



Desert Vettes

Palm Springs Corvette Club

January 2025

PSCC Dinner & Dance...



C8 ZR-1 Fastest Car????



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President's Message....

Happy New Year to all! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and got to spend time with your family. I hope that the New Year brings you health and happiness and you achieve all your New Year's resolutions.

The club's New Year's resolution is to promote growth from within. As I stated before we are starting the year without a vice president and with me as interim president for a 12 month period. That gives us only 12 months to shore up our board to ensure that our club continues to grow.

The first quarter of the year is shaping up to be very busy. Our newly formed activities committee, Michele Langley and Virginia Shipp are hard at work planning many upcoming activities, including a three day trip to Barrett Jackson in Scottsdale in January, a mystery dinner in February and a St. Patrick's day bash at the Burton Date Farm. We also have the Dr. Georges Car Show in February and a wonderful trip to Solvang in March with our friends in the San Diego Car clubs.

So kick the tires and light the fires 2025 promises to be a fun packed year for our club

Happy New Year!

Regards, Stan

PS - President order a new bed !!!!!



2024 PSCC Christmas Dinner & Dance...

What a great night we had last Friday at our Christmas Dinner & Dance at Heritage Palms enjoying great friends, delicious food and awesome music from the Shadows Band. Looks like everyone was having a great time, but we missed those of you who couldn't make it.

Thanks Joyce, Liz and Brenda for all the work you put into making this an awesome event!!

Mitch has just uploaded the video to our website, you'll find it under Pictures & Videos then Dining.



Combined Diva & Stud Lunch...

From Joyce - Hi PSCC members - Everyone had a great time at our combined Diva/Stud luncheon at Sloan's on 12-27-24 and was attended by 57 members, (which was 4 more than last year)!

As I counted all the money in the various donation envelopes, I was overwhelmed with the generosity of our members at this event – the envelopes had a whopping total of \$480.00. Of course, we also must add in the \$45.00 for the beautiful T-shirt that was made and donated by our very talented Michele Langley and raffled off and purchased by Kim Singer! So, PSCC members, the Divas are starting off the New Year with a GRAND TOTAL of \$525.00 toward our yearly charity of choice!! OMG, why didn't we think of this event sooner!

THANK YOU to every single one of you fabulous members, we are so happy to be part of this fantastic club. Joyce, Liz and Mike



2nd Annual Board & Committee Appreciation Lunch



2nd Annual Board & Committee Appreciation Lunch 12/19/24

These photos were taken at the 2nd year-end Board & Committee Appreciation Luncheon hosted by Stan Moreno, President, (assisted by his lovely wife, Brenda)

with Board & Committee Members along with their spouses/guests. We devoured Stan's delicious BBQ ribs, chicken, beans and his famous corn casserole, along with other goodies. Unfortunately, a few members were not able to attend. It was a wonderful gathering to recognize and give thanks for the work that all of these individuals give in donating their time, creativity and energy to make our PSCC the best corvette club!

Thank you, Stan & Brenda



Murder Mystery Dinner???

Anyone interested in a fun interactive murder mystery dinner?

Well... here's your opportunity!

The Dinner Detective - February 15th - 6 PM - 9 PM

Hilton Garden Inn Palm Springs/Rancho Mirage, 71700 Hwy 111

\$64.95 plus tax

If interested, please CLICK the link below, BUY tickets and RESPOND to this e-mail to let Michele know so she can keep a headcount!

Let's go solve a crime!

Michele Langley
Activities Committee

[Palm Springs, CA Tickets | The Dinner Detective True Crime Mystery Dinner Show](#)



Our Location

Hilton Garden Inn Palm Springs/Rancho Mirage

71-700 CA-111
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Parking Info: Free self parking.



Our Menu

Dinner Buffet Selections

- Tossed Green Salad, Southwestern Chicken Salad
- Entrees & Sides:
 - Chicken Fajitas, Beef Fajitas, Cheese Enchiladas
 - Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Hot Tortillas
 - Served With Salsa, Sour Cream, And Fresh Guacamole
- NY Style Cheesecake
- Coffee & Tea

Saturday, February 15, 2025 (Palm Springs, CA)

Saturday, February 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm PST • Hilton Garden Inn Palm Springs/Rancho Mirage, 71-700 CA-111, Rancho Mirage

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Script: "The Hollywood Hit" • Seating is available! • Ticket Sales Close Sat 2/15/25 @ 10:00 AM



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- High Performance Tires
- Z51 Rear Spoiler
- Electronic Limited Slip Diff
- Z51 Performance Suspension
- Z51 Performance Brakes
- Performance Exhaust
- Heavy Duty Cooling System
- Battery Protection Package

Performance & Mechanical

- All Season Performance Tires
- Stability & Traction Control
- Driver Mode Selector
- Valet Mode

