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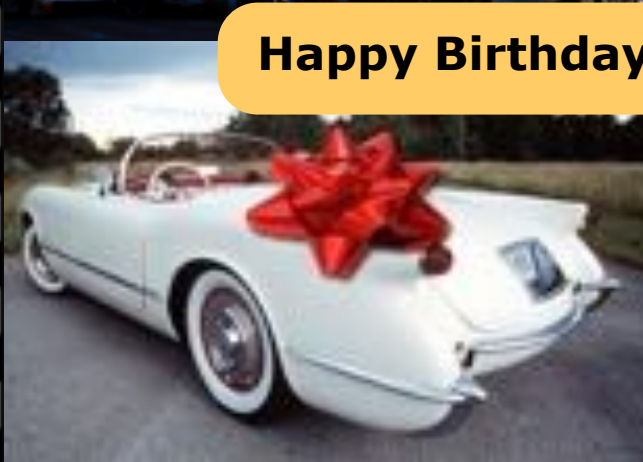
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President's Message....

It is with sadness that we inform you that our good friend and supporter, Dan Jessup, has lost his mom and we send him our deepest condolences.



Lou and Karen joined PSCC in 2005 and enjoyed going on trips and outings and had many dear friends. They worked many years on auto crosses and other charitable events the club put on. Karen was treasurer for four years, and Lou was vice president for two years. They've had nine Vettes, 1956 thru 2017. The last, with all accessories available, was personally selected and then ordered by Dan Jessup.

Lou will be greatly missed!

Our thoughts and prayers and deepest condolences are sent to his precious wife, Karen and their family.

Should you wish to send a card, the address is listed in our roster. The PSCC will be sending a card and flowers to Karen.

Bill Jahn

President

Corvette of the Month...



Owned by Tom & Karol Bilbrough 2026 Sebring Orange Z06 HTC that we purchased new in July 2018.

We moved to the desert, full time, in April 2023, from Long Beach, California, where we had lived since 2013. We are both originally from the Baltimore, Maryland area, and have extended family there.

We built our home in the desert on a rare bare lot, in the heart of old Hollywood Palm Springs in the Deepwell Estates neighborhood. Although we have lived in various parts of the country, we intend to make Palm Springs our permanent home and hope to build lasting friendships here.

We are excited to be members of this club and sharing our passion for Corvettes with like-minded people!



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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.

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Palm Spring Corvette Club

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Ron Austin
Service Manager
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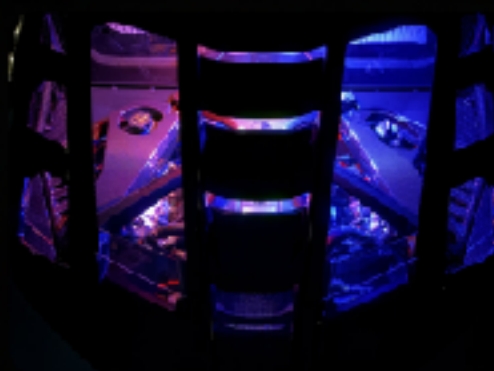
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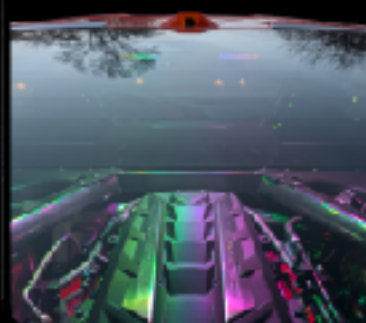
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Email: seantisdale@jessupautoplaza.com

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email: ronaustin@jessupautoplaza.com

Palm Springs Corvette Club Sponsor....

The May meeting surprised members as our sponsoring Chevy/Corvette dealer, Jessup Chevrolet, showed the club new hospitality with some very nice chairs up front... but more to the point, a huge video screen with a special welcome for all to see. Dan Jessup, who has been with the PSCC from the beginning, gave a short talk about his Dealership, his association with our Club, and talked a bit about the difficulties as more and more the Corvette, as well as all his products are computerized!!!



Happy Birthday Corvette June 30th...

