

THE **Corvette Waves**

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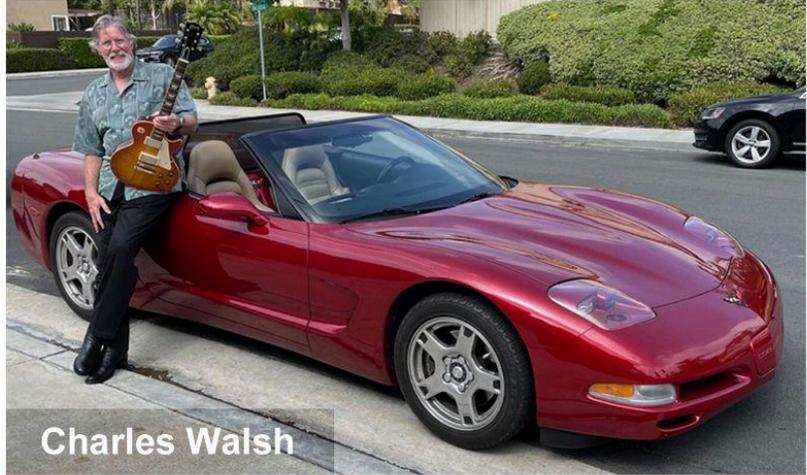


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GREETINGS PCC'ers



Charles Walsh

As we have all come to expect, our PCC Club Calendar is really starting to heat up! Our next big event will be a run to Solvang with four other Corvette Clubs for an extended weekend of all things Corvette. I am personally looking forward to enjoying the biggest danish pastry I can find and washing it down with some fine coffee.

Thanks to Dave Atkinson and his Scholarship Crew, we have been receiving many quality applications. I don't envy the Scholarship Committee as they have to evaluate each candidate and choose the most deserving. There is nothing wrong with our youth of today and the young people applying for our Scholarship is proof of that!

We donated \$500.00 to Campus Jax's Feed the Need charity. Jack was very pleased with our donation and I am certain those funds will go a long way to helping folks less fortunate than ourselves. **Thank you all!**

My goal as your President is to try to have our Club make as many positive impacts as possible to better our part of the World.

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!

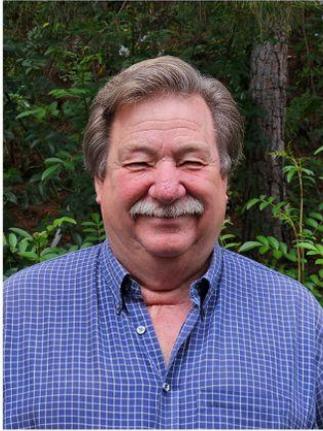
Well, the Red Rocket is calling my name...

Stay Safe and Stay Fast!

Saving the Wave for 35 Years!

Charles





Bernie DeMarkey

Where did the month GO?

It seems like just yesterday I was writing an article for the newsletter. Well once again our club calendar is getting full!!! The Club banquet was a smashing success and the **TEAM** !! that pulled it off raised the bar for the folks on the 2026 Committee to follow.

Speaking of which If you want to volunteer give our President a call. I know he is looking for a team to do the job right now.

As March is coming down the pike, we have 3 great events happening:

1st Whale Watching Festival at Dana Point, Hosted Bob & Sandy Savanish March 8th please register with Bob Savanish rsavanish7@gmail.com Please see the flyer on the Calendar

2nd Cars and Coffee, San Juan Capistrano. March 14, Hosted Bob & Sandy Savanish Please register with Bob Savanish rsavanish7@gmail.com Please see the flyer on the Calendar

3rd Palm Springs Corvette Club has invited us to join them for a Visit to Solvang, March 21-24 PLEASE check out the flyer for details, This should be a fantastic trip and Solvang....what a beautiful Place.

We are very lucky here in California, there is so

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

much to see and do. Great Roads to stretch to the legs of Corvettes on. Do you have a favorite place you like to take your Corvette or a place you go with your family just to have fun?? Well share it with us. Make a day of it.

I am looking for someone or a group to host a Corvette Picnic. Maybe a day trip to the Peterson Museum or some other great place. Let me know where you want to go and I will help you make it happen.