Connectivity & Technology

- Chevrolet Infotainment 3 Premium with Navigation 8" Diag HD Color Touchscreen, Voice Recognition Bluetooth Audio Streaming In-Vehicle Apps and Personalization Capable
- Bose Performance Series 14 Speaker Audio System
- Driver Customizable Info Center, 12" Diag Color Display
- Keyless Open and Start
- SiriusXM Radio Capable
- Onstar ® Services & 4G LTE Wi-Fi ® Availability
- Wireless Apple Carplay & Wireless Android Auto Capable
- Performance Data and Video Recorder
- Universal Home Remote
- Wireless Charging for Devices
- Head-up Display

Interior

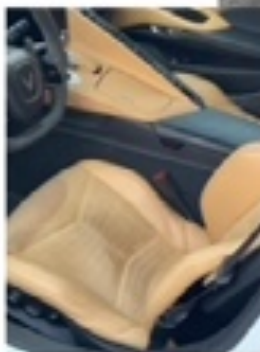
- 8-Way Power GT Bucket Seats
- Air Conditioning, Dual Zone Climate Control
- Air Filtration System
- Floor Console w/USB Ports, Lockable Storage
- Windows, Power with Express Up/Down
- Power Tilt & Telescopic Steering Column
- DRVR & Pass PWR Seat Bolster
- Cargo Nets
- DRVR & Pass PWR Lumbar Control
- Heated & Ventilated Seats
- Heated Steering Wheel
- Rear Camera Mirror
- Memory Driver and Passenger Convenience Package
- Leather Seating Surfaces

Exterior

- Power Retractable Body Color Hard Top w/Remote Activation (Down Only)
- Power Heated Outside Adjust Power Folding Mirrors w/Turn Indicators, Auto Dimming Driver Side
- Headlamps, LED
- Daytime Running Lamps

Safety & Security

- HD Front/Rear Vision Cameras (Front Camera is Curb View)
- Rear Park Assist
- Enhanced Theft Deterrent Sys
- Rear Cross Traffic Alert
- Side Blind Zone Alert



Update on Next Pirate Cruise...

Hi PSCC Members (from Mike and Vicki Nichols) -

The below email is from the gal in Desert Corvettes (Phoenix) that does the Pirate Cruises. She is planning next year's Pirate Cruise. She was trying to keep the group the same size I've asked her IF we could send it out to our members to try and get more of our club to join in. She told Vicki and I to go for it! Last cruise there were just 3 couples from PSCC, Lance and Michelle Lenhert, Dan and Carolyn Kelly and Vicki and me. This year is out of LA/Long Beach - No airfare!

Vicki and I have been on several of these cruises, and they are always a good time.

Hit REPLY to this e-mail to let Mike Nichols know if you have any questions and an interest. mik425h396@outlook.com

Thanks, Mike and Vicki

It is an 8-day cruise of super fun and it will visit a port that the Corvette Pirates have not visited in all of our 18 prior cruises!

Itinerary:

3-8-25 - Port of Los Angeles - Long Beach

3-9-25 - FUN DAY AT SEA - *P-A-R-T-Y*

3-10-25 - Cabo San Lucas

3-11-25 - La Paz

3-12-25 - Mazatlan

3-13-25 - Puerto Vallarta

3-14-25 - FUN DAY AT SEA - GOLF & more SHENANIGANS

3-15-25 - FUN DAY AT SEA - *P-A-R-T-Y*

3-16-25 - Port of Los Angeles - Long Beach

Ahoy and Avast!

Laurie TEX Schwab

602-790-5788 - TEXT ME

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January 16-20, 2025

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Vicki & Mike have signed up for this Cruise out of Cape Canaveral FL. Their plan is to fly in the day before departure, fly back home the day they get off the ship. If you are interested...call Mike or Vick!!!

Dr. George Show Feb. 08, 2025...

Hi PSCC members - **we need more members to sign up for this event!!!** Please click this link or the picture below to register and let me know when you have registered. [Dr. George Charity Car Show 2025 Registration, Sat, Feb 8, 2025 at 6:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

The annual Dr George Car Show is coming up on February 8th. All the proceeds from this show go to the Desert Cancer Foundation and it is probably the most well-attended Car Show in the valley. **It is also a show that I am requesting club participation.** *This show requires that you register in advance.*

Please let me know when you have signed up so I can arrange for group parking. Since I have been a club member, the most cars we've shown in one year has been 27. Let's see if we can't break that record!

P.S. I apologize for the poor copy below but that's the copy that we were provided; however, I think the information is still clear.

Thanks
Stan Moreno
President

SAVE THE DATE!

