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THE Corvette Waves

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MEETINGS

Pacific Coast Corvettes meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Campus JAX, 3950 Campus Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. (949) 261-6270. **Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Come early (around 5 pm) to eat and socialize.**

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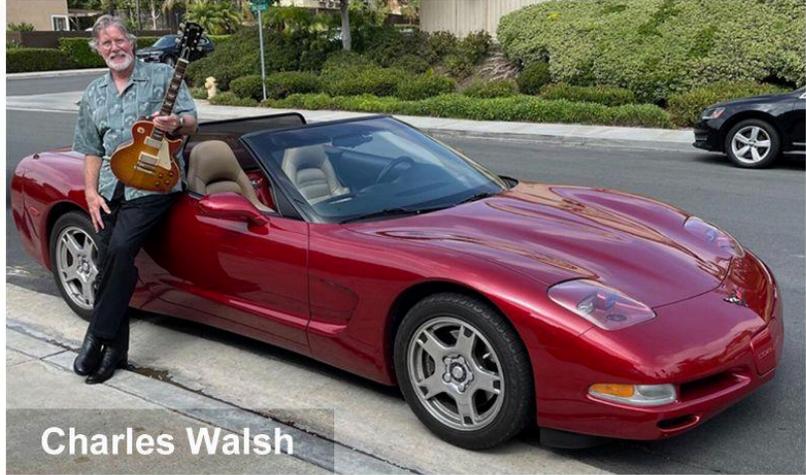
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GREETINGS PCC'ers



A very belated Happy New Year to each of you!

As we begin this new year, I look forward to sharing many fun and exciting activities with you. The activities on our calendar include: Cars and Coffee, Solvang Run with 4 other Corvette clubs in March, Route 66 Fun Run in April, and the Jerry Wheeler Memorial Trip to Big Bear in June. Much to look forward to!

We started this year with our Annual New Year's Day tour of South Orange County - well, sort of... The rains precluded the drive portion of this event but we were still able to enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch at Lucille's in Irvine. A big shout out to Bob and Sandy Savanich who always make the First of every year a magnificent event!

Next up for us was our Annual Awards Party! Wow! I had no idea we had so many Cowboys and Cowgirls in our Club! Everyone had a fantastic time! The venue was perfect - Thank you Jim Burra!, The food from Pizza Rageous was outstanding; our DJ added immeasurably to the fun of the evening; and our desserts - courtesy of Haley Villegas-Rees and her Mom - they were delicious beyond belief. It was a perfect way to honor and recognize the many Members that make our Club the largest and Best Club on the West Coast! We farewelled Scott Studivant, Donna Friess and Rick Vente they will be greatly missed in the rolls on our Board. We also formally welcomed our three new Board members: Brandon Reed - Sergeant at Arms, Charles Stewart - Hospitality, and Jane Wheeler - Historian. They will add a

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

new and exciting perspective to our Club.
Thank you for accepting the challenge!

The Awards Party could not have happened without the selfless efforts of many Members: Jim Burra, Vicky Kovacs, Haley Villegas-Rees, Barbara Vente, Rob Esquinas, Cindy Esquinas, Michael Esquinas, Dan Miller, Dan Fost, Mike Corlett, Maria Auten, Dave Barley, Jim Coticchia, Donna Friess, and several others who helped set up and tear down that I have failed to recognize - Please forgive me!



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is with great sadness that I have to announce the passing of one of our Members. The ever-delightful Joyce Uchino spent her last evening on this earth with us at our Party. I am heartbroken over her loss but at the same time grateful that we could help her enjoy our company. Please join me in offering prayers and support to Gary Uchino at this most difficult time. Joyce will be greatly missed.

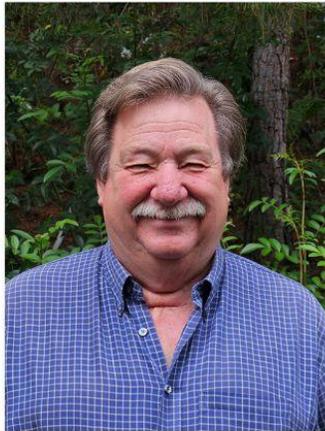
As always, I encourage each of you to participate in as many of the myriad activities that we have on our Club's Calendar. And even more importantly, if there is an event that you'd like to see added to our Calendar, don't hesitate to suggest it and we will help you to organize it to make it happen.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





Bernie DeMarkey

HELP!!!

The new year is here, by the time you read this the annual awards party will be in the Books and the job ahead is **NEW EVENTS**, (*please do not stop reading here*) I need your **HELP!!** We live in the most Fantastic place in the US! There is SO much to see and do it is amazing to me. Better Yet we own and **DRIVE** the best that the American Automakers have to offer. If you agree with that then Please volunteer to host an event.

Below are a bunch of ideas of where to go and what to see! (IF you have a better idea Go for it)

Palm Springs: The Airplane Museum, The Aerial Tram up the Mountain, The Wind Turbine Museum
The US Iowa in San Pedro
The Queen Mary, I will bet you it has been years since you were there
How about a Drive to Joshua Tree?
Cruise for the Cure
Calico Ghost Town

Here are events People are working on already.

