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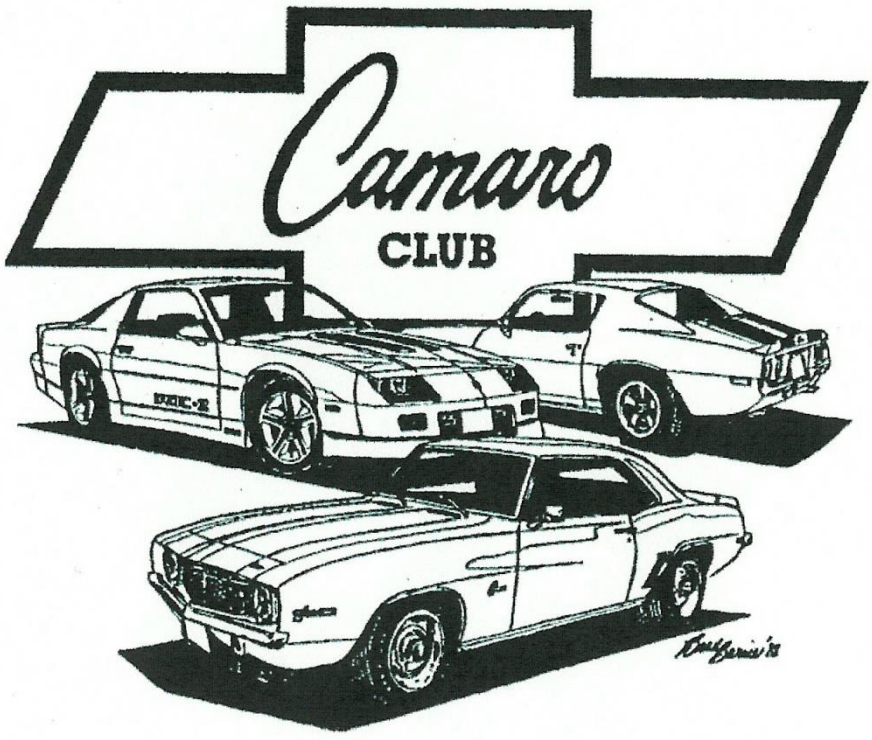

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Treasurer's Corner

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.

From the Editor

Summer is over, which leaves some of us wondering, "It's over?! When did it start?" We've somehow survived the great wind storm of 2016 that never happened, and are still trying to survive the great windstorm that is the 2016 presidential election season.

I'm admittedly a little behind, so this issue will feature a couple of catch-up articles from July and August. This summer also saw the beginning of celebrations of the Camaro's 50th birthday. Car Club Racing Season wrapped up with wins, and some losses that were a little hard to take. Fall brought the GM Nationals, a cruise to Mt. St. Helens, and once again, PNWCC has its own election.

At least we can take some comfort in the knowledge that our PNWCC officer elections were far less painless than the national circus that has been going on all year. This fall also marks the end of my second term as Vice President and editor of this newsletter. I'm looking forward to handing over both positions to my successor. Not sure what the future holds for me yet; I might be around the newsletter in some capacity for a while to come. But just in case, I want to thank everybody right now for all the support and kind words.

Drive wild and take chances! *-GG*

Articles and Activities:

And the results are in….

Please welcome your new Pacific Northwest Camaro Club board for 2017:

Sam Besser- President

Sara Giba- Vice President

Dan Morgan- Secretary

Natalie Schaefer- Activities Director

Rick Jones will be continuing as Treasurer

The meeting was held on Saturday, November 19th. All candidates were running unopposed. A vote was called for in order to maintain compliance with the club charter*. A simple yes or no vote was held, and all new board members were confirmed with a majority "yes" vote from the membership present at the meeting.

The charter provides that the new board members will take office at a mutually agreeable time, between the November election meeting, and the following January general meeting.

The incoming (and returning former) President elect, wanted me to remind everyone about the upcoming Club Christmas Party, yearly planning meeting, and to pass along the info for the January board and general meetings.

The Christmas Party will be December 3rd at Gary and Natalie Schaefer's home. (Details will be sent to members.) The planning meeting is 1:00, January 8th, at Dale and Jean's house.The January board meeting is Jan 23 6:30 PM at Billy McHales in Federal Way, and the PNWCC General meeting is Jan 28 at 5:00 at Round Table Pizza in Burien. (The board meeting is open to all members.)