California
FEB.08, 2025

PALM SPRINGS CRUISIN' ASSOCIATION

**DR. GEORGE CHARITY CAR SHOW
AT THE INDIAN WELLS TENNIS GARDENS**

INFORMATION UPDATES AVAILABLE AT:
www.palmspringscruisinassociation.com

Presenting Host City of Indian Wells Register at <https://drgeorge2025.eventbrite.com>

Dr George Car Show is limited to 1,000 Pre-Registered Vehicles!

No Registration at the Event!!! Entry Fee is \$55.00

La Quinta Car Show...

La Quinta Car Show 2025



February 22, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

La Quinta Community Park
FREE for All Ages

Vehicles register for \$50. Includes t-shirt.

Car Show | Music | Food | Beer Garden | Family Fun



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PCC & PSCC Palm Springs Brunch...



PCC & PSCC Brunch Run

Saturday April 19th 2025 8am - 2pm

**PSCC will meet the PCC Club at 10am
at Resturant TBD!!!**

So far we have 24 Members confirmed

Please RSVP to Stan Moreno



Corvette meets "All" needs...



The Corvette meets all varying needs of people!!! Here are a few examples of beauty, power and a C7 from one of our Members which is his "winter" driver. He has 6 others regular drivers!



Ron Burton uses were for power in his "Beautiful" Austin Healy 4x4 powered by LSA out of a Cadillac CTSV same as LS9 with smaller displacement blower for 558hp!!!!!!



C8 Crashed into Pole...

A high-speed collision in [Irvine, California](#), involving a white C8

Corvette Stingray ended in a dramatic rescue, as the driver survived a violent crash with a traffic signal pole. The

incident occurred around 12:53 a.m. on the morning of November 29th, 2024, leaving the sports car mangled and the driver trapped inside the wreckage. First responders managed to free the driver before transporting him to a local hospital.

According to a report from [KTLA 5](#), the crash happened at the intersection of Still Night and Modjeska. Footage from the scene shows the Corvette embedded in the traffic signal pole, with the pole penetrating into the cabin on the passenger side. The front of the vehicle is nearly unrecognizable, reduced to a heap of crumpled metal, shattered glass, and a dislodged windshield. The roof is pushed upward and away from the car's body, while various vehicle components litter the adjacent roadway.

Despite the catastrophic damage to the front end, the rear of the vehicle remained relatively intact, highlighting the specific point of impact and direction of travel. The force of the collision suggests the car was traveling at a significant speed when it struck the pole.

Emergency crews arrived swiftly and worked for approximately 15 minutes to free the driver from the vehicle. Once extricated, the driver was transported to OC Global Medical Center in serious condition. No other passengers or vehicles were involved in the crash, and the driver remains the sole person affected by the incident.

The impact further underlines the potential dangers associated with high-speed driving, in particular on public roads. The survival of the driver in such a devastating crash is miraculous, to say the least, although it remains uncertain what may lie ahead with regard to the driver's recovery.



'25 ZR-1 Fastest American Car Ever Made...

Chevrolet just dropped mega performance stats for the 2025 Corvette ZR1. With its twin-turbocharged 5.5-liter V8 delivering a monstrous 1,064 horsepower and 828 lb-ft of torque, the ZR1 boasts a top speed of 233 mph. The top-end figure makes the **2025 C8**

Corvette ZR1 the fastest car ever built by an American auto manufacturer.



The ZR1 can sprint from 0-60 mph in just **2.3 seconds** with the ZTK Performance Package. Even without the extra sporty kit, the standard ZR1 achieves an impressive 2.5-second run. Both versions dominate the quarter mile, with the ZTK-equipped ZR1 clocking in at 9.6 seconds at 150 mph, while the base model completes it in 9.7 seconds at 152 mph.

These tests were performed on 93-octane fuel and non-prepped surfaces, it's unclear if jean shorts, New Balance 530s, and gold chains were also present.

To put these numbers in perspective, **the Corvette ZR1 matches or outpaces rivals like the Ferrari SF90 Stradale and Lamborghini Revuelto**, both of which hit 62 mph in 2.5 seconds—both of which use electrification to augment their performance. However, Dodge's Challenger SRT Demon 170 posts quicker acceleration figures.

Chevy says the ZR1's performance is supported by an upgraded eight-speed dual-clutch transmission with reinforced shafts and enhanced lubrication. It's good to know GM has gotten on top of the 8-speed DCT as the Tremec-designed unit was actual glass in the standard C8 before GM brought production in-house.

Pricing for the ZR1 remains unannounced, but Corvette chief engineer Josh Holder emphasized its unmatched value. "The 2025 Corvette ZR1 delivers on its mission to provide customers unrelenting power," Holder said, noting its unique position as the fastest production car under \$1 million.

Duane's E-Ray 2.2 sec!!!



GM-Built Honda Outsold All GM EV's in 2024...

Honda has a history of dipping its toes into a segment before jumping all the way in. For example, when it wasn't sure whether the SUV craze of the 1990s was going to stick, it marketed a rebadged Isuzu Rodeo as the Honda Passport.

