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President's Message....

Our fall season is now in full swing! The weather is spectacular and because of that, the last of our snowbirds will be soon coming in for a landing. Congratulations to you full timers who endured another Coachella Valley summer. I hope we kept you all busy. Be sure and tell those snowbirds what they missed this summer. Just leave out the hot part.



Thanks to all who participated in the Palm Springs air Museum, Car Show. That Car Show had the best turnout in all the years that I've been going to it. We helped raise a lot of money for the museum. Thanks to Jack Carter our new vice president for organizing our group.

Our first event in November will be a visit from South County Corvettes of San Diego. This will be the second year that they've joined us for dinner and the Rock the Ride Car Show. Along with our usual activities Michele Langley has organized a dinner and a visit to the McCallum theater to see the Grinch that stole Christmas. Thanks again to Michelle for all her hard work.

The invitations for the Christmas party have gone out and I hope you all will be able to join us. Joyce, Liz and Brenda have put a lot of hard work and effort into making sure that we have an enjoyable evening. We will once again have the Shadows Band to entertain us and we will introduce the 2026 board of directors. Remember friends and family are always welcome.

Corvette of the month goes to Virginia Shipp and her 2023 caffeine 3LT C8. Please see the write up on Virginia in this addition of Desert Vettes. Thanks also to Virginia for all her hard work this year on dinner night out.

Brenda & I would like to wish you and your family a very healthy and happy Thanksgiving. Look forward to seeing you this season.

Regards,
Stan

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Dinner Nite Out Venue Change....

DEAR PSCC MEMBERS - WE HAD TO MAKE A CHANGE IN OUR DNO LOCATION AS WE HAD SUCH A GREAT RESPONSE THAT WE NEEDED MORE SPACE!!

EVEN IF YOU'VE ALREADY RESPONDED, PLEASE TEXT VIVIAN AGAIN AT 520-247-7593 TO RECONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE AT EL MEXICALI II ~ SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

It's that time of year again, pumpkin spice and everything nice; please join us for an evening of delicious food, great company and, naturally, some seasonal cheer!!!

El Mexicali II

43430 Monroe St., Indio

November 20, 5:00 PM

Vivian Vecchiarelli will be hosting the evening along with Pat Olivas taking everyone's picture... making memories.

Please **RSVP** to Vivian VIA TEXT at **520-247-7593** no later than Tuesday, November 18.

Virginia Shipp
Activities Committee

GM Slashes Thousand EV Related Jobs....

General Motors is cutting more than 3,000 jobs associated with its electric vehicle and battery programs—one of the largest industry clawbacks since U.S. policy shifted away from EV mandates earlier this year. The layoffs are a function of GM trimming electric vehicle production to match declining demand.



Factory Zero will be the hardest hit. The Hamtramck assembly plant dedicated to GM's large electric vehicles—GMC's Hummer EV and Sierra EV, Chevrolet's Silverado EV, and Cadillac's Escalade IQ—will see about 1,200 employees lose their jobs as the facility shrinks to a single shift. Additional cuts include 550 permanent layoffs and 850 temporary furloughs at the Ultium Cells battery plant in Ohio, 700 temporary layoffs at its Spring Hill, Tennessee battery site, along with smaller reductions at EV component plants in Michigan and New York.

The **Wall Street Journal** reports that about 1,700 workers will permanently lose their jobs, while another 1,500 will be temporarily laid off, with a potential return sometime next year.

The company's decision follows a steep drop in electric vehicle sales after the \$7,500 federal tax credit expired in late September. According to the **Detroit News**, GM still has an estimated 39,000 EVs sitting on dealer lots, even after discounting models like the Chevrolet Blazer EV and Cadillac Lyriq.

GM has already scaled back several EV programs, including canceling its BrightDrop electric delivery vans, reinstating plans to build a gas-powered Cadillac CT5, and reversing a decision to convert its Toledo transmission plant into an EV drive unit facility. The company recently booked a \$1.6 billion charge related to EV investments that are no longer expected to turn a profit.

