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Palm Springs Corvette Club

Part 2

April 2025

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President's Message....

April is here and I can already hear the fluttering of feathers as the snowbirds get ready to migrate north. This season is just flown by and I hope everyone has had a great time.

March was amazingly busy with all of our usual events, including the last Car Show at the Southwest Church for Nick Nigosian, our St. Patrick's Day party at the Burton farm and a three night run to Solvang with our friends out of both San Diego clubs. If you missed the Solvang run, please chat with our members that went. It was a great time had by all and we will be rescheduling again for next year.

This month's Corvette of the month goes to Joe Gildner's 1972 custom Corvette. Joe spent 12 years restoring this car and it is just spectacular. Please see the article on Joe.

We will start to slow down and go into summer mode with our usual monthly events. There is a proposed August run to Lake Tahoe, Hot August nights and a possible wine country tour in Napa. Please see the email that is out on this event and respond to me if you're interested. There is also a run to Durango Colorado in September which Michelle Lenhert is in charge of. If you have any ideas for other events during the summer, please contact myself, Virginia or Michele.

Please remember that my term as president is an interim term as approved by our board and membership. We also have no vice president and some other board members that would like to step aside. This year will be over before you know it and we will not start 2026 with current leadership.

Check out the "new" Porsche 911!!! I tried to get it the same colour of my shirt!!!!



Corvette of the Month...



**Joe
&
Barb
Gildner**

2023 Red Corvette Roadster 1972 Black Cherry Corvette Coupe

The first Corvette was a 1960 Drag Racer in 1965. Then there was a drought until the year 2000 when a 1964 was purchased in Colorado Springs. It took seven years to build a Grand National Awarding Winning Mild Custom.

A 2003 Coupe was followed by a SEMA full custom C5. Next was a 1996 Red Gut Grand Sport Concourse Winning Coupe followed by a 2006 Super Charged Coupe that was Drag Raced, Open Tracked and Auto Crossed.



A Garage Find 1972 Coupe was next with a seven-year full custom build which led to our new 2023 Roadster.

We moved to La Quinta from San Clemente in 2019. We spend the winters in the desert and our summers in our beach house in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Now retired, we owned an Insurance Claims Adjusting, Consulting, and Expert Witness Corporation.



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PSCC & San Diego Corvette Club Solvang Trip...

Boy did we have an awesome time in Solvang with the San Diego and Carlsbad Corvette Clubs!!! We had a total of 36 Corvettes 15 from PSCC and 21 from the other two clubs!!!!

We had a fabulous group dinner at AJ Spurs with Matt Kustura singer/guitarist. Many had great time at the Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum (over 100 bikes) and also really enjoyed the Mendenhall's Museum of Gasoline Pumps and Petroliana! Then on to the Babcock Winery and Vega Vineyard and Farm.

It was a great time and thanks to Stan for arranging this fun trip!!!

Enjoy these samplings of photos which "all" are available on the PSCC Website!!!



**Cars & Coffee
Corque Hotel,
Solvang 3/30/25**

PSCC & San Diego Corvette Club Solvang Trip...



Corvette is America's #1 Sports Car



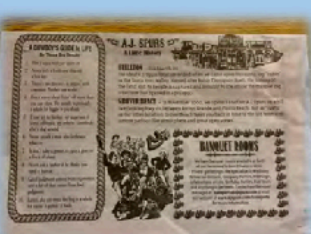
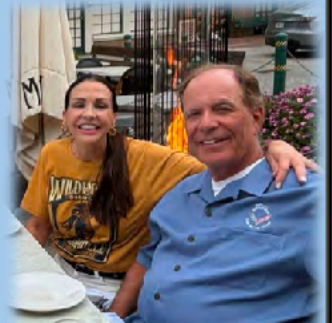
On our way to the Babcock and Vega Wineries

Palm Springs Corvette Club

PSCC & San Diego Corvette Club Solvang Trip...



Just havin' fun at dinner with good friends



AJ Spurs with entertainment by Matt Kustura



Day-Run to Lake Arrowhead May 28th!!!

Michele Langley is planning a **FUN and BEAUTIFUL Day-Run to Lake Arrowhead on Wednesday May 28th!!!!**. We will caravan to Lake Arrowhead Village, have lunch at Papayas Mexican Resturant & Catina with a great view of the Village Bay, take a tour on the Queen boat, then caravan home.

