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A Note from our President

Greetings:

I wish to Thank Griot's Garage for hosting a car care clinic for the PNWCC on Saturday March 15 th at their Tacoma location. Griot's Evan Griffey, Retail Team Lead, was on hand to teach us about the various products and nuances of the new ceramic car waxes vs the carnauba waxes.
It was good to see Michael McAndrews, Jon Nidermayer and Tim Loewen participating in the car care clinic.

Jon Nidermayer brought his truck along and volunteered it as a demo vehicle for the care car clinic. Groit's Evan Griffey showed us how to remove a stubborn rubber stain off Jon's fender with the use of Griot's polish and orbital.

Next activity for the club is a Bowling event at Secoma Lanes in Federal Way on March 29th from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Secom Lanes address is 34500 Pacific Highway S.

Brian Stanley
President PNWCC 2025

Everything You Need to Know About the Original Chevy Camaro Z/28

With its first generation built from 1967 through 1969, the model was a standout in the heyday of the Trans-Am race series.

by ROBERT ROSS

Caught mostly unaware, GM, Mopar, and AMC were late to the game when Ford took the automotive world by storm in late 1964 with the Mustang, a fun and affordable antidote to driving boredom. It took a couple of years, but by 1967, GM came on strong with the Chevrolet Camaro (and Pontiac Firebird, its kissing cousin). The Camaro muscle car established itself as a Ford archrival, both on the street and in motorsport.

That rivalry would play out in Trans-Am racing, which began in 1966 when the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) established the series as a manufacturer's championship for modified sedans and coupes. Two classes competed: under 2.0-liter and over, the latter dominated by small-block V-8s from America. Here, the Camaro Z/28 was a shining star in the race series' golden era, from 1968 to 1972. Our subject car, which spawned a Camaro bloodline that continues today, is the first generation of Chevy's enduring icon, introduced in the fall of 1966 as a 1967

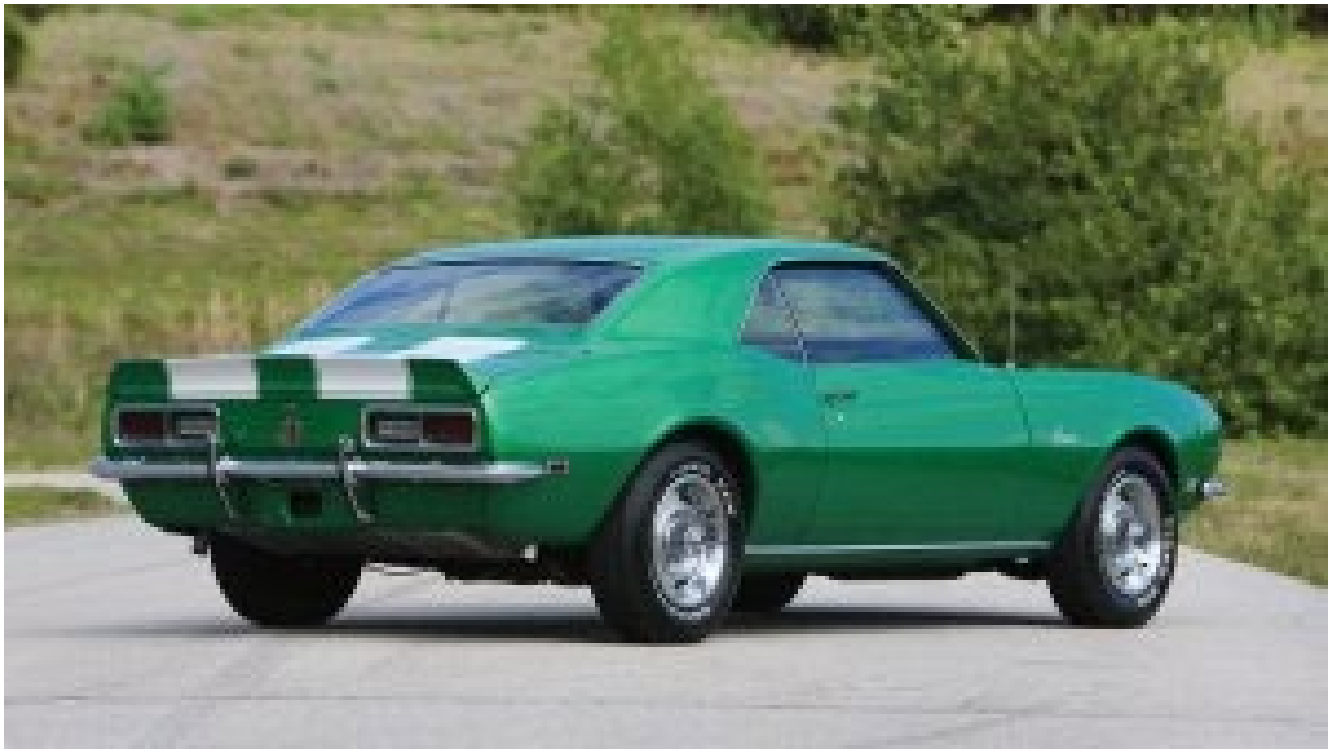
model and built through 1969. First-generation engine and appearance options were almost overwhelming. The RS Package, available on any model, included hidden headlights, sleek tail lamps, and exterior bright trim. The SS Performance Package featured a 350-cubic-inch or 396-cubic-inch V-8 engine (instead of Chevy's standard 230-cubic-inch straight-six mill). That SS version also had an upgraded chassis for improved handling and was strengthened to deal with the V-8's additional power.

