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President's Message....

The days are getting a little shorter and a very little cooler which means we are getting closer to our busy time of year. I hope we have kept you desert warriors entertained this summer. Just as a reminder please let us know what kind of other activities you would like to see us do.

Our summer run to Lake Tahoe appeared to be a big success. With stops along the way at Solvang and Monterey, we visited some of our favorite spots. We also visited Joyce Sosebee's family farm in San Martin. Thank you Joyce, we had a great time. A big thanks to Marc Rosen who organized a run with the Monterey Club along the coast to lunch in Big Sur. He also set up a tour of Reggie Jackson's car collection. Some of us even got to meet with Reggie! Great job Marc. By the time we got to Tahoe we had 32 members to see the Wooden Boat show and a night of entertain by our magician friend Alex Ramon. Then it was on to Reno for Hot August Nights. I hope everyone had fun!

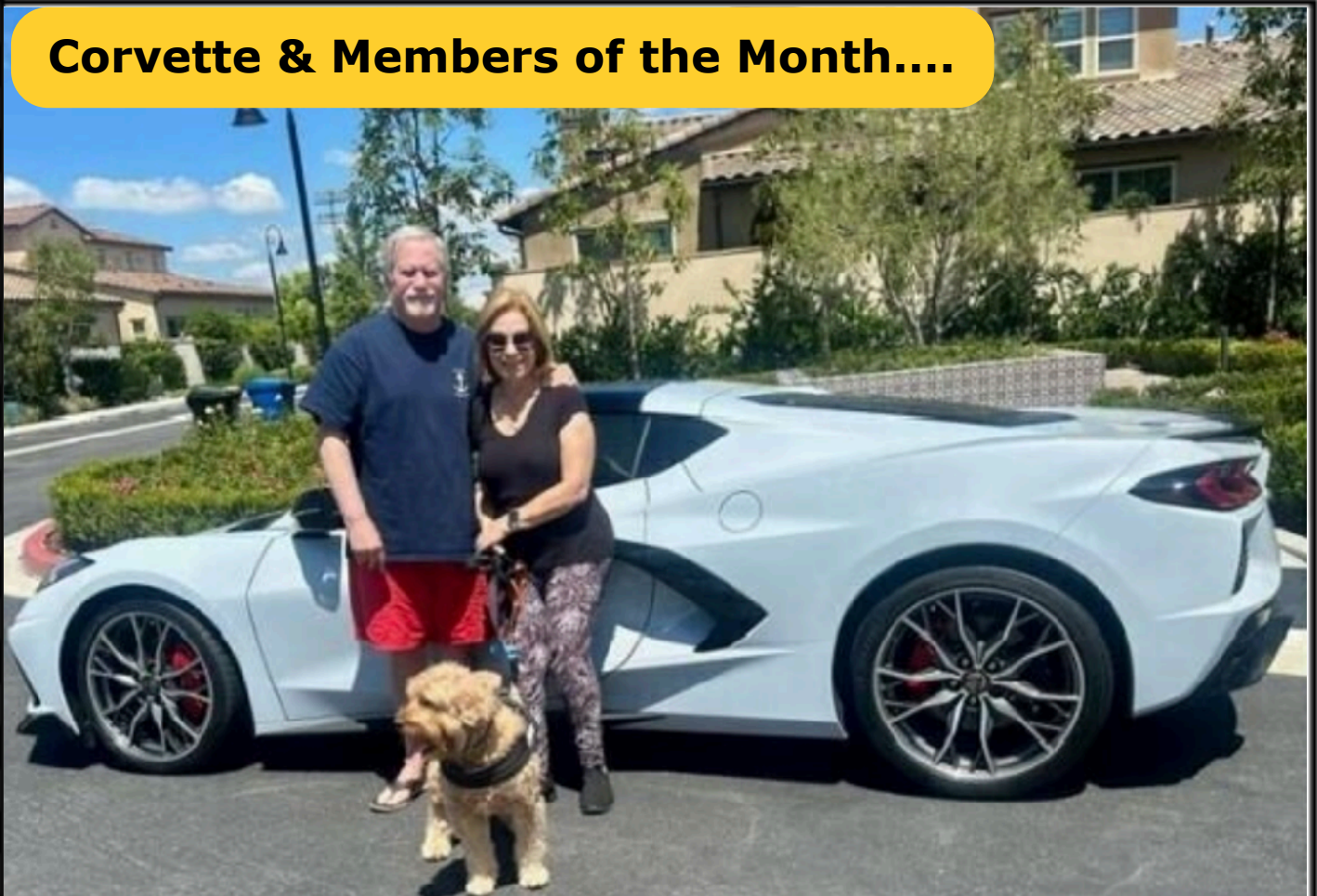
The balance of the year will be full of our usual activates leading up to board elections. As you know the board has been working on some revisions to our bylaws. Please try and be at our November Meeting where we will review our changes.

