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President's Message....

With January behind us I know the question on everybody's mind is how did I like my new Corvette bed? It's a little small for overnight company, but I'm starting to get used to sleeping outside. I will be glad when the weather gets a little warmer,



January was busy with our usual events as well as a group led by Michele Langley to Phoenix for the Barrett Jackson auction. It was a great time had by all and I would like to thank Michelle for her leadership.

Car Show season is in full swing and we expect a wonderful showing at Dr. Georges with 24 cars. Thank you all for helping to support the event and especially with the money that went towards desert cancer. As a reminder, the La Quinta show is on 22 February, and if any of you would like to participate, please let me know.

Corvette of the month goes to Leanne and Bob Williams. Leanne and Bob are fairly new to the club and are an amazing car couple story. Please make sure you read the article in desert vets about them. Please take the time to read the article about them.

It's T minus 11 months and counting until we need to elect a new president and as of yet still running without a vice president. Thanks to all who are helping me pick up the slack. Remember this is a year to cultivate from within to ensure longevity of our club.



Corvette of the Month...

Robert and Leann Williams have known each other for over 40 years and have been married for 38. We met at Cal Berkley. We are both military veterans with Bob having retired from the Air Force and me serving for 8 years. His last position was that of a Detachment Commander for the Office of Special Investigations. Before he was commissioned, he was a military working dog handler. I also served in the Air Force as a program analyst for Air Force 1 and the C17 program. I later served as a maintenance officer for a B52 wing during the Gulf War. I currently am a math teacher at Yucaipa High School and act as the Department Chair of our Law and Public Safety department. I love my job and teach with one of my three daughters who is also a teacher of English and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Redlands. Bob is retired.



Bob and my shared love of cars go back to before our marriage. We have owned many, many classics and have restored a great many of those. We've owned everything from Chevrolets to Volkswagens. Our primary concentration has been in European sports cars such as Triumphs, MGs, and Jaguars. We have also owned Mustangs and Shelys. I had the good fortune to have campaigned a Shelby on a short track circuit having raced all through the South West as far as Texas. We have had in our family a number of Corvettes stating with a 1958, 1962, 1982, 1992, a 2013 Grand Sport, and our current 2024 C8 HTC. In the Chevrolet family, in addition to the Corvettes, we have owned a 1962 Impala SS convertible that we owned at the same time as our 1962 Corvette. We have also owned a 1969 Nova SS and a 1963 C10. We currently just finished a 1967 Ford F100. As you can see, we like cars from all makes, well almost all. We are past members of NCRS, where Bob was active in judging in the C3 small block engine compartments. We were also members of Team Shelby and the Terlinqua Racing Team. We currently are active members of the National Corvette Museum.

We look forward to great times and shared adventures with the club.

2024 Palm Springs Corvette Club Executive....

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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:

palmspringscorvetteclub@gmail.com

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.

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Don't Forget!!!!!!

PSCC "Get Acquainted...."

Get Acquainted

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.



Corvettes cost money, of that there's no doubt.
And then you need friends, to tell your fun about.



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?



Do you like short events? Or do you prefer long runs?
Do you play tennis or golf? Bike, deal cards or other fun?

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



Diva Lunch....



25 Divas attending at
Shadows Restaurant.
Sorry for the sun
glare, too many
windows!!!!

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Stud Lunch....



Stud Lunch....



From the days way back in time when Tom P and Mike N put their heads together and thought the guys should have something to do as the "Divas" went off to a monthly Friday luncheon sorie..... we have come a long way with our Stud Lunch (named by one of the unknowns at an early event who said when someone said, "why don't we have a name like the gals???????")



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Valentines Day



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 reposd 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

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Cruise & Visit to Barrett Jackson....

White Chocolate Grill Scottsdale



Rustler's Rooste



Visit to Barrett Jackson & Phoenix Zoo....



Thanks to Michele, Elaine and Pat for their pictures.

Valentine's Day





Tens of thousands of enthusiastic bidders and fans brought big energy from the moment the gates opened on Super Saturday, presented by Gila River Resorts & Casinos, at Barrett-Jackson's 2025 Scottsdale Auction on Saturday, Jan. 25. Day 8 delivered an electrifying experience filled with supercharged excitement through the sale of two extraordinary charity vehicles that raised a combined \$5.2 million for worthy causes, as well as hundreds of unparalleled collector cars and authentic automobilia.

