



Desert Vettes

Palm Springs Corvette Club

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President's Message....



Happy New Year, now that 2020 is over we can look forward to 2021. We are planning on activities as in past years with a focus on making sure we are using good judgement in our activities.



We are going to put a concerted effort on new members as we have lost 43, in 2020 we had 165 members and now for 2021 our count is 122. This represents a 26% loss of members. The board is looking to create more exposure for the club with new flyers for prospective members and inclusion for non-members for runs we may take.

We will continue to conduct monthly meetings while observing social distancing at the outdoor venue at Jessup Motors. Bring prospective members and visitors, when possible. As the Covid shot is distributed we are hoping for more normal conditions the later part of the year.

If you have ideas for runs please contact Stan Moreno or me and we will explore putting the run together. For the immediate future runs will likely be non- club runs.

I would like to thank Bruce Kirshner, Karen Latragna, and the returning board members for their services this very challenging past year.

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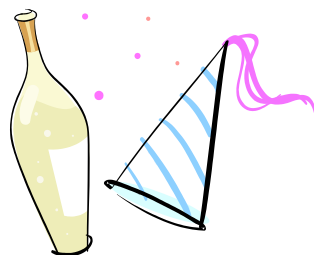
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Corvette Facts...Did You Know....

The famous “split” rear window for the new corvette almost never came to be. It seems that Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov argued over the design. Bill Mitchell won out for the 1963 Model but it was removed for 1964 never to be seen again!

The 1963 Grand Sport, while originally looking much like the production coupes had no common body parts. The fibreglass body panels were roughly half the thickness of the production panels to save weight.

Palm Springs Corvette Club Charities We Support ...



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Passing the Gavel....

Passing the “Gravol” I mean “Gavel” from 2020 President Bruce to incoming 2021 President Floyd.



Also, 2020 President Bruce handed to Tom the 2020 Outstanding Service Awards for Tom and Hazel...Congrats!!!!



A small group of PSCC'ers followed our fearless leader, Randy for lunch at Paradise Cafe to bid a fond farewell to the Duncan's. Diane wasn't feeling well, so she wasn't able to attend. A great time was had by all!!!!



Aspen Mills Bakery Cars & Coffee....



Aspen Mills Bakery Cars & Coffeehad approx 45-50 cars so it is growing each week!!!!

Thanks to the PSCC Members who attended, great to see!!!

See you next week!!!!!!



Memory Questions.....

Q-What was the first car to be offered with a “perpetual guarantee”?

Q-What American luxury Automaker began by making cages and ice boxes? (Answers Later in this Desert Vettes)

Aspen Mills Bakery Cars/Coffee & Board Meeting...



Here are a few pictures of our first PSCC board meeting of 2021. We had about 22 Corvettes at the C&C this month, 19 or 20 were members. I didn't send a reminder out for the past 2 weeks and we have had real good participation so I think the event has caught on for the club. It is a nice way to see everyone in light of the Pandemic without exposing ourselves to Covid.



Aspen Mills Bakery Cars/Coffee January 9, 2021...

These pictures (on next page) will give you an idea of how the show has grown in 7 weeks. We had between 100 and 125 cars this morning. A lot more people and a larger variety of cars.

Randy and Diane were in town from AZ. They bought a house in Prescott Valley but it is going to take until late September to build.

They put a down payment on the house and went back soon after and the price had increased \$18,000 dollars. The market there has gone nuts....Paul

Aspen Mills Bakery Cars/Coffee January 9, 2021...



Amara and Alan pickup their C8....

Alan sold his C-7 this past week after waiting “patiently” for almost a year for his C-8, signing up with Jessup when the first list was put together. Alan’s serial number show a mid-production number for the just over 20,000 2020 C-8’s produced.....

With this year almost behind us we can just “go figure” why a car produced months ago took so long to get to California.

And it is BLUE!!!!



Amara and Alan pickup their C8....



New PSCC Member's Take Delivery of their C8....

Dick McManus and Maynae Jones, new PSCC Members, take delivery of their new C8.

Congrats of their new Corvette and joining the Palm Springs Corvette Club.





Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, we have to reschedule the February 13th Car Show

**The Steering Committee is working hard to
secure an alternate date in the spring. We
are communicating with the Indian Wells
Tennis Garden to finalize a date and will
announce it as soon as it is confirmed.**

Stay Tuned.



