



# Desert Vettes

## Palm Springs Corvette Club

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## **President's Message....**

July went by with the blink of an eye! Brenda & I got out of the heat for a good portion of the month with a trip to beautiful Victoria, Canada to attend Duece Days. What an amazing car show. We also spent some time in Washington soaking up some of that wonderfully cool summer weather. I even got in an amazing day of Salmon fishing. Hope you are enjoying your summer.

On The fourth of July we had 14 cars at the Idyllwild parade. Thanks to Bud, Millie, Kyman, Michelle and Brenda for helping host lunch at our club house in the Idyllwild.

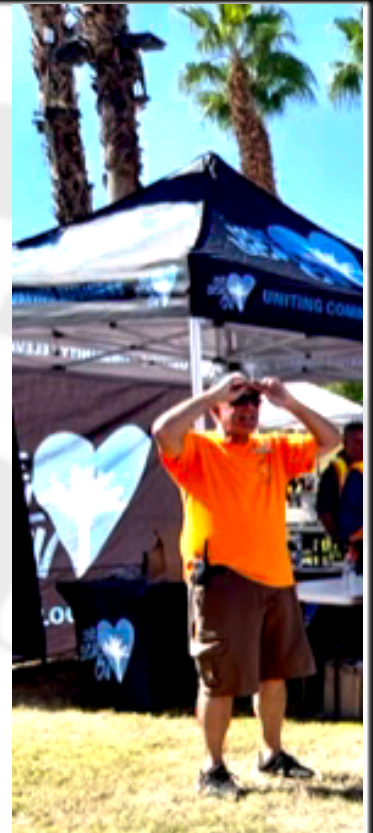
With the help of Mike Smith, Tom Pinard, Garry Dean, Floyd Marcoe and Ron Singer we sold our autocross timing equipment. We were able to get \$2,500 for the equipment, which was given to The Boys & Girls Club. Our donation was very timely because the club had a water main issue which cost them \$8,500 last week. Scott Robinson from B&G Club was very grateful for our donation. The equipment was purchased by the NCCC regional event group for the west, They will be hosting regional autocross events in the future.

Corvette of the Month goes to Jorge & Laura Sandez's 2023 Riptide Blue C8. Please see the nice article on Jorge & Laura. Congrats!!

It won't be long before our snowbirds will return to the valley for another season of Corvette fun. Also remember it's just a little over four months to our Christmas Party where my interim term as president will end.

Hope to see you this month at our meeting on Aug 12<sup>th</sup>!

Stan



## PSCC Happy 4th of July....

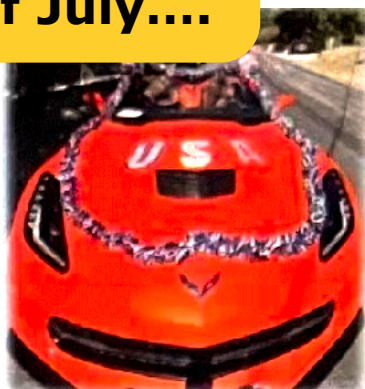


16 beautifully-decorated Corvettes participated in the annual Idyllwild July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Everyone had a great time decorating their cars and enjoyed the cheers from the many parade watchers, emphasized by the loud engine roars from Ron Welshons and others. We then went to the Idyllwild Trailer Park and enjoyed a delicious lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw and banana Nilla pudding cake made by Stan, Millie, and Michele Williamson. Thanks Floyd and Stan for arranging this patriotic event celebrating our great nation's Independence Day.

**God Bless the USA**



# PSCC Happy 4th of July....



## Deuce Days in Victoria BC Canada...

Deuce Days in Victoria, BC, was a major success in 2025, drawing an estimated 100,000 spectators. The four-day event, which celebrates the 1932 Ford (the "Deuce"), generated an estimated \$2.9 million in economic impact for the region. The event featured a variety of activities, including a ferry landing with classic cars, a "Rainbow Road" poker run, and a large show and shine in the Inner Harbour. Over 1,300 pre-1952 classic cars, including over 400 1932 Fords, participated in the event.

Approximately half the Deuces were from the USA. Participants and vehicles traveled from as far as Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, and Finland.

Not to be left out, Stan and Brenda Moreno came over from visiting friends near Port Angeles to spend some time in Victoria and take in the show.

Linda & Lee Egan



## 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



## Cadillac Heading International

Cadillac is undergoing a major transformation, the primary driver of which is its expanding lineup of all-electric vehicles.

In addition to launching new EVs, the luxury marque is also bringing a renewed focus on global growth, deepening its footprint in certain regions, while re-entering key international markets and making its debuts in entirely new ones.