Congratulations to all our new board members!

*Section III: *Officers and Representatives*, Item 1: *The PNWCC, at its November general membership meeting, will elect officers and representatives by a majority vote from among its members present.*

Camaro Fifty Kicks off in Lansing

In August of this year, a celebration was held at multiple locations in Michigan to kick off the 50th Anniversary of the Camaro. It started on Thursday, the 18th of August in Lansing Michigan at the Grand River Production Facility, the current location of Camaro production. Tours were given of the new state of the art facility. Parking was provided for 500 Camaros of all generations, and there were displays of milestone vehicles, put on by GM.

The party shifted to Detroit the next day, with a "Camaros and Coffee" event put on in the parking lot of Joe Louis Arena (Home of the Detroit Red Wings). The celebration culminated the next day with the 50th Anniversary Edition Camaro leading the Camaro contingent in the vaunted Woodward Dream Cruise.

All Camaro Show 2016 Pictures

2015 Camaro SS
Commemorative Edition

ACS Best of Show 2016

Team GM Repeats Season Triumph

By Mike Cox

Congrats TEAM GM!!! Champs for the 2016 season!!! I just was announced season champion 1st place for Bremerton!!! I can't believe it!!! Back to back 2015-2016

Congrats so Don Berry for third overall at Bremerton!!!! Back to back 2015-2016

Congrats to Larry DeCamp for third overall at Pacific Raceways!!! 2016 pacific third overall and 2015 Pacific track champion!

Short of the rainouts; great season team!!!

Thank you to all team members: Dan Harper, Ken Nylin, Tom Garvin, Don Berry, Jan Christ, Candy Caldwell, Fred Ficarra, Steve Sauro, Eric Canzler, Craig Smith, Jasin Bravo, Larry Decamp, Dennis Deskey, Jim Warner, Howard C Mackert, Jene Tucker, Kim Stacy, Mike Arguello, Rick Jones, Jeanette Wallace, Andy Collins, and the rest of the folks that came out to race; I'm sorry if I forgot anyone.

Happy Racing!!

New Member Spotlight

The addition of online membership application and payment has opened a new door to membership in PNWCC. Thanks to the efforts of Club Webmaster Robert Copeland, people can now submit their application for membership, and pay dues directly from the club website. On September 23rd, Robert reported that we had received our first unsolicited online membership application with payment from Elmer Talavera. Since then, the total has risen to 9 as of November 6th. The most recent one, having the distinction of being from *Germany!*

Yes, that's right, Germany. And no, that doesn't mean that PNWCC has gone international. As you've probably already guessed, it comes from one of our US servicemen based in Germany. But the fact that he managed to find us, and join via the web is a nice way to establish that PNWCC has finally entered the 21st century.

Our latest new members names are (SFC) John and Amy Drummond, and with John's permission, I'm sharing part of his story from his application:

(Owns) 2016 2LT V6, Mosaic Black Metallic.
Currently stationed in Grafenwoehr Germany with US Army. Should be returning stateside sometime in Mid 2017 (Fort Lewis). I was a previous Corvette owner (1988 Black C4 model). I have been a fan of the new Camaro since the arrival of the C5 model in 2010. After setting some achievable goals, I was able to purchase a 2016 from Gilchrist Chevrolet and their great team there. I had it shipped out here to Germany and it will be arriving around the 17th of November. I picked the model and my wife picked the color. We are looking forward to breaking her in on the Autobahn and the incredible roads here in Europe. Looking forward to getting some great photos of our travels with her.

We're looking forward to those photos, too! We are also looking forward to your return home next year. Thanks for your service John, and welcome to PNWCC.

Over the Summer…

Along the way to team GM's triumph, there was some tragedy to report; Thankfully, not any human tragedy, but a traumatic experience for two members nonetheless. On July 8th, the rain that had plagued the entire 2016 season made its presence known at Pacific Raceways, cutting the races short. Mike Cox and Eric Canzler called it a night and headed off into the rainy night.

