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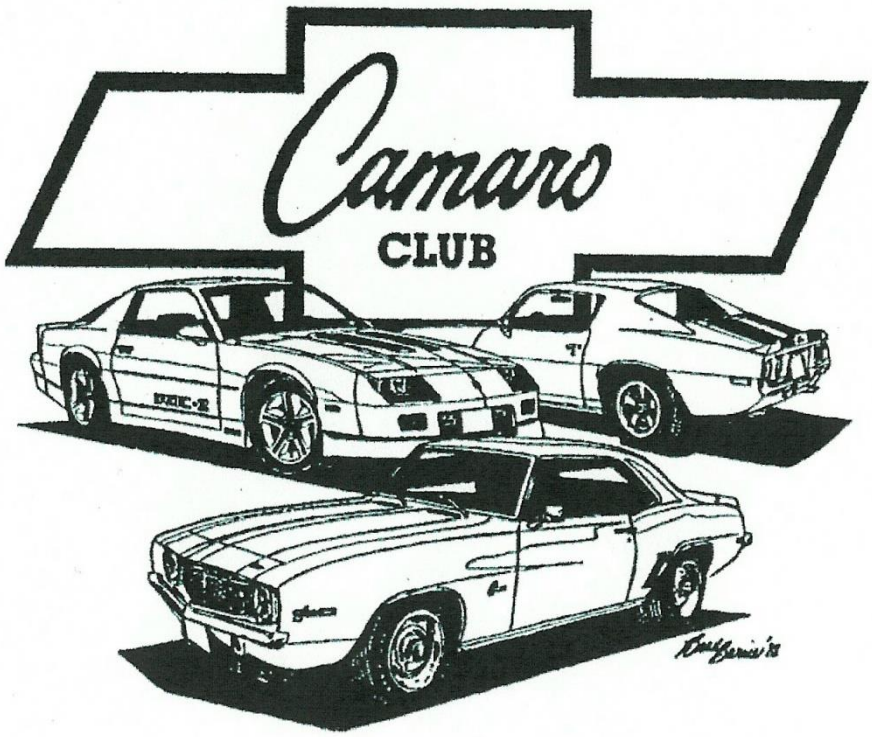

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On a soggy November Friday morning, Maggie and I once again found ourselves at Seattle Center waiting to see a new 6th Gen Camaro. But this time it was different: The last time we were under the Space Needle, it was to view a static display 2016 that had been trucked in for the EcoCar Challenge event, held in the Spring. This time the Camaro was coming under its own power.

As part of the "Find New Roads" (See article pg.10) tour put on by Chevrolet, enthusiasts from around the country had been enlisted to ferry the cars from city to city. One of these drivers was Mike Lee, a Camaro 5 .com moderator friend of ours from Texas. We had been invited join mutual friend, Brian Forster, who was coming down from Canada to greet Mike on his arrival.

Mike had posted his route on Camaro 5, and invited anyone along the way to meet him at planned stops. There were a few delays, and the weather was less than ideal. We found ourselves waiting it out at Seattle Center as Brian followed Mike's progress via his phone. When we received word that he was in the vicinity, circling the Center, we stationed ourselves by the street hoping to be the first to catch a glimpse of the first 6th Gen to drive into Seattle. When it flashed around the corner, there was no mistaking its unique appearance, and it s*ounded* glorious!

After getting the Camaro parked, we got our first chance to explore the inside of the 2016. We hadn't been allowed to touch the first example we had seen, so it was nice to finally be able to get up close and personal with the car. I tried to get Mike to let me drive it, but he politely declined my request.

We had lunch with Mike and his companion for the trip, automotive photographer Malcolm Perez. Malcolm had taken some fantastic pictures of the drive, and perhaps the best was this beautiful portrait taken at the summit of Chinook Pass.

Unfortunately, Mike and Malcolm couldn't stick around for Saturday's event. After delivering the 2016, they had to fly back to Texas. Even though we would be seeing more new Camaros the next day at Warren Magnusson Park, getting an early peek at the 2016 and spending an afternoon with Camaro friends was well worth the drive.

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Treasurer's Corner

2016 PNWCC SHIRTS

The new shirts are in and there are now SIX Camaros on the back. With the 6th Generation now in production, we needed a new shirt design to include the latest addition to the family. Limited supply so come to the monthly club meeting to get your shirt before they run out.

We also have PNWCC ball caps as well as a few shirts left with previously release designs. Send a note to StoreManager@pnwcc.com with the size shirt you're looking for and Robert will let you know what is in stock.

