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President's Message....

Hope you are all having a great summer!

It's hard to believe, but half of 2025 is gone! This also means we only have five months to the Christmas Party and five months left to find a new club president.

Thanks again to Jack Carter for excepting the vice presidency.

Last month we had our usual events including a wonderful dinner night out at Mitch's on El Paseo. Thanks to all on the activities committee and a special thanks to Floyd for a great lunch run to Rainbow Oaks Café. We had thirteen cars including a potential new member.

Looking ahead for this month it appears our calendar is a little empty. We have the 4th of July Parade in Idyllwild, DNO, Stud & Diva lunches. If you have any ideas for an event please let us know.

There is still room for a few people to join us for the Lainey Wilson concert on August 14th in Phoenix. Please let me know if you are interested in joining us.

Corvette of the Month goes to Ron & Sharon Burton's 2025 Mist Red ERay. Ron & Sharon did a museum pickup in Bowling Green and fought miserable weather back to Montana. Please make sure you read the article on the Burton's. Congrats!!

Hope to see you this month at our meeting on July 8th! I will be MIA for the balance of July.

Stan



Corvette of the Month...

Ron and I were married in May 1971. Our daughter was born in May 1974 in '75. We sold everything we owned in Minnesota and had a 26-ft motorhome built.

Ron made the motorhome four-wheel drive and we towed our Jeep behind to enjoy the off-road trails. Our son was born in August 1977 while we lived in the motorhome. We traveled for almost 5 years then moved to Montana in June of 1980.

September 1980 I opened my preschool with 125 children. September 1984 we built a bowling alley, restaurant bar and casino. So my mom would move from Minnesota to Montana. Ron's a great son-in-law January 1985 we started Colstrip electric and Burton properties. June 1987 we started a heavy equipment company. February 2011 we started the date ranch. We are not starting any more businesses!

Home is still Colstrip Montana now for 43 years we are blessed with two married children and five grandchildren and grateful to God everyday for Faith, family and friends.



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PSCC Website Feature ...

Hi PSCC Members, We have been working very hard on revamping our websites that it is more user friendly. One of the new features is an area where we can hopefully help you sell your used Corvette, Corvette Parts & accessories! To access the new area, go to [our website](#) and click on [Corvette Store](#) then scroll down to [Welcome to the Palm Springs Club's Store](#) and you will see the 2 new categories below the Jessup categories. You will need to enter the password to access the PSCC information.

Please print the attached form(s) and email the complete form (s), along with pictures to:

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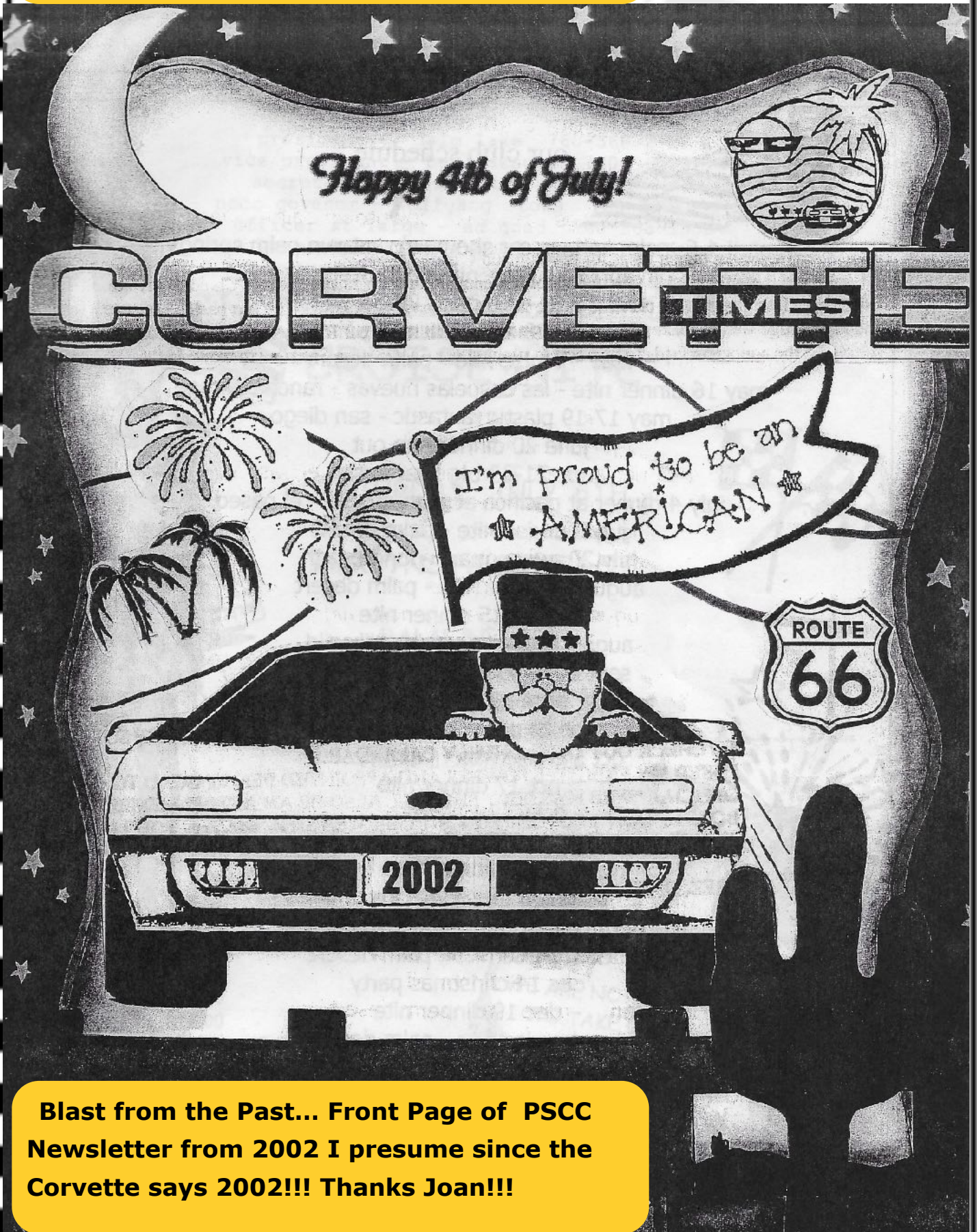
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Corvette Times - Who Knew???