Among the memorable moments that had the crowd in the arena erupting in applause was the charity sale of the first retail production 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1, VIN 001 (Lot #3005). This landmark vehicle sold for an impressive \$3.7 million, with 100% of the hammer price benefiting the American Red Cross. Unsurprisingly, Rick Hendrick – Corvette aficionado, championship-caliber NASCAR Cup Series team owner, and the man at the helm of Hendrick Automotive Group – will be the one to take that Vette home.

Corvette Chief Engineer Josh Holder joined Barrett-Jackson Chairman and CEO Craig Jackson and President Steve Davis onstage for this momentous occasion, sharing that the funds will provide critical aid to those affected by the California wildfires and hurricanes in the southeastern United States. The winning bidder, NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick, was honored for his legacy of philanthropy, having contributed over \$28 million for various causes through 39 charity vehicles auctioned on the Barrett-Jackson block over the last 20 years.



La Quinta Car Show...



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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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



PCC & PSCC Palm Springs Brunch...



PCC & PSCC Brunch Run

Saturday April 5th 2025 8am - 2pm

PSCC will meet the PCC Club at 10am at
Restaurant Marriott Desert Ridge

So far we have 24 Members confirmed

Please RSVP to Stan Moreno



**Happy
President's
Day**

24 Hours of Daytona Winners...

The Porsche Penske Motorsport #7 car successfully defended its 24 Hours of Daytona victory in the 2025 running of the race, claiming a 20th win at the event for Porsche in dominant fashion as it led over half of the laps in the event.

Ford and Chevrolet

Two of America's biggest brands delivered in America's biggest sportscar race as Ford Multimatic (Mustang GT3) and AWA (Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R) came out victorious in GTD Pro and GTD respectively.

Both classes produced epic, door-to-door racing throughout but especially when the heat was turned up in the final laps. Christopher Mies, Dennis Olsen and Frédéric Vervisch gave this iteration of Mustang its first victory by 1.9s, while Matt Bell, Orey Fidani, Lars Kern and Marvin Kirchhöfer handed Chevrolet its 21st victory in this event by 1.5s. After 24 Hours



Corvette at 24 Hours of Daytona....

Throughout 24 hours of racing, emotions are bound to run hot. Just ask Tommy Milner of Corvette Racing. Milner, one of the drivers co-piloting the No. 4 Corvette Z06 GT3.R at the had a heated exchange with some BMW drivers while battling for the lead – and he made his frustration crystal clear by flipping them off at race speed.



Milner found himself in a fierce fight for the lead of the GTD Pro class against the No. 1 BMW, driven by Kelvin van der Linde of Paul Miller Racing at the time of the incident. The duo took their battle through slower traffic and lapped cars in front of them, one of which was the No. 48 BMW of Augusto Farfus, none other than van der Linde's teammate. Farfus, over 50 laps down, did his utmost to stall Milner's charge, throwing blocks left and right and backing the No. 4 Corvette Racing machine into the clutches of van der Linde.

Officials cracked down on Farfus, sending him for a drive-through penalty for impeding the leaders. When he returned to the track, though, Farfus continued to wield the No. 48 BMW against Milner's Vette, and the two got stacked up heading into a corner. Milner drifted high and made contact with van der Linde. The No. 4 Corvette suffered damage, tearing out its left taillight. Farfus was handed another drive through penalty, and Milner sent him off with his middle finger flying high out the window of his Corvette.

The damage wasn't immense, but it was enough to take the No. 4 Corvette Racing team out of contention for the lead as they made multiple pit stops to fix it.

The saga didn't end there, though. Later in the race, Nico Varrone, now at the helm of the No. 4 Vette, got sweet, sweet payback. As the No. 1 BMW closed on Varrone's teammate, the No. 3 Vette, for third place, Varrone saw his chance and divebombed his rival. The BMW went for a neat little spin as both bright yellow Corvette Racing teammates carried on their way. The No. 4 Vette wound up seventh in the GTD Pro Class while the No.3 Vette chased the Ford across the line and finished second. The No. 1 BMW, meanwhile, was relegated to fourth.

GM Cutting More Jobs....



