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A Note from our President

Greetings

During recent months, the club has been trying to attract more members to attend meetings and club activities, especially from our membership in the north end of the Puget Sound region.

In March, the General meeting was a lunchtime meeting held at the Factoria Red Robin, with little club business discussed with the hope that members would just socialize.

The board has moved its meeting location to Auburn's Las Margaritas Restaurant and changed the meeting day to the third Monday of the month at 6 pm.

On the first day of April the club cruised up to Skagit county for a tour of the Heritage Flight Museum in Burlington.

The museum was founded by Apollo 8 astronaut Major General William Anders who took the famed "Earthrise" photo. The museum starts with an exhibit of the events that happened in 1968 and ends with the launch of Apollo 8. Then a docent guides small groups through the collection of airplanes, helicopters, and antique military vehicles.

The next stop was lunch at Skagit Landing Restaurant which is right at the airport's flight line.

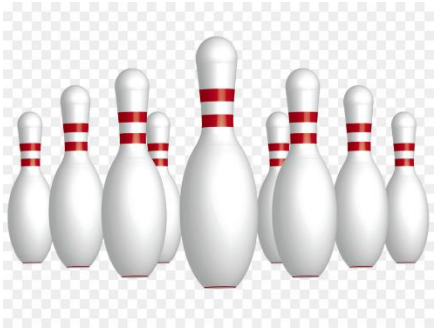
The next stop was wine tasting at the Red Barn Cider

Followed by an overnight stay at the Mt. Vernon Hotel and a tour of the daffodil fields the next day.

I would like to Thank Mark and Nora Hennecken for arranging and leading the cruise.

Brian Stanley
President PNWCC 2023

PNWCC / WWF Bowling Challenge



We got together with our F-Body brethren for an afternoon of fun and skill on the lanes at Bowlero Lanes at Southcenter. We all had a great time, Thank you to Jeff, Karen, Jim, Judy, Gregg, John, and James from the Western Washington Firebird Club. Camaro Club members included Larry and Barb DeCamp, Gary and Natalie Schaefer, Rick and Marlena Jones, Brian Stanley, and Jenni and me.

Jim from the Firebird Club had the High Score for the day with a 147 and Larry DeCamp came in second with a 133. Bowlero was a little crowded and we had a couple of younger kids that weren't sure which lane they were bowling on and rolled a ball or two on our lanes.

I am planning to do this again in the fall. Perhaps we could go to Angel of the Winds Casino? They have a wonderful state of the art Bowling Center there and would be a lot of fun.

More details to follow. Thank you everyone.

It’s 2023 and The Yenko Camaro Is Back Baby!

By **DYLAN LUMPE** FEBRUARY 20, 2023

In 1967, the very first Yenko Camaro made its way onto the streets of the United States. Having had a similar face to the standard Chevrolet Camaro, one would suspect not much differs between the two variants. However, you immediately knew the car meant business once you popped the hood and saw its big V8. On the 2023 Yenko Camaro, not much has changed in that regard. One look under its hood, and you know it’s ready to party.

Whereas a 396 cubic-inch 6.5-liter V8 powered a standard Camaro SS of the time, the Yenko Camaro borrowed its engine from its big brother — the Corvette. Boasting a 427 cubic-inch 7.0-liter L72, it had a factory rated 450 horsepower on tap (although real-world numbers were said to be even higher), putting it on par with some rarer-optioned Mustangs like the Shelby cars.

This decision resulted from GM’s restrictions on the size of the engine allowed in the Camaro, thus, putting it behind rivals such as the Ford Mustang and Dodge Dart. However, Don Yenko, dealership owner and racing driver, was not satisfied with GM’s decision, and the Yenko Super Camaro was born.

Fast forward to 2010, and the Yenko name was reimagined via the fifth-gen Camaro at SEMA, boasting a supercharged LS3. Using the sixth-gen Camaro platform, the Yenko name was reinstated again in 2016. Built by Speciality Vehicle Engineering (SVE), this new generation of Yenkos features the Gen V LT1 making anywhere between 750 and 1,000 horsepower, depending on the options chosen. These latest Yenko Camaros remain faithful to the high-power nature that went hand-in-hand with the Yenko nameplate.

A lot has changed between the time of the original SVE fifth gen Yenkos and now. We've had to face a worldwide pandemic and are seeing a global move from internal combustion cars to an electric-only future. Thankfully, the team at SVE isn't finished yet, announcing two new Yenko Camaros based on the latest Chevrolet Camaro platform for 2023.

Starting with the 750-horsepower package, 1SS and 2SS Camaro owners can opt for a Yenko/SC 3.0-liter twin-screw supercharger. This package is available for coupe and convertible top Camaros with either an automatic or manual transmission. Even while producing that high power figure, the Yenko is still emission legal in all 50 states!

