

THE Corvette Waves

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Greetings PCC'ers



Charles Walsh

The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cooler...

Fall is upon us and Winter won't be too far off. The Fall always brings a couple of the more serious issues that we need to address as a Club.

First of all - and most importantly - if you are reading this message and have not yet paid your Club dues for 2026, now is the time. In fact, do it today! We are unable to perform the functions of running this Club without the financial resources that allow us to do all of the things that we do. So please, pay your dues today.

Secondly - our Club Constitution and Rules allow Board members to serve for only two (2) consecutive terms. In reality, a Board member has to be reelected after the first term and cannot serve a third. So every Fall, several Board members need to be replaced.

I've always known throughout my professional life, that there is only about 10% of any organization that actually makes things happen. It's a disappointing moment for me to ask people to volunteer to serve this great Club and to be turned down.

We have the largest Corvette Club on the West Coast. And I am not shy in claiming that we have the Best Corvette Club on the planet! Your Board members have a great deal of fun while performing the tasks that keep our Club running smoothly. None of the Board positions are difficult and truly, anyone could do the various position requirements with ease. If you can master your high performance Corvette, being a Board member is a piece of cake.

This year, Scott Sturdivant - who has done a masterful job as Sergeant

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

at Arms - will step down after two terms. Also, Rick Vente - who has also done a masterful job as Hospitality - will step down after two terms. Thankfully, one of our newest members: Brandon Reed, has agreed to take the reins replacing Scott as our new Sergeant at Arms. Thank you Brandon!

So when I ask you to be our new Hospitality chair, please accept.

I have a very special announcement to make: Haley and Cameron Rees have wed on 18 September. It was a very special day! And oh, by the way..... if it rains on your wedding day, you'll have a very blessed marriage! Join me in wishing both of them the very best that wedded life can give them.

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!

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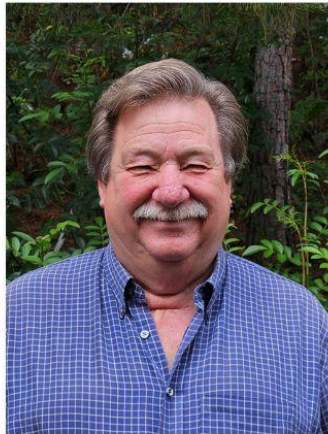
the Red Rocket is calling my name...

Stay Safe and Stay Fast!

Saving the Wave for 35 Years!

Charles





Bernie DeMarkey

The October Club Meeting was packed with a lot of Club Business, Annual Dues Renewals, NCCC Dues increase and how it will be handled this year, Board Member Nominations, upcoming events and trips, and reports on past events. A lot of ground was covered.

Major Issue covered and explained:

NCCC Dues increase, \$15.00 for Member & 5.00 for spouse/partner a year. Effective immediately. Our Club Board has agreed to cover the increase for our members for the 2026 NCCC Renewal we are going through right now I want to thank everyone who has already paid their dues for 2026. WE really need to have our Dues and Corrected membership information in by the first of November1, Mike Corlett and Neil then need to update that information to send it on to NCCC. If you have not already sent in your dues Please do. **THANK YOU!!**

Board Nominations:

The majority of the Current Board can and will stay in their current positions only 2 need to be replaced...*Our Famous Sargent At Arms, Scott Sturdivant and our Hospitality Chairman, Rick Vente, the Host with MOST.* Once again a brand-new Member stepped up to the plate and accepted the Nomination for Sargent at Arms, *Please Welcome Brandon Reed.* Someone needs to help Rick out!

Events:

Far too many to list!!!! Check out the calendar on our website, Christmas is just around the corner w/ Toy Drives, Our Famous New Year Day Cruise and Brunch and much, much, More!!!

I look forward to seeing you soon!
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!**

- Oct. 21** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Corvettes and Burgers
Meet at In-N-Out, 24001 El Toro Rd., Laguna Hills, CA
- Nov. 1** 8:30 am
Borrego Springs "Night in the Desert"
Meet at Carl's Jr. San Juan Capistrano
- Nov. 5** PCC Monthly Meeting
At Campus Jax, 3950 Campus Dr., Newport Beach
Social hour starts at 5:00 pm.
Meeting begins at 6:30.
- Nov. 16** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Marconi Toy Drive
Marconi Museum, 1302 Industrial Dr., Tustin

JANUARY 1st



BY BOB SAVANICH

New Years Day Run and Lunch at Lucille's

Hey PCC'rs, be sure to mark your calendar for January 1st 2026.

Set your recorder so you don't miss your favorite college game or the Rose Parade. Then hop in your Corvette and join us at the Aliso Creek Road Ralphs at 8:00 AM. It's in Aliso Viejo. We will meet up there for a drivers meeting, comfort stop and depart for an approximately 70 mile run through South OC.

This is a rain or shine event. We've made lunch reservations for 50 so it's very important that you show up. If it rains, and if you have a show car and don't want to get it wet, drive your other car. Lucille's may be the ONLY restaurant that will accommodate us on New Years Day AND give us separate checks. So we don't want to stiff them.

