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Show**
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LION'S Air Museum



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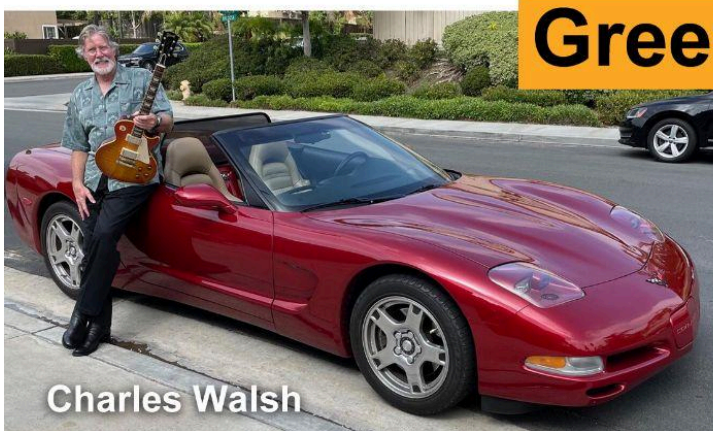
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Greetings PCC'ers



Charles Walsh

Well

summer is fast departing...

and I hope each of you are enjoying the waning days of most beautiful season.

Thanks to Mike Corlett, PCC joined other Corvette clubs for a wonderful day at the Lyon Aviation Museum on 23 August. We were able to park on the actual aircraft ramp surrounded by Lyon's historic aircraft while commercial and private aircraft took off and landing around us.



Your intrepid President even found a perfect resting place in front of some "other" performance vehicle...

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

While not Corvette related, I thought you might enjoy how your President vacations...

I join several of my Marine Fighter Pilot Buds annually for a motorcycle trip somewhere around the United States and Canada. We call ourselves "The Wild Hawgs!" This year was especially significant as we all flew to Anchorage, Alaska to rent BMW motorcycles and drive them South to Portland, Oregon. A Tour Company named MotoQuest rents motorcycles for adventure tours all over the World. At the end of the touring season, they need to move their motorcycles South from their Anchorage location to their home office in Portland. Thanks to some quality negotiating on the part of one of my Marine Buds, we were able to rent the bikes at half price and offered to transport them to Portland during our annual ride. We rode 3,341 miles through Alaska, Yukon, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon - All within 14 days! To say this trip was Epic would be quite an understatement!



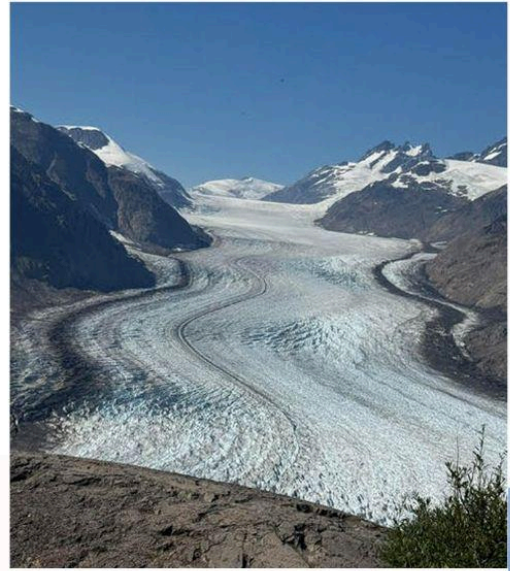
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One of our most challenging rides was to the famous Salmon Glacier near Hyder, Alaska and Stewart, British Columbia.

It's hard for me to comprehend that the mass of ice comprising this glacier actually moves!

We made a side trip to Watson Lake, BC to place our sign in the famous Sign Post Forest - a "forest" of signposts and names that date back to 1942 when the Alaska-Canada Highway was being constructed. There are literally hundreds of thousands of signs there!



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We had many adventures, saw many wild animals (bears, moose, deer), experienced unbelievably stunning vistas and just had a wonderful time. I won't recommend motorcycle travel for everyone but I do recommend traveling North to experience what Alaska, the Yukon and British Columbia have to offer.



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 to make it happen. Be part of the ten percent of our Club that makes a difference!

Well, the Red Rocket is calling my name...

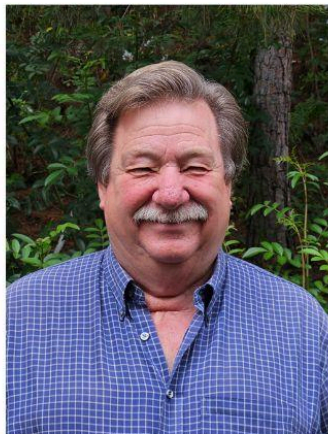
Stay Safe and Stay Fast!

Saving the Wave for 35 Years!

Charles



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bernie DeMarkey

VP UPDATE

We are a very diverse club...

our members cars run from C1 to C8, NCRS Bloomington Gold to Restomod to daily driver to Track. Currently we have a Young Guy (Prospect) who owns a Corvette but is too young to get a driver license and we have members whos first car may have been a "Model T" (just joking) but you get my point. Donna Friess a member who has a passion for local history and art...recently hosted a painting class at her home. According to folks who were there it was great event.

