

THE Corvette Waves

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Rear View Mirror

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Greetings PCC'ers



Charles Walsh

Our Club's Summer Schedule is full of exciting and interesting Events!

We have car shows, travels to wine country and just all around fun planned. Please keep a close eye on our Calendar to stay informed about events that appeal to you.

On Saturday, May 3rd, our Club traveled to visit the USS Midway (CV41) in San Diego. One of our members - Mike Corlett is a docent aboard the Midway so we had a private, guided tour of the entire ship. Six Corvettes (and one non-Corvette...) made the journey.

For me personally, this outing brought back many fond memories (and a couple of not-so-fond!) of my service as a Marine Pilot and this famous ship.



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mike gave a superb tour and I even saw parts of the ship I had never seen before! Lunch on the ship's fantail was an added bonus. It was a great outing and everyone enjoyed the experience!

Thank you Mike!!!

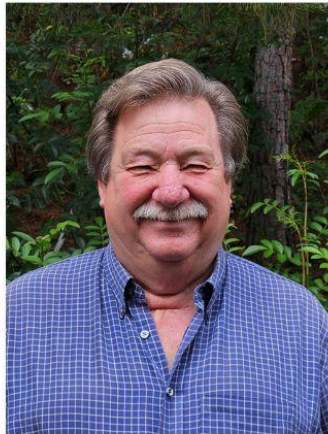


Saving the Wave for 35 Years!

As you all know, this year is our **Club's 35th Anniversary**. We are the largest and arguably the best Corvette Club on the West Coast. To celebrate this milestone, we are planning a Club photograph on Sunday, June 22nd at 3:00pm. I hope and encourage each of you to make this event so that we can show the World our pride as a Club! Our Calendar has the necessary information and each of you will be receiving an email flyer inviting you to participate. I look forward to a great turnout. I will be authoring an article for submission to Blue Bars - our NCCC journal. Please plan on being part of this historic event for our Club!

As always, I encourage each of you to participate in as many of the myriad activities we have on our Club's Calendar. And even more importantly, if there is an event that you'd like to see added to our Calendar, don't hesitate to suggest it and we will help you to organize it and make it happen. Be part of the ten percent of our Club that makes a difference!

As The Red Rocket is still being repaired, there will be no Backyard Mechanic article this month. Well, the (slightly wounded...) Red Rocket is calling my name...Stay Safe and Stay Fast!
Charles



Bernie DeMarkey

WOW, I cant believe it is time to write another article for the newsletter

Time sure fly's when you are having fun. So far this year we have been having a lot of FUN! So let's have more fun, which brings me the real point of this article. We have bunch of Ideas for fun events for our club members, BUT we need Club Members to step up to the plate and Volunteer to Host an event!!

I know if you have never hosted an event it can be a Scary Idea to do so. Let me let you in on a little secret IT is really, really easy to. A lot of our members are retired maybe we should be looking at doing events Midweek. Let me know what you think.

Here is the List:

Glitzzy Glenda, Corvette Clothing, Rancho Cucamonga
Nethercutt Museum Sylmar
OC Railroad Museum, Perri CA
Palm Springs Day Trip, Windmill Farm, Palm Springs
Tram, Palm Springs Air Museum
Lyons Air Museum, John Wayne Airport
Reagan Presidential Library, Sylmar

Any other suggestions are more than Welcome.
Call me, TEXT me and send me an email
714 981 5875, bjdemarkey@gmail.com

One Event that is really important and would be great if we had at least 50 members commit to it is the Club **35th Anniversary Photo** on Sunday afternoon, June 22 at 3pm at the BJ restaurant in the Tustin Market Place. PLEASE look at your Schedule and let me or Charles Walsh or Robert Esquinas know to Confirm.
SAVE The WAVE

Upcoming Events

Listed below are dates of upcoming events. Be sure to check the Calendar Section of the PCC website for further updates and event details at pccvettes.org.

May 31st Twisted Gypsy: Fleetwood Mac with a Twist!

June 4th PCC Club Meeting.

June 10th-12th Paso Robles Fun Run.

June 14th Cars and Coffee.

June 17th Corvettes and Burgers.

June 22nd 35th Club Anniversary Photo.

June 29th National Corvette Day at Marconi, Save the date Details to follow.