REMEMBER.....THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT.

Seriously, this is one of our most fun and scenic runs our club does. You don't want to miss this event. Usually the sun is out and

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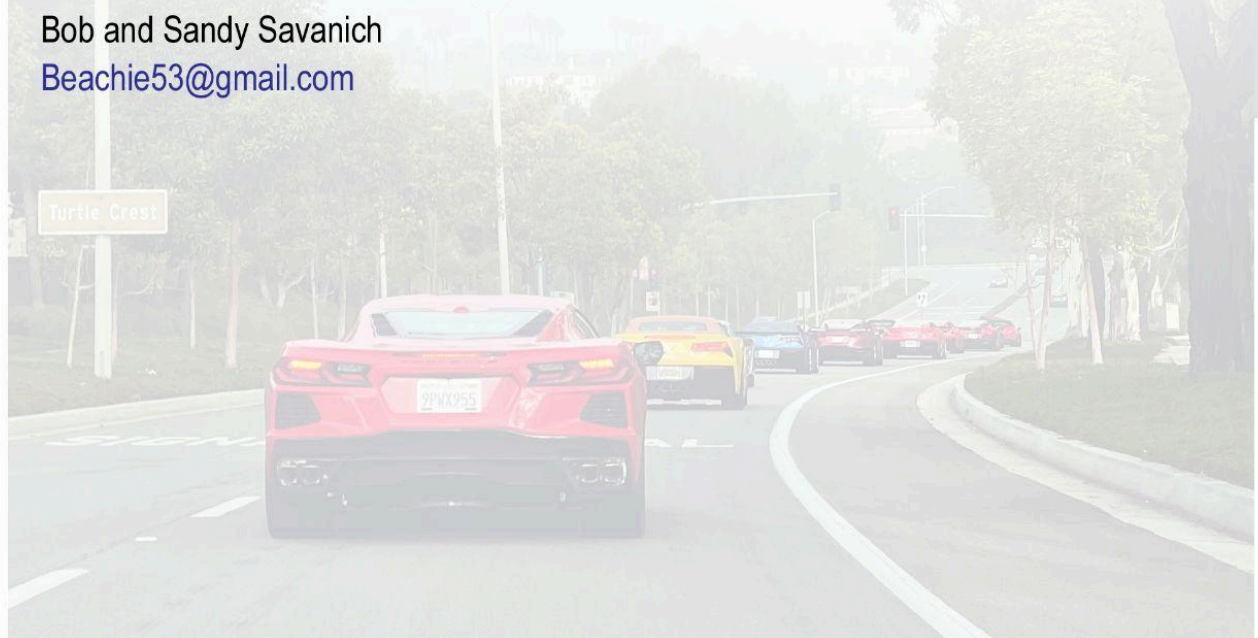
the skies are brilliant blue and you can see for miles. Snow on the mountains if it's cold enough and surfers hitting the waves. Views of Palos Verdes Peninsula and the Long Beach skyline are visible. Even if it is overcast on the Pacific Coast Hwy, it clears up when the run goes inland. Our familiar canyons, Live Oak, Trabuco and Santiago are on the run. We usually run into another New Years Day, Tour D'Orange while on Santiago Canyon Road. But we go the opposite way so you'll get to "wave".

The drive takes us through some of the most scenic parts of South OC. Directions will be handed out at the meetup location prior to our 8:30 departure. There will be a comfort stop about half way through the run. Another Ralph's Center (open on New Years Day). From there we will run our canyons and finish our run at Lucille's In the Tustin District (adjacent to the remaining Tustin blimp hanger).

If you are a new Prospective member, the trip is worth two (2) Points toward your 12 point requirement to secure membership to our club.

PLEASE RSVP FOR LUNCH AND TELL US HOW MANY WILL BE EATING.

Bob and Sandy Savanich
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FYI

NCCC President's Message October 2025

It's time to vote for the officers as well as for many competition rulebook changes/updates. There are new competition programs for you to look at. A lot of work has been done so please read them. They will need your support to make them successful. The candidates' information is on the website.

We have 2 candidates for Business Manager - Jeanne Cassel and Mark Halin. Rita Robison is running for Secretary. Rene Cardenas is running for another term as Vice President of Competition and Tom West II is running for another term as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Now that the membership dues increase passed, we are continuing to look at more ways to cut expenses - especially expenses we have control over. One item we are also looking at is cutting our national meetings from 4 a year to 3. This is one of the big expenses we have – approximately \$30,000 per meeting. Nothing has been decided but I wanted you to know we are still looking at expenses.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM - Please go to the NCM website and check out the new Sweepstakes! The winner gets a beautiful 1967 Goodwood Green Corvette convertible. There are many options to purchase an entry to go to the National Corvette Museum website and check it out. The drawing will be at the museum on December 29th. Be sure to check out the NCM website for updated information- sometimes there are new dates available for plant tours!.



From the desk of our NCCC Governor, Mike Corlett.

