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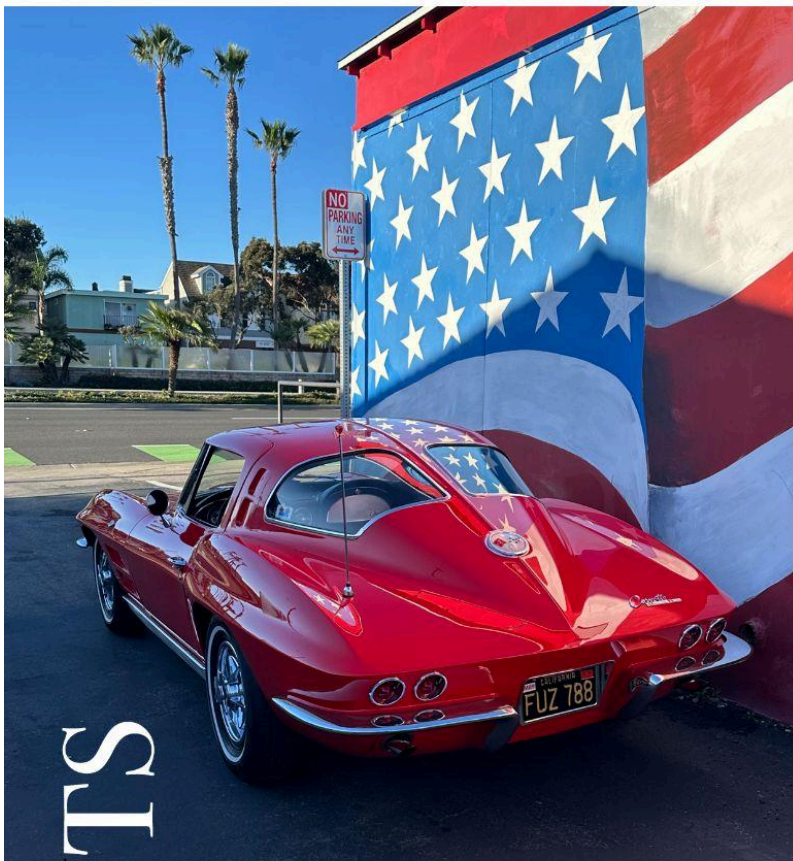
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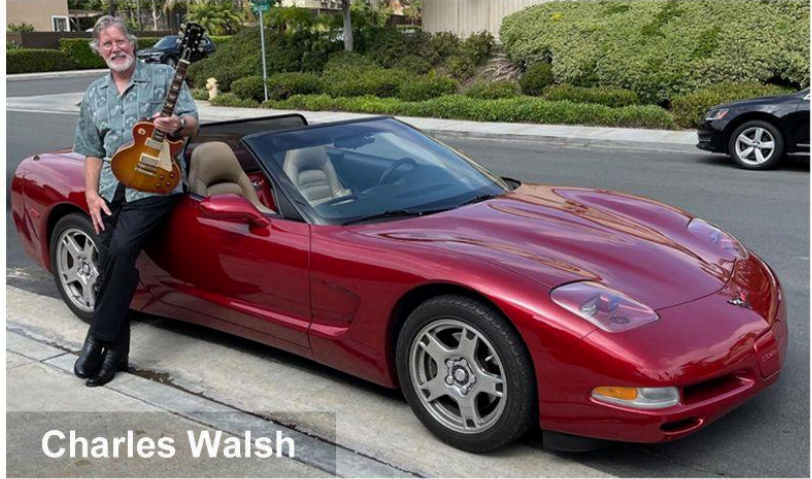


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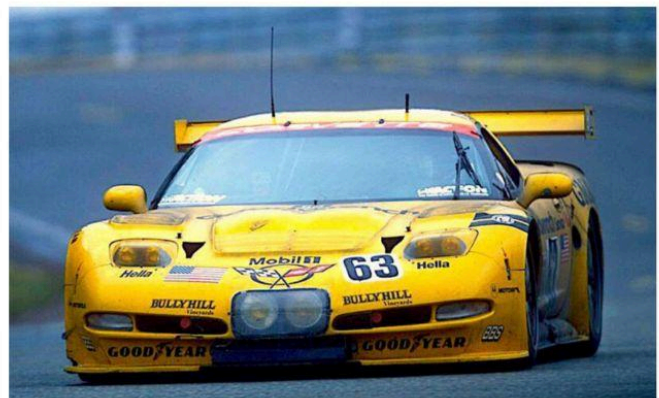
# GREETINGS PCC'ers



Charles Walsh

The weather here in SoCal has been atypical for late Winter California but it is perfect for top-down driving in the Red Rocket! I've been doing some much needed gardening at my home and I hope that my green thumb efforts will bear beautiful roses and a bountiful crop with my orange and Meyer Lemon trees. Could Spring Cleaning be very far behind??? I think I'll go for a drive and think about it...