Do you want something with even more horsepower and rarity? Never fear — Yenko offers a 1,100 horsepower Stage-I package and a 1,150 horsepower Stage-II package, making them the most powerful Yenko Camaros ever. However, unlike the 750-horsepower package, these Yenko/SC Camaros will only be available as a coupe, with a manual transmission for the Stage-II variant and an automatic for the Stage-I. SVE will only build 50 Stage-Is and 50 Stage-IIs.

How exactly are these power figures being achieved with the 2023 Yenko Camaro? SVE has developed its very own 6.8-liter supercharged V8, based on GM's 6.2-liter LT1 powerplant. Apart from the larger displacement, these Yenko Camaros will feature forged aluminum pistons, high-flow LT4 cylinder heads, a custom dedicated 10-rib-belt-drive supercharger, a custom exhaust system to hear those extra ponies, and a forged steel crankshaft — among other goodies.

While the driver sits comfortably in their Recaro racing seats, they'll feel confident on the track thanks to Magnetic Ride Control, a limited-slip differential, racing suspension specially tuned for the cars, stabilizer bars, and a heavy-duty cooling system to keep your SVE muscle car chilled on track. The package also features a working 1LE front splitter to reduce nose lift and increase cornering ability working hand-in-hand with a functional spoiler at the rear. All these upgrades give you the confidence and performance you need to chase down Hellcats and GT500s!

These monstrous Yenkos will be available at official GM dealers throughout America and Canada, and we cannot wait to see people ripping up the streets and the track!

2023 Pacific NW Camaro Club Activities

April

17 6:30 pm PNWCC Board Meeting, Las Margaritas, Auburn
28-30 LS Fest, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, NV
29 8:00 am Car Club Challenge, Bremerton
29 5:00 pm PNWCC General Meeting Moctezuma's Mexican Restaurant, Tacoma

May

6 8:00 am Griot's Garage Caffeine and Gas, Tacoma
12 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceways, Kent
15 6:30 pm PNWCC Board Meeting, Las Margaritas, Auburn
20 1:00 pm PNWCC General Meeting, Rainier View Winery and Nursery, Graham

June

2-4 Camaro's in the Cellar, Yakima
3 8:00 am Griot's Garage Caffeine and Gas, Tacoma
3 8:00 am Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton
16 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceways, Kent
20 6:30 pm PNWCC Board Meeting, Round Table Pizza, Renton
21-25 Sturgis Camaro Rally, Sturgis, South Dakota
23 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceways, Kent
24 5:00 pm PNWCC General Meeting, TBD

July

7 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceways, Kent
14 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceways, Kent
15 8:00am Open Car Show, Chevrolet of Everett, Everett
16 8:00am ALL CAMARO SHOW, Triple X Drive-In, Issaquah
21-23 NHRA Northwest Nationals, Pacific Raceways, Kent

September

10 9:00am Firebird and Camaro Show, Hosted by Western Washington Firebirds, 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

GM will stop making the Chevy Camaro, but a successor may be in the works.

March 23, 2023
By The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Chevrolet Camaro, for decades the dream car of many teenage American males, is going out of production.

General Motors, which sells the brawny muscle car, said Wednesday it will stop making the current generation early next year.

The future of the car, which is raced on NASCAR and other circuits, is a bit murky. GM says another generation may be in the works.

"While we are not announcing an immediate successor today, rest assured, this is not the end of Camaro's story," Scott Bell, vice president of Chevrolet, said in a statement.

The current sixth-generation Camaro, introduced in 2016, has done well on the racetrack, but sales have been tailing off in recent years. When the current generation Camaro came out in 2016, Chevrolet sold 72,705 of them. But by the

end of 2021 that number fell almost 70% to 21,893. It rebounded a bit last year to 24,652.

GM said the last of the 2024 model year of the cars will come off the assembly line in Lansing, Michigan, in January.

Spokesman Trevor Thompkins said he can't say anything more about a future Camaro. "We're not saying anything specific right now," he said.

Any successor to the Camaro is expected to be electric.

If GM revives the Camaro, it almost certainly will be electric, said Stephanie Brinley, an associate director with S&P Global Mobility. "It would be unlikely to see another internal combustion engine vehicle," she said.

GM has said it plans to sell only electric passenger vehicles worldwide by 2035.

Brinley said the push to sell more electric vehicles makes it likely that all new muscle cars will be powered by batteries. But if there's still a mixed combustion and battery fleet on sale in 2030 or 2040, some gas-powered muscle cars could survive.

Thompkins said GM has an understanding with auto-racing sanctioning bodies that the sixth-generation car can continue racing. GM will have parts available and the Camaro body will stay on the race track, he said.

NASCAR said that because the Generation 6 Camaro was in production when GM originally got permission to race, it remains qualified to race in NASCAR Cup and NASCAR Xfinity Series races.

