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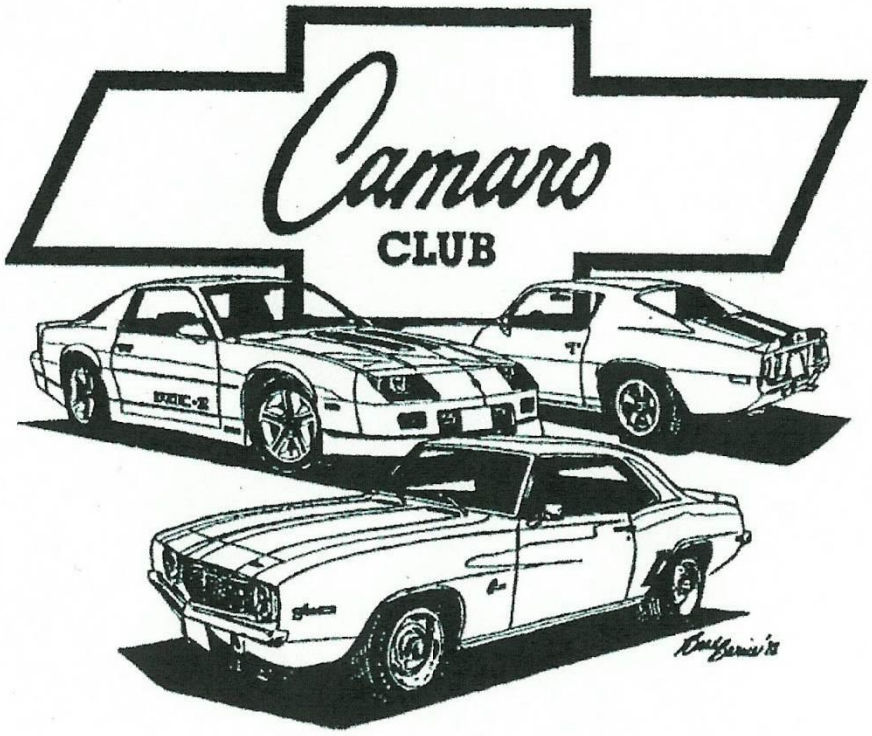

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Drive!

This time of year most of our Camaros are put away for the winter, waiting for that first sunny day of spring before we bring them out of hiding. Some of us are making off-season improvements, or taking care of those maintenance items that are always needed during this down time.

I was thinking about what it is that I really like to do with my Camaro. I love to drive! I'm not talking about that commute to and from work, in the rain and dark. I'm talking about driving somewhere you really want to go. Here are some of my favorite drives:

* Headed to the next town or county to see good friends

* Making that annual trip to the State fair in Monroe

* Headed out on a mini-vacation staying over a night or two at a favorite spot

* Driving across several states to visit parents or other relatives

* Going on an adventure to Oregon, Montana, or British Columbia

* Waking up to a beautiful day and driving to work on the back roads instead of the freeway

* Driving across town to the local hot spot on cruise night and checking out all the cars

* Crossing half the country to see the US Nationals drag race on Labor Day weekend

I could go on and on. You see, I really like driving places, and I especially enjoy taking a Camaro. It can be even more fun when you travel with a group of friends!

Where do you like to drive?

This year club members will be driving to Portland in March and April for the Roadster Show and their big Swap Meet, driving to Yakima June 2-4 (Camaros in the Cellar), the North Cascades Loop with an overnight in Winthrop June 16-18, and of course to the XXX Drive In in Issaquah on July 16th for our annual All Camaro Show. These are just a few of the places we are going in the first half of the year year. I hope that you will come out and join us, because the more people participate, the more fun we all have!

Before we get too far into our new year, I want to offer up a big "Thank You" to the 2016 club board: President Don Berry, VP Gary Gregory, Secretaries Kevin Ames and Jeanette Wallace, Treasurer Rick Jones, and Activities Director Maggie Gregory and all others who gave support to our club!

