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A Note from our President

Hold on Tight for 2026 LS Fest West April 24th to 26th!

LS Fest West was a huge event that drew thousands of people from all over the Western United States to Las Vegas Motor speedway for a three-day event featuring; autocross, drag racing, 3S challenge, show and shine, burn out contest, and dirt track in celebration of the LS Motor.
I participated in three days of autocross, along with my friends Brent Franich, Chris Nordhaus, Hayle Hoyt, and Jon Nidermayer.

LS Fest features two types of autocross courses, a traditional layout in a parking lot (autocross #1) and the second on a road course which was a layout to allow for higher speeds through sweeping curves and straight-away (autocross #2).

Hayley Hoyet and Chris Nordhaus discuss driving techniques on the grid and wonder how their cooler got hit

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Brent Franich checks his tires while pressure waiting to go at autocross# 2.

A 6th Gen Camaro lines up at the starting in lane #2 against a 5th Gen Camaro in lane #1.

A 5th Gen Camaro comes to a complete stop in lane# 1 stop box.

LS Fest West is truly an exhilarating event where one can evaluate the limits of one's car and driving skills.

But sometimes it's an event with a few shenanigans...

…OOPS!

We also have a couple events coming up very soon.

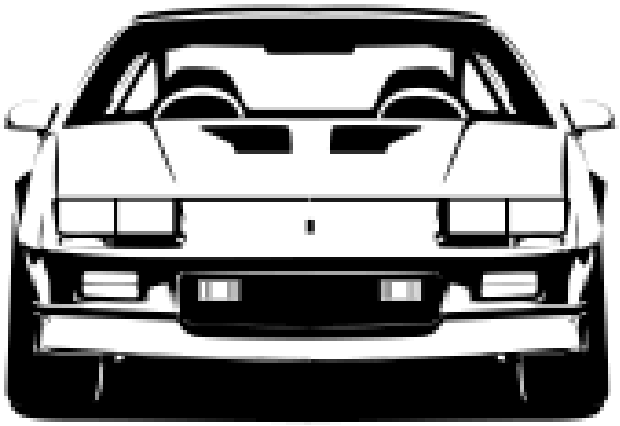
First, Camaros in the Cellar in Yakima from June 5th to 7th. You may still be able to get a room if you're still thinking about attending, although you may not get the discounted room rate.

Second, is the Firebird / Camaro Show on June 7th at the newly opened Burgermaster (formerly Triple X Drive In) in Issaquah.

And don't forget the **ALL CAMARO SHOW** coming up on **July 26th** at Griot's Garage in Tacoma. Online registration is open and working, so go to PNWCC.com and register today.

Thank you,

Brian Stanley
2026 President PNWCC



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Birthdays

Wayne Fangman	6/4	Steve Hartson	7/10
Jenni Ames	6/7	Leslie Croxton	7/10
Melissa Smith	6/19	Drew Smith	7/14
Tim Loewen	7/1	Cliff Samuels	7/15
Susan Crippe	7/6	Victoria Jones	7/16
Jim Weaver	7/7	Ryan Schaefer	7/20
Gary Schaefer	7/9		

Anniversaries

Larry and Barbara DeCamp	6/2
Jim and Carrol Weaver	6/6
Marilyn Muscat and Kent Woodworth	7/13
Dan and Kristie Morgan	7/16
Larry and Marcy Angel-Rosenlund	7/26

2026 Camaros in the Cellar

Location: Yakima, WA

Date: This year's event is **Friday, June 5 through Sunday, June 7.**

Rooms at the Oxford Suites can be booked for arrival on Friday, June 5 OR Saturday, June 6 and check out on Sunday, June 7.

Oxford Suites: Oxford Suites in Yakima is 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 15, 2026.**

Type of Room	Special Rate*	*Rates are subject to an occupancy tax, which is currently 11.5%, 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	$149.00	
Executive King Suite	$159.00	
King Suite	$149.00	
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Amenities at the Oxford Suites include:

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

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

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

Questions??? E-mail Karen Nidermayer at karenolywa@comcast.net

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

- There are three major types of wine: red, white, and rosé. However, there are different, less popular varieties including orange and blue.
- Experts only fill their wine glasses a third of the way. This leaves plenty of room in the glass for aromas to develop.
- Wine glasses are tulip-shaped, curving inwards at the top so that aromas aren't able to escape.

Everything We Know About The 2028 Chevrolet Camaro

The Chevrolet Camaro may not be gone for long. After ending production following the 2024 model year, reports suggest the iconic nameplate is being prepped for a return, potentially arriving as a 2028 model and once again taking aim at the Ford Mustang and Dodge Charger.

Early indications point to the Camaro sticking with its traditional formula as a two-door sports coupe, though there's growing speculation that Chevrolet could expand the lineup with a four-door variant, similar to what Dodge has done with the latest Charger. Either way, the familiar 2+2 seating layout is expected to remain, even if the rear seats continue to be more symbolic than practical. A fastback-style roofline with a hatchback design is also rumored, a throwback to the third-generation IROC-Z Camaro.

The Camaro's return would fill a noticeable gap in Chevrolet's performance lineup. With the Corvette now starting well above $70,000, the brand lacks a more accessible sports car—both the Mustang (with the V8) and Charger start around $50K.
Reviving the Camaro would not only address that void but also reaffirm GM's ongoing investment in internal-combustion performance, and would give the automaker another internal 'customer' for the new 535-horsepower LS6 small-block V8 that just debuted with the Corvette Grand Sport.