Our membership is expanding and I thank every member who makes an effort to communicate with other Corvette owners and make them aware of our Club. The next few months will see some amazing and fun activities for us: Solvang, Route 66, Laguna Seca, Big Bear along with our regular activities such as Cars and Coffee and Kick the Tires. As we all know; there's something for everyone in our Club.



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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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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...

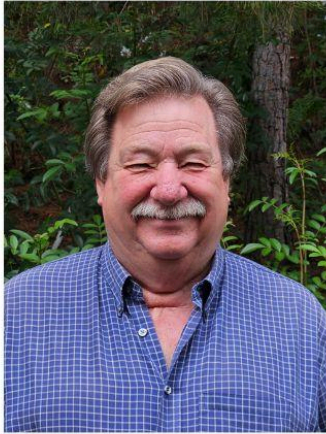


**Stay Safe and Stay Fast!**

**Saving the Wave for 35 Years!**

**Charles**





**Bernie DeMarkey**

# What **makes this club** different from other **Corvette** clubs in the west???

## **A couple things.**

WE Do things and go places. We have monthly meetings where the board does not take themselves too seriously. WE have fun! WE try new things and new places. Recently someone asked me if only 10 cars show up for an event was the event a success? Well, my answer is...did the folks have a good time? Did you get to know someone a little better? Would you go to the same event again? IF you answer YES to any of these questions then YES! it was a Success.

If you have never hosted an event, I want to walk you through how easy it is to do:

- Pick out what you want to Do. Visits a museum, Go for a drive, Go to a restaurant that you never have been to before.
- Go visit or call the location and find out what it takes to make it happen.
- Pick a date, by the way mid-week events are AOK. A lot of the members are retired and will go any place to get out doing the Honey DO list.
- Pick a starting location or just meet at the event site.
- Set a starting time
- This is the stumbling BLOCK!! MAKE A FLYER!! Yes we have some very creative folk who make stunning Flyers. It don't need to be fancy "Just the facts Mam"
- Send it to [bjdemarkey@gmail.com](mailto:bjdemarkey@gmail.com)

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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- I will make sure there are no scheduling problems, and get it on the calendar
- HAVE FUN...

I have been doing events since the 1980s. Believe me I can tell you stories of events and Blunders but they make great stories. The point is you really can't have a bad event.

Ideas of where to Go:

The Nixon Library, The Reagan Library,  
The Peterson Museum, The Queen Mary,  
The NHRA Museum,  
Palm Spring Wind Turbine Museum,  
The Orange Empire Museum, Perris CA,  
The USS IOWA , San Pedro,

The Space Shuttle in Los Angeles,

and for you speed freaks how about a K1 speed event.

We also need a host for the Fall Colors Car Show weekend in Bishop!

I know once you do an event you will want to do another.

**PLEASE HELP ME OUT!!! Volunteer!!**

Your VP  
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](http://pccvettes.org).

**BE SURE TO CHECK  
THE PCC WEB PAGE  
CALENDAR FOR ALL  
THE 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.
- June 3 PCC Monthly Meeting**  
At Campus Jax, 3950 Campus Dr., Newport Beach  
Social hour starts at 5:00 pm.  
Meeting begins at 6:30.
- June 6 HRI Wheels Factory Tour**  
See Flyer for Details.
- June 13 Cars and Coffee**  
See Flyer for Details.
- June 17 Jerry Wheeler Memorial Trip to Big Bear**  
Holiday Inn Big Bear 40650 Village Dr., Big Bear Lake  
See Flyer for Details.