"Last week, GM raised its expected annual profits to \$13 billion dollars," United Auto Workers President Shawn Fain said in a statement. "This week, they announce layoffs. So let's be clear: GM is a profitable company, our members remain ready to work, and the UAW will continue to fight for more investment in both ICE and EV production at GM and beyond."

Kindig-it Unveils “New CF1 Fastback”....

Kindig-it Design has been creating stunning hot rods since 1999, but in 2023 it hit a huge milestone by obtaining a manufacturer’s license to create its own production cars, namely the CF1 Corvettes. This was a lifelong dream of Dave Kindig and his build team at Kindig-it Design.



First Came Roadsters

The first CF1s were roadsters. Cars that were designed to be driven with open-air freedom, timeless style, and modern performance, but with a distinctly 1958 style. All the fun, all the style, with no old car hassles.

Windows and a Removable Top Joined the Party

Roadsters are a blast, but we have this thing called weather, so Kindig developed the CF1 Cabriolet. It provided the best of both worlds: the pure joy of topless driving with the practicality and comfort of a removable carbon-fiber Carson-style hardtop. You even got things like power windows and exterior door handles.

And Now a Fastback Inspired by the Ridler-Winning Twelveair

For 2025, CF1 number 25 (to celebrate their 25th anniversary, well 26th, but let’s not be picky) is introducing the new CF1 Fastback. As Baylee Kindig explained, “The CF1 Fastback evolves the award-winning design of our Ridler car with a sweeping roofline and fully enclosed cockpit. It’s inspired by the Twelveair concept that never made it to production until now.”

The CF1 Fastback is a fraction of the cost, so there are some notable differences, but the overall fastback design was largely carried over from the Ridler winner.

The Kindig-it Design CF1 Fastback will make its debut at the 2025 SEMA show in Vegas where it’s sure to be a stunner. But the first of the fastback line belongs to Kindig-it Design as its first prototype.

Kindig-it Unveils "New CF1 Fastback"....

Just like the other CF1s, the fastback has a full carbon-fiber body, doors, and hood for a very sexy power-to-weight ratio.

The CF1 rides on a custom Roadster Shop Spec 7 chassis made exclusively for the CF1 program. The chassis features Wilwood six-piston front and four-piston rear brakes with 14.5-inch rotors.

The wheels are built by EVOD, based on a design by Dave Kindig. These are the Muria Style wheels, the same ones used for "Lucky #7" CF1. The wheels will be painted in a charcoal color with polished hoops and center knock-offs. Among Dave's personal wheel designs, this is one of his favorites. The wheels are wrapped in 245/30/21 front and 335/25/22 rear Michelin Pilot Sport 4S tires.

Big LS Power

The engine is a 650-hp Lingenfelter Eliminator CF1 spec engine with the Borla eight-stack injection and a Billet Specialties Tru Trac accessory drive. It's backed by a 4L80E GM transmission and breathes through a polished stainless exhaust system designed by Borla Performance specifically for the CF1 program.

This is a company car, so for the colors they went with the company colors of black, red, and gray. Thankfully they ditched the purple and yellow from 1999. The interior is bespoke red leather, with a special design for the 25th anniversary edition. The interior also features CF1-exclusive gauge in a custom red, from Dakota Digital. The company's colors are carried through the Sparc Industries CF1 steering wheel, as well.

Kindig-it Designs 25th Anniversary CF1 Fastback will be unveiled on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the SEMA show in their outdoor booth (#81220) in the Silver Lot under the Sikkens/AkzoNobel banner.



With the rise of self driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time until there's a country song where the guy's truck leaves him



Official 2025 Corvette Production Stats...

One of the best days of the entire year happened today as we finally got the official production statistics for the **2025 Corvette model year**. The model year officially ran from September 9th through July 30th and a total of 25,835 Corvettes were produced.

