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# Camaro CLUB

THE *Heartbeat* OF THE NORTHWEST

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## *Happy Holidays*

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# A Note from our President

## Greetings!

As we head into the Holidays, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

I want to thank everyone, especially the officers of the PNWCC, for all their support during the last year and for the last three years of my Presidency of the club. Yes, three years. I started out in a year when we could do almost nothing due to state restrictions due to Covid, and finally we are back to normal.

It is good to end the year with the club having 125 members, as well as being financially in the black and with over ten grand invested in CD's.

Participation at the All Camaro Show returned to pre-Covid levels of 119 cars. We continue to improve our automation of participant vote tabulation. As a result, the club was able to split the ACS profit between Life Enrichment Options and Hot Rod Hall of Fame Scholarship.

We are soon electing new officers and at our November General meeting/Awards Banquet. I look forward to the outcome and the exciting new directions our new officers choose to lead the club.

Still there is the annual PNWCC Christmas party on December 9th at Jerry Yoder's & Karen Purvis'.

Then to start the New Year off is the annual Activities Planning meeting on Sunday January 14th, 2024, I encourage everyone to attend to help plan our 2024 PNWCC club activities.

Brian Stanley
President PNWCC 2023

# THE CHEVY CAMARO HISTORY

February 24th, 2022 by Granger Chevrolet

One of the most iconic Chevrolet sports cars to be classified as American muscle is the Chevrolet Camaro. The Camaro has endured styling and engine changes through the years but continues to be one of the foremost production muscle cars of its time. Regardless of the year model, the Camaro's design is timeless, drawing young and old consumers. With six generations under its belt, the Camaro has design and performance options to fit the personality and style of many different consumers. Let's explore the history of the Chevrolet Camaro and how it dominates the sports car industry.

## 1966 Introduction

The Chevrolet Camaro was created as direct competition for the Ford Mustang. Ford had cornered the sports car market in the early 1960s, and consumers were pushing Chevrolet to make a car capable of competing with the Mustang. Chevrolet answered the call of the people and released the first Camaro in 1966. The Camaro was an instant hit with its front engine and rear-wheel drive design. Finally, Chevrolet had created a sports car worthy of the classification of American muscle, and the rest is history.

## 1967 to 1969: First Generation

Though the first Chevrolet Camaro was released in 1966, it was considered a 1967 model. This generation of the Camaro was the shortest-lived of all other generations that came after it. Of all the first-generation Camaro's engine options, the most common was a 230-cubic inch V-6 with 140 horsepower. This Camaro's most powerful engine was a 396-cubic inch V-8 with 375 horsepower.

The 1968 Camaro was redesigned without vent windows and a new air-inlet system dubbed Astro Ventilation. It also gained pointed front grilles, divided rear taillights, oval front running lights, multi-leaf rear springs, and newly designed shock absorbers. The exterior of the 1969 Camaro was yet again redesigned with new sheet metal added to every aspect except the hood and trunk lid. In addition, it had deeper headlights, a heavy V front grille, and it was wider and lower.

Two of the rarest first-generation Camaros came out of Chevrolet's Central Office Production Orders (COPO). The first was the COPO 9561 (only 1,000 produced) with an L72 big-block engine producing 425 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque. The second was the COPO 9560 (only 69 produced) with a ZL-1 engine producing 430 horsepower designed for drag racing.

## 1970 to 1981: Second Generation

Lasting 11 years, the second generation of the Chevrolet Camaro underwent drastic changes due to stricter federal automotive regulations concerning safety. As a result, these cars had to have front bumpers added, reduced horsepower engines, and catalytic converters added to their exhaust systems. A few positives that came from the changes were improved drivability and fuel economy. Drivers could also opt for power windows and air-conditioning.

The most powerful engine of the second-generation Camaro was only available in the 1970 SS and produced 450 horsepower. Unfortunately, horsepower continued to drop throughout the 11-year run of the second-generation Camaro, with the most powerful engine only having 185 horsepower at the end of this generation's run.

