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President's Message....

As we cruise into February, I hope this message finds you all in great spirits and revved up for another exciting season of Corvette camaraderie. As your president, I am thrilled to connect with each of you and share some updates that promise to make our club even more vibrant and engaging. Firstly, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your continued support and enthusiasm. Your passion for Corvettes and commitment to our club have been the driving force behind our success. Some quick recent examples of this are:

- a. Fifty-six members attended last month's general meeting.
- b. Twenty-nine cars have signed up for the upcoming Dr. George Car Show.
- c. Fourteen cars (30 members) cruised to Scottsdale, Arizona to attend the Barrett-Jackson Auction and activities.

Several upcoming events that will provide us with opportunities to showcase our Corvettes and enjoy each other's company include:

1. Valentine's Dinner on February 14th
2. Annual Gamblers Run to Laughlin, Arizona
3. The Cher Show.

AND MANY MORE! Check the Club's Calendar at palmspringscorvetteclub.com for more information.

I encourage all members to participate in our scheduled events. Your involvement not only enriches our experiences but also strengthens the bonds within our club. Please feel free to reach out to our Board with any questions or ideas you may have for future activities.

Thank you once again for your dedication and enthusiasm. Let's continue to make the Palm Springs Corvette Club a dynamic and welcoming community for all Corvette enthusiasts.

Enjoy the ride,

BILL JAHN

President, Palm Springs Corvette Club



**Happy
President's
Day**

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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

Palm Springs Corvette Club Charities We Support ...



Boys & Girls Club
of Cathedral City

Corvettes of the Month...



PSCC is recognizing David & Carolina Zigal "Corvettes" of the month!!!! Let's start with the 1969 Coupe & Roadster. Then the 1996 Grand Sport (1 of 190 Made!!!). Next, 1993, 2017 and 2018!



And, the Beautiful 2017 Watkins Glen Convertible!!!!!!



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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.

All customer pay body shop repairs will receive a 15% discount up to \$250.00

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.

We appreciate your loyal patronage and look forward to many more years of our partnership.



Ron Austin
Service Manager
760-459-7313



Check - PSCC Members Discounts currently covering Parts & Accessories, Jessup Chevrolet Parts & Service, New C8 Stingray & E-Rays, Paint Protection, Ceramic Coating and window tinting (PP, CCC and WT).

Don't Forget!!!!!!

Prescott Fun Run...

PSCC Members - get ready for another fabulous Prescott Fun Run to look forward to May 16-18, 2026!

May 16th - we will leave the desert that morning, stop for lunch and that evening will go see **25-26 Keith Anderson, country music artist, at the Jim and Linda Performing Arts Center. Keith Anderson is known for his music hits such as Picking Wildflowers, I'm still Missing You and Every Time I Hear Your Name. Tickets are very reasonable, starting at \$44 to \$59, please click ycpac.com to purchase your tickets.**

May 17th - we will do a run out to Montezuma Well/Montezuma's Castle, an archaeological site of cliff dwellings and hopefully have a combined dinner with the Prescott Corvette Club.

May 18th - drive home that morning.

If you're interested in this fun run, I encourage you to get your concert tickets soon as it is a **VERY SMALL VENUE. Please click ycpac.com to purchase your tickets. **DO NOT USE OTHER TICKET SITES AS YOU WILL PAY 2 TO 3 TIMES MORE!****

There will be a follow-up e-mail with details on meals and hotels.

If interested, please contact me and let me know when you have purchased your tickets.

**Thanks,
Michele Langley
Activities Committee**



5 Best Corvettes Last 10 Years...

From the near beginning of the C7 generation through today Corvette Forum examined every model and found that these were the 5 best Corvettes of the last 10 years.

Have there been any bad Corvettes since the debut of the **C7 generation**? We can't think of any. But some Corvette models from the last ten years stand above the others. How and why? For us, it's all about driving experience, immersion, and the all-around package. Price, availability, usability, and collectability were also factored in.

1. 2019 ZR1 3ZR Coupe – Manual with ZTK Package Boom.

The C7 ZR1. The greatest Corvette in the last ten years. This car has it all. Power and speed in spades. Blue chip collectability. A manual transmission. Killer looks. What else could you

possibly want? If you are a traditional “the engine belongs up front” sort of Corvette person, then this is the ultimate expression of that. Sure, it's not easy to drive. Almost every C8 will beat you to 60 mph if you're talented enough to manage the LT5's torque curve. But so is a Tesla Model 3 Performance. Do you care? The 2019 ZR1 is the best Corvette in the last ten years. And maybe ever.



2. 2026 Z06 3LZ Coupe – Z07 Performance Package

C8 Z06 over the ZR1???? Yup. **And I'm not alone in this.** The Z06 offers all of the performance you could possibly want at a much lower price point. The naturally aspirated, flat-plane crank V8 in the Z06 sounds incredible. Add the Z07 package, and you have a race car. Does it lap the Nürburgring as fast as the ZR1? Nope. Will you care as you hustle the Z06 around your local racetrack as fast as your talent will take you? Nope. The C8 Z06 is an incredible car. And with the interior upgrades that come with the 2026 model, it's ALMOST the best Corvette of the last decade...