PCC Members

PCC is in the process of collecting annual club dues. As you may know, a portion of your annual club dues goes to PCC and another portion goes to the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC).

The NCCC establishes a deadline for all clubs in the country to have their NCCC dues received by the NCCC national treasurer's office. Clubs that miss the deadline are classified as late and are subject to punitive actions including fines.

Therefore, please ensure your PCC dues are received by Neil Morrison, club treasurer, before Oct. 31.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Mike Corlett





CORVETTE IS A VERY _____ CAR.

Lord knows we tried.
We tried and we tried,
but just couldn't agree on
one word that would do
justice to this one-of-
a-kind car.

We tried exciting,
special, honored, dramatic,
legendary and inspired.
Also coveted, remarkable,
low, lean, tough, quick,
handsome and revered.

All true, but some-

how inadequate. After
all, we're talking about an
automobile that's been
inspiring dreams and
quickenings pulses like no
other American car since
1953, when Corvette first
came out.

Corvette has always
been a _____ car. And
this year we've
managed to make
it even more so

with the addition of the
Chevrolet Efficiency
System which is designed
to help improve Corvette's
engine performance and
lower its cost of operation,
all at the same time.

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extension of recommended
service intervals,
simplified
tune-ups, and
quicker starts

on cold or wet mornings.

For the 8th time in
12 years, the readers of
Car and Driver magazine
have voted Corvette "Best
All-Around Car."

Visit a Vette, at your
Chevrolet dealer's.

And if you happen to
think of a worthy word,
be sure to let us know.

Maybe we'll use it in
our next ad.



HOT ROD JUNE 1975 51

PCC HIGHWAY 39

SEPTEMBER 21

By Bob Savanich



We had a great turnout for the Sunday outing in Anaheim. 16 Corvettes and 29 members showed up at Denny's at the corner of State College and Katella. Sandy and I along with Mark and Patti Smith rolled in around 8:50. Several members were already on site. Others showed up the in next 15 minutes. We all signed the NCCC waiver and headed out for the quarter mile trek up State College to Hwy. 39 Event Center.

We were the featured car club so we received preferred parking in the lot in front of the building. It is a nondescript building but all that changes when you enter. It's such a cool venue with a car collection of convertible 50's and 60's Chevy convertibles. Some of which are powered by the iconic 409 c.i. Engine. There is also a collection of motor scooters, trucks and other American cars. For just \$20.00 you get entry into the museum AND a breakfast brunch. Try the breakfast burrito. They put everything but the kitchen sink in there.

There was a guy singing and playing for our entertainment. PCC logo was predominately displayed on their electronic board and several tables were marked as reserved for PCC members. A raffle, cool trophies and good times followed.

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PCC HIGHWAY 39

SEPTEMBER 21



Congratulations to Rick and Barbara Vente for winning a very special trophy with their Black Beauty. "Best Corvette."

There was even a trophy for the best Corvette amongst the PCC entrants. Rick and Barbara Vente walked away with the prize. Several Vettes could have won but they picked the Vente's.

Our gang checked out the cars both inside and outside. One guy brought American Graffiti replicas of the movie cars. He got a special trophy. A Volkswagen van won "Best in Show" trophy. And a cool Hot Rod won for best classic.

Also in attendance were the newly wed Cameron and Haley Rees. They got married in Lake Arrowhead. They got rained on and had to move the whole thing indoors but all worked out in the end. All in all it was a great day. We may make this an annual event. We'll let the membership decide on that based on their interest.

So long for now.
Save the Wave.
Bob and Sandy Savanich



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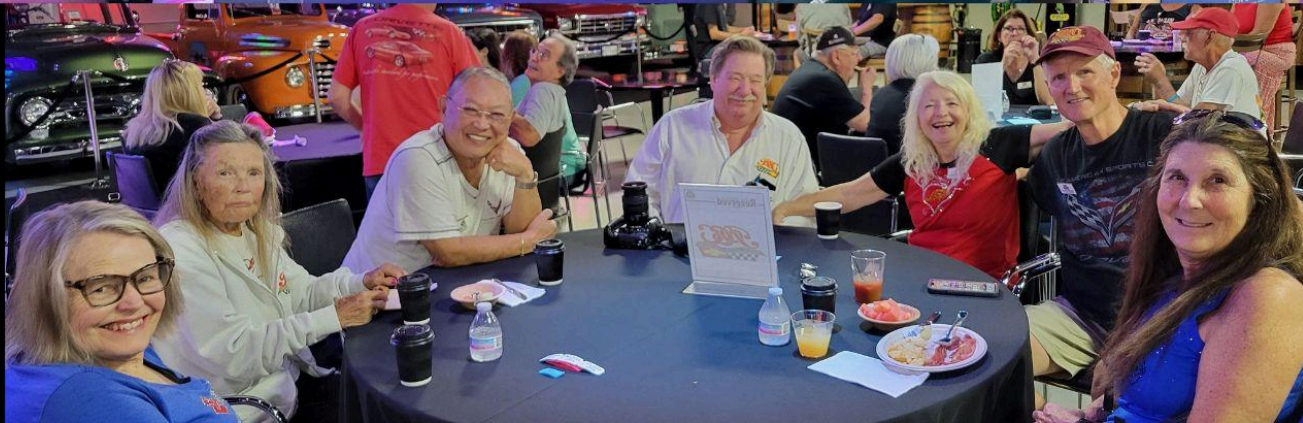
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SEPTEMBER 21



