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## Palm Springs Corvette Club

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Holidays!

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

Shortly we will be looking at 2025 in our rearview mirrors. It's another year that just seems to have flown by. I'd like to thank the 2025 board of directors for their support throughout the year. As most of you know this was my third year or interim year as president. This time last year I accepted the challenge to help cultivate some new board members in an effort to bring some change and stability to our club. With the help of the newly formed nominating committee created by Elaine Hansch, we were able to affect change! Once again, thanks to Elaine and her team consisting of Duane Rons, Judy Wilson and Judy Austin. They were able to recruit some great candidates for our 2026 board. We will go into the New Year with an incredibly strong team. A new organizational chart will be sent out after everyone is confirmed by vote at our upcoming Christmas party.

Corvette of The Month is Trevor & Lisa Hawkins 2025 Sebring Orange 3 LZ E Ray. Make sure you see the write up on Trevor & Lisa. Congrats on your new car!!

Five years ago Floyd Marcoe took over as president and I was vice president. We were just coming out of Covid and the club was a mess. In the last five years we have all done an amazing job of turning our club into one of the most respected car clubs in the valley. We have clubs that ask us to participate together in various functions. One So Cal Corvette club President said your club is what our club aspires to be like. That's how I know we have been successful! It has been very gratifying to be president and I am looking forward to watching the club continue to grow.

Happy Holidays from Brenda & I !



## **2025 Palm Springs Corvette Club Executive....**

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**Extreme Online Store**

**Evol Auto Works**

**Jessup Chevrolet, Service / P&A, Cars**

**NoviStretch Bras**

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**Abel Aguirre: : Paint Protection | Ceramic Coating | Window Tinting**

The website also has our Calendar & Events, Meeting Minutes and back issues of our Newsletters, along with Pictures and our Corvette Store.

[www.palmspringscorvetteclub.com](http://www.palmspringscorvetteclub.com)

## **Palm Springs Corvette Club Charities We Support ...**



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## **Palm Springs Corvette Club Sponsor Discounts**

### **Palm Spring Corvette Club**

Jessup Auto Plaza would like to offer all current members the following discounts on Parts and Service.

Over the counter parts will receive a 15% discount up to \$250.00.

Mechanical repairs will receive 15% discount on parts and labor up to \$500.00, excluding maintenance and tires.

All maintenance services will receive a 10% discount.

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Tires are sold with our 30-day price match guarantee. We guarantee the lowest price on any General Motors program tires. Tires are not eligible for discounts due to our price match guarantee.

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**Don't Forget!!!!!!**



## Corvette of the Month...



We are Canadians that have been coming to the desert since 2012 and feel very blessed. Trevor's favorite pastime fixing old vehicles to drive or to resell and going to car shows. Lisa's favorite pastime is pickleball, hiking and following Trevor on his car adventures. we love the desert in all of its beauty and feel grateful as we get to know people in the car club a little better.



## Safety Tips for Driving in the Snow

- 1) Install Winter Tires
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## Kitchen 86, McCallum Theatre & Rock the Ride



What a fun night!  
Dinner first at  
Kitchen 86, where  
the piano player played and we sang Happy  
Birthday to Michele, then off to see How the Grinch  
Stole Christmas at the McCallum Theatre. 11-3-25



11-2-25 – PSCC attended the Rock the Ride Car Show, benefitting Desert Cancer Foundation, with our friends from Corvette Owners Club of San Diego (COCSD). Great time was had by all!



## New GM Chief Product Officer...

General Motors has placed its technological future in the hands of a Silicon Valley veteran who now views the century-old automaker as a blank slate for innovation. In just six months, Executive Vice President and Chief Product Officer Sterling Anderson has consolidated unprecedented authority over GM's vehicles, software, and autonomous strategy. Anderson, who left the self-driving company Aurora Innovation that he co-founded to join GM in June, now oversees the end-to-end product lifecycle. This makes him the most influential product executive at the company in over fifteen years, second only to President Mark Reuss. His appointment signals a fundamental refocus on software-defined vehicles and a more integrated, safety-first path to autonomy.

His strategy has rapidly reshaped GM's leadership map. Since his arrival, the senior vice presidents of software and services engineering and artificial intelligence have departed, with their responsibilities absorbed into Anderson's organization. GM attributed the moves to a restructuring that integrates AI directly into product teams. This consolidation embodies Anderson's core philosophy. "My priority is to accelerate the pace of innovation," he stated. "One of the ways we do that is with this disaggregation of, or this abstraction of, software from hardware." He argues that software and product must be considered one and the same.

