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A Note from our President

As we head into the Holidays, I would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.
I look forward to the new year and experiences it will bring both on and off the track. One of my biggest challenges during the last year as club President is how to increase our membership and engage more club members in club activities. The board of directors and I have continued to brainstorm throughout the year.
Some of the ideas we tried were presentations/slide shows at meetings, small door prizes (bottles of Griot's ceramic window cleaner), club meetings up at Skagit Valley Farmhouse Restaurant and a cruise through the Tulip and Daffodil fields in the Spring, and a dinner at Jimmy Macs Roadhouse in Federal Way. As well as attending the Firebird/Camaro Car Show hosted by our friends with the Western Washington Firebirds in September, a Fall cruise to Big Block Brewing in Sammamish in October, our annual PNWCC Awards Banquet in November, and finally we ended 2022 with our annual PNWCC Christmas party on December 3rd hosted by Mark and Nora Hennecken, a great time was had by all who attended.

Thank you, *and here is to a cheerful 2023!*

Brian Stanley
President PNWCC 2022

Here's When The Last 2023 Chevy Camaro Will Be Built: Exclusive

BY JONATHAN LOPEZ

The fate of the Chevy Camaro nameplate remains somewhat uncertain, with a few theories on the table with regard to where it may evolve. For now, however, production of the current sixth gen Chevy Camaro is set to wind down soon, and now, *GM Authority* has exclusively learned when the last 2023 Chevy Camaro will be built.

According to sources familiar with the matter, production of the 2023 Chevy Camaro will end on August 3ed of the 2023 calendar year. GM will stop taking orders for the 2023 Chevy Camaro in June of the 2023 calendar year. As a reminder, the Chevy Camaro is produced at the GM Lansing Grand River plant in Michigan.

Looking ahead, the current sixth-generation Chevy Camaro will sunset after the 2024 model year. As *GM Authority* covered previously, the 2024 Chevy Camaro is poised to offer a special edition "farewell" package which may be called the Heritage Edition.

The forthcoming package will be available for multiple trim levels, likely the LT, LT1, SS, and ZL1, and will probably include exterior and interior upgrades, but no significant powertrain or suspension changes.

Per previous *GM Authority* coverage, development of the seventh-generation Chevy Camaro has been terminated, throwing the future of the nameplate into doubt. As such, the current sixth generation is expected to exit after the 2024 model year. To note, the sixth-gen Camaro was originally introduced for the 2016 model year.
Looking ahead, it's possible the Chevy Camaro nameplate may be used in conjunction with a new all-electric performance sedan, which would fall in line with GM's plans to transition to a full EV powertrain lineup across its passenger vehicle portfolio by 2035.
For now, though, the sixth-gen Chevy Camaro offers a selection of gasoline-powered internal combustion engines, including the turbocharged 2.0L I4 LTG, the naturally aspirated 3.6L V6 LGX, the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT1, and finally, the supercharged 6.2L V8 LT4. Under the body panels, the Chevy Camaro rides on GM's Alpha platform.

Vice President's Meanderings

As the year 2022 comes to a close, I just want to express a few of my thoughts. With the restrictions of the Covid virus easing as the year has progressed, monthly meetings of the PNWCC commenced at our usual meeting place, Round Table Pizza in Burien. I would like to ask that more members of the PNWCC consider attending the meetings. The club has been run by the same group of people and I think it is time to bring in new people to lead our club into the future. Time for new ideas for things to do and new thoughts on how things should be done. This club is here for you, the dues paying members, and it is time for the members to step up and take a more active roll. It is time to have more than a handful of people attend the monthly meetings. This club used to have plenty of fun activities, but over the past couple of years, I understand there was a global pandemic happening and that drastically reduced activities within the club. I think it is time to get back to the fun we used to have as a club, but that can only happen with the participation of our members.
Our All Camaro Show was a good show, but without the attendance of the group of cars from our friends in Canada, the numbers stayed the same as the previous year. We are anticipating that, now the borders are open with no restrictions, numbers will increase for the 2023 show.