# AUTOCROSS The Accessible Gateway to Performance Driving

By Steve Eguina

Some members have expressed an interest in Autocross events and some were not familiar with the sport. This article explains the basics. For members who are interested, I have arranged for 10 PCC members to be able to enter the Corner-Exit.com event at Anaheim Stadium on April 12th. Deadline for our reserved spaces in April 1st. At the end of this article is the registration link where more event information is available if you're interested in participating. This is a "None Work" event. Spectators are always welcome. If you have questions please feel free to email me. [GT3Steve@gmail.com](mailto:GT3Steve@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

On any given weekend, in parking lots and airstrips across the country, a curious scene unfolds. Cones bloom like bright-orange wildflowers. Engines bark to life. And drivers — some in sports, others in humble daily commuters — line up for their shot at a minute of pure, focused adrenaline.

This is **autocross**, the grassroots motorsport that has quietly become one of the most welcoming, addictive, and skill-sharpening forms of performance driving available today.

## **A Sport Built on Precision, Not Power**

Autocross — also known as Auto-X or Solo — strips driving down to its essentials. No wheel-to-wheel chaos. No triple-digit speeds. Just you, your car, and a tight, technical course defined entirely by cones.

Speeds rarely crest 60 mph, but that hardly makes it tame. A run lasts less than a minute, yet demands absolute concentration. Every steering input, every brake tap, every throttle squeeze matters. There's no time to settle in. No laps to "warm up." You get a handful of attempts, and each one counts.

## **Why Drivers Keep Coming Back**

Low Cost, High Thrill Unlike many motorsports, autocross doesn't demand a race-prepped machine or a second mortgage. Most competitors show up in the same car they drove to work that week. Entry fees are modest, tire wear is minimal, and the barrier to entry is refreshingly low.

## **Safety Without Sacrifice**

Because events unfold in wide-open spaces with no side-by-side racing, autocross is one of the safest ways to explore the limits of a car. It's the perfect proving ground for newcomers who want the excitement of performance driving without the risks of a full track day.

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# **AUTOCROSS** The Accessible Gateway to Performance Driving

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## **Where Skill Beats Horsepower**

Autocross rewards finesse over force. A well-driven hatchback can — and often does — outpace a high-horsepower monster. Success hinges on understanding weight transfer, grip, and smoothness. It's a sport where the driver is the true performance variable.

## **A Community That Welcomes Everyone**

Walk into any autocross paddock and you'll find a culture built on encouragement. Veterans help rookies walk the course, explain car setup basics, and share tips freely. It's competitive, sure — but it's also collaborative in a way few motorsports manage.

## **Classes That Keep Things Fair**

To ensure close competition, cars are grouped by type and modification level. From factory-fresh "Street" cars to fully prepped "Modified" machines, every driver competes against similar builds. There's even a Novice class designed specifically for first-timers.

## **Your First Event: What the Day**

Looks Like A typical autocross day follows a friendly rhythm:

- Registration and tech inspection
- A course walk to study the layout
- A drivers' meeting for safety and announcements
- Three to six timed runs
- A volunteer work assignment (everyone helps run the event)
- Results, high-fives, and bragging rights

New drivers are encouraged to focus on smoothness and learning the course. Speed comes later. Consistency and clean lines win the stopwatch.

## **Car Prep: Keep It Simple**

For your first event, forget the mods. Just:

- Check tire pressures
- Empty loose items from the cabin
- Make sure brakes and fluids are solid
- Bring sunscreen, water, and a good attitude

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# AUTOCROSS

The Accessible Gateway  
to Performance Driving

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Many drivers eventually experiment with tires, sway bars, or alignment tweaks — but none of that is required to start having fun.

## Why Autocross Sticks With You

Autocross thrives because it blends challenge, accessibility, and community into something uniquely addictive. It's a sport where you can chase tenths of a second, learn real car control, and spend a day surrounded by people who love driving as much as you do.

For many, it's not just a stepping stone to other motorsports — it becomes a lifelong passion.

To register for the April 12th 2026 event go to:

<https://corner-exit.trackrabbit.com/event/details/10019128-Corvette-Club-April-Angel-Stadium-Autocross-Challenge-2026-04-12>



# CARS and COFFEE

At the Outlets  
in  
San Clemente

## March 14



Rise and Shine PCCers.....Meet at Carl's Jr. in San Juan Capistrano at 7:00 am. Don't even think about driving to the Outlets until you sign the release. By the way, thank you Bob and Sandy for taking care of the release forms. The clock strikes 7:35 am and we're out of here. "Cars and Coffee" is just a few minutes south on the 5. Some of us get there sooner than others but we all line up in an orderly fashion waiting for our designated parking.