There are 4 multi day trips being worked on right now, Solvang, Big Bear, Route 66 100year anniversary, and of course Cambria. Granted 2 of the trips are being hosted by other Corvette Clubs BUT we have been invited. This past month through the efforts of Mike Corlett, The Lyon's Airplane Museum hosted 120 Corvettes at their museum on the Flightline of John Wayne Airport. I know things are in the works to do this again in 2026. Last month Corvette Super Sports hosted a Car Show and our very own Rick & Barb Vente Took FIRST PLACE. We consistently fill Cars and Coffee with more than enough Corvettes to get preferred parking.

Our club is not like a lot of other car clubs, Yes, we have the common bond of owning a Corvette but we also share our other passions as well.

Recently I have been hearing a lot of chatter about different types of driving events, Autocross, Track Days, Rallyes, etc., Ok we can make that happen, but we need someone who knows HOW to do it. I hope someone will step up and tell us how to make it happen.

Well, hope to see you soon. Check the calendar for up coming events.
Bernie

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.

**BE SURE TO CHECK
THE PCC WEB PAGE
CALENDAR FOR ALL
THE DETAILS!**

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|-----------------|--|
| Sept. 16 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
September Corvettes and Burgers
In N Out El Toro 24001 El Toro Rd, Laguna Hills, |
| Sept. 18 | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Stroll Through Historic San Juan Capistrano |
| Sept. 21 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
PCC Car Show and Brunch
Dennys Katella 2005 East Katella Ave, Anaheim |
| Sept. 25 | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Orange County Auto Show
See flyer for more details. |
| Oct. 1 | PCC Monthly Meeting
Campus JAX, 3950 Campus Dr., Newport Beach, CA,
Dinner hour begins at 5:00 pm
and meeting begins at 6:30 pm |
| Oct. 2 | October 2 through October 5
Cambria Trip
See flyer for more details. |
| Oct. 4 | The Sow's Ear Cambria Dinner
See flyer for more details. |
| Oct. 21 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Corvettes and Burgers
Meet at In-N-Out, 24001 El Toro Rd., Laguna Hills, CA |

August 2025 Corvettes & Burgers

by Bob Savanich



**Hey PCC'rs, you finally broke the
18 Corvette Curse.**

20 Corvettes attended the August Corvettes and Burgers at In & Out Laguna Hills. One (1) "other" car showed up as well. Some new faces appeared as well. Hal Friedlander, and the Nelsons. Tom Nelson filled in admirably with baked goods.

We had a perfect day in the shade at the end of the parking lot near the Hot Rods Unlimited gang. Some really nice showed up for both clubs. PCC had three (3) E-Ray Corvettes in attendance. A stunning 2013 427 Torch Red Convertible (nudge, nudge, wink, wink). Pattie and Mark's new 2025 ZO6/07. Rick Jespersen's ZO6. So many C8's it looked like a new car lot. Just kidding. All our member Vettes are outstanding. Dan Fost won the trophy and \$1,000 for having the oldest Vette in attendance. (Note: Dan I was just kidding about the trophy and cash).

Home baked and store bought treats were in abundance and enjoyed by all. (Note: Tom Nelson, you survived the cut with your homemade cookies). However, a follow up is required. We don't want you slipping up the next time. Seriously, you brought some delicious treats. They were right up there with, Pattie, Haley, Christy, Jane and others.

As usual if I forgot to mention your car or treats it's because I was on a sugar high. It's not my fault. Drop me a line and I'll mention you in a retraction. **LOL.**

Thank you all for supporting Sandy and I at our events. See you at September 6th, PCC Cars and Coffee at the Outlets.

Save the Wave.

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August 2025 Corvettes & Burgers

by Bob Savanich



**Car and Driver
Readers' Choice Poll:
1971: Best all-around car.
1970: Best all-around car.
1969: Best all-around car.
1968: Best all-around car.
If we said any more, we'd
be bragging.**

Corvette
by Chevrolet



Remember, buckling your seat and shoulder belts is an idea you can live with.

August 16

Corvette Super Sports North OC (CSS) ALL CORVETTE SHOW

By: Neil Morrison

The day began at o-dark thirty under an overcast sky, in an empty parking lot at the corner of Orangethorpe Avenue and Knott Avenue in the City of Buena Park. Gathered somewhat half a sleep were Charles Walsh, Mark and Patti Smith. Mike Hart, Thom Wodarck, Rick Vente, Mike O'Connor, Bob Savanich and myself. At 6:30 AM as promised we left the parking lot and headed a short distance, just around the corner on Melrose, to the Buena

Park Elks Lodge. Then Gary Lane being right behind us, joined us. Once at the event we parked side by side and settled in for the day's activities and hanging out. There was a flurry of getting the cars ready

for judging and the purchasing of raffle tickets. Over the next hour or so Corvettes by the dozens started arriving and parking in lines, groups and just about anywhere the organizers could put them. At the end of the day, it was estimated there were some 100 plus Corvettes in attendance ranging from C-1's to C-8's. Many, many, many, C-8's.