On 405 through Belvue, Mike lost control on the rain soaked roadway. His '93 Camaro spun several times before being struck by another vehicle and pushed into the retaining wall. After exchanging information with the other driver, Mike managed to limp the damaged car home.

Eric Canzler was traveling some distance behind Mike on 405 by this time. He was not aware of what had happened. When he reached roughly the same stretch in Belvue, *he too* lost control of his yellow 5th gen, and crashed.

Fortunately no one was injured in either accident. But sadly, both cars have been written off by insurers. Let's hope everything goes smoothly, and they're both back in the race next year.

And Yet Another Crash…Sort of.

In August, the PNWCC website went down. Webmaster Robert Copeland went to work on it. It turned out to be no easy fix. Robert ended up investing a great deal of time and effort into fixing the problem(s). He even had to call in a few favors from friends to get the job done. Eventually he got the website back up and running, and it's been working well ever since.

On a side note, Robert has been instrumental in creating our new online application and payment option. As mentioned earlier, it's already paying off with several new members and renewals. And as you've seen, it's made it possible for a serviceman stationed on the other side of the world to join with ease and convenience. If you're buying car parts online from places like Summit or Classic Industries, or used parts on Ebay, it's probably a safe bet that you are familiar with Pay-Pal and already have an account. The next time your membership is due for renewal, go to PNWCC.com and use the links to pay electronically.

Please join me in thanking Robert for all his time and hard work. I'd hate to think where we'd be right now without him and his abilities!

RevyFest 2016 by Maggie Gregory

Aug 19 -21 Revelstoke, B.C., Canada

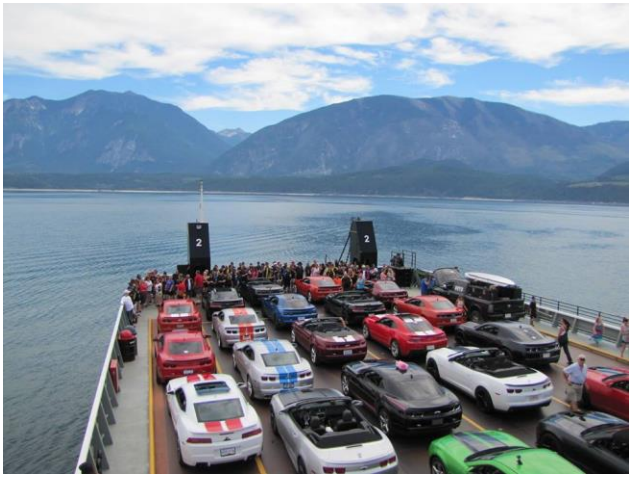
This year was the 5th Annual Revyfest. What's Revyfest? Camaro enthusiasts from B.C., Alberta, Washington and now Oregon and Nebraska meet at Craigellachie, The Last Spike, just south of Revelstoke to begin a week end of fun.

For the "Emerald State" group, we started our cruise North at Smokey Point, from there I lead the group to my home town of Lillooet, B.C.. We travelled up the Trans Canada to Lytton, turned off the Trans Canada to the scenic route to Lillooet.

We spent Friday night in Lillooet. I also managed to get my 90 year old Mom out for a ride to her favorite spot. She just giggled the whole way. My favorite memory was Mom saying to me, "I haven't hot rodded in ages!" My brother was a gracious host and prepared an awesome dinner of his famous hamburgers and secret recipe onions. Gotta love the locals!

Saturday, we were back on the road to meet up with the “Dogwood” group in Kamloops. Once in formation, we cruise to the meeting stop of the Last Spike, where all the Camaros meet up. The “Wild Rose” group (Alberta) came from the East.

Saturday night is meet and greet. The hotel blocks off most of the parking lot for us, and that’s where you can usually find us.



Sunday, cruise to Nakusp, via an awesome ferry ride, for the “Show in the Park”. We raise money for the local charities there. The locals love watching us pull in and then the car show. After the show, we enjoyed a dinner at the LeLand, B.C.’s oldest hotel.

Monday head ‘er home.

Next year on the agenda, at least for me, is the Mountain rollercoaster. Anyone else want to join me?

If you are interested in RevyFest, please contact me at bucky12.mg@gmail.com. This event is open to ALL generations. (And the occasional Corvette!)