Motorsport enthusiasts, however, wanted the Z/28 variant, which was purpose-built to do battle on the track. The car's new engine was based on Chevy's ubiquitous 327-cubic-inch small-block V-8, though reduced in the Z/28 to a 302-cubic-inch displacement. With a forged-steel crank, solid lifters, bigger valves, and a hotter cam, the power plant pulled to 7,500 rpm, and while officially rated at just 290 hp, the motor actually delivered about 350 hp—an impressive 1.15 hp per cubic inch.

In 1967, only about 600 buyers checked the Z28 option box (there was no slash included in the Z28 nomenclature for the first year), but 1968 and 1969 saw about 7,200 and 20,300 Z/28s built, respectively. More expensive than a garden-variety, base Camaro by $400, the Z/28 Camaro was developed with a focus on speed and handling, featuring a four-speed manual transmission and front-wheel power disc brakes, while power steering and air conditioning were left behind at the factory.

Would-be buyers will find that examples of the first-generation Camaro Z/28 run from concours queens to ramshackle parts-bin concoctions. Numbers-matching examples in good condition can top $85,000, while concours-quality finds can nudge $150,000 and beyond. Depending on options, values can vary wildly.

As always, the best advice is to let the previous owner do the restoration and the heavy lifting, and just bring Benjamins. The discount is usually in the buyer's favor, as the cost of an accurate restoration and finding NOS (new old stock) parts rarely pencils out. But who cares? The Camaro Z/28 is such a remarkable time machine that whether one goes over or under, the long play is the pleasure in owning and driving an iconic American muscle car that represents the best of the Camaro breed.



PNWCC Bowling Afternoon

Join us on March 29th for a fun afternoon of bowling from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Secoma Lanes in Federal Way. Secoma Lanes is located at 34500 Pacific Hwy S. Thank you to Jason Bairos for setting up this event

2025 Camaros in the Cellar

Location: Yakima, WA

Date: This year's event is Friday, June 13 through Sunday, June 15.

Rooms at the Oxford Suites can be booked for arrival on Friday, June 13 (yikes! Friday the 13th!) OR Saturday, June 14 and check out on Sunday, June 15.