Blast from the Past... Front Page of PSCC Newsletter from 2002 I presume since the Corvette says 2002!!! Thanks Joan!!!

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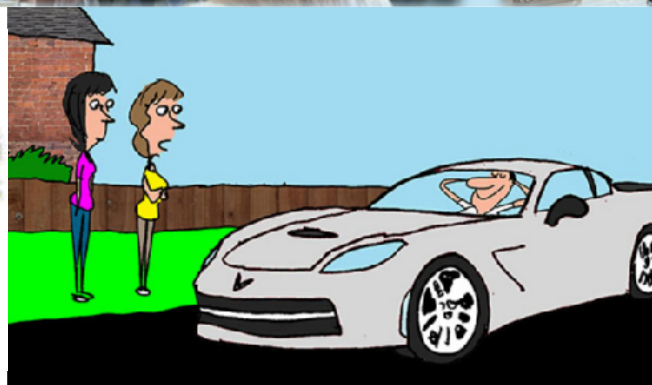
Dinner Nite Out at Mitch's....



A great time was had at Mitch's for our **June 19, 2025 DNO**. We were amazed at the beauty of the upstairs dining room and will definitely service and ambiance were outstanding. and to Vivian for taking these great beautiful Barbara Bieri was a favorite didn't disappoint with her fabulous shoes!



go there again – the food, Thanks to Joan for hosting pictures. As you can see, with the guys and Sandra



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Dinner Nite Out at Mitch's....



Diva's Lunch at Mario's....Stud's at Firehouse...

May 30, 2025 – Marios
24 Divas got together at Mario's for some fun and comradery. Thank you, Joyce and Liz, for putting this together for us.



Stud Lunch – May 30, 2025 – ROC's Firehouse Grille - Without our fearless leader, Mike Nichols, present, the Studs were a bit lost as they gathered at one of the traditional spots for the Stud Lunch, the ROC's Firehouse Grille. Mike couldn't make it, but enough "Studs" made it to fill one long table. Garry Dean anchored Mike's traditional head-of-the-table seat and held forth --- doesn't he always?? New VP, Jack Carter, got lost driving over from the far reaches of the Coachella Valley and arrived late, but he did make it for one of the pictures. Great time was had by all, as one can see from the smiling faces.



Rainbow Oaks Run June 25th...



On Wednesday, June 25, 2025, thirteen Corvettes escaped the desert heat for a run "over the hill" to the Rainbow Oaks Restaurant near Temecula. The food was great, service excellent, and the weather was perfect. We also had a prospective member, Cindy Acuna (Torch Red C8), and her friend, Maggie, join us for this event. A big thanks to Floyd Marcoe for planning this event!



Interest Rate Tax Deduction???

President Donald Trump recently announced 25-percent tariffs on all imported vehicles, sending automakers into yet another frenzy as they try to guess what's coming next. While even the most American-made cars contain imported parts that could be impacted by the trade war, the President said House Speaker Mike Johnson **is taking steps** to incentivize the purchase of a domestically-produced car. The ability to deduct interest payments could be a big draw for buyers and many analysts expect it to be a good thing in general, but the deductions likely won't compensate for higher vehicle prices and they won't add up to a ton of money at the end of the year. J.P. Morgan auto analysts predicted that interest rate deductions would bring around \$20 in savings each month, but tariffs have the potential to add \$60 to \$90 at the same time.