Harley Earl
and the birth of the Corvette





**DNO 5/21/26 @ Si Bon -
a great time was had
with good friends.
Stan presented a
commemorative board
to Lance & Michelle
Lenhert as a thank you
for hosting the club
at their Havasu home.**



Prescott Fun Run...



May 16-18, 2026 - A great time was had in Prescott, AZ going to delicious Silly Al's for lunch en route, a Keith Anderson concert, Palace Restaurant and Saloon, Montezuma's Well and Castle and Blazin' M Ranch. Thanks Michele for arranging this fun run!!



General Motors Wins “Big”....

“What a special day for General Motors and the Cadillac Racing and Corvette Racing Teams in Detroit” said Mark Reuss, President, General Motors. “Winning both classes of the Chevrolet Detroit Sports Car Classic on the streets of the Motor City is tremendous achievement for our motorsports, design and engineering teams.

Congratulations to Whelen Cadillac and Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports teams on hard-earned victories at our home race”.

This high-octane, 100-minute sprint race is part of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. The event takes place on a 1.645-mile temporary street circuit in Downtown Detroit. The competition features racing in both the Grand Touring Prototype (GTP) and GT Daytona Pro (GTD PRO) classes.

In the 2026 event held May 30, Cadillac secured the overall and GTP victory, while Corvette won the GTD PRO class. “What a special day for General Motors and the Cadillac Racing and Corvette Racing Teams in Detroit”, said Mark Reuss, President, General Motors. “Winning both classes of the Chevrolet Detroit Sports Car Classic on the streets of the Motor City is a tremendous achievement for our motorsports, design and engineering teams! Congratulations to Whelen Cadillac and Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports teams on hard-earned victories at our home race!”



Corvette Escape Car Show June 13th...



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Corvette ZR1X Wins 10 Best Interiors & UX Award...



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Thousands Unsold C8's...



Chevrolet dealers across the U.S. are sitting on thousands of unsold C8 Corvettes, and that could be good news for potential buyers.

With supply shortages, dealer markups, and production halts largely in the rearview mirror— **except for the upcoming ZR1**—discounts and incentives are lowering the mid-engine sports car's price by thousands.

According to **Chevy's latest dealership inventory tracking**—that tip to Corvette Blogger—**more than 5,700 C8 Corvettes were available on dealer lots last week within a 2,000-mile radius of Detroit.** Some dealers are offering incentives to help move the sports cars, with discounts available to qualifying buyers. At least one deal requires a Costco membership, but even with restrictions, the discounts are amazing.

When the C8 Corvette debuted, its starting price of just under \$60,000 was often overshadowed by dealer markups that pushed it well past six figures. Now, some of those same cars are available for well under \$70,000 with the Z51 package, while \$75,000 can capture an even wider selection of colors and configurations.

On the higher end of the spectrum, **there are more than 1,000 C8 Z06s available** at or slightly below MSRP, the deepest discount seen on a Z06 right now is about \$7,000. There are even some 600 C8 Corvette E-Rays kicking around, with some cars being offered with \$10,000 on the hood.

Key Points

- Over 5,000 unsold C8 Corvettes are sitting on dealer lots, leading to discounts and incentives for buyers.
- Some models are now available under \$70,000, some Z06 and E-Ray models are discounted as well.
- With markups gone and supply stabilizing, frustrated buyers may finally get the Corvette of their dreams at a more reasonable price.

Jay Leno Buys C8 ZR1X...

The C8 Corvette ZR1X is Chevrolet's performance tour de force, packing in every inch with go-fast tricks to yield the quickest, fastest, and most powerful production Corvette ever made. Indeed, this thing has what it takes to challenge some of the craziest four-wheeled machines on the planet. Unsurprisingly, Jay Leno just bought one.



In the latest episode of Jay Leno's Garage, we get a detailed look at the comedian's new toy, highlighting its extreme performance capabilities and what it's like to actually own and drive. During the video, Leno is joined by Mark Reuss, who talks about the development of the car and the team behind it.

Naturally, Reuss emphasizes the engineering effort, build quality, and balance between everyday usability and track-level performance, while both men discuss how the vehicle delivers performance that is comparable (or above) many high-end European supercars, but at a much lower price point.

