



# Desert Vettes

**Palm Springs Corvette Club**

**May 2025**

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## President's Message....

Well May is here and our snowbirds are gone for the summer. The rest of us will prepare for what the desert brings this time of year, the dog days of summer! Time to come up with ideas for runs to escape the heat, so please let us know any ideas you have.

May 28<sup>th</sup> we have a day ride to Lake Arrowhead so please let us know if you're interested in joining us.

July 4<sup>th</sup> we still have room for some cars in the Idyllwild 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Contact Floyd Marcoe if you can join us.

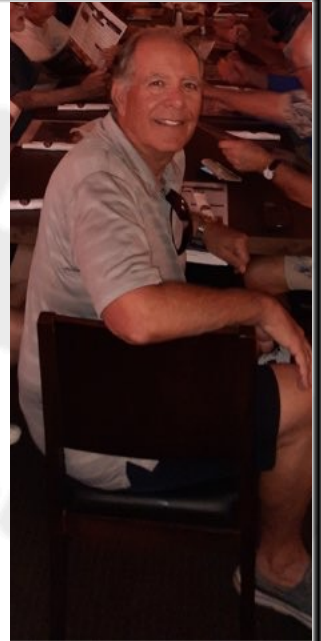
The August run that I proposed to Tahoe & Reno for Hot August Nights is **canceled** due to limited interest. Those of you that still want to go please use the reservations you made in Reno. I will make the hotel manager aware of our change in plans.

We still have a run to Durango Colorado that Michelle Lenhert is organizing for September 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you contact Michelle if you are interested.

This month's Corvette of the month goes to John & Judy Austin's 2024 Z06. Torch Red, 3LT. Please see the article on the Austin's.

We will be having all of our usual events during the summer and are always looking for new ideas.

Please remember that my term as president is an interim term as approved by our board and membership. We also have no vice president and some other board members that would like to step aside. This year will be over before you know it and we will not start 2026 with current leadership.





## Corvette of the Month...

We were both born and raised in Iowa and were high school sweethearts since age 16!

We've been married 53 years - pretty good since most of our friends said, "it won't work!!!!"

Our dream was to have our own business - but we had "little" money. John knew Corvettes. We dated in a refurbished Corvette that had been in a fire!!! We began to go to the LA area with cash on Friday nights and buy Corvettes. We sold them and saved that money to buy a small insurance agency in San Bernardino in 1977. We worked together 35 years and loved our business but sold it and retired in 2008.

We raised our two children in Redlands CA and now live in La Quinta in the winter and Park City Utah in the summer.

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## 2025 Palm Springs Corvette Club Executive....

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## PSCC 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](mailto:palmspringscorvetteclub@gmail.com)

Your forms will then be uploaded to our website.

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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.

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Ron Austin  
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**Meet the members of our Corvette club!**

Go to [palmspringscorvetteclub.com](http://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](mailto:palmspringscorvetteclub@gmail.com) and she'll remind you. If you don't have a page yet, follow the instructions in the Get Acquainted section.



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What's your background? We know you're an Ace!

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How will we know you? Blonde, brunette or bald?

Where do you hail from? Why did you come here?  
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## Diva Lunch....



22 Divas had a fabulous lunch at El Mexicali Cafe II on April 25, 2025. Thank you, Laura, for the fabulous home-made guacamole and the delicious food and drinks. We really loved dining here and said we should do it more often!!



The Studs had a great time at Cactus Jacks on 4/25/25.  
Always a Good Time at Cactus Jacks"



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## Dinner Nite Out!!!!....



Dinner night out this month was at PF Chang's on April 17, 2025. We had a great turn out, good food and great company. Thanks, Virginia, for putting this together.



## Upcoming Events....

### 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**

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Day-run to Lake Arrowhead – Caravan to Lake Arrowhead Village, lunch at Papagayos, take a tour on the Queen boat, then caravan home.