Thank you Bob and Sandy Savanich for another fantastic "Cars and Coffee" event. Great job on the weather too!

# 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.



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.

# The Best Part

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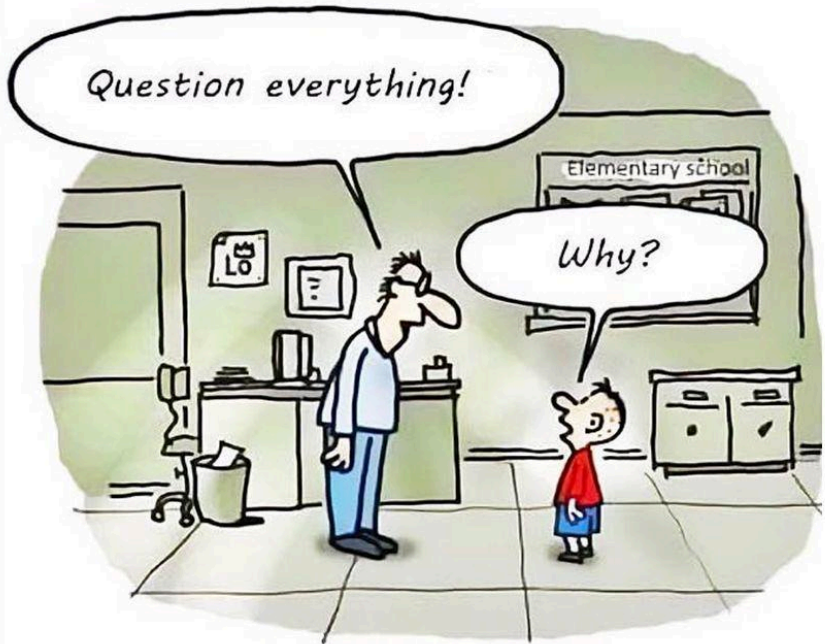
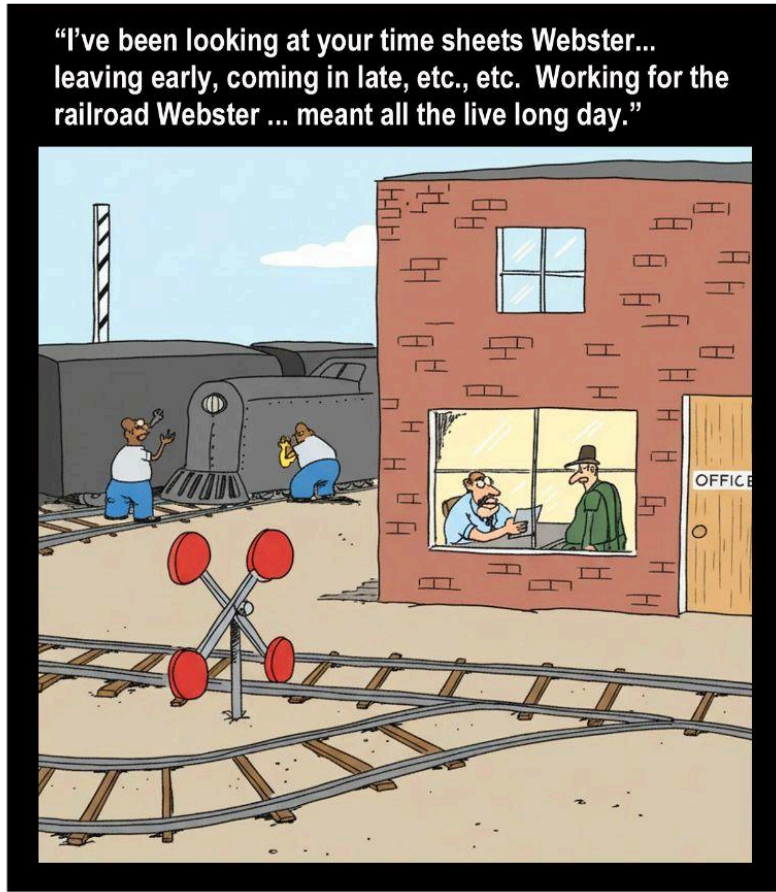
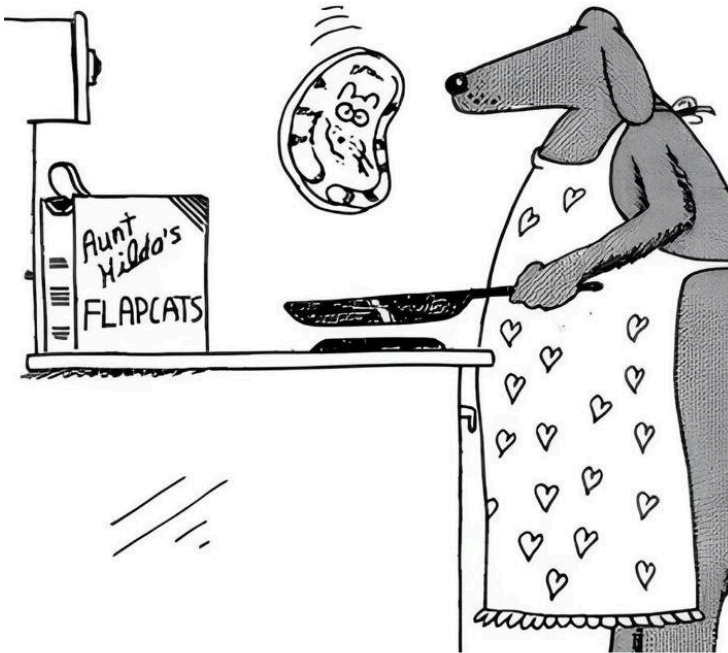


