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A Note from our President

Greetings!

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. At present we have 117 dues paying members, which
is down from July's number of 132.

I have talked with the board of directors, club members and some former club members about what kind of activities they would enjoy. Some favor technical tours of various auto shops in the area, others favor more touristy visits (day cruises) to wineries or restaurants, still others favor weekend get-aways to eastern Washington's wine country or a weekend trip to the Oregon Coast. Still others participate in Car Club Challenge.
One criticism I've heard was we were not family oriented enough and did too many weekends' getaways to wineries that were not child friendly.

Another suggestion was to eliminate our "insiders" Facebook group which is only for dues paying members in favor of what we refer to as the "outsiders" Facebook group which has 3,200 followers. We don't advertise our planned activities such as weekend get aways to the "outsiders" even though they are Camaro enthusiasts. The idea suggested was to have one large social media page where club activities could be shared with everyone and in hopes that Camaro enthusiasts could be converted into dues paying members of PNWCC. The club has also joined the Western Washington Firebirds in two activities, a bowling day in early spring and by showing up and participating in their car show in September.

As we head into fall and winter the club will nominate and elect new officers and plan activities for 2024. I encourage everyone to come forth with ideas to share Camaro life activities, be it how you are modifying your car, wanting to travel or race with your Camaro or just visit with other Camaro enthusiasts.

Brian Stanley
President PNWCC 2023

2024 Chevy Camaro Orders Now Complete

BY JONATHAN LOPEZ

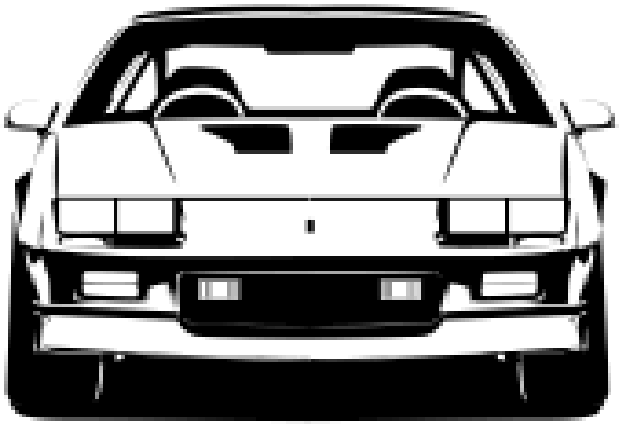
With the 2024 Chevy Camaro marking the final model year for the sixth-gen sports car, fans will no doubt be eager to get their hands on one to call their own. That said, those customers who waited to place an order are out of luck, as the 2024 Chevy Camaro order books are now closed. As such, those customers who failed to place an order, but still want a 2024 Camaro, will instead need to find one on dealer lots.

Order books for the 2024 Chevy Camaro Coupe closed on September 6th, 2023, while order books for the Convertible body style closed a little earlier. The official 2024 Chevy Camaro online configurator tool went live in August. Seven trim levels are offered, including 1LT, 2LT, 3LT, LT1, 1SS, 2SS, and ZL1. Pricing starts at $32,495 for the base-level 2024 Chevy Camaro 1LT Coupe.

One of the most noteworthy upgrades offered for the 2024 model year is the Collector's Edition Package (RPO code Z4B), which adds in a wealth of aesthetic enhancements as a nod to the conclusion of the sixth generation. Content for the Collector Edition Package varies between the different trim levels, while pricing ranges between $4,995 and $14,995. Enthusiasts are also offered the Garage 56 Edition Package (RPO code X56), which gives a nod to the Camaro's recent success at the 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race. Pricing for the Garage 56 Edition Package is set at $11,995, and is only available for ZL1 trim levels.

Engine options for the 2024 Chevy Camaro range include the naturally aspirated 3.6L V6 LGX gasoline engine, the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT1 gasoline engine, and the supercharged 6.2L V8 LT4 gasoline engine, with engine availability dependent on the trim level selected. The GM Alpha platform provides the underpinnings, with production taking place at the GM Lansing Grand River plant in Michigan.

According to sources familiar with the matter, the final 2024 Chevy Camaro will roll off the line this December, a bit earlier than originally expected.