**Some of the Arizona
gang together again!
It was so fun
catching up with
George and Debbie
Hartnett. We were in a
car show with the
East Valley Corvettes.
(Arizona)**

Your Garage Door is Boringggggg!!!!



Or!!!! PSCC's Tom Pinard's Garage Door...



Pratt & Miller Corvette Racing Sells Out ...

Pratt & Miller, the Michigan-based engineering firm that runs the [Corvette Racing](#) program, has been sold to Oshkosh Corporation for \$115 million.

O s h k o s h Corporation, which operates out of O s h k o s h ,

Wisconsin, is a manufacturer of industrial vehicles and equipment. The acquisition will give Oshkosh access to Pratt & Miller's engineering expertise in areas such as software, artificial intelligence, robotics and autonomous and electric vehicle systems, among more, although Pratt & Miller will continue to operate independently of Oshkosh and the other brands in its portfolio.



The acquisition includes all elements of Pratt & Miller's business, including its motorsports division. The company's racing operations, which include the factory-backed [Corvette Racing](#) program and [Camaro GT4.R](#) customer race car, will be unaffected by the sale. Pratt & Miller also lends [Chevy](#) some engineering talent for its NASCAR Cup Series and IndyCar Series efforts, including for advanced vehicle and aerodynamic testing and simulation solutions.

Pratt & Miller was founded by Gary Pratt and Jim Miller in 1989 and has been in charge of the [Corvette Racing](#) program since 1999. The engineering company also helped develop other GM race cars and programs, including the [Pontiac GTO.R](#) for the Grand American Rolex Series and the GT3-spec [Cadillac ATS-V.R](#).

While Pratt & Miller is well-known for its motorsports endeavors, it is also heavily involved in the development of tactical and combat vehicles as well as next-generation military prototypes. Similarly, Oshkosh is involved in the development and production of various military vehicles and mobility systems through its Oshkosh Defense brand.

2014 Corvette C7.R Listed For Sale Online...

The 2014 [Corvette](#) C7.R that Chevy raced to victory at the 2015 24 Hours of Daytona and 12 Hours of Sebring has been listed for sale online for an eye-popping sum of \$950,000 USD.



This Corvette C7.R is the third chassis that was manufactured by Pratt & Miller after it introduced the C7.R for the 2014 racing season. Any complete Corvette C7.R would be worth big bucks, but No. 3 is the winningest Corvette C7.R chassis in existence, so it is particularly valuable. Its winning record began when Corvette Racing took back-to-back victories in it at Long Beach and Laguna Seca in 2014 before the team went on to win both the 6 Hours of the Glen and Mosport with the car later that year, as well. In 2015 this was the chassis that Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen and Ryan Briscoe [raced to victory at the 2015 24 Hours of Daytona](#) and [2015 12 Hours of Sebring](#) – two of the biggest endurance races in all of motorsport. The trio also took a podium at Mosport with the car that year.

Pratt & Miller is now looking to offload this car from its collection. The race team recently delivered the car from its Michigan headquarters to high-end car seller Fantasy Junction for consignment, which currently has it listed for just under \$1 million. Many race cars that are sold to privateers are slightly altered or have been restored, but this car remains almost exactly as it was when it was being professionally raced in IMSA and the FIA WEC. Pratt & Miller recently installed a fresh engine in the car, however, which was dyno tested at a healthy 574 horsepower. As a reminder, the Corvette C7.R is powered by a race-bred Small Block 5.5L V8 engine, which is paired with a six-speed sequential transaxle.

Have \$950,000 handy and the driving skills necessary to handle a high-downforce, Daytona 24 Hour-winning race car? If you answered yes to that question, consider dropping Fantasy Junction a line before someone else scoops up this rolling piece of Chevy motorsport history. We get the feeling it won't be available for very long.



Tom Peters Joins NCM Team ...

A familiar face from General Motors is re-emerging from retirement to join the team at the National Corvette Museum. Tom Peters, former Director of Design for the GM Performance Car Studio and 2019 Corvette Hall of Fame inductee, has

joined the Museum's curatorial team effective January 2021 as Consulting Curator of Exhibits. Tom is no stranger when it comes to assisting with Museum exhibits, having co-curated 'Car-toon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth', a special exhibit that officially opened in January, 2020 and continues through April, 2021.

Fox News...C8 Exceeds them All...

Fox News Autos Editor Gary Gastelu says the 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray was the best car he drove in 2020. The first mid-engine Corvette exceeding all expectations and putting the exotic car world on notice.