Just think of it as if you're reading a long text message.



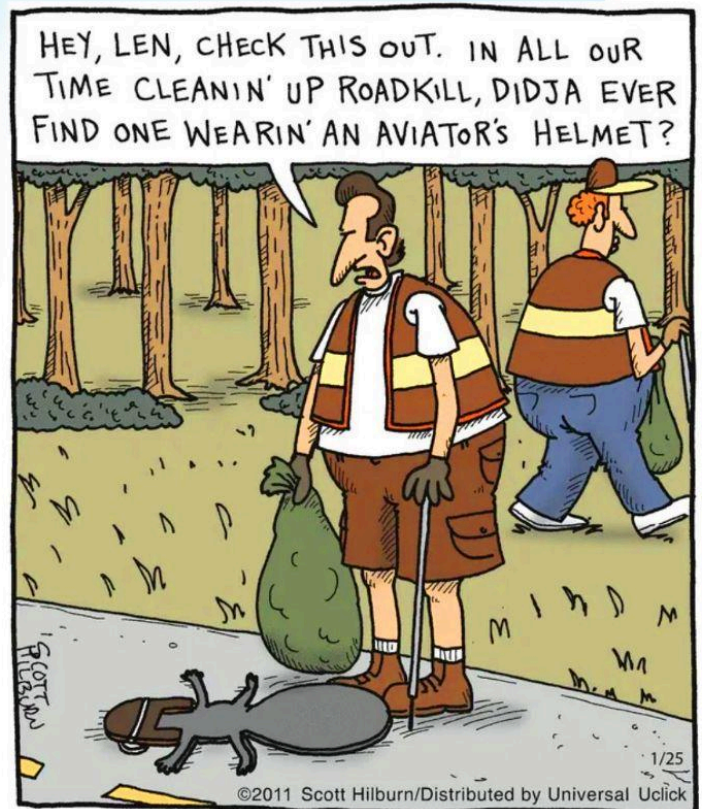
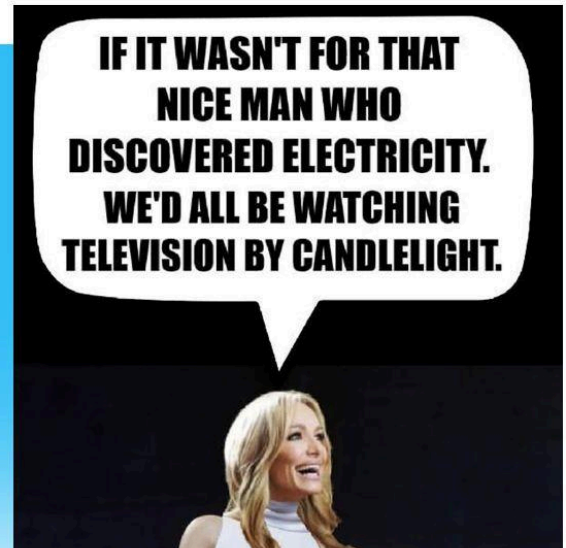