The 2025 model year will be remembered for the introduction of the ZR1 as the latest King of the Hill makes its presence known. Officially, the number of ZR1s produced was 180 which would also include any Captured Test Fleet cars, and the total breaks down to 115 Coupes and 65 Convertibles. While the USA is the primary market for the model, we also learned that seven ZR1s were sold in Canada, four went to Mexico, and five were sold in the Middle East. Another interesting stat is the great majority of ZR1s were outfitted with the 3LZ package and just seven of the cars were built as 1LZ models.

2025 Corvette Breakdown

- Stingray – 13,640 (52.7%)
 - E-Ray – 3,153 (12.2%) (44%)
- Z06 – 8,862 (34.3%)

By Model and Body Style

- Stingray Coupe – 8,403 (32.5%)
- Stingray Convertible – 5,237 (20.3%) (Rays)
- E-Ray Coupe – 1,374 (5.3%) (Z06s)
- E-Ray Convertible – 1,779 (6.9%)
- Z06 Coupe – 4,786 (18.5%)
- Z06 Convertible – 4,076 (15.8%)
- ZR1 Coupe – 115 (0.4%)
- ZR1 Convertible – 65 (0.3%)

By Color

- (GBA) Black – 4,601 (17.8%) (17.6%)
- (GKZ) Torch Red – 3,387 (13.1%) (11.3%)
- (GXA) Sea Wolf Gray – 2,755 (10.7%)

By Body Style

- 14,678 Coupes (5)
 - 11,157 Convertibles
- ZR1 – 180 (0.69%)

Performance Packages

- Z51 Stingray – 6,485 (39%)
- ZER E-Ray – 1,079 (34% E-Rays)
- Z07 Z06 – 1,805 (20% of)
- ZTK ZR1 – 83 (46% of ZR1s)

- (G8G) Arctic White – 4,548
- (GPH) Red Mist – 2,913
- (G26) Sebring Orange –

2026 Debuts Several Key Updates...

The 2026 model year debuts several key updates for the mid-engine C8 Corvette, including a new cabin layout, not to mention the launch of the ultra-high-performance Corvette ZR1X.



In addition, the 2026 Corvette Stingray brings several updates of its own, including the return of two popular carbon fiber ground effects packages. Now, GM Authority is taking a closer look.

The two Genuine Corvette Accessories set to return with the launch of the 2026 Corvette Stingray include:

- Carbon Flash Metallic-painted carbon fiber ground effects (RPO code 5W8)
- Visible Carbon Fiber ground effects (RPO code 5VM)

Both packages are offered as LPO-level options, which means they are installed by the dealer, rather than at the factory when the vehicle is initially produced. Both packages have been offered since the C8's debut for the 2020 model year, although availability has been intermittent.

The 2026 Stingray also benefits from introduction of the Vette's new interior design, including the driver-focused, three-screen cockpit layout. Pricing for the 2026 model year has yet to be announced.



2026 Corvette Overview...

It goes fast, nails apexes, and looks like a supercar, but the 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray starts at under \$100,000, making it one of the best performance-car values of all time. A naturally aspirated V-8 engine sits behind the cabin and pumps out up to 495 horsepower to the rear wheels, enough to blast this two-seater to 60 mph in under 3.0 seconds. Two trunks—one in the front and one in the back—provide added practicality, and the Corvette's interior is comfortable enough for two adults to take a road trip. Upper trim levels get even more luxurious, with fancier leather, a better stereo, and more convenience features. Any way you slice it, the Corvette Stingray impresses with its ideal balance of performance and everyday usability, and that's why it remains one of our favorite cars.

What's New for 2026?

The Corvette lineup receives a revamped interior design for 2026 that eliminates the row of buttons on the dividing console between the two seats. That divider has been redesigned to include a passenger grab handle, and the climate control buttons that were there have been moved to a panel of switches below the infotainment screen. The infotainment display itself is now larger at 12.7 inches, and the digital gauge cluster is now a 14.0-inch unit with a new 6.6-inch touchscreen display to the left of it for auxiliary controls. The drive-mode selector has been redesigned but remains on the center console near the gear selector, but its new smaller size creates room for a new wireless smartphone charging pad. A USB-C charging port has been added to the passenger's side of the cabin, and the cupholders gain ambient lighting, and in 2LT and 3LT models they feature real aluminum trim.