## 1982 to 1992: Third Generation

The third iteration of the Chevrolet Camaro came as a hatchback coupe boasting a MacPherson strut front suspension, an aerodynamic shape, and rear coil springs. The only transmissions available for the third-generation Camaro were a four-speed manual transmission or a three-speed automatic transmission. The most powerful engine in the 1982 model was a fuel-injected 5.0-liter V-8 with 165 horsepower that came in the Z28 trim level. With moderate exterior design changes and increased horsepower trends, the 1992 Camaro boasted 245 horsepower to close out the third generation.

## 1993 to 2002: Fourth Generation

With the release of the fourth generation of the Chevrolet Camaro, it introduced a revised F-body platform. The new exterior design of this Camaro was sleek with a more aggressive appearance and a lower front end.

The base model of the 1993 Camaro came with either a 3.4-liter V-6 engine with 160 horsepower or an LT1 V-8 engine with 275 horsepower. For the 1998 year model, the Camaro's body was redesigned to incorporate a front clip and upgraded headlights. The 1998 Camaro also gained an engine upgrade to an LS1 V-8 with 305 horsepower. By the end of the fourth-generation Camaro's run, the Z28 had 310 horsepower, and the SS had 325 horsepower.

## 2010 to 2015: Fifth Generation

After an eight-year hiatus, the Chevrolet Camaro was brought back in 2009 with a retro-design inspired by the 1969 Camaro. The fifth-generation concept Camaro was featured in a 2007 box office hit movie known as "Transformers." Camaro fans the world over pushed for Chevrolet to bring back the Camaro, so they did with a 2009 release, though the car was considered a 2010 year model.

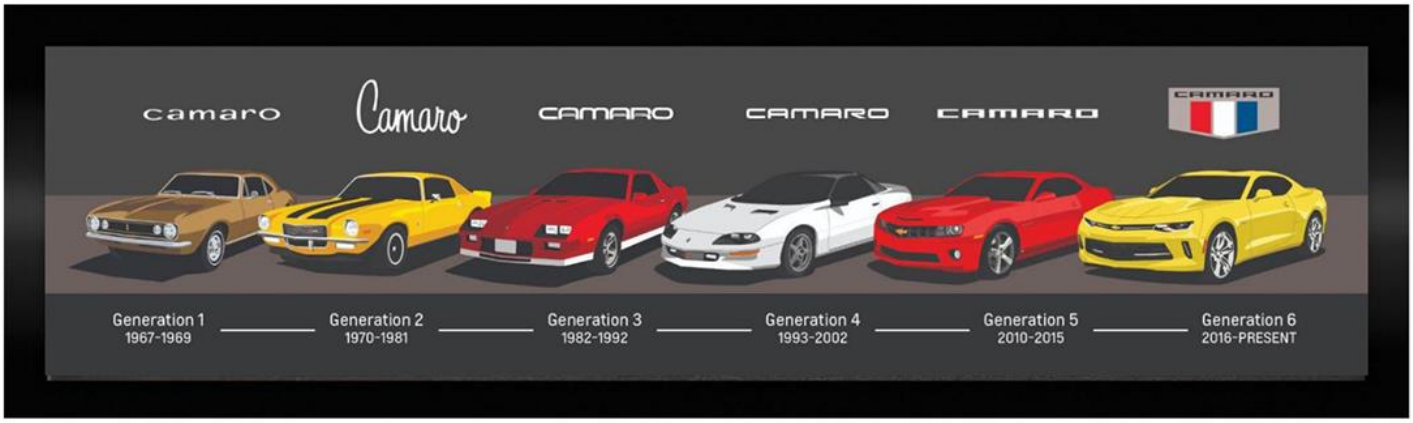
Not only did the Camaro have a new look, but it was also loaded with cutting-edge features.

