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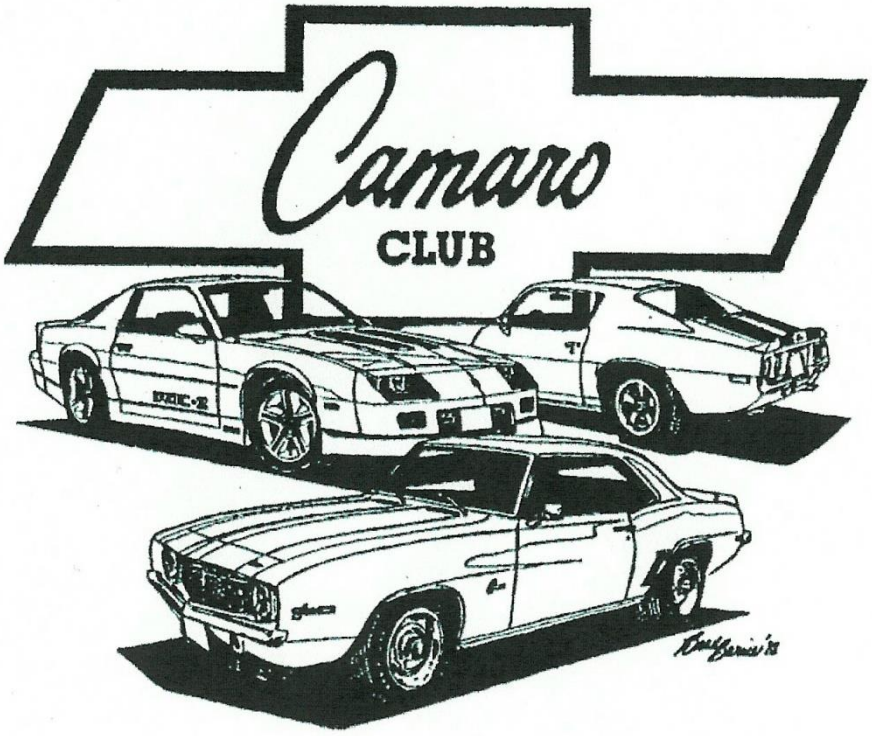

July-August 2017

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Cruising into Autumn

August 2017

NOTE: Member of the Year voting comes at our October 28 general meeting, and nominations for 2018 club leadership positions are opened. Come and vote for the member you think contributed the most to the club this year. At our November 18th meeting (held early because of Thanksgiving) we will elect next year's leaders. Please consider committing your time to supporting the club, or talk your friend or neighbor into doing it! Both meetings are at 5:00 PM at the Burien Round Table Pizza.

August 31, 2017 - Wow! I can't believe summer is almost gone! As I am writing this, I look out my window and see… rain? There is a light, misty rain falling on us. We have had only two hundredths of an inch of rain since June 18, a stretch of 74 days (two and a half months!) However, the thermometer is predicted to be back into the 90's by Monday (Labor Day).

There have been a lot of fun events for the club this year; over the past two months we have held our All Camaro Show at the XXX Drive-In, Issaquah. The All Camaro Show was another success, raising over $2,000 and providing a good time for all who attended or helped with the show. Randy Rogers was outstanding and sometimes hilarious as our trophy announcer, we hope to welcome him back every year!

We also attended the Sixth Annual Meet at Wally's in Buckley. If you haven't gone to this yet, be sure to put it on next year's calendar. It's a nice relaxing day, parked on a grassy field, with some great friends and great food from Wally's Drive-In. This year the Meet raised over $2,000 for Fisher House, doubling last year's contribution!

Before Wally's, we were invited to Evergreen Speedway to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Camaro's introduction. We had about 40 Camaros there, and Evergreen showed their appreciation by giving us free entry to the races, and also thanking us over the PA system during the races. It was pretty loud, as the alcohol burning, 600 hp winged Sprint cars were there for their annual show.

After Wally's, we had a contingent go to the Revelstoke, BC Camaro meet. Sue and I went to Revelstoke, and we had a great time! It's a little ski town set in the Canadian Rockies and boy is it beautiful country, set with peaks reaching above the tree line, beautiful valleys, and lakes all around. The Revelstoke event also raised over $2,400 dollars Canadian which was donated to the local food bank.

Finally, at the end of August we cruised to Yakima for our monthly meeting. The highlight of this trip was two of our very own getting engaged – congratulations to Rick Jones and Marlena Moore! They are planning to marry next May. The proposal happened during our drive down the Yakima River Valley highway (SR-821). Although

it's not a long drive, it's very beautiful and features some unusual volcanic rock configurations.