Gary Lane has stepped up to work with Huntington Beach Concours (he is looking for volunteers)

Mike Corlett is in touch with the Lyons Air Museum

Gina McCue is already working on Cambria

Wes Wisdom is working on a day at the Lyons Drag Racing Museum

Moe Wise, National Corvette Day at the Marconi

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are other events already on the calendar and THANK YOU to the Folks setting them up but believe me there is plenty more space for the event you want to happen.

Food for thought, IF 10 cars sign up for your event that is a great event because about 20 people are going to have fun and get to know someone better than they did the day before.

Can you host event on a Weekday? YOU BET.

Can you limit the number of Cars/ People for event?
YES

Can my event be on the same day as another event?
YES

Can people bring a car other than a Corvette?
YES

Can my event be geared to bring the whole Family?
Why Not?

Can someone help me run an EVENT? The job of the Board is help you have a Great EVENT.

The New Years Day Run was a tremendous Success, But it Rained and we did not drive our Corvettes? That is right, we shared a meal with old friends and some new friends, Yes we are a Corvette Club, we love our Corvettes, more importantly we enjoy being with each other.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Your Vice President,

Bernie DeMarkey

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!**

- Feb. 4** **PCC Monthly Meeting**
At Campus Jax, 3950 Campus Dr., Newport Beach
Social hour starts at 5:00 pm.
Meeting begins at 6:30.
- March 4** **PCC Monthly Meeting**
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- March 14** **Cars and Coffee**
Carl's Jr, San Juan Capistrano 31852 Del Obispo Street,
San Juan Capistrano, CA
Date: Saturday, March 14th, 2026 Time: 7am to 10am
See flyer for more details.
- March 21** **Solvang Run**
Dates: Saturday, March 21st, 2026 to
Tuesday, March 24th, 2026
See flyer for more details.
- April. 1** **PCC Monthly Meeting**
At Campus Jax, 3950 Campus Dr., Newport Beach
Social hour starts at 5:00 pm.
Meeting begins at 6:30.
- April 29** **Route 66 Fun Run in Arizona**
Dates: Wednesday, April 29th – Sunday, May 3rd, 2026
See flyer for details.
- May** **NO EVENTS PLANNED ??????????**
- June 13** **Cars and Coffee**
Carl's Jr, San Juan Capistrano 31852 Del Obispo Street,
San Juan Capistrano, CA
Date: Saturday, June 13th, 2026 Time: 7am to 10am
See flyer for detail
- June 17** **Jerry Wheeler Memorial Trip to Big Bear**
Holiday Inn Big Bear 40650 Village Dr., Big Bear Lake
Dates: Wednesday, June 17th – Friday, June 19th, 2026
See flyer for details.

A Look in the Rear View Mirror

By Donna Friess



Last August a big group of art loving PCCers gathered at the home of Donna Friess. There in the quiet hills of San Juan Capistrano they practiced their “en plein aire” painting skills. The next art experience will be coming this Spring.



PCC's Annual Awards Party

A Fantastic way to end 2025 and kick off 2026



Dog gone...if them there Center Pieces didn't hit the nail on the head for a good old Western Theme. Well done!



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Those food service fixin's were Chuck Wagon perfect.



Folks were gabbin' up a storm.



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You have to turn into a no good, yellow bellied bank rober if you want your Award.



Photo op.....Smile.



We were So Blessed to have Joyce and Gary with us at this shindig.

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Line dancing was a must.
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8

"Simon Says" you could win a couple bucks.



Don't forget the desert table.....It was filled with humdingers.

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

It happens every month. Just grab your name badge and find your way to Campus Jax for PCC's monthly meeting. Make an evening of it. Corvette owners abound. Arrive a little early and enjoy eats and conversation. It's always entertaining and chocked full of club information.

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FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Campus Jax

3950 Campus Drive, Newport Beach

Social hour starts at 5:00 PM.

Official meeting begins at 6:30 PM.

All club members are welcome along with all potential club members.



JANUARY FIRST 2026 PCC NEW YEARS DAY CRUISE & LUNCHEON

By Bob Savanich

Happy New Year fellow PCC'rs. Well, the cruise part of our New Years Day event didn't work out the way Sandy and I planned. The original concept was a result of Don Wilder's suggestion that we mimic the popular "Tour D'Orange". He and I ran the event and thought we could do one with only our Corvette Club. We chose New Years Day because the streets would be almost empty and the weather historically would be perfect! Blue skies and unlimited views of some of the most beautiful parts of South County. However, almost constant rain marred the week between and Christmas and January 1st. Two days before our annual cruise Sandy and I decided to cancel the run for safety reasons. A portion of the cruise runs through our beautiful Trabuco, Live Oak and Santiago Canyons. Trabuco Creek runs under the Trabuco Bridge and caused damage to the road surface and filled it with debris that low slung Corvettes would have difficulty navigating. With not enough time for a "Plan B" routing, we scrubbed the cruise. Sorry.

