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# NEXT Club Meeting

**Wednesday  
April 6, 2016  
at**

Philly Diner  
31 South Black Horse Pike  
Runnemede



Meeting start time is 7:30.  
As always come earlier if you are coming for dinner.

# URGENT CLUB NEWS

## Executive Notice

After conducting the first few meetings of the new calendar year, the officers of the South Jersey Camaro Club met to discuss the growing concern over a decline in active membership. The results of the discussion identified the following concerns:

- A decline in membership
- Lower than expected 'active' participation in meetings and events
- Reduced income from dues
- The waning interest in the Chevrolet Camaro as reported in recent news articles
- The growing number of Camaros for sale on Craigslist
- And the increasing popularity of the 6<sup>th</sup> Gen Mustang

The officers have decided that in the best interest of the existing membership, the club shall be opened to 'ALL' makes and models. It was agreed that opening our doors and our hearts will pave the way for expanded membership and participation.

"Imagine a club with 500+ members where we all get along!" "Dues alone could sustain us." "Who needs a car show...with 500 members we have our own, think of the time and effort we will save." "We could park in colors at our own events, imagine a row of reds, a row of whites and a row of blues....what a patriotic scene that would be" These are just some of the quotes that were recorded during the meeting.

Therefore it has been decreed and certified that effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016....South Jersey Camaro Club will hereby be known as the "South Jersey Cruising Club". In the tradition set forth by our founding fathers, the SJCC moniker will remain and be adapted to meet the new club name. Further, since Camaro was at the heart of the original club, the Chevrolet logo will remain in honor of our founding members.



The meeting concluded with a biblical quote from our President:

"So let it be written, so let it be done."

So on behalf of our 2016 officers:

President - Linda Smurphy, Vice President - Tom Pants,  
Secretary – John Salmon, Treasurer – Sue Boulder and Sergeant at Arms – Billy Flossman  
I welcome you, this April 1<sup>st</sup> to the "NEW" SOUTH JERSEY CRUISING CLUB!

p.s. If you haven't realized by now.....April Fools!

## Jeff Lewis

Many of you know me I joined back in 2013 and quickly became part of the South Jersey Camaro family. My name is Jeff Lewis and I always have my kids Colin and Caitlin in tow with me. My newest additions and members to the club this year is my lovely girlfriend Kristin Holdzkom and her two great kids Olivia and Logan. Like myself she was bitten by the awesome addiction of the Camaro at a young age.

Well when I was eight years old my mother gave me five bucks to ride my bike to the WAWA about five miles away and get a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk, she said I could keep the change. Back in the day that was half that money so of course I hopped on my Sonic Six Huffy bike and took off like a bandit to the WAWA. It was hot as hell out and I remember sweating like crazy, pedaling like a maniac, racing the cars as they drove by me. Then outa no were my chain pops. Not one of those easy ones either where it just pops. Then you simply put the chain back on and you're on your way. No, it was one of those nasty pops where your face gets the handle bars and your knee follows then you instantly regret taking off that gay foam thing protecting the bars. With a quick hop back up off the ground I checked to see if anyone saw this whole thing go down. Being eight years old I need to represent. Well, there was this one guy who saw me go down. He was out in his front yard and he walked over to me to see if he could help. He picked up my bike and walked me into his garage. Soon as he opened the door that was it...I was in love. Sitting before me was this beautiful 1969 navy blue Camaro with white stripes. It was in perfect shape. The nice guy put my chain back on in no time flat and I wasn't even paying attention. I must have done twenty laps around this car gleaming at every single curve. He interrupted me and said my bike was done and booted me out. Well back on my adventure to WAWA and all I could think about was this car. I got my mom's bread and milk and returned back home still thinking about that car so much that I gave her back her change and forgot to get myself something. Damm! So my step dad asked what took me so long and I told him what had happened and said "Dad when I get older I want a CAM- MA-RO." He laughed and said do you mean Camaro. I said yeah and he said you better start saving now.

Many years went by until I got my first Camaro. And many other cars like a Twin turbo Conquest, a bad ass Ford Taurus station wagon, many BMW's from classics to moderns. Several things like college and having a child at nineteen always killed any chance of getting one. That was until I was in the military when I was stationed in Germany. My friends took me to Nurburgring and I had chance to drive and race a 4<sup>th</sup> Gen Camaro on a 14 mile single lap race track. I was hooked. On the way home we stopped at the old car lot on base and just by chance there sat a "dodge viper" blue with white stripes 1984 Camaro. I had a nice eight series BMW at the time figuring I could sell it and buy this beautiful 1984 Camaro. So I put my



BMW up for sale and sold it the next day. That same day I bought that blue Camaro and I was sure it was the only 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Camaro in Germany at that time. During my time in Germany I managed to acquire another 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen that I would find in a junk yard and I kept looking. By the time I left Germany, I had three Camaros. I gave two of them away to my friend and shipped my blue 1984 back to the states. By the time I shipped this thing it was completely taken apart and put back together again to race on the Nurburgring. I had made so many passes on that race track I couldn't keep track. (see what I did there). I won many of trophies in my class.

