



# Desert Vettes

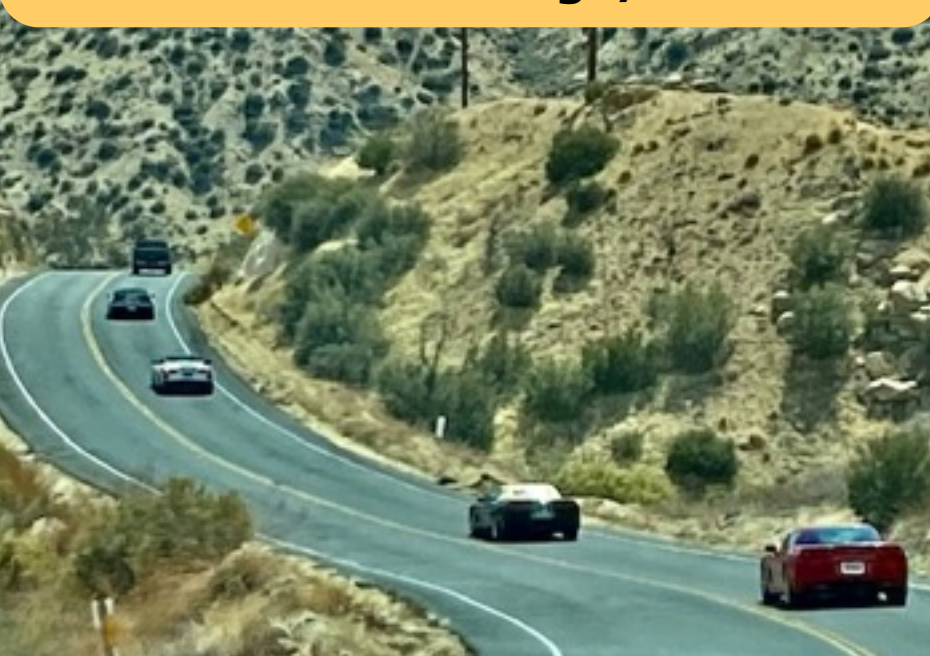
***Palm Springs Corvette Club***

**April 2021**

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## President's Message....

**Floyd and Easter Friend!!!!**

What a month we had in March! More cars n coffee Saturdays seeing 20+ Corvettes and some new faces. It is becoming a mini Dr. George show with all types of hot rods and just people wanting to see all the cars.



We're back! With Diva Lunches, Stud Lunches and Dinner Night out. Of particular mention is March DNO with about 30 attendees. We had a great time at Backstreet Bistro, thanks to the efforts of Joan Lake.

The "Son" run was attended by about 12+ Corvettes going up to Pappy and Harriets for lunch and stopping by the Desert Christ Park for photo ops. Regarding Runs, if you have any ideas for future runs contact Stan Moreno or me. Right now we have plans for a run in April and looking for ideas.

Many of the membership has received first and second Covid shots, if you are having difficulty getting a shot scheduled contact some of our Corvette family for help.

Have a great Spring and remember Wind em up!!



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### **Palm Springs Corvette Club Charities We Support ...**



**Boys & Girls Club  
of Cathedral City**

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## **PSCC Dinner Night Out...**

**Great turn out for first sanctioned event!**



**Diva Lunch Back! The Diva's had a great turnout of 14 ladies attending our luncheon at Stuff Pizza, Palm Desert.**



## **Stud Lunch Back!**



**A bunch of Studs got together for lunch at Casuals Cafe in Palm Desert for some fun!**

## Run To Pioneer Village and Desert Christ Park ....



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**The Run to Pioneer Village and on to Desert Christ Park had 12 Corvettes, 23 people and "1" dog! Lots of fun at the Village and a very impressive tour of the Desert Christ Park.**

**The pictures include; the apostles listening to the sermon on the mount, statue of Christ talking to them and to the children.**



**Coffee Muggars Celebrate Ron's Birthday**



## **PSCC Loses A Great Corvetter....**

We pay a special tribute to a friend and Shipmate John Bierie who left us April 1st in the early morning.

A fellow Corvetter and long standing member of the Palm Springs Corvette Club who was a regular with the Coffee Muggars and attended most of the PSCC Events with his wife and companion Barbara.

John was one of those quiet Americans who served us well in WWII, came home and had a full life. We only recently knew of his DFC and some of his exploits flying TBM's off Jeep Carriers in the harrowing days across the Pacific. John's one special guy, we can not forget!



## ChildHelp Run April 2021...



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The great day yesterday we had 17 Corvettes, and one dodge challenger. Couple that bought the Dodge Challenger their new members in the last year so Geri and Charlene Brown, they have a Corvette but they were leaving from the Village to go to Valencia to visit family. I talked to one of the supervisors late yesterday afternoon at Childhelp and they said the Challenger got lots of kudos from his kids.