His vision is for a "personal autonomous vehicle," with CEO Mary Barra reconfirming plans to achieve autonomous highway driving by 2028. "I view [GM] as a canvas," Anderson said. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for innovation, and I'd be remiss not to see what I can do for it."





## Ron Fellows Sets Lap Record with C8 ZR1...

Ron Fellows has set a new production-car lap record at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP), posting a blistering 1:18.22 behind the wheel of the twin-turbocharged C8 Corvette ZR1.



Video of the hot lap was posted online, showing the veteran racer wringing out every tenth around CTMP's challenging elevation changes and technical corners.

Fellows is one of North America's most accomplished sports-car drivers, and has deep ties to the Corvette brand through his decades-long involvement with Corvette Racing. Among his career highlights are victories at Sebring, Daytona, and Le Mans, making him an ideal candidate to demonstrate the capabilities of the new C8 Corvette ZR1.

As for the track, Canadian Tire Motorsport Park isn't short on challenges. Its 2.46-mile, 10-turn Grand Prix layout features sweeping high-speed corners, major elevation changes, and long-duration full-throttle sections that test a car's aerodynamics, power delivery, and chassis stability.

Not that the ZR1 isn't up to a challenge. At the heart of the beast is the twin-turbocharged 5.5L V8 LT7, a boosted evolution of the Z06's 5.5L flat-plane-crank LT6. Output is rated at 1,064 horsepower and 828, all of which is routed rearwards through an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission. Chevrolet has also equipped the ZR1 with an extensive aerodynamic package for high downforce that should provide plenty of stability through CTMP's long, high-G corners. Complementing all that is a set of carbon-ceramic brakes, track-focused Michelin tires, upgraded suspension hardware, and other go-fast goodies.

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## Kindig-it Unveils “New Widebody Camaro”....

### Wider Is Better

The body mods planned for this 1969 Camaro build were extensive. As Dave Kindig told HOT ROD, “We stretched the wheelbase 3 inches forward and 1 inch backward. We have smoothed over the rain gutters and flush-mounted both front



and rear glass. Door skins, quarter panels, front fenders, hood, basically everything except for the middle of the roof, have been massaged or replaced with custom sheetmetal fabricated by our team. Fender details front and rear have been amplified playing off the original shape but enlarged and sharpened.” All of this was done to make the widebody hourglass shape of the Camaro look proportional, not an easy task to pull off.

Would it really be a Kindig-it build without the custom smooth door handles? These handles were the inspiration for Tesla’s, and for the Camaro build they will be painted to match the rest of the car. You can find these handles on most Kindig-it builds including CR1 Corvettes.

### Over 1,000 Horsepower

The Camaro’s drivetrain is centered around a custom 440-inch LSR engine built by Lingenfelter. Using an LSR aluminum block, the 9.13:1 compression mill is topped with LSX six-bolt heads and filled with forged guts like a 4-inch stroke Callies crank, Ultra H-beam con rods, and a full set of LPE spec Diamond pistons. The long-block is topped with a Gen 6 3L Whipple supercharger, and a front serpentine drive system from Wegner makes it all happen. The mill is capable of 1,300 hp but is tuned to a more conservative 1,000 hp. The big power stroker exhales through custom-fabricated stainless headers from Ultimate Headers and a stainless exhaust built around a pair of Borla Pro XS mufflers.

Kindig-it Designs’ insane widebody 1969 Camaro will be unveiled on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the SEMA show in their outdoor booth (#81220) in the Silver Lot under the Sikkens/AkzoNobel banner. So, if you get a chance, make sure to stop by and see Dave Kindig’s unique take on an iconic 1969 Camaro.



## Speaking of Camaro...

Could the ZL-1 return as a 1,000-hp electric SUV?