Stay Tuned.....



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Recurring Events:

- Every Saturday – 6:30 AM – **Cars & Coffee** @ Aspen Mills
46-520 Washington St, La Quinta
- 2nd Tuesday – 7 PM – **General Meeting** @ Jessup Auto Plaza,
68-111 E. Palm Canyon, Cathedral City
- 3rd Thursday – 5 PM – **Dinner Night Out (DNO)**
- Last Friday – **Diva** and **Stud Luncheons**

July 13th - Event sponsored by Corvette Owners Club of San Diego (COCSD) - 28th Main Street America Charity Car Show in Seaport Village, San Diego, 10AM – 3 PM. Pre-registration is REQUIRED and must be postmarked by June 30th. Please let Stan know if you're interested in attending so he can give Alex from COCSD a headcount.

Aug. 14 – Lainey Wilson Concert, Phoenix Arizona. Please click on the link for concert and hotel information if interested and let Stan know. We currently have 14 people going.

Sept. 4-12 – Trip to Durango, Colorado (Zion, Bryce, Mesa Verde Natl Park, Durango & Silverton RR, Sante Fe, Albuquerque, Painted Desert/Petrified Forest, Granite Mtn Hotshots Memorial, Lake Havasu)
Still time to sign up

SAVE THE DATES

2025

- Oct 25 - Palm Springs Air Museum Car Show Chili Cook-Off
Nov 2 - Rock the Ride Big Rock Pub Car Show
(Benefitting Desert Cancer Foundation)
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day Parade, Palm Springs
Dec 6 - Christmas Party - Heritage Palms

2026

- Jan ?? - Barrett Jackson - Scottsdale AZ
Feb 14 - Dr George Charity Car Show (Goal 30 Corvettes)
Mar 21 - Solvang Trip with San Diego & Carlsbad Clubs
Apr 16/19 Gambler's Classic Run, Laughlin NV sponsored by
Corvettes of Bakersfield celebrating 25th & 100 years of
Route 66, 3 days of Corvette camaraderie, lots of fun!!!!



ZR1 Arrives at Dealers....

After a great deal of hype that began last summer, the 2025 Corvette ZR1 is finally arriving in dealerships. Many have already been allocated, with the 2025 model year getting a limited production run.



However, 2025 Corvette ZR1 VIN 001 is temporarily on display in the showroom of Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet in North Carolina, giving commoners a chance to at least see one in person.

The car itself isn't for sale as it belongs to Rick Hendrick, the NASCAR team owner whose name is on the building. We reported in that the car was auctioned at Barrett-Jackson for \$3.7 million, with the full hammer price donated to the Red Cross!!!

Mr. Hendrick's C8 ZR1 is in a desirable spec. It's finished in menacing Black (color code GBA) paint with Edge Blue stripes (DUW) and rides on 20-inch front and 21-inch rear 20-spoke Edge Blue-painted forged aluminum wheels (SOF). Naturally, it's equipped with the ZTK Track Performance (ZTK), which bundles the Carbon Fiber Aero Package (TOM), a unique suspension setup with Magnetic Selective Ride Control (FEJ), and Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 R tires (XFS).

Hendrick has an expensive Corvette VIN 001 habit. He scored the first production 2024 Corvette E-Ray for \$1.1 million, along with the first 2023 Corvette Z06 for \$3.6 million, the first retail 2020 Corvette Convertible for \$400,000, and the first C8 Corvette Coupe for \$3 million. He also placed the winning bid on the first production 2019 C7 Corvette ZR1 way back in 2018, so his latest acquisition will fit right in with his collection.



Speaking of ZR1- The ZR1X Boasts 1,250HP...

The 2026 ZR1X offers; 1,250 hp with a twin-turbo V8 and electric front axle that boasts under 2-seconds 0-60 mph and 9-second 1/4 mile times!!!



If you thought Chevy's C8 ZR1 was a mic-drop moment with its 1,064 hp and nine-second quarter-mile performance, we're here to tell you Chevrolet bought a bigger mic and a louder PA system for what promises to be a stupefyingly loud thud that will be heard 'round the world. The 2026 Chevy Corvette ZR1X makes a combined 1,250 hp by integrating the Corvette E-Ray's front-drive battery electric axle with the ZR1's mid-engine rear-drive 5.5-liter twin-turbo direct-injected LT7 that makes 1,064 hp and 828 lb-ft of torque. And just like the E-Ray's layout, the ZR1X's front and rear powertrains are not mechanically connected, and the EV portion is powered by a 1.9-kWh battery that supplies an additional 186 hp and 145 lb-ft of torque. (That's 26 hp and 20 lb-ft more than the E-Ray's front setup.) Charging for the front-drive axle is internal with juice being generated by the gas-powered LT7 rather than your local power company.