Thank You for being a member of this club and I ask that everyone become a little more involved with what this club does so we can return to the fun and camaraderie that we once had as the best Camaro only club in the Northwest.

Kevin Ames
Vice President PNWCC

Here's What Z28 Means on A Chevrolet

BY **NATHAN TURNER**

The Z28 is a performance package for the Chevy Camaro that enabled the muscle car to take part in the Trans Am racing series.

In the 1960s, a fever for fast and powerful cars began to spread in the United States. People wanted bigger engines and better performance. Car companies listened to their fan base, and the muscle car was born. Pontiac set trends with the GTO, Ford competed with the Mustang, and **Chevrolet** responded with the infamous Camaro.

The first model of the Camaro debuted in the year 1966 for the 1967-1969 generation. The Camaro name started with Chevrolet merchandising manager Bob Lund and GM Vice President Ed Rollett. It is a term they found in a French-English dictionary and believed it to be fitting. Camaro is a slang word that means "comrade."

The Camaro entered the muscle car game later than its competitors.

A Chevrolet representative received a question asking what the Camaro was as it was being released. The official replied with, “It is a small, vicious animal that eats mustangs.” Ford dominated the pony car market, and Chevrolet had big plans to change that. As great as the original Camaro is, **General Motors** wanted it to be better. This need for perfection forged a path for the creation of the Z28

Where The Z28 Started

The very first Z28 announcement took place six months after the Camaro revealed itself to the world. Z28 is the name for a special performance package available on certain trim models. GM wanted to give their car an edge over Ford by giving it a performance boost as well as some cosmetic improvements. The Camaro, as well as the Z28, almost solely exists out of spite for the Mustang. The performance package came out just in time for the Camaro to compete in the Trans Am racing series. Before the Z28 package, the company had no vehicle that met the model rules to enter the race. Chevrolet wanted to offer a car that was street legal but race ready. Parts of the concept for the original Z28 design came from notes from street racers. Engineers looked at modifications drivers put on their vehicles and expanded on the idea from there.

The Z28 Performance Packages Over the Years

The Z28 models have come and gone over the years. The packages may have changed, but one aspect stayed the same. The package stood for elite power and performance. It is a badge of honor on the Camaro line that comes with large engines and finely tuned parts.

The first generation featured a hood which included forced induction. GM added an upgraded suspension, rally styled wheels, and a 4.9-liter V8 engine built to compete in the Trans Am races. The second generation remained close to the first, but with improved air induction engineering. It also housed a larger 5.7-liter V8 with a higher output. The third generation featured a 5.0-liter V8 that put out up to 190 horsepower. It still drove like a track car, but GM wrapped it in a more discreet package. The fourth generation evolved from there with a 5.7-liter engine, shared with the Corvette, and an even higher output of 225 horsepower. The final Z28 belonged to the fifth generation, and it was light years ahead of the others, with the early models coming straight from the factory stocked with a massive 6.0-liter V8 under the hood. This mechanical menace put out 650 horsepower straight off the factory line. Chevrolet upped the ante in later models, giving them a 7.0-liter V8 borrowed from the Corvette line again. These models put out an incredible 505 horsepower.

The Return of The Camaro Z28

Chevrolet included the Z28 trim package in the very first Camaro models. The two go hand in hand, and it is hard to think of one without the other. The Z28's journey began in 1967 and lasted until 1974. It did incredibly well on the market and sales were soaring. However, new laws and high gas prices made it hard to market a race car to the public.

Chevrolet resurrected the Z28 trim level once again in 1977. The success of the Pontiac Firebird and Trans Am gave Chevy the reason to spice up the Camaro once again. This series of cars paled in comparison to their predecessors. They lacked the raw power of the first models and had even stricter rules about emissions to follow that left them feeling limited.