On the following three pages you will see a reprint of this article written as a supplement to the June 2023 "THE Corvette Waves" newsletter.

A Look in the Rear View Mirror

By Donna Friess

One of the most thrilling aspects of belonging to PCC is the great variety of activities offered to our members.

Looking backward to May 20, 2023, Dave and Arlene Atkinson organized an exciting visit to the famous WWII Battleship USS Iowa. Located in San Pedro, it is the last of its class in the world. A lethal weapon, it was built for speed and strength to fight the tyranny of the Axis powers in WWII.

Our group enjoyed a guided tour of the ship, marveling at its history as we viewed President F.D. Roosevelt's rooms, the radio room, the engine rooms, and more. It was a fabulous adventure followed by lunch at a Curley's Café in the Signal Hill area of Long Beach which featured delicious food and has a working oil well in the front parking lot. It was a wonderful PCC activity.

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PCC Visits the USS Iowa

By Dave Atkinson

PCC had a wonderful event on Saturday the 20th of May on a tour of the USS Iowa in San Pedro. The journey started at the IHOP parking lot by John Wayne Airport in Irvine. The caravan, led by Dave and Arlene Atkinson, started up the 405 North swimmingly **BUT** then in Huntington Beach we hit a wall of traffic from an accident near Bolsa! There is always the fear that something could go wrong on these outings, and it started to look like we were not going to make it up to San Pedro in time... I've never in my life seen Google Maps change how long an accident delay could or could not last! Cool heads prevailed and we were able to resume our trek within 30 minutes or so. Kathy and Jerry Zechmeister surprised us all as they had sling-shotted past the caravan in the traffic by taking the carpool lane on the 405 North and were pulled over waiting for us on the 110 South exit ramp just off the 405! It did not take long to get to the ship from there and after talking to the USS Iowa office on the way there, they allowed all 14 Corvettes with twenty-three people from our club to park for free right in front of the ship!



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The tour started with our docent/guide, Dave, leading us on five different levels of a real war fighting ship. It was designed to be staffed mostly by 19-year-old sailors. There were stairs that seemed more like ladders and many bulkheads to step over and under. We saw bunks, the mess hall, kitchens, a bakery, and lots of GUNS. Battleship USS Iowa served the US proudly in WWII, Korea, and the Cold War. It was launched on July 27, 1940, had three commissioning's, then was decommissioned on October 26, 1990. Today, the historic U.S. Navy ship is an iconic Los Angeles landmark and considered one of the region's best museums for families. During our visit and tour, we followed in the footsteps of sailors and the mascot Vicky the Dog. Donna Friess even met an almost 100-year-old man who is a "regular" greeter on board on the weekends.

It was interesting to learn about the battles the ship was a part of, how the ship was modified to carry President Roosevelt, and how it almost was sunk by one of our own ships. It carried President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and all the country's World War II military brass to the "big three" conferences in Cairo and Teheran. All of this makes it obvious why the USS Iowa is known as the "Battleship of Presidents," "The Grey Ghost," and "The Big Stick."

