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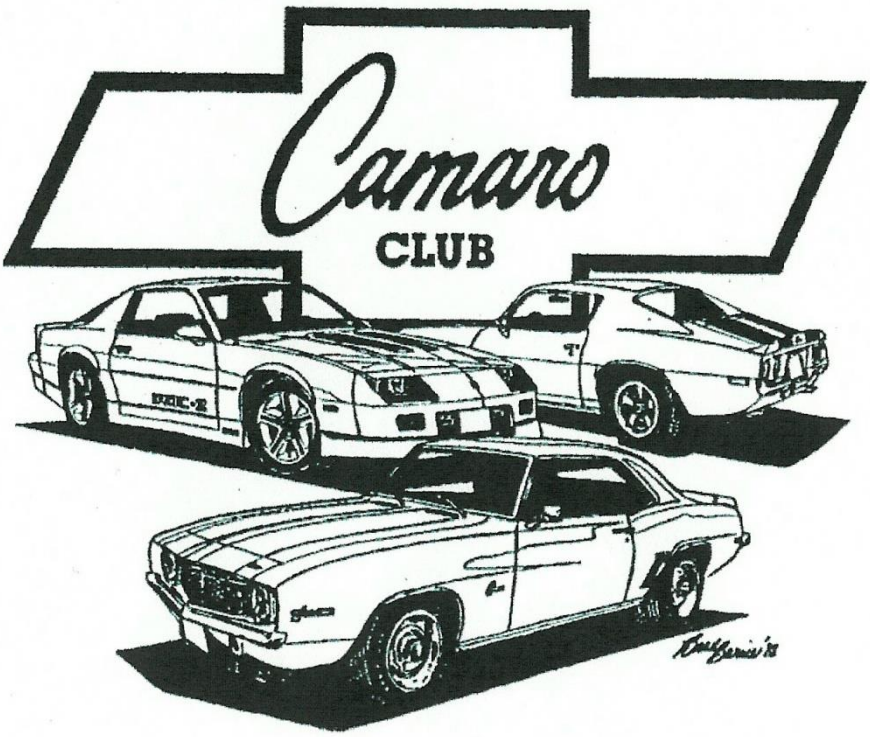

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ON THE STREETS

AUGUST 2015

Wow, I can't believe the year is more than half way over! It's been an action packed spring and summer and there's still more to go.

Let me be the first to welcome all of our new members. You cannot imagine how happy we are to get to know you. We've had several Meet-n-Eat and other get together events to reach out and we're glad you're here! We now have 40 new members since the first of the year!

Everybody can read all about the fun cruises with other groups and our biggie - The 2015 All Camaro Show inside the newsletter. What a great time and the fun is not over.

Coming up is our Northwest GM Nationals on September 19th. Be sure to invite your Pontiac, Oldsmobile and Cadillac friends to hang out with us, watch some racing and support a great cause - automotive scholarships for young men and women in the automotive trade.

Oh, and there's RACING!!! The GM Team is domination the team points and the individual points chase. Larry DeCamp has the championship all but sewn up and Mike Cox and I are tied for 2nd. By the time you read this, that should be settled and we will be off to finish the season at Bremerton. We did AWSOME as a team!

The August PNWCC meeting is at my place in Skykomish on Stevens Pass on Saturday, August 29th. We are planning lots of fun activities in the morning like quiet water rafting for the kids, a train ride and museum tour - all before the meeting at 3:00. After the meeting we can sit around and tell lies and make inappropriate statements to each other just like real friends do. I'll be cooking up something good so please bring a side dish and a cooler with your favorite beverages. Maggie will be organizing a caravan from the far south for those that want to road trip together. Watch the Facebook page for details.