Please **REPLY** to Michele via email to let her know if you're interested in this fun event son she can have an approximate headcount fopr4 booking the boat and restaurant reservations.

Thanks,

Michele Langley

Activities Committee



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lunch at 12 PM at Thermal Aviation

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- Judged Show & Shine at Embassy Suites
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Host Hotel - Embassy Suites - (831) 393-1115 (Limited discounted rooms available)

Durango Colorado Trip Finalized Sept 4-12th...

Day 1 - Thurs. Sept 4 - Night BW Settlers Point St George UT

Day 2 - Fri. Sept 5 - Zion Bryce Canyon Night Tropic UT

Day 3 - Sat Sept 6 - Bland Ut Stone Lizard Lodge

Day 4 - Sun Sept 7 - Durango CO Best Western Rio Grande

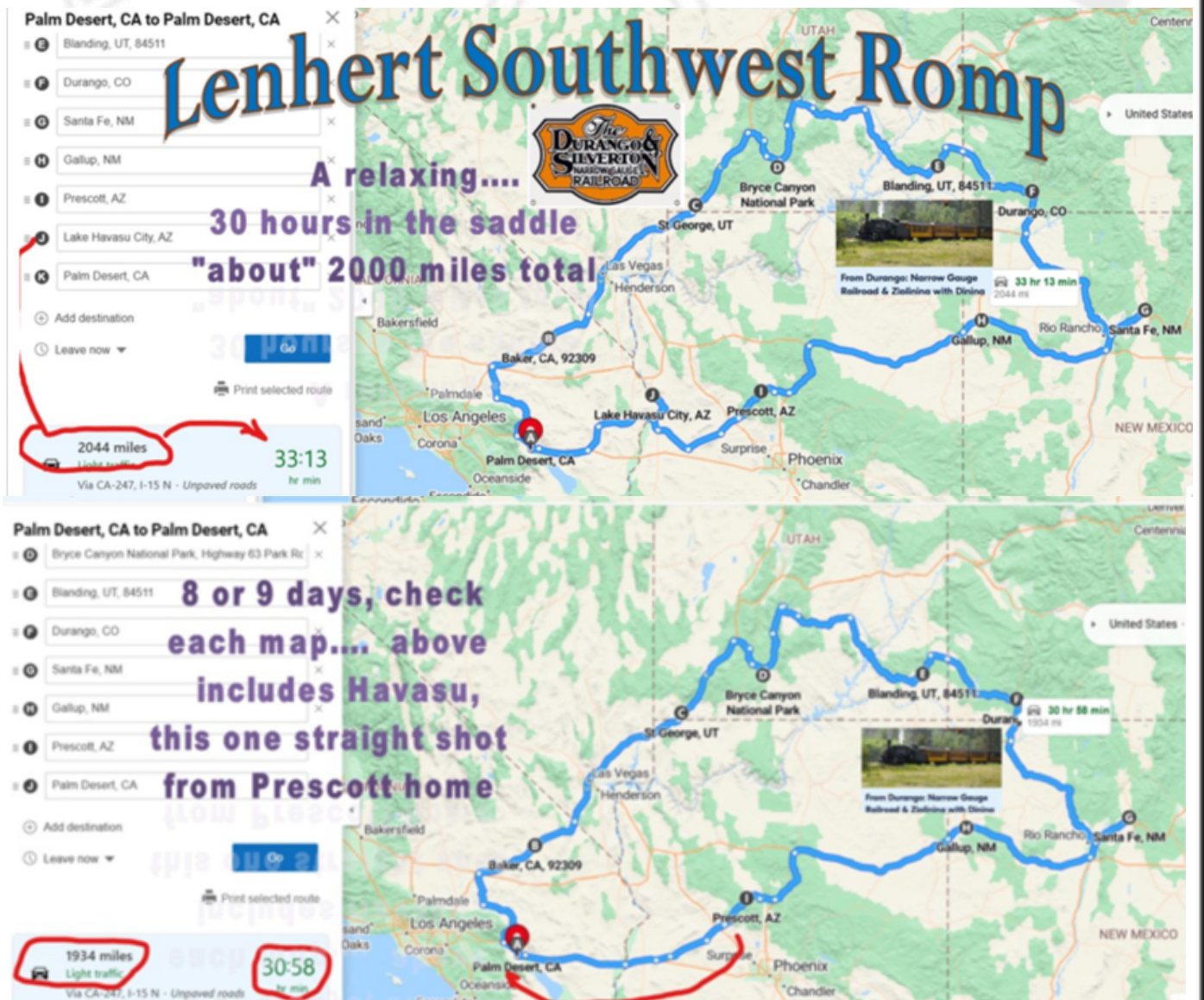
Day 5 - Mon Sept 8 - Durango & Silverton Train