Mt. St Helens Cruise

Member John Svensson likes to organize cruises. For a while now, he's been organizing cruises to destinations like Mt. Rainier and Mt. St Helens. His cruises have been gaining popularity, and last Fall's cruise to Mt. St Helens had grown to epic proportions. The 2014 cruise was comprised of Six Camaros, by 2015 that number had grown tenfold. The starting point for the cruise was the parking lot of Spiffy's, just off of I-5. Camaros came from all across Washington and up from Oregon. Western Washington Firebirds member Al Lunde and his wife Barb even joined us with his red 1974 Firebird Espirit.

It was a monumental task to get all of the cars out onto the road and keep them all together. Once up and running, the column stretched out to over a mile of Camaro's. The first stop was the Mt. St Helens Forest Learning Center on Spirit Lake Highway. The parking lot there was much larger and all of the cars were able to park more comfortably. Dennis Deskey had brought along his drone, and took some terrific aerial video.

The apex stop on the cruise was the Johnston Ridge Observatory at Mt. St Helens. It was a beautiful day, and everybody had time to wander around, check out the observatory, eat lunch, and of course, take lots of pictures.

With so many cars to herd, there really weren't many places along the way that could accommodate the group. So John led everybody back down the mountain to his home in Salkum, where he and his wife Ginger put on a terrific BBQ and potluck.

It's a good thing they have a really big yard!

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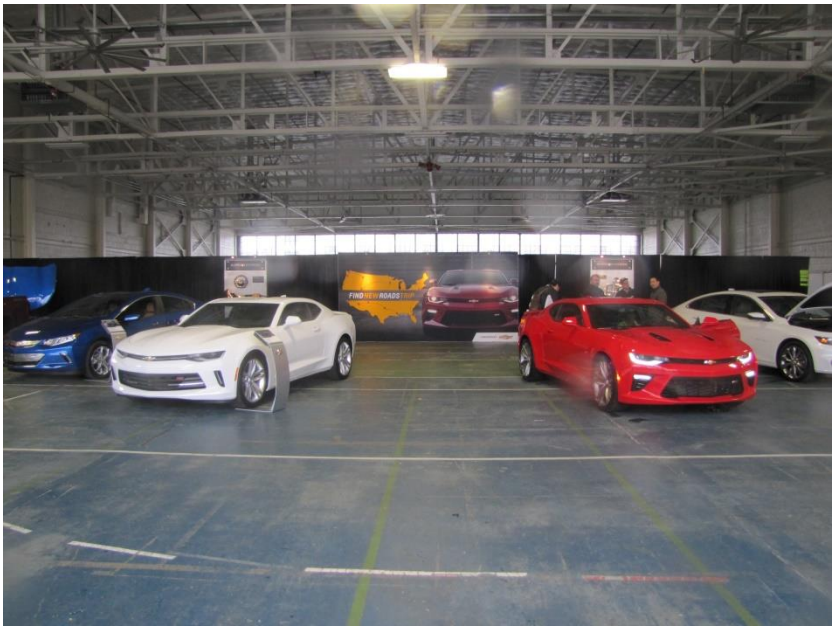
Chevrolet Find New Roads Trip Comes to Seattle

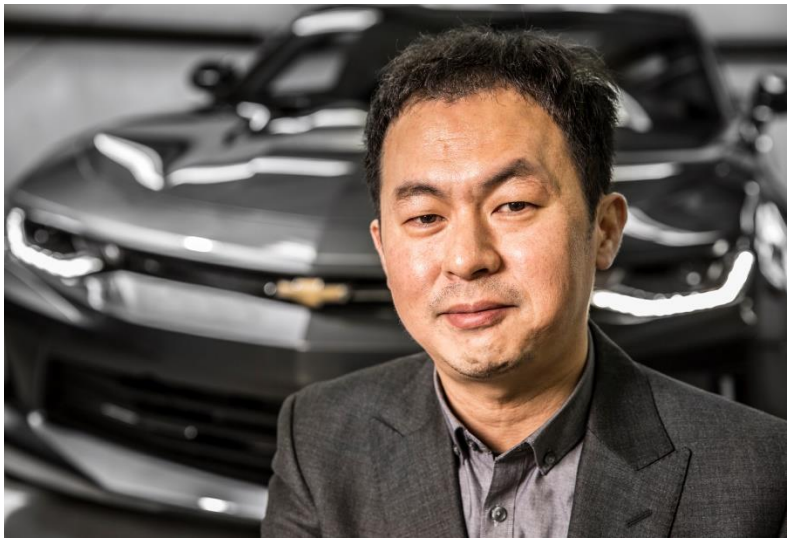
Last November, the Chevrolet Find New Roads Trip came to Warren G. Magnusson Park, and PNWCC was there to meet it. The designated Saturday morning welcomed Chevrolet to town in true Northwest fashion with a nonstop drizzle. Finding the right entrance to the park was a little difficult, but we were fortunate enough to spot the unmistakable shape of a blue 2016 Camaro splashing through the rain ahead of us. It was simply a matter of catching up to it and following it from there. Parking turned out to be a little tighter than expected. A Chevrolet rep told me that when they had been coordinating with park management during the planning stages, they were led to believe that there would more parking space than they actually got. Nonetheless, the rain may have kept a lot of people away, and for the most part, the parking was adequate for the number of Camaros that showed up.