See you on the streets!
Don Berry

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Treasurer's Corner

Store Manager Robert Copeland has a number of club items for sale, including: T shirt, club logo on the front, 5 generations on back: Short sleeve in black or ash - $10.00 Long sleeve in black or ash - $15.00 PNWCC window cling - $2.00 PNWCC pin or patch - $3.00 Ball caps with the PNWCC logo are also available. Contact Robert Copeland for ordering information at storemanager@pnwcc.com	

A Day with the New 6th Generation Camaro

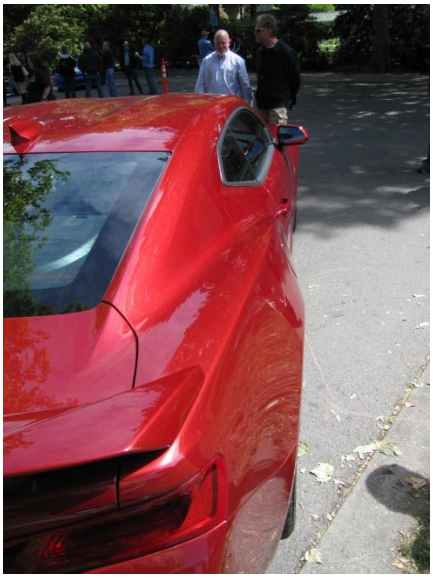
Barely two weeks after it's unveiling on Belle Isle, PNWCC members were granted a special opportunity to view the new 6th generation Camaro in Seattle.

At the end of April, PNWCC received a special invitation to attend the EcoCAR 3 Challenge event being held in Seattle. The highlight of the day for PNWCC members was the chance to see the newly unveiled 2016 Camaro, and an in-person meeting with its Chief Engineer, Al Oppenheiser.

EcoCAR is a four year competition between teams of students from 16 technical colleges. The teams are challenged to work with existing automotive technology, and find innovative ways to make cars more fuel and emissions efficient. The week-long event in Seattle marked the completion of the competition, and the teams were pitted against each other in a final round of challenges. The winning team to be awarded a 6th gen Camaro prototype, in a ceremony with Al Oppenheiser to hand them the keys.

The 2016 Camaro was on hand when PNWCC members arrived at the common area of Seattle Center. In an arrangement with the organizers, some members were able to bring their Camaros to display as a fitting backdrop to the new generation. After each of the college teams had posed for team photos with the 2016, and

gone off on one of the challenges (a scavenger hunt in downtown Seattle) the car became available for us to examine.



As could be expected, opinions were mixed, and everybody came away from the car with their own impressions. Tim Powell was certain he could see some 3rd gen influence in the design. Others noticed vague similarities to design cues from the latest Corvette. No one present however, expressed any overall dislike for the new design. One thing that I observed was that the car had to be viewed in person to be truly appreciated. The smattering of photographs available on the web at the time we viewed the 2106 were not enough to give an accurate impression. A point I would go on to make to several early-bird detractors on various online forums.

If anybody was harboring reservations about the new design, Chief Engineer Al Oppenheiser was on hand to enlighten them. After a brief presentation by Mr. Oppenheiser, he remained by the car for a question-and-answer session that was only scheduled to last a few minutes. As it was, Al seemed more than happy to hang around and talk cars for most of an hour and a half. He autographed 5th gen parts for the people that brought them, and even spent time walking around and looking over the member Camaros on display, pointing and asking questions of his own. He seemed genuinely impressed with what he saw and heard.

Al Oppenheiser speaks about the new Camaro.

"Camaro Disciple" Maggie Finn getting Al to sign a plaque she got at the unveiling in Belle Isle.

Jeanette Wallace with her new prize signed by Al Oppenheiser

Member cars on display in Seattle Center.

The cars drew a lot of attention from the tech students.

King Dale holds court as students from across the country come seeking wisdom from his vast knowledge of all things automotive.

Sadly the time came when the Camaro had to be loaded onto a waiting transport, and Al Oppenhieser had to leave. We know we'll see the 6th generation Camaro again; for some of us in our own driveways. But everyone that came that day will always be able to remember that they were among the *first* members of the public to see one of these in person.