The price of the 2026 Chevrolet Corvette starts at \$71,995 and goes up to \$90,745 depending on the trim and options. Coupe

The Corvette is available as either a coupe or a convertible with a folding hard top. Since the coupe's roof lifts off for open-top motoring anyway, we'd stick with it. We'd instead spend the money to upgrade to the 2LT version, which adds several features, including a head-up display, a wireless smartphone charging pad, heated and ventilated seats, a heated steering wheel, a 14-speaker Bose stereo system, blind-spot monitoring, and much more. The Z51 performance package is also a must-have, as it brings all the Corvette's best performance-oriented gear and makes the Vette track-capable.

2026 Corvette Overview...

0–60-MPH Times

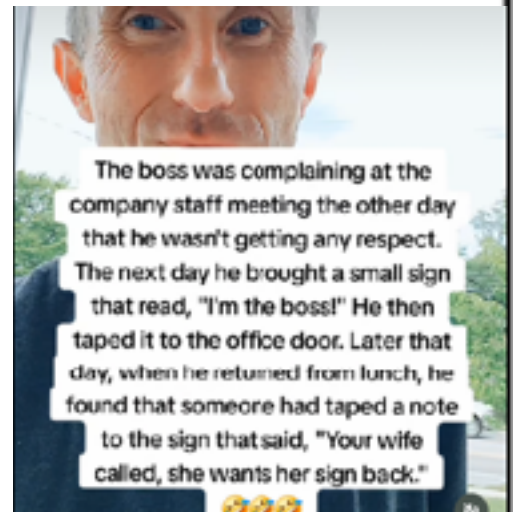
In our testing, we recorded a [60-mph time of 2.8 seconds](#), and a quarter-mile pass of 11.2 seconds at 122 mph in a car equipped with the Z51 performance package and the optional FE4 magnetorheological dampers. It stopped from 70 mph in 149 feet and cornered at a stout 1.03 g on the skidpad.

Fuel Economy and Real-World MPG

The EPA hasn't released any fuel economy information for the 2026 Corvette yet, but the 2025 model earned ratings of 16 mpg city, 25 mpg highway, and 19 mpg combined. We subjected it to our 75-mph highway fuel-economy test and recorded 26 mpg, 1 mpg better than its estimate.

Interior, Comfort, and Cargo

The mid-engine C8 Corvette is a pure two-seater, and the futuristic interior can be dressed up with materials such as leather, real metal trim, and imitation suede; it even has a fancy stitched headliner. [Speaking of the roof, it's removable](#) on the coupe—one person can wrestle it off—just like with previous Corvettes, and it fits inside the trunk just aft of the engine compartment. The driver sits behind a [squared-off steering wheel](#) and a 14.0-inch reconfigurable gauge display; a large infotainment touchscreen is angled toward the driver for ease of use. The interior design takes the driver-focused concept to the max, bisecting the cockpit with a wall-like separator between the driver and passenger. Opting for the top 3LT package gets you upgraded, upscale materials, such as sewn leather on most interior surfaces, plus carbon-fiber trim. The Corvette's two trunks—one in the nose and the other behind the engine—offer a total of 13 cubic feet of storage space. [Chevrolet](#) says the Corvette can fit two sets of golf clubs stacked on top of each other in the rear compartment. [In our testing](#), we were able to fit our set of clubs easily, so Chevy's claim seems valid. When it came time to see if there was room for our carry-on-size suitcases, we were able to fit one in the Corvette's front trunk and two in the rear compartment.



GM Corvette Shatters American Speed Record ...

General Motors Corvette line has been crowned the fastest car by an American manufacturer on Germany's world-famous Nürburgring racetrack.