IF you are hosting an event here is some Liability Insurance Waiver information:

- Get the event on the Calendar,
- Have folks sign the waiver form
- Each person must sign the waiver form
- Give the waiver form to the Club Governor

Think of it this way If wheels are turning, and you have a group with you sign a waiver. It is simple and Great Protection

HAPPY TRAILS

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!**

- March 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 8** **Dana Point Festival of the Whales**
Carl's Jr, San Juan Capistrano 31852 Del Obispo Street,
San Juan Capistrano, CA
Date: Sunday, March 8th, 2026 Time: 8am to 12am
See flyer for more details.
- 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.
- April 29** **Plein Aire Painting**
Donna's House 31506 Paseo Christina, San Juan Capistrano
Dates: Wednesday, April 29th. Time: 10:30 am to 2 pm
See flyer for details.
- May 1** **WeatherTech Sportscar Championship**
Lone Oak Lodge, 2221 N. Fremont Street, Monterey, CA
Dates: Friday, May 1st, 2026 - Sunday, May 3rd, 2026
See flyer for details.
- May 6** **PCC Monthly Meeting**
At Campus Jax, 3950 Campus Dr., Newport Beach
Social hour starts at 5:00 pm.
Meeting begins at 6:30.

2026

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO ROTARY CAR SHOW

By Neil Morrison



On February 7, 2026, Mark and Pattie Smith, Rick Vente, Jim Walker and myself, having decided nothing better to do, met up in the dark at 6 AM at Carl's Jr in San Jan Capistrano prior to heading out to the 2026 San Juan Capistrano Rotary car show. After pouring down some coffee and a breakfast burrito we headed out. This year's show was held at the great big Rancho Mission Viejo Riding Park on La Pata Avenue at Ortega Highway.

Still dark we managed to get parked, set up and started waiting for the sun to come up to let the cars dry off from the morning mist and to warm each one of us up. There were already some cars parked when we arrived, but that number would grow what seemed exponential. By the time the cut off time of 9 AM arrived for show car entries arrived that were some 200 plus show cars of all generations and types. Hot rods, rat rods, VW vans,

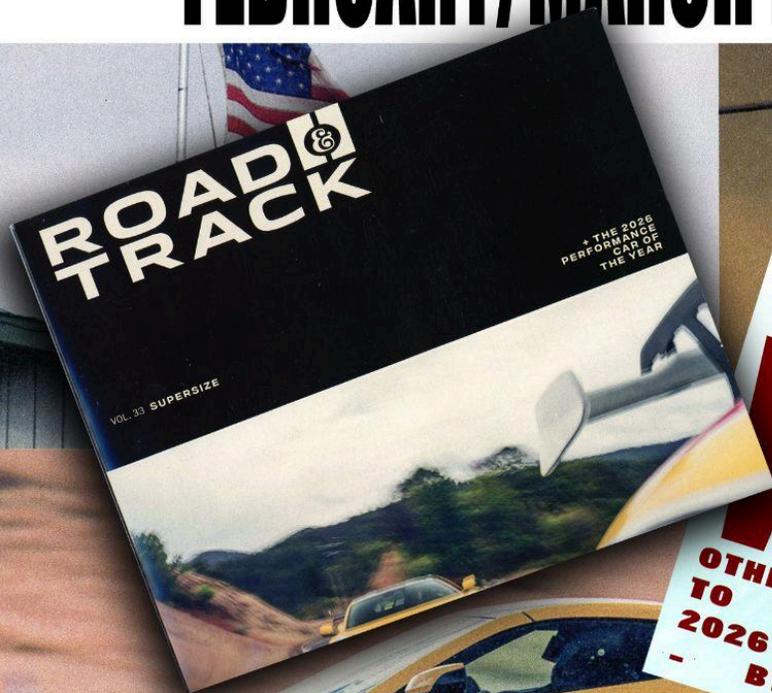
a British contention, and much more. The Rotary had planned it well, there was a band called the Answer, food trucks, sponsors such as Toll Roads, Capo Audi and Toyota and many others.

By now the sun had come up over the ridge to the east and the cleaning and shining began. Rick of course brought his entire garage of various

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IN THE FEBRUARY/MARCH ISSUE ROAD & TRACK



**2026
WINNER**
OTHERWORLDLY PERFORMANCE ACCESSIBLE
TO MORTALS MAKES THE ZR1 THE
2026 PERFORMANCE CAR OF THE YEAR.
BY MIKE DUFF

Correlation does not imply causation. But our 2026 Performance Car of the Year, the Chevrolet Corvette ZR1, has some strong similarities to the Lamborghini Revuelto that won last year. Both are mid-engine, have four-figure outputs, and were the most powerful contenders in the competition.