Day 6 - Tues Sept 9 - Santa Fe El Sendero Inn

Day 7 - Wed Sept 10 - Gallup NM Best Western

Day 8 - Thurs Sept 11 - Prescott Az Hotel St Michael

Day 9 - Fri Sept 12 - Lake Havasu Heat Hotel/London Bridge Resort



Thousands Unsold C8's....

Chevrolet dealers across the U.S. are sitting on thousands of unsold C8 Corvettes, and that could be good news for potential buyers. With supply shortages, dealer markups, and production halts largely in the rearview mirror— **except for the upcoming ZR1**—discounts and incentives are lowering the mid-engine sports car's price by thousands.



According to **Chevy's latest dealership inventory tracking**—hat tip to Corvette Blogger—more than 5,700 C8 Corvettes were available on dealer lots last week within a 2,000-mile radius of Detroit. Some dealers are offering incentives to help move the sports cars, with discounts available to qualifying buyers. At least one deal requires a Costco membership, but even with restrictions, the discounts are amazing.

When the C8 Corvette debuted, its starting price of just under \$60,000 was often overshadowed by dealer markups that pushed it well past six figures. Now, some of those same cars are available for well under \$70,000 with the Z51 package, while \$75,000 can capture an even wider selection of colors and configurations.

On the higher end of the spectrum, there are more than 1,000 C8 Z06s available at or slightly below MSRP, the deepest discount seen on a Z06 right now is about \$7,000. There are even some 600 C8 Corvette E-Rays kicking around, with some cars being offered with \$10,000 on the hood.

The majority of the cars available are 2025 model years as well—these aren't cars that have been sitting for months in case you're wondering.

There are just shy of 900 2024 C8s sitting on dealer lots, but you're not really saving much by opting for a '24 instead of a freshly built 2025 car.



Zora Spied Testing....

If new spy photos of the Chevy Corvette Zora are any indication, the engineers on the Corvette team are on a one-way trip to Horsepowerville. While the recently revealed ZR1 already bumps up against the hypercar guardrails, the promised Zora (its official name hasn't yet been confirmed) appears poised to break them down. Our newest crop of spy photos shows the Zora shaking down at the Nürburgring.



The new 'Vette sports the same huge rear wing and widebody kit as the ZR1—complete with the additional side-pod intakes to cool the rear brakes. As with the ZR1, there's a huge splitter attached to the front of the car and an obligatory quad exhaust out back.

We expect the Zora to feature the Corvette E-Ray's hybrid system, which sits on the front axle and powers the front wheels. The e-motor produces 160 horsepower, with juice sourced from a 1.1-kWh battery pack. Unlike the E-Ray, which uses the Stingray's 495-hp 6.2-liter V-8, the Zora is expected to adopt the ZR1's wild flat-plane-crank twin-turbocharged 5.5-liter V-8 that spits out 1064 horses. If the math is as simple as adding the two together, we can expect 1224 horsepower. Whatever the final power figure is, the Zora is sure to be more powerful than the ZR1, and the AWD system could help the Corvette encroach on the 2.0-second zero-to-60-mph mark.

All New 2025 Chevrolet Corvette Zora Officially Unveiled- Ultimate Luxury Sports Car Revealed!!! Video of the “real” Zora is available You Tube!!!!



**Spring is
Just
Around the
Corner**



Michigan Man Arrested for 8 Corvette Heist...

A 21-year-old man faces charges in a \$1.2 million Corvette heist after law enforcement recovered eight luxury vehicles stolen from a Kentucky plant.



Deantae Walker, of Westland, Michigan, was taken into custody Saturday in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on charges of evading police, resisting arrest, receiving stolen property, and criminal mischief.

Authorities allege that Walker and another man were involved in the theft of eight Corvettes from the General Motors plant in Bowling Green. The other man fled in a Jeep with Ohio license plates, according to authorities.

Bowling Green police said it was alerted to the theft by the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Deputies were called to an apartment complex after a woman reported seeing a man driving a red Corvette with the price sticker still on it, the incident report says. The woman said the man got out of the vehicle and ran toward the front of the apartment complex.

