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President's Message....

Hello PSCC!

As my wife and I return from a long-planned vacation, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to Vice President, Jack Carter for stepping up and holding down the fort in our absence. Thank you, Jack, for your leadership and dedication.



On April 14th, we had an incredible turnout with sixty-seven attendees at our meeting and Snowbird Farewell Dinner. It was a fantastic event, and I heard nothing but positive feedback from those who attended. A special thank you to Stan and Brenda Monroe, Jack Carter, Michele Langley, and all the others who worked tirelessly to put together the dinner at our general meeting. Your hard work makes a difference. Thank you!

Additionally, on April 16th, we celebrated our Annual Gamblers Run. I am proud to announce that the Palm Springs Corvette Club won the Attendance Participation Award for the third consecutive year—congratulations to everyone involved!

Looking ahead, on May 12th Dan Jessup of Jessup Chevrolet has agreed to speak at our General Meeting and bring us up to date on what is going on in the car industry. Should be an interesting meeting. Please plan to attend.

We are also excited about our upcoming trip to Prescott, Arizona, on May 16th, where we have eight cars and 16 folks signed up. It's great to see our activities continuing to thrive as we transition out of our season.

One final note, your thoughts are invaluable. Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions or ideas you may have to enhance our club, your comments are welcome and do not forget to check out our website (palmspringscorvetteclub.com) for all our upcoming events and other club information.

Let's keep the momentum going! Enjoy the Ride,

Bill Jahn, President

Palm Springs Corvette Club



Corvettes of the Month...



Lance & Michelle Lenhert

Lance and Michelle met at Victor Valley College after competing for the best parking space every night. They married in 1993 and celebrated their 30th anniversary on an Alaskan cruise with Michelle's parents, Club members Mike & Vicki Nichols, who were celebrating their 60th anniversary. Lance was born in Northern CA and lived in WA and AZ before settling in the High Desert. He worked as an electrician and a carpet warehouse manager before getting a "temporary" warehouse job 33 years ago at ESRI, where he worked hard to become the CFO. Michelle grew up in Wrightwood and participated in many Corvette functions from her seat in the trunk. She worked in education administration before becoming a stay-at-home mom in 2002 until Lance bought her a job in 2009 managing their rental properties in CA and AZ.

They have three amazing children - a kindergarten teacher, an EMT/business student, and an automotive student.

They have a 2016 Z06, 2023 Z06. 1993 Corvette, which was their 1st!, 1965 which belonged to Mike Nichols then they convinced him to sell it to them!!!

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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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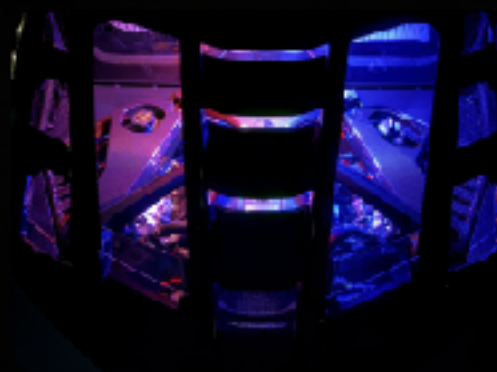
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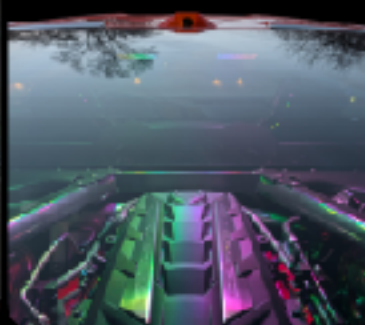
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Palm Springs Corvette Club Sponsor Discounts

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!!!!!!

Prescott Fun Run...

PSCC Members - get ready for another fabulous Prescott Fun Run to look forward to May 16-18, 2026!

May 16th - we will leave the desert that morning, stop for lunch and that evening will go see **25-26 Keith Anderson**, country music artist, at the Jim and Linda Performing Arts Center. Keith Anderson is known for his music hits such as Picking Wildflowers, I'm still Missing You and Every Time I Hear Your Name. Tickets are very reasonable, starting at \$44 to \$59, please click ycpac.com to purchase your tickets.

May 17th - we will do a run out to Montezuma Well/Montezuma's Castle, an archaeological site of cliff dwellings and hopefully have a combined dinner with the Prescott Corvette Club.