## Corvette Racing at Sebring: What Might Have Been..

SEBRING, Fla. (March 20, 2021) – Corvette Racing ended an up-and-down day with fourth- and fifth-place class finishes in the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Advance Auto Parts. Both



Chevrolet Corvette C8.Rs faced adversity throughout, and the team nearly won for the 13th time at Sebring International Raceway.

The No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette C8.R of Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Nicky Catsburg placed fourth in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) category after leading much of the day in the second round of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Garcia began on the class pole position, and the trio controlled from the outset and led 211 of 334 laps. After winning the season-opening Rolex 24 At Daytona, the No. 3 Corvette team appeared on its way to a Florida sweep before Garcia was spun from the lead with less than 10 minutes remaining.

On the opposite side of the Corvette garage, the No. 4 Corvette C8.R trio of Tommy Milner, Nick Tandy and Alexander Sims had a day to forget. Beginning the race second in GTLM, the No. 4 C8.R developed an electrical problem from the outset that hampered the Corvette's performance. Milner, Tandy and Sims – who finished second in GTLM at Daytona – were fifth in class Saturday at Sebring.

Garcia drove the final 2.5 hours and attempted to work his way through traffic when he was forcefully hit under braking by the second-place GTLM car and sent spinning out of the hairpin Turn 7. The damage was too great, and the No. 3 Corvette missed the podium.

The outcome spoiled a weekend in which Corvette Racing and Chevrolet celebrated a 25-year technology partnership with Mobil 1. Both of the Corvette C8.Rs sported liveries that matched the Mobil 1 brand.

Corvette Racing's next event is the Six Hours of Spa in the FIA World Endurance Championship on May 1. Then on to Mid Ohio May 14-16.

## **Corvette Racing Enters 24 Hours Of Le Mans.....**

**Corvette Racing has confirmed it will enter two cars in the 89<sup>th</sup> running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans this August.**

**Race organizers released the complete 62-car entry list for the 24 Hours of Le Mans**

**this week, which included two entries from Corvette Racing. The American squad will return to Le Sarthe for the first time since 2019 after it skipped out on last year's event due to COVID-19, fielding its usual No. 63 and No. 64 entries in the GTE Pro class.**



**This year's running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans will be held a little later than its usual June date and is currently scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event was originally set to be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, however race organizers at the Automobile Club de l'Ouest (ACO) announced the revised August date this week, which was put in place with the hope of eventually being able to host fans at the track.**

**"Holding the Le Mans 24 Hours behind closed doors for the second year running would be unthinkable," said Pierre Fillon, ACO president. "We are working very hard to put on a safe event, with all the necessary health precautions in place."**

**Corvette Racing competed in the 24 Hours of Le Mans every year from 2000 to 2019 and only failed to show up last year after pandemic-related complications forced it to withdraw from the race. The team has racked up eight Le Mans class victories in that time, serving as a consistent thorn in the side of rivals from Porsche, Ferrari, Ford, Aston Martin and BMW, among others.**

## C8 Z06 Corvette Spotted...

After Chevrolet released the C8 Corvette, everyone started wondering if and when we'd see a Z06. We do know that the Z06 is expected to debut later this year; with some **sources claiming it may arrive in July**. We also



know that the C8 Corvette Z06 is going to be a monster of performance. It is going to run a naturally aspirated 5.5 liter flat-plane crank V8, and should be pumping out 615 to 625 horses and 480 pound-feet of torque, with a 9,000 rpm redline.

C8 Z06 test mules have been spotted, albeit few and far between. But one member of our Forums happened upon an incredible sight. In **a thread** entitled "Pretty Sure I Just Saw and Heard the New Z06" member **Shooter** aka Edward Bowling captured a Z06 mule on camera and video. The C8 Z06 was covered and followed by a pair of C8s ... and probably a few Corvette engineers. Even better, he actually captured *two* Z06 mules in the video.

"Didn't notice the covered car at first, was too busy looking at the yellow one," he writes. "When they were leaving I noticed how wide the tires were. I swear it sounded like a manual transmission. The yellow car had computers set up for monitoring. Didn't really think about it being a Z06 'til I heard it leave."

Members of the forums were quick to break it down. From the shots, it appears that there are side skirts, a center exhaust with three exhaust tips, and the covered wheels possibly hiding carbon fiber rims. We know that the Z06 will borrow a lot of styling and aero design from the C8.R, and will have Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires.

