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Palm Springs Corvette Club

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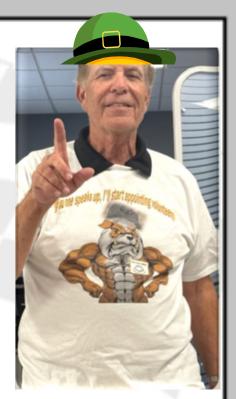
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President's Message....

March is here and it's almost time for our snowbirds to start to migrate north to their summer homes. This season has just flown by and I hope everyone has had a great time with our club events.

March and April are going to be very busy. I encourage all of you to look at the upcoming events section on our website. Mitch Albert and Charlene Brown have done an outstanding job continuously improving our website and its content. I would also like to thank Mike Smith for all his hard work to make sure that our Desert Vetts newsletter is current and relative to not only our club events but all things Corvette.



As a reminder!

March 11th General Session Meeting

March 15th Nick Nigosian's Memorial car show at the Southwest Church

March 17th Saint Patrick's Day at the Burton Farm - Dinner and a magic show! Still room for signups! Please let me know ASAP if you would like to join us.

March 29th - April 1st- Solvang trip with San Diego clubs. Still a few spots left.

April 5th - Brunch with the Orange Co, Corvette Club at Marriott Shadow Ridge. Please let me know if you can join us. OC has 28 people coming!

This month's Corvette of the Month goes to new members Ken & Mary Colby. They have a new 2024 2LT convertible. Please take the time to read the article in this letter about the Colby's

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.

Corvette of the Month...





Ken and Mary first came to the Desert in 2000 from Danville, California. Now retired, Ken was Regional Supervisor of Fireman's Fund, and Mary worked as a manager for McDonald's Restaurants for 13 years.

The couple raised four children, have five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren who live in the Central Valley. Since retiring in 2002, Ken and Mary live full-time in their RVs in Danville and Indio.



They enjoy cards, swimming, and lots of traveling. They belong to Newan RV Clubs and The Road Runners RV group.

They have owned three Corvettes prior to the current 2024 2LT: a 1969 Convertible, a 1978 Pace Car, and a 1972 Coupe.

Ken hails from Denver, and Mary was born in California.

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New 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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Your forms will then be uploaded to our website.

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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).

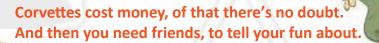
Don't Forget!!!!!!

PSCC "Get Acquainted....

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Meet the members of our Corvette club!

Go to palmspringscorvetteclub.com, click on Get Acquainted, and enter our current password. Scroll through the pages and "Get Acquainted." If you've forgotten our password, email Charlene at palmspringscorvetteclub@gmail.com and she'll remind you. If you don't have a page yet, follow the instructions in the Get Acquainted section.



We want to know you, put a name to your face. What's your background? We know you're an Ace!

> What is your name? Are you short or tall? How will we know you? Blonde, brunette or bald?

Where do you hail from? Why did you come here? Or you're a longtime resident, who got a Vette this year?



Send in your info, a story or two, a picture of your car, and one of you.

Your photos we'll size, your info we'll take. We'll type it, arrange it, and your page we'll make.

Before your story is put online, you must tell us, "That's just fine."

Review it you will, change it you can. Your bio will shine, 'cause that's the plan!

Get your page on "Get Acquainted" **Email your info to** C21hazel@aol.com

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Twenty nine rowdy Studs having lunch at Mario's Restaurant. Noisy bunch!



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Stud Lunch....

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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

March 15th – Nick Nigosian's Memorial car show at the Southwest Church, Noon – 4:30 PM

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March 29th – April 1st – Solvang trip with San Diego clubs.
Still a few spots left.

April 5th – Brunch with Pacific Coast Corvettes Club at Giuseppe's @ Marriott Shadow Ridge. Please let Stan know if you can join us. OC has 28 people coming!