After settling in everyone checked in and was handed their package which included among other pieces of information their judging sheet. The judging sheet was broken down by generation and whether the car was stock or modified. There was also CSS cars and Best of show car for judging. After what seemed all the Corvettes had arrived and were parked everyone walked around and judged what they thought was the best Corvette by generation and whether it was stock or modified. All judging sheets needed to be handed in by 11:30 so there was a flurry of activity in that last 30 minutes. I forgot to mention that Mike Hart brought donuts for everyone and there were free donuts and coffee offered by the CSS in the morning.



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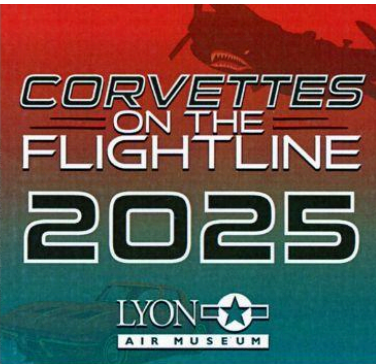
By: Neil Morrison

Once the judging was completed, we all settled in for a bite to eat whether one brought their own lunch or went to the barbeque put on by the Elks Lodge. It was around this time Barbara Vente and Joni Knapp showed up with food and goodies for everyone. The Elk's barbecue which could be purchased for a reasonable price consisted of hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, and cold drinks. Yes, it was good.

Throughout the day there was an ongoing raffle for some great prizes including a 50/50 raffle and a huge, big screen TV. How that was going to fit in a corvette was mind boggling. Around 1 PM the trophy ceremony began and after going through all the generations and awarding nice glass mugs with inscriptions for generation and for stock and modified it was Rick Vente that took home the mug for his shiny black C-8 ZO6 convertible. Congratulations Rick. Shortly thereafter everyone packed up and headed either home or to their favorite sports bar to watch the Charger Ram game.

**In all everyone had a good time
and vowed to retune next year.**





The thinking was... It's going to be a very hot sunny morning out on the tarmac.
The reality was... Cloud cover kept the heat at bay and a little summer breeze made for a morning that could not have been better.



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Corvettes just seem to sit well with airplanes.
Thank you Mike Corlett for making this happen.





HOW TO CHANGE OUT TONNEAU STRUTS ON A C6 CONVERTIBLE

By Bob Savanich

LESSON #1064



Hey PCC'rs,

It's time for a lesson in repairing the struts on my tonneau lid. **First**, you have to be 140 lbs so you can climb into the trunk of a 2013 convertible. **It also helps to be 6'4"** so you don't have to get in the trunk. I am neither 140 lbs or 6'4". End of lesson. *But I digress. Let's start from the beginning.*

The original first lesson. Go on-line to watch a YouTube video on where to look and what to look for. Check.✓

Next, open the trunk and locate the struts. Check.✓

Here's where the first paragraph becomes crystal clear. Because I don't have the physical attributes spelled out in the first paragraph. I wondered if the struts that held up the trunk lid were the same length as the ones I needed? I tried the old trustworthy method of measuring, using my hands. Video to follow. (Not really). That method didn't work quite as well as I thought for a myriad of reasons. (I felt the need to use the word "myriad" in this article). Check.✓

So I was back at square one. AH HA! The Corvette Forum. Nah! Navigating the CF is sometimes time consuming, for me at least. So now I'm relegated to losing 90 lbs or growing taller.....dang near a foot.

NOTE: Solution: Pay Greg G. To install them.

The next episode has to do with the radiator saga. It will be in a future 2025 or 26 newsletter (maybe). Save the Wave.

HELLO Pacific Coast Corvette friends!



We are so excited to be part of the club. Bauer and I have really enjoyed getting to know many of you over the past couple of months — especially at the PCC Meetup at South OC Cars & Coffee!

A little about us: we're originally from Tennessee, but my wife Kara and I moved to South Orange County in 2015 for work. We have two kids: Addy (14) and Bauer (12). Some of you have already met Bauer at events, but hopefully you'll get to meet Addy soon too!



My love for Corvettes started early. Growing up just an hour from the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, I spent many birthdays there, completely enthralled by America's sports car — the Corvette. That passion never faded, and this year I was finally able to fulfill my dream of owning one.

I'm now the proud owner of my very first Corvette: a 1995 C4 Torch Red Convertible. It's extra special to me because that exact model year and color was the one I had hanging on a poster in my room as a kid. And in case you're wondering (since I know Corvette

folks always ask) — yes, it's the 6-Speed Manual!

We're thrilled to be part of this amazing group and look forward to many more drives, meetups, and memories together. Thank you for your wonderfully warm welcome!



AN AFTERNOON OF WATERCOLORING DELIGHT

By Stephanie DeMarkey



Our valued member Donna Freiss went to Italy to learn the finer points of water color painting and when she returned she decided to share her joyful experience with members of the club. We were invited to spend a beautiful afternoon at her house to create our own water color painting of whatever we desired.....be it something unique on her beautiful property or simply something from our imaginations.

Donna has a way to empower people as she walked 12 or so of us around her property, then provided us with the complete water color tools. As enthused as Donna, we picked our spots, grabbed the brushes/paints/canvasses provided and started to create some beautiful pictures.



But it was not all about painting, sandwiches were provided by Donna, salads and sweets brought by some of the participants and we all enjoyed a rather delicious luncheon together before getting back to our creations. By the end of the time there we shared what we had painted, signed the art and said our goodbyes in expressing our appreciation for a day well spent.

