



# Desert Vettes

**Palm Springs Corvette Club**

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## **President's Message....**

**Happy New Year to all! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and ready for a fun filled 2023!**

**I would like to welcome the 2023 PSCC Board members: Vice President Bob Raker, Secretary Ron Singer, Treasurer Hazel Sterns, Editor Russ DeLong, Marketing Garry Dean, Governor Tom Pinard, Officers at Large Joyce Sosebee & Liz Brannon & yours truly.**



**As the new club president, one of my personal missions this year is to encourage more participation from our club members. We also need to continue to add new members. This will insure that the club will perpetuate into the future. I am going to help form a car council in the valley with the other local car clubs so we can work closer together on similar interests, such as car shows and parades. My hope is to maximize the strength of our car community and make sure we are working together in planning events.**

**In December, Floyd and I met with Dan Jessup, owner of Jessup Chevrolet. During the meeting we agreed to work closer together in 2023. Dan is a great supporter of the club and he will be more involved with our events this year.**

**We already have a March run planned to Laughlin, Nevada and an August run to Park City, Utah. We will be discussing the details at our upcoming meetings. Other activities include car shows, parades and our monthly lunch and dinner events.**

**2023 should be another outstanding year for our club, and I am looking forward to serving as President!**

**Best regards,**

**Stan Moreno**

**President, Palm Springs Corvette Club**

## 2023 Palm Springs Corvette Club Executive....

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

In 1987 you could buy a Corvette without an engine installed by the factory.

RPO B2K made it's first appearance on the option list in 1987, affording the opportunity for 184 lucky buyers to place orders for a Callaway Twin-Turbo Corvette through participating Chevrolet dealers at \$19,995 each (\$20,007 for the coupe base price).

A total of 16 exterior colors were available for both 1982 and 1987 Corvettes, the highest number of exterior color choices offered in Corvette history.

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



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### 1004 HP COPO Camaro...

Chevrolet is cranking up the Camaro. The bowtie brand has unveiled a new version of its iconic sport coupe with the most-powerful V8 engine it has ever built. The big caveat is that this Camaro cannot be driven on the street.

The 2023 COPO Camaro is a factory drag racer specifically designed for competition and not legal for road use. The updated model will be offered with a range of three engines, including the ZZ632/1000, which is a 632 cubic-inch (10.35-liter) V8 that is rated at 1,004 horsepower when running on pump 93 octane gasoline.

Pricing has not been announced, but reservations are currently being accepted with a \$15,000 deposit and the top COPO Camaro offered in 2022 was listed at \$105,500 with a 727 hp 572 cubic-inch V8.

# Diva & Stud Lunch....a 1st!!!



Palm Springs Corvette Club

**Diva & Stud Lunch....a 1st!!!**



**60+ PSCC Members enjoyed a 1st for the club with Divas and Studs joining for the Diva/Stud Lunches!**



Save the Date for Dr George Charity Car Show...

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**FEB. 11, 2023**

**PALM SPRINGS CRUISIN ASSOCIATION**

**DR. GEORGE CHARITY CAR SHOW  
AT THE INDIAN WELLS TENNIS GARDEN**

INFORMATION UPDATES AVAILABLE AT:  
[www.palmspringscruisinassociation.com](http://www.palmspringscruisinassociation.com)

Register at <https://drgeorge2023.eventbrite.com>

This is a reminder to please sign up for Dr. George's Car Show, Feb. 11th. This is a major fundraiser for Desert Cancer and always a great event. We have come very close to bringing home an award for the club with the most cars and I would like to see us win that this year. We have also had one of our members, Jim Lewis win best in class. Dr. George is put on by the Palm Springs Cruisin Association. They did a good job of supporting our show and we need to help support their efforts. You can sign up at Eventbrite. <http://drgeorge2023eventbrite.com>

Please make sure you put that you are with PSCC and let me know when you sign up. Thanks, Stan

# Save the Date for La Quinta Car Show...



The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce presents the  
**16<sup>th</sup> Annual La Quinta Car Show on February 25, 2023**  
Open to the Public 9 am - 3 pm, Registration begins at 7 am  
La Quinta Community Park, 77-865 Avenida Montezuma, La Quinta