Bottom line: The 2022 C8 Corvette Z06 is going to be a savage. Though interestingly, it will offer less power than the C7 Corvette Z06 which had a 6.2 liter supercharged and intercooled LT4 V8 engine which produces a scorching 650 hp at 6,400 rpm and 650 lb·ft at 3,600. Video link below.....

<https://youtu.be/epBY0EdZZOk>

## Best Looking Corvette Every C2! Maybe Not.....

The 1963 [Corvette](#) is one of the most sought-after and widely celebrated Corvettes ever produced, with many car enthusiasts crediting their first “split-window” sighting as being the catalyst that kicked off their automotive obsession. There’s no denying that the impact the split-window Corvette’s styling had on the auto industry, but what if [Chevy](#) tried to apply some of the sports car’s iconic styling cues to the current-day [C8 Corvette](#)?



A digital rendering artist tried to answer that question by slapping the rear split window and b-pillar vents from the 1963 Corvette onto the rear of a C8 Corvette. The end result looks a bit strange, in our opinion, giving the C8 Corvette a hunched-over look that is less svelte and sporty than the actual production model. The rendering actually reminds us a bit of the Bugatti Chiron, which also has a mid-engine layout and features a very similar rear split-window design.

One advantage of this design could be cargo space. Even though the C8 Corvette’s mid-engine layout limits the amount of cargo room, this design appears as though it could incorporate a rear interior parcel shelf where the split windows are.

In addition to the split-window design, this rendering also has some other interesting touches, including the center-locking wheels and Michelin slick tires from a Corvette C8.R and a redesigned rocker panel section.

As a reminder, the C8 Corvette Stingray is powered by a [6.2L LT2 V8](#) engine producing 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque when equipped with the optional performance exhaust. An eight-speed dual-clutch transmission and rear-wheel drive are standard, helping to propel the car from zero to 60 mph in around three seconds.



## 2021 C8 Boasts Best Resale of "Any" Sports Car...

The **2021 Corvette Stingray** has the best resale value of any sports car, according to the experts over at *Kelley Blue Book*.

*KBB* recently published the results of its 2021 Best Resale Value Awards, which



recognize vehicles that are projected to retain the highest percentage of their original value through the initial five-year ownership period. The publication's team of automotive analysts use a statistical model based on millions of different vehicle transactions to help accurately predict which vehicles will earn the highest five-year residual values, awarding the best performing vehicle in each segment with a Best Resale Value Award.

The 2021 **Corvette** is projected to have the strongest residual value of any other vehicle in the Sports Car category, with *KBB* predicting the mid-engine **Chevy** will retain 49.5 percent of its value after 60 months (five years) of ownership. *KBB* says the vehicle's impressive performance and sub-\$60,000 base price both contribute to its high projected resale value.

Here's what else *KBB* had to say about the Corvette's residual value:

"What's behind this success? Well, the C8 Corvette is a great-looking car with a fantastic lineage dating back to 1953. What's more, with a Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) still less than \$60,000, the 2021 Chevrolet Corvette represents one of the best values in today's market. With its 490-horsepower pushrod V8 engine, it offers true supercar performance at a price that's less than half of what you might pay for a Porsche 911."

Prices for the 2021 Corvette start at \$60,995 for the 1LT trim level, after receiving a **\$1,000 MSRP increase earlier this week**.

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## Memory Questions.....

**Q-What type of car had the distinction of being GM's 100 millionth car built in the U.S.?**

**Q-Where was the first drive-in movie theatre opened, and when?** (Answers Later in this Desert Vettes)

## Collecting for Ronald MacDonald 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!



## Barrett Jackson's Record Sales...

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – March 29, 2021 – **Barrett-Jackson**, The World's Greatest Collector Car Auctions, showed that the collector car market is thriving during its weeklong Scottsdale Auction at WestWorld of Scottsdale, March 20-27, 2021. Among the most notable sales during the week was the 1966 Shelby Cobra 427 Super Snake (**Lot #1396**) that sold for \$5.5 million and a 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 (**Lot #1394**) that sold for \$2.475 million.



In total, 1,054 vehicles sold for over \$95 million, while over 1,000 pieces of automobilia brought in over \$4.4 million, and \$5.8 million was raised through the sale of charity vehicles, bringing the total auction sales to more than \$105 million with a 100-percent sell-through rate and over 95 world-record auction sales achieved. In addition to its quality collector car docket, Barrett-Jackson brought back the prestigious **Barrett-Jackson Cup** to recognize the talent and craftsmanship of custom car and truck builders. On Saturday, Barrett-Jackson Chairman and CEO Craig Jackson and President Steve Davis announced the “Ultimate Best in Show” was a 1970 Dodge Challenger known as “Havoc.”