What's next? Look for the Fruit Loop cruise on September 23rd (you will have to ask) and another volunteer trip to Northwest Harvest Kent Warehouse on October 21 with another visit to Caveman Kitchen). Our Awards Banquet will be on November 11 and the Christmas party on Dec. 2, so mark your calendars!

-Sam Besser, PNWCC 2017 President

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Treasurer's Corner

2017 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.

A ’67 Camaro Can Never Be Too Far Gone

By Dale Krehbiel

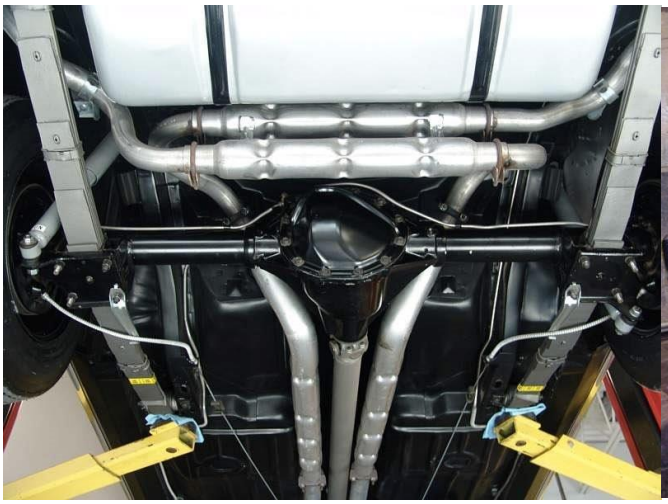
I purchased a royal plumb ‘67 Camaro from Jon Nidermayer a few years ago for a princely sum, which decorum prevents me from disclosing. Suffice it to say, Jon retired into the lap of luxury soon thereafter while Jean and I have been subsisting on a steady diet of Top Ramen ever since. The car was a complete basket case with rotted floors, trunk, package tray, cowl panel and poorly installed quarter panels.

There was no motor but there were numbers matching a 4 speed transmission and a 12-bolt posi rear-end with a bent axle. In addition, it has a deluxe interior and is a disc brake car; a true RS/SS. The car also included console and gauges.

The cowl was completely rusted through to the point and 3 layers of sheet metal were destroyed. The rear seat was nonexistent in that it was rusted into oblivion. I sourced a Firebird rear seat, as it was compatible with the deluxe interior. I eventually took the car to South Seattle community College to take advantage of their facilities and expertise.

At the school, I removed the quarters, the package tray, most of the cowl, dash, the front and rear fender drop downs, the trunk floor and the radiator core support, along with the fenders and inner fenders. As the accompanying pictures indicate, each panel was stripped to bare metal and primed and painted with a Chrysler Plum color used on PT Cruisers. This was a closest I could come to the original royal plum and still use a stock base coat clear coat color with lots of pearl. Luckily, Mark Goodwin had a correct casting and date coded 350 cu. in., 295 hp motor for sale. I also obtained the correct date code and part number distributor, Quadra Jet and alternator at various swap meets over the years. I must say that the restoration was an arduous journey (about 1500 hours) in that I wore out 4 spot weld cutters just to get the car apart and used quite a bit of the school's welding supplies putting it back together. It was fun interacting with the students each day and was nice to start the day with a heated well-lit facility. The students were glad to help out, like when I got so tired of drilling spot welds they came to the rescue.

The car became so bereft of sheet metal that I had to weld supports to the interior for fear that the car would collapse. The car did not turn out to be the quality I wanted, so I took the car to Don Martinson to realign the panels. Then Larry Decamp repainted the car again.



One thing I did to enhance the drivability was to install an IROC 3rd generation steering box along with a larger diameter sway bar and a Tremec 5-speed transmission. I also installed the Dick Gullstrand modification to the upper control arms to add negative camber and more caster. I must say that Jean was very helpful at times when I needed a hand. Jean and I enjoy the car even though it is not as fast as most other Camaros. I'd guess it's probably a 15 second car. It produced 224 HP to the rear wheels on the dyno.