Sam Besser

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Treasurer's Corner

2016 PNWCC SHIRTS

We still have some 2016 shirts available. 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.

Growing Up Camaro

January 2017

By Donald Drake

Camaro! Six generations, Z28, SS, RS, LT1, COPO, Yenko–I love them all! But I have a soft spot in my heart for the 1st and 2nd generations. I grew up a car kid, as my Dad owned a used car lot, *Easy Way Auto*, in Great Falls, Montana, my hometown. He bought and sold thousands of cars in the '60s, '70s and early '80s, and I remember digging through all the old car deals. In the late 70's, I especially remember seeing deals on all kinds of cars–Camaro, Corvette, Chevelle, Firebird, Cutlass 442, GTO, and many other non-GM cars.

I turned 15 in 1980 and started working as a lot boy at the dealership and this is when I started my love affair with the Chevrolet Camaro. I remember sitting in class during high-school thinking about two black Camaro Z28's that sat on the point at my dad's lot. The point was the best spot on the lot because it was the first spot you saw when passing the dealership on 10th Ave South. You see, part of my job as lot boy was to wash the cars and that day I planned to start with the black '78 Z and then do the black '77 Z. Just thinking about driving those 2 black beauties around the block to give them a wash sparked my love for Camaro's.

Fast forward to 1985 and I am working as a car salesman at DJ's motors for the summer after my sophomore year of college since my Dad had sold his dealership. He was selling RV's at DJ's RV's. Much of Great Falls economy depends on the Air Force base there and I sold several cars to airman that summer including my first deal, a brand-new Mazda RX7. Later in the summer I sold a pickup to an airman and he traded in a blue 1978 Camaro Z28 and I just had to figure out a way to own it. I had a 1972 El-Camino at the time and was able to sell it for $1,200. I then was able to fool the bank into giving me a loan for $1,200 based on working at DJ's but not mentioning I was leaving for school in a month-I owned my first Camaro. I drove the heck out of that car, including it being the first car that I broke 120 mph in not to mention also getting it stuck in the snow after foolishly thinking that I could get through that drift down the hill when there were already several trucks stuck off the road. Great car but I wore it out and had no money to fix it up so I traded in in a few years later on a GMC pickup.

Much later in 1998, graduated, married with a year-old son and a daughter on the way, I was paging through an Auto Trader (yes, they were still in print at that time) when I saw a red '69 Camaro on the corner of a picture of another car for sale. I thought *what the heck* and I called Mark at Memory Lane to see if he still had the Camaro I saw in the background. He did so I took a trip down to take a look. It was simply the coolest and nicest Camaro I had seen to that point.

It turned out the be a real Z but the original 302 was blown and replaced with a nicely built 350, which was great for me as it made it affordable enough to pick it up. I babied this car and only drove it on sunny days but at the time I thought it would be cool to have a matching numbers ‘69 Z28 so I kept my eyes open for one.

A year later Mark at Memory Lane called me to let me know he got in a rally green 1969 Z28 RS with matching numbers and a 4 speed. After another visit to Memory Lane I now owned another ‘69 Z but this time a matching numbers version with an RS package to boot. Again, I babied and only drove her on sunny days. I wish I could say I owned her for a good long time but the kids were getting a little older and the family wanted to get into boating. So, I sold the Z and we bought a boat. That’s another long story but simply said we had lots of fun, met good friends, and had great trips to the San Juan Islands, Canadian Gulf Islands and even up to Desolation Sound.

In 2015, out of boating, kids heading to college it was time to get another Camaro but this time it had to be an early 2nd generation. As a kid, I remember going to many car auctions with my dad and watching him work his magic biding on cars for his inventory, so I decided to go to the Mecum Auction, get a bidder’s badge and give it a go. I had a short list of two 2nd generation Camaro’s that I was interested in at the auction including this 71 RestoMod and Sam’s 70 SS396.