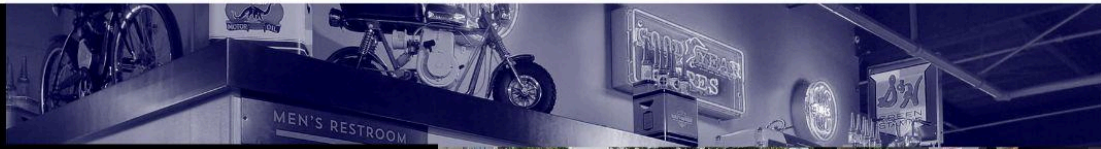
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SEPTEMBER 21



*"We had 16
Corvettes and
29 members."*



OC AUTO SHOW:

We Came,
We Saw,
We Barely Left.



By Scott Sturdivant

The Orange County Auto Show was a roaring success! For four days, the PCC Club was in the spotlight, showcasing **11 gleaming Corvettes** - one from every generation, plus three specialty unicorns. Attendees loved seeing the sleek evolution from the early C1 all the way to the hybrid marvel that is the C8 E-Ray. Everyone was impressed, the Vettes were flawless under the convention center lights, and the stories shared by current, former, and future owners flowed like synthetic oil.

What the public didn't see, however, was the vehicular comedy-of-errors that was the loadin and load-out. Our official club motto for the week is now: "It's not a car show until someone calls AAA."

The Pre-Show Gauntlet: If It Can Go Wrong, It Will.

The rules were clear: **less than 1/4 tank of gas and the battery cable unhooked**. Simple enough, right? Think of it as preparing your Vette for a space mission. Little did we know this rule would haunt us.

The drama began with getting **Jim Burra's four-car collection** to the show. I had the distinct pleasure of piloting his **manual C4** across town in **rush-hour traffic**. Why was it nerve-wracking? Let's just say driving someone else's Vette with a stick shift when the clutch action is **fickle** is enough to make any driver sweat. After two trips, we finally arrived, only to discover the parking gods had forsaken us.

The Great Car Staging Disaster:

1. **Jim's C4** - now staging area with a finicky clutch - went into a **lockout condition**. Click. Nothing. It had to be **manually pushed** into its highly polished spot.
2. In an act of solidarity, **my own Vette** decided to lock itself up after a quick battery cable fiddle. Luckily, it was already positioned, or we'd have been pushing two cars with our foreheads.

Orange County Auto Show. Sep 25th - 28th, 2025		
Model	Primary	Specialty
C1	Frank Vlchek 1960 Sateen Silver Convertible	Jim Burra 1957 convertible. Red with a beige cove.
C2	Tim Osborn 1963 Red Coupe	
C3	Jim Burra 1969 427 CU IN Red L89	
C4	Jim Burra 1990 Bright Red ZR1	
C5	Jim Burra 2003 Torch Red Convertible	
C6	John Iest 2009 Atomic Orange Coupe	
C7	Scott Sturdivant 2017 Long Beach Red z06	Thom Wodarck 2017 Green Convertible
C8	Neil Morrison 2024 Matrix Gray Metallic z51	Bob Rose 2025 Red Mist Metallic Tintcoat

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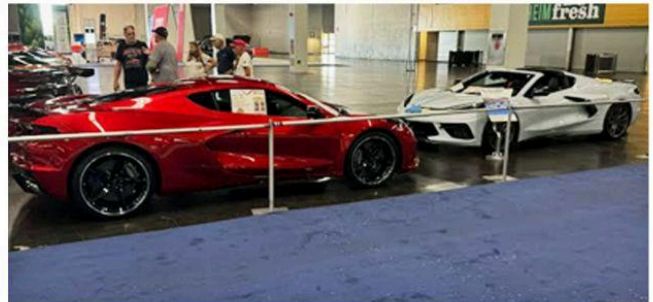
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3. Then, just to prove that even inanimate objects have a sense of mischief, **Thom Wodarck's Vette** flat-out refused to release its emergency brake. We were forced to move it into position by powering through the stuck brake. The smell of hot pads was a lovely addition to our club display ambiance.

With all 11 cars now perfectly lined up (3 still with personality disorders), we huddled up to head home. That's when I made my personal contribution to the chaos: a mortifying **discovery** that my **truck keys were still at home!** Ay, Caramba! A massive, heartfelt thank you to my dear wife for running my keys to the convention center in rush-hour gridlock! Most folks thankfully hitched a ride home with Tim Osborn, leaving Bob Rose and I to wisely pursue a cold, very enjoyable draft beer. Things were finally looking up. Here is the actual show line-up and Jim Burra charming another attendee:



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The Reverse Fun: Load-Out and The AAA Speed Dial.