That however did not negate the "rain or shine" luncheon portion. Lucille's Barbecue Restaurant in the Tustin District has been very supportive of our event for the past 8 years and allowed a reservation of 50+ and the staffing that goes with that. We are so happy 42 brave souls ventured out on



A couple Corvettes did end up in Lucille's parking lot.

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By Bob Savanich

a gloomy New Years Day to join in the fun. As it turned out the sun came out and blue skies prevailed at the luncheon venue. A few members drove their Corvettes but most came in their “other” car, Sandy and I included.

Some of the original 50+ members planned to go on the run only and didn't sign up for the luncheon due to family commitments or in a couple of cases, just a nasty bug going around. We are so grateful most of our members showed up and had a great time.

Sandy and I want to thank each and every one of our participants for showing up for this annual event. See ya'll next year. **Next year will be clear blue skies and forever views.**

Semper Fidelis and Save the Wave,

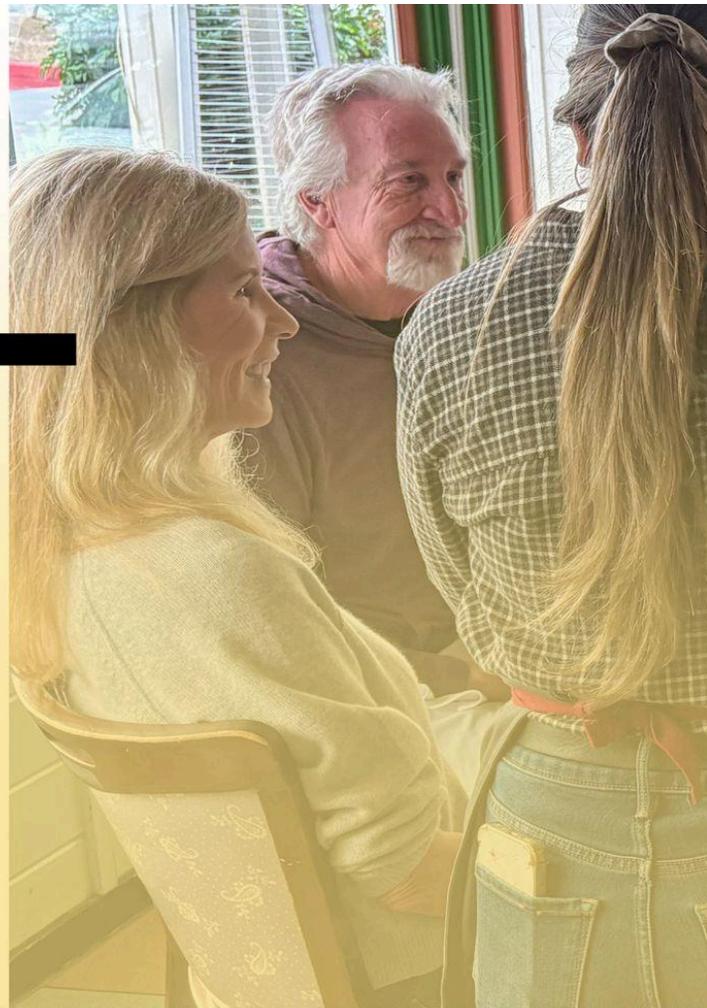
Bob and Sandy Savanich.



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By Bob Savanich



Why We're Drawn to the Corvette Culture & The PCC Orange County

By Sheri Gottschalk

Why Corvette Culture is Different...

What has always stood out to us about Corvette ownership is the community that surrounds it. Corvette culture is welcoming, inclusive, and refreshingly unpretentious. Owners talk to one another. They share stories. They wave. Conversations happen naturally - at gas stations, parking lots, and stoplights.

There's a mutual respect that spans generations and models. Whether it's a pristine classic or a brand-new C8, the common thread is appreciation - not comparison.

More Than Cars - It's the Experience

For us, being part of a club isn't about lining cars up and walking away.

It's about:

Group drives that turn into lasting memories

Conversations that cross generations

Learning from longtime owners who've lived the history

Sharing meals, laughs, and miles on the road

Corvettes were built to be driven, and Corvette culture celebrates that fact.

Why PCC Orange County Feels Right

Orange County has an incredible car scene, but PCC Orange County stands out because it embodies everything we value - passion without ego, knowledge without judgment, and a genuine sense of community.

We're excited not just to attend events, but to participate. To listen. To learn. To drive. And to contribute to a group that values both the legacy of the Corvette and the friendships that come with it.

At the end of the day, Corvettes are extraordinary cars - but it's the people behind the wheel that make the culture unforgettable. And that's why we're proud to say this is a club we truly want to be part of.