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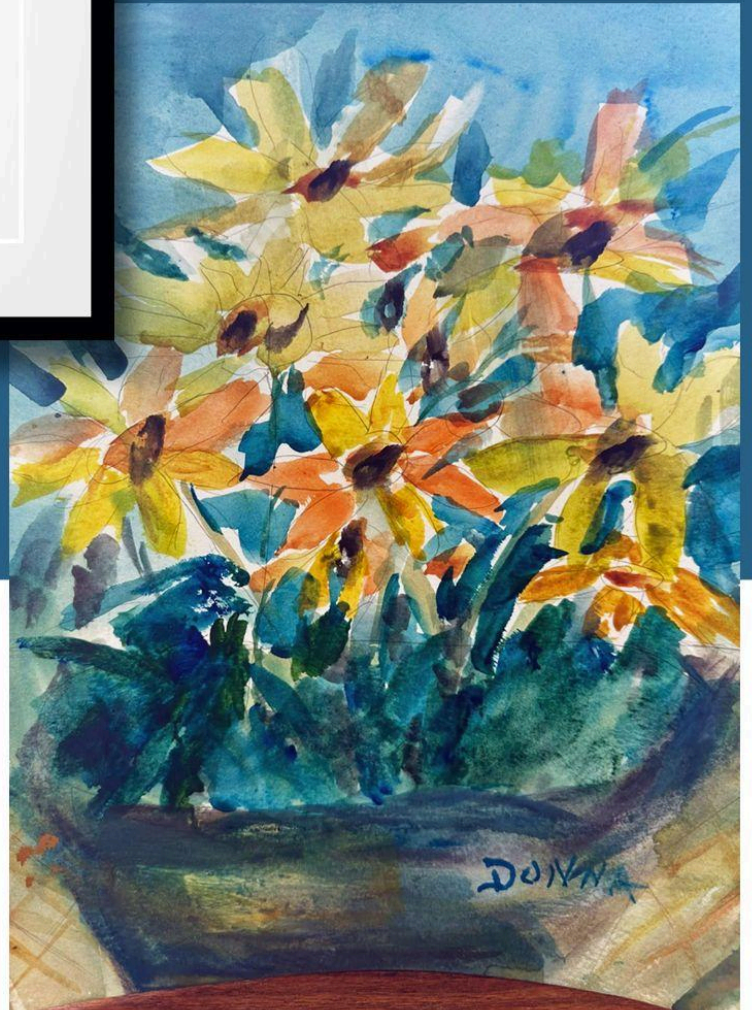


In the end, it may have not been a drive and eat, but a fun day nestled in the hills somewhere in Mission Viejo sharing our art, ideas and companionship with the members of what I consider an outstanding Corvette Club. Thank you Donna for hosting and opening up your beautiful home to us.



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AN AFTERNOON OF WATERCOLORING DELIGHT



A Message From NCCC



*Deb Murphy NCCC
President*

President's Message

September 2025

Here we are into fall already! If you missed convention, we had a good time! The resort was HUGE and very nice. Instead of worrying about a room key, they gave you a wrist band to get into your room and you could also use it to charge items to your room by just scanning the band. Nice technology. I am hoping you all saw lots of the pictures of the events and parties – there were plenty online. At the meeting you will hear more about the 2026 convention in Syracuse NY.

We will have a busy meeting coming up!

- We will be voting on the dues increase. Primary dues will go up \$15 and spouse/dependent \$5
- Lifetime memberships will go from \$300 to \$500
- The competition rulebook changes will be read so governors will know what they will be voting on. There are a lot of updates and changes so we will go over each one. As a reminder: you get to vote on each change separately.

Please take a look at the information on the website. The minutes are available under the Members Only tab. The competition changes are on the website under a tab that says Rulebook changes and Clarifications. Talk to your RCD or governor if you have changes or want more information, prior to the meeting and voting.

We are continuing to look at ways to cut expenses. It's time to talk about the 2026 budget already!

I am at the National Corvette Museum for the Anniversary celebration and Hall of Fame induction. Most of the programs have been to talk about the ZR1 and ZR1X. The engineers have been fun to listen to on how they managed to test and break equipment while increasing the horsepower.

Since the NCM brought the photography inhouse, they are offering clubs photo ops for their visits – in front of the museum as well covering other activities. Don't forget that they have a package to get any Corvette detailed (outside) and then displayed on the boulevard for the day that could be included in a club visit. Take a look at the updated Museum in Motion venues on the NCM website.

The museum is now offering a chance to win a 1967 Corvette in a sweepstakes drawing December 29th. Again, take a look at the NCM website to learn how to get a ticket.

That's all I have for now! See ya in St. Louis

Deb Murphy



FYI

The Regional Membership Director (RMD) position for the West Coast-Northwest NCCC region has become available.

The RMD responsibilities are as follows:

The RMD should have a working knowledge of the RMD Membership Database functions.

The RMD should have a working knowledge of the Governor's Membership Database functions.

The RMD should maintain their password in the database and never give it to anyone.