After four fantastic days of chatting up attendees—the reverse fun began.

We got Jim Burra's C4 to start, but the clutch was still staging a protest. After realizing the hydraulic fluid was low, we gave up and focused on the remaining cars. **Jim Socks** graciously agreed to drive Jim Burra's **C3** home. Unfortunately, we forgot to mention the "running on fumes" rule to him.

The result? Jim Socks **ran out of gas four blocks from the event**, stranded at a bus stop on Katella and Harbor Blvd! Cue the first call to **AAA** - our newest corporate sponsor! Jim Burra and I left the C4 in the show parking lot to join Jim Burra for the AAA fuel delivery.

Finally, with all other Vettes safely returned to their garage (after a smooth gas-up that felt suspiciously easy), we went back for the ailing C4. This time, we skipped the drama and called AAA again, who promptly dispatched a **flatbed tow truck** to take the beautiful, uncooperative machine all the way back to Laguna Hills.

We finally all made it home around 10 p.m., concluding a 13-hour day that successfully merged a world-class auto display with a roadside assistance training exercise.

A Roaring Success (Despite Ourselves)

All in all, the event was a fantastic experience and great exposure for our club. We were a highlight of the show, and we have the emails to prove it!

*"Thank you so much for your kind words - and for bringing such an **incredible Corvette display** to this year's OC Auto Show. For many attendees, your lineup was truly one of the **highlights of the entire event**..... We'll be reviewing plans for next year very soon and will let you know as soon as possible regarding 2026 participation."*

- The Show Organizer

It looks very likely we'll be able to secure a spot for next year and **plan to expand the display to 20 cars!** We just need to remember to budget for a designated gas caddy and a club-issued tow strap.

Many thanks to all who displayed their Vette, supported the logistics (and the roadside recovery), or stopped by to say hello. It couldn't have been done without you..... or, apparently, without a AAA membership.

LOOKING BACK

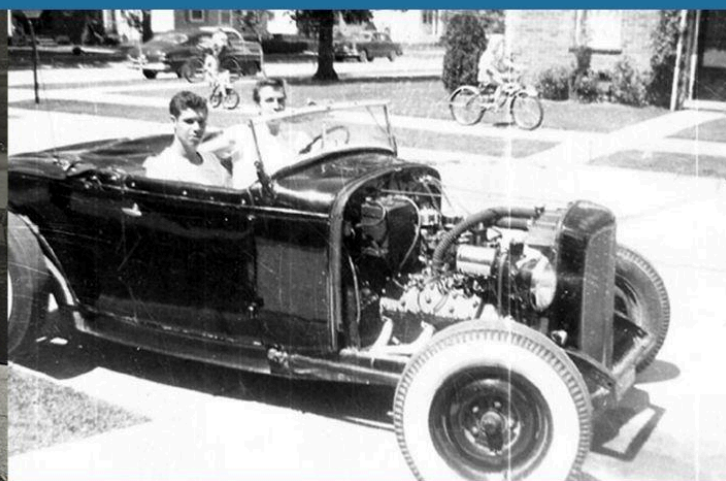
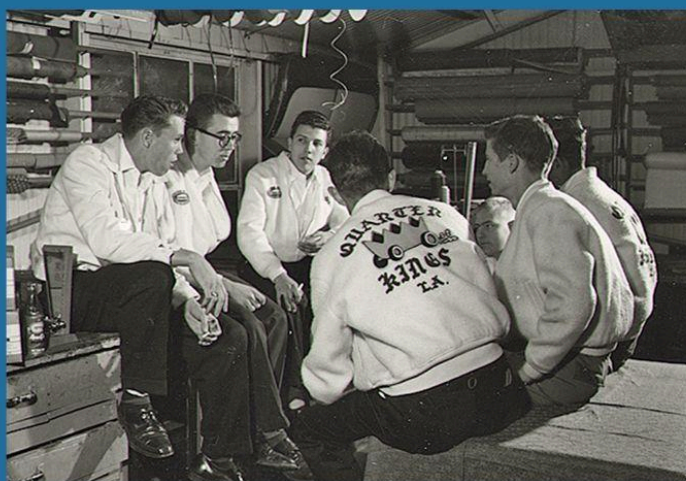
By the late '50s early '60s Hot Rodders, Surfers and Greasers were becoming a very big deal. Hot Rods became a dominating source of transportation. The

Youth Culture was taking Southern California by storm. It was a mobile rebellion that was very liberating for the teens. To many adults it appeared to be an intimidating movement. By 1962 there were some **45,000 car clubs** reported in the U.S. and an estimated **4 million hot rodders** (hooligans). This fledgling movement was gaining speed and many states started putting vehicle regulations into place. Some educators found the Hot Rod Culture diplorable and encouraged students not to own any type of car, especially if they valued their education. Sociologists and psychologists published reports stating that Hot Rodding masked deep psychological needs for attention, recognition and power.



With all this going on GM decided to keep making the thrill.

Corvettes Forever.