So back to the states I went with my kids. In the many years to come I always had a second car and it was always a 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Camaro. Once I got bored of one I'd sell it for a profit and find the next project. I've always had projects on the side ranging from jeeps to classic trucks and everything in between. So then came the vile hurricane...Sandy. It took everything away from the kids and I. Almost everything we collected throughout the years was wiped out. After the reality of it all started to settle down I realized all my vehicles were gone. I didn't have anything but a busted old jeep I left during the hurricane in. So one night I headed out to my friends dealership. He heard what happened to me and told me he had something special for me. Needing a new car, I figured why not. When I got there, he had me test drive a Chevy Avalanche. I liked it but wasn't feeling it during the test ride. So upon arriving back to the dealership he told me to pull around to the back and even though I thought the Avalanche was the surprise, the REAL surprise was sitting there. As soon as I turned the corner I saw her sitting under the street light smiling at me, black, shiny, with all her sexy curves. I opened the door to this



amazing car and right away it was everything I always wanted in a Camaro; manual, black with silver stripes, V8 and a sick amount of horse power. As I sat down in her I felt like I was dreaming. He handed me the keys and said lets go for a ride. Surprisingly my two kids fit in the back with no problem. I pulled out on the highway sideways (wouldn't you?), slamming gears. There wasn't any turning back now. It was the best test drive of my life. As we pulled back in the dealership I was quickly saddened. I knew right away I couldn't have this car being as I had two small kids to look after, I had to take the Avalanche. Well my buddy left the car and I asked him if I could have a minute to talk to my kids, they were all hyped up the whole time telling me to nail it. Well I told them that this isn't the right thing to do, we needed to buy the truck instead. Before I could finish talking my son interrupted me

and said "Dad our whole lives you been doing everything for us, you do so much for everyone else, it's time to do something for yourself." Well you can thank my son for me joining this great club. On the way home that night my kids named our car "Sandy", which couldn't be more perfect. This car is part of our family. We drove to Disney in her and have been to so many car shows and events. I couldn't possibly ever sell this car. It's become this families dream come true. Now we have another Camaro in our family and Krisitn and myself will continue to share our passion for Camaros with our children. Who knows maybe Colins first car in a few years will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen. Take care Camaro Family can't wait to see you all soon.



# Around the Club this month....



**The debut of "The Beast"**



**Lethal Visions Camaro  
Model Photo Shoot**

**New Additions**  
(Congratulations to the proud parents,  
Kristin & Jeff)



**ATCO Racing**

## FOR SALE



**Please contact Dave Kushina  
for details.**

## MORE Winter Modifications



**John Wade**

## Car Shows / Cruises / Events

### APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <b>Club Meeting 7:30</b>	7	8	9 Cars & Coffee Cruise 8:30am Starbucks – Fellowship Road Mt. Laurel
10 4th Annual "Cars For A Cure" Classic & Custom Car Show 10 AM - 2 PM The Palace, 109 N. Black Horse Pike, Blackwood <hr/> Spring Thaw Cruise Vineland H.S. 11 AM - 3 PM 9-10 Parking Lot, 3010 E. Chestnut Ave., Vineland, NJ	11	12	13	14	15	16 Tune Time Performance Spring Car Show 9 AM - 4 PM 575 Summer Ave., Unit 251, Lakewood
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Cars & Coffee Cruise 8:30am Starbucks – Fellowship Road Mt. Laurel
24 5th Annual Free Car Show 11AM - 3 PM Christ The Good Shepard Parish, 1655 Magnolia Rd., Vineland, NJ	25	26	27	28	29	30 Cars & Coffee Cruise 8:30am Starbucks – Fellowship Road Mt. Laurel Haddon Heights Classic Car <b>CRUISE</b> 11 AM - 3 PM Our Lady Of Lourdes Medical Center, 120 E. Atlantic Ave., Haddon Heights Hosted By The Original Garden State Corvette Club <hr/> <b>2nd Annual Cruisin' With Smartdrive 9 AM - 2 PM Willis Chevrolet, 2707 S DuPont Blvd., Smyrna, DE</b> <hr/> 1st Annual Car and Motorcycle show sponsored by the Chatham Township PBA Local #170 10:00-2:00 Chatham High School (255 Lafayette Avenue)



## JDP Stage II Remote Clutch Kit

*By Jeff Lewis*

Well let me first start off by saying thanks to RJ and his great job on our tech corner. Although I will miss it, I'm going to try and fill in on a different angle here and start a monthly MOD Spot Light. Keep in mind I'm nowhere near the level of knowledge that our Camaro family member RJ the Mechanical Geek is. He is our official not so official Geek Squad of Camaro mechanics and other sorts. I go to him when I have questions. So now that I'm done kissing RJ's ass. With all the new members joining lately I think it's important to give guidance on parts and MODS that we all have tried and give them a little insight on what works best. Research is always the key before you buy a product to see if it will be a giant waste of money. If you are going to be putting up those hard earned bucks it better be for the best product out in the world.