When the '71 was heading up to the block I told my wife to take a look at the silver Camaro coming up for bid. She came back a few minutes later and told me is was super cool but there was just one problem. It was being followed up the line by several people looking closely so there were lots of interested bidders. Next thing I know with the Camaro on the block, the biding was fast and furious and my hand was in the air and I was the current bidder! Another bid comes and I hear the reserve is OFF and my bidder assistant, and new best friend, tells me one more bid and I think we will have it. I nod, the auctioneer says SOLD, SOLD, SOLD and I excitedly fly up out of my seat and am now the owner of this beautiful silver Camaro.

It's been an up and down journey so far with many awards won, 6 months at Lemay Auto Museum in a RestoMod exhibit and many of you may remember this car as the Camaro that got hit on the way to last year's All-Camaro show by a deer. Four weeks in the shop and it's all better.

I look forward to many more years of joy with my favorite and forever Camaro.

Members' Corner

February 2017

By Sara Giba

Hello fellow Camaro enthusiasts!

So I've been thinking—when I first joined the PNWCC a year ago and met many of you for the first time at the Coho Café Meet and Eat event in Issaquah, I remember thinking, *whoa, this is daunting! Who are these people! How do I possibly get to know everyone!* So I decided to try out a new way of introducing members to all of you.

Each issue, for as long as I'm doing the newsletter, I thought I'd feature a member or two and their cars. It gives us an opportunity to put faces to cars to names and to honors. So, let's give this a shot! Please send submissions to me if you wish to be featured in the newsletter. This edition's welcome wagon belongs to Mr. Ken Nylin!

BIO: Ken purchased this sexy beast March 14, 2015 from Jet Chevrolet with 9500 miles on it after trading in his 2010 RS. As of January, 2017, it has 37,000 miles and Ken takes pride in driving hard every day while still being able to maintain a show worthy vehicle. It's had a long history ending up at no less than four dealerships before finding its way to Jet and ultimately Ken.

2013 Black ZL1
Exterior:
Oracle Color shift halo rings. (Thanks to John Sutton).
LED side markers, DRL and fog lights.
Factory Reproduction wheels.
JDP Motorsports front tow hook.

Interior:
Hurst Shift lever.
Aeroforce Technology Interceptor Gauge pod.

1600 watt sound system including 22" LCD (Removable "Party in the Trunk") for Seahawks tail gating and car shows.

Engine:
K&N carbon fiber cold air intake.
Elite Engineering catch can.

Honors:
Car Club Challenge-1st place. May 7th, 2016, Bremerton Raceway
All Camaro Show-Class Winner. July 17th, 2016, XXX Root Beer, Issaquah
Northwest GM Nationals-Top 25. September 10th, 2016, Pacific Raceways, Kent