5 Best Corvettes Last 10 Years...

3. 2026 ZR1 3LZ Convertible – ZTK Package

But the pick of the litter is the Convertible with the ZTK Package. Putting the top down on a car like this is just too tempting to skip. Combined with all the aero bits, it looks amazing. And it is a rare spec that will make you stand out. Of all the Corvettes made in 2025, only 0.1 percent were ZR1 Convertibles with the ZTK Package. It is so rare that GM doesn't even have a press photo of this configuration (the car in the picture above is actually a ZR1X model).



4. 2015 - 2019 Z06 3LZ Coupe – Manual with Z07 Performance Package

If you like the C7 Grand Sport, you are going to love the C7 Z06. Get it with the Z07 package for even more performance and the manual transmission for maximum driver involvement. It has been seven model years since these have been in production, but they still offer performance that can embarrass many much more expensive sports cars of today. All powered by an engine so good it's still available either as a crate engine or between the fenders of two Cadillac models.



5. 2017 - 2019 Grand Sport Coupe – Manual

The C7 Grand Sport is such a great car. Basically, a Z06 in everything but the engine and the price tag. And you could even get it with this lever that sticks out between the seats that lets you manually select the gear you want. How cool is that? The C8 cars might have more performance, but they lost some engagement in the trade when they went automatic only.



GM Writes Down **Another** \$6B for EV Cut Backs???

GM has announced that it will write down another \$6 billion charge as the result of its decision to pull back on certain electric vehicle investments.



According to a report from Reuters, the new \$6 billion charge was revealed in a recent regulatory filing issued on Thursday. The charge is tied to reduced EV production plans and the company's efforts to unwind portions of its EV-related supply chain, driven by changes in federal policy under the Trump administration and softening demand for battery-electric vehicles. Meanwhile, Ford Motor Company announced an even larger EV-related charge just weeks prior, further underlining sweeping changes across the U.S. auto industry as it moves away from the EV segment.

GM will mark the \$6 billion charge as a special item in its forthcoming fourth-quarter earnings report. The company also said that further EV-related charges could be recorded in 2026 as discussions with suppliers continue. However, GM expects those costs to be lower than the charges taken in 2025.

The writedown follows similar actions taken by other automakers, many of which are adjusting EV strategies that were developed earlier in the decade when demand forecasts were far more optimistic. Automakers began reassessing their EV investments in earnest last summer after federal tax and spending policy changes weakened the outlook for electric vehicles, including a major pullback in federal support following changes made by the Trump administration. Perhaps one of the biggest impacts was the expiration of the \$7,500 federal EV tax credit in September.

In the lead up to the credit's expiration, EV sales surged, briefly lifting GM to second place in U.S. EV sales behind Tesla. However, the momentum proved short-lived, as the automaker reported a **42% drop** in **EV Sales** during the fourth quarter following the tax credit's expiration.

Former Ford CEO Says...US Automakers Overestimated

Former Ford CEO Mark Fields said, US Automakers “overestimated” consumer demand when starting EV production!

Over the last couple of years, automakers went “full bore” in putting capacity for EVs. They really didn’t have a good discussion on the Consumer, in terms of what it was going to take to get consumers to buy EV’!!!



Some of the “big bets” Automakers made on EV’s have come undone over the last “18 months”!!!

General Motors said in an “exchange filing” that it was taking a \$1.6 Billion charge based on a planned strategic realignment of GM’s EV capacity and Manufacturing footprint to Consumer demand!!!!

This is clearly an issue where the “market” didn’t develop the way automakers thought (or hoped!). A lot of them, particularly in GM’s case, boasted that they had the full lineup of EV’s!

Ford’s current CEO, Jim Farley, said last month that the expiry of federal EV incentives could halve US EV Sales!

I think it’s going to be a vibrant industry, but it’s going to be smaller, **way smaller**, than we thought, Farley said on September 30.

Whoops, I guess the shareholders can afford the write-offs?

SideNote:

Hyundai Recalls 41,651 Vehicles Over Faulty Display

Feds Open Waymo Investigation After Self-Driving Car Hits Child

Hyundai recalls more than 600,000 SUVs in Canada, U.S. over faulty airbag deployments.

Nearly 20,000 Toyota vehicles recalled in Canada due to risk of rear doors opening while driving

Barrett Jackson Scottsdale January 17-25...

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Barrett Jackson was held in Scottsdale AZ January 17-25 and it was packed. PSCC was in “full force” with Club Members

Chevrolet secured top sales with iconic models like Corvettes, C10 pickups, Camaros and Blazers at the 2026 Scottsdale Auction. A highlight of the event was the charitable sale of a custom 1972 Chevrolet C50 built by Constance Nunes of CARS by Constance that sold **four times**, raising \$875,000 to benefit the ForeBatten Foundation.