Production and sales were both immensely hammered by measures aimed at preventing the spread of Covid and it looks like its going to a while before things are back to anything close to normal.

The Tesla Model Y and the Ford Mustang Mach-E sparked plenty of interest in electric cars while GM's full-size SUV's, the Land Rover Defender and Ford F-150 PROVED THAT "OLD DOG" could learn new tricks.

But even through all of those models more than met ex[pectations, the "one car" that impressed Gary more than any of them was the Chevrolet Corvette Stingray, because it exceeded them all!!!!!!

GM Brands Rank High in JD Power 2020 Survey ...

GMC and **Buick** have been recognized in the latest J.D. Power 2020 U.S. Sales Satisfaction Index Study. The two GM brands placed second and third respectively in the Mass Market segment.



The J.D. Power U.S. Sales Satisfaction Index looks at satisfaction among new-vehicle buyers and “rejectors” (or rather, a potential buyer who decides to purchase somewhere else) with regard to dealership sales experience. The study calculates buyer satisfaction using six individual factors, which, listed in order of importance, include “delivery process (28 percent); dealer personnel (21 percent); working out the deal (19 percent); paperwork completion (19 percent); dealership facility (10 percent); and dealership website (4 percent).” Meanwhile, “rejector” satisfaction is based on five factors, including “salesperson (28 percent); price (27 percent); negotiation (18 percent); dealership facility (14 percent); and variety of inventory (13 percent).”

Now in its 35th year, the latest 2020 study was based on responses from 35,816 buyers who purchased or leased their new vehicle between January and June of 2020. The study was fielded between July and October of 2020. The responses were then used to calculate a single score for each of the brands studied, with a total of 1,000 points possible.

In the Mass Market segment, two GM brands, GMC and Buick, performed well, clinching second and third place, respectively. GMC scored 804 points, while Buick scored 803 points. Mini was the highest-ranked Mass Market brand with 824 points, while Ford was fourth with 798 points. **Chevrolet** ranked eighth with 787 points, slightly above the segment average set at 784 points.



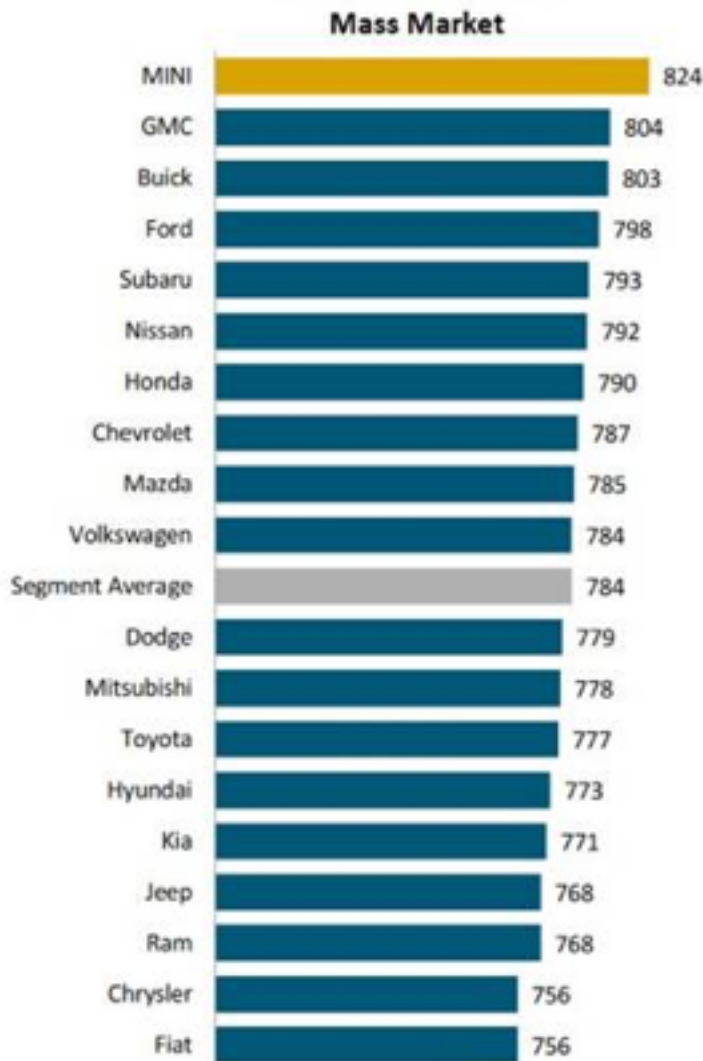
GM Brands Rank High in JD Power 2020 Survey ...