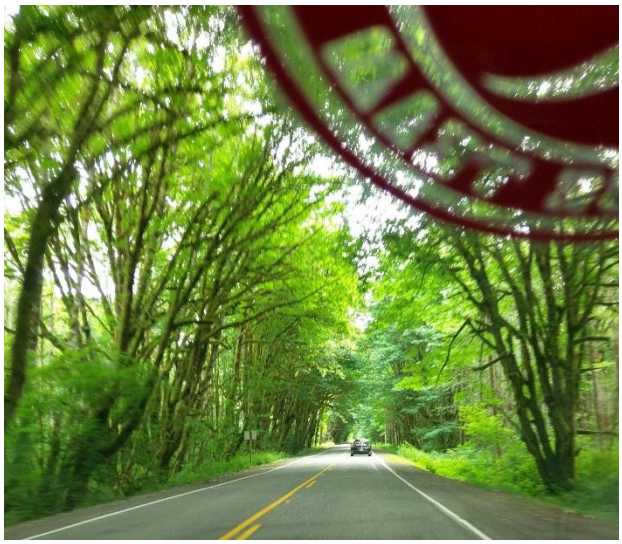
Finally, I have to say that Jon and Larry were most helpful with this and other projects. If you are ever looking for someone to critique your efforts, these are the guys. They are unmerciful. Bruce Mercer has been helpful as well. He recently pointed out that the two-prong wire connector to the windshield wiper motor should be black as opposed to brown. Luckily, I had an old wiring loom from which to obtain a correct one. Also, If you are a prospective buyer for a vintage Camaro, these guys are indispensable. They will have the seller in tears after they have picked his car to pieces. He will probably just ask you to haul his pile of junk away for free.

Annual Cruise to Winthrop, WA.

By Sara Giba

This was my first year cruising to Winthrop. I didn't know what to expect. I guess you could say I have a nomadic soul with a fear of mountain towns. Because I've seen Deliverance. But, this isn't Georgia, and that wasn't the Chattanooga River we followed.

All kidding aside, my favorite part of our car club is the opportunity to travel to new places; travel is a love of mine. And I'm never sorry. For all the places I've been to just in our state, there are so many more that make me feel a sense of wonder. And if it weren't for the members of our club and their knowledge of some admittedly super cool places to visit, I'd never even know to venture there.



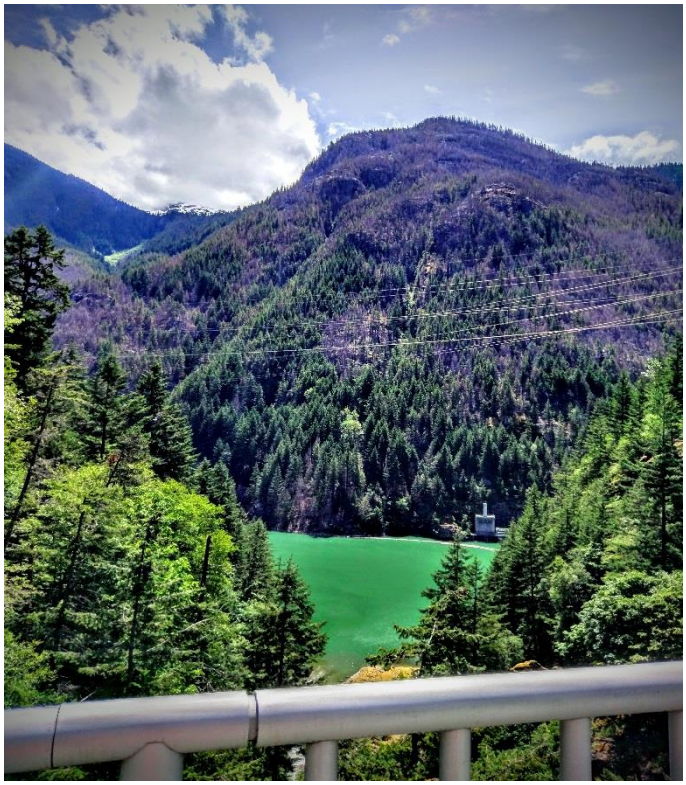
If you've never been, Winthrop would best be described (at least by me) as a moment in time, surrounded by today. In this old western strip of history, I half expected the

sheriff and the bad guy to wander out into the streets at High Noon to dual it out single-action pistol style. It didn't happen. Sad face.

The company was amazing. So many people I knew and a few I didn't. And leave it to the Besser's to grill up some amazing burgers at their hotel, the Winthrop Inn, in a huge yard with equipment provided by the hotel. Nice touch, this place. I stayed at the Virginian, because budget. It's an old but charming cabin-style facility with individual rooms and duplexes.