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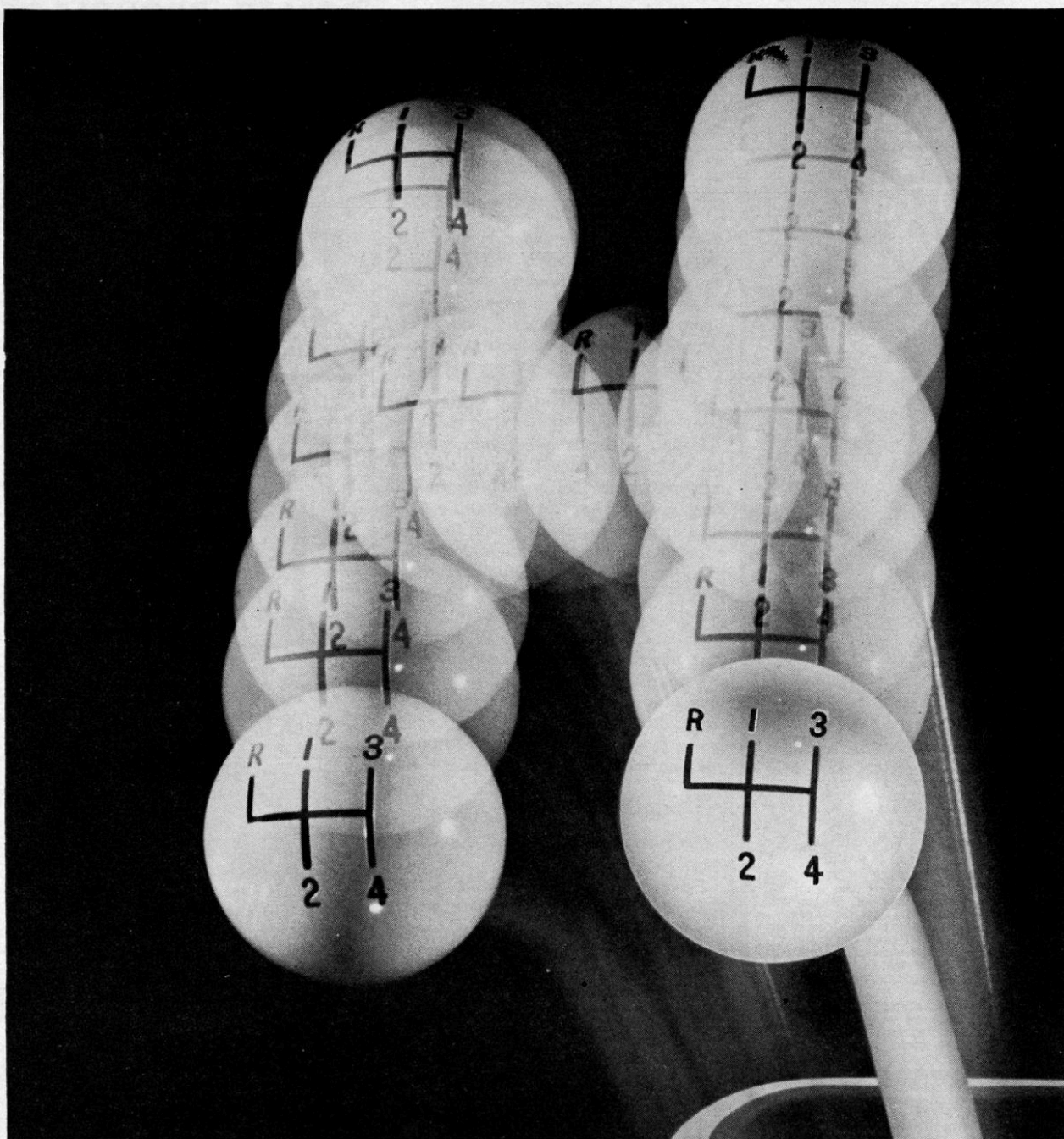




After over 2 hours on tour at the USS Iowa, the whole group caravanned over the Vincent Thomas Bridge and the beautiful new Gerald Desmond Bridge, by shipping yards with their thousands of containers at the Ports of LA and Long Beach, to Curley's Café in Signal Hill for delicious burger, fries, and adult beverages! A fine time was had by all... ☒ Many thanks to David McCue for his photopgraphy!



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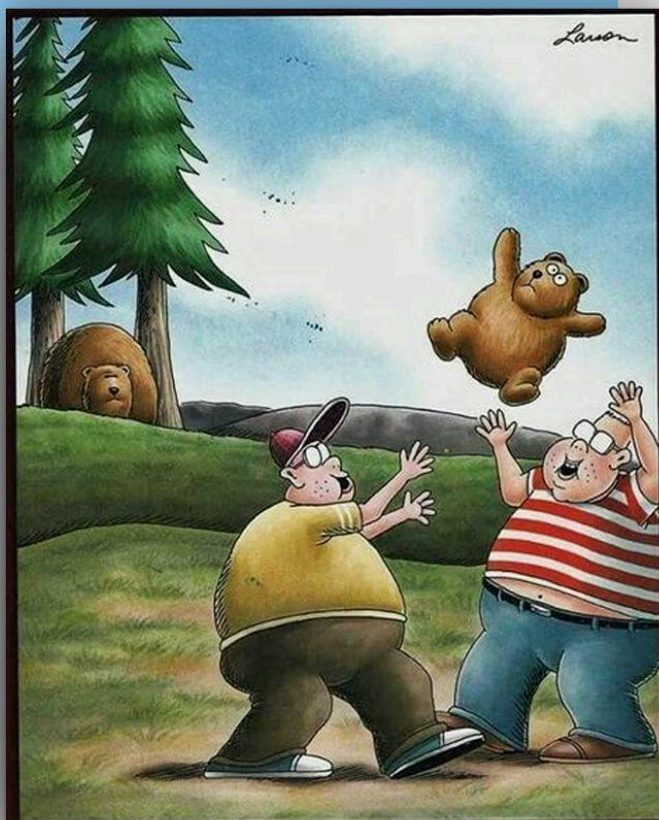
With the rise of self driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time until there's a country song where the guy's truck leaves him