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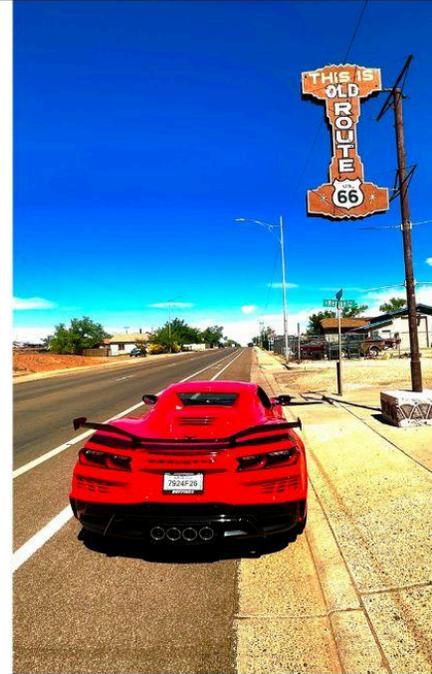
By Bill Gottschalk

I had 2 goals over the last 2 years. I wanted to get a new ZO6 Corvette and visit old, nostalgic Route 66. Last year, both goals were checked off from my bucket list. After waiting a year and a half and deposits with 2 dealers, I found out both dealerships would not be receiving any Corvette allocations. In utter disappointment, I called my son, who lives in Dallas, and asked if he had any connections with a Chevy dealer there. In 3 hours, I had an email from Huffines Chevrolet. Joby, the salesman, said that if I could get a deposit to them in 2 days and a build sheet, he could get me in the November allocation with an anticipated delivery in January 2025. I got it done and started making room in the garage. Well, January came and went but in late April I got an email from Chevrolet that my ZO6 was in transit. Two days later, the dealer said my torch red ZO6 was being prepared for delivery. I wired the payment and signed the documents and had a flight set up to go to Dallas. I had an exceptional experience at the dealership and drove my super car to the detailer for PPF and ceramic coating to prepare for the 1550-mile trip back to California.

A week later, I flew to Dallas and then my son and I started the trip with a stop on Route 66 as planned by Chat GPT. On day 2, we were on Route 66 in Winslow, AZ at the intersection that the Eagles made famous in "Take it Easy." It was a busy intersection, but we got some great pictures.

The trip lasted 3 days and we made every moment count because time is the most precious luxury. Every mile we drove was a reminder to cherish the time we had. Long distance to family means fewer visits but each one becomes more meaningful.

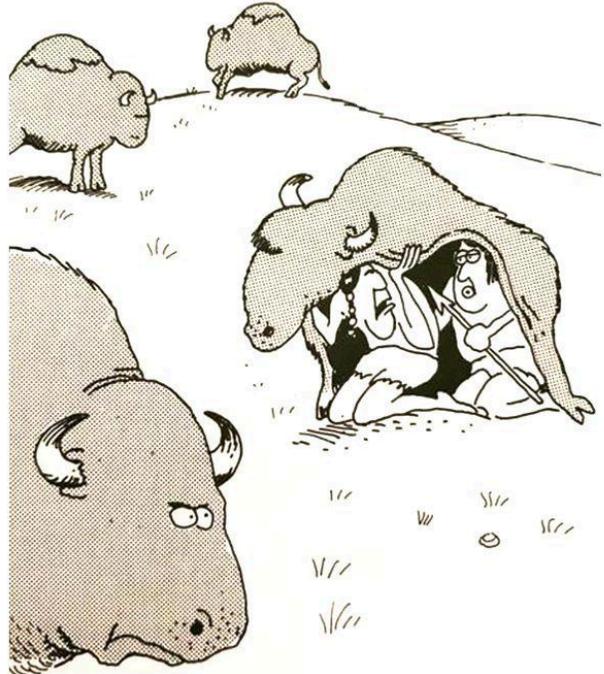
This road trip wasn't about the drive. It is about making memories, sharing stories, and appreciating the moments that matter the most.



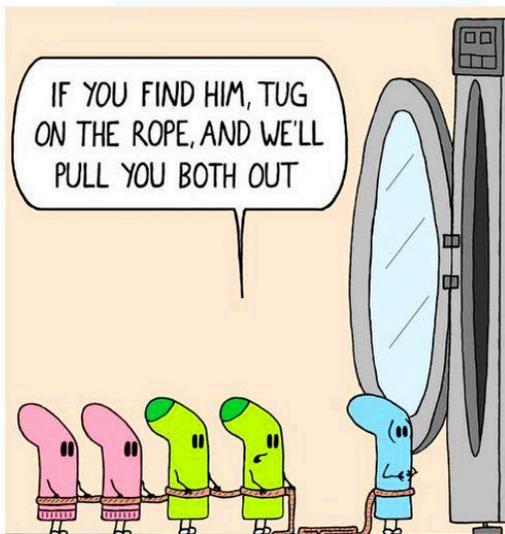
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They Walk Amongst us