However, customers found it refreshing to see them and the addition of t-tops added to the experience. From there, the Z28 lived on for decades. It followed every generation of the Camaro until the early 2000s. Unfortunately, the European styling that became incorporated into the appearance of the car didn't sit well with customers. Sales started to drop for all Camaro trims, and the name plate came to an end in 2002.

The Camaro legacy didn't end there, and GM revived it a long eight years later. Three years later the Z28 returned with a serious upgrade. Technology and laws had changed, and GM took the opportunity to make a car that could stand and even surpass the originals. The last run of the Z28 cut short as the company focused more on the LS models instead. Yet, it is surely just a matter of time before the legendary Z28 returns again.

2022 Holiday Party

The Annual PNWCC Holiday party was hosted by Mark and Nora Hennecken at their home in Lakewood. There were 10 members in attendance as everyone brought some wonderful food for the potluck for everyone to enjoy.

White elephant gifts were exchanged and toys were donated to Toys for Tots.

Thank you to everyone who attended and I look forward to next year.

2022/23 Pacific NW Camaro Club Activities

December

25 Christmas Day

January

1 New Year's Day

15 1:00pm PNWCC Event planning meeting, The DeCamps Home, Federal Way

July

16 8:00am **ALL CAMARO SHOW, Triple X Drive-In, Issaquah**

If there are any events you would like more information about, or you know of something that we could do as a club; please contact Activities director Natalie Schaefer activities@pnwcc.com

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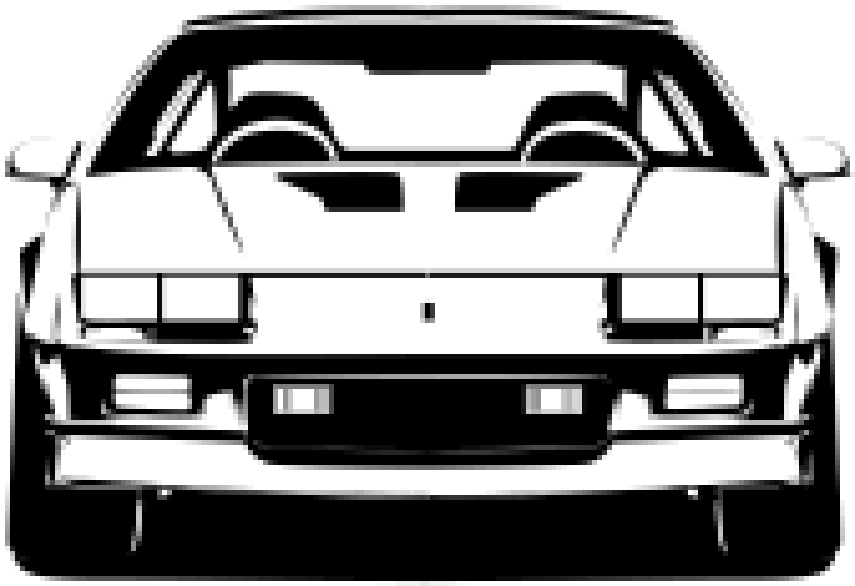
Jo Ann Hill	12/11	Barbara DeCamp	1/23
Cindee Goodwin	12/19	Rick Jones	1/24
Marcy Angel-Rosenlund	12/28	Chuck Kelstrom	1/25
Jessica Weaver	12/31	Craig Morris	1/27
Chris Voigt Jr.	1/9	Ken Nylin	1/29
Chelsea Waters	1/9	Carrol Weaver	1/30
Dr. Sue Sykes	1/12	Jim Scharf	1/30

Anniversaries

Craig and Jackie Morris	12/3	Chuck and Nancy Holmes	12/22
Kevin and Jenni Ames	12/13	Lynne Marie Dean and Brian Stromberg	12/31
Mark and Melissa Smith	12/17	Marc and Cindee Goodwin	1/22



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