



January / February 2025

The View from the Top.

WMCC February Meeting **Sunday February 2, 2025**

For the February meeting we will be going to the Grand Rapids Grand Prix Indoor Go Karting Facility located near the Tanger outlets in Byron Center, MI. www.grandrapidsqp.com Karting will start at Noon. Club Meeting will start about 1:30pm. If you don't want to race you can still show up for just the meeting.

When: Sunday February 2, 2025
Where: Grand Rapids Grand Prix
8455 Byron Commerce Dr SW
Byron Center, MI 49315
Time: Karting @ noon
Meeting @ 1:30pm

We will have lots to discuss so I hope to see you all there!!!

2025 WMCC Fall Color Tour

The 2025 Fall Color Tour dates are Thursday October 9th through Sunday October 12. This is all I have for now, Oh and I'm sure we will be leaving at 9am on Thursday the 9th from some where in the lower Peninsula.

Thankx All John Smith

Berger ALL –GM Show 2025

Berger Chevrolet's All GM Show in 2025 will be our FINAL car show.

For 100 years, Berger has been serving the West Michigan community! As we embark on this centennial anniversary, we will be concluding our era of car show seasons. This final car show will be a time of celebration for the Berger Chevrolet history and legacy in the High Performance industry. Please join us on August 22-23, 2025 to celebrate!

This final car show will be a time of celebration for the Berger Chevrolet history and legacy in the High Performance industry. At this final car show, we're hoping for our biggest turn out yet! Attendees can expect to see exclusive vehicles from the Berger Collection, a 28 ft x 28 ft mural portraying a century of Berger history, high performance vehicles from the last ten decades, limited-time 100-year Berger merchandise, and more! Please join us on August 22 and 23 to celebrate.

All General Motors vehicles are invited to participate in our show. We would especially like to invite any GM vehicles from 1925, any Berger Chevys from the '60's and '70's, along with the all-new Custom Berger Camaros, Hot Rod Magazine Limited Edition Camaros, and Berger ZL-1 Camaro Supercars.

Whether you're a car enthusiast or just want to peruse the beauty of the classic GM models, the All GM Show is a great way to spend a summer weekend in Grand Rapids!

Check out our Action-Packed Schedule Celebrating 100 Years of by Berger Performance, Power & Passion for All Things Chevrolet

🚩 Friday, August 22: 9am-4pm
Track Day at US131 Motorsports Park. \$20 to race your own GM Vehicle. FREE for spectators. Registration is same day and ends at 1pm.

🚩 Friday, August 22: 7pm-10pm
Pre-Show Party at Berger Chevrolet. FREE for all. Join us for live music by The Night Caps, food



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trucks, the 28th St Metro Cruise & classic GM Vehicles.

🚩 Saturday, August 23: 8am-4pm
Berger's 25th Annual All GM Show at Berger Chevrolet. \$20 GM Vehicle entry fee.
Registration is same day and ends at 12pm.
FREE for spectators.

The All GM Show is open to all General Motors vehicles, so bring your GM car and enjoy the show. The first 300 entries will receive a free car show t-shirt and exclusive 100 year anniversary door prize item! If you have a GM vehicle, we want to see you there! If you don't, come to enjoy the show!

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE FOR SPECTATORS.
Come spend your weekend with Berger as we celebrate 100 Years of by Berger Performance, Power & Passion for All Things Chevrolet at our final car show!

With this being the final year for the show we are looking for cars that were sold NEW at Berger Chevrolet to be feature cars.

If you have a car or truck that was sold new at Berger Chevrolet and would like to be considered for a feature car, Please email me a couple of pictures, details about the car and your contact info. wmcamaro@gmail.com

Upcoming show season.

Please get me those flyers and date for all the upcoming shows in your area so we can build a show calendar for this year.

Michigan International Auto Show DeVos Place Jan 30-Feb 2, 2025

I have a discount ticket code for buy one get one free tickets. If you would like the code please text me @ 269-506-0411. Please include your name when texting.

Show info: <https://showspan.com/mas/>

Gear up for an unforgettable automotive adventure at the Michigan International Auto Show! Hosted by the Grand Rapids New Car Dealers Association, this is your ultimate destination to shop your next ride, experience the latest and greatest vehicles, and get a sneak peek at the future of automotive innovation. Explore cutting-edge technology, exhilarating performance, and breathtaking design. **Let's drive!**

Michigan-based **Gentex Corporation** is

returning as the presenting sponsor. Gentex is an industry-leading global automotive supplier of innovative, advanced technology that optimizes driver vision and enhances driving safety and convenience. You can find their technology and parts on several of the vehicles on the show floor. As you pass through the Gentex space, you won't be able to miss INFECTED, a 1970 Plymouth Cuda with an 817bhp supercharged Hemi V8, a six-speed manual gearbox, in hotter-than hot pink. INFECTED was built and designed by the Ringbrothers team with over 5,600 hours going into the project. Read more about what Gentex is doing at the Michigan International Auto Show.