Before you accuse us of having a type, or just worshipping power, consider some critical differences. The Lambo channeled its massive output through a high-tech all-wheel-drive system incorporating three electric motors and front-axle torque vectoring. The ZR1 takes the simpler approach of sending the entire 1064-horse corral exclusively through the rear wheels.

Then there's the chasmic disparity in price. Last year's Revuelto was optioned to a surreal \$729,458. The ZR1 started at \$178K. Even laden with nearly every extra-cost option, including carbon-fiber wheels and the Carbon Fiber Aero package, the car here carried an MSRP of \$222,450. PCOTY is a test of driving, not value, but by any measure, the Corvette is an astonishing bargain. You couldn't go faster by spending three or even four times as much.

That was proved on the track, where the ZR1 was on a higher plane. At Thunderhill West there was a 3.3-second delta in lap time between the ZR1 and the next-fastest car, the Lamborghini Temerario, on a circuit that was probably too short and tight to play to the Vette's true strengths. Executive editor Mike Austin exited the cabin after his fastest timed run, wearing the expression of someone who has undergone a mystical experience.

For those of us not trying to extract fastest laps, it took a while to build up to the Corvette's towering limits. Not because it's hard to drive or scary at the limit, but because the forces unleashed feel so otherworldly. At PCOTY, drivers write their impressions in notepads in each car, sharing their thoughts fresh from each stint. The ZR1's book was littered with expletives. "A Z06 would be awesome and plenty of car," wrote editor-in-chief Daniel Pund, "but this—holy shit!"

A little text from the article.

See the February/March issue of ROAD&TRACK for full article.

JUST WHAT ARE THOSE NUMBERS FOR?

By Gene Insley

For those who have a C7 (or perhaps a C8) and have drilled down through the various display options you may have run across this little nugget of data and thought somewhere between: Wow-Fascinating and **Who Cares!**

If you're in the market for an "Experienced C7" the **Avg RPM** calculation can indicate a previous life of leisure or of being "rode hard and put away wet", to borrow a bit of ranch lingo.

You can also check out your own vehicle to determine if you should participate in a little "spirited cruising" to differentiate your Corvette from your dad's Buick.

BTW: Mine came out to 1292. Those long highway cruises to Bowling Green, National Parks, Seattle and SoCal offset those 170+ runs at the Mojave Magnum.

Average RPM Calculation

To calculate the average RPM:

1. **Total Revs:** Multiply the reported revs by 10,000.
2. **Average RPM:** Divide the total revs by the number of hours driven, then divide by 60 to convert to RPM.

What is Considered High Revs?

AVERAGE RPM	DRIVING BEHAVIOR
Below 1,500	Low usage, mostly cruising
1,500 - 2,500	Moderate driving, some spirited use
2,500 - 3,500	Frequent spirited driving, possible track use
Above 3,500	High-performance driving, likely track time

Conclusion

An average RPM above 2,500 may indicate a more aggressive driving style, while values





NAME: Ricky Purcell

AGE: 10

ADDRESS: Manasquan, New Jersey

OCCUPATION: student/Little Leaguer

CAR: none

COMMENT: "I don't feel bothered about waiting seven years to drive. I don't have to go places and meet deadlines in Chicago or anywhere like older people do. I can get around fine now—on a bicycle there aren't red lights or stop signs or traffic. But if I could have a car today I'd have a Shelby or a Corvette 'cause they're fast and they look cool."

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



Join in on the raffle. There are multiple prizes plus a 50/50 cash award. Just show up, buy some tickets and WIN. There's a raffle at every monthly meeting.

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.





CARS & COFFEE

UPDATE

Bill Gottschalk

On January 20, 2026, I attended the San Clemente City Council public hearing to consider modifying or revoking the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the weekly OC Cars and Coffee car shows at the San Clemente Outlets. I was there to help represent PCC's support for this event. This was my first ever City Council meeting.

When I arrived, I took a seat and began talking to the men next to me to gather as much information before the meeting began. It seems that there were complaints from residents about loud exhaust noise and cars and motorcycles speeding in the streets as they exited the event.

To begin the meeting, I loved that everyone stood to do the Pledge of Allegiance. The Council consisted of 4 Councilmen and the Mayor of San Clemente. The room was packed and standing room only. After reviewing a couple of items, it was time to discuss the car show. The mayor asked how many people submitted permission to speak forms and when the clerk answered, "51," the room erupted with applause. I knew this would be good.