May 28th – Day-run to Lake Arrowhead – Caravan to Lake Arrowhead Village, lunch at Papagyos, take a tour on the Queen boat, then caravan home.

June 6-7 – Possible Cruise Event/Car Show to Monterey with Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club

<u>July 4th</u> – Possible overnight in Idyllwild @ Tahquitz Pines Resort before or after the July 4th Parade

August 1-10 – Possible Hot August Nights Trip – Reno/Tahoe

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

St Patrick's Day at Burton Family Farm....

Plans are coming together for St. Patrick's Day at the Burton Family Farm Monday March 17th.

Evening Entertainment is Dana Daniels a very accomplished Magician - check him out on



Google! Dana has been kind enough to accept our invitation to preform at our event.

There is room for 100 guest for the evening. We are working on "Dinner" for the evening so, we do not have an accurate cost yet.

Please put this event in your calendar and reposed to Stan directly if you are going to attend. Also, feel free to bring friends and family to the event!

I will keep you posted as we firm up the details.

Regards,

Stan Moreno

President



PSCC & San Diego Club Solvang Trip...

The Solvang Trip with the San Diego Club is coming together and here is what it looks so far....

- Saturday 3/29 travel from the Desert to Solvang via our usual back roads route. Dinner on your own.
- Sunday 3/30 Cars & Coffee 8:00 AM with Coffee & TBD. Balance of Day Free, maybe cruise to Hearst Caste?
- Monday 3/31 Wine Tour!!!! Buses pick us up in the morning, 3
 Wineries with Lunch at the 2nd stop. Details to follow.
- Tuesday 4/1 return to the Desert.

Hotel Info: You need to call the 24-hour Customer Car Center 800-248-6274 ask for the 2025 Corvette Club Rates for the nights you will be staying!!

Room Rates: Sat - \$238.00,

Sun & Mon - \$135.00

We are still working on the additional information but You Need to Make Your

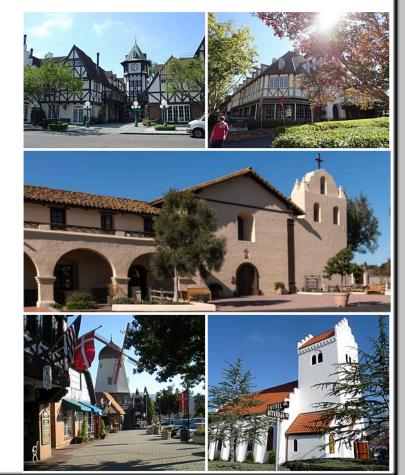
Reservations Now!!!!!

Please let Stan know when you make your Reservation!!!!

Thanks

Stan Mareno

President



PCC & PSCC Palm Springs Brunch...









PCC & PSCC Brunch

Saturday April 5th 2025 8am - 2pm

PSCC will meet the PCC Club at 10am at Guiseppe's @ Marriott Shadow Ridge

So far we have 24 Members confirmed and OC has 28!

Please RSVP to Stan Moreno.

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



2025 Additions to C8 Line-up....

The 2025 Corvette Stingray represents the sixth model year of the "base" model C8, for which it receives all kinds of small changes and updates. Let's take a detailed look at everything that's new and different about Chevy's 2025 Stingray.

The 2025 C8 Stingray follows the 2020 Stingray, which was the first year of the C8, followed by small changes for the 2021, 2022, 2023 and Stingray.

The model line doesn't see any changes for the 2025 model year, 2024continuing with three trim levels and two body styles:

Body Styles Trim Levels

Coupe (with a manually-removable hard top) - 1LT Convertible (with a motorized hard top - 2LT - 3LT

Exterior

On the outside, the 2025 Corvette C8 features a handful of changes, starting with the deletion of seven exterior

, and the addition of three new ones:

Deleted colors: New colors:

- **Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic Tintcoat**
- **Hypersonic Gray Metallic Tintcoat**
- Carbon Flash Metallic Metallic
- **Amplify Orange Tintcoat**
- **Accelerate Yellow Metallic**
- Silver Flare Metallic
- Cacti Green

There's also the deletion of Shadow Gray exterior accents, which were offered on both the Coupe and Convertible for the 2024 model year. In fact, this option was actually removed from ordering toward the tail end of 2024 C8 Stingray production. As GM Authority was first to report and show, the 2025 Corvette Stingray also gets anewly designed rear spoiler for models with the Z51 package.

