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President's Message...



Well, summer has definitely arrived in the Coachella Valley! With the heat taking its toll, many of our directors and members have wisely fled the Valley for cooler destinations. As a result, our **August general meeting has been canceled**, and we will regroup in September.

In the meantime, there has still been plenty happening with our club.

First, congratulations to **Tom and Chris Miserendino** on having their beautiful **2021 C8 Coupe in Ceramic Matrix Gray** selected as our **Car of the Month**. It is a beautiful Corvette and certainly deserving of the honor. Congratulations to both of you!

Our recent **Dinner Night Out at the Chocolate Factory** was a great success, with approximately 15 members attending. It was a fun evening, and as always, it was great to spend some time together away from our normal club activities.

Our **Diva and Stud lunches** also went on as planned and once again had a pretty good turnout. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped keep these informal gatherings going during the summer months.

Our **summer trip to Victoria, British Columbia, and Seattle** was another highlight. At its peak, we had approximately 19 participants. Judging from the photographs and comments posted online, it certainly looked like everyone had a fantastic time. A big thank-you to everyone who participated and helped make the trip such a memorable experience.

Looking ahead, we have **four Corvettes heading to Carlsbad on the 12th** to celebrate the birthday of the **1957 Corvette**. I'm really looking forward to the trip and think it will be a great time. I hope everyone enjoys the event and the opportunity to celebrate one of the most iconic Corvettes ever built.

And finally, **don't forget to check the club website regularly for upcoming events**. Since we've been relatively quiet during the last couple of months, it may seem like not much is happening—but there are events on the calendar, and the website is the best place to stay up to date.

Thank you to everyone for your continued participation, enthusiasm, and dedication to the Palm Springs Corvette Club. Our club is only as strong as the members who participate, and I truly appreciate all of you who continue to make our club such a great group of Corvette enthusiasts and friends.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, stay cool, and above all, **ENJOY THE RIDE!**

Bill Jahn, President Palm Springs Corvette Club

Corvette of the Month of August....



**Tom & Kris
Miserendino**

2021 Ceramic Matrix Gray C8 Coupe

Tom and Kris have owned four Corvettes over the years. The first was a 1971 t-top, then they had two 1978 coupes (the first was stolen with under 1,000 miles on it), and now a 2021 C8. Although Tom has always considered himself a "Chevy guy," he recently added a 1957 Ford Thunderbird to his garage and has been racing a Spec Racer Ford with the SCCA for the past 40 years.

They've been married 45 years. They both worked at the same company, though at different times, and were introduced through mutual friends. They grew up on the East Coast before moving to California in 1978. Before settling in La Quinta in 2019, they spent the last six years of Tom's career living in London, where he served as CEO of an international concert promotion and venue management company.

They love skiing and devote much of their time to car racing events. Their son and daughter-in-law participate in their passion for car racing, with their son competing in SCCA and their grandson and granddaughter both competing in go-karts. Since its founding in 1995, Tom has served as a Board Member for Buttonwillow Raceway in Bakersfield.

They look forward to meeting and making new friends in the Club!



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Dinner Nite Out...



**DNO 7/16/26 @
Cheesecake Factory**



2029 Corvette???

How do you follow up on the most successful performance shake-up in modern American history? You build on its foundation, erase its styling controversies, and push it further into the engineering stratosphere. The upcoming ninth-generation 2030 Chevrolet Corvette (C9) is locked in to continue the mid-engine legacy. Arriving just as the automotive world balances internal combustion with high-voltage electrification, the C9 will stand as the second iteration of a mid-engine Corvette, refining the platform based on real-world lessons gathered from the C8 era.

Here is everything we know about the next generation of America's definitive sports car.

What Is The C9 Corvette?

The world's longest-running sports car returns for its ninth generation in 2030. The C9 Chevrolet Corvette will be the product of many hard-earned lessons learned

from the C8. For the past 30 years, the Corvette line has served as a high-performance proving ground for the rest of General Motors, pioneering technologies like Magnetic Ride Control and Performance Traction Management before they filter down to the rest of the fleet. The C9 will maintain this role at the bleeding edge of the performance envelope, acting as the rolling laboratory for GM's next era of power delivery.



2029 Corvette???



C9 Corvette Look Like?