Car Club Challenge 2015

By Mike Cox

Hi Race Fans,

Well it's mid-season for this year's Car Club Challenge, and it has been a good one for team GM. We have had great weather this year for racing. We are leading the field by a huge margin at 2076 points ahead of the Mopar club, and the Fords to follow. We have had an absolute great turnout this year for team GM, with a 30 car average building our team points fast. There is one guy I'd like to personally thank for his contribution to our team; Kareem Browne. Friday night is his last race and he will be a spectator for August 22nd race at Bremerton, as he his moving to Texas to pursue a career advancement. At this point we are down to our last race at Pacific Raceway, with Larry Decamp running away in first place by 100 points. Don Berry and myself are tied for second place with one race left at PR this Friday night. It should be exciting to see who ends up in second for the track this year. We have 4 races following at Bremerton raceway. I came out of the gate this year at Bremerton and won opening day, then repeated with a second place in race two, so I'm leading in points at Bremerton, but it is still early at that track and anything can happen in racing. Tom Garvin is in 5th place right now and Don Berry is in 9th place. Like I said earlier there is 5 more races left this season, so please come out and support TEAM GM, either racing or as a spectator, it's very exciting! If you have any questions regarding, and would like to try racing; ask me or Don Berry, you can find us at PNWCC.com. If you want to see individual and team points, or the race schedule, you can find it at www.carclubchallenge.com

Happy Racing!!!!

The Triumphant Return of the All Camaro Show

Article by Robert Copeland

The 2015 All Camaro Show was a change from the "All Chevy" format the club had been following for many years. We wanted to get back to our roots, which consists of Camaros and only Camaros. Sounds good but can we fill the XXX Root Beer Drive-in parking lot with only Camaros?

For those who attended, you already know the answer to that. We had 130 Camaros covering every generation. The breakdown by generation was as follows:

1st Generation	43
2nd Generation	11
3rd Generation	20
4th Generation	7
5th Generation	49

The great turnout was attributed to all PNWCC members who spread the word. Social media also played a part in attracting Camaro owners to the event. The show was heavily publicized on multiple Camaro facebook groups, hence the strong representation from every generation. We even had a group showing from the British Columbia Camaro club.

We also focused on what the participants wanted based on a survey from prior year attendees. More awards, something to take home that will remind them of the event and presenting awards sooner rather than later. We hit a home run on almost everything. 59 awards presented that included participant voting and judged categories. We also gave a PNWCC / ACS travel mug to every participant. Awards were delayed by an hour (the hot day didn't help) but still were presented by 1:30 pm, which was a couple of hours earlier than prior shows.

All in all, everyone had a great time. The success was largely attributed to the volunteers who helped kept things organized and moving in the right direction. Next year I'm sure we'll exceed 150 Camaros. How many will be 6th generation?

Shawn Jagnow's "Princess" graces the XXX.

Third-gens were well represented this year.

All Camaro Show continued:

Member Bailey Buonocore assisted Joe Karuza with the awards.

Joe wouldn't have gotten a kiss if I had accepted the award…

Seemed well received though!

All Camaro Show continued:

A winning smile.

Joe's Choice award going to a "his-and-hers" pair of blue convertible Third-gens.

"Best of Show" went to Rick Neimann and his beautiful 1971 Camaro.

Camaro's in the Cellar

In early June, we did the annual Camaro's in the Cellar. This is a great weekend getaway to Yakima, where we spend some time touring the Yakima Valley for some great wine. We have our favorites, but do enjoy trying out some of the other wineries that dot the countryside.

I'm always amazed at how pretty Yakima really is. Until a couple years ago, I've always just driven right through and never realized the secrets the valley holds. Once out into the countryside, the rolling hills covered in orchards and vineyards is breath-taking. We spent the day cruising the vineyards and gathered up some great wines. In the afternoon we spent relaxing by the river, maybe taking a nap or two.