## Car Participant/ Motorcycle Participant *(please print clearly and be sure to fill in each line)*

Vehicle Fee: \$45 prior to Feb. 4th. Motorcycle Fee: \$30.00 prior to Feb. 4th. After Feb. 4th add \$10.00 to entry fee.  
Free t-shirt with registration while supplies last.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one) Shirt Size M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS/RELEASE

I understand that I assume all risk of loss, theft, damage, liability, injury, cost or exposure that I may incur during the event presented by the GCVCC and further agree that I will release and hold harmless, the GCVCC, it's Employees, Board of Directors, the City of La Quinta, the Desert Recreation District, La Quinta Community Park, and Volunteers, for any claims, loss liability, damage, or cause of action, including attorneys' fees, that I may incur, suffer or be required to pay in the course of my participation, exhibit or volunteer at any of the events and activities held. I further assume full responsibility for the safety and insurance coverage for my vehicle/exhibit, which is entered in the Car Show. I also acknowledge that my vehicle maybe used in future advertisements and event promotions. By signing this form, I agree to all Terms and Conditions. This is a rain or shine event. No refunds or exchanges.

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce | 45149 Smurr St., Unit B, Indio CA 92201 | 760.347.0676 | events@gcvcc.org

**The La Quinta Car Show is always a fun day in the La Quinta Park. The Mayor of La Quinta will be there, she has been a big supporter of Cars & Coffee on Saturday Morning helping us with the owner of the Shopping Center. If you sign up to attend, please me know so we can hold a spot for you. Stan**



## 2023 Gambler Classic...

### 2023 Gambler's Classic Run Sign-Up

**IT'S A GO** for the Gambler's Classic All Corvette Car Show in Laughlin, Nevada on Friday and Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023! Twelve Corvettes have already expressed an interest in attending so you can start making your reservations now! **Note:** There is a \$25 discount on event registrations made before December 31st.

Signing up for this event is as simple as 1,2,3!

- 1) Register for the event online at <https://corvettesofbakersfield.org/registration-2023-gamblers-classic/> .

When you register before December 31<sup>st</sup>, the discounted registration fee is \$235 for couples and \$125 for individuals. As you complete the registration form, note that: **We are not** attending any of the Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, activities as a Club. If you are **not** planning to caravan with the Club on Friday, please let me know.

**We are tentatively** planning to participate in Friday's (10am) Fun Run. This would require a very early departure from the Desert, and so it will be up for further discussion.

- 2) The host hotel is Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort and Casino in Laughlin Nevada. The Resort is offering GAMBLER'S CLASSIC PARTICIPANTS a Special Room Rate:  
**To make your reservations, please call the hotel direct from 8am until 4pm daily at 800-227-3849; OPTION 1 – CODE: C/COB23.**

Standard Room: 2 Queen Beds w/ Mountain View

Sunday-Thursday- 59.00/night plus \$17.00 daily resort fee & tax

Friday & Saturday- 99.00/night plus \$17.00 daily resort fee & tax

Upgrades available for King or River View and Executive Room

Sunday-Thursday- 59.00/night \$17.00 daily resort fee & tax (King or River View)

Friday & Saturday- 99.00/night plus \$17.00 daily resort fee & tax (Executive)

*Rooms are blocked for this event, but limited, so please book early. **Rate and block assured until February 1, 2023.***

- 3) Once you have registered for the event and made your hotel reservations, **please email me** so I can add you to our sign-up list and send you additional information and updates as the event approaches. After checking-out on Sunday morning, you may either return home on your own or, **for those interested in continuing on a Southern Nevada run, Bob Raker will be providing more information.**

You can view the tentative Schedule of daily activities and learn more about the Gambler's Classic event sponsors at <https://corvettesofbakersfield.org/events/gamblers/>.

We look forward to seeing you at this fun-filled event!