May 18th - drive home that morning.

If you're interested in this fun run, I encourage you to get your concert tickets soon as it is a VERY SMALL VENUE. Please click ycpac.com to purchase your tickets. DO NOT USE OTHER TICKET SITES AS YOU WILL PAY 2 TO 3 TIMES MORE!

There will be a follow-up e-mail with details on meals and hotels.

If interested, please contact me and let me know when you have purchased your tickets.

Thanks,

Michele Langley

Activities Committee



PSCC Gambler's Classic Winners...



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

The 2026 Chevy Corvette ZR1X has earned a spot on the 2026 Wards 10 Best Interiors & UX list, with the electrified hypercar flagship praised for its cabin layout and onboard features. The accolade places the Corvette ZR1X among a diverse group of vehicles delivering standout interior execution, technology integration, and an overall positive user experience.



WardsAuto evaluated a total of 28 vehicles between February and April of 2026,

Top 10 MUST-HAVES to Fix C8 Flaws...

Corvette owners made a wish-list of C9 Corvette generation features that would perfect the already incredible C8 Corvette generation!

- 10. Manual Transmission**
- 9. Better Stereo**
- 8. Improved Interior Ergonomics (Storage/Plugs/Less Subscriptions)**
- 7. Factory Exhaust Upgrade**
- 6. 360 Degree Camera**
- 5. Adaptive Cruise Control & Super Cruise**
- 4. No AFM**
- 3. Better Visibility & More Head/Helmet Room**
- 2. More Durable DTC**
- 1. Shed Weight (ala C6 vs C5)**

However...

Owners have noticed that the Corvette isn't exactly light. I mean, just look at what the Porsche GT3 RS can do next to the ZR1X despite being way down on horsepower. Imagine a world where the Corvette shed a few pounds. Not only would it be faster, but more nimble and engaging. And customers would end up saving money on track wearables like brakes and tires.

Again, we understand that modern vehicles are complex, so maybe it's impossible to do what the engineers did when they made the C6 lighter than the C5. In that case, if the whole generation can't get lighter, we'd love to see an ultra-light track package offered on models like the Z06 that trades creature comforts for performance.



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.

Grand Sport X with eAWD Performance...

The GS and the GSX honour the V8 heritage of Corvette. Each all-around athlete is engineered for immediate, linear performance. For every kind of driver. In any kind of weather!!!!

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The Grand Sport Lineup presents the Corvette Owners what they have been waiting for! It combines aggressive styling and incredible handling performance with the most powerful standard engine ever offered in a Corvette!!!!

Josh Holder

Corvette Chief Engineer



Most Expensive 3 Year Old Cars per 1,000 Miles...

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| 1. Porsche 911 - \$60,708 | 2. Mercedes-Benz SL- \$59,788 |
| 3. Porsche 911 Convert - \$56,388 | 4. Lucid Air - \$42,853 |
| 5. Mercedes-Benz G - \$34,836 | 6. Audi RS e-tron GT - \$29,884 |
| 7. Lexus LC500 Convert - \$28,717 | 8. Porsche 718 Box \$28,304 |
| 9. Corvette Convert -\$25,726 | 10. Porsche 718 Cayman - 25,445 |

Corvette Racing 2026 IMSA:

May 9 - May 11 IMSA Monterey Laguna Seca

June 5 - June 7 O'Reilly Auto Parts 4 Hours

June 19 - June 21 VIRginia International Raceway

July 10 - July 12 Chevy Grand Prix

Aug 14 - Aug 16 Road America

Aug 20 - Aug 23 Michelin GT Challenge
at VIR

Oct 1 - October 3 Motul Petit Le M



2026 WEC Schedule:

June 13-14 -24 Hours of
LeMans

July 12 -6 Hours of San
Paulo

Sept 6 - Lone Star LeMans

Sept 27 - 6 Hours of Fiji

Nov 7 - 8 Hours of Bahrain



National Corvette Museum Offers a
Construction Update on the New
Collections Facility



The National Corvette Museum's construction of the 66,000 sq ft building that will house the NCM growing collection of Corvettes and other artifacts is progressing as planned.

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.)

May 16-18 – Prescott Run – not too late to sign up - lots of fun events – **respond to Michele Langley**

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!