The Best Part

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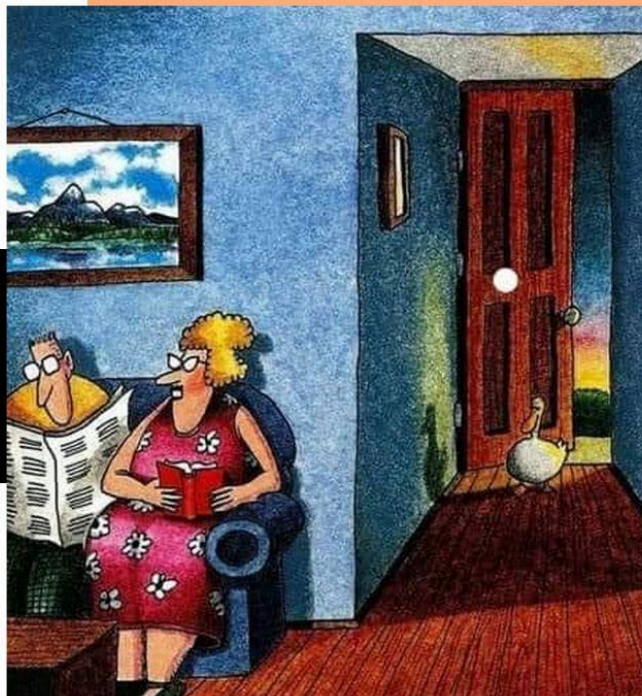


"Oh, Helen! You're pregnant?
That's wonderful!... At first,
I was taking you quite
literally when you said you had one in the oven!"

my body functions at its highest level
when I am eating fresh in-season
produce



"Here he comes, Earl.
Remember, be gentle but firm....
we are absolutely, positively,
NOT driving him south this
winter."

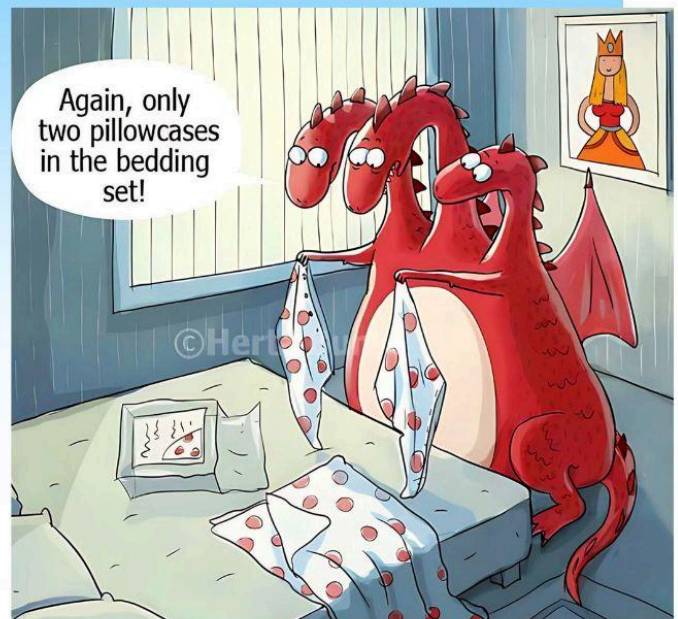


The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



"It's the Websters. They say there's some pitiful thing dying of thirst out their way, and would we like to come over?"



The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES

SET DOWN THE CRACK PIPE



Car guys
sell a car
just to miss
it the rest
of their
life.