GM Nationals 2016 Pictures

Mt St Helen's Cruise by Maggie Gregory

Sept 24, 2016

John and Ginger Svenssen have arranged this cruise to the top of Mt. St. Helen's for the past 4 years. This was another stellar year. The weather was a little daunting heading to the meeting spot, but the sun came out and it was beautiful cruise up to the mountain.

Looking for a good location for a meeting spot, Ginger reached out to the Toledo High School. Ginger had a conversation with the principle, who thought it was a great idea to fill the parking lot with Camaros. He even offered to cook for us as a fundraiser for the Toledo High School Soccer Club. For $5 per person we all got to enjoy a great home cooked breakfast, cooked by the principle himself. PNWCC helped the soccer club raise over $300. The school has already asked us back! Thank you to all who participated.

Ginger even made the local news: http://www.theothertoledo.com/daily-column/09262016-monday-column

It is a common site to have tourists get distracted when they see a herd of Camaros in a parking lot; this is what a few tourist's pictures looked like that day.

John and Ginger graciously opened up their home for a BBQ. It certainly was a great view…..and the company, outstanding.

This Motor Trend article shared courtesy of Sam Besser:

2017 CHEVROLET CAMARO REVIEW: DRIVING THREE CAMAROS WITH PERFORMANCE UPGRADES

On the Track at Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch

Jason Udy Words, Manufacturer PhotosNovember 11, 2016

When the all-new sixth-gen Chevrolet Camaro debuted last year, the car impressed us enough that we named it our 2016 Motor Trend Car of the Year, and the 2017 Camaro SS 1LE placed a respectable fourth out of 12 cars in our 2016 Best Driver's Car competition. Although priced under many cars it beat, that Camaro's $45,700 price tag (with optional PDR) is still a little rich for many muscle car enthusiasts. So Chevy also offers a more affordable 1LE package for the V-6 powered Camaro and many parts can be bought a la carte for those who can't quite afford all those bits up front.

Chevrolet invited us to Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch to sample stock Camaros back-to-back with cars featuring the full list of Chevrolet Performance parts in turbo-four, V-6, and V-8 forms. Keep reading for track driving impressions on 2017 Camaros with Chevrolet Performance parts.

2017 CHEVROLET CAMARO SS WITH EIGHT-SPEED AUTO

First, we hopped into an automatic-transmission 455-hp 2017 Chevrolet Camaro SS fitted with a set of accessory wheels wrapped in stock rubber. Although the stock Camaro SS is a competent handler, the Camaro SS with the same transmission and available Chevrolet Performance bits takes the muscle car's performance to the next level.

Performance parts include an air intake, exhaust ($1,195), six-piston Brembo front brake kit with larger rotors ($3,000), suspension lowering kit (0.75-inch drop) with new springs and matching dampers ($1,500), suspension handling kit with larger stabilizer bars and stiffer suspension links, and V-8 strut tower brace ($195).

With a lower center of gravity and reduced body roll, the modified Camaro SS exhibited sharper handling with noticeably less tire squeal in the corners, all without sacrificing ride quality. More confidence and better braking allowed us to carry more speed through the corners and attain higher speeds along the straights.

Although the Chevrolet Performance bits improve on track performance, not all of the 1LE equipment is offered through the dealer including the four-piston rear brakes, eLSD, upgraded cooling package (engine, transmission, differential), and short-throw shifter. Of note, the 1LE package is only available with the six-speed manual where the Chevrolet Performance parts are available with either transmission. Also the performance air intake is only legal in 37 states.

Chevrolet Performance offers cosmetic upgrades. Our SS tester was fitted with staggered 20-inch wheels and Chevrolet Performance center caps, red rally stripe decal package, ground effects, lower SS grille with red inserts, black fuel door with carbon fiber insert, blade spoiler kit, dark taillights, and black bowtie badges. Interior upgrades include SS logo floor mats, black suede armrest with red stitching, black suede knee pads, sport pedal kit, interior lighting kit. There is also a red LT1 V-8 engine cover.