Currently, Caddy maintains a presence in North America (including the U.S., Canada, and Mexico), as well as in South Korea, China, Japan, and ten regions across the Middle East. Now, however, the luxury marque is staging a return to the European market. The last Caddy-branded model offered in Europe was the diesel-powered XT4, but now, the luxury marque is crossing the ponds with a variety of EVs, initially launching in France, Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland. Expansion to the U.K. market is also expected, although has yet to fully materialize.

In a brand first, Cadillac is also launching in Australia and New Zealand, markets historically absent from its global portfolio. Additionally, Brazil is now on the list for future expansion, signaling an ambitions to tap back into the South American market.

Meanwhile, the luxury marque has pulled back from a few other international markets, most notably Russia. Certain Cadillac models were also sold in Costa Rica and Panama via third-party distribution agreements, but these deals appear to have lapsed, and Cadillac's websites for both markets have not been updated for some time.

As for the models on offer, the Lyriq serves as the cornerstone of the lineup, dropping in for the 2023 model year as Caddy's first-ever all-electric production vehicle. Meanwhile, the ultra-luxury Celestiq sedan sits at the top as the crown jewel of the portfolio. There's also the Escalade IQ full-size SUV and the more-affordable Optiq crossover. Taken all together, these models cover a broad range of EV segments.

Beyond the showroom, Cadillac is also preparing to take the global stage in motorsport, with the Caddy crest leading the way in GM's entry into Formula 1. The new Caddy F1 team will join the grid for the 2026 season. Taking a step back, Cadillac's broadening global strategy signals a bid to position itself as a formidable player, not only in the U.S., but on a worldwide scale.



## 2026 Bel Air is Back???

The 2026 Chevrolet Bel Air is more than a comeback — it's a bold rebirth of an American icon. In this full review, we dive into everything that makes this retro-inspired sedan a standout in today's market. From its powerful turbocharged and hybrid V6 options to its head-turning classic design, the Bel Air blends heritage with cutting-edge technology like never before.

The Chevrolet Bel Air is one of the most legendary names in American automotive history. First launched in 1950, it quickly became a symbol of style, muscle, and cruising culture through the '50s and '60s. But after years of evolution and decline, the Bel Air disappeared from U.S. roads in 1975... until now

With a bold, wide grille, twin round LED headlights inspired by the original, and a sculpted hood with chrome accents, the new Bel Air perfectly blends retro muscle vibes with futuristic flair. This isn't just a car. It's a statement.



## GM Pulls Plug on Chevy In China???

Several Chinese outlets are reporting that General Motors is preparing to pull its Chevrolet brand (aka Chevy) out of China. Currently represented by several joint ventures. Two of GM's most important JVs are SAIC-GM and SAIC-GM-Wuling. China state reports that GM's alleged decision to withdraw Chevrolet from the Chinese market will be presented as a "strategic adjustment" to the automaker's presence in China. For its part, GM is denying the rumors. Reports quote SAIC-GM General Manager Lu Xiao as saying that "rumors that the Chevrolet brand will withdraw from China are false news," promising that "we will not give up Chevrolet." In particular, the "we will not give up Chevrolet" comment is being interpreted in China as not dropping support???

## Camaro Coming Alive???

General Motors discontinued the Chevy Camaro (for a second time) with the conclusion of the 2024 model year, sending the beloved nameplate into the sunset with no clear successor. And while fans are undoubtedly heartbroken, the Camaro still has advocates high up the GM food chain – including company president Mark Reuss. Now, Reuss has outlined some of the criteria for what a next-gen model might look like.

During an interview with The Detroit News at last month's running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, GM President Reuss offered some candid insight into the company's direction, including thoughts about the Chevy Camaro. While the conversation spanned General Motors' global ambitions in electrification and motorsports, Reuss's remarks about GM's pony car stood out.

During the interview, Reuss recalled his first car – a 1967 model purchased with his father for \$1,300 – as a source of joy, emphasizing the car's beauty and fun factor. Although Reuss stopped short of confirming a return of the nameplate, the company president did state that a successful revival would depend on delivering a product that balances beauty, functionality, and enjoyment, especially as the segment for traditional muscle / pony cars continues to shrink.

"I think that formula of beauty – and a little bit of functionality and fun – all of that is important. If we were getting back into Camaro, that piece of it is really important," Reuss said.

Reuss also pointed to GM rival Ford, stating that the Blue Oval brand sold more units of the all-electric Mach-E crossover than the internal-combustion-powered Mustang.

So where does that leave the Camaro? It seems possible that Reuss sees an opportunity to adopt a similar strategy as Ford, perhaps with electrification as an integral part of the nameplate's rebirth. And while the thought of an EV with a Camaro badge likely rankles enthusiasts, it could be exactly what's needed to get a new V8-powered variant back on the road alongside it.



## Corvette Shatters American Speed Record...

**General Motors** Corvette line has been crowned the fastest car by an American manufacturer on Germany's world-famous Nürburgring racetrack.

