



# REGIONNAIRE

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A newsletter of the Southern California Region of the  
Vintage Chevrolet Club of America by and for its members



## Director's Message

Hello Chevy Friends,

Hot days and sunny skies are upon us! It's been a hot one so far, but this summer has been good. Jim and I have been able to take the classics out and about a little bit in the evenings after the temperatures cool down. We are anxious for some car shows and tours! It looks like the Orange County and the San Fernando regions are both having their shows this year so that is very good news!

Since our meeting location has closed for good we are still looking for a central location so we can meet in-person. We will cancel our July meeting and we will hopefully have a place for our next meeting in September. I can't wait to see everyone as I've missed you all. Keep an eye out for updates in the newsletter and via e-mail.

We are going to try and build our membership and plan some tours in the upcoming months. We want to be able to have fun as a group and get our cars on the road. So until we can meet again, happy driving, stay safe, and be well.

*Sabrina Karras, 2021 Director, So. Cal Region VCCA*

***"The Worlds Best Chevrolet Club!"***  
***"Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of all Chevrolets."***

# TRACK AND STREET COME CLOSER TOGETHER IN THE ALL-NEW CHEVROLET NASCAR NEXT GEN CAMARO ZL1 RACE CAR

*OEMs and NASCAR collaborate to bring production elements to race cars*

**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** – Chevrolet and other major automotive brands competing in the NASCAR Cup Series revealed their Next Gen models today. Chevrolet’s new look on the racetrack will more closely connect to its cars in the showroom when Chevy campaigns its Next Gen Camaro ZL1 race car, starting next season in the NASCAR Cup Series. The new look and features are a result of a collaborative effort by Chevrolet, the series and other original equipment manufacturers for race cars competing at the Cup level to look and perform more like their production counterparts.

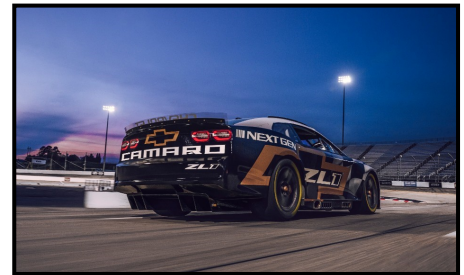


The Next Gen Camaro ZL1 race car’s new lower greenhouse, shortened deck lid

and widened track width contribute to a coupe-like appearance. A fully symmetrical body design makes the race car look even more like the production Camaro. “Chevrolet engineers and designers worked alongside our race teams to develop this race car while staying true to the styling essence of the Camaro ZL1,” said Jim Campbell, GM U.S. vice president of Performance and Motorsports. “This cooperation will benefit Chevrolet both on the track and the street.” Both the Next Gen Camaro ZL1 race car and production Camaro ZL1 offer hood air extractors that enhance track performance.



“The Next Gen Camaro has a much stronger link to the production Camaro ZL1 in terms of styling integration, improved proportions and relevant technologies,” said Eric Warren, Chevrolet director of NASCAR Programs. “From an engineering standpoint, this is a seismic shift. It’s a completely new car that brings with it a lot of opportunity from a technical standpoint.”



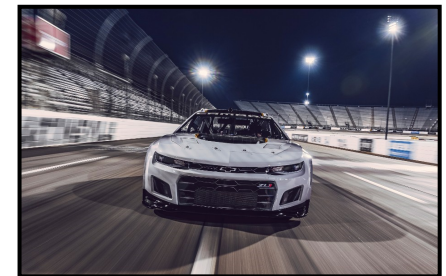
Other changes to the 2022 Next Gen race car include: Upgraded specs to match modern passenger vehicle technology, including independent rear suspension – like production Camaros – and rack and pinion steering; An increase in wheel size from 15 to 18 inches. The larger diameter wheels allow for larger brakes for improved track performance. Wheels will be made from forged aluminum, like the wheels on the production Camaro

ZL1; A new transaxle that combines the transmission and rear gears into one package; The bottom of the car will be sealed with an underwing and rear diffuser for enhanced aerodynamics; A redesigned chassis features new front and rear bumpers with an energy-management system; Both the front and rear clips bolt on to the center section for easier serviceability and damage repair.