This year Bruce Mercer participated in the local car show and came home a winner. Congratulations Bruce!

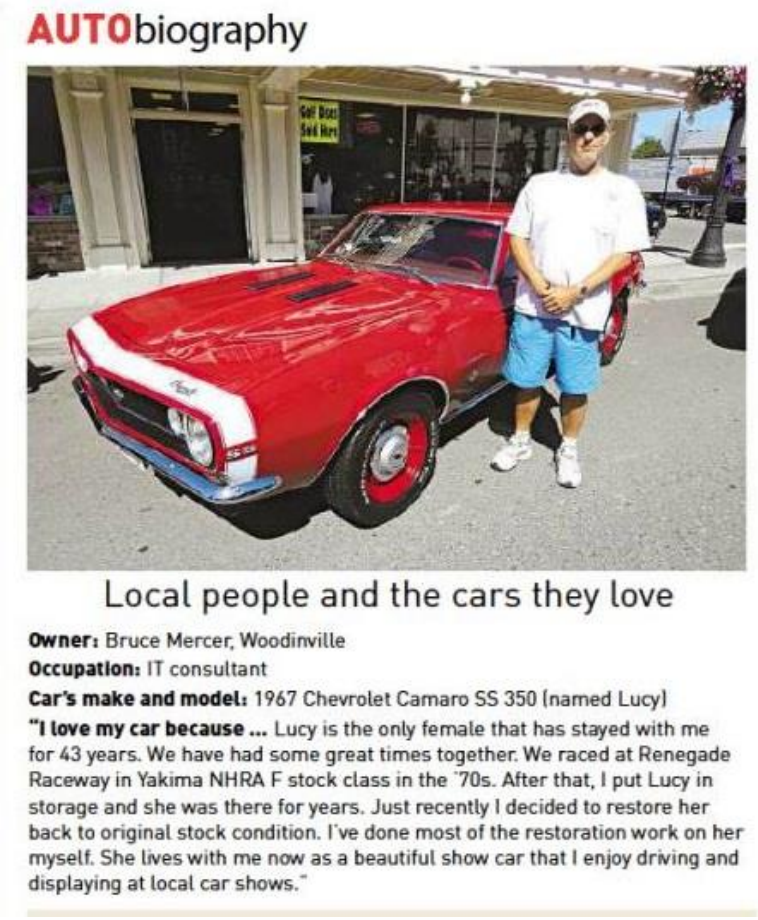
I got out of my first speeding ticket, ever….I think the colour of the car had something to do with it.

During the evening festivities, we ladies plotted a wine pairing party to be held later this fall. I will be sharing that information at a further date.

Art Morrison Tour

In June, PNWCC got an opportunity to tour the facilities of Art Morrison Enerprises in Fife. It was a fascinating experience seeing how they manufacture frames and other suspension components. The technology used to measure the geometry of existing parts so that they can design components that fit perfectly, was amazing. Members were led through the process, past welding jigs with frames or rear ends in the process of being fabricated, specialized machinery used, and all the way to the finished products. Thanks to Art Morrison for letting us visit, and to those who had a hand in arranging it.

Bruce Mercer Makes the Paper!



AUTObiography

Local people and the cars they love

Owner: Bruce Mercer, Woodinville
Occupation: IT consultant
Car's make and model: 1967 Chevrolet Camaro SS 350 (named Lucy)
"I love my car because ... Lucy is the only female that has stayed with me for 43 years. We have had some great times together. We raced at Renegade Raceway in Yakima NHRA F stock class in the '70s. After that, I put Lucy in storage and she was there for years. Just recently I decided to restore her back to original stock condition. I've done most of the restoration work on her myself. She lives with me now as a beautiful show car that I enjoy driving and displaying at local car shows."

Member Spotlight: Kareem Brown

Pacific Northwest Camaro Club has gained a lot of new members in the past months. Many of these members have brought influx of enthusiasm with them that has made the club even more exciting and fun. Perhaps one of the most enthusiastic of the new club members has been Kareem Brown.