Notably, the Chevrolet Corvette Z06, ZR1, and ZR1X achieved record lap times on the 12.9-mile Nordschleife circuit with three non-professional drivers behind the wheel.

Engineer Drew Cattell now holds the fastest Nürburgring lap time ever recorded by a non-professional driver. He clocked a 6:49.275 lap time in the electrified, all-wheel-drive ZR1X. This earned him a spot on the official Nürburgring record list. Close behind was vehicle dynamics engineer Brian Wallace, who clocked 6:50.763 in the 1,064-horsepower ZR1.

Driven by vehicle performance manager Aaron Link, the 670-horsepower Corvette Z06, with what GM says is one of the **strongest non-turbo V8 engines**, came in second with a lap of 7:11.826.

GM President Mark Reuss claimed that no other auto manufacturer has attempted something like this at the Nürburgring.

"From development through production, and now at the Nürburgring Nordschleife, the Green Hell, we have clearly shown there is no limit to what our GM engineers and vehicles can accomplish. These are the best Corvettes in history, period," Reuss added.

**The Corvettes were all U.S. production-spec vehicles. The only modifications were the safety equipment recommended by the track, including a roll hoop, full-containment race seat, fire extinguisher, and a six-point safety harness.**

The Corvette Z06 with Z07 Performance Package is equipped with a 670-horsepower 5.5-liter V8 engine and advanced carbon-ceramic brakes, strong 6-piston brakes in the front and 4-piston brakes in the back. The ZR1 with ZTK Performance Package has 1,064 horsepower from a 5.5-liter twin-turbo V8 engine. It comes with super-light carbon fiber wheels and high-grip Michelin summer tires, and features top-tier carbon-ceramic brakes with 10 brake pistons in the front and 6 in the back. The ZR1X with ZTK Performance Package has 1,250 horsepower from a 5.5-liter twin-turbo-charged V8. It comes with lightweight carbon fiber wheels with Michelin summer tires which have extra grip made for the track. It also has high-performance carbon-ceramic brakes with 10 pistons in the front and 6 in the back.



## Corvette Racing Runner-up...

The No. 3 Corvette Racing Z06 GT3.R took the green flag from a somewhat disappointing eighth-place qualifying run for the 2025 Detroit Sports Car Classic on May 31st, 2025. But by the time the checkers fell, the No. 3 Corvette duo turned their luck around, bringing the Bowtie Brand across the line in second place after a hard-fought race.

The 100-minute sprint was decidedly insane, but the No. 3 Corvette Racing team was right at home, settling in as they ran the street course looping around GM's global headquarters in Michigan. Antonio Garcia took control for the first stint, muscling into fourth place after his first half-hour behind the wheel. He swapped the controls to Alexander Sims, who pulled off the fastest lap of the race.

Sims was able to close within a half-second of the class leader before the clock ran down, but had to settle for P2, chasing a Ford Mustang GT3 across the line. Even so, he and Garcia were thrilled with the result – which marked their second consecutive podium finish, and third overall in 2025.

"If I'm perfectly honest, no, I didn't think this sort of result would be possible with a relatively normal strategy," Garcia said after the race. "But people fell off all around us. We gained a few positions on the pit stop, we had good pace in clear air, anyway. And it worked out for us this time. It's impossible to overtake the Ford, but we had the car underneath us. Our Corvette was really working well around the streets here in Detroit."



## Corvette Racing Schedule...

Aug 22-Aug 24	Michelin GT Challenge	VIRgina International
Sept 19-Spet 21	Battle on the Brick	Indianapolis
Oct 8 -Oct 11	Motul Petit Le Mans	Michelin Raceway Atlanta
Sept 7	Lone Star Le Mans	Circuit of Americas
Sept 28	6 Hours of Fiji	Fiji Speedway
Nov 8	8 hours of Bahrain	Bahrain International Circuit

## Down the Road....

Sept 23 - Visit Guide Dogs of the Desert and Lunch after at Henry's in Cathedral City.  
Oct 7-10 - Fun Run to Tucson AZ  
Oct ?? - Palm Springs High School Homecoming & Parade  
Oct 17-19 AutoCross Laughlin NV  
Oct 25 Palm Springs Air Museum  
Nov 2 - Rock the Ride Big Rock Car Show  
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Parade (Veterans Only)  
Dec 6 - Club Christmas at Heritage Palms  
Jan. ?? - Barrett Jackson  
Feb. 14 - Dr George Charity Show (30+Vettes)  
Mar. 21-24 - Solvang Trip (San Diego/Carlsbad Corvette Clubs).  
Apr. 16-19 - Gambler's Classic Laughlin NV.



## 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!

**The garage to house ratio is just perfect**