Once a Naval Air Station, Magnuson Park still retains some of the buildings from that era. The venue provided to Chevrolet was instantly recognizable as an old hangar, which somehow seemed an appropriate backdrop for the displays (as well as a welcome refuge from the rain). Chevrolet was promoting other car lines besides the Camaro, and there were other models on display such as the Volt, and Corvette, as well as some others that, admittedly, I wasn't looking at. Like most of the enthusiasts that showed up, I was there to see the Camaro. I wasn't disappointed. The new 6th gen was well represented. Examples were parked in and around the hangar. More kept showing up as the day went on.

When PNWCC was invited to see a pre-production model of the 2016 Camaro at Seattle Center earlier in the year, we weren't allowed to touch it. This time we were not only allowed to touch it; we were pretty much given free rein to sit in, look under the hood, and even get some practice detailing it. (Licking the car was frowned upon.) Maggie just about had a religious experience sitting in the driver's seat and playing with all the features available at her fingertips.

Among the crew accompanying the Chevrolets on their journey, I noticed a man quietly hovering near the Camaro intently watching our reactions as we explored the new exterior. He told me that he had designed the exterior and that he was there to answer any questions we might have about it. Oh, *did I have questions.* As it turned out, he was none other than Hwasup Lee, and he wasn't kidding about designing the exterior, he's the Lead Exterior Designer of the 6th Gen Camaro, *and* the C7 Corvette!



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Hwasup was a wealth of information, and gave me a whole new insight on how the next generation came into being. I learned that his design team was first given a crash course on the history of the Camaro brand and what it means to us. They looked closely at models from throughout the Camaro's storied past, and were encouraged to draw inspiration from what they saw. I also learned that much of the new exterior was as much about function as it was beauty. GM invested in hundreds of hours of wind tunnel testing to make a Camaro that slipped through the air with less resistance and noise than its predecessor. No detail escaped their attention. Even the shape of the new side view mirrors is the result of intensive design and testing to reduce noise. Mr. Lee was kind enough to spend a great deal of time talking to me. I finally had force myself to stop and let him go get some of the lunch that Chevrolet had catered in for us. But before we had finished speaking, I had definitely gained the impression that what he was telling me was far more than someone promoting a product. I could tell he loved what he does, and that he takes a great deal of pride in his work.