Bowtie People

Birthdays

Larry Bellach	10/2	Lynne Marie Dean	11/3
Marlena Jones	10/7	Sharon Loewen	11/12
Maddie Smith	10/10	Richard Owens	11/13
Robert Copeland	10/11	Kevin Ames	11/17
Brian Stanley	10/11	Greg Scholz	11/18
Devin Brown	10/15	Nancy Holmes	11/18
Natalie Schaefer	10/28	Robert Thayer	11/20
Mike Curtis	11/2	Mark Shaw	11/27

Anniversaries

Mark and Alice Shaw	10/4	Dale and Jean Krehbiel	11/7
John and Karen Nidermayer	10/10	Gary and Pat Marshall	11/15
Ken and Jodi Nylin	10/20		

The Rarest Chevy Camaros Ever Made

BY**MOSES KAROMO**

From custom drag racing machines to legendary icons of motorsports, these are the most elusive Chevy Camaros on the planet

Ford's introduction of the sporty Mustang in the early 1960s shocked the car world. The move rattled General Motors, which had no car to compete with the Mustang (the Nova and Corvair were too dull). Therefore, GM approved the development of the Camaro, a car to rival the Mustang. The Mustang had a head start, prompting GM to fast-track the project - the first Camaro appeared in showrooms in 1966, two years after the Mustang's arrival.

The Camaro was successful, performing admirably against its eternal foe for the next six decades. Following news that GM will discontinue the Chevrolet Camaro as we know it - a loud, fast, two-door, gas-powered muscle car - here are the rarest Chevy Camaros ever made.

10 1993 Chevrolet Camaro Indy Pace Car
Production Numbers: 645 units

One of the main spectacles of the 1993 Indy 500 was the Camaro Pace Car, which had a white bottom half and a black top half. Separating the two colors were multi-colored ribbon decals, which also featured on the hood. Buyers of the 645 replicas built by Chevrolet got a similar color pattern on the vehicle's front seats.

Specs and Performance

Engine	5.7-liter V-8
Engine output	275 horsepower and 325 pound-feet
Transmission	Four-speed automatic or six-speed manual

Drivetrain	RWD
Top Speed	150 MPH

Featuring a 5.7-liter 275-horsepower V-8, the 1993 Indy Pace Car was rapid. It needed to be fast to serve as a pace car in one of the iconic spectacles on the U.S. motorsports calendar. The car hit 60 MPH from naught in 5.6 seconds, 0.6 seconds faster than the lighter and less potent 1993 Ford Mustang Cobra. Flat out, the 1993 Camaro Pace Car could hit 150 MPH.

91967 Chevrolet Camaro Z/28
Production Numbers: 602 units

Chevrolet offered the 1967 Camaro with a Z/28 performance package. Created by Chevrolet engineer Vince Piggins, the Z/28 package imbued the Camaro with racing pedigree - the vehicle was one of several used by driver Mark Donohue en route to 10 wins in 13 races in the 1968 SCCA Trans-Am series.

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Specs and Performance

Engine	4.9-liter V-8
Engine output	290 horsepower and 290 pound-feet
Transmission	Four-speed manual
Drivetrain	RWD
Top Speed	124 MPH

The Z-28 package featured a four-speed manual transmission, tuned suspension, racing stripes on the trunk lid and hood, 15-inch racing wheels, and power-assisted front brakes, among others. Chevrolet provided extensive customization options for the ‘67 Camaro Z/28, including pairing the Z/28 package with the RS package. However, none of the 602 Z/28 Camaros sold in 1967 featured an automatic transmission, air conditioning, or a convertible roof.

8 2020 Camaro 2SS 1LE
Production Numbers: 424 units

The Camaro 2SS featured a monster 6.2-liter V-8 engine producing 455 horsepower and an equal amount of torque, enough to propel the vehicle to a top speed of 180 MPH. To transform the 2SS into a vehicle capable of handling twisty tracks, Chevrolet offered the 1LE performance package. Valued at $7,000, the package converted the powerful and lumpy 2SS into a nimble track machine.