The RMD should process club members within 12 hours of receiving a club or MAL check. (go to bank one or twice a month)

The RMDs should complete all yearly renewals by the date they set or by Dec 15th. Once a new member or renewing member is entered into the database, the governor shall mail a check and all NCCC applications to the RMD via USPS.

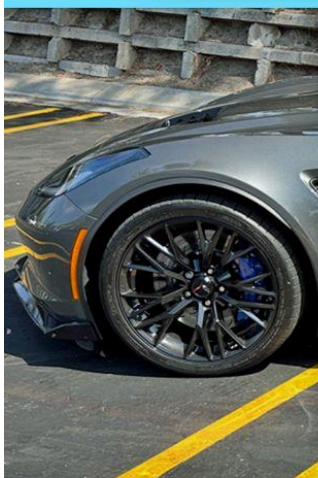
The RMD reports to the VP of Membership and when possible attend the National Meeting and report back to the Region.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Tom Pinard, the Regional Executive for the West Coast-Northwest NCCC region.

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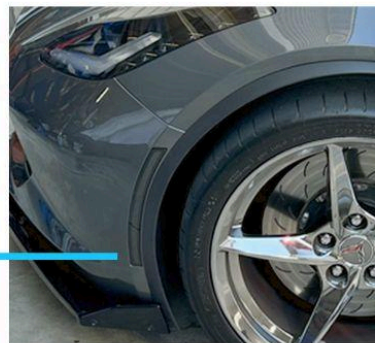
ANOTHER FRIENDLY TIP

BY WILLIAM ROSE



Good afternoon all...it's me again William Rose, for another friendly tip for your C7. If you are thinking about changing your side marker lights, let me tell you what I ran into while doing mine.

I wanted to get rid of the orange and red marker OEM lights for something led and make it more appealing to the eye. My first thought was to go with smoked marker lights with leds. I decided to go with Vette lights. I ordered the smoked lights as shown here.



This is the first set of marker lights I installed. They interfered with the TPMS.

I had just changed my rims during this time as well. This is important as you will see.

After changing the lights and rims and driving at night when I get off from work, I noticed that I had a right-side front tire pressure was just two - dashes.

TPMS (tire pressure Maintenance sensor) light come on. This light would only come on at night. I checked pressures and all was good. I thought since I just got my rims changed it might have been a broken TPMS sensor. I noticed on one of rims that it had a defect in the chrome. I reached out to the rim company, and they said we will order a new rim, and have you come in when it is ready. So, I thought I will buy a new sensor and have them install it. Job went well all good. At night the TPMS light came out same - same location. I found out that the lights were causing the issue I read it in a Corvette forum. The led lights give off the same signal or so close to the same signal as the TPMS and after 12 miles driving at night the TPMS light comes on. I tried putting aluminum foil around the lights and noise suppression on the wires to the light to block the signal that was interrupting the signal to the TPMS. Nothing seemed to work. I reached out to Vette Lights, and they told me that some people have been having the same problem and that Orical lights were the only ones that did not have this problem. They were kind enough to give me back the money I spent on these lights and put it towards the new Orical lights. Orical has many more options. You can have smoked, painted, or what I did is have them painted but the led section was smoked. A little more money, but no TPMS light and they look great to me.



This is the Orical marker light. It did not interfere with the TPMS.

Well, that's my story. I hope this helps anyone thinking to change out your marker lights. Go with Orical. Vette Lights is a great place to shop.

<https://www.vette-lights.com>

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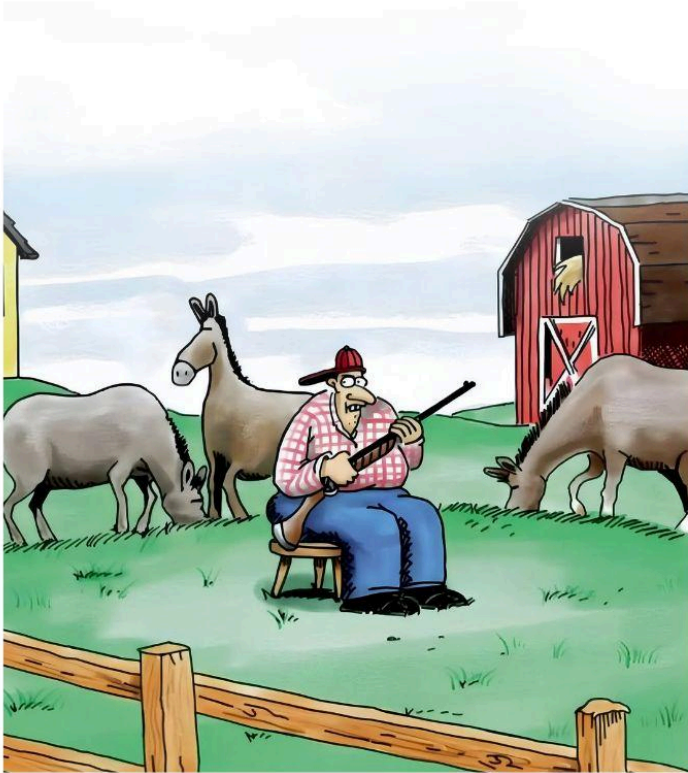
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If you see this dog, do not buy a snow cone from him.