Notably, the Chevrolet Corvette Z06, ZR1, and ZR1X achieved record lap times on the 12.9-mile Nordschleife circuit with three non-professional drivers behind the wheel.



While they aren't professional race car drivers by trade, these engineers helped develop the vehicles themselves and hold extensive driving experience along with advanced performance credentials.

Engineer Drew Cattell now holds the fastest Nürburgring lap time ever recorded by a non-professional driver. He clocked a 6:49.275 lap time in the electrified, all-wheel-drive ZR1X. This earned him a spot on the official Nürburgring record list. Close behind was vehicle dynamics engineer Brian Wallace, who clocked 6:50.763 in the 1,064-horsepower ZR1.

Driven by vehicle performance manager Aaron Link, the 670-horsepower Corvette Z06, with what GM says is one of the strongest non-turbo V8 engines, came in second with a lap of 7:11.826.

GM President Mark Reuss claimed that no other auto manufacturer has attempted something like this at the Nürburgring.

"From development through production, and now at the Nürburgring Nordschleife, the Green Hell, we have clearly shown there is no limit to what our GM engineers and vehicles can accomplish. These are the best Corvettes in history, period," Reuss added.

The Corvettes were all U.S. production-spec vehicles. The only modifications were the safety equipment recommended by the track, including a roll hoop, full-containment race seat, fire extinguisher, and a six-point safety harness.

GM Unveils Buick Electra...

General Motors has just unveiled the brand-new Buick Electra Orbit Concept globally, a new design exploration that fuses Buick heritage with futuristic EV technology.



The automaker unveiled the Buick Electra Orbit Concept on August 5th in Shanghai, where the concept prototype was conceived and developed by GM China's Advanced Design Center to inspire the next evolution of Buick's global design language. According to the brand, the Electra Orbit Concept previews the future by combining the romance of the 1950s with cutting-edge technology and pure electric architecture.

"Electra Orbit is a bold exploration of what Buick can be when we blend heritage inspiration with visionary innovation," said Vice President of Design for GM China and GM International and Chief of Design at SAIC-GM, Stuart Norris. "By reinterpreting space-age motifs and pushing electric-architecture freedoms, we wanted to create a concept that feels both familiar in its Buick DNA and thrillingly new," he added.

In particular, the new Buick Electra Orbit Concept is the brand's first all-electric flagship under the Electra sub-brand, as Buick seeks to usher in a forward-thinking new era grounded in its rich design heritage. As such, the Electra Orbit's massive body, nearly 20 feet long and about seven feet wide, is inspired by spacecraft, jets, and iconic Buick concept cars from the 1950s.

Aesthetically, the Buick Electra Orbit Concept stands out with a low front end, a wide body, and an aerodynamically elongated rear end that create a distinctive, futuristic, and refined appearance. Its unique stance is defined by 24-inch wheels framed by sculptural fenders, which give it a very elegant side profile with an unparalleled sense of luxury. Furthermore, the dual trunk with center pivot is combined with the imposing, space-like rear end.

The brand-new Buick Electra Orbit Concept has just been unveiled globally, serving as a preview of the next evolution of Buick's design language that will inspire its future products. The Electra Orbit's cosmic theme is complemented by a neutral metallic color called "Space" and an immersive, orbit-inspired cabin that contrasts earthy textures and cosmic inspirations that reflect the nuances of the universe, the vastness and mystery of outer space.



Down the Road....

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)**
- Last Friday – **Diva** and **Stud Luncheons**

Dec 6 - 10am PSCC Featured at PSCA Christmas Cruise at the River in Rancho Mirage. We will caravan there after Cars & Coffee

Dec 6 - PSCC Xmas Dinner Party, Heritage Palms (Quests Welcome)

Dec 28 - Animal Rescue Car Show- El Dorado Polo Grounds 2026

Jan 21-24 2026 Barrett Jackson

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

Feb 14, 2026 - Dr George Car Show

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 Harbor

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!