NASCAR Dreams: Imagine launching your career as a professional race car driver as a teenager! Ryleigh Davis and Biniam Van Wynen have done just that and both will be on hand throughout the weekend to show off their cars and talk with fans and future drivers about the thrill of the sport. Seventeen-year-old Ryleigh began racing at the age of 8 with the quarter midgets and made her debut with limited late model racing two years ago at Berlin Raceway in Marne. Biniam – who was born in Ethiopia and brought to Texas at the age of eight months old when he was adopted by Bill Van Wynen – now calls Lowell home. The Van Wynen family often attended races at Berlin and it wasn't long before Biniam was hitting the track – even though he just got his road driver's permit last April. It also helps that Biniam made a very important connection through a friend of his dad's, none other than Jeffrey Earnhardt, grandson of legendary NASCAR driver Dale Earnhart (and nephew of Dale Earnhart Jr.). Biniam has also linked up with Jesse Iwuji Motorsports, the team co-owned by NASCAR driver, Jesse Iwuji, and NFL hall of famer, Emmitt Smith. Race fans will want to also check out the two vehicles in the Gilmore Car Museum display, including a 1974 AJ Foyt Indy Car and a 1916 Packard Twin-Six Racer.

Electric Avenue: Get ready to rev up your excitement and make your way to Electric Avenue, located inside Hall C. Dive into the electrifying world of electric vehicles, where innovation meets the road. Explore a stunning lineup of electrics and discover their cutting-edge technology, range, performance, and unique features. Don't miss your chance to experience the future of driving firsthand! James Morin, creator of Electric Mitten, has invited other EV bloggers and industry experts to be on hand throughout the weekend to answer all your EV questions.

Million Dollar Motorway: Each year, some of the most elite brands of automobiles are featured in the Million Dollar Motorway – vehicles priced at \$100,000 or more. Check out this luxurious collection displayed in the rooms on south side of the Grand Gallery.

Everett's RC Challenge Course: Stop by the Everett's Landscape space and take a crack at driving an RC car through their one-of-a-kind course! Built by the Everett's team to a 1/18" scale, you can roam around plants, rocks animals, and over bridges, stones, and dirt as you navigate the terrain. Rent an RC car from Everett's for \$10 or bring your own for free!

Gilmore Car Museum: An Auto Show tradition returns from the collection of North America's Largest Auto Museum. Two vehicles highlight the upcoming "Without Limits – A Showcase of American Racing throughout the Last Century" exhibit opening this spring including the 1916 Packard Twin-Six and 1974 AJ Foyt Indy Car. Three cars will be featured in the Fall 2025 exhibit "Defined by Design" including a 1934 DeSoto Airflow, 1929 Duesenberg Model J-111, 1910 Ford Model T. The 1960 Buick Electra 225 Convertible will highlight the exhibit "The Modern Consumer – the 50s and 60s" which opens in February.

After Market Features, Accessories & More: Vehicle customization remains hot and **Gas Pedal Customs** and **Auto Image** are excited to show you what they've been working on! There will also be an array of exhibitors featuring everything from garage flooring and organization systems, protective ceramic coatings, collision and body work, historic and classic restoration, systems aimed to help hoist and haul your favorite lifestyle accessories (quads, snowmobiles, jet skis, etc.) in the bed of a pickup truck.

Other displays include: Subaru Loves Pets, Padnos Kids Ride & Drive, Crushed Car from Padnos, Consumers Energy and the Precision Metal Forming Association.

Chevy Camaro Must Become Less Expensive To See Next-Gen:

Exclusive

By **Alex Luft**

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Since GM officially announced plans to discontinue the sixth-generation Chevy Camaro, enthusiasts have been on edge for info about the future of the storied muscle car. What we've heard thus far has been all over the place, starting with remarks from Chevy chief Scott Bell, who was quoted as saying in a March 2023 press release that the discontinuation of the sixth-gen model "is not the end of the Camaro story." Beyond that, we've also heard some comments stating that the Camaro should return as an electric performance car and even as family of battery electric performance cars. Now, *GM Authority* is here to bring you the latest.

What we're hearing from sources close to the matter are two things.

First, GM has not given up on resurrecting the Camaro. This lines up with what Bell told us back in May 2024, namely to "never say never" when it comes to the muscle car returning in the future.