Oxford Suites: We've cut another deal with the Oxford Suites in Yakima. They are offering rooms at a discount for the event. 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 14, 2025.**

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. Also an additional charge if more than 2 persons stay in a room. Check with hotel for pricing.
River View King Suite	$162.00	
Executive King Suite	$167.00	
King Suite	$162.00	
2 Queen Suite	$167.00	

Amenities at the Oxford Suites include:

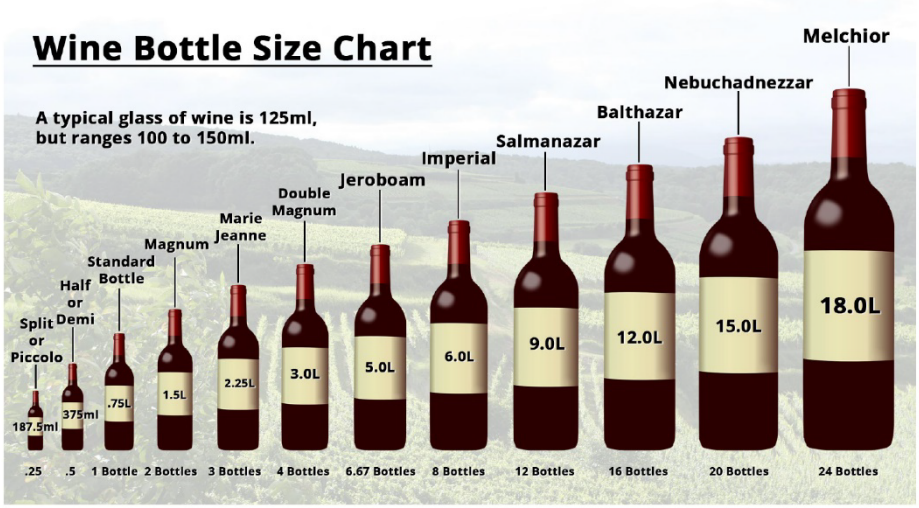
- full breakfast buffet
- indoor pool and spa
- fridge & microwave in rooms
- hair dryer, ironing board, TV, hi speed internet, etc.

phone # is 509-457-9000 or toll free at 800-404-7848

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

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

Below is some useful information for the Camaros in the Cellar weekend.



Hertz Is Selling a 2020 Chevy Camaro SS With Only 37 Miles That It Never Even Got To Rent

By: **Elena Luchian**

Hertz is on a selling spree as it tries to get rid of several cars in its fleet to make room for new ones five years after it filed for bankruptcy. One of them is this 2020 Chevrolet Camaro SS with just 37 miles. So, we are dealing with a five-year-old Camaro with only delivery mileage.

How can a rental car have only 37 miles (59 kilometers) on the clock? Well, the truth is that the car rental company did not even get to rent this example. It did, however, made available several others that it purchased and modified based on a deal with Hendrick Motorsports with the sole purpose of offering them for rent.

Listed with a single photo, unlike all the other cars offered by Hertz through Mecum Auctions, this Camaro SS is number 198 of 200 units made, all built to the same specification. The models were available at 15 different airport locations across the US, including New York, Las Vegas, and Dallas. But not this one. There is no information about how this Camaro escaped the trials and tribulations of car rental over these five years.

The standard Camaro SS is powered by a 6.2-liter V8 engine that normally churns out 455 horsepower (461 metric horsepower) and 455 pound-feet (617 Newton meters) of torque. A ten-speed automatic transmission with manual shift mode steers the power to the rear wheels.