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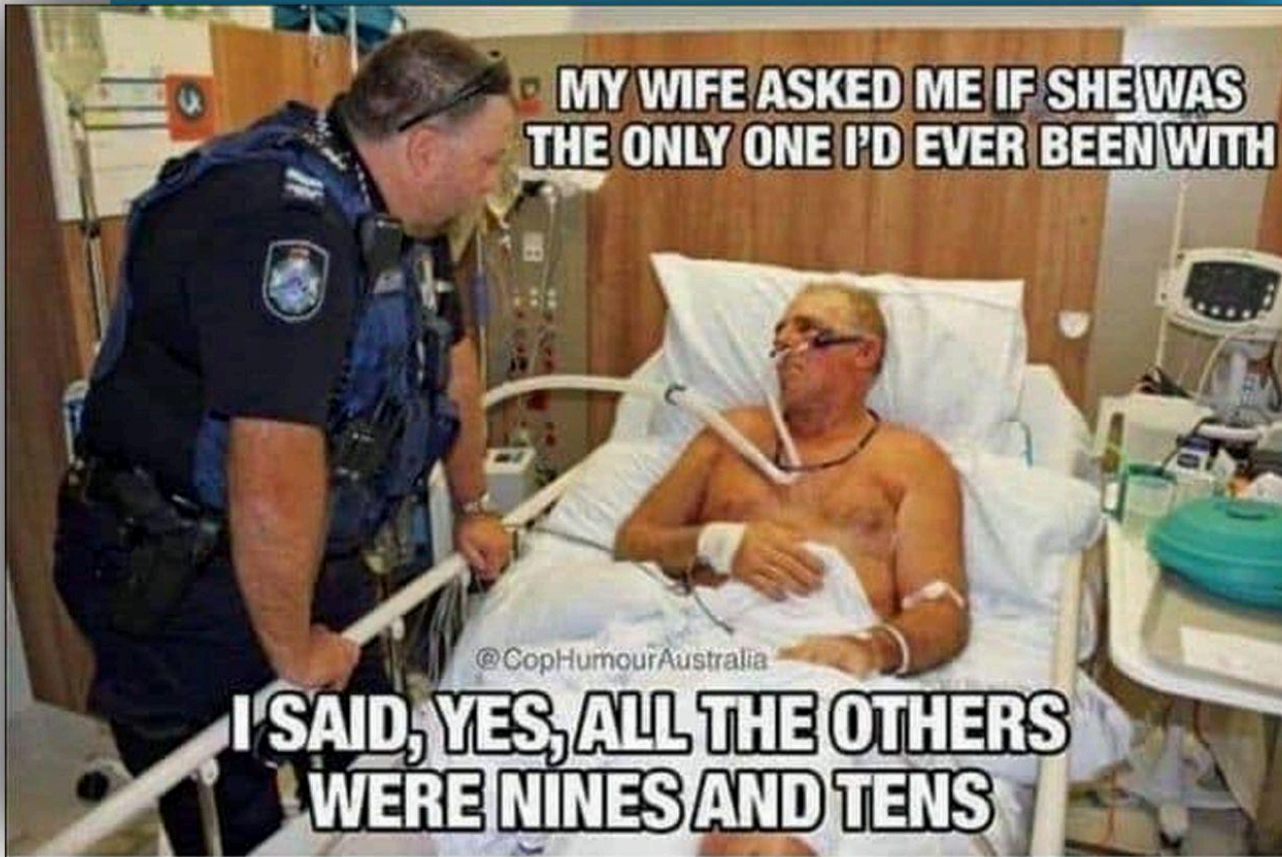
*"They say that nice guys
finish last, so that should put
you well up among the leaders."*