TECHNOLOGY

FIND NEW ROADS TRIP

PNWCC 2016 Calendar of Events

Mar 12 11AM Meet & Eat/ Chocolate Walk, Snohomish. Meet for lunch at the Buzz Inn, Snohomish ant then walk around Historic Downtown Snohomish checking out tasty treats. Tickets go on sale Feb 1.
Mar 25-27 Rod A Rama. First car show of the year. Puyallup Fair Grounds.
Mar 26, 8AM, CCC, Bremerton. Bremerton Motorsports Racers! Start your engines! First race of the year!
Mar 26 5PM Club Meeting, Burien Round Table, Burien.
April 1 – 3 Portland Swap Meet, Portland. The place to go for those parts. That's what the boys tell me….
April 16 1PM Tour Lemay. A couple of our members have their cars on display. Let's go check them out!
April 23 8AM 35th Tulip Rallye, Burlington. Annual event hosted by the MG Club. Pre-registration form: http://www.fiatnorthwest.org/pages/tulip-rallye.pdf
April 30 8AM CCC, Bremerton. Bremerton motorsports.
April 30 5PM Club meeting, Burien Round Table, Burien.
May 7 8AM CCC Bremerton Raceways, Bremerton Motorsports
May 14 – 15 Monroe Swap Meet
May 14 8AM CCC Bremerton
May 20 4PM CCC Pacific Raceways
May 21 Cruise to XXX Burgers, Issaquah. Club meeting and cruise
May 28 8AM CCC Bremerton Motorsports
May 28 5PM Hot Rod Hall of Fame Dinner
June 3-5 Camaro's in the Cellar, Yakima. One of my favorite week end get-a-ways. Weather is always good, the wine is great and the company, can't be beat. Booking information to follow.
June 10 CCC Pacific Raceways
June 17 CCC Pacific Raceways
June 17-20 Cruising to Montana. The club is interested in how many would people would like to participate a run to Glacier Park in Montana. We also get to see some old friends along the way.
June 18 Columbia River Camaro Car Show, Indio Spirits, Portland.
June 23 – 26 Sturgis Camaro Rally. If you haven't done this event, do so. The organizers have a lot of events planned, if you choose not to do those, the sights are amazing!
July 3 NW Hall of Fame Show, XXX Burgers, Issaquah
July 8 4PM CCC, Pacific Raceways
July 15 4PM CCC, Pacific Raceways
July 16 PNWCC Rally TBD
July 17 All Camaro Show, XXX Burgers, Issaquah. Mark the date! Calling ALL Camaros!
July 24 British Columbia Camaro Club car show TBD
July 29 Goodguys Drags
July 30 – 31 Goodguys Car Show, Puyallup
July 30 Club Meeting. Location TBD
Aug 1 – 6 Hot August Nights, Reno
Aug 6 – 8 NHRA Drags
Aug 12 4PM CCC, Pacific Raceways
Aug 13 5th Annual Wally's Camaro Meet, Wally's Drive-In, Buckley
Aug 19-22 Revyfest. Revelstoke, B.C., Canada. A great cruise through some of the most beautiful scenery. Please contact me for booking information
Aug 21 Snoqualmie Railroad Days Car Show, Snoqualmie.
Aug 27 2nd Annual Carbonado Show & Shine.
Aug 27 Club Meeting, Location TBD
Sept Camaro's in the Sands TBD
Sept 9 – 11 End of the World Rod Run, Long Beach, WA
Sept 10 GM Nationals, Pacific Raceways. The Car show of all Car shows.
Sept 24 Club Meeting Location TBD
October Mt St Helen's Cruise TBD
Oct 8 Dwayne Lanes
Oct Halloween Car Show, Garage Plus. TBD
Oct 29 5PM Club Meeting, Burien Round Table, Burien. Nominees for board members.
Nov 12 Awards Banquet Location TBD
Nov 19 Club Meeting, Burien Round Table, Burien. Voting in the board.
Dec 3 Christmas Party. Location TBD

Jan/Feb Birthdays:

Larry DeCamp 2/25	Brett Davis 2/28	Nicklas Lidstrom 2/13
Alison Harris 2/9	Kristi Griffith 1/11	Wyatt Daniel 2/1
Bailey Buonocore 2/11	Laura Kosko 1/20	Chris Voigt Jr 1/9
Wanda Mobraten 1/31	Kyra Becker 2/5	Jenifer Jagnow 2/23
Debbi Montgomery 1/15	Maggie Gregory 1/7	Joanne Cox 1/8
Laura Scharf 2/25	Chris Harper 1/23	Betty Yoder 1/15
Karen Nidermayer 2/29	Eileen Thompson 1/16	Barbara DeCamp 1/23
Chuck Holmes 1/15	Chuck Kelstrom 1/25	Dr. Sue Sykes 1/12
Dick Perry 2/18	Randy Rogers 1/2	Lori Neckermann 1/15
John Serben 2/15	James Nance 2/22	Gary Lentz, Sr. 2/16
Jim Scharf 1/30	Dan Mueller 1/29	Ted Chetnik 2/4
Michael Pineda 1/10	Jim Sorenson 2/18	Bruce Mercer 2/13
Sue Pierce 2/3	Rick Rohweder 2/6	Neil Buus 2/24
Trevor Maxworth 1/28	Chelsea Waters 1/9	Rick Jones 1/24
	Ken Nylin 1/29	

Anniversaries:

Sam & Sue Besser 2/29 Marc & Cindie Goodwin 1/22 Sue & Jason Pierce 1/10

Scott & Rachel Hanline 1/29 Don & Judy Fenton 2/14

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NEW MEMBER _____ OR RENEWAL _____

NAME:_____ DATE:_____

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Would you like to receive your newsletter by (check one): ____EMAIL ____REGULAR MAIL ____BOTH

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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