- Sebring Orange

- Hysteria Purple

- Competition Yellow

2025 Additions to C8 Line-up....

In addition to the debut of the new Corvette Z51, the 2025 Corvette also introduces a range of updates and changes for the rest of the C8 lineup – C8 Stingray included.

Adrenaline Red Accent Package

Available Exterior Colors: Torch Red, Arctic White, Black

Features:

- Low-profile rear spoiler (TVS)
- Performance Exhaust (NPP)
- Black Wheel (choice of Q8Q, Q9l, or QE5)
- Torch Red seat belt (3F9)
- Bright Red-painted calipers (J6F)
- Stinger Stripe (DZV for Torch Red, DZX for Arctic White or Black)

Requires: Adrenaline Red interior

Price: \$3,000 (compared to \$4,475 individually)

Tension Blue Accent Package (PCI)

Available Exterior Colors: Arctic White

Features:

- Low-profile rear spoiler (TVS)
- Performance Exhaust (NPP)
- 5-split-spoke Satin Graphite Wheel (Q90)
- Tension Blue seat belt (3A9)
- Carbon Flash Metallic-painted mirrors & spoiler (ZYC)
- Edge Blue Full Length Dual Racing Stripes (DUW)
- Requires: Sky Cool Gray interior
- Price: \$3,000 (compared to \$4,670 individually)







2025 Additions to C8 Line-up....

Velocity Yellow Accent Package (PCJ)

Available Exterior Colors: Riptide Blue, Arctic White, Hysteria Purple

Features:

- Low-profile rear spoiler (TVS)
- Performance Exhaust (NPP)
- Black Wheel (choice of Q8Q, Q9I, or QE5)
- Yellow seat belt (3M9)
- Velocity Yellow-painted calipers (J6E)
- Carbon Flash/Competition Yellow Stinger Stripe (DZU
- Requires: Jet Black interior

Price: \$3,000 (compared to \$4,475 individually)





Edge Orange Accent Package (PCK)

Available Exterior Colors: Black, Arctic White

Features:

- Low-profile rear spoiler (TVS)
- Performance Exhaust (NPP)
- Black Wheel (choice of Q8Q, Q9I, or QE5)
- Orange seat belt (379)
- Carbon Flash Metallic-painted mirrors & spoiler (ZYC)
- Edge Orange Full Length Dual Racing Stripes (DSY)

Requires: Jet Black interior

Price: \$3,000 (compared to \$4,670 individually)

As a reminder, the 2025 Corvette Stingray cradles the naturally aspirated gasoline engine, with the GM Y2 platform providing the bones. Production takes place at the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky.



8,000 Chargers Shut Down at Federal Buildings

The General Services Administration (GSA) is retiring approximately 8,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging plugs across a range of government properties. The GSA, which oversees federal buildings and supports federal agencies, says that the EV chargers are



no longer considered "mission critical," and is now instructing federal workers to begin deactivating all of the chargers installed at federal buildings across the U.S. in the coming weeks. The agency currently operates several hundred charging stations, which are available for charging both government-owned vehicles and vehicles owned by federal employees.

Per a report by The Verge, which cites sources familiar with the matter, official guidance on the EV charger shutdown will be issued internally next week. The GSA is also canceling service contracts that keep the chargers operational, with stations being shut down "at the breaker."