Honda is doing the same thing with electric crossovers. The Japanese brand's first-ever electric crossover for sale in North America is the [Honda Prologue](#), which is based on the GM [BEV3](#) platform and built at [GM's Ramos Arizpe plant](#) in Mexico.



Despite being a GM design under its Honda skin, the Honda Prologue outsold every GM EV in 2024. Of course, all GM EVs combined outsold the Prologue and its luxury counterpart, the Acura ZDX, but it's still a surprise that among all [Ultium](#)-based EVs for sale in the United States, the best-seller of the bunch was a Honda.

There are [a few reasons](#) that could explain why the Honda Prologue outsold the Chevy Blazer EV in 2024. As we highlighted last month, the Honda Prologue has the benefits of [Android Auto and Apple CarPlay](#), more aggressive incentives, better charging perks, and seemingly better reliability. It might seem like a little thing, but a conventional charge port door rather than the motorized one on the [Chevy](#) is another small advantage for the Honda.

Although the Honda Prologue outsold the Chevy Blazer EV, the [Cadillac Lyriq](#) drastically outsold its Honda cousin, the [Acura ZDX](#), which was a new model for 2024. This is likely because the Lyriq, which has been on the market since 2022, has a higher marketplace awareness. Also, the [Cadillac](#) dealer network in the U.S. is substantially larger than Acura's.

Corvette Option...

An option could be a Performance Sedan E-Ray Sedan??? to rival the Dodge Charger Daytona or even the Tesla Roadster 2.0!!!! It is a changing AutoWorld!!!!



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EV's Bankruptcy Hertz...

Hertz's ambitious push into electric vehicles is destroying its financial performance.



The company just reported an absurd \$1.33 billion net loss for the third quarter of 2024—a grim earnings report that sent Hertz's stock tumbling further south, bringing its decline for the year to a casual 68%.

Hertz's woes are deeply tied to its decision to purchase hundreds of thousands of Tesla EVs—including 100,000 Model 3s and a follow-up order of Model Ys. Hertz also stocks the Polestar 2 in its EV portfolio. Hertz's aggressive foray into the EV market was intended to position the company as a leader in sustainable mobility, but it has instead created significant financial hurdles both operationally and for shareholders.

Who Makes the Most American Built Cars...

Taking the top four slots in the [2024 Made in America Auto Index](#) published by American University's Kogod School of Business, Tesla earns top billing as the American automaker that uses the most domestically sourced content.

The Kogod School of Business put together its list using data that is published by the National Highway and Transportation Administration and legislated by the the American Automotive Labeling Act of 1994.

According to the school, “The Kogod Made in America Index helps consumers determine how “American” a car actually is by evaluating and ranking over 500 car models based on their country of origin and several factors that can be found on a vehicle's label in the showroom.” Put simply, it’s designed to help consumers gauge how their automobile purchase will contribute to the U.S. economy.

In addition to figuring out the location where major components of a car are sourced from, the index also takes into account sometimes hidden factors like where the automaker is headquartered (meaning what country benefits from the car’s profit margin), where it’s assembled and where the company performs research and development. In addition to breaking down publicly available information, the Kogod School of Business independently visits car dealerships to inspect the window stickers of cars right off the showroom floor.

1. Tesla (81%)
2. Honda (63%)
3. Ford (54%)
4. GM (54%)
5. Stellantis (46%)
6. Volkswagen (35%)
7. Toyota (29%)
8. Nissan (24%)
9. Hyundai (17%)

Guess Who Bought One of Those \$3 Million Batmobiles



Remember a while back when [we showed you the actual, full-on recreation Batman Tumblers for sale](#)? Well, it turns out Cincinnati Bengals Quarterback Joe Burrow is one of the buyers, and it was confirmed in the most hilarious way. In a clip from the latest episode of HBO Original *HARD KNOCKS*, Burrow confirmed

Down the Road....

Jan 16 Dinner Nite Out - Si Bon Restaurant

Jan 17-19 Corvette Racing Daytona Roar Before Rolex 24

Jan 20 Martin Luther King Jr

Jan 20-28 Barrett Jackson Scottsdale AZ

Jan 25 Corvette Racing Daytona Rolex 24

Feb 2 NASCAR Clash North Carolina

Feb 8 Dr George Car Show (see ad in flyer)

Feb 13 Duel 1&2 Daytona

Feb 16 NASCAR Daytona 500

Feb 17 Presidents/Washington's Birthdays

Feb 23 NASCAR Ambetter Health 400

Mar 2 NASCAR Circuit of the Americas Texas

Mar 8-16 Pirate Cruise (see ad in this flyer)

Mar 9 NASCAR Shriners Children's 500

Mar 16 Pennzoil 400 Las Vegas

Mar 12-15 Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring

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!