What Is The Chevrolet Camaro?

The Chevrolet Camaro is—er, *was*— a rear-wheel-drive performance car built by General Motors to compete with the Ford Mustang. First introduced for the 1967 model year, it helped define what became known as the "pony car" segment—affordable, sporty coupes with long hoods, short rear decks, and a focus on straight-line performance and style.
While the Mustang has enjoyed enduring success, over the decades, the Camaro hasn't enjoyed quite the same fortune. It was discontinued in 2002, brought back in 2010, and then discontinued again after the 2024 model year.

Throughout its life, it has offered a range of engines—from small four-cylinders to inline sixes, and V8s both large and small—with performance variants like the Z28, SS, and ZL1 becoming particularly well-known, and sought after by enthusiasts.
At its core, the Camaro has always been about delivering accessible performance. It sits below the Corvette in Chevy's lineup, while still delivering serious speed.

What Platform Will The 2028 Chevrolet Camaro Use?

Under the skin, the next-generation Camaro is expected to ride on an updated version of GM's Alpha platform, which previously underpinned the outgoing model as well as Cadillac's CT4 and CT5 sedans.
The revised architecture would retain a front-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout, though all-wheel drive could be offered as an option to broaden appeal, particularly in colder climates. Hopefully, that's only offered on the proposed sedan variant and only with lower spec, non-V8 models.
If the reports are true, it means the Camaro will remain a traditional muscle car rather than becoming a crossover, or worse, an all-electric crossover. GM must have noticed that Dodge is selling combustion-powered Chargers at a rate of 7:1 compared to the battery model.

Which Engine Will The 2028 Chevrolet Camaro Use?

Powertrain options are likely to follow a familiar pattern. Much like the Mustang, a turbocharged four-cylinder engine is expected to serve as the entry point in the traditional Camaro RS model, offering a balance of performance and affordability. It's probable Chevy will opt for either the 237-hp 2.0L turbocharged 4-cylinder engine used in the CT4, or the 310-hp 2.7L turbocharged 4-cylinder upgrade used in the CT4-V and offered in the Silverado.

It's pretty much a guarantee GM won't make the same mistake as Dodge and introduce the reborn Camaro without a proper V8 powertrain.

The automaker's new 6.7L LS6 V8 is the leading candidate to show up under the hood of the 2028 Camaro SS right now. In the Corvette, it produces 535 horsepower and 520 lb-ft of torque—the highest torque ever for a naturally aspirated production V8—using a 13:1 compression ratio, forged internals, and dual port/direct injection.

GM does have a 3.6-liter twin-turbocharged V6 engine, producing 472 hp, which is used in the CT4-V Blackwing, that could be an interesting, non-traditional option. But that seems like a long shot.

Higher-performance variants above the SS are likely to follow, but it's unclear what engine could be used. In the modern era, GM has typically offered a supercharged version of the base model under the hood of a ZL1 model.

Wouldn't it be interesting if the 2028 Camaro received a version of the Corvette's 670 hp 5.5L LT6 flat-plane V8 that lives under the hatch of the Corvette Z06, or even more insane, the 1,064 hp 5.5L LT7 twin-turbo flat-plane DOHC V8 used in the ZR1? Take that Mustang GTD.

A manual transmission could remain part of the mix, though nothing has been confirmed.

How Much Will The 2028 Chevrolet Camaro Cost?

Pricing for the entry-level 2028 Camaro RS will likely start in the $30,000 to $35,000 range in order to stay competitive with the EcoBoost Mustang. The V8-powered SS model is likely to live in the $45,000 to $55,000 ballpark. Both Ford and Dodge have shown the world is prepared to stomach $100,000 muscle cars, so it's likely GM has its eyes on entering something in this high-margin space. Unfortunately, unlike its two domestic rivals, GM does have to balance an overlap between the highest dollar Camaros and the lower rungs of C8 Corvette options.

When Will The 2028 Camaro Go On Sale?

Production of the next-generation Camaro could begin as early as fall 2027—building model year 2028 cars.

The Camaro would re-enter a shrinking but still competitive segment, facing off not only against its longtime domestic rivals but also performance-focused coupes like the Nissan Z and BMW M2. That means execution will be critical. Pricing, design, and enthusiast-focused features—particularly engine options and transmission choices—will play a major role in how well the new Camaro is received.

2026 Pacific NW Camaro Club Activities

June

6/5-6/7		Camaros in the Cellar, Oxford Suites, Yakima
6/6	8:00am	Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton
6/7	9:00am	Firebird – Camaro Show, Burgermaster, Issaquah
6/12	4:00pm	Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceway, Kent
6/20	8:00am	Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton
6/26	4:00pm	PNWCC Club Meeting, Binford Field of Dreams, Kent

July

7/4	8:00am	Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton
7/10	4:00pm	Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceway, Kent
7/26	9:00am	**ALL CAMARO SHOW, Griots Garage, Tacoma**

August

8/7	4:00pm	Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceway, Kent
8/8	8:00am	Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton
8/14	4:00pm	Car Club Challenge, Pacific Raceway, Kent
8/15	1:30pm	Cruise to Black Diamond Museum, Black Diamond
8/22		On Grid at Ridge Motorsports Park, Shelton
8/29	8:00am	Car Club Challenge, Bremerton Raceway, Bremerton

If there is anything you would like to see as a Club Activity, please don't hesitate to get in touch with either Brian Stanley or myself and we can add it to our list.

2026 All Camaro Show

July 26th, 2026

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GRIOT'S GARAGE

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