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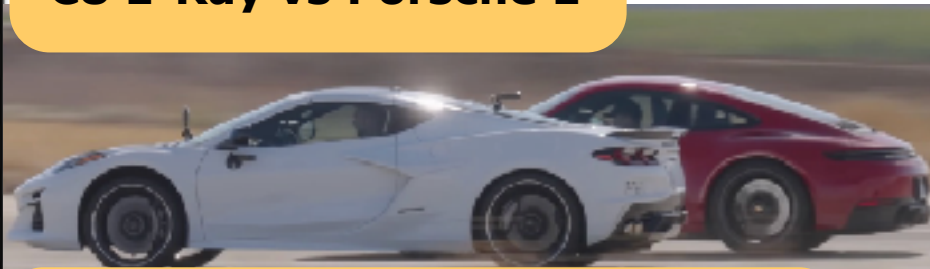
***Palm Springs Corvette Club***

**January 2026**

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**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**

## President's Message....

As we close out the Christmas season and look forward to the New Year, Mary Jo and I want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and prosperous 2026 to each of you.

Our club has experienced exciting times during the past years motivated by our energized and enthusiastic members including runs to Solvang and Monterey, the Barrett Jackson car auction in Scottsdale, lunch with the Carlsbad Corvette Club, participating in the Gamblers' Run in Laughlin where, for the last two years we have won the \$1,000 prize for most cars in attendance from one club and we proudly donated it to the well-deserving Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City.

I am truly excited to serve as your president this year and I am eager to dive into the array of events and activities the various committees have planned. Your participation in these events is essential to the success of our club, and with your involvement, I am confident that we will create unforgettable experiences that unite us as a club.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Here's to a fantastic New Year filled with camaraderie, adventure, and memorable moments!

Enjoy the Ride!

**BILL JAHN**  
President  
Palm Springs Corvette Club



## 2026 PSCC Board of Directors ....

President...Bill Jahn

VP ...Jack Carter

Secretary ...Ron Singer

Treasurer...Hazel Stearns

Webmaster ...Mitch Albert

Editor/Media... Charlene Brown

Governor...Dan Kelly w/Carol    Marketing....Garry Dean

Members at Large.... Brenda Moreno & Liz Brannon

## Preferred Vendors...

Hey PSCC Members, please don't forget to support our Preferred Vendors. Use your password to unlock your special members-only pricing. Below are our Preferred Vendors:

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Evol Auto Works

Jessup Chevrolet, Service / P&A, Cars

NoviStretch Bras

Soler Performance

Wheel Craft

Abel Aguirre: : Paint Protection | Ceramic Coating | Window Tinting

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](http://www.palmspringscorvetteclub.com)

## Palm Springs Corvette Club Charities We Support ...



Boys & Girls Club  
of Cathedral City

**ALS**  
**ASSOCIATION**



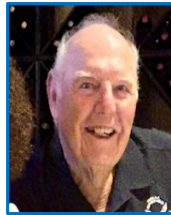
# Palm Spring's Corvette Organization Chart 2026

## 2026 Board of Directors

**Bill Jahn**  
President



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Vice President



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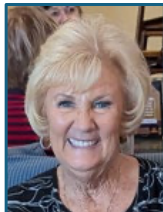
**Liz Brannon**



Christmas Party, DIVA Luncheons  
& 50/50 Charity Fund Raising

## 2026 Committees and Team Members

### New Members Committee



Judy Wilson



Susie Carter

### Activities Committee Team



Stan Moreno  
Team Leader



Virginia Shipp  
Dinner Night Out



Michele Langley  
Runs & Events

### Dinner Night Out Team



Virginia Shipp  
Team Leader



Pat Olivas



Mary Wharton

### Birthday Reports



Karen O'Connell

### Desert Vette Newsletter



Mike Smith

### Stud Lunches

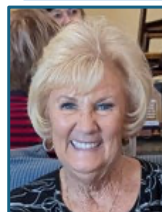


Mike Nichols

### Nominating Committee



Elaine Hansch



Judy Wilson



Judy Austin

### Parade Events



Duane Rons



Floyd Marcoe



Kim Singer

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Email: [seantisdale@jessupautoplaza.com](mailto:seantisdale@jessupautoplaza.com)

Service Manager: Ron Austin 760-459-7313

email: [ronaustin@jessupautoplaza.com](mailto:ronaustin@jessupautoplaza.com)



Right before the clock strikes midnight on Dec 31, make sure you raise your left leg. That way, you will start the year off on the right foot.

# **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!!!!!!**



## Divas Year-End Luncheon & Fashion Show ...



The PSCC Divas had their end-of-the-year Luncheon and Fashion Show at Mitch's on El Paseo on Dec. 11, 2025. Thirty-one Beautiful Divas enjoyed a delicious luncheon and fabulous fashion show. In addition, the charity of choice this year was The Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City and the Divas donated \$1,700 from generous contributions given throughout the year. Thank you Divas!