Speeches were limited to 1 minute versus the usual 3 minutes so we would not be there all night. Most of the pleas to retain this show were about family, friends, comradery, and the love of automobiles.

The standout speech was a man who was sitting in my row, who told the story of meeting someone and befriending him at the show. Three weeks past and he did not see him again, so he called him. After a long discussion about cars and family, the conversation turned to why he had not returned to the show. It turned out that his friend was diagnosed with cancer and lost his motivation to keep going. With some urging, he began

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CARS & COFFEE UPDATE

returning to the show weekly. It was a touching story. The next person to speak walked up to the microphone and told everyone, "I am that man, and I'm still here." The room erupted with a standing applause.

There was a lot of back-and-forth discussion about hiring 2 more police or OC sheriffs to patrol the area for the 2 hours of the events, prohibiting motorcycles, reducing the event frequency, installing automatic license plate readers (ALPR) at a cost of \$20,000-\$26,000 per year, and charging a \$5 entrance fee. Of course, they questioned who would pay for all of this, despite generating \$230,000 a year for issuing citations for speeding, no front license plates, and window tint on vehicles exiting the event.

Finally, the Council took a vote and announced a unanimous 5-0 vote to continue the CUP as is, and table the discussions on any future changes to the event. Once again, more applause.

Just as I was finishing this article, I received an email about organizing a PCC event where we all display at the OC Cars and Coffee and make a name for ourselves in this wonderful Southern Orange County automobile world.

I think you know where I will be that Saturday morning.

Bill Gottschalk

JUST A LITTLE GLAM FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Glamor Light Painting of all 8 generations.
A Creigh Photography photograph.

Submitted by Bob Savanich



GENERATIONS

With special thanks to the Pacific Coast Corvette Club.

- C-1 - 1957 - Owned by Jim Burra
- C-2 - 1963 - Owned by Tim Osborn
- C-3 - 1970 - Owned by Dan Miller
- C-4 - 1990 - Owned by Jim Burra
- C-5 - 1999 - Owned by Charles Walsh
- C-6 - 2013 - Owned by Bob and Sandy Savanich
- C-7 - 2017 - Owned by David Yeates
- C-8 - 2020 - Owned by Rick Vente





KICK THE TIRES at Knowlwood's

A Breakfast Time Gabfest.



Be sure to check the PCC Calendar for the next "KICK THE TIRES" event.

It will kick your morning off right.