GM has reportedly cut more jobs, targeting underperforming employees through the automaker's revamped annual performance evaluation system. Affected workers were notified last Friday. The updated evaluation system was introduced in August 2024, and aims to not only weed out under-performers, but also reward top performers.

According to a report from Detroit Free Press, dozen of workers were let go in the recent round of layoffs, with some of the workers suspecting the move following earlier performance reviews, and others surprised they were let go. The performance reviews are slated to continue through February, with additional layoffs on the way.

The updated evaluation framework transitions from a three-point to a five-point rating scale, designed to categorize employees into one of five groups:

- 5 percent significantly exceeding expectations (top performers)
- 10 percent exceeding expectations (high performers)
- 70 percent meeting expectations (middle-of-the-road performers)
- 10percent partially meeting expectations (low performers)
- 5 percent not meeting expectations (worst performers)

Employees ranked in the bottom 5 percent face termination and are ineligible to reapply for future roles at GM. Additionally, employee bonuses are tied to performance, with top performers receiving 150 percent of the standard bonus, high performers receiving 125 percent of the standard bonus, middle-of-the-road performers receiving 100 percent of the standard bonus, low performers receiving 50 percent of the standard bonus, and the worst performers receiving no bonus.

Back in November, GM laid off approximately 1,000 employees, primarily in the U.S., citing the need for efficiency and competitiveness. Many workers were notified via email, leading to some controversy. A GM spokesperson stated that these changes aim to foster a culture of high performance and collaboration. Several months prior in August, GM terminated more than 1000 software and service workers, many of which worked at the automaker's Global Technical Center in Warren, Michigan.

GM Record Profit Sharing for UAW Workers....

GM has issued its quarterly letter to shareholders for Q4 of the 2024 calendar year, highlighting the automaker's annual performance, providing strategic insights, and laying out expectations for the future. Among the headlines were record profit sharing for employees, with up to \$14,500 per employee in bonuses. GM also states that investors earned a 50 percent total return, with fewer than 1 billion shares outstanding by the end of the year.



“I’m pleased to share that our global salaried team has earned strong performance bonuses, and our U.S. hourly employees once again earned the industry’s highest profit sharing, totaling more than \$640 million,” writes GM CEO Mary Barra. “That’s a record payout of up to \$14,500 per person, equal to more than two months of extra pay on average for our UAW-represented team.”

The record profit sharing is on the back of significant growth in 2024, with a nine percent increase in full-year revenue and record-breaking performance in EBIT-adjusted, adjusted automotive free cash flow, and adjusted EPS-diluted. GM also grew its U.S. market share and led across total, retail, and fleet deliveries. In addition to these achievements, GM doubled its EV market share and reported profitability in its EV portfolio by the fourth quarter of 2024. Operations in China also improved, with positive equity income reported before restructuring costs.

The General also highlighted other important bullet points in the company’s strategy, including plans to launch three new Cadillac EV models in 2025, including the Escalade IQ, Optiq and Vistq. In addition, GM aims to sustain its strong performance by leveraging several new gas-powered SUVs, including the Chevy Equinox, Chevy Traverse and the GMC Acadia, all while addressing regulatory and market uncertainty to maintain competitiveness across both its ICE and EV portfolios.

“Of course, there is uncertainty over trade, tax, and environmental regulations and we have been proactive with Congress and the administration,” Barra writes. “In our conversations, we have stressed the importance of a strong manufacturing sector and American leadership in advanced technologies. It’s clear that we share a lot of common ground, and we appreciate the dialogue.”

NHTSA Opens Investigation into GM Engines....

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) opened an investigation on Thursday into GM for engine failure in some full-size trucks and SUVs. The investigation applies to the 6.2L V8 L87 and involves trucks and SUVs from Chevy, GMC and Cadillac equipped with this engine from the 2019-2024 model years, which the NHTSA estimates comprise 877,710 vehicles.



The investigation stems from 39 complaints reported to the NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI). "The complainants report a bearing failure that may result in either engine seizure or breaching of the engine block by the connecting rod," the NHTSA report says. "The complainants report that there is no detectability prior to the failure."

This defect poses a safety risk, prompting the NHTSA to open this investigation. No crashes, fires, injuries, or fatalities have been reported in connection with the engine failures.