## Corvette of the Month...

January 2026 Corvette of the month goes to Stan and Brenda Moreno. What a way to start off the New Year with the club's first 2026 E-Ray 3LZ Convertible.

"The road is never straight. We take the curves as they come and make the most of them!"

Both Stan and Brenda Moreno have been members of the PSCC since 2015. Stan has served in various leadership positions including president of the PSCC for the last 3 years and is currently activities director. Brenda's hobbies include golf, quilting, and hat burning, and she is currently serving on the board as member at large. Both Stan and Brenda were in management positions in their careers. Brenda was in healthcare and Stan was in the building industry. Retired and enjoying life together. Their first Corvette was a C5 2002 yellow convertible with a black ragtop, "The bumblebee". In 2019 they bought Stan's birthday gift on the showroom floor a C7 Sebring orange convertible with Kalahari Brown ragtop and named her "ADTEQLA". Then they just bought a brand new 2026 convertible e-ray named "Bumblebee 2."

Congratulations Stan and Brenda with our first 2026 car of the club, what a way to start off the new Year!







**Dec. 6, 2025 Christmas Party  
Heritage Palms**







Dec. 17, 2025 – Joyce Sosebee, Liz Brannon and Bill & Mary Jo Jahn presented a check for \$1,700 to Scott Robinson, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City as the Diva chosen charity of choice for 2025 contributed by the Divas.

Scott also wanted to thank us for the 37 gift cards totaling \$925 that were presented to him at our Christmas party, which will be given to the teens at the Boys & Girls Club Christmas party. Thank you PSCC members.



**Please Note:** All the toys and bicycles contributed by various organizations and families will be coming in the next couple of days to choose and have a meal.

The BGCCC offers kids and teens the opportunity to reach their full potential in a fun, creative, and safe environment where they can hang out, learn new skills, meet new friends, and find social and emotional support. We know that each child and family is unique and that many face challenges our members face are not always apparent on a surface level. That's why when kids need extra academic, social-emotional, or developmental support, the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City steps up to bridge the gap."

Liz & Joyce

## New GM Chief Product Officer...

General Motors has placed its technological future in the hands of a Silicon Valley veteran who now views the century-old automaker as a blank slate for innovation. In just six months, Executive Vice President and Chief



Product Officer Sterling Anderson has consolidated unprecedented authority over GM's vehicles, software, and autonomous strategy. Anderson, who left the self-driving company Aurora Innovation that he co-founded to join GM in June, now oversees the end-to-end product lifecycle. This makes him the most influential product executive at the company in over fifteen years, second only to President Mark Reuss. His appointment signals a fundamental refocus on software-defined vehicles and a more integrated, safety-first path to autonomy.

His strategy has rapidly reshaped GM's leadership map. Since his arrival, the senior vice presidents of software and services engineering and artificial intelligence have departed, with their responsibilities absorbed into Anderson's organization. GM attributed the moves to a restructuring that integrates AI directly into product teams. This consolidation embodies Anderson's core philosophy. "My priority is to accelerate the pace of innovation," he stated. "One of the ways we do that is with this disaggregation of, or this abstraction of, software from hardware." He argues that software and product must be considered one and the same.

His vision is for a "personal autonomous vehicle," with CEO Mary Barra reconfirming plans to achieve autonomous highway driving by 2028. "I view [GM] as a canvas," Anderson said. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for innovation, and I'd be remiss not to see what I can do for it."





## Ron Fellows Set Lap Record with C8 ZR1...

Ron Fellows has set a new production-car lap record at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP), posting a blistering 1:18.22 behind the wheel of the twin-turbocharged C8 Corvette ZR1.



Video of the hot lap was posted online, showing the veteran racer wringing out every tenth around CTMP's challenging elevation changes and technical corners.

Fellows is one of North America's most accomplished sports-car drivers, and has deep ties to the Corvette brand through his decades-long involvement with Corvette Racing. Among his career highlights are victories at Sebring, Daytona, and Le Mans, making him an ideal candidate to demonstrate the capabilities of the new C8 Corvette ZR1.

As for the track, Canadian Tire Motorsport Park isn't short on challenges. Its 2.46-mile, 10-turn Grand Prix layout features sweeping high-speed corners, major elevation changes, and long-duration full-throttle sections that test a car's aerodynamics, power delivery, and chassis stability.

Not that the ZR1 isn't up to a challenge. At the heart of the beast is the twin-turbocharged 5.5L V8 LT7, a boosted evolution of the Z06's 5.5L flat-plane-crank LT6. Output is rated at 1,064 horsepower and 828, all of which is routed rearwards through an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission. Chevrolet has also equipped the ZR1 with an extensive aerodynamic package for high downforce that should provide plenty of stability through CTMP's long, high-G corners. Complementing all that is a set of carbon-ceramic brakes, track-focused Michelin tires, upgraded suspension hardware, and other go-fast goodies.