Ron Singer, Secretary

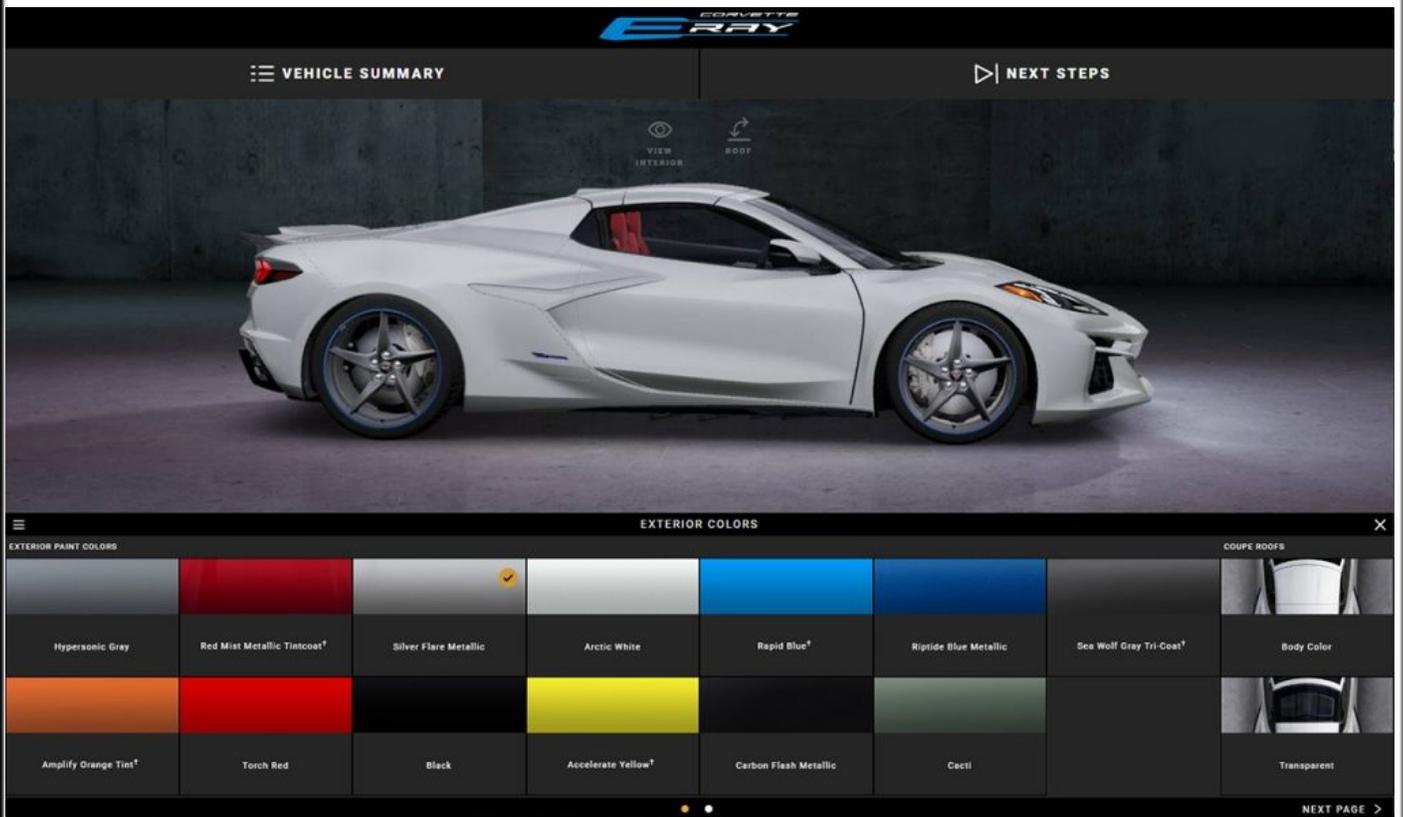
## 2024 Corvette E-Ray Leaked Photos...

There has been much speculation surrounding the 2024 [Corvette E-Ray](#), with enthusiasts and prospective buyers itching to learn more about upcoming [C8](#) variant. Now, *GM Authority* has learned what the future [Corvette](#) Hybrid will look like, as well as new exterior paint jobs and interior colorways.