Chevy hasn't said what the ZR1X's top speed is (the standard ZR1 is reported to be 233 mph), but when equipped with the high-downforce Carbon Aero package that adds dive planes, underbody strakes, a hood gurney lip over the front heat extractor, and a highly effective rear wing, the ZR1X is capable of 1,200 pounds of downforce at top speed, all of which helps aid stability.

At the heart of the ZR1X is the ZR1's magnificent LT7, a 5.5-liter V-8 with a forged flat-plane crankshaft, finger-follower valvetrain, dry-sump lubrication, and dual 76mm turbochargers aided by a combined manifold-turbo exhaust design. This "maniturbo" combines the exhaust manifold and turbocharger housing to get the turbos as close to the exhaust valves as possible and improves throttle response by decreasing the time needed to build boost. Dynamic anti-lag controls maintain turbo speed when off throttle in certain situations so boost is available rapidly when the throttle is reapplied.

For those wanting the most on-track performance possible, Corvette fans can graduate from the standard ZR1X with Michelin PS4S tires to the ZTK Performance package, which features higher-rate springs, a firmer feel, and Michelin Pilot Cup 2R tires. If you're keeping score and want your ZR1X maxed out for the racetrack, the boxes you'll want to check on the ZR1X order form are the high-downforce Carbon Aero package and the ZTK Performance package, but you'll need to stay tuned a bit more to find out how much it costs.

Corvette Racing Watkins Glen....

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. (June 23, 2024) – Antonio Garcia and Alexander Sims scored the season's second podium finish for the Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with a third-place result at the Six Hours of The Glen on Sunday.



The No. 3 Corvette from Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports ran up front in GTD PRO, fell down the order following an early-race brake change and then challenged for the win late in a topsy-turvy enduro at Watkins Glen International that was severely impacted by rain. It was the first podium finish for the Garcia/Sims duo, following a similar finish for the No. 4 Corvette at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca.

While luck went the way of Sims and Garcia at the end, it was the opposite for Tommy Milner and Nicky Catsburg in the No. 4 Z06 GT3.R, which had to pit for a fuel splash from the lead on the final lap. The duo ended up seventh in the final GTD PRO standings.

In GTD, AWA's No 13 Corvette Z06 GT3.R of Matt Bell, Orey Fidani and Lars Kern finished seventh in class following a similarly chaotic race and a number of drive time-related penalties to GTD competitors. The trio fought from deep in the field and briefly ran in the top-five before the Corvette was caught out on-track in a heavy downpour on slick tires and went off-track. The trio's result did, however, unofficially grow Fidani's lead in the Bob Akin Award standings, which goes to the highest points-scoring Bronze driver in GTD.

Three separate periods of rain had increasing impacts on the race. With the three leading cars in class having to pit for slick tires, Milner assumed the lead and drove a stunning final stint to keep the No. 4 Corvette out front before having to make the last-lap stop.

All three Corvette Z06 GT3.Rs will be back in action for the Chevrolet Grand Prix at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park on Sunday, July 14.

"Most" Reliable Car Brands....

When it comes to selecting a dependable used car, don't rely on reputation alone—look at the data. The auto industry analysts at J.D. Power deliver just that in their annual U.S. Vehicle Dependability Study, which looks at problems per 100 vehicles after three years of ownership.

This year's study, focusing on 2022 model-year vehicles, found that problems reached their highest level since 2009, with software defects playing a role.

#12 Most Reliable Car Brand: Honda

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#9 Most Reliable Car Brand: BMW

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#7 Most Reliable Car Brand: GMC

#6 Most Reliable Car Brand: Chevrolet

Top 5 Most Reliable:

#5 Most Reliable Car Brand: Cadillac

#4 Most Reliable Car Brand: Toyota

#3 Most Reliable Car Brand: Mazda

#2 Most Reliable Car Brand: Buick

#1 Most Reliable Car Brand: Lexus

What I find "most interesting" for GM is.. Since Buick was ranked #2 for all GM Vehicles (Cadillac #5 and Chevrolet #6) why did GM **stop** building Buick Cars!!!



Down the Road....

July 11-13 Corvette Racing Canada
MotorSport Park
July 31-Aug 3 Corvette Racing Road
America
Aug 1-10 Hot August Nights Reno Trip
Aug 22-24 Michelin GT Challenge VIR
Sept 7 - Lone Star LeMans
Sept 19-21 Battle of the Bricks
Oct 8-11 Road Atlanta
Oct 16-19 Indianapolis World Challenge

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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!