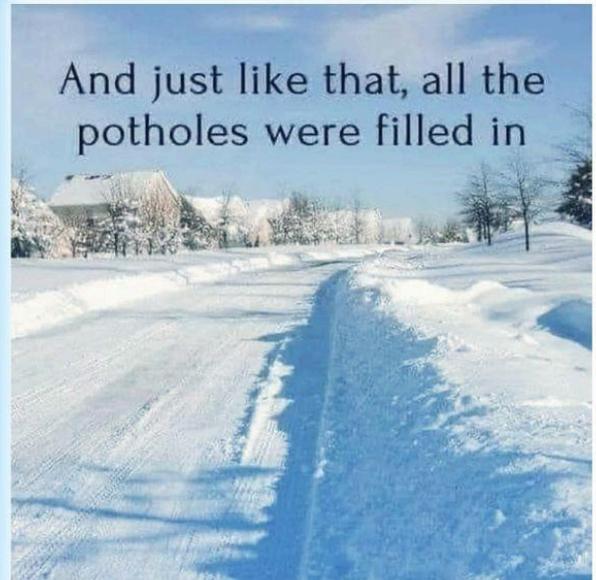
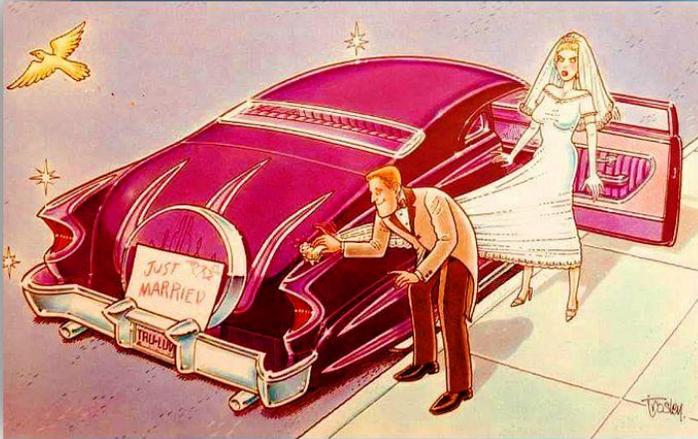


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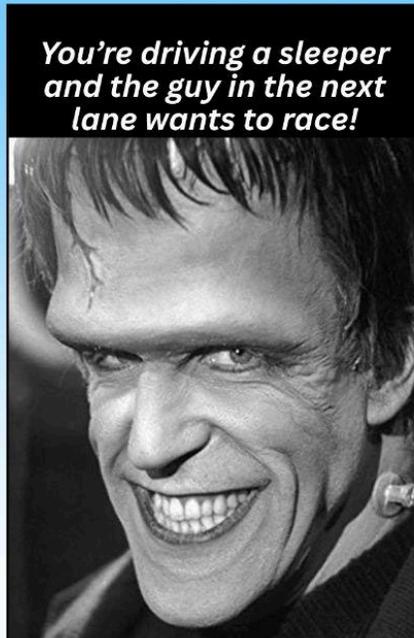
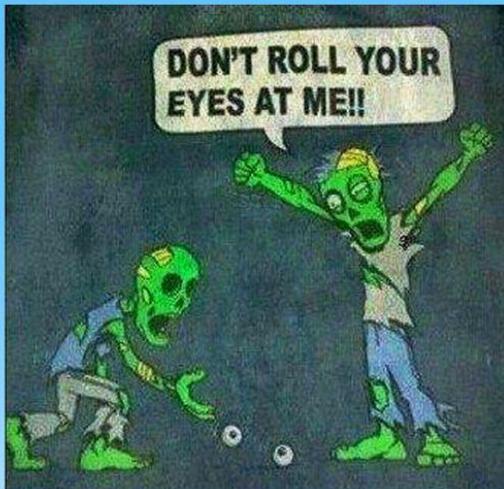