In addition to removing charging access, the GSA is looking to offload recently acquired electric vehicles that were part of the Biden administration's effort to the electrify the federal fleet. The exact fate of these vehicles remains unclear, although they may be stored or sold. The federal government had previously committed to replace a swath of ICE-based federal vehicles with new electric vehicles. Under an initiative by President Biden, the GSA had ordered 58,000 all-electric vehicles and installed 25,000 charging ports to support the long-term goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning toward a net-zero footprint.

The recent policy reversal aligns with a broader shift under the Trump administration, which has been keen to roll back Biden-era electric vehicle policies, including a \$5B public EV charger infrastructure program. The GSA is also actively working to reduce the government's real estate footprint, including the sale of approximately 500 federal buildings as the Trump administration moves to shrink the size of the U.S. government.

As of now, the GSA has not issued a public statement regarding the decision to shut down the federal charging network.

Corvette Racing Wins....

Corvette Racing and TF Sport are one-for-one in the 2025 FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), delivering the No. 33 Corvette Z06 GT3.R directly to Victory Lane when the checkers waved on the 10-hour endurance race.



The No. 33 Vette was shared between Daniel Juncadella, Jonny Edgar, and Ben Keating during the 2025 Qatar 1812km, rallying from 13th place up to the top spot by the time the clock ran down. The win marked the first in the FIA WEC – and in a race car – for Juncadella and Edgar, while Keating collected his eighth victory in the series and fourth in a Vette. It was also TF Sport's eighth FIA WEC victory, putting the team on top for the first time since the 2022 6 Hours of Fuji.

"For the whole stint, for sure that was a lot of pressure in the last 30 minutes. At beginning I didn't think I could hold (the No. 59) off. I just focused on hitting my marks," Juncadella said. "I could see where he was stronger in places. There were a couple of places where he could have gone for it and I think he was unsure. So it was good to keep him behind. At some point I was thinking we were going to finish second but I was focused on myself, my driving and not making mistakes."

The No. 81 Corvette Racing team didn't have nearly as good of a run at Qatar when a broken alternator pulley shaft took the race car out.

Tom Ferrier, owner of TF Sport, said, "There's no denying that it was a big move for us to join GM and Corvette. We knew it was going to be a challenge the first year, and it was to start with... We executed perfectly today. I'm sad for the 81 but absolutely over the moon for GM, Corvette Racing and ourselves. It's a huge result for us."



"In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I painted your car green. I knew it would leave you speechless, dad."

C8 ZR1 vs C7 ZR1....

General Motors <u>unveiled</u> the C8 <u>Corvette ZR1</u> last July, following up the initial debut with an <u>official pricing</u> <u>information</u> announcement earlier this year. Long story short, the C8 ZR1 is the



fastest, most-powerful production <u>Corvette</u> ever made. However, prior to the debut of the C8 ZR1, the title of most-powerful production Corvette belonged to the <u>C7 Corvette</u> ZR1. Now, these two GM behemoths are going full throttle in a side-by-side performance test at Virginia International Raceway.

First and foremost, let's briefly review the specs, starting with the C8 ZR1. The big ticket item here is undoubtedly the mid-mounted, twinturbocharged 5.5L V8 LT7 gasoline engine, rated at an astonishing 1,064 horsepower at 7,000 rpm and 828 pound-feet of torque at 6,000 rpm. All of that go is sent exclusively to the rear wheels by way of the beefed-up eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, while carbon ceramic brakes are standard. It's unclear if the example featured in the video is equipped with the optional ZTK Performance Package (RPO code ZTK) or optional ZR1 Carbon Fiber Aero Package (RPO code TOM).

Meanwhile, the C7 Corvette ZR1 features the front-mounted, supercharged 6.2L LT5 V8, delivering 755 horsepower and 715 pound-feet of torque to the rear wheels. The C7 ZR1 offered both a seven-speed manual transmission and an eight-speed automatic, while aerodynamically, the body was equipped with an aggressive front splitter and a massive rear wing for a big boost in downforce. Magnetic Ride Control suspension, track-tuned handling systems, and carbon-ceramic brakes round it out. Click link below to go to full article!!!!

https://gmauthority.com/blog/2025/03/c8-corvette-zr1-vs-c7-corvette-zr1-at-virginia-international-raceway-video/

Chevy Camaro Renderings... Wishful Thinking!!!

