



# Desert Vettes

***Palm Springs Corvette Club***

**February 2020**

## **Corvette Dominant Daytona 1-2...**



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## President's Message....

I hope you all are well and finding a way to get the Covid vaccine.

With January behind us we managed to have a meeting, Stud lunch, and a cruise to Joshua Tree with about 16 cars. Even though the Diva lunch was cancelled in January, the Divas managed to put together a lunch early February.



Corvette racing CR8 team started the IMSA season off with a 1,2 finish in Daytona 24 hours. With more IMSA racing scheduled this year I encourage each of you to go to a race. September 9th is the IMSA race at Laguna Seca in Monterey, CA. If interested let me know as I am thinking of putting together a trip to the race. Advance planning is necessary as this event is very popular.

As always all PSCC events are conducted with safety and compliance regarding Covid. Monthly meetings are outdoors which can be cold but chairs are set up with social distancing measures.

And, don't forget about Cars n Coffee each Saturday in the lot adjacent to Aspen Mills Bakery, it keeps growing and we do comply with Covid requirements..

Finally, if you have a cruise ideas please contact Stan Moreno.

Wind em up!, Floyd





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### **Corvette Facts...Did You Know....**

The 1963 Grand Sports originally released without the fender flares, using the stock look???? However, they were widen to allow a wider tire 8.25x15 rather than the stock 6.70x15 tire.

While the 427 was developed first. the 396 went into the Corvette, Chevrolet and Chevelle in 1965 due to a GM policy restricting them to less than 400 cubic inches.

The 1965 396ci 425hp engine was option lasted only one year.

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



**Boys & Girls Club  
of Cathedral City**

**ALS  
ASSOCIATION**

**Golden West  
Chapter**

## PSCC Club Donates to ALS Golden West Chapter



Hello PSCC Members

We were so excited to learn that the club had collected donations in support of the Chapter even though events were unable to be held.

Thanks so much, all the best.  
Fred

**Fred Fisher, MSW, LCSW**  
President & CEO  
The ALS Association Golden West Chapter





## **Cars & Coffee and Box Canyon/Joshua Tree Cruise....**



**21 Corvettes attended last Saturday's Cars & Coffee at Aspen Mills. It keeps growing every week!**

**Great cruise and lunch with lots of Corvetters joining in and following Covid rules, Thanks.**



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

*The Palm Springs Corvette Club Presents the*

# **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual** *Fall Fling* **AUTOCROSS**

**Benefitting the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City**



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
CATHEDRAL CITY**

**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.  
(Limited number of loaner helmets available)
- Vehicle is limited to one driver with one passenger only.

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## Corvette Scores Dominant 1-2 Sweep at Daytona...

Corvette Scores Dominant 1-2 Sweep at Daytona...One year removed from a frustrating debut for the Chevrolet Corvette C8.R, Corvette Racing scored its first endurance race win with the eighth-generation Corvette at the Rolex 24 at Daytona in a dominant 1-2 class finish.



Jordan Taylor made the decisive move around the outside of his teammate Tommy Milner in Turn 1 in the final hour and fended off the sister car to the finish en route to a narrow 3.519-second win.

Taylor and co-drivers Nicky Catsburg and Antonio Garcia overcame a stall in pit lane and a drive-through penalty in the final hours in the No. 3 Corvette, while the sister No. 4 entry overcame an intermittent gear selection issue that troubled them for much of the race. Garcia, meanwhile, was pulled from the eventual class-winning entry [after testing positive for COVID-19 mid-race](#).

The Corvettes emerged as the class favorites in the opening hour and led at every hourly interval throughout the twice-around-the-clock enduro.

Both the Nos. 3 and 4 took turns at the front throughout the race, which started inauspiciously for the class when the No. 25 BMW of Bruno Spengler hit Kevin Estre in the No. 79 WeatherTech Racing Porsche 911 RSR-19 coming to the green flag.

Spengler was assessed a drive-through penalty for incident responsibility for the encounter.





## Motor Authority Names Corvette 'Best Car to Buy'!

While electric cars seem to be the up and coming automobile, for Motor Authority, it was the traditional performance that won this year's 'Best to Buy' award – being both fun to drive and an outstanding value.

According to writer Kirk Bell, “Most importantly, it's the kind of car we want to own and drive. And the way it drives is what earned the Corvette the Best Car to Buy 2021 award.” Motor Authority Names Corvette 'Best Car to Buy'!



## World's Fastest Corvette...

Referred to as the 'World's Fastest Corvette,' this highly modified 1984 has competed and held records in several Bonneville salt flat speed trial classes, reaching over 270 miles per hour. Juris Mindenbergs of Redmond, Wash. Acquired the car stock in 1986, modifying it for Bonneville racing with the assistance of Mike Dorgan, Don Schellberg, Art Morrisson and Larry Kalsch with his expertise and dyno facility.



Later, owner Bobby Moore of Tulsa, Okla. Achieved many Bonneville class records, including eclipsing Mindenbergs' 1988 AA-GT class mark in 2004, which are highlight on the vehicle's rear window.