2017 CHEVROLET CAMARO 2LT WITH 3.6-LITER V-6 AND SIX-SPEED MANUAL

Like the stock SS, the 335-hp 2017 Chevrolet Camaro 2LT with the RS package and 3.6-liter V-6 and six-speed manual rode on a set of 20-inch accessory wheels with stock tires. Although down 120 hp over the SS, the 3.6-liter engine pulls hard on the track and spends most of its time in third gear. Although it's not as crisp on track as the stock Camaro SS, the V-6 powered car is still fairly capable and was predictable on each lap. The pedal placement allows for good heel-toe downshifts.

Next up was the 2017 Chevrolet Camaro 2LT with the 3.6-liter V-6. In addition to the RS package, factory options include the Heavy Duty Cooling & Brake package. Performance enhancing bits include a performance air intake (concept), performance exhaust ($1,095), four-piston Brembo front brake kit ($2,000), suspension lowering kit ($1,500), suspension handling kit (concept), and short-throw shifter (concept).

Like the modified SS, the Camaro V-6 with Chevrolet Performance upgrades is more confident in the corners with flatter handling. Though without the SS model's full FE3 suspension kit, the V-6 with Chevrolet Performance bits doesn't feel quite as complete as the stock SS car – that's where the Camaro V-6 1LE comes in. Although there are no power claims for the air intake or exhaust pieces, the freer-flowing intake and reduced back pressure give a more responsive feel. The exhaust even makes the V-6 engine sound more aggressive.

Cosmetic upgrades include a red V-6 engine cover, 20-inch accessory wheels and center caps with stock tires, body side decal, ground effects, silver upper and lower grille insert for LT, black fuel door with carbon fiber insert, blade spoiler, dark taillights, and black bowtie emblems. Inside, the Camaro 2LT features logo floor mats, logo armrest, sport pedal kit, gloss black door trim, and red knee pads.

2017 CHEVROLET CAMARO 2LT WITH 2.0-LITER TURBO-FOUR AND SIX-SPEED MANUAL

The stock 275-hp 2017 Chevrolet Camaro 2LT with the RS package and 2.0-liter turbocharged I-4 and six-speed manual (read the Camaro vs. Mustang turbo-four comparison HERE) rode on a set of 20-inch forged wheels with stock tires. Don't let its power rating fool you—with the lightest front end and the same suspension as the stock V-6 car, the turbo 2.0-liter is fun to toss around the track.

Without a 1LE package for Camaro models equipped with the turbo 2.0-liter, Chevrolet Performance offers several upgrades. The base car gets some of the familiar upgrades, including a performance exhaust ($1,595), suspension lowering kit ($1,500), suspension handling kit (concept), and short-throw shifter (concept). Curiously, the modified car we drove had the same six-piston Brembo front brake kit ($3,000) as the SS and not the four-piston Brembo kit on the V-6 car. Other performance bits include a wicker-bill spoiler ($395) and a set of front Recaro seats.

The suspension changes really wake the base car up, and although we don't expect a Camaro 1LE on the turbo-four model, the base car with the Chevrolet Performance bits would make a great autocross car—just look at the Camaro AutoX concept from the 2016 SEMA auto show.

Other cosmetic pieces include a red engine cover, 20-inch forged wheels and center caps wrapped in stock tires, Chevrolet Performance decal, black front fascia extension, red upper and lower grille inserts, black fuel door with exposed carbon fiber insert, blade spoiler, dark taillights, rear blackout decal, and black bowtie emblems. Inside there are logo floor mats, black suede armrests with gray stitching, sport pedal kit, red door trim, and black suede knee pads.

Although none of the air intake and exhaust upgrades come with any power gain ratings, they do make all three engines feel more responsive and add a more authoritative tone. Even though the 1LE is only available on six- and eight-cylinder Camaro coupes with the manual transmission, Chevrolet Performance parts are available to maximize performance and enjoyment for all three engines including the 2.0-liter turbo-four and cars with the eight-speed auto as well as convertible models.

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Events

Dec 3 Christmas Party - The Schaefer's *Time and address will be provided directly to membership.*
(We do not publish or post member addresses publicly.) Contact Events Director Maggie Gregory for any questions.
2017 Planning Meeting- The planning meeting has been changed to Dale and Jean's, January 8th, 1pm.
January Board Meeting- Jan 23 6:30 PM at Billy McHales in Federal Way.
General meeting- Jan 28 at 5:00 at Round Table.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBER _____ OR RENEWAL _____

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