The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



Misunderstanding his dying father's advice, Arnie spent several years protecting the family mules.



Large dog found on hiking trail.

Loves trail mix!!

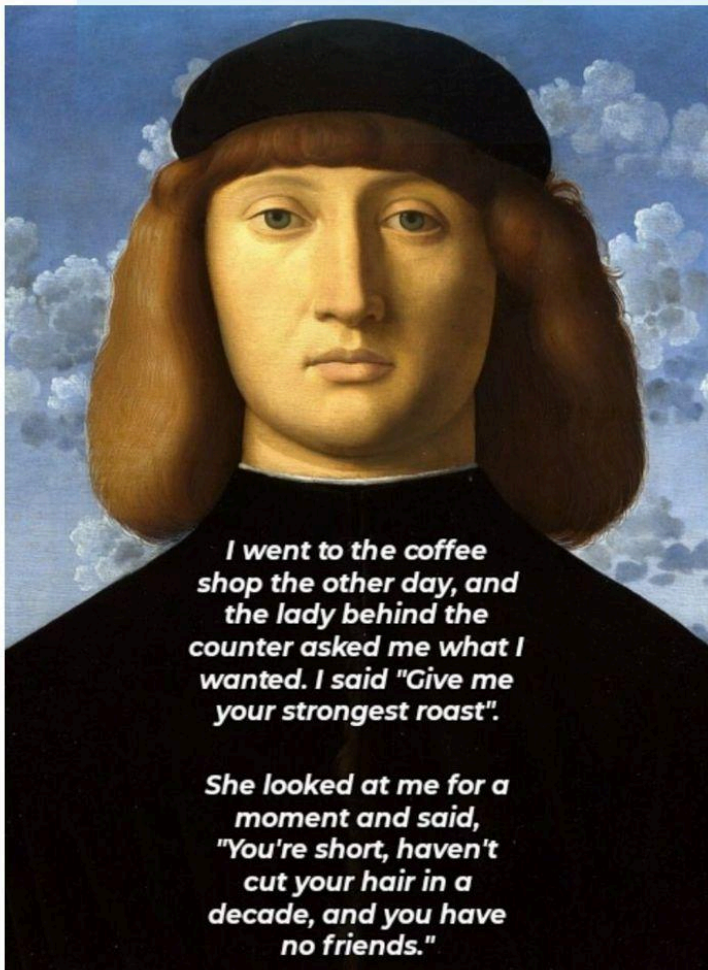
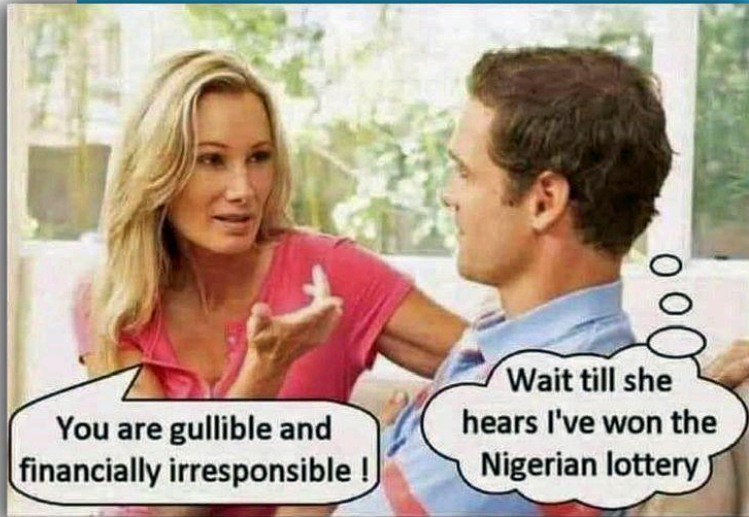
Daddy...Do trees poop?

You bet they do...That's how we get number 2 pencils.



The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



"Surprisingly, Mrs. Filner, 4 percent of all fatalities are caused by someone trying to get a cat to take a pill."



The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



**A dung beetle walks
into a bar and asks...**



"Is this stool taken?"