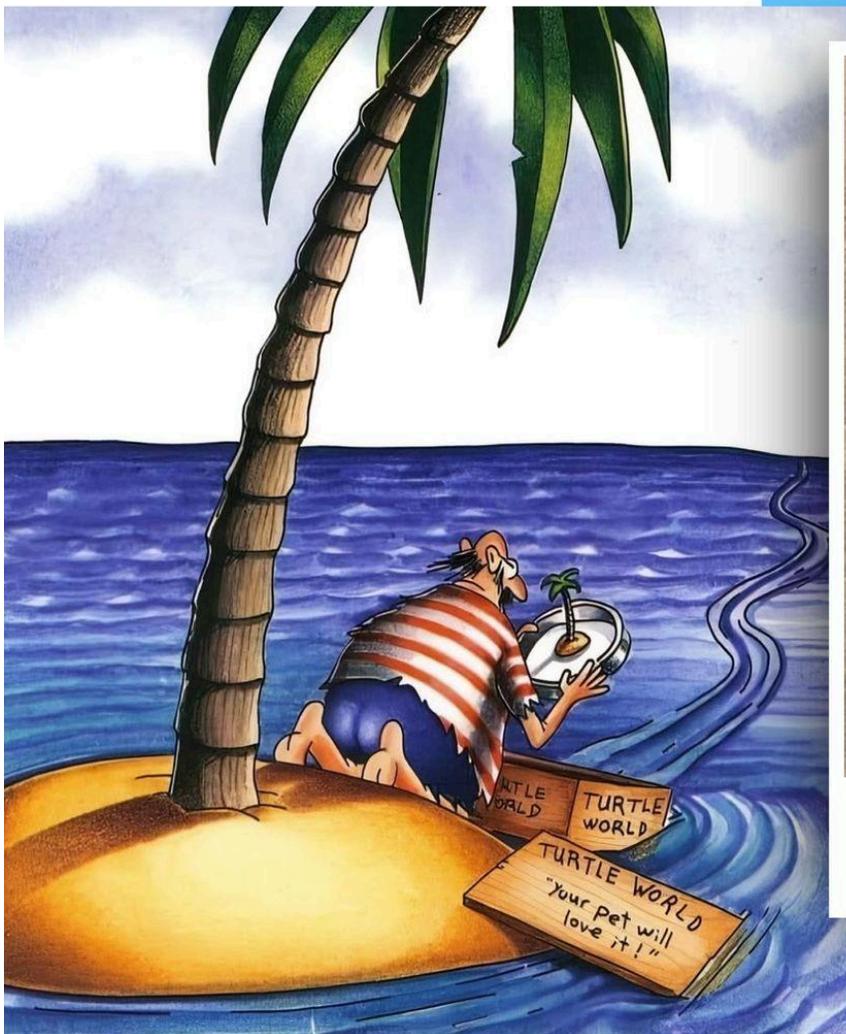
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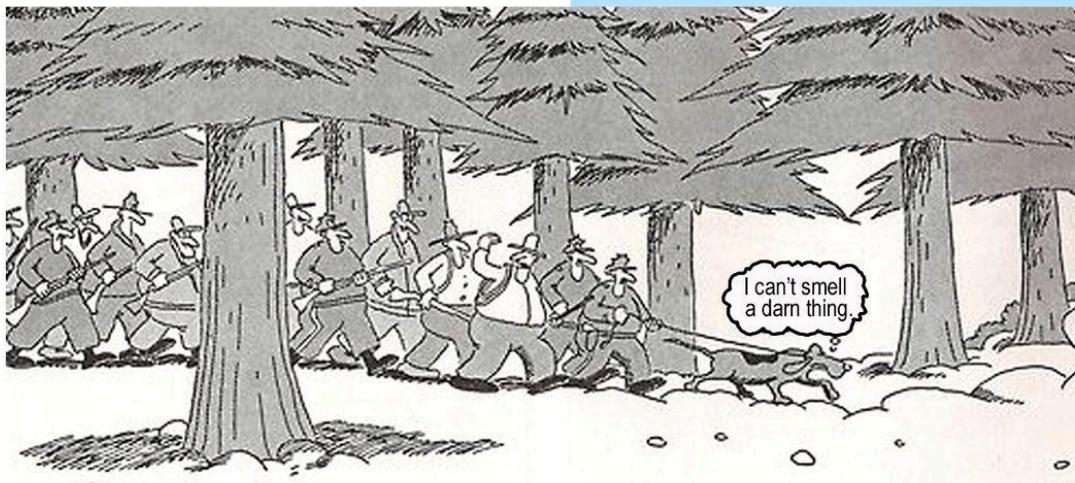
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YOU CAN'T CONTROL EVERYTHING



Take my hair for example.



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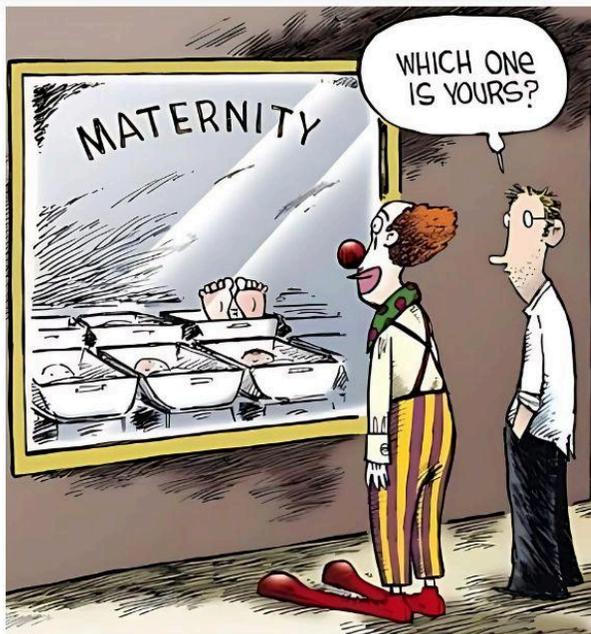
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Canada uses fake potholes to slow down traffic.