In photos submitted to our inbox, we see multiple 2024 [C8 E-Ray](#) Vettes conceptualized on a visualizer, which allows us to glean all types of details. Most notably, these Corvettes are rocking body-colored trim pieces and the [Z06](#) widebody, hinting that the E-Ray may be [positioned in a similar fashion to that of the C7 Grand Sport](#). An E-Ray nameplate badge is mounted on the lower rear quarter panel, while outboard exhaust tips are seen out back.

As for rollers, there are four 5-spoke aluminum wheels and three carbon fiber wheel designs to choose from, as well as two wheel caps motifs\



## 2024 Corvette E-Ray Leaked Continued...

In the case of colors options, we see 13 exterior hues and 10 interior colorways. The [2024 Corvette](#) introduces a few new exterior colors and interior colorways to replace older options:



### 2024 Corvette E-Ray Exterior Shades:

- Hypersonic Gray, Amplify Orange Tint, Red Mist Metallic Tintcoat, Torch Red, Silver Flare Metallic, Black, Arctic White, Accelerate Yellow, Rapid Blue, Carbon Flash Metallic, Riptide Blue Metallic (new for 2024), Cacti (new for 2024), Sea Wolf Gray Tri-coat (new for 2024)

### 2024 Corvette E-Ray Interior Colorways:

- Jet Black, Jet Black with Yellow Stitching, Jet Black with Red Stitching, Sky Cool Grey, Adrenaline Red, Adrenaline Red Dipped, Natural, Natural Dipped, Two-tone Blue, Artemis (replaces 70th Anniversary's Ceramic colorway)

It's worth noting that these leaked images confirm an earlier *GM Authority* report that the 2024 Corvette [E-Ray will be available in both Coupe and Convertible configuration](#).

As a quick reminder, the Corvette Hybrid will featured the same [6.2L LT2 V8](#) found in the [C8 Stingray](#), with two supplemental, [independently controlled electric motors](#) up front. The LT2 V8 produces 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque in standard specification, while the electric motors are expected to deliver around 50 horsepower each. This would bring the E-Ray's total output to roughly 600 horsepower, placing it between the entry-level Stingray model, yet below the high-performance Z06 track monster.

## C8 Owner Blows "4" Trannies...

We've seen some blown C8 transmissions out there, but four in one car certainly has to be a record. While the C8 Corvette has thus far proven to be a **mostly reliable vehicle** – with **some exceptions** – there is one particular problem area that we've seen pop up a few times among



*Corvette Forum* owners – its **dual-clutch transmission**. Some members have had to get a replacement after just a few thousand miles, which is obviously not ideal. But *Corvette Forum* member **Red Pill** seems to hold the unofficial record for blowing C8 transmissions after he just grenaded his fourth after passing the 10k mile mark, as he explains in **this thread**.

"I wonder if I hold the record for most blown C8 transmissions," he said. "Well, today while making an emergency run to the store, my 2021 2LT C8 dropped its 4th TRANSMISSION in 10,781 miles. After I raised hell over losing three transmissions, they installed a transaxle from the 2023 MY cars and said they had a fix for the earlier issues and I shouldn't have any problems. It went 4,800 miles or so until today. The car made a loud bang and a shudder at about 30 mph and the A8 won't shift higher than 3rd gear."

Regardless of how he drives a car, this development is still pretty shocking, to say the least. We see transmissions get used and abused all the time, taking that punishment like a champ. But what is it that makes this particular car eat gearboxes more than most? Well, at least one of the owner's fellow members has a solid theory.

One thing's for certain – this is an extremely unusual case. We've seen a handful of blown C8 transmissions out there, but never one car that's exploded three of them thus far. We certainly understand the OP's frustration with this issue, and we're also interested to hear how things ultimately pan out, as well as what you think might be causing this unique issue. So be sure and head over **here** to join this fascinating conversation!

## 2023 C8 Z06 Blows Engine with only 52 Miles...

The [2023 Corvette Z06](#) is Chevy's mid-engine track monster, delivering the performance of exotics many times its price. Much hype has been centered around the high-revving [5.5L LT6 V8](#) gasoline engine that powers the Z06, praised by



some as a marvel of engineering and bemoaned by others as a potentially problem-prone engine. Unfortunately, one owner had the displeasure of suffering an engine failure in a brand new [C8 Z06](#).