The future of Camaro nameplate isn't particularly bright at the moment. Now, a series of new, next-gen Chevy Camaro renderings have hit the web, and while they look good, they're likely little more than wishful thinking.

The new rendering images were recently posted to social media and show the next-gen Camaro with a low, wide stance, and the Chevy bowtie emblem prominently placed above a black slotted grille. The headlights are thin and highly angular, integrating into the sharp body lines and extending towards prominent fender arches. Vertical



LED daytime running lights are positioned in the corners of the front bumper.

The side profile shows a sleek, aerodynamic flow, with smooth body lines and a handsome fastback silhouette. The large, multi-spoke wheels are finished in black and polished silver, while subtle creases along the doors and pronounced rear haunches contribute the aggressive posture.

At the rear, the Camaro concept shows a set of ultra-slim and sharp LED lighting signatures. The sculpted rear bumper houses dual exhaust outlets, which are neatly integrated into a black diffuser-style lower bumper element.

As GM Authority exclusively reported in February, the business case for a next-gen Chevy Camaro was recently "blown apart" by decision makers after it failed to meet several key business-level performance targets, including sales volume forecasts and profitability figures. According to one insider source, GM is still considering the development of a next-gen Camaro, but for the moment, "the light at the end of the tunnel is now dimmer."

One of the biggest factors is affordability, with one insider source telling GM Authority that a next-gen model was unlikely unless it was " affordable and attainable."

Ford Launches '26 Shelby GT500

The Shelby GT500 nameplate has been absent from the Ford Mustang model range since the S550 generation of the rangetopping muscle car was discontinued in 2022. The current S650 generation of the Mustang was all-new for the 2024 model year,



but it has no Shelby iterations. Its top performance model at the moment is the 500-horsepower Dark Horse, but that could be changing soon based on leaked information obtained by our friends at

Think of the Mustang GT and Dark Horse as somewhat comparable to a Corvette Stingray and the Mustang GTD as similar to a Corvette ZR1. The Mustang lineup needs a ZO6, so to speak. This memo implies that the Shelby GT500 model will soon return, packing a V8 dubbed "Legend."

Although this memo uses the Shelby GT500 name, Ford Authority has reported that there will be no Ford-produced Shelby models of the S650. The GT 350 and Super Snake variants of the S650 are Mustangs modified by Shelby American, not production models from Ford. Ford has filed trademarks for the names RS500 and Boss, one or both of which could apply to this upcoming high-powered Mustang variant.

The limited production Mustang GTD is a stripped-down track monster with an aggressive aero package, no back seats, a transaxle (with a transmission cooler where the trunk would normally be), and Multimatic Adaptive Spool Valve (ASV) dampers. It's possible this upcoming Mustang variant will have a similar powertrain but packaged as a more traditional Mustang with back seats. Also, it's safe to say a new iteration of the Shelby GT500 would be a bit more affordable than the speculated price tag as high as \$325k for the Mustang GTD.

The Mustang Shelby GT500 used to rival powerful muscle cars like the Chevy Camaro ZL1 and Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat. With its two closest rivals now absent from the marketplace, a GT500 successor would have the two-door, four-seater, 700+ hp muscle car market share all to itself.

Down the Road....

Mar 8 - Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills

Mar 12 - Corvette Racing Sebring Raceway

Mar 15 - Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills

Mar 15 - Nick Nigosian Memorial Car Show

Mar 16 - NASCAR Pennzoil 400 Las Vegas

Mar 17 - St Patrick's at Burton Family Farm

Mar 29-Apr 1 - Solvang Trip

Apr 5 - Brunch with PCCC Club

April 11-12 - Corvette Racing Long Beach

May 9-11 -Corvette Racing Laguna SECA

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

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!