Chevrolet initially introduced the Camaro ZL1 race car to NASCAR Cup competition in 2018. It was replaced by the Camaro ZL1 1LE race car in 2020, which Chase Elliott drove to a Driver’s Championship in the

car’s first season. Chevrolet has campaigned 14 different nameplates in the Cup Series, dating back to 1955, and with 798 victories is the winningest brand in NASCAR Cup Series history. Chevy’s first win was by Fonty Flock at Columbia Speedway in South Carolina in 1955, the same year Chevrolet introduced its famed small-block V-8. Since then, Chevrolet has won 39 Manufacturer Championships, including 13 in a row from 2003-2015, and 32 Driver Championships to lead all manufacturers.



The Next Gen Camaro ZL1 race car will make its points-paying debut at next season’s Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Florida, on Feb. 20, 2022

Article published on 05/05/2021 at <https://media.chevrolet.com/media/us/en/chevrolet/home.detail.html/content/Pages/news/us/en/2021/may/0505-chevrolet-racing.html>

# GM Design Team Shares Corvette Sting Ray Rendering From 1961

The GM Design team has shared a little-known sketch of a C2 Corvette Sting Ray concept completed by legendary designer Bill Porter back in 1961.

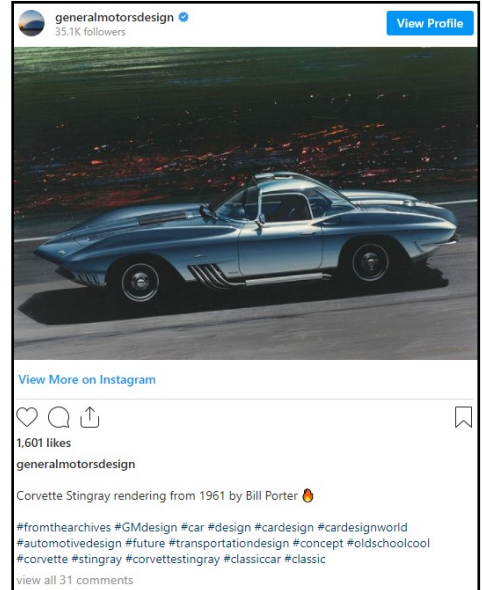
This sketch, which was shared to the GM Design Instagram page this week, was completed by Porter while the C2 Corvette Sting Ray production car was still in development. The GM Design team would have had a pretty good idea of what they wanted the C2 Corvette to look like at this point, as the Peter Brock and Larry Shinoda-designed 1959 Corvette Sting Ray Concept was already around for a couple of years. This would have given Porter a good jumping-off point to start his sketch, using recognizable C2 Corvette styling cues and expanding on the design with add-ons like a double bubble roof, a pointed hood and front and rear fender fins.

Porter's sketch appears to be an early precursor to the XP-755 Concept Car, otherwise known as the Mako Shark. While the GM Design page



does not reference the Mako Shark in its Instagram

post, this sketch looks nearly identical to the Mako Shark show car, which was first presented to the public at the International Automobile Show in New York City in 1962. The design of the Mako Shark is attributed to Larry Shinoda, however, so it's possible that Porter completed this sketch using a design that had already been mostly fleshed out by Shinoda.



Porter eventually went on to become the design studio chief for Pontiac, where he'd help pen iconic GM designs like the 1968 Pontiac GTO and 1970 Pontiac Firebird. Porter also lent his talents to designs for the Pontiac Le Mans, Catalina and Bonneville, among others. He retired from GM in 1996.