The [Corvette](#) Z06 in question experienced an engine failure with just 52 miles on the odometer. The owner explains that he first noticed a rattling noise while he was driving the salesman back to the dealership. While returning home, the [C8](#) Z06 became inoperable.

The gauge cluster shows the car's trip odometer at 52.4 miles, an average speed of 18.7 MPH, and interestingly an average fuel economy of just 8.5 MPG. With such a slow average speed, it's a wonder why fuel economy was so low, though it's possible that this is due to the vehicle idling or potentially revving more than being driven.

While it's unclear exactly what took place and what caused the free-revving LT6 to die at this point in the supercar's lifecycle, [Chevy](#) will be performing a diagnostic breakdown of the engine to find out the cause of the failure.

As a reminder, the Z06's LT6 V8 is a break from the norm for Corvette engines, as it features a dual-overhead-camshaft (DOHC) valve-train, twin throttle bodies, and a flat-plane crank to facilitate high-revving performance. All this enables the naturally-aspirated powerplant to make 670 horsepower at a sky-high 8,400 rpm, along with 460 pound-feet of torque at 6,300 rpm.

Under the skin, the Z06 rides on the GM Y2 platform, the same vehicle platform that underpins all C8 Corvettes. Meanwhile, production takes place at the [GM Bowling Green](#) plant in Kentucky.

## One-of-a-Kind '69 Corvette ZL-1 Convertible....

The only 1969 [Chevrolet Corvette Stingray](#) ZL-1 convertible ever built is set to be auctioned for the first time in January.



The Monaco Orange car is one of just two that were ordered with the high performance ZL-1 option that year, the other being a coupe.

The ZL-1 package was built around a version of the legendary L-88 427 cubic-inch V8 engine that was developed for Can-Am racing.

The monster motor was officially rated at 430 hp, but was actually far more powerful. Tests indicated that its output was closer to the 560-580 hp range.

The ZL-1 also received upgraded brakes and suspension and a positraction rear axle, but sacrificed the radio, air conditioning and heater at the altar of speed. Buyers did not get a discount for the missing equipment, however, as the cost of the option essentially doubled the Corvette's \$4,781 base price, explaining its rarity.

The car was purchased new and underwent a few modifications for [drag racing](#), but sold to its current owner in 2007, who had it restored to its original condition in 2014. The only major component that's not from the factory is the aluminum short block assembly, which had to be replaced under warranty during its first year on the road after the engine blew.

The car is scheduled to cross the auction block at [RM Sotheby's Arizona auction](#) on Jan. 26 and has a pre-sale estimate of \$2.6 million to \$3 million. A sale at the high end would make it the third [most expensive Corvette ever sold](#), behind the \$3.85 million and \$3,424,000 paid for a 1967 L88 convertible and coupe, but it is possible this unique car could end up blowing them both away.



## Toyota Pres Questions All EV...

Toyota's president is "questioning" for the second time whether the push for the auto industry to phase out gas-powered vehicles and go exclusively electric is the right decision.

Akio Toyoda made the comments to reporters in Thailand after the auto manufacturer said around this time last year that it would produce 3.5 million electric vehicles annually by 2030, according to The Wall Street Journal.

"People involved in the auto industry are largely a silent majority," Toyoda said. "That silent majority is wondering whether EVs are really OK to have as a single option. But they think it's the trend so they can't speak out loudly."

Toyoda reportedly has been trying to express that point to governments and industry stakeholders. "Because the right answer is still unclear, we shouldn't limit ourselves to just one option," he added.

Toyota's rivals, including General Motors and Honda Motor Company, have set dates for when their lineups will be all-electric. However, Toyota has invested in a collection of models that includes hydrogen-powered cars and gas/electric hybrids, The Wall Street Journal reports.

General Motors is set to rapidly ramp up its electric car production in North America from about 50,000 this year to one million in 2025, but it is not parking its internal combustion engine cars and trucks just yet.

"The ICE age is not over," GM President Mark Reuss had told FOX Business in an exclusive interview in November ahead of the company's investor day presentation in New York City.