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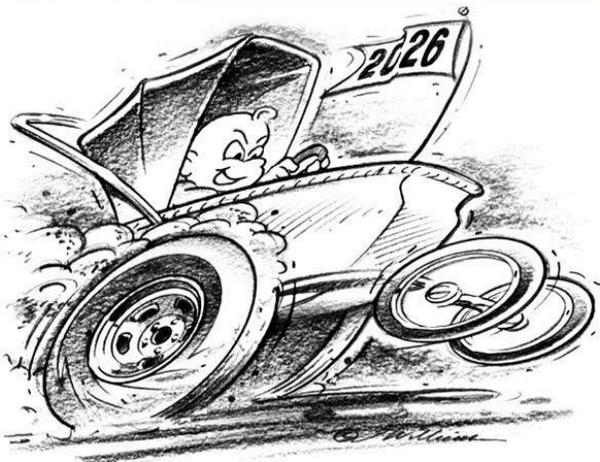
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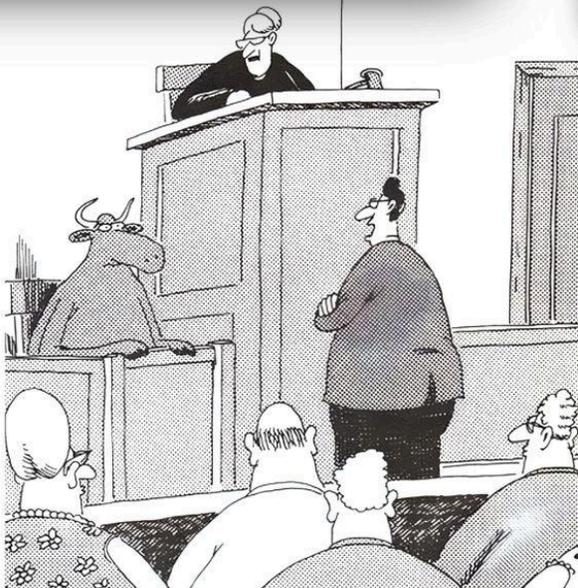
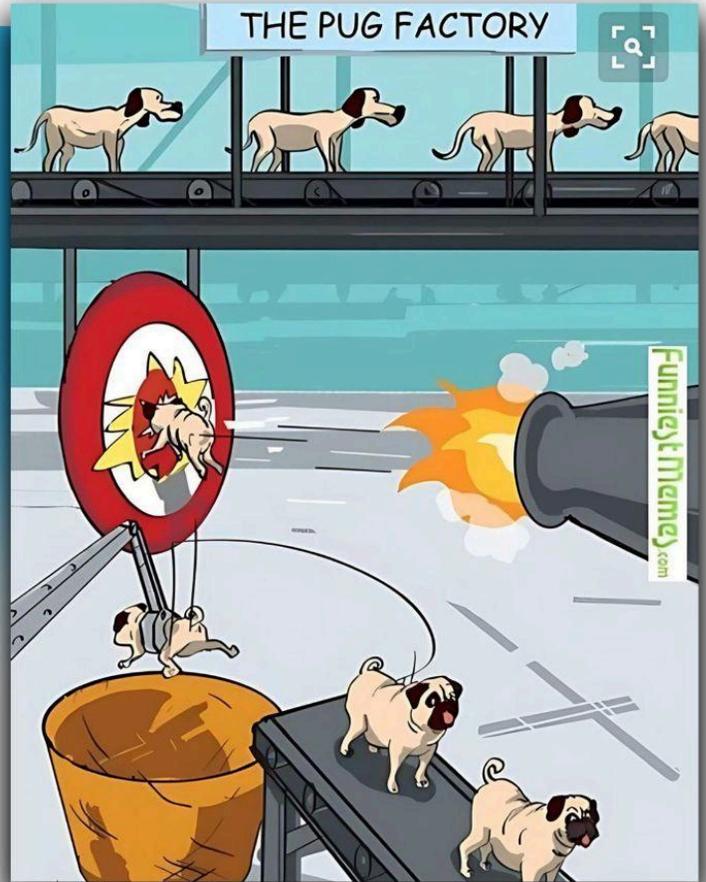
You're driving a sleeper and the guy in the next lane wants to race!



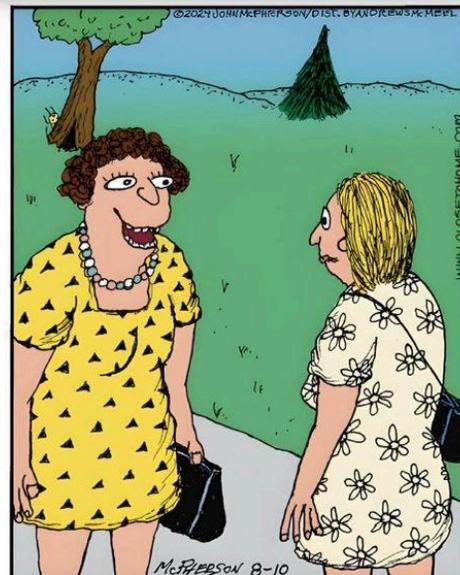
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HOW TO KEEP NEIGHBOR KIDS OUT OF YOUR YARD THIS WINTER