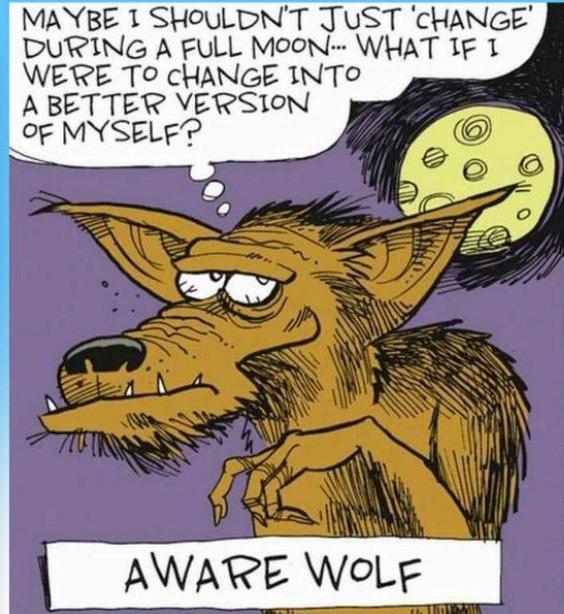


New York however, prefers



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When you have no money for an MRI, but you have a friend working at the airport.

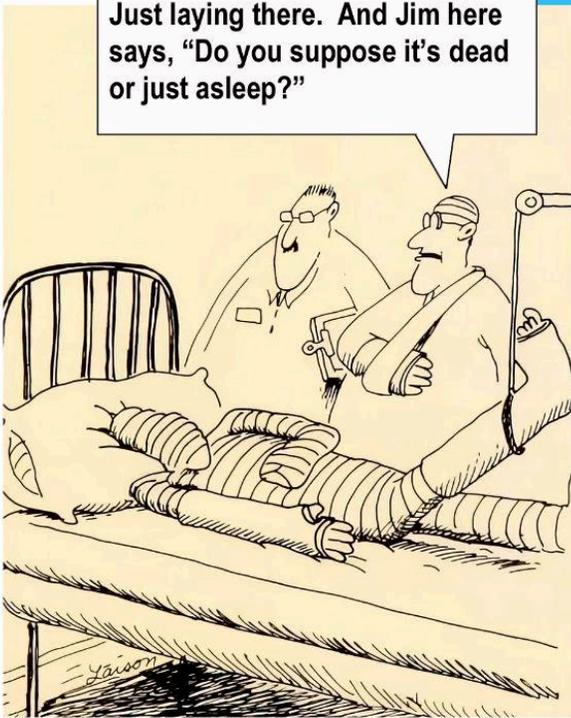


"Old record albums...Beatles, Byrds, Monkees... before they invented spell check."

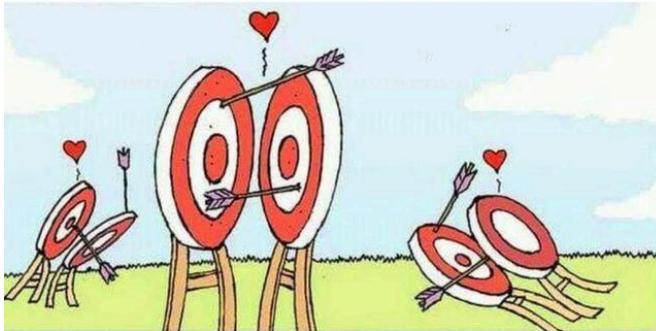
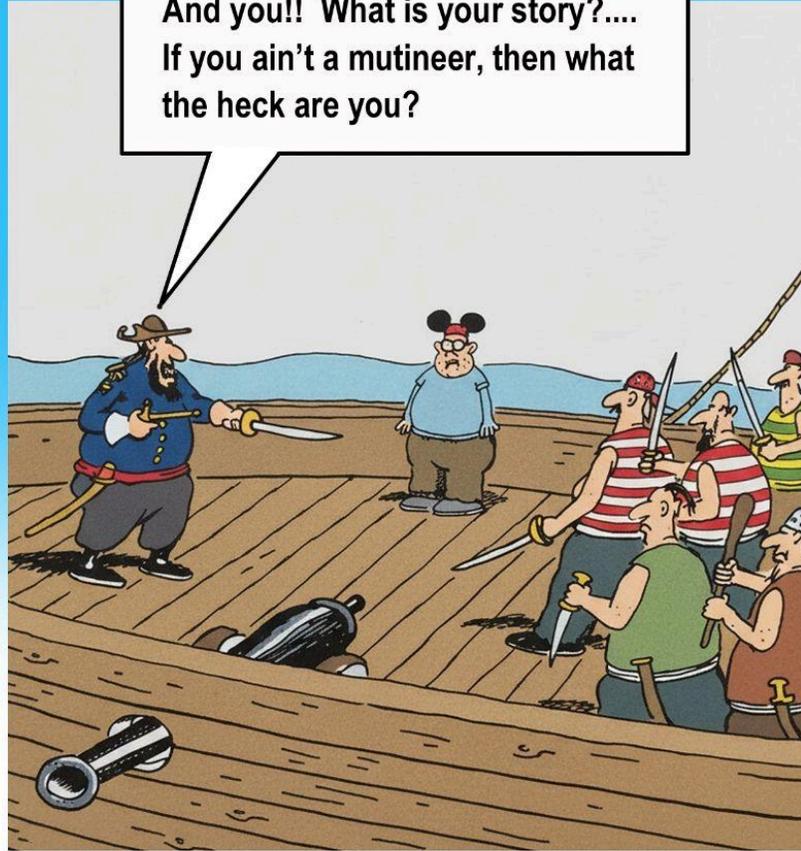
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LAUGHS AND GIGGLES