Specs and Performance

Engine	6.2-liter V-8
Engine output	455 horsepower and 455 pound-feet
Transmission	Six-speed manual
Drivetrain	RWD

Top Speed	180 MPH

Its wide and sticky tires enhanced grip, the upgraded front brakes improved stopping power, and the recalibrated suspension system improved stability. The 1LE package also featured interior and exterior enhancements. The 2020 Camaro 2SS 1LE is rare, considering Chevrolet sold 424 units.

71969 Chevrolet Yenko Camaro Production Numbers: 201 units

Don Yenko built a reputation for being one of the best Chevrolet tuners in the U.S. In his workshop, he replaced stock Camaro engines with 7.0-liter V-8s from the Chevy Corvette. Yenko models were so popular that in 1969 Chevy agreed to partially build Yenko Camaros - the manufacturer installed the 7.0-liter engine and a conversion package featuring a front anti-sway bar, wide tires, and a 140 MPH speedometer.

Specs and Performance

Engine	7.0-liter V-8
Engine output	425 horsepower and 460 pound-feet
Transmission	Four-speed manual or three-speed automatic
Drivetrain	RWD
Top Speed	140 MPH

In 1969, Yenko modified and sold 201 Chevrolets - 171 had four-speed manual transmissions while the rest featured three-speed automatic gearboxes. Yenko claimed that Chevy Yenko engines produced 425 horsepower. However, dyno tests on new Yenkos produced horsepower figures above 550. Chevy provided 140-MPH speedos to accommodate the Yenko's extra speed. However, Camaro Yenkos likely accelerated beyond 140 MPH.

61969 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 COPO

Production Numbers: 69 units

The1969 Camaro ZL1 COPO was the brainchild of Fred Gibb, who dreamed of racing the Camaro on drag strips. He reasoned that a Camaro equipped with a lightweight aluminum ZL1 V-8 would triumph over vehicles with heavier engines. Therefore, he petitioned Chevrolet via the COPO (Central Office Production Order) to build 50 1969 Camaros ZL1s for the public. The manufacture of 50 production cars allowed him to enter the ZL1 into drag racing competitions.

Specs and Performance

Engine	7.0-liter V-8
Engine output	430 horsepower and 450 pound-feet
Transmission	Four-speed manual
Drivetrain	RWD
Top Speed	125+ MPH

The 1969 ZL1 was a brilliant car: Besides having a powerful V-8, it featured a heavy-duty radiator, front disc brakes, 14-inch white-lettered tires, and a modified suspension. However, the ZL1 was a lot more expensive than its competitors. Contrary to Gibb's expectations, Chevrolet didn't shoulder the vehicle's R&D costs. Consequently, the vehicle cost roughly $3,800 more than Gibb envisioned. Despite the car's brilliance, Chevrolet made and sold only 69 examples before discontinuing the program indefinitely.

5 2012 Chevrolet COPO Camaro

Production Numbers: 69 units

The 1969 ZL1 Camaro's showroom failure didn't obscure the vehicle's drag-racing prowess. As a nod to the ZL1 drag racer, the 2012 COPO Camaro drag car featured a naturally aspirated 7.0-liter V-8. Chevy also offered two supercharged 5.3-liter V-8s with the 2012 COPO Camaro. As with the late 1960s drag racer, Chevy built and sold only 69 2012 COPO Camaros.

Specs and Performance

Engine	7.0-liter V-8 or supercharged 5.3-liter V-8
Engine output	550 horsepower
Transmission	Powerglide two-speed automatic
Drivetrain	RWD

The 2012 COPO Camaro was freakishly fast, regardless of the engine powering it. Traveling at 140-MPH, It blasted past a quarter-mile in 9.69 seconds. Unlike its ancestor, it was built solely for competition - General Motors required buyers to sign a contract declaring they wouldn't drive it on the street.

42018 Chevrolet Camaro COPO
Production Numbers: 69 units

2018 marked the 50th anniversary of Chevrolet and Hot Wheels' collaboration - the ZL1 Camaro COPO was the first Hot Wheels model released in 1968. In 2018, Chevrolet introduced a naturally aspirated 5.0-liter V-8 to the COPO range. Equipped with the perennially present supercharged 5.7-liter V-8, the 2018 Camaro COPO could obliterate a quarter-mile in the mid-8.0-second range at nearly 160 MPH.