*I injected some
scrabble tiles.
My next bathroom
trip could spell
disaster.*

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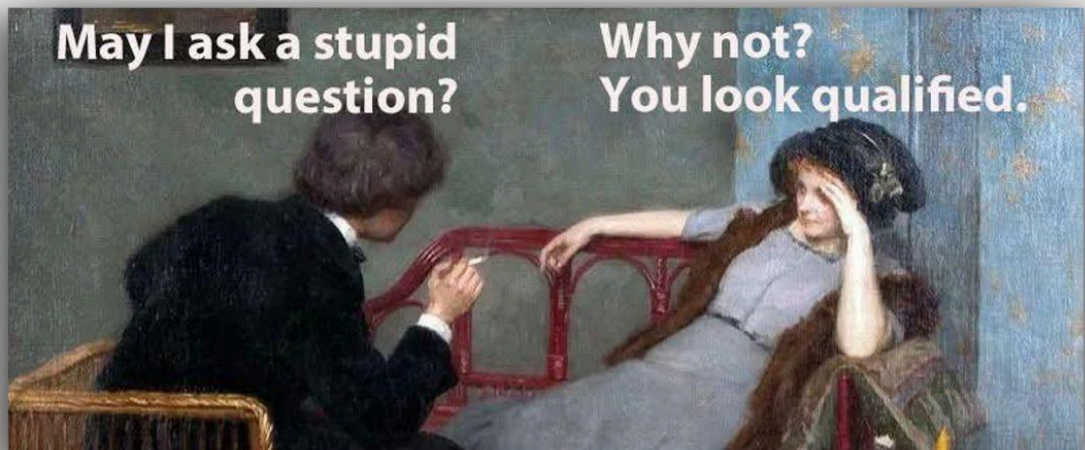
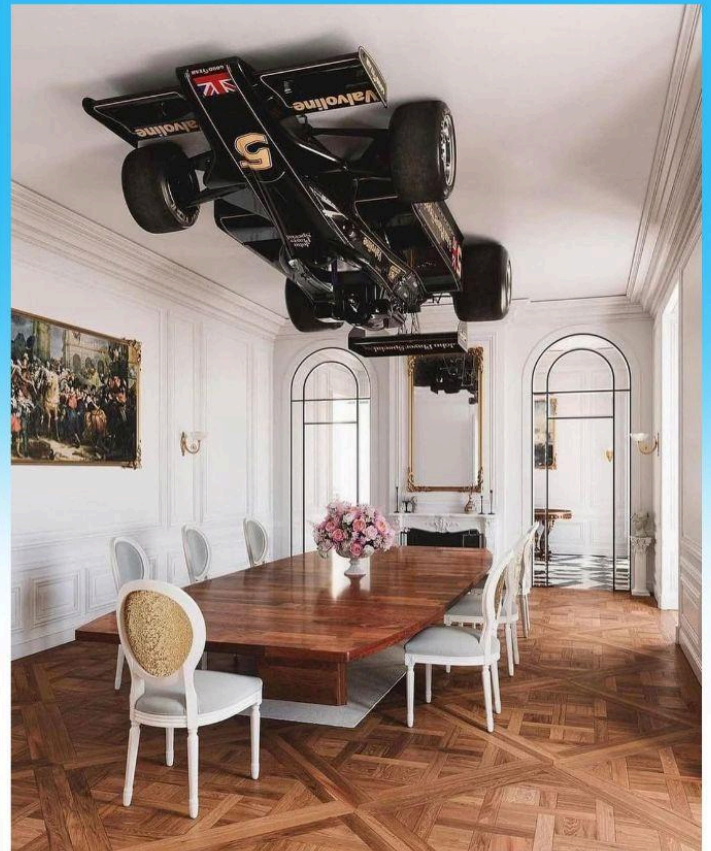
What if they aren't stars at all, but holes poked in the top of the container so we can breathe:



The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES

Sometimes I just want someone to hug me and say, "I know it's hard. You are going to be okay. Here's some chocolate and six million dollars."



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Simpson Chevrolet appreciates the affiliation it has with Pacific Coast Corvettes and is proud to be a club sponsor and participant with PCC and a major contributor to PCC's Scholarship Program. We are pleased to continue our sponsorship for an additional year, through 2025 and committed to contributing \$1,000 to the club's scholarship fund plus an additional \$500 scholarship contribution for continued excellent college academic performance for previous scholarship awardees.



"It is our honor to participate in Pacific Coast Corvettes Scholarship Programs."