## C7 Corvette Involved in Speed Chase & Crash...

It's pretty remarkable just how well-built modern cars like the C7 **Corvette** really are. Even in a high-speed crash, the occupant has a relatively high chance of making it out alive, thanks to collision technologies like crumple zones. Now, we're checking out the aftermath of this insane high-speed C7 Corvette crash in the following brief video.



Recently arriving on YouTube, the video is a little under 2-and-a-half minutes long, and shows the remains of a C7 Corvette that was absolutely annihilated on the 10 Freeway in the city of Colton, located in Southern California. According to the video description, the incident occurred in the early morning hours of Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with first responders arriving at the scene to find the C7 Corvette in pieces after the driver lost control and collided with several other vehicles. Pieces of the C7 Corvette can be seen strewn across the highway for roughly a quarter mile, including the engine, which was ejected from the front of the vehicle and can be seen sitting on its side in a pool of motor oil several hundred feet down the road.

The video description indicates that witnesses saw the yellow C7 Corvette racing a white Corvette at the time of the collision. The white Corvette, however, did not remain at the scene. It's unclear how many vehicles were involved in the collision.

All in all, it's astounding no one was killed in this horrific accident. Even more amazing is that the driver of the yellow C7 Corvette managed to walk away from the crash, sustaining only minor injuries, a testament to modern vehicle safety.

In the video, pieces of the Corvette are seen on the freeway in chunks – bits of suspension and a wheel, body pieces, plastic paneling, and of course, that naturally aspirated **6.2L V8 LT1** small block.

It goes without saying, but should be repeated anyways – *don't race on the street*. Take it to the track.

## Another Speeding Crash - Ferrari and two vehicles

A [three-car crash in southern California](#) left one person dead and a Ferrari split in half on Friday afternoon. Aerial footage from [Fox 11 Los Angeles](#) showed the scene, with the red sports car in pieces. KTLA reported that the driver of the Ferrari was pronounced dead at the scene. Fox 11 noted that investigators said [speed appeared to be a factor](#) in the accident, which occurred in the Silverado area on Santiago Canyon Road east of the Limestone Canyon Regional Park. The CHP told Fox News that a Mazda SUV, and Toyota were involved in the crash. The drivers of the other two vehicles sustained only minor injuries.



## McLaren Teams with Lockheed Martin for Future...

The British automaker is teaming up with the Lockheed Martin Skunk Works to develop future supercar technology.

The aeronautical firm is responsible for some of the world's most iconic military aircraft, including the F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighter and SR-71 Blackbird spy plane.

It also collaborated on the fictional Darkstar experimental hypersonic jet featured in the blockbuster film "Top Gun: Maverick." McLaren said it will be tapping into Lockheed Martin's software to "assess a futuristic design methodology" for its cars. No specific new car model has been announced, but McLaren is exploring the possibility of developing a fully electric car that could follow the recently launched Artura hybrid, which features a 671 hp V6-based powertrain and can reach a top speed of Mach .267, or 205 mph.



## Bullitt Reboot???

Frank Bullitt is going back on the beat.

Steve McQueen's cop character is being resurrected in a new movie that will be directed by Steven Spielberg and star Bradley Cooper in the titular role.

The original 1968 thriller centers around a mob investigation, but is best-remembered for its iconic car chase when Bullitt chases a black Dodge Charger through the streets of San Francisco in his green Ford Mustang.

The sequence helped the film win an Academy Award for best film editing and made the green Mustang one of the most famous movie cars of all time.

Sports 'cars' are as old-school as McQueen. Performance trucks are where it's at today and the 700 hp F-150 Raptor R would be perfect for jumping up and down San Francisco's hilly streets. The 418 hp Bronco Raptor is not as powerful as the F-150 Raptor R, but it is just as good at catching air and sticking the landing and should be able to handle the city's 90-degree turns pretty well with its widebody stance.

Unfortunately, none of the above are currently available in Highland Green, but Ford has offered three [Bullitt special edition Mustangs](#) over the years, and it is easy enough for it to add the color to the option list before the film comes out.

Of course, Bullitt will need something to chase, and that car is obvious. With Dodge discontinuing its V8-powered Charger and Challenger models next year, the only real option will be the all-electric 2024 Charger Daytona SRT, which conveniently made its debut in a menacing metallic dark gray.