That being said this month I'm going to go over the most important MOD I believe everyone should do first on their Manual M6 Camaros. It's by a company called JDP. It's nothing new. People have been upgrading with this kit on their GTO's and 4<sup>th</sup> Gen Camaros as well. So soon as the Gen 5 Camaro came out JDP jumped on the common clutch pedal problem and made this kit to correct that. For the money this is by far the best MOD you can do with your manual Camaro. It's only about 100 bucks. And took me 20 minutes to put on the last time I did it a few weeks ago on my girlfriends Camaro.

So you may be asking yourself what does this kit do. Well go take the cap off your brake reservoir and see how black and disgusting it is. Now does your clutch pedal go all the way to the floor or does it sometimes stick on the floor and you have to pry it up with your foot? Well that's because some genius at GM thought for some reason to share the brake reservoir with the clutch reservoir. So all that brake dust and clutch dingalings gets all stuck in the lines and makes your clutch unsafe. Imagine what your brake lines look like as well. Dumb idea by GM. Soon as you add this kit you will barley have to touch your clutch to shift and you will notice a dramatic performance upgrade to your clutch system.

So the way I found this out was when I bought my 2010 2SS/RS Camaro I had tons of problems with the clutch not working and my brake reservoir being black all the time (NO it wasn't that I had no idea how to drive a manual). I brought it back to the dealership six times. They replaced the entire clutch

package three times and still couldn't figure it out. So being frustrated beyond belief I took matters into my own hand. I started doing research. DUH!, why didn't I do this to begin with. I found out it was a common issue with these cars on Camaro5.com. So why the heck didn't this dealership figure it out. It was a 100 buckaroo part and these jackasses replaced an entire clutch assembly three times. It's funny as hell now. Needless to say I never let those guys touch my car again. So in a few days I had my stage two clutch kit from JDP with my Motul 600 Racing Brake Fluid. BTW you must by this when you get the kit. Highly recommended and you can buy that from JDP as well. Now there is a stage one kit and a stage two kit the difference is that the stage one has no brake reservoir kit and you have to plug your existing brake fluid reservoir with a rubber plug. Now don't be a dumbo, spend the extra 50 smackers and get the stage two kit. There is no way I want a crappy rubber plug falling off and dumping brake fluid all over my lovely car not to mention you will have no brakes.

So installing this thing is easy as hell. Caution!, you need a lot of rags. Stuff them everywhere you can to catch the brake fluid coming out. Brake fluid will eat your car paint right up. You are going to need a few things that they will not send you. One of them being a syringe or turkey baster. I recommend having a just emptied beer bottle on hand to dump the old brake fluid in quickly. So all you need to do after you empty it is unscrew two screws holding the brake reservoir on with a Philips head. Now undo the clutch line with a pair of needle nose pliers. Get a flat head screw driver and carefully pull the metal pin on the brake reservoir sensor. It's tricky you kinda have to pop it to the side and it comes unclipped. It won't come all the way off, if you have this clip in your hand congratulations you just broke it. So this next step is your decision if you want to do this or not. I chose to leave the clutch hose on the fire wall and bend the new metal bracket on an angle to reach the hose on my bench vise. My reasoning was because it was the same exact hose and clips if it was a performance enhancement then maybe I would struggle with the pain in the ass hose clip against the fire wall. If you choose to remove the hose, best of luck. So pull off the old brake reservoir and take the rubber grommets out then plop the new brake reservoir back on be careful not to squish the grommets. Alright here comes a little trick and you will need to do this. It's not in the instruction but trust me you have to do this. Go find four washers or a nut to use as spacers that will fit on the skinny end of the new Philips head screws. See the picture, I used a nut on mine and four washers on my girlfriends. Dab your finger in some grease and apply it to each washer or nut as you stack them on top of each other so they stick together. Now slip that front screw into place and place those washers or nut in the gaping space between the brake reservoir bracket and clutch reservoir bracket. Tighten it down and put the rear screw back on. Put the hose and sensor back on and fill up the brake reservoir with good old DOT 3 brake fluid. Make sure you have no air bubbles and pump them brakes a few times. Now fill the clutch reservoir with the Motul 600 and leave the cap off and go pump the clutch 100 times. Go back and you will see nasty back fluid again. Empty it out and repeat as many times as you can until it is clean. I had to do this five or six times. You will need to empty the fluid every other week or whenever it gets dirty again or you notice your clutch is loose.

So there ya go. You are welcome. Not super technical and anyone can do this MOD. Like I said before this is a mandatory MOD in my opinion if you have a manual transmission and should be your first MOD. Next month I will have a little something for you automatic guys and gals so don't fret.

Here is the link to buy it: <http://www.jdpmotorsports.com/jdp-motorsports-stage-ii-clutch-reservoir-relocation-kit-2010-2015-camaro-v6-ss-zl1-jdpc1002>