The biggest changes for the C9 generation will be visual. The C8 Corvette, for all its performance merits, is neither a classically pretty Corvette nor a well-proportioned mid-engine sports car. Furthermore, owners weren't in love with the closed-off cockpit feel of the cabin, an issue only partially rectified by the 2026 Corvette facelift. According to our sources, the new C9 Corvette will be heavily influenced by the GM Design Center–penned 2025 Corvette CX concept. Expect softer, more cohesive exterior lines that recall the iconic "Coke bottle" hips of earlier front-engine Corvettes without sacrificing the massive aerodynamic and performance progress made by the transition to a mid-engine layout. Inside, the cabin will focus on a more open, connected layout for both driver and passenger.

What Platform Will The C9 Corvette Use

The C9 will ride on a thoroughly updated—and hopefully lighter—version of the C8's mid-engine architecture. While two of GM's three recent high-performance design concepts were envisioned as four-motor EV hypercars, the platform architecture for the C9 will remain flexible enough to accommodate both traditional mechanical drivetrains and advanced high-voltage batteries during its lifecycle.

What Powertrain Will The C9 Corvette Have?

We expect the C9 to stick with a traditional pushrod V8 at the outset though we could see a fully electric-powered Corvette join the lineup at some point in the early 2030s. The base Stingray powertrain will likely borrow a page from recent history: the 2027 Corvette Grand Sport marked the debut of Chevy's new LT6 6.7-liter V8, which outputs 535 horsepower and 520 lb-ft of torque. We strongly suspect this engine, paired with a refined eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, will motivate the base C9 when it first turns wheels.

The C9 Corvette is expected to officially hit showrooms in the summer of 2029, launching designated as a 2030 model year vehicle.

Chevrolet Addressed Enthusiast Complaints...

Chevrolet directly addressed long-standing enthusiast complaints by **completely redesigning the Corvette's interior**. The controversial "button wall" has been replaced with a more ergonomic and passenger-friendly layout.

The 2026 update introduces comprehensive changes to improve cabin usability:

- **The Button Wall Eliminated:** The polarizing vertical strip of climate controls that divided the driver and passenger has been removed. It is replaced by a flat, lower console layout that gives both occupants easier access to controls and opens up the cabin.
- **Three-Screen Setup:** The cabin now features a redesigned, digitized dashboard featuring a 14-inch digital Driver Information Center, a 12.7-inch center infotainment display, and a 6.6-inch auxiliary touchscreen on the driver's left.
- **Enhanced Comfort:** The updated layout integrates climate controls just below the main screen and repositions the wireless phone charger.
- **Model Lineup:** The interior overhaul and standard changes apply across the lineup, including the Stingray, Z06, E-Ray, and the twin-turbocharged ZR1X.

Cadillac & Corvette Racing...

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."

Tesla "Cab" Charging???



These Tesla's are seen in San Mateo - manufacture plates - no rear window - interior not finished?

Looks like Elon is going after the Corvette market..... It would look a lot better with chrome wheels!!!!

Uniroyal Tire Inc. Chapter 11?

Defunct iconic tire brand files Chapter 11 bankruptcy to dissolve! The descendant of a once leading tire and rubber company, Uniroyal Holding Inc., is winding up its operations, and its iconic brand name.



Porsche Has a Problem!!!

Porsche has a problem—the car everyone expects to keep winning is winning, and the EVs meant to fill in the gaps are not doing their fair share. Global Porsche deliveries dropped 16 percent in the first half of 2026, falling to 122,306 vehicles from January through June. The pain is even sharper because 2025 was already an ugly year in Stuttgart. The data shows that Porsche's sales fell 10 percent last year, meaning 2026 is morphing into the brand's worst sales year since the world went crazy in 2020!



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.)

November - A Welcome Back Dinner for our returning Snowbirds
Here are some runs being planned/considered for next year:

March 2027 - The Joint Club Solvang Run was a great success this past March, but Stan is considering a new itinerary which includes Monterey next year. Let him know your thoughts and ideas.

April 2027 - We are once again planning to attend the Gambler's Classic - All Corvettes

Car Show in Laughlin, Nevada sponsored by Corvettes of Bakersfield.

August 2027 - A possible summer run to Utah/Montana

October 2027 - A return trip to Nashville, Tennessee and the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentuc

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!