Second, product planners have landed on at least one aspect in the direction for the next-gen model. Sources who asked to remain anonymous tell *GM Authority* that the mantra surrounding any possibility of the next-gen Chevy Camaro is that it must be "affordable and attainable", certainly more so than the sixth-generation Camaro.

Another source familiar with GM's internal Camaro discussions tells *GMA* that "affordability is a priority" for the next-gen model, adding that a successor to the sixth-gen is unlikely unless lower price points are reached.

The lower price / value mantra makes sense. After all, affordability and value was what the Camaro was all about during its first three

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generations. It's also one of the key elements that enabled the Corvette C8 to become a home run. In fact, the C8 Stingray – which launched at an attainable \$59K starting price for the base model – has attracted a younger customer base, one that prior Corvette models haven't been able to draw.

In much the same way, the next-gen Camaro will need to capture a much younger audience with a value play. That's something that the sixth-gen Camaro did on the surface, but that value proposition started to slip as options and/or high (er)-performance models were added to the build.

It's currently unclear whether attaining a low price point will carry another cost, like removing features or options. We'll be here to tell you more when we have it, so stay tuned and be sure to subscribe to GM Authority for more Chevy Camaro news and Chevy news.

Article from GM Authority

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2025/01/chevy-camaro-must-become-less-expensive-to-see-next-gen-exclusive/>

Next-Gen Chevy Camaro: What Base Engine Should It Get?

By Jonathan Lopez

January 19, 2025 12:29 am

With the discontinuation of the sixth-generation Chevy Camaro following the conclusion of the 2024 model year, speculation is rampant over what lies ahead for the iconic GM nameplate. Currently, the most likely scenario is a pivot to all-electric power, but that doesn't mean ICE-based power is completely off the table. Which leads us to ask – if GM chooses the ICE route, what would the automaker use for the next-gen Chevy Camaro base engine?

As GM Authority exclusively reported last week, GM intends to make the next-generation Camaro significantly more affordable than its predecessor, suggesting that a smaller, more efficient engine could be in the cards. With that, let's dive into some potential candidates:

Turbo 2.0L I4 LTG Engine

Although the LTG is no longer produced, it was last available under the hood of the 2023 Chevy Camaro delivering 275 horsepower and 295 pound-feet of torque. However, the LTG was later either discontinued or replaced across GM's lineup.

Turbo 2.0L I4 LSY Engine

One of the engines that replaced the LTG was the LSY, which delivers between 228 and 237

horsepower, depending on application, as well as 258 pound-feet of torque. While peak output aligns with affordable competitors like the Subaru BRZ and Toyota GR86, it falls short of the Ford Mustang EcoBoost's 315 horsepower. Even so, the LSY might keep costs low enough to justify a spot in the Camaro lineup.

Turbo 2.7L I4 L3B Engine

The turbocharged 2.7L I4 L3B can be found in a variety of GM products, including several different pickups and even the Cadillac CT4 sedan. Output is rated up to 325 horsepower with 380 pound-feet of torque in the CT4-V, and 310 horsepower with 430 pound-feet of torque in the trucks. The L3B is also compatible with the GM Alpha platform, the same underpinnings as the sixth-gen Camaro, which could streamline validation and development.

Twin-Turbo 3.0L V6 LGY Engine

Firts introduced with the Cadillac CT5, the LGY delivers output ranging between 335 horsepower and 360 horsepower, plus 405 pound-feet of torque. Like the L3B, the LGY is already cradled by the Alpha platform, potentially easing development costs.

Turbo 2.5L I4 LK0 Engine

The turbocharged 2.5L I4 LK0 is the newest engine option on the list, powering the latest Chevy Traverse, GMC Acadia, and Buick Enclave with 328 horsepower and 326 pound-feet of torque. As it turns out, GM developed the LK0 as a solution for the Traverse / Acadia / Enclave due to issues fitting the crossovers with the L3B in a transverse layout, but given the Camaro's engine bay should be large to fit the L3B, the LK0 is less likely to be used for the next-gen sports car.

With GM phasing out its naturally aspirated V6 engines, the Turbo 2.7L I4 L3B seems to be the strongest candidate here due to its impressive performance and packaging, although the turbocharged 2.0L LSY may also be a good candidate thanks to its affordability. Ultimately, however, the choice of powerplant will reflect GM's ongoing balancing act between performance, cost, and emissions standards – all key factors in shaping the Camaro's next chapter.

Which engine would *you* prefer?

Article from GM Authority

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2025/01/next-gen-chevy-camaro-what-base-engine-should-it-get/>

Should The Next-Gen Chevy Camaro Be A Ford Mustang Or Toyota GR86 And Subaru BRZ Rival?