The following General Motors models are potentially affected by the investigation:

- 2019-2024 Chevy Silverado 1500
- 2021-2024 Chevy Tahoe
- 2021-2024 Chevy Suburban
- 2019-2024 GMC Sierra 1500
- 2021-2024 GMC Yukon/Yukon XL
- 2021-2024 Cadillac Escalade/
Escalade ESV

The awkward moment when you drive your Chevy to the levy and the levy isn't dry.



*This is what happens
when you're drinking
whiskey and rye.*

The NHTSA's Preliminary Evaluation (PE) is in the early stages of determining the scope and severity of the problem. Right now, owners need only continue regular maintenance of their trucks and SUVs.

GM Stock Value Plummets 8.25%....

The value of GM stock decreased during the week of January 27th, 2025 to January 31st, 2025. Shares closed the week at \$49.46 per share, representing a decrease of \$4.45 per share, or 8.25 percent compared to the previous week's closing value of \$53.91 per share.



By comparison, shares of GM's crosstown rival, Ford Motor Company, were stable, falling just 0.40 percent, or \$0.04 per share, during the same timeframe.

GM stock value declined this week after several weeks of gains.

Some of the biggest factors affecting GM stock value this week was the announcement of Q4 2024 earnings and updated guidance for 2025, which, to some analysts, does not provide a cushion for possible tariffs implemented under President Trump, or fluctuating demand and government support for EVs. U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy has directed the NHTSA to reconsider fuel economy rules covering new vehicles produced through 2031 model years.

General Motors continues to drive towards the mass adoption of all-electric vehicles, laying out its ambitious global future growth strategy in 2022 and once again reaffirming its commitment to deploying zero-emission and autonomous technologies around the world.

Outside the U.S., GM has announced a \$1.4B investment for Brazil, the largest and most commercially strategic country in South America.

Finally, The General is also cutting its workforce in China, while a new President has been appointed at the SAIC-GM joint venture amid a restructuring effort. The automaker previously announced that sales figures for its GM China operations dropped 21%.

GM has also announced that it is moving its global headquarters to the new Hudson's Detroit development in downtown, while GM CEO Mary Barra has expressed confidence that a solution will be found for the GM Renaissance Center the automaker will vacate next year



Newly Discovered Asteroid or???

Elon Musk's sense of humor is out of this world.

Seven years after the SpaceX CEO launched a Tesla Roadster into orbit, astronomers from the Minor Planet Center at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Massachusetts confused it with an asteroid earlier this month.



A day after the astronomers with the Minor Planet Center registered 2018 CN41, it was deleted on Jan. 3 when they revealed that it was in fact Musk's roadster.

The center said on its website that 2018 CN41's registry was deleted after "it was pointed out the orbit matches an artificial object, 2018-017A, Falcon Heavy Upper stage with the Tesla Roadster. The designation 2018 CN41 is being deleted and will be listed as omitted."

SpaceX launched the Tesla Roadster on the maiden flight of SpaceX's huge Falcon Heavy rocket in February 2018.

The roadster was expected to go into elliptical orbit around the sun, going a little beyond Mars and back toward Earth, but it apparently exceeded the orbit of Mars and kept going to the asteroid belt, according to Musk at the time.



When the roadster was mistaken for an asteroid earlier this month, it was less than 150,000 miles from Earth, which is closer than the moon's orbit, according to Astronomy Magazine, meaning that astronomers would want to monitor how close it gets to Earth.

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Down the Road....

Feb 16 - NASCAR Daytona 500 Daytona

Feb 21-23 McCormicks Auction

Feb 22 - La Quinta Car Show

Feb 23 - NASCAR Ambetter Health 400
Atlanta

Mar 2 - NASCAR EchoPark Grand Prix,
Austin Texas

Mar 9 - NASCAR Shinners Children 500,
Avondale Ar

Mar 12 - Corvette Racing Sebring Raceway

Mar 16 - NASCAR Pennzoil 400 Las Vegas

Mar 29-Apr 1 Solvang Trip

April 5 PCC & PSCC Breakfast

April 11-12 Corvette Racing Long Beach

May 9-11 Corvette Racing Laguna SECA

May 30-31 Corvette Racing Detroit

June 6-8 Corvette Racing Lexington

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!