As per usual, people took off in little groups to do different things, always coming back together in the end. Myself? I enjoyed some ciders at Methow Valley Cider House, got a chocolate covered Twinkie at Sheri's Sweet Shop and met up with the Besser's and others at Rocking Horse Bakery for some existential banter before heading out the next day.

The drive itself was fantastic; lots of twists and turns, many places to stop and view nature and waterfalls. I gotta say, for an overnight trip, it felt pretty big. And I'm grateful I had the opportunity to go.



Members' Corner

August 2017

By Max Krull, ed. Sara Giba

This edition's Members' Corner article comes from a membership renewal long over do. Everyone please say "welcome back" to Max Krull!

Well I will start with when I was a member back in 1994. Member #259 at the time. One day I heard a rod knock and parked the car, which I bought in April of 1975 for $1,800 when I was only 15. I did not know how to drive a stick shift so my Dad test drove it. I am lucky he did not put his foot into it or he never would have let me buy it.

With raising a family and finding other cars (non Camaro's) the poor Camaro sat in my garage. Then in 2014 I had serious health issues and it made me think, *if I don't get the car back on the road soon I might never drive it again*. The story of getting it back on the road is long. The first engine rebuild I did had less than 400 miles on it. Then I had it rebuilt by a different shop and had many issues, but now it is back running.

I am looking forward to meeting club members and sharing more stories. I have many stories about my car. Starting with 5 tickets the first 3 weeks I owned it. It was a marked car to the cops. I bought it from someone in my neighborhood who had to sell it because he had to many tickets.

Buy/Sale/Trade

From Mark Smith:
65 amp 10SI alternator with pulley, spec'd for '79 Camaro. Works great. I used it on my '69 with wiring mods to get rid of external regulator. $20 obo

1st gen front suspension stuff. Have everything but spindles and outer steering arms. Power box, drag link, pitman & idler arms thru outer tie rods. $50 obo

Upper and lower a-arms with poly bushes. $50 obo

Tremec 5spd cross member. $50 obo

It's all going to scrap if not taken so don't let the $ amount put you off. All negotiable. Contact: madrew2003@hotmail.com

From Sara Giba:
For sale, trade or just get it out of my studio apartment
Stock, taken off of 2015 2lt v6, with about 15k miles on them-Air intake & mufflers (cut off) $25 each item or trade for just about anything interesting. Contact: vicepresident@pnwcc.com

PNWCC Upcoming Events 2017

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	Fruit Loop 'The Dalles' Cruise – 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

July Birthdays

Tim Loewen July 1
Larry Madsen July 1
Karen Filippi July 2
Sue Besser July 5
Jim Weaver July 7
Janelle Rogers July 9
Steve Hartson July 10
Drew Smith July 14
Cliff Samuels July 15
Victoria Jones July 16
Garrison Gregory July 17
Vicki Wiest July 18
Ryan Schaefer July 20
Gail Karuza July 23
Chad Tesarik July 26
Jim Borsum July 26
Kevin Bakken July 29
Dave Mempa July 30

August Birthdays

Mary Bowers Aug. 2
Jean Krehbiel Aug. 5
Christopher O'Keefe Aug. 6
Jackie Wallace Aug. 6
Tracy Boyd Aug. 12
John Thompson Aug. 12
Jim Jorgensen Aug. 13
Jodi Nylin Aug. 13
Marilyn Muscat Aug. 13
Rick Dumas Aug. 16
Pat Marshall Aug. 16
Sara Giba Aug. 21
Noah Bishop Aug. 22
Dale Krehbiel Aug. 22
Alan Berry Aug 23
Nina Harper Aug. 26
Anne Ivey Aug. 31

July-August Anniversaries

Bob & Kelly Morrow July 2
David & Ruth Ann Doneux July 3
Rob & Kristi Griffith July 5
Mary Gallagher-Cummings & Greg Cummmings July 12
Daryl & Wanda Mobraten July 12
Marilyn Muscat & Kent Woodworth July 1
Dan & Kristie Morgan July 16
Lori & Ron Neckermann July 17
Dan & Julie Vavrinec July 18
Larry Rosenlund & Marcy Angel-Rosenlund July 26
Larry & Robin Bellach Aug. 13
Tom & Cindy Brooks Aug. 20
Chuck & Lynda Kelstrom Aug. 22
Dan & Tammy Ivey Aug. 27
James & Sarah Nance Aug. 27
Jim & Shirley Jorgensen Aug. 30

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBER _____ OR RENEWAL _____

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ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____ STATE:_____ ZIP:_____

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ANNIVERSAY (mm/dd):_____

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

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

or other: _____

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