June 6-7 – Possible Cruise Event/Car Show to Monterey with Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Possible overnight in Idyllwild @ Tahquitz Pines Resort before or after the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

Sept. 4-12 – Trip to Durango, Colorado (Zion, Bryce, Mesa Verde Natl Park, Durango & Silverton RR, Sante Fe, Albuquerque, Painted Desert/Petrified Forest, Granite Mtn Hotshots Memorial, Lake Havasu)





## Day-Run to Lake Arrowhead May 28th!!!

**FUN and BEAUTIFUL Day-Run to Lake Arrowhead on Wednesday May 28th!!!.** We will caravan to Lake Arrowhead Village, have lunch at Papayas Mexican Restaurant & Catina with a great view of the Village Bay, take a tour on the Queen boat, then caravan home.

Please **REPLY** to Michele via email to let her know if you're interested in this fun event so she can have a headcount (18 so far) for the booking the boat and restaurant reservations.

Thanks,

Michele Langley

Activities Committee



**Lake Arrowhead Queen Boat Tour**





## Durango Colorado Trip Finalized Sept 4-12th...

Day 1 - Thurs. Sept 4 - Night BW Settlers Point St George UT

Day 2 - Fri. Sept 5 - Zion Bryce Canyon Night Tropic UT

Day 3 - Sat Sept 6 - Bland Ut Stone Lizard Lodge

Day 4 - Sun Sept 7 - Durango CO Best Western Rio Grande

Day 5 - Mon Sept 8 - Durango & Silverton Train

Day 6 - Tues Sept 9 - Santa Fe El Sendero Inn

Day 7 - Wed Sept 10 - Gallup NM Best Western

Day 8 - Thurs Sept 11 - Prescott Az Hotel St Michael

Day 9 - Fri Sept 12 - Lake Havasu Heat Hotel/London Bridge Resort





## Something Tells “Me” You May See A Lot of these !!!

This might just be the “coolest” police Car in America!!! Where ever the Sate Troopers take it, everyone wants a photo with it!!!

It is the 2023 Corvette Stingray, which serves the Florida Highway Patrol in its attempt to keep roadways safe!!! Something tells us we are going to see a lot of this car on social media and the highways!!!!

### Police Seize a Chevy Corvette, Use It as a Police Car, Avoid Internet Backlash

Published: 16 Apr 2025, 10:02 UTC • By: [Elena Luchian](#)





## 2026 Corvette New Asymmetrical Interior....

The 2026 Corvette debuts a refreshed cabin design with a range of updates and enhancements. The new cabin will be available across the 2026 Corvette trim level lineup, including the C8 Stingray, C8 E-Ray, C8 Z06, and the range-topping C8 ZR1, offering a new infotainment setup, new controls, and new colorway options. Notably, the updated C8 interior also offers a new asymmetrical interior color scheme, a first for the Corvette nameplate.



Beyond the digital upgrades, the center console has been reworked for improved ergonomics, with HVAC controls now positioned beneath the center display for easier access. The drive mode selector has been redesigned as a toggle switch, while the wireless phone charging pad has been relocated to the center console, rather than between the seats.

The new asymmetrical interior color scheme essentially divides the 2026 Corvette cabin in two, with one color used for the driver side, and another color use for the passenger side. The two-tone treatment is currently only available in Jet Black and Adrenaline Red.

In addition to the asymmetrical scheme, 2026 Corvette customers can also choose from a range of new symmetrical interior color options, including:

- Sky Cool & Medium Ash Gray with Habanero accents
- Santorini Blue
- Very Dark Atmosphere
- Ultimate Suede



While it remains unclear which 2025-model-year interior colorway / colorways will be discontinued as we head into the 2026 model year, Tension Blue / Twilight Blue Dipped seems likely given the introduction of the new Santorini Blue colorway.

## Spied C8 Corvette ZORA....

It's a somewhat motley group of prototypes as some are wearing mismatched wheels and there's a mystery car in the mix with a different colored front and rear fascia, a center quad exhaust, and an E-Ray style heat exchanger mounted to the front of the car. Mike of Brink of Speed thinks this might be the rumored Grand Sport but I think that hybrid heat exchanger rules that out.

In this jaw-dropping sighting, we caught both upcoming Corvette beasts fully uncovered, side by side. This is the most revealing look yet at Chevy's next-gen performance monsters—and yes, every single exterior panel is fully exposed.