Specs and Performance

Engine	Naturally-aspirated 7.0-liter V-8 and 5.0-liter V-8 and supercharged 5.7-liter V-8
Engine output	470- 650 horsepower
Transmission	Three-speed automatic
Drivetrain	RWD

Like previous COPO models, the 2018 COPO featured modified suspension and chassis recalibrations to provide optimum stability during multiple high-speed runs. Chevrolet sold 69 2018 Camaro COPOs as it did with the original ZL1 COPO. In 2022, General Motors abandoned its tradition of selling only 69 COPOs per model year, allowing more people to purchase the vehicle.

31969 Chevrolet Camaro Berger Double COPO

Production Numbers: 40 units

The Chevy Camaro Berger Double COPO was another special Camaro built in 1969. It featured the 'double' moniker on its name because it featured two COPO packages. The first package, dubbed 9561, added a 7.0-liter V-8 engine rated by Chevy at 425 horsepower. However, the NHRA (National Hot Rod Association) rated the Corvette engine at 450 horsepower.

Specs and Performance

Engine	7.0-liter V-8
Engine output	425 horsepower
Transmission	Four-speed manual or three-speed automatic
Drivetrain	RWD
Top Speed	140 MPH

The second package, titled 9737 and known as the Sports Car Conversion package, added 15-inch Rally wheels, white-letter Goodyear tires, power front brakes, an anti-roll bar, and a modified suspension. Berger Chevrolet, a Michigan-based Chevy dealer, built 40 Double COP0s, 12 of which featured a four-speed manual gearbox.

2Chevrolet Camaro Z/28 'Hurst Sunshine Special'

Production Numbers: 1 unit

The Hurst Sunshine Special Camaro was born after race Dick Jesse submitted his '70 Camaro Z/28 to Hurst for modifications. Hurst installed that dual-gate automatic shifter which enhanced racing by offering drivers greater control over gear changes. Hurst also installed a fabric sunroof on the coupe Z/28.

Specs and Performance

Engine	5.7-liter V-8
Engine output	360 horsepower and 370 pound-feet
Transmission	Three-speed automatic
Drivetrain	RWD
Top Speed	118 MPH+

Chevrolet took over, using Jesse's Z/28 to test the aerodynamic efficiency of the front and rear wings it intended to use on the Trans-Am racing series. After testing, Chevy painted the vehicle yellow and added black racing stripes. Three Hurst Sunshine Specials were built, but only one exists today.

1968 Camaro Z/28 Convertible COPO

Production Numbers: 1 unit

Engineer Vince Piggins designed the only Camaro Z/28 Convertible COPO to convince Chevrolet head Pete Estes to approve new parts for his Z/28 Camaros. Pete preferred convertibles over coupes. Therefore, Piggins ordered a regular 1968 Camaro Z/28 via the COPO system and modified it for Pete.

Specs and Performance

Engine	4.9-liter V-8

Engine output	290 horsepower and 290 pound-feet
Transmission	Four-speed manual
Drivetrain	RWD
Top Speed	124 MPH

The vehicle featured a stereo system, a folding rear seat, a unique steering wheel, power windows, and a rear window defroster, among others. The performance bits Piggins needed approval for included front and rear disc brakes, a performance suspension package, and a modified intake manifold. The plan worked: Pete okayed the upgrades and used the vehicle for a year. Chevrolet sold it without the racing parts Piggins had installed.

2023 Pacific NW Camaro Club Activities

October

28 5:00pm PNWCC General Meeting, Round Table Pizza, Burien,
(Officer Nominations)

29 Trunk or Treat, Pacific Raceways, Kent

November

4 8:00am Griots Caffeine and Gasoline, Tacoma

11 5:00pm PNWCC Awards Banquet

14 6:30pm PNWCC Board Meeting, Las Margaritas, Auburn

18 5:00pm PNWCC General Meeting, Round Table Pizza, Burien
(Officer Elections)

December

2 8:00am Griots Caffeine and Gasoline, Tacoma

2 PNWCC Members Christmas Party, TBD

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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Would you like to receive event and other club announcements by email? (check one): _____YES _____NO

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ANNIVERSAY (mm/dd):_____

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

OTHER INFO/REMARKS:_____

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