The manager of the General Motors plant confirmed that the vehicle was from their lot. A second Corvette was found parked at the same apartment complex, and a third was found nearby. The manager told authorities that eight vehicles were missing from the plant's back lot. Authorities began searching for the other vehicles. The incident report says that a security camera from an apartment captured three vehicles coming into the complex. A man was seen in the footage exiting a light gray Corvette.

As deputies continued to investigate, dispatch received a call from a transport driver who said he had a "weird" interaction with two men who wanted him to take Corvettes to Michigan. The driver said the men were rushing him as he loaded the vehicles, and the cars were damaged on the bottom.

California Has 50% More EV Chargers!!!!

California Governor Gavin Newsom has announced that the Golden State now has more than 178,000 EV chargers within its borders, or roughly twice the number of publicly accessible chargers available in 2022. The 178,000 chargers figure includes both public and shared private chargers. California also has 48 percent more EV chargers than gasoline nozzles, with an estimated 120,000 gas nozzles available across the state.



The estimates are based on data compiled by the California Energy Commission. Of the 178,000 public and shared private EV chargers, more than 162,000 are Level 2 chargers, while roughly 17,000 are DC fast chargers. Level 2 chargers offer significantly slower charging speeds compared to Level 3 DC fast chargers. Additionally, more than 700,000 Level 2 chargers have been installed in single-family residences, making home charging a primary solution for many EV owners.

A \$1.4 billion plan is now in motion to further develop both EV and hydrogen fueling stations. Part of this investment includes the Fast Charge California Project, which allocates \$55 million toward installing fast chargers in commercial and public locations. To ensure equitable access, California also offers grants and rebates for EV charger installation, with a particular focus on low-income residents.

It's reported that a quarter of all new cars sold in California in the last two years has been a zero-emission vehicle. The state currently accounts for 30 percent of all EV sales in the U.S.

“As the federal government works to make it harder for you to charge your electric car, California is doing the opposite. We now have nearly 50 percent more chargers than gas nozzles in the state, meaning you have more options than ever to charge your vehicle,” said Governor Newsom. “We’re embracing our clean car future and providing consumers more choices – no matter what ‘big government’ mandates come out of Washington.”

Why GM Doesn't Add One More C8 Shift???

Since 1981, the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky has served as the exclusive producer of the Chevy Corvette sports car, including the latest mid-engine C8. As GM Authority covered previously, Bowling Green added a second shift in 2019 to support C8 production, with roughly 400 jobs added to the roster, expanding the workforce to over 1,300 employees total. That said, there are still many customers waiting on a Z06 and E-Ray order (although the pool is getting smaller). Given how much demand there is for the C8 relative to supply, it might seem like a good idea to expand Corvette production even further with a third shift. Nevertheless, the issue of meeting demand for the C8 Corvette isn't down to simple production capacity.



In an interview with Corvette marketing manager Harlan Charles, GM Authority Executive Editor Alex Luft asked about expanding Corvette production at the Bowling Green plant. However, according to Charles, the number of shifts is “not necessarily the limiting factor.”

“It’s more a matter of these high-end components that we have,” Charles told GM Authority. “A lot of the carbon fiber, if you look at it from a General Motors scale, it’s pretty low volume. But if you look at it from the carbon fiber producers, it’s the most by far they’ve ever done. So some of those things will always be there with the nature of the technology.”

Of course, it bears mentioning that GM unveiled the new 2025 Corvette ZR1 last July, which will add even more demand and is expected to enjoy a much longer production run compared to the preceding C7 ZR1. However, even with the new ZR1 added to the mix, the demand (and consequent production volume) for all C8 variants combined won't hold a candle to models like the Silverado and GMC Sierra.



'25 ZR1 Embarrassed Every Porsche 911...