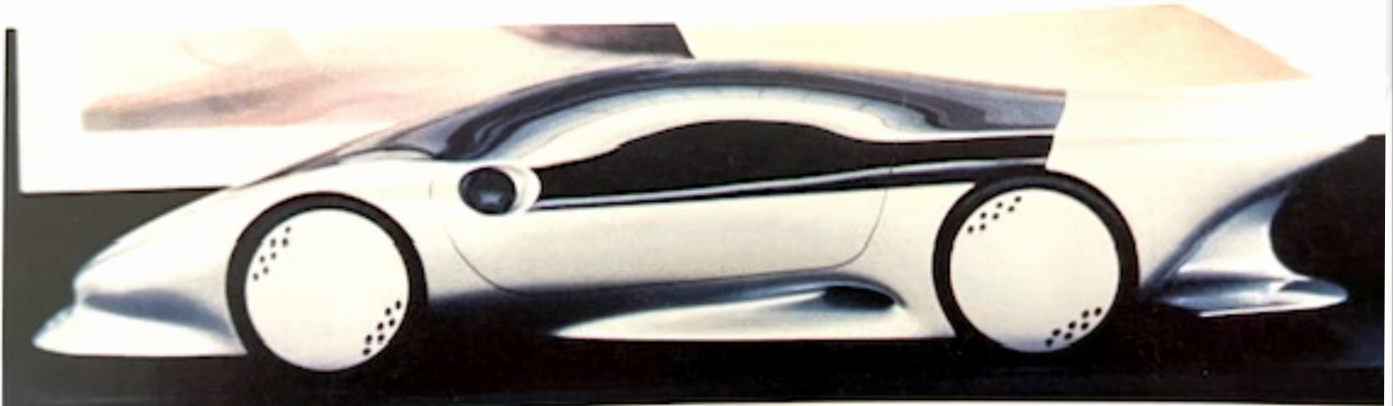
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- A:** Example of one of the many sketches created during this extremely creative period in Advance 3 Studio with Assistant Chief Jim Bieck.
- B:** Focused full-size clay development with the Chevy 3 Design Team in Studio X.
- C:** Interior theme direction sketch created by Chevrolet Interior Designer Julian Carter. The sculpture and technology blended perfectly with exterior theme.
- D:** Tuning final details with knife lines and tape outdoors on the Design Center Patio before sending to fabrication shops for casting. Note: wheels shown are production place holders.
- E:** This is the scale model that I collaborated with Chief Sculptor Fred Hauschild that started it all.



**GM celebrates the opening of its “new” Advanced Design Center in the United Kingdom with the release of this “new” inspired concept.**





## **Cadillac Celestiq Starting at \$340,000....**

With starting price of \$340,000, every unit of the Cadillac Celestiq is tailored to the buyer's specifications, offering nearly limitless personalization through Caddy's bespoke



customization program. As for specs, the Cadillac Celestiq rides on the GM BEV3 platform and features dual electric motors juiced by a 111-kWh battery pack, delivering 655 horsepower and 646 pound-feet of torque!!!

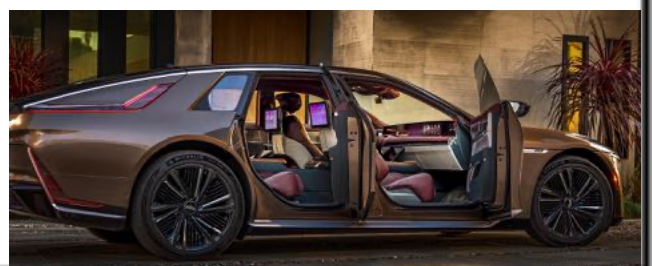
Cadillac's all-electric flagship sedan, the Celestiq, is highly exclusive – especially when it comes to the inaugural 2025 model year. Originally slated for launch for the 2024 model year, the first customer-bound units of the Cadillac Celestiq scheduled to arrive in mid-2025.. In addition, General Motors has confirmed to GM Authority that only 25 units of the ultra-luxury EV will be produced for the 2025 model year.