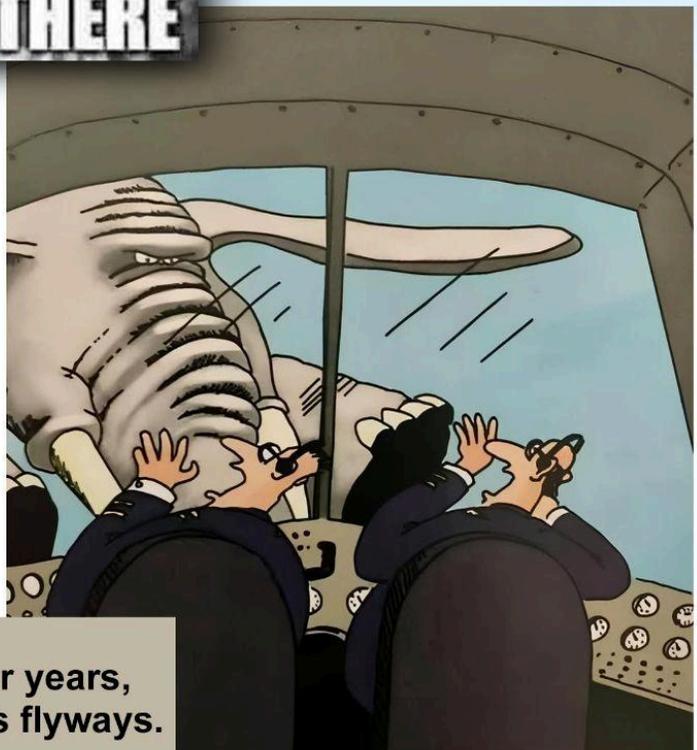
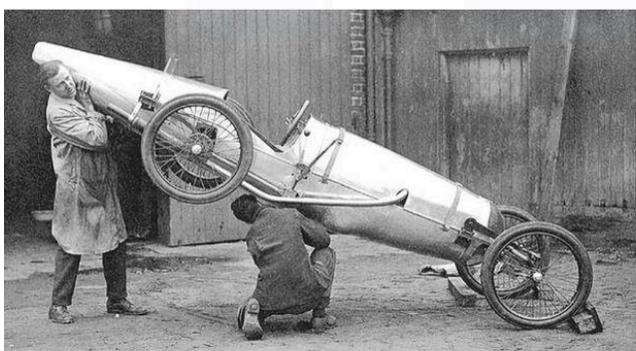
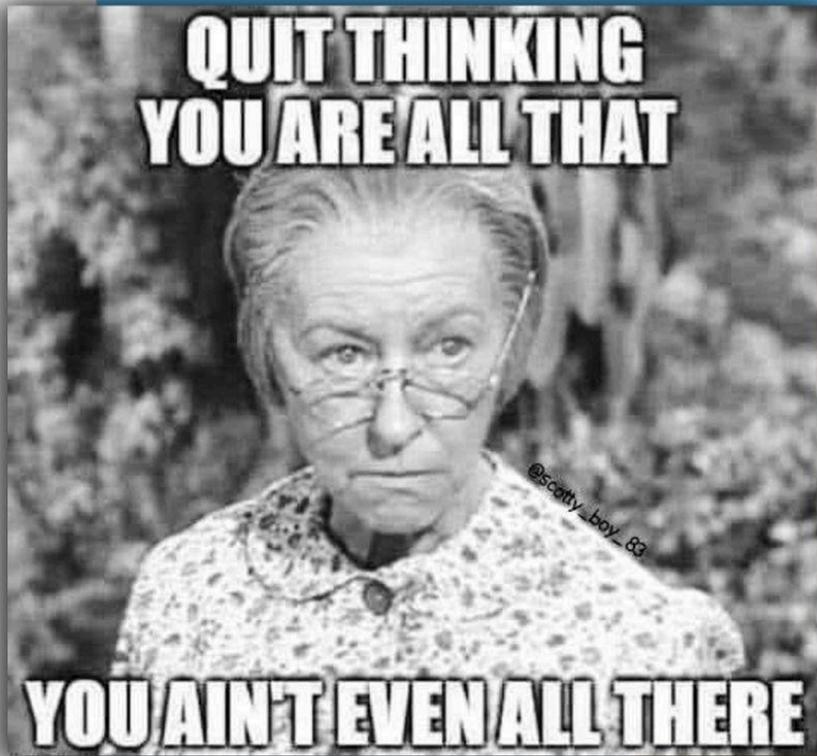
"Look. We know *how* you did it — *how* is no longer the question. What we now want to know is *why*. . . . Why now, brown cow?"



"It's like those necklaces we wore as kids, but instead of candy, it has Tums, ibuprofen and my blood pressure meds."

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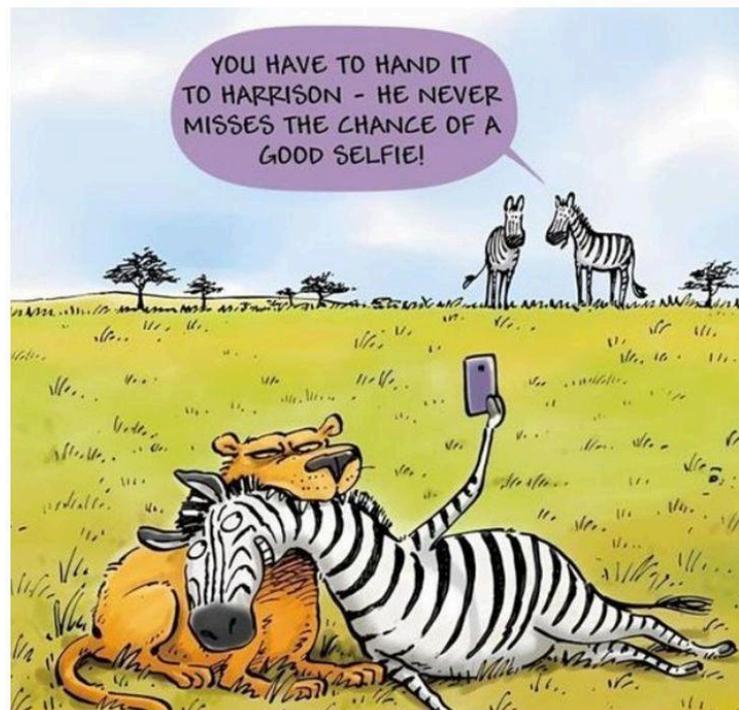
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Becoming a rogue in his later years, Dumbo terrorized the world's flyways.