David Simpson, President

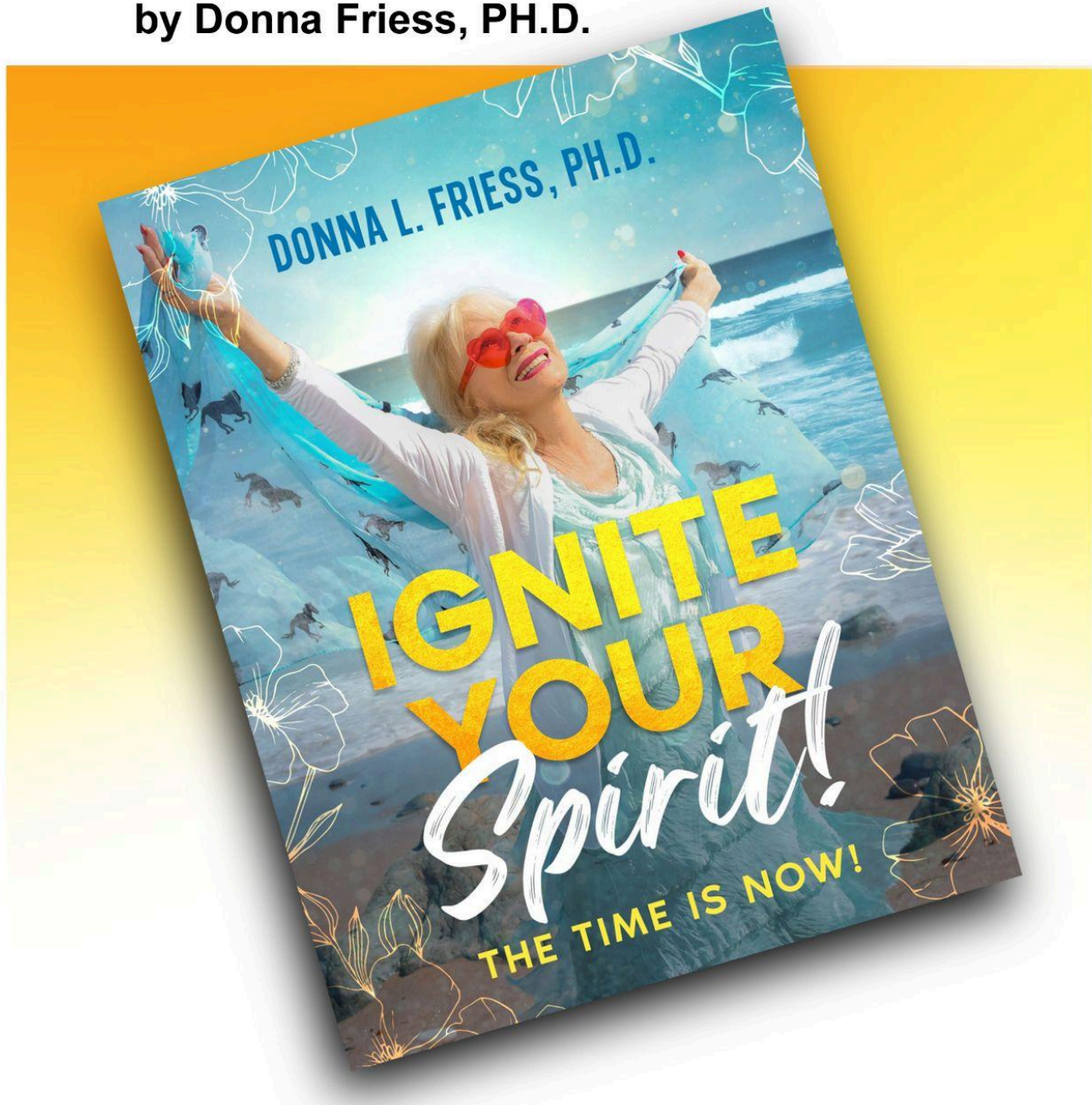
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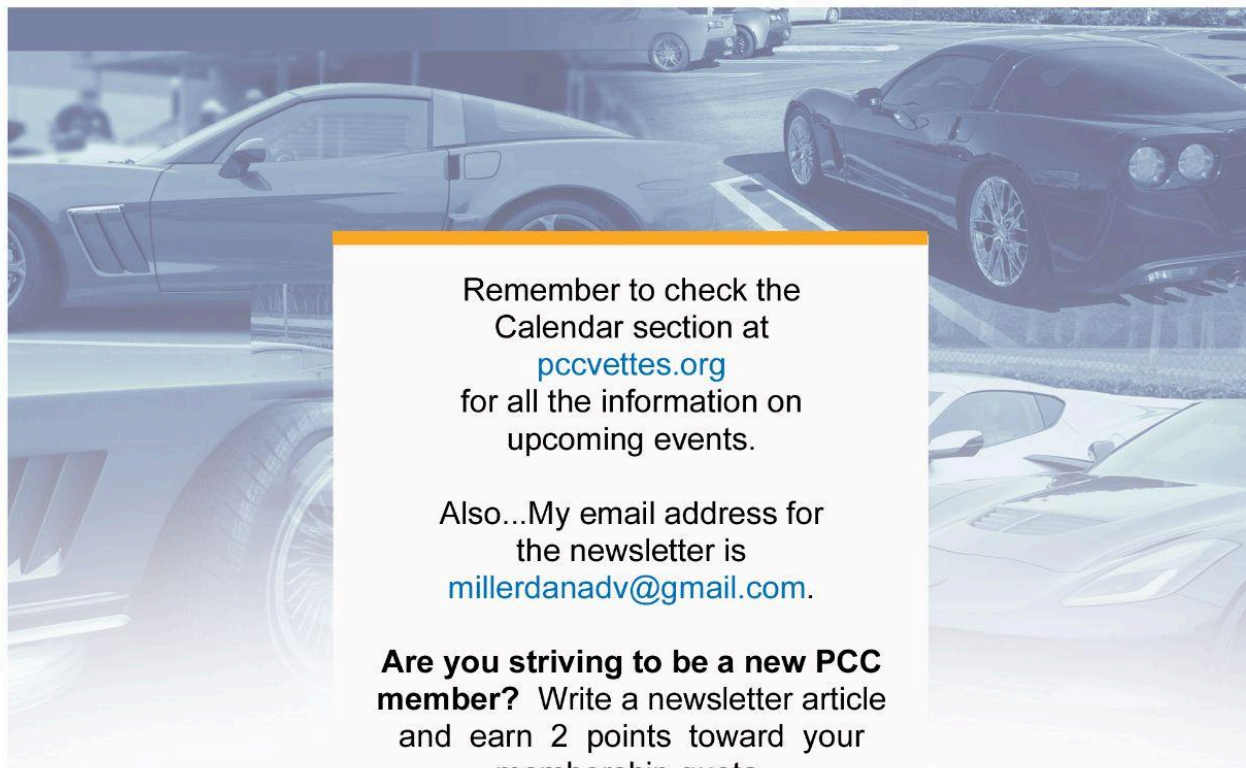
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upcoming events.

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