By **Jonathan Lopez**

December 27, 2024 12:03 am

GM discontinued the sixth-generation Chevy Camaro following the conclusion of the 2024 model year, much to the dismay of fans. Nevertheless, this isn't the first time the Camaro nameplate has been killed off, with GM previously giving it the axe in 2002 before the launch of the fifth-gen in 2009 for the 2010 model year. Indeed, we wouldn't be surprised to see GM launch an all-new, seventh-generation Chevy Camaro sometime in the next several years. However, the question is this – what form should it take?

It should go without saying that the most popular option is likely to be to maintain Chevy's long-standing rivalry with Ford and the Ford Mustang, a tradition dating back to the Camaro's launch in 1966 for the 1967 model year. At present, the Mustang is the last nameplate standing in its segment, with recent updates like the Dark Horse trim pushing the ICE-based performance boundaries even further. For many enthusiasts, the answer is obvious – V8 engine up front, power in the rear.

That said, developing an all-new, V8-powered sports car would be hugely expensive and likely untenable in the face of broader industry trends. As such, the Camaro could pivot to a sport compact model aimed at competitors like the

Toyota GR86, Subaru BRZ, and Mazda MX-5. This would likely keep the Camaro relatively affordable, with powertrain offerings like the turbocharged 2.5L I4 LK0 gasoline engine under the hood. For the sake of comparison, the Toyota GR86 / Subaru BRZ twins feature a naturally aspirated 2.4L flat-four engine producing 228 horsepower, while the MX-5 is equipped with a 2.0L I4 producing 181 horsepower. All three models favor low weight and driver-friendly handling over straight-line performance, and enjoy a good deal of success among enthusiasts.

The most likely direction, however, is an electrified Camaro, as hinted by GM President Mark Reuss. Indeed, the EV muscle car landscape is growing, with this Stellantis' debut of the 2024 Dodge Charger Daytona boasting 670 horsepower and a 0-to-60 mph time of 3.3 seconds. A next-gen Camaro EV could directly compete in this space, showcasing GM's Ultium battery technology and advanced powertrains.

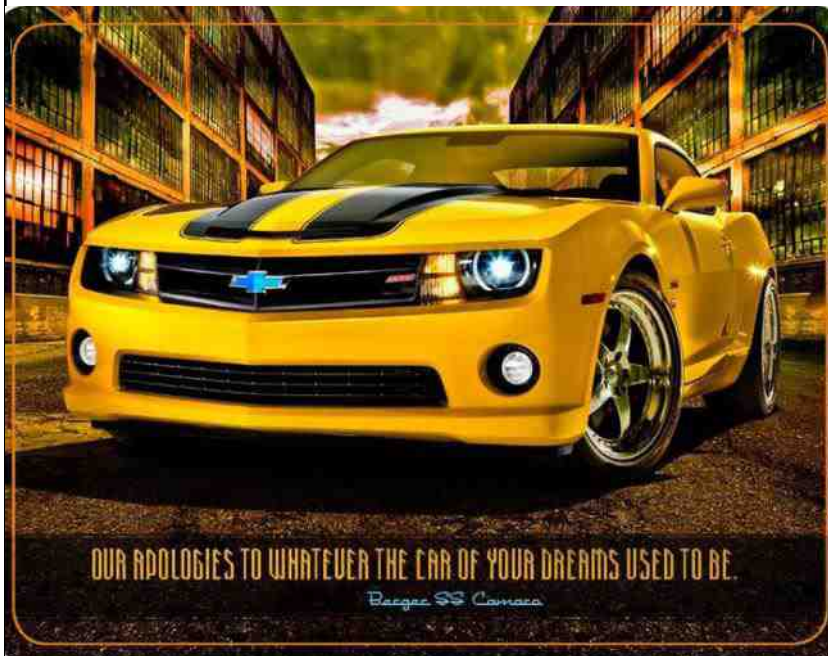
There are other developments to consider here, as well. Toyota, for example, is eyeing a revival of the Celica, while Honda has teased a new Prelude, the latter of which will likely cradle a hybrid powertrain. Mazda may even get in on the action with a new EREV (extended-range electric vehicle) juiced by a two-rotor electric generator.

That said, we still want to know – what direction would *you* prefer to see for the next-gen Chevy Camaro?

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Next WMCC Meeting
Sunday Feb 2nd, 2025
In Byron Center, MI
See newsletter for details**

The Western Michigan Camaro Club

Is dedicated to the enjoyment, preservation and promotion of the Chevrolet Camaro as the premier four passenger sports car ever. The club was formed in 1975.

Meetings

The WMCC holds monthly membership meetings on the first weekend of each month. Times and location vary, so see the Newsletter or check the club's web site or face book page for specific times and locations, or call one of the officers.

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