**If you watch JAWS backwards it
is a heartwarming story about a
shark who gives arms and legs
to disabled people.**



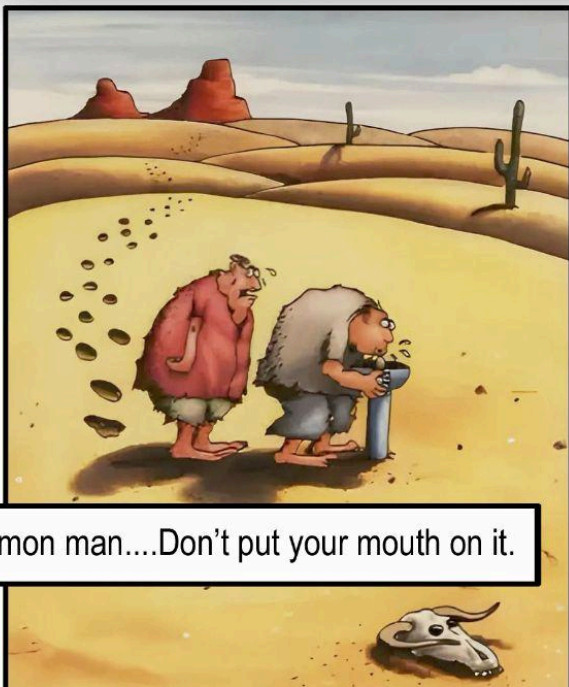
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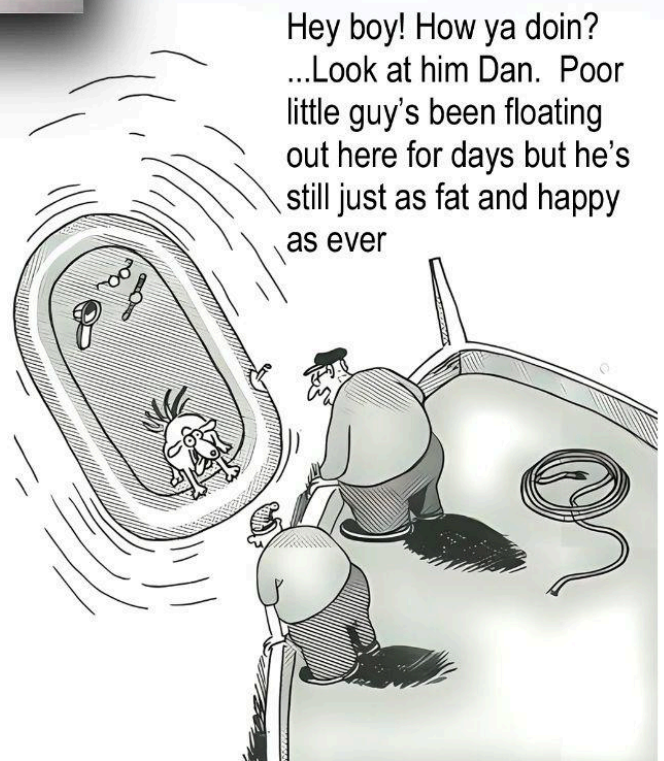
This is Rick...another victim of cycling. He did not crash, but his wife found out the price of his bike.



Deer Grandmothers

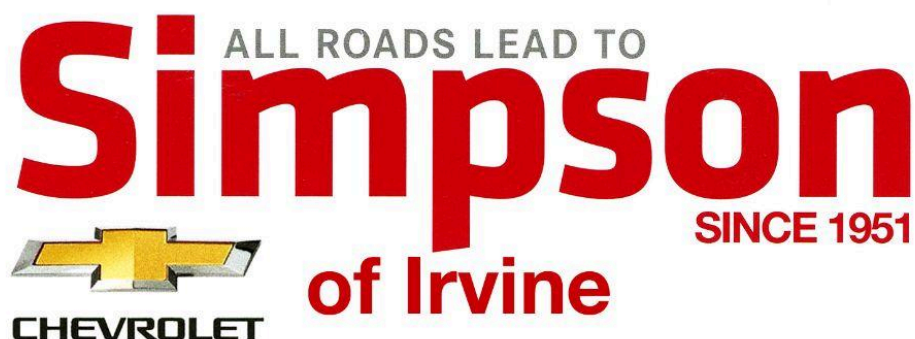


C-mon man....Don't put your mouth on it.