Some of us already knew Kareem when he came to the January Meet-n-Eat in Issaquah. He joined the club that day, and has been a fixture at club functions ever since. He started by jumping in with both feet at the tech session held at Don Berry's, and by Car Club Challenge season, he was tearing up the track. He's been in it ever since. Not surprising, since I'm told racing runs in his blood.

Regrettably, we will soon have to bid farewell to our new friend and his family. He accepted a job offer in Texas, and will be moving back there at the end of the Summer. Here are his words when he broke the news to us:

As I sit here and reflect on the blessings and the people that I have encountered in WA whether it was PNWCC or Western Washington 5th Gen Camaro Club. A bit of me is torn because in the couple months that I have gotten to know most of the members was nothing but fun times whether it was hanging out at the drag strip or just at a meet and greet. I have decided to take an offer with my company and relocate back to TX in the Houston Market. This was one of the toughest decisions for me to make but on the positive side of things i will be closer to family and my boys will be closer to their grandma's and aunt's and uncle's. I am supposed to be out of here the last week of August so I am thinking the next big event is August 14th at Pacific Raceways to have people come out and hang out. I truly will miss everyone that I have encountered within the club, but at least I know if I come back to Seattle to visit I can call some cool friends to pick me up from the airport in a Bad Ass Ride.

Our time with Kareem has been short, but fun. We will miss you and your family: Shayna, Jerrod, and adorable little Ahmari "who loves Camaros" in Kareem's own words. We wish you all the best in your new job, and safe travels for you and your family.

We feel fortunate for the time we got to spend with you, but know we will miss you too.

Upcoming Club Activities:

Camaros in the Sand Sept 4-7

If you haven't booked your cabin, you have until Aug 17th. Contact Brenda Sutton for booking information.
We get cabins at Pacific Beach at the Naval Resort. If you haven't gone, go. Bring your friends, family and spend the day/week end at Ocean Shores. Do some go-carting, eat some ice cream and go shopping. And then there's the beach. Win Win!

Aug 14-17		Revelstoke (B.C.) Run (Contact Maggie for info)	Canada
Aug 14	4:00 PM	Pacific Raceway – Car Club Challenge	Auburn
Aug 16		Dwayne Lanes F-body show with Western WA Firebird Club	TBD
Aug 22	8:00 AM	Bremerton Raceway – Car Club Challenge	Bremerton
Aug 29		Club Meeting at Don's Cabin (see PNWCC facebook Events for details)	Skykomish
Aug 30	8:00 AM	Bremerton Raceway – Car Club Challenge	Bremerton
Sept 04-07		Camaros in the Sands – Day trip for those that aren't spending the weekend. Nothing like a little go-cart action, putt putt golf, some cars on the beach for a fun filled day.	TBD
Sept 11-13		End of the World Rod Run	Ocean Park, WA
Sept 13	8:00 AM	Bremerton Raceway – Car Club Challenge	Bremerton
Sept 19		Northwest GM Nationals – Calling ALL GM vehicles.	Pacific Raceway
Sept 26	3:00 PM	Meeting at Bremerton Raceway	Bremerton
Sept 26	8:00 AM	Bremerton Raceway – Car Club Challenge	Bremerton

Car Club Challenge 2015 Race Schedule

Bremerton Races - gates open at 8 AM

Pacific Races - gates open at 4 PM

Date	Location
May 2	Bremerton Raceway
May 29	Pacific Raceways
June 12	Pacific Raceways
June 19	Pacific Raceways
June 26	Pacific Raceways
July 10	Pacific Raceways
July 18	Bremerton Raceway
August 14	Pacific Raceways
August 22	Bremerton Raceway
August 30	Bremerton Raceway
September 13	Bremerton Raceway
September 26	Bremerton Raceway

Local Cruise Spots

If you don't see your local cruise spot listed please contact me with the information and we'll add it to the list, vicepresident@pnwcc.com:

Friday Nights - April-Sept.	Lynwood Taco Time
Friday Nights - June-Sept	Lacey Speedway Brew Company
Friday Nights – May-Sept	Covington WalMart
Saturday Nights - June-Sept	Renton Fred Meyer
Saturday Nights - May-Sept	Triple XXX - Issaquah
Saturday Nights - April-Sept. -	Clearview McDonalds
Saturday Nights	Everett Hefty Burger
Saturday Nights	Lynnwood Fatburger
Saturday Nights	Bonney Lake Sonic Drive In
**bonus ½ off entire order if you bring a classic car*	
1st Tuesday - April-Sept	West Sound Bank, Bremerton
Wednesday Nights - April-Sept	Port Orchard A&W
Friday Nights – May - Sept	Downtown Harley Davidson Renton
Friday Nights – May - Sept	GasLamp Bar and Grill Issaquah
Saturdays Year Round 4PM	Haggens Food, Arlington

If you attend any car shows, cruises, or other noteworthy events including races, please send pictures to me and I will get them in the newsletter.

August Birthdays

Ed Shofstall 8/28 Jean Krehbiel 8/5 Pat Marshall 8/16 Tracy Boyd 8/12

Dale Krehbiel 8/22 Mary Bowers 8/2 Kylee Harris 8/9 John Thompson 8/12

Jackie Wallace 8/6 Jim Jorgensen 8/13 Nina Harper 8/26 Ron Liljemark 8/3

Rosalie Maxworth 8/31 Kim Mejer 8/9 Christine Rushworth 8/29

Marilyn Muscat 8/13 Kelly Kosko 8/8 Alan Berry 8/23 Lisa Daniel 8/26

Brandie Marzillo 8/30 Rebekah DeBelling 8/7

September Birthdays

Jim Franklin 9/21 Larry Rosenlund 9/17 Lynne Simons 9/25 Terry Campbell 9/25

Patrick Kranjcevich 9/18 John Davis 9/5 Glenn Wiest 9/6 Gary Gregory 9/9

Jeanette Wallace 9/26 Shawn Jagnow 9/9 Brian Wescottt 9/27 Joe Macri 9/21

Belinda McDowell 9/24 Shawne Lidstrom 9/5 Terrie Kranjcevich 9/12 Kim Lorenz 9/17

Dennis Goll 9/10 Jillian Berry 9/8

August – September Anniversaries

Michael & Lucy Harris 8/21 Chuck & Lynda Kelstrom 8/22 Jim & Shirley Jorgensen 8/30

Jerry & Betty Yoder 8/25 Rick & Julie Rohweder 8/5 Mike & Cindy Main 8/11

Brandie & Tony Marzillo 8/8

For Sale/ Wanted

For Sale:
67-68 Camaro Z28 aluminum intake manifold. GM # 3917610
67 Camaro original standard grill
67 Camaro original trunk lid springs (non spoiler)
Wanted:
First Gen High back bucket seats
67 Camaro SS350 distributor GM # 1111168
67 Camaro original power brake booster
Contact Bruce Mercer: bruce@mercerenterprises.com

Wanted
Original 67-69 Convertible Boot- Any condition. -Contact Jon Nidermayer

For Sale:

Technostalgia LED Tail Lights for 2010-2013 Camaro -Contact Kim Mejer

PNWCC
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBER _____ OR RENEWAL _____

NAME:_____ DATE:_____

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PHONE#: _____ ALT PHONE#: _____

EMAIL:_____ ALT EMAIL: _____

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Would you like to receive event and other club announcements by email? (check one): _____YES _____NO

MEMBER & FAMILY	BIRTHDAY (MM/DD)	FAMILY MEMBER	BIRTHDAY (MM/DD)
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ANNIVERSAY (mm/dd):_____

CAMARO	YEAR	MODEL	TYPE	ENGINE	TRANS	COLOR
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#2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
#3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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