Another of the U.S. GM brands, [Cadillac](#), was ranked fourth in the Luxury segment with 825 points. Infiniti and Porsche also scored 825 points in the segment, while Mercedes-Benz, Lexus, and Lincoln were ranked third, second, and first, respectively, with 826 points for Mercedes-Benz and Lexus, and 827 points for Lincoln.

Among the 2020 study key findings was improved satisfaction among buyers participating in pandemic-related buying activities, such as completing paperwork online, as well as enhanced take rates among buyers who reviewed products online.

J.D. Power 2020 U.S. Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) StudySM

Overall Customer Satisfaction Index Ranking
(Based on a 1,000-point scale)



New C8 Arrives with Unusual Mistake...

Given all of the Chevy Corvette C8's production setbacks, there are bound to be some mixups.

However, one unlucky owner was shocked to see his



brand-new Corvette have a painfully obvious mistake. According to a thread on Corvette Forums, the owner recounts specifically optioning his sports car with a specific color combination. Instead, he received a very strange-looking C8.

If this Chevy Corvette C8 production defect hasn't jumped out at you, pay close attention to the boomerang-style trim piece that connects the door and the rear quarter panel. The top half of the trim features the Carbon Flash Metallic option. The second half of the boomerang is finished in Torch Red, color-matched to the rest of the body. While a mixup like this could easily be remedied on most other models, the C8 Corvette is a different story.

If messing up one Chevy Corvette C8 door wasn't enough, this particular C8 had both of its doors mixed up. How both doors can be improperly assembled and sneak past quality control is a real mystery. According to the owner, the dealership is currently working with GM to fix the issue before the vehicle goes through its pre-delivery inspection. However, finding spare parts could be tough.

Thankfully for the owners of these brand-new cars, the issue is easily fixable once the proper parts arrive. Additionally, the first owner we covered reported the dealership actively working to solve the issue. Hopefully, it won't be long until the trim on his C8 finally matches.

Barrett Jackson's Live Auction March 15-22!!!



SOLD! SOLD! SOLD!

Our results speak for themselves.

The special physically distanced Fall Auction in October at WestWorld of Scottsdale produced a 100% sell-through rate, with over 400 cars crossing the block with No Reserve in just three days and more than two dozen world-record auction sales set. Over 1,000 qualified bidders helped drive this incredible snapshot of the current demand for collector vehicles, setting the stage for even greater results at our flagship Scottsdale Auction, **March 15-22, 2021**

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- Over 400 cars brought a combined total of nearly \$25 million at the special Fall Auction in October 2020.

Barrett-Jackson Reschedules Scottsdale Auction

March 15-22, 2021

Need a laugh!!!

We were doing home renovations and, incredibly, when we knocked down a wall, we found a secret, fully furnished room!! And then I remembered "We live in a duplex..."

Canadian Winter Shoes



Corona Virus - explained in craft terms. You and 9 friends are crafting. 1 is using glitter. How many projects have glitter?

After 10years a wife started to think their child looks kinda strange so she did a DNA test and found out the child is not theirs, she told her husband what she found out, the husband replied, u don't remember do you?? When we were leaving the hospital the baby pooped and u told me go and change him so I went inside got a clean one and left the dirty one there. The wife fainted.... 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔



History of Auto Air Conditioning...

Goldberg Brothers - The Inventors of the automobile Air Conditioner



Here's a little known fact for automotive buffs, or just to dazzle your friends. The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Maxwell, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 degrees inside, turned on the air conditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

Henry got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3 million for the patent.

The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted the recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner,' on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Jewish, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two million Fords.

They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4 million and that just their first names would be shown...

And so to this day, all Ford air conditioners show -- Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max -- on the controls.

Control yourself! You know you needed that!!!!



Down the Road....

Jan 12 Club Meeting at Jessup's
Jan 16 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills Bakery
Jan 23 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills Bakery
Jan 22-24 Corvette Racing Roar Daytona
Jan 30 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills Bakery
Jan 28-31 Corvette Racing 24 Hr Daytona
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

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



Memory Answers.....

A: The 1904 Acme, from Reading, PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.

A-The George N. Pierce Co. Of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.