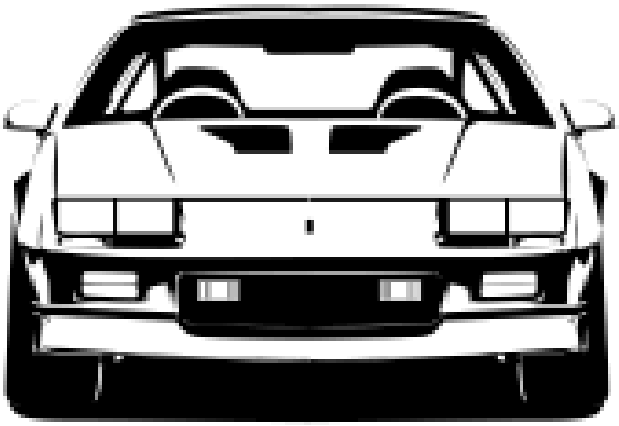
By 2012, the Camaro had a serious horsepower bump with the release of the Camaro ZL1 Coupe with a V-8 engine producing a staggering 580 horsepower. Finally, nearing the end of the fifth generation, the Camaro offered a 7.0-liter V-8 engine with an impressive 505 horsepower and 481 pound-feet of torque. It also had a six-speed manual transmission. In addition, the 2014 Camaro received an updated look with a sleek new front fascia and rear end.

## 2016 to Present: Sixth Generation

The sixth generation of the Chevrolet Camaro started with a bang as it offered a lighter vehicle with better fuel efficiency and a powerful engine option producing 455 horsepower in 2016. In 2017 the ZL1 trim level was revised to include a V-8 engine capable of producing 650 horsepower with the choice of either a six-speed manual transmission or a 10-speed automatic transmission. In addition, the Camaro's exterior was again updated in 2019 with a new front end, rear end, LED signature headlights, and LED taillights.

The most popular 2020 Camaro was the SS 1LE with a dual-mode exhaust, two-piece brake rotors, magnetic ride control, and an FE4 performance suspension system. The 2021 Camaro continues to up the sports car's game with an available supercharged 6.2-liter LT4 V-8 with 650 horsepower and a ground-shaking 650 pound-feet of torque. This engine carries over into the 2022 year model of the Camaro as the sixth generation of the Chevrolet Camaro continues to impress.





# Bowtie People

## Birthdays

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| Floyd Lorenz | 12/2 | Dr. Sue Sykes | 1/12 |
| Marcie Ostenberg | 12/5 | Barbara DeCamp | 1/23 |
| Jo Ann Hill | 12/11 | Rick Jones | 1/24 |
| Cindee Goodwin | 12/19 | Chuck Kelstrom | 1/25 |
| Marcie Angel-Rosenlund | 12/28 | Ken Nylin | 1/29 |
| Jessica Weaver | 12/31 | Carrol Weaver | 1/30 |

## Anniversaries

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| Kevin and Jenni Ames | 12/13 |
| Mark and Melissa Smith | 12/17 |
| Lynne Marie Dean and Brian Stromberg | 12/31 |
| Marc and Cindee Goodwin | 1/22 |

# 2023 Pacific NW Camaro Club Activities

## December

2 8:00am Griots Caffeine and Gasoline, Tacoma

9 6:00pm PNWCC Members Christmas Party, Karen Purvis and Jerry Yoder hosting, Lake Tapps

## January

14 1:00pm PNWCC Activities Planning Meeting, Mark and Nora Hennecken hosting, Lakewood

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

# Election Results for 2024 Officers

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| President: | **Mark Hennecken** |
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| Secretary: | **Barbara DeCamp** |
| Treasurer: | **Kevin Ames** |
| Activities Director: | **Nora Hennecken** |
| Car Show Director: | **Brian Stanley** |
| Newsletter Editor: | **Kevin Ames** |
| Webmaster: | **Robert Copeland** |

**Congratulations to All of our 2024 Officers!!**

# 2024 PNWCC Activities Planning Meeting

Save the date: Sunday 1/14/24 at 1:00 p.m.
Planning meeting & potluck for Camaro club events for 2024.
Non-members welcome.
Email Treasurer@pnwcc.com for directions.

# Camaro Club
# Christmas Party

**WHEN:** December 09, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** Jerry Yoder & Karen Purvis

**GIFT EXCHANGE:** A wrapped gift valued at $20.00 for those who wish to join in.

**FOOD:** The Club will furnish a ham, soft drinks, plates, cups, utensils and Ice. BYOB and a potluck dish to share.

**RSVP:** Karen Purvis (206) 669-1129 or Betty Purves (253) 987-2939

**Please bring an un-wrapped toy for Toys for Tots!**

# PNWCC
# 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) |
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ANNIVERSAY (mm/dd):_____

| CAMARO | YEAR | MODEL | TYPE | ENGINE | TRANS | COLOR |
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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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