## 2024 Mustang GT is Most Powerful Ever...

When the redesigned 2024 Mustang was revealed at the Detroit Auto Show in September it was billed as the most powerful 5.0-liter V8 Mustang ever, but the exact output was not revealed. It has been now.



The Mach 1 also lost 10 hp this year. A higher performance Mustang Dark Horse model that will sit above the GT will have a 500 hp version of the 5.0 V8. Pricing for the new Mustangs has not been announced, but it will also be offered with an entry-level 2.3-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that will be rated at 315 hp.

## Mystery Dodge Muscle Car Coming...

Production of the current Dodge Challenger is coming to an end in 2023, and the muscle car is being sent out with a bang.

The automaker has already revealed several special edition "Last Call" models, and a final one is in the works. Dodge CEO



Tim Kuniskis said it will be a "history making" car but also that they're having trouble making it.

It was supposed to debut in November but was delayed, apparently because the engine is so powerful it's been blowing up during durability testing.



## Jay Leno Update...

Leno discussed the garage fire that could have caused more damage had his friend Dave Killackey not been there to rescue him.

"The fuel line was clogged, so I was underneath it," Leno told "Today." "It sounded clogged, and I said, 'Blow some air through the line,' and suddenly ... Boom I got a face full of gas and the pilot light jumped, and my face caught on fire."

"I said to my friend, I said, 'Dave I'm on fire.' It felt exactly like my face was on fire," Leno noted to People magazine. "Maybe like the most intense sunburn you've ever had, that'd be fair to say."

Leno explained that he immediately knew he had to close his eyes and hold his breath.

"I'm not a panicky guy, but I knew if I breathed in I could scorch my lungs," he explained. "I was under the car maybe 10 seconds before Dave pulled me out. Any longer than that I could have lost my eye."

Jay was admitted to the Grossman Burn Center at the West Hills Hospital and underwent multiple surgeries, including skin grafting, to treat "significant burns to his face and hands." Leno also had scarring on his chest from the flames.

"Dave, my friend, pulled mJaye out and jumped on top of me and kind of smothered the fire," Leno said.

Shortly after the accident, [Leno said in a statement](#) to Fox News Digital, "I got some serious burns from a gasoline fire. I am OK. Just need a week or two to get back on my feet."

Leno had at least two surgeries while at the burn center, one of them a "surgical excision and grafting procedure." He also required the use of a [hyperbaric chamber](#) to help provide better blood flow and decrease bacteria.

Dr. Peter Grossman was "optimistic that he will make a full recovery" and said in a release provided to Fox News Digital that he was "pleased with Jay's progress."



## Daytona & Superbird Floating...



**How Did This Daytona and Superbird End Up Underwater, and Where Are They Now?**

Nature doesn't mess around. As humans we like to think we're pretty powerful, but compared to nature we're like ants trying to swim in a blender. Hurricane Ian hit Florida hard in 2022, much harder than was initially expected, and like most hurricanes it was hard to judge how hard and where exactly it was going to hit before it was actually happening. In its wake were well over \$60 billion in damage, more than a hundred lost lives, and millions of people struggling to rebuild. But we're here to look at the loss of hot rods. Everywhere we looked online we saw examples of damaged or destroyed vintage and modern muscle cars, but two really caught our attention: a 1969 Dodge Daytona and a 1970 Plymouth Superbird.



## Recalls...

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said Tuesday that Subaru issued a voluntary recall of over 271,000 Ascent SUVs.

Subaru launched the recall in response to certain Ascent SUVs potentially having an

"improperly fastened" ground bolt for their positive temperature coefficient (PTC) heaters, according to the safety recall report.

When heaters with "improperly fastened" bolts are operating, their ground terminals could experience excessive heat, potentially leading to melting and an "increased risk of a fire," the report said.

Two fires have been reported in connection to the issue, according to the NHTSA's release. The carmaker said it is "not aware of any crashes or injuries resulting from this condition."