And no one ever heard from the
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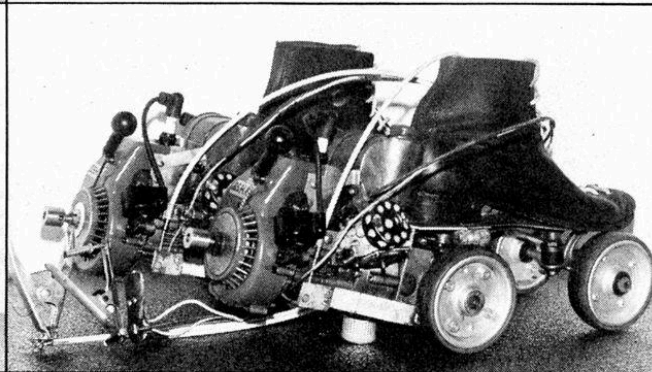
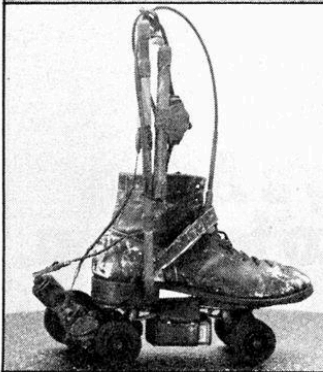
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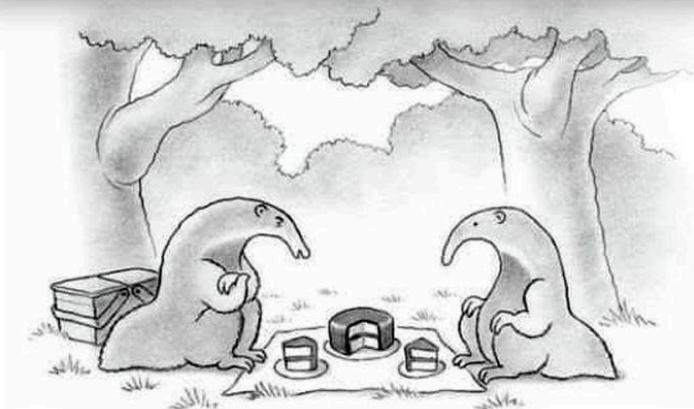
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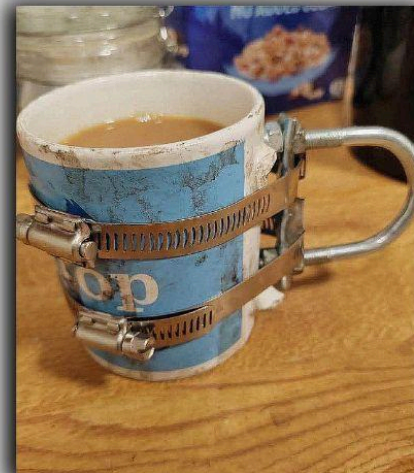
Alert readers will remember that in the 50 Fun Vehicles You Can Buy article (May '73 HRM) we printed a picture of a guy on a pair of motorized roller skates. We mentioned at the time that we had lost the guy's letter and if he happened to see the article to please write us, giving details on the incredible device. It seems that 63-year-old Albert Nicholas has since sent along those details we requested. Mr. Nicholas is pictured above, running through the traps on a pair of his modified "Superskates." (Sorry, no e.t./mph figures are available.) The detail shot on the left is one of his original Superskates, built in 1939, using a Brown model airplane engine for power and friction drive. The current modified units feature one-horsepower O&R engines with large carburetors, remote electric starters, clutches, bevel-gear drive, aluminum rearends, retarder brakes and plastic fuel tanks. The right-hand control is for the carbs, while the lefthander is for the brakes. Mr. Nicholas sells plans and instruction booklets for \$5.50. If you're ready for it, write to him at 5600 66 Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33709.