Article by Sam McEachern on July 2, 2021 at <https://gmauthority.com/blog/2021/07/gm-design-team-shares-corvette-sting-ray-rendering-from-1961/>

## ◆◆◆ ◆◆◆ Upcoming Events ◆◆◆ ◆◆◆

July 17, 2021 - [Long Beach Model T Club 67th Annual Swap Meet](#) - 7:00 am until close  
Long Beach City College Veterans Stadium - 500 Lew Davis St, Long Beach, CA

October 10, 2021 - [Orange County Region VCCA All Chevy Show](#) - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Enderle Center, Tustin, CA - 55 Fwy at 17th Street

November 14, 2021 - [San Fernando Valley VCCA All Chevy Show](#) - 8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Community Chevrolet - 200 W. Olive Ave, Burbank, CA

The Southern California Region is proud to present a podcast created and produced by Jim and Sabrina Karras. This show will highlight all the exciting things the VCCA has to offer.

Check it out at [vccaspotlight.org](http://vccaspotlight.org)



*No meeting in July  
Next meeting on September 18, 2021  
Location as yet to be determined*

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION FUND RAISER BASEBALL CAP with Embroidered VCCA LOGO

### Cap features:

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NEW VCCA LOGO

## Purpose

The Southern California Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (“VCCA”) was organized to promote the restoration and preservation of Chevrolets and welcomes everyone with an interest in the history of Chevrolet and sharing knowledge and experiences about these wonderful automobiles.

Our region is comprised of both single and married members who join together at many fun events including; tours, picnics, car shows, banquets and other interesting outings.

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## Membership and Dues

An active member is defined as an individual who has paid dues to both the National VCCA and the Southern California Region. Ownership of a Chevrolet is not a requirement of membership.

*National Dues:* Dues for the National VCCA are \$40.00 per year in the U.S. National Dues include membership card, badge, club decal, and monthly publication – the *Generator and Distributor*.

*Southern California Region Dues:* Dues for the Southern California Region are \$15.00 per year. Dues are payable on or before January 31<sup>st</sup>. An active member receives a monthly newsletter – the *Regionnaire* and notification of all club activities. An active member may participate in the business meetings and all club events, both regional and national.

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## Other VCCA Resources

### Southern California Region Web Site

[www.scrvcca.org](http://www.scrvcca.org)

### National VCCA Web Site

[www.vcca.org](http://www.vcca.org)

### VCCA Internet Chat Forum

[www.vcca.org/forum/](http://www.vcca.org/forum/)

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## Regionnaire Publication Information

The Regionnaire is published every other month. Ads and other contributions from members are welcome for publication in the Regionnaire. The deadline for all contributions is the first Tuesday of every other month.



THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA INC.  
*Southern California Region*  
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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the National Vintage Chevrolet club?  YES  NO

**If YES:** Your membership number: \_\_\_\_\_ **If NO:** It is a prerequisite for becoming a member of a local region. Yearly dues for National Membership are listed below and are forwarded to the National Organization. Dues for region membership are \$10.00 per year.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION DUES**..... \$ 15.00 per year  
**NATIONAL DUES**  RENEWAL  NEW  
 Membership (Member, Spouse & Children), two votes ..... \$ 40.00 per year  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ALL REGION MEMBERS MUST JOIN NATIONAL IN ORDER TO JOIN THE REGION. If you send the Region, your National dues, we will send them on to National.

**REGION:** All members receive a monthly region newsletter and information on upcoming events and tours.

**NATIONAL:** All new members will receive a club badge, decal, membership card and the national magazine, Generator & Distributor. Members are entitled to free classified advertising in the club magazine and participation in Vintage Chevrolet Club activities. Members are entitled to free classified advertising, access to member-only website features, and participation in all VCCA activities. Chevrolet ownership is not a requirement for membership. Dues are non-refundable.

The purpose of the VCCA is to promote interest in the preservation and restoration of vintage Chevrolets.

If you presently own a Chevrolet, please fill in below.

Year	Model	Body Style	Cyl.	Condition
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Recruited by (VCCA member recruiting optional) \_\_\_\_\_ VCCA # \_\_\_\_\_

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 Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Applicant's Signature