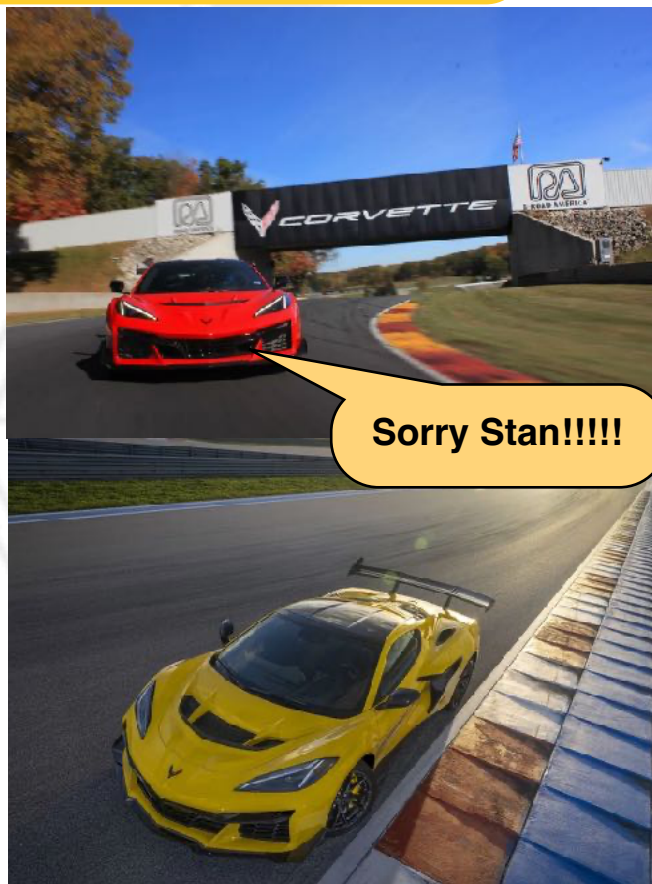
The 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 is already proving to be one of the most dominant American sports cars ever built.

After blitzing to a top speed of 233 mph at ATP Automotive Testing in Germany, Chevrolet took the ZR1 to some of America's most iconic race tracks, where it set multiple lap records. With GM engineers behind the wheel, the ZR1 delivered record-breaking performances at Road America, Road Atlanta, Virginia International Raceway, and Watkins Glen.

At Road America, it completed a lap in 2:08.6, five seconds faster than the Porsche 911 GT3 RS. At Road Atlanta, it bested the Porsche 911 GT2 RS by two seconds with a time of 1:22.8. On the Grand Course at Virginia International Raceway, it even managed to outpace the \$1.2-million McLaren Senna, setting a time of 2:32.3.

Motivating the ZR1 is a **twin-turbocharged 5.5-liter flat-plane-crank V8 producing 1,064 horsepower and 828 lb-ft of torque**, which propels the C8 to 60 mph in just 2.3 seconds. The record-setting car was equipped with the optional ZTK performance package, which adds a high-downforce rear wing, front dive planes, a tall hood Gurney lip, stiffer springs, and Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2R ZP tires for enhanced grip on the track.

With a starting price of \$174,995, the ZR1 is the most expensive Corvette ever built, but its record-breaking performance puts it in direct competition with far more expensive supercars, just look at the conquest list the ZR1 left in its wake.



Cruise-In at the River



Palm Springs Cruisin' Association

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Down the Road....

April 11-12 -Corvette Racing Long Beach

April 18 - Good Friday

April 20 - Easter

May 9-11 -Corvette Racing Laguna SECA

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 17 - Armed Forces Day

May 26 Memorial Day

May 28 Day-run to Lake Arrowhead

May 30-31 -Corvette Racing Detroit

June 6-7 - Possible Cruise to Monterey

June 6-8 - Corvette Racing
Lexington

July 4 - Overnight in Idyllwild

Aug 1-10 - Hot August Nights
Reno Trip

Sept 4 - 12 Durango Trip



Ronald McDonald House...

Reminder that we ask PSCC Members to collect toiletries from motels, soaps, shampoos and can pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. This is a great cause and saves you throwing them in the recycle or garbage. Just put them in a bag and bring them to each meeting for Vicki and Mike Nichols. The kids will thank you so much, and Ronald will too!

Check the National Corvette Museum emails/ website for activities/ offerings near you!

Car noise prices

1. Pssssssssshh....	50\$
2. Couik-couik-couij	65\$
3. Tak-i-tak!	75\$
4. Wouh-wouh-wouh	100\$
5. Tic-tic-tic-tic	120\$
6. Klak-klak-klak	130\$
7. Klak-a-klak-a-klak	200\$
8. Trrrrrrrrrrrrrrrt	250\$
9. Gnn-gnna-gnn-gnnn....	300\$
10. llllllllll.....	500\$
11. Plapra-pa-ta-prrat-a-prra	900\$
12. Paklonk-paklonk	1000\$
13. Pow!!!!	2000\$

Happy
Easter!