PNWCC Upcoming Events 2017

Jan 24	6:30PM Board Meeting, Renton Round Table
	4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round Table Pizza
	5PM PNWCC General Meeting, Round Table Pizza
Jan 28	Please bring nonperishable food items for Northwest Harvest
Feb 10-11	Corvette High Performance Swap Meet
Feb 21	6:30PM Board Meeting, Renton Round Table
Feb 25	4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round, Table Pizza
	5PM PNWCC General Meeting, Round Table Pizza
	Please bring a non-perishable food items for Northwest Harvest.
Mar 4	8AM Caffine & Cool Cars, Jim Green's Monroe
Mar 17-18	Portland Rodster Show, Portland
Mar 21	6:30PM Board Meeting, Location TBD
Mar 25	4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round table pizza, Burien
	5PM PNWCC General Meeting, Round Table Pizza, Burien
	Please bring a non-perishable food items for Northwest Harvest.
April 1	8AM Car Club Challenge (CCC) Bremerton Motorsports, Bremerton Go Team GM
April 7-8	Portland Swap Meet, Portland
April 8	Hot Rod Hall of Fame dinner TBD
April 22	Tulip Rally, Burlington http://www.tuliprallye.org/
April 25	6:30PM Board Meeting, Location TBD
April 29	4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round table pizza, Burien
	5PM PNWCC General Meeting, Round Table Pizza, Burien
	Please bring a non-perishable food items for Northwest Harvest.
May 8	8AM CCC Bremerton Motorsports, Bremerton
May 19	4PM CCC Pacific Raceways, Kent
May 13	Autocross – TBD
May 23	6:30PM Board Meeting, Location TBD
May 27	4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round table pizza, Burien
	5PM PNWCC General Meeting, Round Table Pizza, Burien
	Please bring a non-perishable food items for Northwest Harvest.
June 2	4PM CCC, Pacific Raceways, Kent
June 2-4	Camaro's in the Cellar, Yakima
June 9	4PM CCC Pacific Raceways, Kent
June 16	4PM CCC Pacific Raceways, Kent
June 16-18	North Cascades Loop Getaway. Overnight in Winthrup.
June 20	6:30PM Board Meeting
June 24	4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round table pizza, Burien
	5PM Please bring a non-perishable food items for Northwest Harvest.

June 22-25 7th Annual Camaro Rally, Sturgis, SD. http://www.sturgiscamarorally.com/
June 29-July 2 Cache Valley Cruise, Logan UT http://www.cachevalleycruisein.net/
July 2 7AM Hot Rod Hall of Fame Car Show, XXX Burgers, Issaquah
July 15 8AM CCC, Bremerton Motorsports, Bremerton
July 15 Pre-ACS Car Rally and BBQ – TBD
July 16 8AM ALL-Camaro Show, XXX Burgers, Issaquah
July 22 8AM CCC, Bremerton Motorsports, Bremerton
July 21-23 Apricot Fest, Lillooet, BC, Canada, Contact Maggie Gregory bucky12.mg@gmail.com for information.
July 25 6:30PM Board Meeting
July 29 Monroe Race Track. Celebrating the Camaro's 50th Birthday with Sprint Cars. More details to follow. Club meeting included.
Aug 11 4PM CCC, Pacific Raceways, Kent
Aug 12 10AM 6th Annual Camaro Meet at Wally's, Buckley
Aug 19 Abbotsford Car Show, Abbotsford, BC More info to follow
Aug 18-21 6th Annual RevyFest, Revelstoke, BC. Contact Maggie Gregory bucky12.mg@gmail.com for information
Aug 19 8AM CCC Bremerton Motorsports, Bremerton
Aug 22 6:30PM Board Meeting
Aug 25 4PM CCC Pacific Raceways, Kent
Aug 26 Cruise Yakima River Canyon, State Route 821.
Sept 8-10 End of the World Rod Run, Long Beach, WA
Sept 9 Langley Show (50 Camaros), Langley, BC.
Sept 9 8AM CCC Bremerton Motorsports, Bremerton
Sept 16 8AM GM Nationals, Pacific Raceways, Kent
Sept 16 8AM CCC Bremerton Motorsports, Bremerton
Sept 23 Mt St Helen's Run – TBD
Sept 26 6:30PM Board Meeting
Sept 30 4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round table pizza, Burien
5PM Please bring a non-perishable food items for Northwest Harvest.
Oct Cider Cruise – TBD
Oct 14 Movies, Potatoes and Pasta, The Morgan's are hosting.
Oct 24 6:30PM Board Meeting
Oct 28 4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round table pizza, Burien
5PM Please bring a non-perishable food items for Northwest Harvest.
Nov 11 Awards Banquet – TBD
Nov 14 6:30PM Board Meeting
Nov 18 4PM ACS/GMN Meeting Round table pizza, Burien