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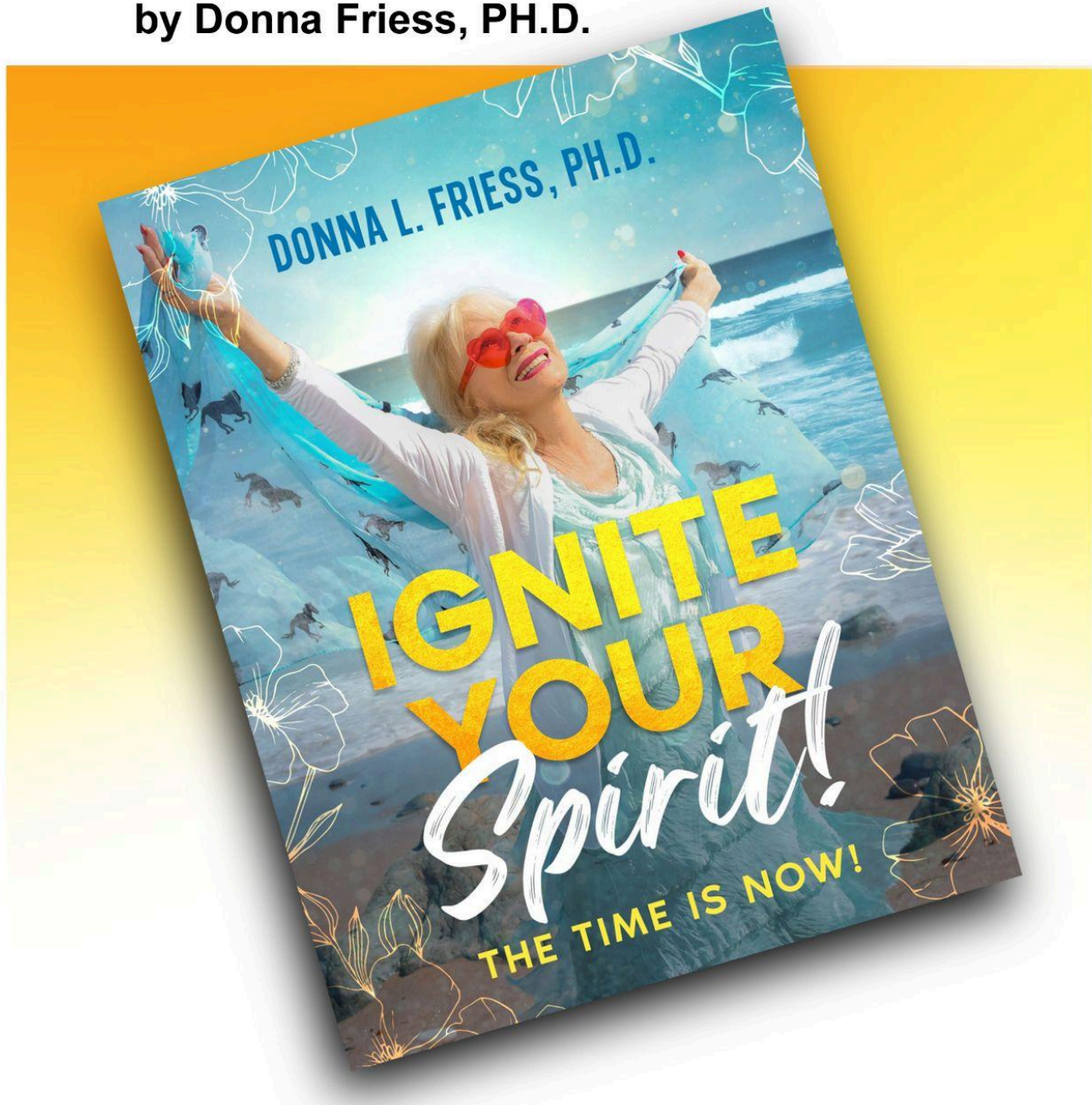
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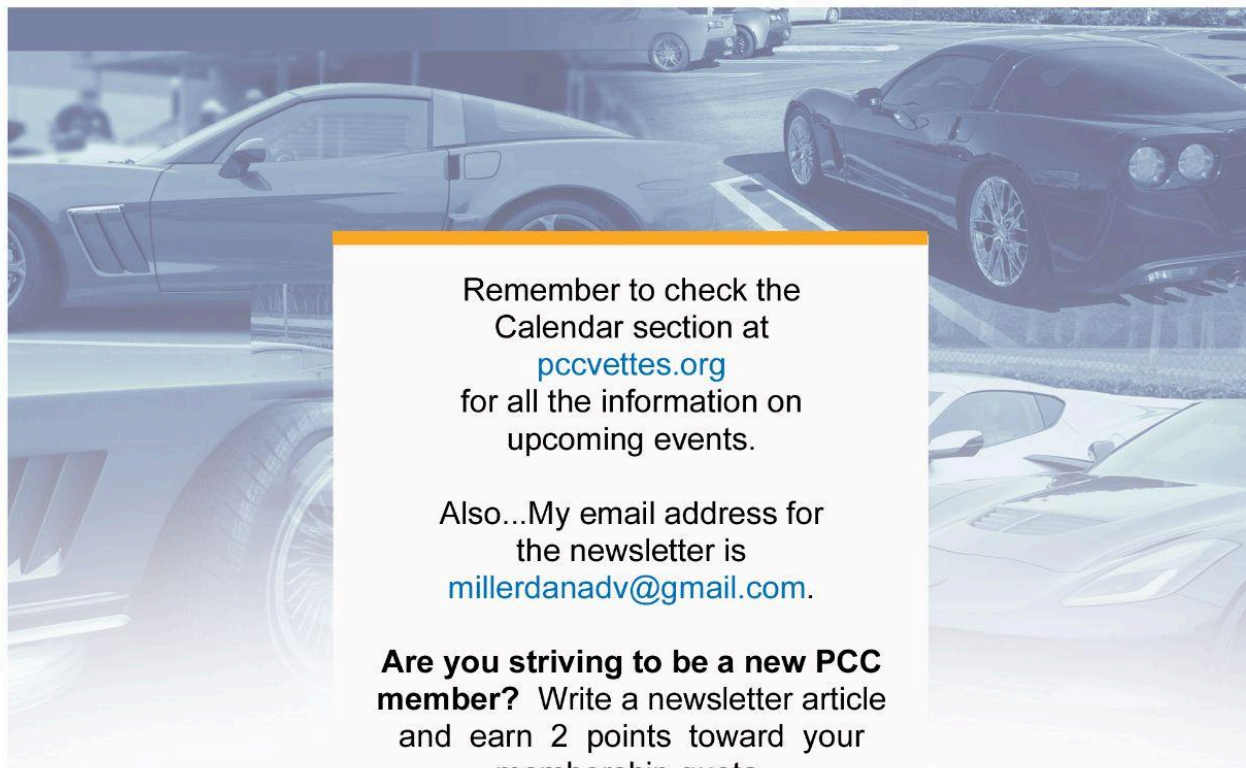
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upcoming events.

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**A Great Number of Articles
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