Mindenbergs reacquired the vehicle in 2016, donating it to a Museum in the Pacific Northwest in 2019.

## A Special Milestone(or Milerock)....



**A bunch of PSCC stud's and ventured over to Paul's to celebrate his birthday....Mikey FaceTimed to the party.**

**Lots of fun!!!!**



**A little too much wind!!!!**





## C7 Z06 Enhanced Warranty for Overheating...

The C7 Chevrolet Corvette Z06's overheating problems way back in 2016. Chevy said it had a solution for owners with a new hood design that featured larger vents and a new supercharger cover. Even then, Tadge Juechter said there was a relatively small bunch of owners who were complaining about high temperatures.



Turns out, this book is still open at Chevy. Just recently, **GM Authority** reported that **GM** is issuing **extended warranty** coverage on 2015-2018 **Z06s** due to the overheating issue. The documents say that the Z06 “may have a condition where the vehicle may overheat and enter a reduced power mode when driven on a track at sustained high speeds in high ambient temperatures.” We’ve contacted Chevy to confirm and search out more details, and will update when we hear back.

The **warranty** is meant to cover these overheating conditions and is good for seven years or 72,000 miles from when the car was originally put in service, regardless of ownership. If owners can provide proof that their vehicle is affected by way of a diagnostic code, photos or video, **Chevrolet** has a few gifts in store. Dealers will be able to install an updated radiator package (all Z06s) and an updated shift point calibration (automatic vehicles only) under warranty. Both those items are meant to keep your Z06 from overheating, but won’t be provided unless your car is affected, according to the report.

If you like to use all 650 horsepower and 650 pound-feet of torque from the 6.2-liter supercharged V8 on the racetrack, we’d recommend taking Chevy up on their offer of enhanced cooling abilities.



## C8 One Weeks Deliveries???

America's #1 Corvette Dealer receives his "one week" of C8's!!!! That is what made a recent photo posted by **Kerbeck Corvette** all the more shocking.



Dozens of factory fresh C8 Corvettes just sitting on the showroom floor eager to unleash their performance on the world. Don't get your hopes up too much, all of them are already sold. However, more are arriving all the time to **America's #1 Corvette dealer**.

We recently spent some time talking to Dave Salvatore, the Corvette Manager at Kerbeck. He has been in the Corvette department since 1995, so he has been around since the tail end of the C4 generation. Salvatore spoke to us about the C8 experience from a dealership perspective, and how it compares to previous hot cars. We learned what the ordering process is like and a little bit about the customers themselves. Just who is buying all these new Corvettes? Probably the most shocking thing we learned is that the Corvettes in the cover photo represent only about HALF of the cars they currently have. They have two equal size showrooms, and this picture only shows one of them. They are nose to tail in new Corvettes.

Salvatore explained that he has never seen demand anything like this before. The C7 was hot for the first six or seven months but after that, they had showroom cars that were available for purchase. The first C8 rolled out of the factory nearly a year ago and there are still no showroom C8 cars available. Salvatore cannot even guess as to when they may have any showroom cars that folks can buy on the spot. The way things look now, it probably won't be this year.



## C8 Outsells All Rivals Combined in Q4 2020...

The triple-digit jump in U.S. Chevy Corvette sales during Q4 2020 enabled the perennial sports car to remain the best-selling model in its class. In fact, the Corvette outsold all other rivals combined, with room to spare, including the Porsche 911, Porsche 718 (née Cayman/Boxster), Mercedes-AMG GT, Mercedes-Benz SLC-Class, Mercedes-Benz SL-Class, Audi R8 (see running [Audi R8 sales](#)), Nissan GT-R, Ford GT (see running [Ford GT sales](#)), BMW i8, and Acura NSX.



The performance represents an improvement over the already-impressive [Q3 2020 figures](#), during which time the Corvette accounted for 55 percent segment share. However, as we typically note, most contenders in this segment cost significantly more than the Corvette and naturally see lower sales volumes as a result.

The second-place Porsche 911 – the [most cross-shopped rival with the C8](#) – sold only about a third as much as the Corvette, netting a decrease of five percent on a year-over-year basis and accounting for 16 percent segment share. The Porsche 718 line, comprised of the 718 Cayman and 718 Boxster, followed in third place with a 10 percent segment share. The Porsches were followed by a trio of Mercedes models with 6, 3, and 3 percent share each. All other models, including the Audi R8, Nissan GT-R, Ford GT, BMW i8, and Acura NSX, saw a segment share of 1 percent each or less.

The premium sports car segment expanded an average of nearly 58 percent to 15,101 units in Q4 2020, meaning that Corvette sales outpaced the segment more than two-fold.

With interest in the new [mid-engine Corvette](#) at an all-time high and [most C8 Corvette buyers being new](#) to the Chevy brand, we expect Chevy Corvette sales to continue increasing in a steady fashion, so long as production continues uninterrupted at the [Bowling Green plant](#) that assembles the vehicle, and at the [GM Tonawanda Engine plant](#), which assembles the [6.2L V8 LT2 engine](#) used in the C8 Stingray. It's worth noting that C8 production is [holding steady at 186 cars per day](#).