## RAM RECALLING 1.23 MILLION PICKUPS FOR TAILGATE TROUBLE

Jeep issues recall and stop-sale order on 63K hybrid Wrangler SUVs for power loss Software glitch causing the issue



Barrett Jackson Scottsdale January 21-29 2023...

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**SMOOTH OPERATOR:** This 1935 Airflow has Been Transformed Into a Modern Performance Machine.

Every once in a great while, a new product comes along that is simply ahead of its time. The aerodynamic 1934-37 Chrysler Airflow was one such product. It is hard to overstate how shocking the Chrysler Airflow was in the mid-1930s. Today, aerodynamics dictate every aspect of automotive styling, but in the early 1930s mass market automotive design hadn't yet deviated far from the automobile's "horseless carriage" roots. Most cars still featured long hoods ending in upright waterfall grilles, elaborate hood ornaments, floating headlamps and side-mounted spare tires.

Ultimately the public was not yet ready for such a break from the past and sales were low. Even so, the Airflow was a bold move that helped establish Chrysler's reputation as an engineering powerhouse. It takes similar boldness to take a **1935 Chrysler Airflow coupe** and turn it into a custom performance machine, but the one offered with No Reserve at the 2023 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction in January is an Airflow perfectly suited to its time.



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YEAR**

## Barrett Jackson Scottsdale January 21-29 2023...

The GMC Hummer EV SUV is set to enter production this year, and the first of the electric trucks off the line will be raising money for a good cause. GMC is auctioning the build slot for VIN001 at the Barrett-Jackson collector car auction in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Jan. 28. All proceeds from the sale are earmarked for the Tread Lightly organization, which promotes responsible outdoor recreation including hunting, fishing and off-road driving. The truck on offer is a limited availability Edition 1 model that has a starting retail of \$105,000.



The Hummer EV SUV goes on sale this year. Based on the same platform as the Hummer EV pickup, the SUV is shorter in length and has an enclosed cargo area. The Hummer EV SUV Edition 1 is equipped with an 830 hp drivetrain. (GMC) It has an estimated range of 300 miles per charge and comes equipped with a 830 hp tri-motor drivetrain that is capable of accelerating it to 60 mph in approximately 3.5 seconds.

The Hummer EV SUV and pickup share a common platform. The Edition 1 also features an air suspension that can be used to adjust the ride height of the vehicle and a four-wheel-steering system with a CrabWalk mode that allows it to drive diagonally at a 10-degree angle at low speeds.

Barrett-Jackson has not put a pre-auction estimate on what it expects the vehicle to go for, but the first Hummer EV pickup was sold at last year's event for \$2.5 million benefiting the Stephen Siller Tunnels to Towers Foundation.



**Cars You "Won't" see on the Road...**



Car from 1950-1960 that were never seen of the roads. These two are the 1958 Ford X-200 and the 1953 Cadillac Ghia Coupe.



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## Down the Road....

Jan 6 El Paseo Cruise 2pm Staging  
Jan 7 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills  
Jan 7 Cruise-in at the River  
Jan 10 PSCC Club Meeting  
Jan 14 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills  
Jan 16 Burgers & Dogs Indio Legion  
Jan 19 PSCC Dinner Nite Out  
Jan 20 El Paseo Cruise 2pm Staging  
Jan 21 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills  
Jan 20-22 Corvette Racing Daytona  
Jan 26-29 Corvette Daytona 24 Hr  
Jan 27 Diva & Stud Lunches  
Jan 28 Corvette Racing Daytona  
Feb 4 Cars & Coffee Aspen Mills  
Feb 5 NASCAR Busch Light Clash  
Feb 11 Dr George Charity S&S  
Feb 16 NASCAR Daytona Duel

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

## MotorTrends Highest Horsepower Cars 2023

- Ford Mustang GT 450 hp
- Chevy Camaro LT1 455 hp
- Ford Mustang Mach 1 470 hp
- Dodge Scat Pack Challenger 485 hp
- Chevy Corvette Stingray 495 hp
- Chevy Camaro ZL1 650 hp
- Chevy Corvette Z06 670 hp
- Dodge SRT Hellcat Challenger 717 hp
- Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 760 hp
- Dodge SRT Redeye Challenger 797 hp



## Collecting for 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!