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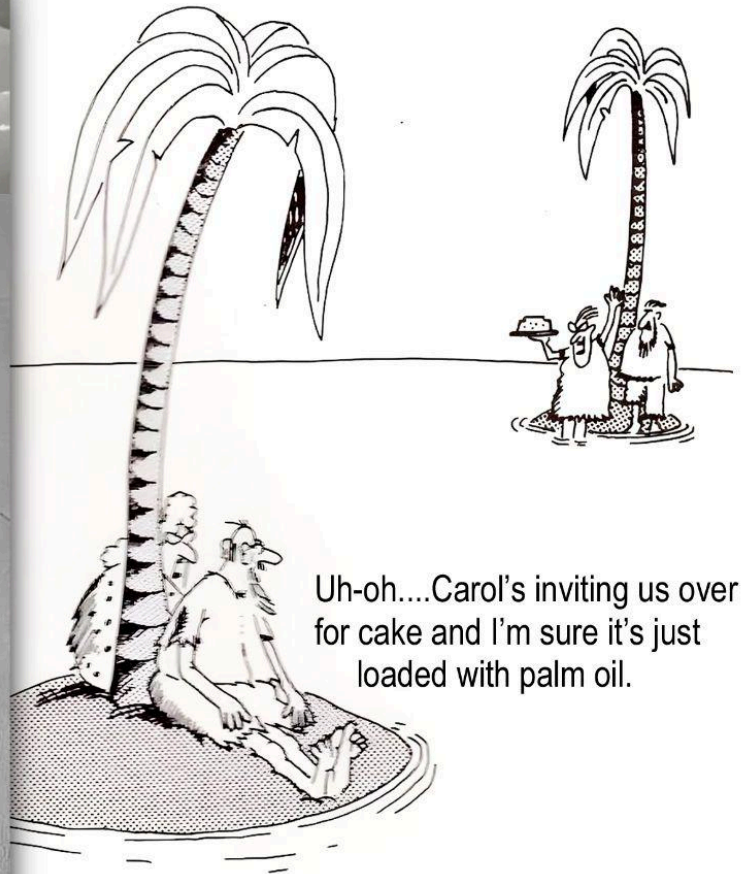
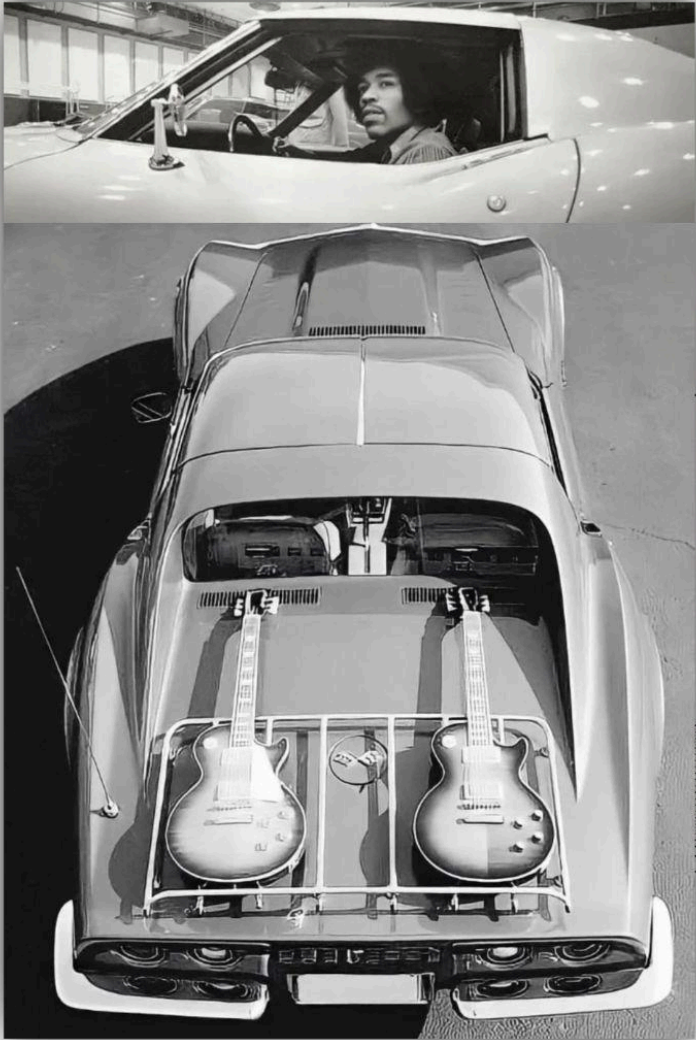


Now we wait.



The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



Uh-oh....Carol's inviting us over for cake and I'm sure it's just loaded with palm oil.

I choked on a carrot this afternoon and all I could think was....I bet a donut would not have done this to me.