The top 10 vehicles sold during the 2021 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction included:

- 1 1966 Shelby Cobra 427 Super Snake (**Lot #1396**) – \$5,500,000
- 2 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 (**Lot #1394**) – \$2,475,000
- 3 2018 Ford GT '67 Heritage Edition (**Lot #1408**) – \$1,210,000
- 4 2017 Ford GT (**Lot #1377**) – \$990,000
- 5 1965 Shelby GT350 (**Lot #1395**) – \$962,500
- 6 1959 Chevrolet Corvette Custom Convertible (**Lot #1358**) – \$825,000
- 7 2020 Ferrari 488 Pista (**Lot #1374.2**) – \$467,500
- 8 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Custom Split-Window Coupe (**Lot #1414**) – \$451,000
- 9 1967 Chevrolet Corvette Custom Convertible (**Lot #1367**) – \$440,000
- 10 2005 Ford GT (**Lot #1415**) – \$440,000

## Top 10 Chevy's Sold at Barrett Jackson's...

1. '59 Corvette Custom \$825,000
2. '63 Split Window Custom Corvette \$451,000
3. '67 Stingray Custom Convertible \$440,000
4. 20 C8 Corvette (Benefit Car) \$400,000
5. 70 Chevelle (Record Price) \$396,000
6. '67 Corvette 427/435 \$396,000
7. '63 Split Window Custom \$385,000
8. '67 Corvette Convertible \$330,000
9. '70 Chevelle LS6 \$330,000
10. '70 Chevelle Convertible \$326,700



## Barrett Jackson Las Vegas June 17-19 2021....



## '65 Shelby Cobra...For Sale...

Ex-Carroll Shelby 1965 Cobra Daytona Coupe CSX 2469 is available for acquisition in The Salon at the Worldwide Auctioneers headquarters in Auburn, Indiana.



- Previously owned and driven by Carroll Shelby
- Current owner purchased this car directly from Carroll Shelby
- Well-documented including a title in Shelby's name
- Vintage race history includes wins at Laguna Seca and Goodwood
- Driven by Phil Hill, Derek Hill, Derek Bell, John Morton and Brian Reedmen
- McCluskey Daytona Coupe body commissioned by Carroll Shelby under his ownership
- An impressive piece of racing history and Listed in the Shelby Registry!

## Memory Answers...

**A-March 16, 1966 saw an Olds Tornado rollout of Lansing, Michigan with that honor.**



**A-First Drive-in was Camden, NJ in 1933**



# PSCC 2021 Autocross...put it in your calendars!!!

The Palm Springs Corvette Club Presents the  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual**  
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Dates: **November 13 & 14, 2021**

Place: **Riverside County Fairgrounds**

Located at Hwy 111 and Arabia in Indio  
(Enter on Dr. Carreon at back entrance of fairgrounds)

Time: **9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Prices: **\$20 entry fee** per day, per car  
Entry fee includes one free run on autocross course.

**\$8 per run or 3 runs for \$20**  
For additional runs in autocross.

**SUPER VALUE PACK!\***

A total of 18 Runs! A \$144 Value for only **\$100!**

\*Includes use of special VIP staging lanes!

Parking: **\$5** for cars not in the event

No entry fee for active Military but must pay for autocross runs.

- Valid drivers license and proof of insurance required.
- Helmets are required for all participants.  
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PSCC has annually for 22 years utilizes the Autocross to support the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City. The March event last year was cancelled and again this March due to COVID. We are presently booked for November 12th, 13th and 14th assuming COVID is eradicated. I am planning for the event to GO! Therefore, we will need as many members as possible to make this a success so please put these dates in your calendar so we can continue our great support! Thanks Mike Smith.

## Down the Road....

Apr 10 NASCAR Martinsville  
Apr 13 Club Meeting at Jessup's  
Apr 18 NASCAR Richmond  
Apr 25 NASCAR Talladega  
May 2 NASCAR Kansas  
May 11 Club Meeting at Jessup's  
May 16 Corvette Racing Mid-Ohio  
May 14-16 Corvette Racing Mid-Ohio  
May 16 NASCAR Dover  
May 23 NASCAR COTA  
May 30 NASCAR Charlotte  
June 4-5 Corvette Racing Belle Isle

Before an oil change, drain out all the old oil by giving the car a good firm squeeze.



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

## California Introduces Bill to Exempt Pre-1983 Vehicles from Emissions Inspections

Encourage support from lawmakers on this pro-hobby proposal:

SAN-supported legislation (A.B. 220) has been introduced in California to exempt motor vehicles prior to the 1983 model year from emissions inspection requirement. Current law requires the annual testing of all 1976 and newer model-year vehicles. The bill currently awaits consideration by the Assembly Transportation Committee.