January Birthdays

Shanna Knope-Jan. 2
Randy Rogers-Jan. 2
Maggie Gregory-Jan. 7
David Powell-Jan. 7
Jaonne Cox-Jan. 8
Michael Pineda-Jan. 10
Chuck Holmes-Jan. 15
Debbi Montgomory-Jan. 15
Lori Neckermann-Jan. 15
Lynn Oliver-Jan. 15
Pam Borsum-Jan. 17
Laura Kosko-Jan.20
Barbara DeCamp-Jan. 23
Chris Harper-Jan. 23
Rick Jones-Jan. 24
Chuck Kelstrom-Jan. 25
Don Spencer-Jan. 26
Trevor Maxworth-Jan. 28
Dan Mueller-Jan. 29
Ken Nylin-Jan. 29

February Birthdays

Wyatt Daneil-Feb. 1
John Leidy-Feb. 2
Sue Pierce-Feb. 3
Ted Chetnik-Feb. 4
Anika Lidstom-Feb. 5
Rick Rohweder-Feb. 6
Alison Harris-Feb. 9
Bailey Buonocore-Feb. 11
Nicklas Lidstrom-Feb. 13
Bruce Mercer-Feb. 13
John Serben-Feb. 15
Jan Christ-Feb. 16
Gary Lentz Sr.-Feb. 16
Dick Perry-Feb. 18
Jim Sorenson-Feb. 18
Jeff Rober-Feb. 21
Zack DeHerrera-Feb. 22
Jennifer Jagnow-Feb. 23
Neil Buus-Feb. 24
Mai Baus-Feb. 24
Larry DeCamp-Feb. 25
Laura Scharf-Feb. 25
Brett Davis-Feb. 28
Karen Nidermayer-Feb. 29

January-February Anniversaries

Larry & Sue Pierce-Jan. 10
Abhishek & Ankita Dasgupta-Jan. 16
Marc & Cindee Goodwin-Jan. 22
Scott & Rachel Hanline-Jan. 29
Don Fenton & Judy Storbakken Fenton-Feb. 14
Kevin & Sue Bakken-Feb. 16
Sam & Sue Besser-Feb. 29

Welcome to Social Media

PNWCC has had a public Facebook page for a few years, this is a public forum welcoming all Camaro enthusiasts. A place to ask questions regarding anything from what tires to buy to who is your favorite painter. It is a great place to share events that are happening in your neck of the woods. You are our eyes and ears out there and appreciate you sharing local events. Natalie and I are trying to create local events, from the next race day to car shows, check under the events tabs to see what's happening next.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/pacificnorthwestcamaroclub/

Our friends to the North, the Vancouver Camaro Club, has this great involvement tool, "Happening now". As they are either participating in Camaro events or doing something with their Camaros, they share starting the headline with "Happening now…." I am looking forward to seeing your Facebook posts…."Happening now…".

This year, a closed PNWCC Insiders page has been created. This is only available to the current membership. On this page, the events that are for club-members only, from the getaways to the Christmas Party, will be found under the events tab. We love promoting the Camaro and we're happy to have over a thousand members on our main Facebook page. But, while we love sharing with all Camaro lovers, we also recognize that you joined our club for a reason.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/PNWCCinsiders/

If you'd like to join PNWCC and have access to the PNWCC insiders page, go to the PNWCC website membership page and either join via the online application or mail it in:

http://www.pnwcc.com/membership-info/

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Maggie Gregory

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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NEW MEMBER _____ OR RENEWAL _____

NAME:_____ DATE:_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____ STATE:_____ ZIP:_____

PHONE#: _____ ALT PHONE#: _____

EMAIL:_____ ALT EMAIL: _____

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)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

ANNIVERSAY (mm/dd):_____

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

OTHER INFO/REMARKS:_____

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How did you find out about PNWCC? (circle one): Friend Website Facebook Google/Bing

or other source?_____

Interests (circle all that apply): Cruising Shows Drag Racing Restoring Modifying

or other: _____

Please mail this application with check/cash for membership dues of **$20.00** - checks payable to:

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