So there he was.....This big gorilla
Just laying there. And Jim here
says, "Do you suppose it's dead
or just asleep?"



And you!! What is your story?....
If you ain't a mutineer, then what
the heck are you?



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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

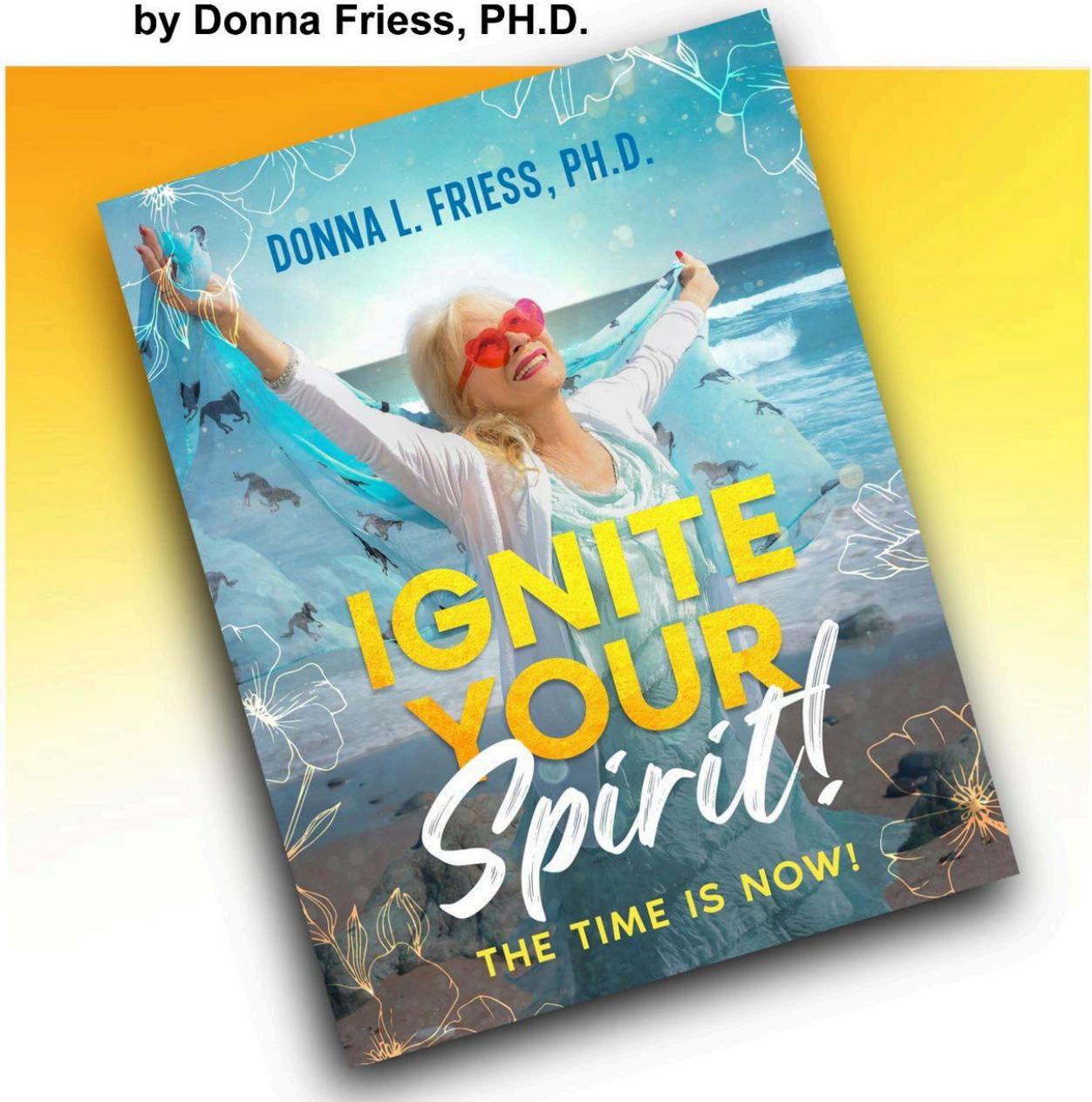
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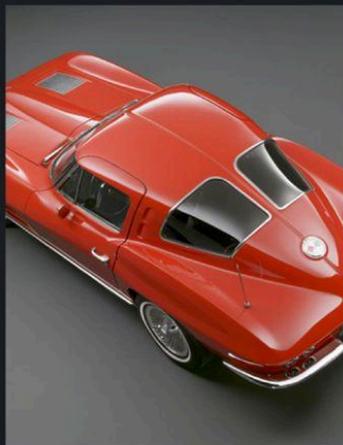