Among the points of discussion is the design, the carbon ceramic brakes, the advanced suspension, and the twin-turbocharged 5.5L V8 LT7 hybrid powertrain, which doles out a combined 1,250 horsepower. Specs include a 0-to-60 mph time of less than 2 seconds, while top speed is in excess of 230 mph. There's also more civilized features of note, such as improvements to the interior made with the launch of the 2026 model year.

While driving his new Corvette ZR1X on the street, Leno describes it as extremely stable, powerful, and well-built, comparing the feel to something carved from a solid block. He explains that while the car has more power than can realistically be used on public roads, it remains enjoyable and manageable. He also praises how modern performance cars combine power, handling, and technology in ways that were not possible in the past, and he expresses pride in the ZR1X being American-made while highlighting the people involved in building it.

GM Done With the C8?!

The mid-engine C8 Corvette is nearing the end of the line, with the brand confirming that the **recently revealed Grand Sport** will be the last major variant of the C8.



According to Corvette Chief Engineer Josh Holder, the lineup is effectively complete. Speaking on The Gas podcast, Holder confirmed that while Chevrolet will continue refining the car, no additional core models are planned.

“We’re never completely done—we’re always tweaking and improving,” he said. “But as far as the model lineup goes, the Grand Sport is going to round out the eighth generation of Corvette.”

Historically, Grand Sport models have arrived late in a Corvette’s lifecycle, serving as a bridge between lower-spec base models and higher-performance variants. The C7 Grand Sport debuted in 2017, just a couple of years ahead of the C8’s debut, while the C6 version arrived in 2010, four years before the next-generation car arrived.

AutoGuide's Take: While the C8 may be reaching its final chapter, Chevrolet obviously isn’t done with the Corvette. Holder hinted that development of the next generation is already **u n d e r w a y**, t h o u g h specifics remain under wraps. “We’re always working on the next Corvette,” he said. Sources familiar with the matter indicate the next-generation C9 Corvette will debut before the end of the decade. Chevy is expected to show the next-gen Corvette in late 2028 or 2029, with plans for the car to start arriving at dealers as a 2030 model.



Tax the Distance You Drive???

Illinois Is Planning To Tax The Distance You Drive!!! Taxes are as ingrained in the automotive sector as any other. From sales tax to fuel tax and so on, there is simply no avoiding taxes when you own a car. The state of Illinois is now looking to add another way to tax drivers, this time with a mileage-based road usage charge that has built-in privacy protections. Sounds fishy!!!

This isn't the first time we've heard of proposed legislation that would tax drivers based on how many miles they drive, but it doesn't make us feel any better about it. With so many existing taxes—including those built-in examples like gas and also highway use in the form of tolls—it's not really like anyone needs another way for the government to get into their pocket. You're able to drive to your heart's content so long as you can pay for the fuel.

Thanks to Senator Ram Villivalam, the Illinois government is looking for another way to make you pay for it. Senate Bill **1938** is called the Illinois Road Usage Charge Act, it seeks to find out whether drivers should be taxed, based on how many miles they drive.

Knowing how many miles you drive is the big question at hand. Between GPS and factory-installed electronics, there are already plenty of ways for the government to track your mileage. But for older cars or those who have opted out of such services, odometer reporting might be the way of going about things. It all sounds bad.

There is a part of the bill that says the state would collect the least amount of personal information possible, for whatever that's worth. Do you really trust the government to do the right thing?

In addition to Bill 1938, there's also Senate Bill **3566**. This one is of a very different nature, instead looking at electric vehicles (EVs) and the owners behind them. 3566 would offer EV drivers the option to pay 1.5 cents per mile driven annually (capped at \$320), or a single-pay \$320 payment.

Whether either of these bills will make it any further is anyone's guess, but we can't say we're confident in either becoming reality.

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.)

June 7 – Possible attendance at **29th MSA People's Choice Charity Car Show** – 10 AM – 3 PM, Embarcadero Marina Park North (Seaport Village) – **Contact Jack Carter**

July 31-Aug. 2 – Trip to **Victoria, BC and Seattle/Gig Harbor, WA** – **respond to Stan if interested**

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!



Harley Earl
and the birth of the Corvette