As well as a **one-of-one** 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Stars & Steel Limited Edition ZR1X that raised \$2.6 million for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.



But the “Big Winner” was the “Vin 001” 2025 Corvette ZR1 with Rick Hendrick, owner of Hendricks Motorsport. All proceeds went to American Red Cross.

Other Top Sellars were; A 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing Coupe (\$2.53 million) and a 1966 Lincoln Continental Custom Convertible (\$1.1 million) led the sales.

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Barrett Jackson Run – 1/21 – 24/26



1/21/26 – Group lunch at BJ's Restaurant in Goodyear, AZ

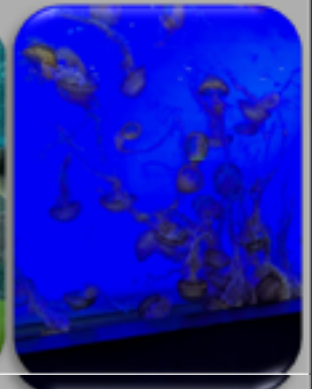


For the third time in five years, a specially donated Chevrolet Corvette sold for charity was the top result at the Barrett-Jackson January auction. In 2026, the **2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X Stars & Steel Limited Edition** was the most expensive car sold at the 2026 Barrett-Jackson collector car auction when it achieved a magnificent \$2,600,000 to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. This nonprofit organization honors fallen first responders and supports injured veterans and their families through mortgage-free homes and financial assistance.

Dinner at The Greene House, Scottsdale, AZ



OdySea Aquarium



Meanwhile...Al was getting eaten by a creature at UFO Experience Museum



Of course, the ladies had to get in some necessary shopping



Palm Springs Corvette Club

**Combined Diva & Stud Lunch at Sloan's
January 9, 2026**



SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS

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Sunday March 8, 2026



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Corvette Racing 2026 IMSA:

Feb 27 - Feb 28 Circuit of Americas

Mar 6 - Mar 8 Sebring International Raceway

May 7 - May 9 Circuit of Americas

May 9 - May 11 IMSA Monterey Laguna Seca

June 5 - June 7 O'Reilly Auto Parts 4 Hours

June 19 - June 21 VIRginia International Raceway

July 10 - July 12 Chevy Grand Prix

Aug 14 - Aug 16 Road America

Aug 20 - Aug 23 Michelin GT Challenge
at VIR

Oct 1 - October 3 Motul Petit Le Mans

2026 WEC Schedule:

Mar 28 Qatar 1,812km

Apr 19 6 Hours of Imola

May 9 6 Hours of Spa Francorchamps

June 13-14 24 Hours of LeMans

July 12 6 Hours of San Paulo

Sept 6 Lone Star LeMans

Sept 27 6 Hours of Fiji

Nov 7 8 Hours of Bahrain

HAPPY
Valentines Day



MOTORTREND



First Look: Behold, the All-New Toyota GR GT Y-8 Hybrid-Powered Supercar!

BEAST FROM THE EAST! 641 horsepower from an all-new, hybrid and 4.0-liter, twin-turbo.

GM Ends Corvette No-Flip Rules for Most Models

Drops ownership restrictions for most Corvettes, strict controls still on for flagship ZR1 and upcoming ZR1X.



Down the Road....

2026 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)** (none in Dec.)
- Last Friday – 11:30 AM – Separate **Diva** and **Stud Luncheons**
(none in Nov. and Dec.)

Please click on the links below to be taken to the most current information on that event.

Feb. 14 – Dr. George Car Show – IN ORDER TO PARK TOGETHER, please REGISTER your car NOW and give your registration info to Jack Carter by Jan. 16th

Feb. 24 – Dolly Sinatra Lodge, PS – FULL – wait list only

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

April 16-19 – Gambler's Classic, Laughlin, NV

May 16-18 – Prescott Run

Aug TBD – Possible run to Victoria, BC, Seattle & Gig Harbor



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- Feb 14 - Dr George Show (pre-register)
- Feb 24 Dolly Sinatra Lodge
- Mar 17 St Patrick's Day Party at Burton's Farm
- Mar 21-24 Solvang Run w/OC & Discovery Bay Clubs
- Mar 18-21 Sebring International
- Mar 27-29 Sonoma Raceway
- April 17 -18 Long Beach Street Circuit
- April 16-19 Gambler's Classic, Laughlin NV
- April 24-26 Circuit of America
- May 1-3 WeatherTech Monterey
- May 8 -10 Sebring Raceway
- May 29-30 Detroit Grand Prix
- June 12-14 Michelin Road Atlantic
- Aug TBD - Possible run to Victoria BC, Seattle July/August



**Happy
President's
Day**

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!