## C8 E-Ray vs Porsche E

The C8 Corvette E-Ray is a major leap forward for America's Sports Car, boasting both hybrid power and all-wheel-



drive grip, both of which were unheard of among production variants of the Vette prior to the E-Ray's launch for the 2024 model year. Naturally, the E-Ray has plenty of performance on tap, but how that performance stacks up in the real world against its European rivals is still up for debate. Now, we're finding some answers thanks to the following racing comparison video.

Once again coming to us from the folks at Edmunds, the latest U-Drags video pits the 2025 Corvette E-Ray against the 2025 Porsche 911 Carrera 4 GTS Hybrid. For readers who may be unaware, the U-Drags format combines a traditional quarter-mile drag race with heavy braking, a 180-degree turnaround, and a sprint back to the starting line, creating a dramatic test of acceleration, traction, and handling, all in a single run.

Looking over the specs, it should be a relatively close matchup. The Corvette E-Ray makes 655 horsepower and 595 pound-feet of torque, running on a set of Michelin Pilot Sport 4S tires. Highlights include the ZER package with MagneRide suspension. Meanwhile, the Porsche 911 Carrera 4 GTS Hybrid produces 532 horsepower and 449 pound-feet of torque, and runs on Goodyear Eagle F1 SuperSport R tires. Motivation in the Porsche is provided by a turbocharged flat-six engine with two electric motors, plus all-wheel drive.

After the first race, drivers and lanes are swapped to keep the results consistent. Both of the video hosts review their car settings and launch strategies before each run, including traction modes, and stability settings. Placed side by side, these two tech-heavy performance machines should put on quite the show. Of course, it should also be mentioned that the Vette is significantly cheaper, starting at \$108,600, versus \$164,900 for the Porsche. But how will that price difference play out in a race?

The first race was close but the Porsche E took the Corvette E-Ray by a 3/4 car length! Then they switched cars and did it again and again the Porsche won by a 1/2 a car length.

## Ford Patent “Vehicles” Would Repossess Themselves

The number of U.S. vehicle owners who are more than 59 days behind in their auto loan payments was 26.7 percent higher at the end of 2022 than they were at the end of 2021. This is due to a myriad of factors. Car payments have gotten larger, loan terms have increased, inflation has devalued the currency, and subprime borrowers are finding themselves on the wrong end of a widening wealth gap.



While automotive repossessions declined during the pandemic, mainly due to lenders offering amnesty periods, they've likewise spiked through the end of 2022. This trend is assumed to continue, setting up a lot of business for repo men. However, Ford Motor Co. has patented a system that would effectively make vehicles unresponsive to drivers that have missed a few payments. Meanwhile, automobiles boasting the latest advanced driving technologies could allegedly repossess themselves.

It doesn't appear that Ford actually has a working prototype, **just a general premise of how things would operate**. But this is the kind of thing people started fretting over the second the automotive industry started harping on vehicle connectivity and redefining what constitutes “ownership.” Conspiracy theories about automakers harvesting customer data or the police remotely disabling automobiles were initially dismissed as ludicrous. However, the former issue is now a verifiable fact with the latter premise gradually gaining credibility. Ford's patent even highlights how connected vehicles would be simultaneously networked to lending institutions, repossession agencies, and the police.

The patent document was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in August 2021. But Ford's “Systems and Methods to Repossess a Vehicle” wasn't formally published until February 23rd of this year. We know of it because Steph Willems (TTAC legend) **shared a report from The Drive referencing the patent filing**.



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**P.S. might see you there...**



**Palm Springs Corvette Club**

## Down the Road....

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monthly Recurring Events:

- Every Saturday – 6:30 AM – **Cars & Coffee** @ Aspen Mills  
46-520 Washington St, La Quinta
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7 PM – **General Meeting** @ Jessup Auto Plaza,  
68-111 E. Palm Canyon, Cathedral City
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday – 5 PM – **Dinner Night Out (DNO)**
- Last Friday – **Diva** and **Stud Luncheons**

#### 2026

Jan 21-24 2026 Barrett Jackson, Scottsdale AZ

Jan 23 - Million Dollar Quartet 7:30pm Phoenix AZ

Feb 14, 2026 - Dr George Car Show

Feb 24 Dolly Sinatra Lodge Palm Springs

Mar 17 - St Patrick's Day Party @ Burton's Date Farm

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

Apr 16-18 Gambler's Classic Laughlin NV

May 16-18 2026 Prescott Run

Aug TBD Possible Run to Victoria BC, Seattle & Gig Harbour

[Check the National Corvette Museum emails/website for activities/offerings near you!](#)

### 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!