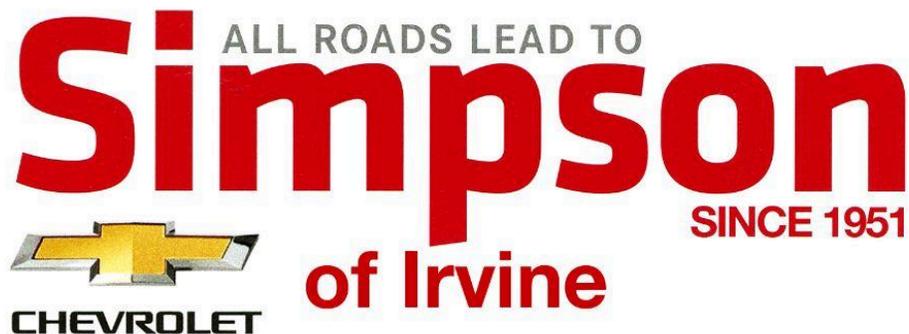
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"It is our honor to participate in Pacific Coast Corvettes Scholarship Programs."

David Simpson, President

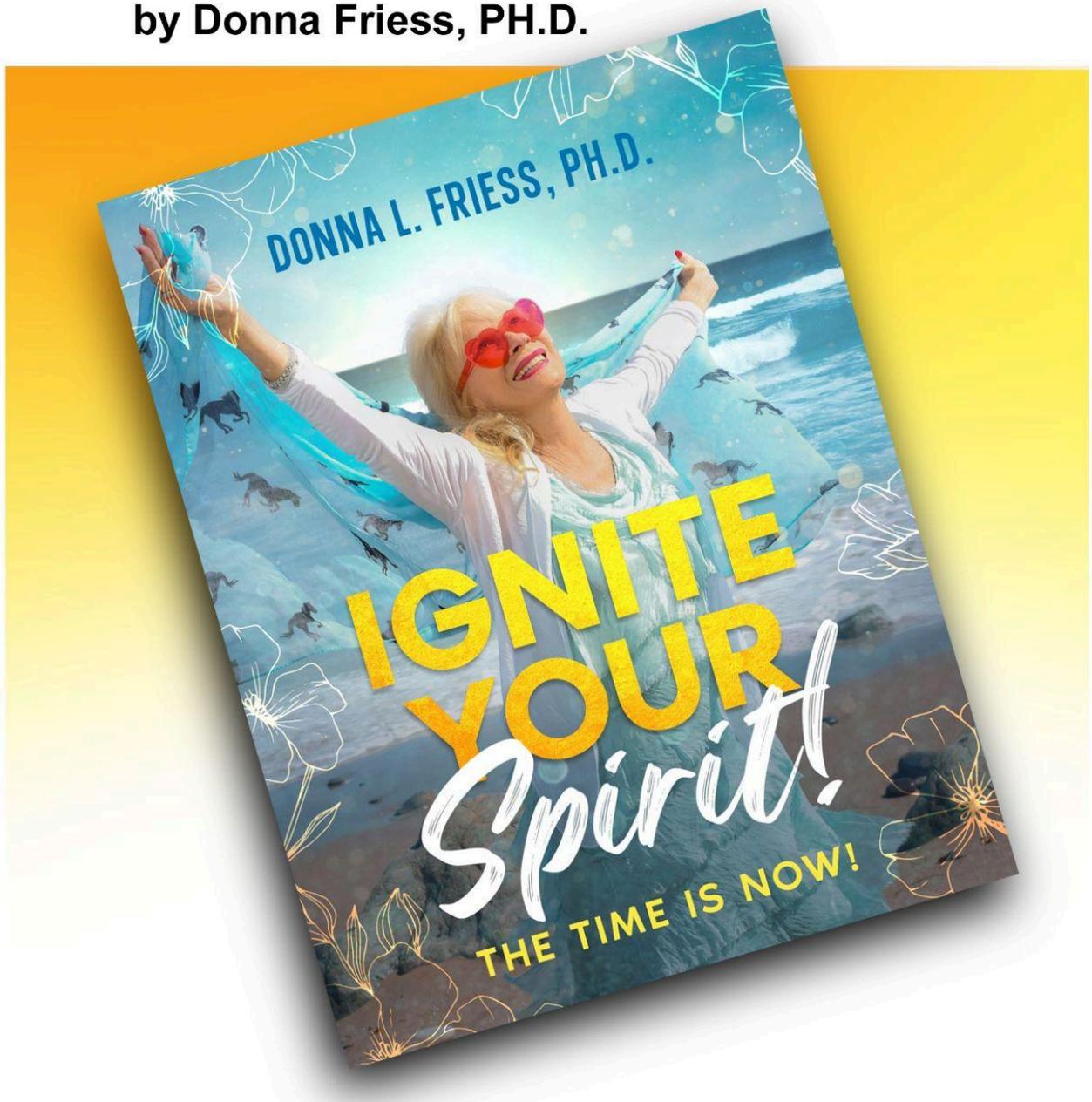
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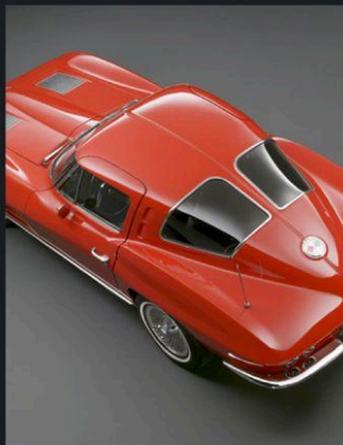


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