To all you snowbirds, see you soon!

Stan



Corvette & Members of the Month....



Mitch and Evelyn Albert

~ 2023 Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic Coupe ~

My 2023 2LT Corvette Stingray is my second one. My first Corvette was a C5 convertible that I had for 10 years. We joined the club to be with other enthusiasts and to socialize. We split our time between Sun City Shadow Hills in Indio and Orange County.

We have two grown sons and our oldest has blessed us with two granddaughters, 13 and 6 years old. Our children live in Orange County.

I am retired. I had an Internet Marketing and Education business before my retirement. I previously ran a fortune 500 sales division, owned Bicycle and Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Stores. I was born and raised in Long Beach. Evelyn is a retired elementary school teacher, grades Kindergarten through third.

We enjoy traveling, playing Pickleball, cycling and spending time with family and friends.

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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.

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Your forms will then be uploaded to our website.

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PSCC "Get Acquainted...."

Get Acquainted

Meet the members of our Corvette club!

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18 Divas Lunched-Oceana



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Beat the Heat Julian Day Run....



Buying C5corvette extends life

A panel of researchers at John Hopkins University discovered after a 3-year study that purchasing a new C5 corvette does, in fact, add years to your life. A select group of discussion group forum members and struggling luthiers studied the habits, mood swings and ultimately age of death among participants who either had or had not

bought a new C5 Vet in the past 5 years.

"It may quite possibly be the fountain of youth we've all been looking for!" stated Pat McGroin PHD, research panelist. "It seems that a C5 corvette entering one's life is much like getting a new heart...or lungs...and bit more hair, to boot!" He added.

Aerial view Hwy 74!

Was that Ron passing on double yellow line!!! Getting out was Fun, Fun, Fun!!!!



PSCC Lake Tahoe North Shore...

It's early morning on Lake Tahoe North Shore & the Palm Springs Corvette Club is revved up! Today we toured Bill & MaryJo Hutchens' Wooden Boat Shop here on the North Shore! Serious work takes place in this historic shop, just a day away before the opening of Concours d'Elegance Wooden Boat Show! Bill Hutchens is a legend here for his masterful work & craftsmanship on his boats and the historic "The Lady Gambles", will be judged in the show (she's won before & surely will again). As the event nears, craftsmen pull all-nighters in this restoration shop. We enjoyed the tour of Bill's wooden boat shop & hearing about the restoration to restore his collection of historic wooden boats, and fabulous lunch together! Another fun & informative outing for the PSCC!



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PSCC Lake Tahoe North Shore...



Think anyone would notice if I start this “Baby!!!!”



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I found the whatchamacall it



PSCC Lake Tahoe North Shore...



What is the Spirit of Le Mans...

What's the first car that comes to mind when you hear "24 Hours of Le Mans"—one of the most prestigious automobile races in the world, held at the 8.5-mile Circuit de la Sarthe near Le Mans, France?

But, stepping down a notch (with all due respect to the Hypers, of course), we think the

Le Mans Grand Touring Endurance (LMGTE Pro) class is a bit more appealing. Why? Because the category is exclusively for teams that run primarily in International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) competition, racing in cars that basically are hopped-up and brilliantly modified facsimiles of production Porsches (911 RSR), BMWs (Z4), Ferraris (488 GTE Evo), Aston Martins (V8 Vantage), etc., which can be bought at the brands' respective dealerships.

Chevrolet's Corvette is also a major player in this category, with participation dating back to the 1960s. Corvette Racing, an actual team started in 1999 by General Motors and Pratt Miller, captured its first win in 2000, and has scored eight more victories since then.

Several cars from this all-Vette race group are currently displayed in the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles, California, in a Corvettes in Competition exhibit that celebrates the vaunted American sports car and its accomplishments on road courses around the world. During our recent tour of this curation, one Vette stood out a little more than the others: Rick Mancuso's 1976 "Spirit of Le Mans" (No. 76 as a nod to the U.S.'s bicentennial).

With its unique custom widebody and Stars-and-Stripes paint scheme, the 1976 Chevy Corvette is often regarded as Greenwood Corvettes' most famous work. Originally a convertible, the removable-top hot rod was built on a stock chassis lightened by engineer/driver John Greenwood specifically for IMSA GT racing and to compete in the 24 Hours of Le Mans.



What is the Spirit of Le Mans...

The fiberglass body was designed with vented, flat-topped rear fenders to improve downforce (an estimated 1,000 pounds), and reduce lift caused by air beneath the chassis.



The innovation was challenged by competitors and closely inspected by race officials but ultimately deemed legal for Le Mans. The same ruling was given to its belly pan/rear diffuser.