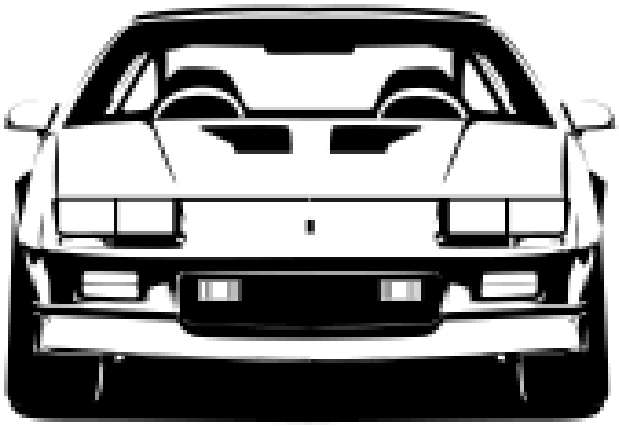
The muscle car takes 3.8 seconds to hit 60 mph (97 kph), from a standstill, runs the quarter mile in 12.1 seconds, and maxes out at 183 mph (294 kph). However, this is not a normal Camaro SS. The cold air intake, cat-back exhaust, and a strut tower brace that it got brought an extra 25 horsepower for a total of 480 horsepower.

The model is painted black with contrasting yellow stripes on the front bumper, hood, roof, deck lid, and rear bumper. It wears the Hertz writing on the lower section of the front fenders. The car came with Recaro performance seats in black leather. The number 24, appearing on the illuminated sills, headrests, and floor and trunk mats, belongs to Hendrick Motorsports' racing driver William Byron, who is currently in his eighth season with the team.

The black-and-yellow Camaro rides on 20-inch Satin Black aluminum wheels with tires measuring 265/30-ZR20 at the front and 305/30-ZR20 at the rear. Meanwhile, the Hertz Yellow-painted brake calipers sport the Hendrick Motorsports logo. The Chevrolet cat-back dual exhaust roars out all the drama of the V8 engine.

With just 37 miles on the clock, it is obvious that this car has never gotten into the hands of the Hertz customers, which spared it the abuse that rental cars usually go through over the years.

The five-year-old Camaro SS will cross the auction block on May 15, at the Indy 2025. It goes with no reserve, which means that, at the end of the auction, someone will go home with it. Will the future owner keep it in pristine condition, trailering it around just to show off, without adding a single mile to that odo, or will they drive it until its wheels fall off?



Bowtie People

Birthdays

Mark Smith	4/1	John Lidstrom	4/27
Brian Stromberg	4/13	Jon Nidermayer	5/5
Marc Goodwin	4/16	Juliette Brown	5/18
Karrlie Chetnik	4/16	Kyle Hill	5/21
Jim Ross	4/18	Tyler Schaefer	5/25

Anniversaries

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

2025 All Camaro Show

July 27th, 2025

TO REGISTER ONLINE

SCAN ME

GRIOT'S GARAGE

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2025 Pacific NW Camaro Club Activities

April

4/4-6 Portland Swap Meet, Portland Expo Center, Portland, OR
4/5 8:00 am Caffeine and Gasoline, Griot's Garage, Tacoma
4/19 8:00 am Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway
4/25-27 LS Fest West, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, NV

May

5/3 8:00 am Caffeine and Gasoline, Griot's Garage, Tacoma
5/10 8:00 am Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton
5/16 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceway, Kent
5/24 8:00 am Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton

June

6/1 10:00 am Firebird-Camaro Show, Burgermaster, Issaquah
Hosted by Western Washington Firebirds
6/7 8:00 am Caffeine and Gasoline, Griot's Garage, Tacoma
6/13-15 Camaro's in the Cellar, Yakima, WA
6/14 8:00 am Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton
6/20 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceway, Kent
6/27 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceway, Kent

July

7/5 8:00 am Caffeine and Gasoline, Griot's Garage, Tacoma
7/11 4:00 pm Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceway, Kent
7/27 8:00 am ALL CAMARO SHOW, Griot's Garage, Tacoma

If there are any events you would like to see, or you know of something that we could do as a club; please contact Activities director at activities@pnwcc.com

PNWCC
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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NEW MEMBER _____ OR RENEWAL _____

NAME:_____ DATE:_____

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Would you like to receive your newsletter by (check one): ____EMAIL ____REGULAR MAIL ____BOTH

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MEMBER & FAMILY	BIRTHDAY (MM/DD)	FAMILY MEMBER	BIRTHDAY (MM/DD)

ANNIVERSAY (mm/dd):_____

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

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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