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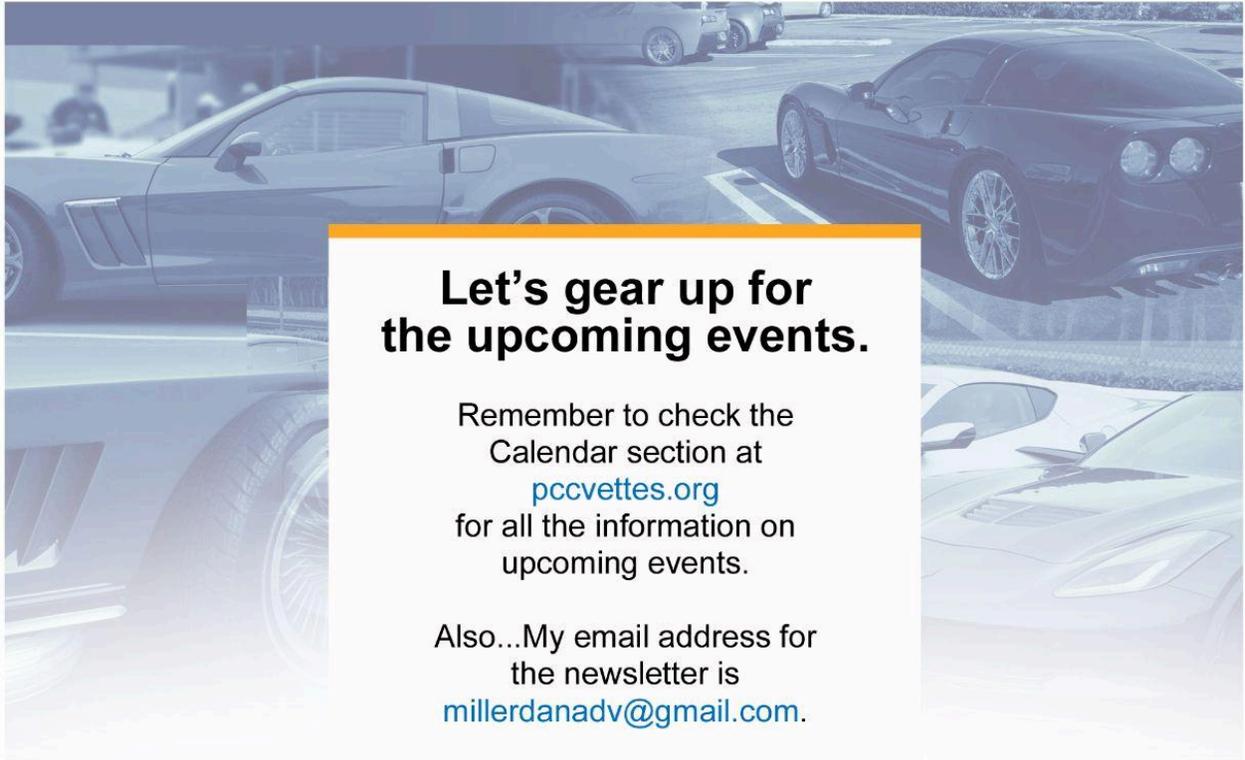
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