The Vette's unique widebody, which French race fans called "Batmobile," supports 15-inch wheels with 11-inch front and 17-inch rear widths. Front and rear coil-overs and Wilwood brakes were added for handling and to slow the beast down as necessary.

Performance came from a Kinsler cross-ram-fuel-injected 9.8-liter aluminum Chevrolet V-8 engine making an estimated 900–925 horsepower, with a Muncie four-speed manual transmission. At the time, the car weighed 2,885 pounds, and shot across the famed Mulsanne Straight at Le Mans with a top speed of 222 mph.

With John at the wheel, the Corvette qualified ninth overall, but was forced to retire, after running only 29 laps, when fuel started leaking. Despite this disappointment, the Spirit of Le Mans had a tremendous positive impact on the French, and European race fans as a whole.

Mark Raffauf, IMSA's senior director of competition, was at the 1976 race and recounts, "The Greenwood Corvette was the fastest car there that year and for years following, over all others including Group 6 prototypes. Though it did not finish, the car had a massive presence in real life, and it left a lasting mark there up to even today. It is an IMSA-created All-American GT car all the way!"



Tesla Halts Orders for \$61,000 Cybertruck...

Tesla stopped taking orders for the cheapest model of its Cybertruck electric pickup, which was priced at \$61,000. Now, its \$100,000 version is the cheapest model available for order on the automaker's website.



Consumers and investors have closely monitored the supply and demand of Tesla's Cybertruck after CEO Elon Musk invested heavily in the EV truck line in recent years with the goal of producing 200,000 annually.

Musk said last fall that Tesla had 1 million reservations for the truck. Some customers have indicated they're waiting for less expensive versions to be available because its prices have been higher and driving ranges lower than originally forecast.

The unconventional, futuristic Cybertruck was first unveiled as a prototype by Musk in 2019, when he estimated it would cost \$40,000 and be able to travel 500 miles on a single charge. Interested buyers were able to place a reservation with a refundable \$100 deposit to secure their truck once deliveries began after lengthy delays that pushed it back until late November 2023.

It currently offers a \$99,990 dual-motor variant Foundation limited series model that has a 318-mile range and is estimated to be delivered as early as this month. The \$119,990 tri-motor Foundation Cyberbeast variant, with a range of 301 miles, will be available starting in October.

The first production candidate Cybertruck was completed in July 2023, roughly four years after Musk announced Tesla's plans to make the truck and two years after production was initially planned to begin.

Musk said in 2022 that supply chain shortages affected the sourcing of components and contributed to the production delay.

Ford recalls over 90K vehicles...

The [Michigan-based automaker](#) said in a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recall report that the recall was prompted by the risk that the engines in the affected 2021-2022 Ford Bronco, Ford Edge, Ford Explorer, Ford F-150, Lincoln Aviator and Lincoln Nautilus vehicles "may contain intake valves that have a propensity to crack and break."



All the 90,700 recalled SUVs and pickup trucks feature a 2.7-liter or 3-liter Nano EcoBoost Engine, [according to](#) the recall report.

Ford notified NHTSA of the recall on Aug. 23.

"An engine intake valve that fails may lead to catastrophic engine damage resulting in a loss of motive power," Ford said in the recall report. "A loss of motive power can increase the risk of a crash."

The problem with the engine intake valve is most likely to appear early in the vehicle's life if the component is susceptible to cracking, Ford told FOX Business.

The issue has not caused any accidents or injuries to date, according to documents Ford filed with the NHTSA.

"Our goal is to prevent quality issues from happening in the first place," Ford said in a statement to FOX Business. "When they do occur, our focus is on responding quickly with a recall or service action to prevent our customers from experiencing issues with the least inconvenience possible. We are proud that our launch quality has reached best-in-class levels, and our long-term quality is showing improvement."

Dealers will install a new engine in [recalled vehicles](#) that do not pass an engine cycle test for free. When getting their vehicles fixed, impacted customers will have access to Ford's pick-up, delivery and rental services, according to the company.



The Corvette Wave...from Tom Pinard

“.....By the way, that Interstate Highway I picked up this morning in New York heading west is I-90, the same one I will be on tomorrow afternoon as I head west from Meequon, Wisconsin.

I have to be honest, I am so happy to be heading west and over the Mississippi River tomorrow. Great people back here but my Corvette is being beat to death on these eastern roads. Oh, saw a yellow C-5 convertible this morning, like Palm Springs Corvette buddy Ron Singer's, and then as I was heading up through the disaster of driving through Chicago on a Sunday afternoon (I thought it wouldn't be that bad, but it was), a C-8 eased up in the lane next to me. I gave a Corvette Wave (you all know what a Corvette Wave is, don't you **). My lane moved ahead and I didn't see him again. My Corvette count is up to about a dozen and I figure I know why they don't drive the cars back here.