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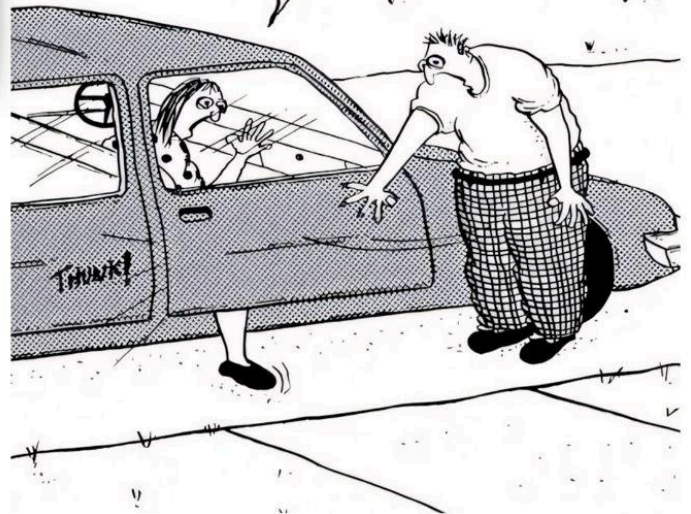
It was 1969 and the Apollo Astronauts could see your Mom's hairdo from space



HECK YEAH, I WANT A REFUND. STUPID THING NEVER CHANGED COLORS... NOT ONCE.



AHHHH!
MY LEG!
MY LEG!



The fake rubber leg that Diane kept in her purse livened up many a first date.