## Do You Regret Not Buying the C8 Z51 Package?

When the C8 Corvette was originally revealed, one of the biggest headlines was **its incredible base price of just under \$60k**. Of course, not many C8s are being sold with zero options, and prices **can easily encroach on the six-figure mark** with a few options tacked on. But one option most C8 buyers seem to be going for is the Z51 package, which offers up more power and a host of desirable performance goodies for an extra \$5,000 (or \$5,995 for 2021).



Many also point out that Mag Ride wasn't a standalone option in the 2020 model year, but now that it is, it makes the Z51 package even easier to skip. Plus, it seems that the summer tires included with the package are a bit of a turnoff for some as well.

Perhaps it should come as a huge surprise, but it seems like exactly no one that has chimed in so far regrets their decision to forego the Z51 option. Corvette Forum

## Corvette Trivia Offered Through Alexa...

Part of the National Corvette Museum's mission is to educate the public on Corvette, and that mission is now offered in the form of a game with the help of Amazon's Alexa. Anyone with an Alexa-enabled device can participate in the new Corvette trivia game simply by saying "Alexa, Play Corvette Trivia."



Alexa will ask you a series of Corvette history questions and the game keeps up with your points as you play. After each question are additional facts and details, allowing you to dive deeper into the various stories behind Corvette through each question. Players get three wrong answers before they are out... but don't worry, you can play as many times as you like.



## Dr George Shine and Show Cancelled for 2021!!!!

After several attempts to reschedule the 2021 Dr. George Charity Car Show, the Board of the Palm Springs Cruisin' Association has decided to cancel the 2021 Show and focus its attention on making the 2022 Show the best ever. As should be no surprising to anyone, the uncertainties caused by the pandemic have prevented any firm planning for the rest of 2021. Though we are very disappointed to have to make this decision, we are committed to helping the Desert Cancer Foundation, the benefactor of our show, anyway we can.

For those who have already registered, your decision to donate or get a refund will be honored and processed by Eventbrite in the next few weeks. We encourage donations to DCF where at all possible. Their work supporting cancer victims has not diminished. Last year the Show provided a contribution of \$120,000 which secured about \$1,200,000 in cancer treatments for victims who would otherwise not been able to afford those procedures.

We are now focusing on the Shelby Mustang Sweepstakes to provide additional funding for DCF. If you have not purchased your ticket to potentially win Allen Grant's personal GT 350R, please do so. This is a unique vehicle that is no longer in production and is sure to become a collector's item. (Or you can take the cash prize of up to \$50,000) Information is available on our website. [Click here to purchase your tickets.](#)

Thank you for your support of the Dr. George Charity Car Show. We will look forward to seeing you at the February 12, 2022 Show.



**Happy  
President's  
Day**

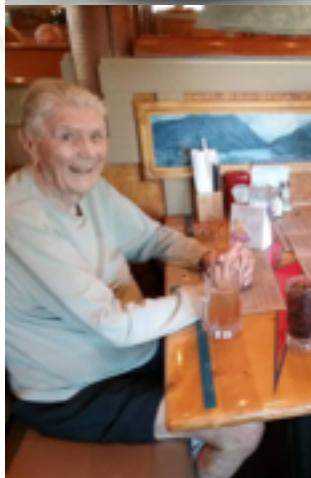
## 90 Year Old Celebrates New C8...

Congratulations to Chuck Cook, who will turn 90 years young on March first this year. Mr Cook just took delivery of his beautiful 2021 C8 Corvette. Thank you and enjoy!!! Cecil Clark Chevrolet Florida had a little party for him!

Of course, the PSCC has it's own 98 years young Corvetter in John Bierie.

So, John, you are going to have get a new C8 to out do this guy.

Congrats to both 90'ers!!!!!!



## Memory Questions.....

**Q-What car first referred to itself as a convertible?**

**Q-What car was the first to have it's radio antenna embedded in the windshield?**

**(Answers Later in this Desert Vettes)**



## GM, Unifor Build New Electric Vans in Canada...

GM, Unifor to build electric vans in Canada...Unifor Union ratified a vote to accept General Motors proposal to transform its Ingersoll, Ont., plant into a facility focused on building electric delivery vans. GM Canada says it will invest \$1 billion to transform its CAMI plant in Ingersoll, Ont., to make commercial electric vehicles.



## Barrett Jackson's Reschedules- March 2021



March 15-22, 2021

### Memory Answers...

A - What car first referred to itself as a convertible?



**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day**  
♥♥♥

A-What car was the first to have it's radio antenna embedded in the windshield?





## Down the Road....

Feb 6 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills Bakery

Feb 9 Club Meeting at Jessup's

Feb 9 Clash at Daytona

Feb 11 Nascar Duel 1 & 2 at Daytona

Feb 13 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills Bakery

Feb 14 NASCAR Daytona 500

Feb 20 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills Bakery

Feb 21 NASCAR Daytona Road Course

Feb 28 NASCAR Dixie Vodka 400

Mar 7 NASCAR Jiffy Lube Las Vegas

Mar 9 Club Meeting at Jessup's

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



GEEZ, YOU MISS ONE PAYMENT...

