain White Lightning stick complemented by cool breezes from Vintage Air. For comfort, TMI Pro-Classic Universal Sport XR seats in black leather and suede with matching back seat add just the right amount of luxury, especially when matched to black loop carpet, headliner, and seatbelts from Classic Industries. The completed car embodies a perfect combination of performance, stance, and attitude just as Mark had planned, and to us that's just plain bitchin!

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## CAMARO CLUB PARTS DISCOUNT

Koon Chevrolet, Buick GMC will give a parts discount to all active members of the Maryland Camaro Club. Make sure you have your current membership card available.

Discounts are for parts for all GM products and range from 10% to 20% depending on part.



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