GM will offer a collector's edition package of the 2024 Camaro RS and SS in North America, and a limited number of high-performance ZL-1 Camaros. The collector's edition cars will have ties to the first-generation Camaro from the 1960s and its GM code name "Panther," the company said without giving specifics.

Other gas-powered muscle cars are on the way out too.

GM's move comes as traditional gas-powered muscle cars are starting to be phased out due to strict government fuel economy regulations, concerns about climate change and an accelerating shift toward electric vehicles.

Stellantis, will stop making gas versions of the Dodge Challenger and Charger and the Chrysler 300 big sedan by the end of this year. But the company has plans to roll out a battery-powered Charger performance car sometime in 2024.

After years of decline, the auto industry in Canada is making a comeback

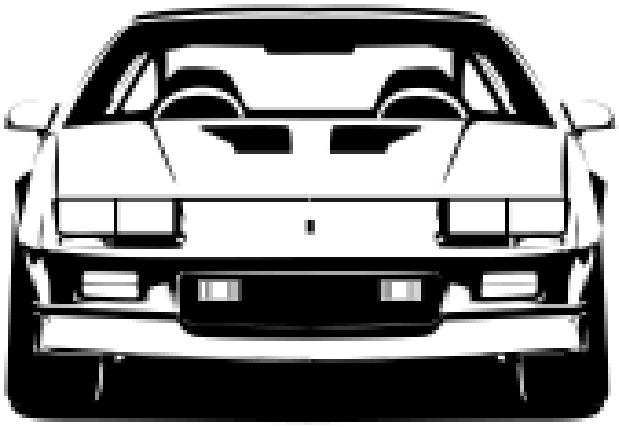
Electric cars, with instant torque and a low center of gravity, often are faster and handle better than internal combustion vehicles.

Stellantis, formed in 2021 by combining Fiat Chrysler and France's PSA Peugeot, earlier this week announced the last of its special edition muscle cars, the 1,025 horsepower Dodge Challenger SRT Demon 170. The company says the car can go from zero to 60 mph (97 kilometers per hour) in 1.66 seconds, making it the fastest production car on the market.

In addition, Ford rolled out a new version of its Mustang sports car in September.

The Camaro was first introduced in 1966, two years after Ford's wildly popular Mustang.

GM retired the Camaro nameplate in 2002 but revived it as a new 2010 model with hopes of appealing to enthusiasts and younger buyers. The 2010 version was similar to its predecessors, with a long, flat front and side "gills" that evoke the original, while still sporting a modern overall design.



Bowtie People

Birthdays

Mark Smith	4/1	John Lidstrom	4/27
Melissa Keough	4/9	Jon Nidermayer	5/5
Brian Stromberg	4/13	Robin Bellach	5/9
Karrlie Chetnik	4/16	Richard Voit	5/15
Jim Keough	4/17	Juliette Brown	5/18
Jim Ross	4/18	Kyle Hill	5/21
Eugene White	4/20	Tyler Schaefer	5/25
Steve Owens	4/24	Mark Hennecken	5/30

Anniversaries

Gary and Natalie Schaefer	4/13	Tim and Sharon Loewen	5/11

2023 Camaros in the Cellar

Location: Yakima, WA

Date: This year's event is Friday, June 2 through Sunday, June 4.

Rooms at the Oxford Suites can be booked for arrival on Friday, June 2 OR Saturday, June 3 and check out on Sunday, June 4.

Oxford Suites:
We've cut another deal with Oxford Suites in Yakima. They are offering rooms at a discount for the club. When you book your room, be sure to let them know you are booking for rooms held for **Camaros in the Cellar** to get the special rate.

They are holding 10 rooms for us for both Friday and Saturday nights. When you book your room, you will need to let him know whether you'll be arriving on Friday or Saturday. Book early, the special rates identified below are guaranteed only through **May 3, 2023.**

Type of Room	**Special Rate***	*Rates are subject to an occupancy tax, which is currently 11.3%, in addition to a tourism assessment of $4.00 per night per room.
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King Suite	$153.00	
2 Queen Suite	$159.00	

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indoor pool and spa
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Hope to see you there. Questions??? E-mail Karen Nidermayer at karenolywa@comcast.net

The Oxford Suites still has their evening reception with two free drink coupons and snacks.

Below are some odd facts not limited to wine or grapes. I found on them on the internet…so they must be true.

- You cannot hold your nose and hum at the same time (we should test this).
- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time: 1/100th of a second.
- Men can read smaller print than women. Women can hear better than men.
- Slugs have four noses.

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ANNIVERSAY (mm/dd):_____

CAMARO	YEAR	MODEL	TYPE	ENGINE	TRANS	COLOR
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OTHER INFO/REMARKS:_____

#2						

OTHER INFO/REMARKS:_____

#3						

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