Of course, the Cadillac Celestiq has always emphasized exclusivity, with each example assembled by hand at the GM Global Technical Center in Warren, Michigan. However, a series of delays have pushed back the initial deliveries to the 2025 model year.

“Before delivering to clients, our team is ensuring Celestiq is held to the highest standards and perfected for the superior driving experience they deserve,” GM recently told GM Authority in a statement. “As part of our internal process, we do not share that information externally.”

The delays appear to stem from unspecified software issues related more broadly to GM's EV models, with The General carefully ramping up production to ensure every unit of the Celestiq meets Cadillac's standards. GM President Mark Reuss frames the delays as a strategic “relaunch” for the Celestiq.

“We didn't want to execute the car without everything being perfect on the software front,” Reuss said.



## Special C8 Corvettes....

First, Chevrolet's most powerful production car ever, the 2025 Corvette ZR1, has been named the official pace car for the 109th running of the Indianapolis 500.



Second, "Maybe" the rumoured C8 Grand Sport shown as a widebody wearing a Z06 high wing, and testing a new mystery motor.



Third, the Corvette C8 El Camino!!!!



Fourth, the Lego Corvette



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## 8,000 Chargers Shut Down at Federal Buildings

The General Services Administration (GSA) is retiring approximately 8,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging plugs across a range of government properties. The GSA, which oversees federal buildings and supports federal agencies, says that the EV chargers are no longer considered “mission critical,” and is now instructing federal workers to begin deactivating all of the chargers installed at federal buildings across the U.S. in the coming weeks. The agency currently operates several hundred charging stations, which are available for charging both government-owned vehicles and vehicles owned by federal employees.



Per a report by The Verge, which cites sources familiar with the matter, official guidance on the EV charger shutdown will be issued internally next week. The GSA is also canceling service contracts that keep the chargers operational, with stations being shut down “at the breaker.”

In addition to removing charging access, the GSA is looking to offload recently acquired electric vehicles that were part of the Biden administration’s effort to electrify the federal fleet. The exact fate of these vehicles remains unclear, although they may be stored or sold. The federal government had previously committed to replace a swath of ICE-based federal vehicles with new electric vehicles. Under an initiative by President Biden, the GSA had ordered 58,000 all-electric vehicles and installed 25,000 charging ports to support the long-term goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and transitioning toward a net-zero footprint.

The recent policy reversal aligns with a broader shift under the Trump administration, which has been keen to roll back Biden-era electric vehicle policies, including a \$5B public EV charger infrastructure program. The GSA is also actively working to reduce the government’s real estate footprint, including the sale of approximately 500 federal buildings as the Trump administration moves to shrink the size of the U.S. government.

As of now, the GSA has not issued a public statement regarding the decision to shut down the federal charging network.



## Corvette Racing Wins....

Corvette Racing and TF Sport are one-for-one in the 2025 FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), delivering the No. 33 Corvette Z06 GT3.R directly to Victory Lane when the checkers waved on the 10-hour endurance race.



The No. 33 Vette was shared between Daniel Juncadella, Jonny Edgar, and Ben Keating during the 2025 Qatar 1812km, rallying from 13th place up to the top spot by the time the clock ran down. The win marked the first in the FIA WEC – and – for Juncadella and Edgar, while Keating collected his eighth victory in the series and fourth in a Vette. It was also TF Sport's eighth FIA WEC victory, putting the team on top for the first time since the 2022 6 Hours of Fuji.

“For the whole stint, for sure that was a lot of pressure in the last 30 minutes. At beginning I didn't think I could hold (the No. 59) off. I just focused on hitting my marks,” Juncadella said. “I could see where he was stronger in places. There were a couple of places where he could have gone for it and I think he was unsure. So it was good to keep him behind. At some point I was thinking we were going to finish second but I was focused on myself, my driving and not making mistakes.”

The No. 81 Corvette Racing team didn't have nearly as good of a run at Qatar when a broken alternator pulley shaft took the race car out.