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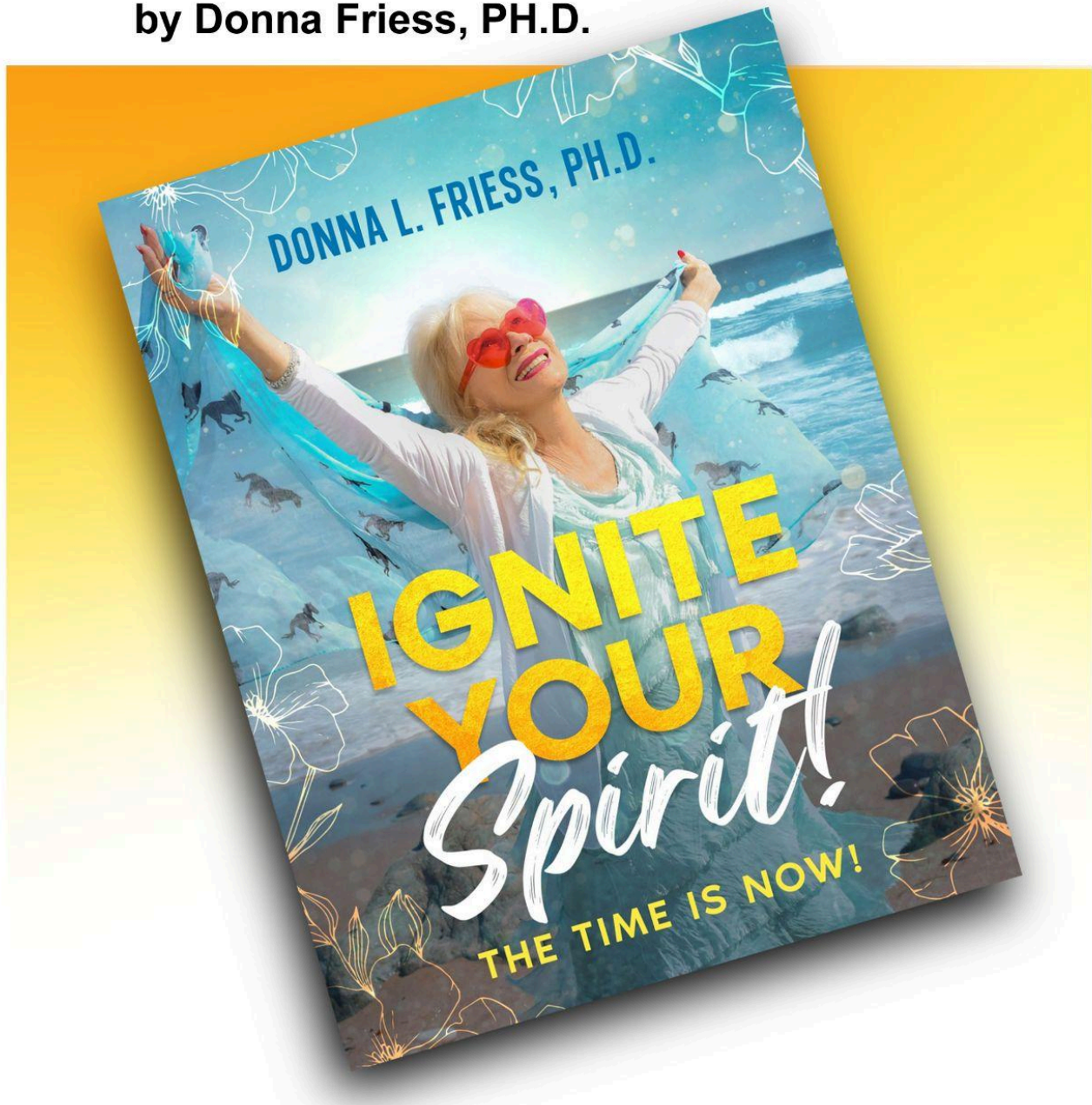
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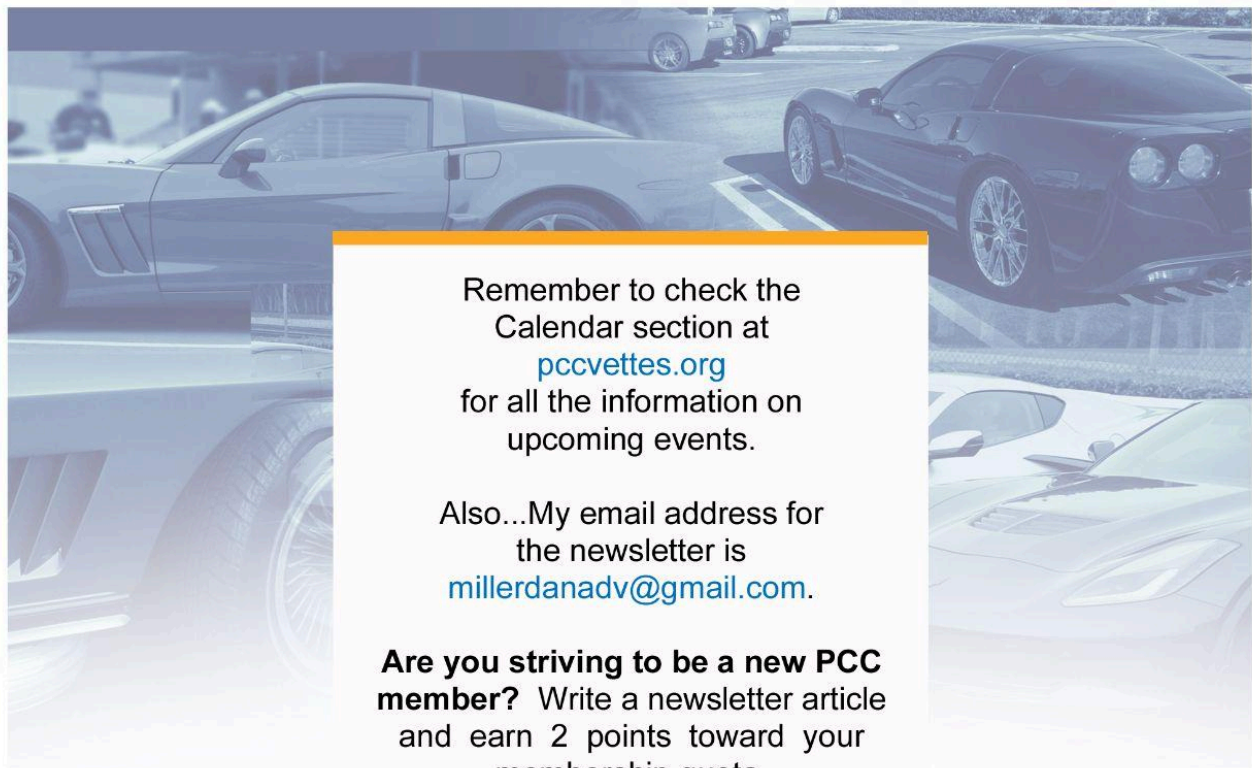
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