What It Is The Chevrolet Camaro was originally created as a Ford Mustang foil. History now appears ready to repeat itself as Chevy prepares to reintroduce the Camaro nameplate to the market. This time, we're hearing from our sources that we should expect the Bow Tie to resurrect the Camaro not as a coupe but as a fastback SUV aimed squarely at the Mustang Mach-E. That is, unless General Motors president Mark Reuss has his way and the Camaro makes its comeback as an electric car. But if it's an SUV, here's what we believe you can expect:

Why It Matters As the number of two-door models dwindles and SUVs' popularity booms, manufacturers have increasingly turned to swoopy four-door fastback SUVs as a solution for shoppers interested in vehicles with a stylish and sporty character. Some enthusiasts may cry sacrilege when Chevy unveils a new Camaro as an EV, but the world kept spinning when the Mustang Mach-E arrived, so a Camaro EV SUV probably won't signal the end times, either.

More extreme future versions of the Camaro EV SUV could borrow the Hummer EV's three-motor setup to produce up to 1,000 hp. This would give Chevy the opportunity to bring back the vaunted ZL1 trim reserved for only the most track-capable versions of the Camaro sports car. Reuss has indicated he intends the Camaro to start at an affordable price point with an emphasis on fun, so don't be surprised to see the model range encapsulate a wide spectrum of variations on the sporty SUV theme, beginning with an initial launch of the more mainstream models.



## Ford Patent Would Have Vehicles Repossess Themselves?

The number of U.S. vehicle owners who are more than 59 days behind in their auto loan payments was 26.7 percent higher at the end of 2022 than they were at the end of 2021. This is due to a myriad of factors. Car payments have gotten larger, loan terms have increased, inflation has devalued the currency, and subprime borrowers are finding themselves on the wrong end of a widening wealth gap.



While automotive repossessions declined during the pandemic, mainly due to lenders offering amnesty periods, they've likewise spiked through the end of 2022. This trend is assumed to continue, setting up a lot of business for repo men. However, Ford Motor Co. has patented a system that would effectively make vehicles unresponsive to drivers that have missed a few payments. Meanwhile, automobiles boasting the latest advanced driving technologies could allegedly repossess themselves.

It doesn't appear that Ford actually has a working prototype, **just a general premise of how things would operate**. But this is the kind of thing people started fretting over the second the automotive industry started harping on vehicle connectivity and redefining what constitutes "ownership." Conspiracy theories about automakers harvesting customer data or the police remotely disabling automobiles were initially dismissed as ludicrous. However, the former issue is now a verifiable fact with the latter premise gradually gaining credibility. Ford's patent even highlights how connected vehicles would be simultaneously networked to lending institutions, repossession agencies, and the police.

The patent document was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in August 2021. But Ford's "Systems and Methods to Repossess a Vehicle" wasn't formally published until February 23rd of this year. We know of it because Steph Willems (TTAC legend) **shared a report from The Drive referencing the patent filing**.



## Corvettes at 2025 SEMA Show ...

America's sports car—the Chevrolet Corvette—is as iconic as apple pie and baseball. It's also a cornerstone of hot rodding, and every SEMA Show brings dozens of them in every style and flavor. If you're a Corvette fan, you're in luck. We rounded up our favorite 'Vettes from the 2025 SEMA Show.





## Jaguar "00" Concept???



As background to this article which I didn't use is....a "new" VP at Jaguar decided to develop a Jaguar "00" Concept!!! These are the photos that he developed for the presentation to the Board.

Now, I'm not saying that these concept photos are awful but the "side view" was a great start but from there it went down hill!

Oh, according to the article in Motor Trend....the "man" behind the presentation just got "fired"!!!!



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## Down the Road....

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monthly Recurring Events:

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

**Dec 6 - 10am PSCC Featured at PSCA Christmas Cruise at the River in Rancho Mirage. We will caravan there after Cars & Coffee**

**Dec 6 - PSCC Xmas Dinner Party, Heritage Palms (Quests Welcome)**

**Dec 11 Special Diva Luncheon & Fashion Show Mitch's El Paseo**

**Dec 28 - Animal Rescue Car Show- El Dorado Polo Grounds**

#### 2026

**Jan 21-24 2026 Barrett Jackson**

**Jan 23 - Million Dollar Quartet 7:30pm Phoenix AZ**

**Feb 14, 2026 - Dr George Car Show**

**Feb 24 Dolly Sinatra Lodge Palm Springs**

**Mar 17 - St Patrick's Day Party @ Burton's Date Farm**

**Mar 21-24 Solvang Run w/OC & Discovery Bay Clubs**

**Apr 16-18 Gambler's Classic Laughlin NV**

**May 16-18 2026 Prescott Run**

**Aug TBD Possible Run to Victoria BC, Seattle & Gig Harbour**

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

## 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!