Tom Ferrier, owner of TF Sport, said, “There's no denying that it was a big move for us to join GM and Corvette. We knew it was going to be a challenge the first year, and it was to start with... We executed perfectly today. I'm sad for the 81 but absolutely over the moon for GM, Corvette Racing and ourselves. It's a huge result for us.”



## C8 ZR1 vs C7 ZR1....

General Motors unveiled the C8 Corvette ZR1 last July, following up the initial debut with an official pricing information announcement earlier this year. Long story short, the C8 ZR1 is the



fastest, most-powerful production Corvette ever made. However, prior to the debut of the C8 ZR1, the title of most-powerful production Corvette belonged to the C7 Corvette ZR1. Now, these two GM behemoths are going full throttle in a side-by-side performance test at Virginia International Raceway.

First and foremost, let's briefly review the specs, starting with the C8 ZR1. The big ticket item here is undoubtedly the mid-mounted, twin-turbocharged 5.5L V8 LT7 gasoline engine, rated at an astonishing 1,064 horsepower at 7,000 rpm and 828 pound-feet of torque at 6,000 rpm. All of that go is sent exclusively to the rear wheels by way of the beefed-up eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, while carbon ceramic brakes are standard. It's unclear if the example featured in the video is equipped with the optional ZTK Performance Package (RPO code ZTK) or optional ZR1 Carbon Fiber Aero Package (RPO code TOM).

Meanwhile, the C7 Corvette ZR1 features the front-mounted, supercharged 6.2L LT5 V8, delivering 755 horsepower and 715 pound-feet of torque to the rear wheels. The C7 ZR1 offered both a seven-speed manual transmission and an eight-speed automatic, while aerodynamically, the body was equipped with an aggressive front splitter and a massive rear wing for a big boost in downforce. Magnetic Ride Control suspension, track-tuned handling systems, and carbon-ceramic brakes round it out. Click link below to go to full article!!!!

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2025/03/c8-corvette-zr1-vs-c7-corvette-zr1-at-virginia-international-raceway-video/>



## Ford Launches '26 Shelby GT500

The Shelby GT500 nameplate has been absent from the Ford Mustang model range since the S550 generation of the range-topping muscle car was discontinued in 2022. The current S650 generation of the Mustang was all-new

for the 2024 model year, but it has no Shelby iterations. Its top performance model at the moment is the 500-horsepower Dark Horse, but that could be changing soon based on leaked information.



Think of the Mustang GT and Dark Horse as somewhat comparable to a Corvette Stingray and the Mustang GTD as similar to a Corvette ZR1. The Mustang lineup needs a ZO6, so to speak. This memo implies that the Shelby GT500 model will soon return, packing a V8 dubbed "Legend."

Although this memo uses the Shelby GT500 name, Ford Authority has reported that there will be no Ford-produced Shelby models of the S650. The GT 350 and Super Snake variants of the S650 are Mustangs modified by Shelby American, not production models from Ford. Ford has filed trademarks for the names RS500 and Boss, one or both of which could apply to this upcoming high-powered Mustang variant.

The limited production Mustang GTD is a stripped-down track monster with an aggressive aero package, no back seats, a transaxle (with a transmission cooler where the trunk would normally be), and Multimatic Adaptive Spool Valve (ASV) dampers. It's possible this upcoming Mustang variant will have a similar powertrain but packaged as a more traditional Mustang with back seats. Also, it's safe to say a new iteration of the Shelby GT500 would be a bit more affordable than the speculated price tag as high as \$325k for the Mustang GTD.

The Mustang Shelby GT500 used to rival powerful muscle cars like the Chevy Camaro ZL1 and Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat. With its two closest rivals now absent from the marketplace, a GT500 successor would have the two-door, four-seater, 700+ hp muscle car market share all to itself.



## Down the Road....

May 9-11 -Corvette Racing Laguna SECA

May 11 - Mother's Day

May 15 DNO - Kitchen 86

May 28 Day-run to Lake Arrowhead

May 30-31 -Corvette Racing Detroit

June 6-7 - Possible Cruise to Monterey

June 6-8 - Corvette Racing Lexington

June 15 -Father's Day

July 4 - Overnight in Idyllwild

Aug 1-10 - Hot August Nights Reno Trip



## 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!



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