I'll finish up my page layout and send this out. The high plains of Southern Minnesota, South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana are looking pretty good in the coming week. —Tom

** THE WAVE

When a new Corvette driver takes his/her car out for a drive, they may be initially perplexed about why all the other Corvette drivers are waving at them. This grand tradition is referred to within the Corvette family as "THE WAVE". Ever since Corvette No. 01 first met Corvette No. 02 on the road, their drivers saluted each other with waves.

The Corvette Wave is now an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road, show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car.

Tesla introduces new roof top tent, so you and the family can sleep while it charges.



The Corvette Wave...from Tom Pinard

As a new Corvette owner, you should know the five simple Corvette Wave rules:

1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.
2. Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.
3. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.
4. There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!
5. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.
6. As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women. Rules 1 and 2 apply.
7. Any type of wave is okay.
8. Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting.
9. A late wave is better than no wave.
10. If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going.

So you can see the underlying concept here is simple: Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them. This will show you are a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud



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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!

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Auction Season Started...

LOT 29

1938 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B
Lungo Spider

DOLLARS	\$12,750,000
GBP	£9,817,500
EURO	€11,602,500
SWISS FRANC	11,092,500

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& COMPANY



Gooding & Company reports over \$108m in sales at its Pebble Beach auctions, with an 82% sales rate. A 1938 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Lungo Spider was the top sale at \$14,030,000.



Mecum Auctions reports more than \$54m in sales at its Monterey event, with a 1969 Ford GT40 Lightweight topping the charts at \$7,865,000.

Prescott Vette Sette Sept 27 - 28...



Save the Date!

18th Annual All-Corvette Car Show

Prescott, Arizona

September 27 - September 28

Registration is online "only" at prescottvettesette.com beginning April 1, 2024. You are invited to participate in the 18th All Corvette Car Show hosted by Prescott Vette Sette on Saturday September 28th. It will be in downtown Prescott around the beautiful Courthouse Plaza. Make your vacation plans and reserve rooms today! Our host Hotel is the Hassayampa Inn.

The Popular Bucky's Casino PVS Poker Run will be held Friday morning and we expect to register 100+ Drivers which means a larger prize!!! Friday evening "Meet & Greet" sponsored by the US Vets Prescott. Saturday Evening join us for the 2nd Annual Bar-B-Q Dinner.

More information on all events to follow!

**Questions: call Joe Leffelman, 2024 Car Show Chair
623-680-9671 or carshow@prescottvettesette.com.**

PSCC Nashville Trip Update...

Nashville Trip Sept 30th - Oct 4th.

October is just around the corner and we need to secure our reservations for Nashville. The dates are September 30th to October 4th. October is a crazy busy time of the year there and we need to make our hotel reservations **NOW**. My challenge was trying to put us near all the main attractions and find a rate that wouldn't break the bank. **I was able to secure a great rate at the Hampton Inn and Suites downtown. It is less than a mile from all the bars and restaurants and in the middle of other attractions. Our rate is \$249.00, including breakfast. This hotel has a rooftop bar and pool. Below is a link to make your hotel reservations. Please let me know when you have made your reservations.**

Booking link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BNADCHX&groupCode=CHH901&arrivaldate=2024-09-30&departuredate=2024-10-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Members Booked: Mary Wharton plus one, Dennis & Judy Wilson, Liz Brannon & Ron Welshons, Stan & Brenda Moreno, George Olivas & Pat Lansdale, Mike Schmeck & Lorraine Lovering, Jack & Susie Carter, Mitch & Evelyn Albert and Mike & Elaine Hansch.

If your name is not on the list and you want to go, make your reservations and let me know ASAP! Transportation to and from Nashville will be on your own.

Our hotel rooms at the Hampton Inn “expire” at the end of the month!

Stan Moreno

President

Down the Road....

Sept 20-22 Corvette Racing
Indianapolis

Sept 27-28 18th Prescott All Corvettes

Sept 30- Oct 4 Nashville/Corvette
Museum "Fly"

Oct 9-12 Corvette Racing Road Atlanta

Oct 10-13 Barrett Jackson Scottsdale
Auction

Oct 14 Columbus Day

Oct 26 Palm Springs Air Museum/Cook-
off/Car Show

Oct 30 El Paseo Cruise 2pm-5pm

Nov 10 Veteran's Day Car Show

Nov 11 Veterans Day

Nov 11 Palm Springs Veteran's Day
Parade

Dec 6 El Paseo Cruise 2pm-5pm

**Dec 7 2024 PSCC Christmas Party same
place**

**Check the National Corvette
Museum emails/website for
activities/offerings near you!**

PRO TIP:

To drain all the oil, squeeze the car real good.



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!