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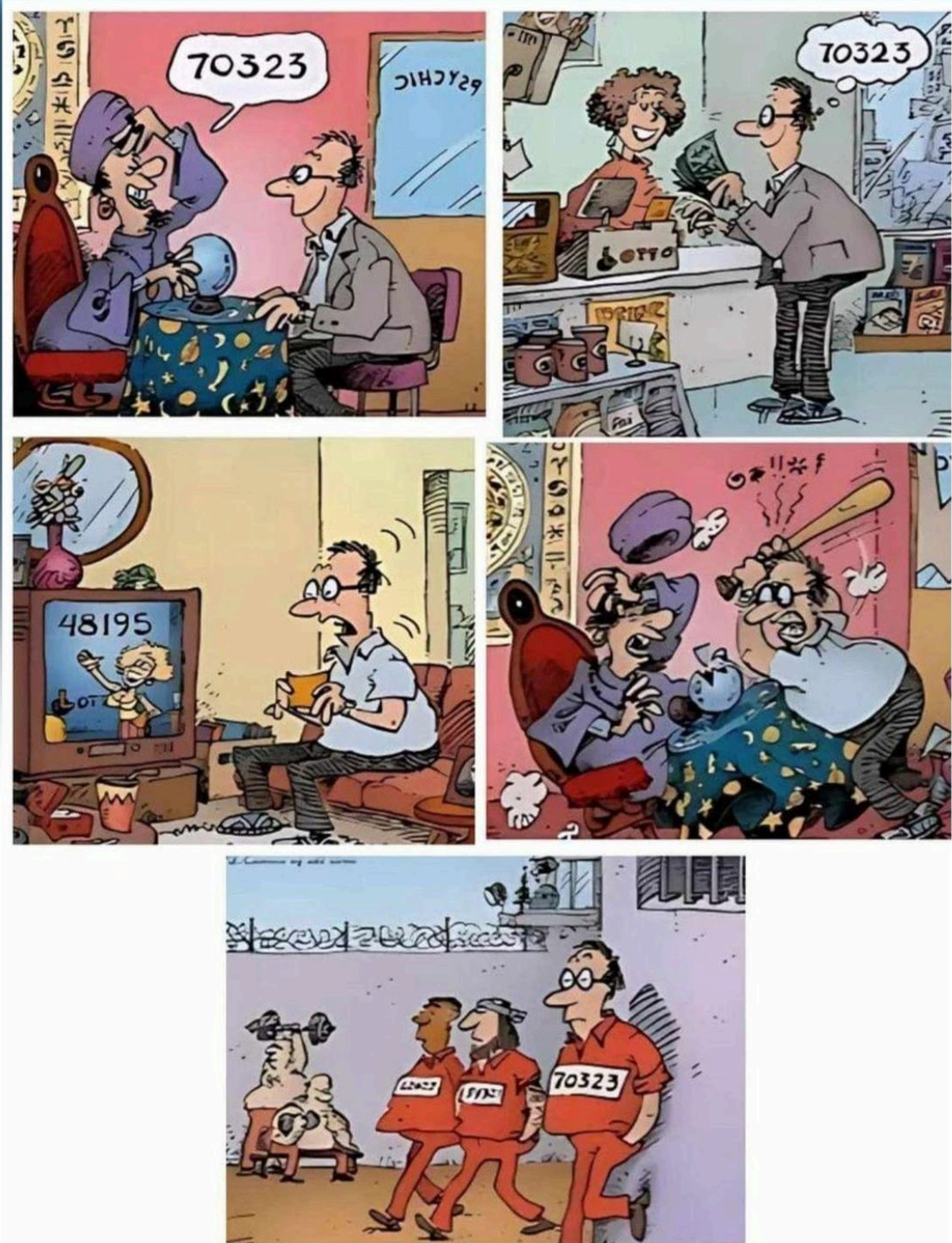
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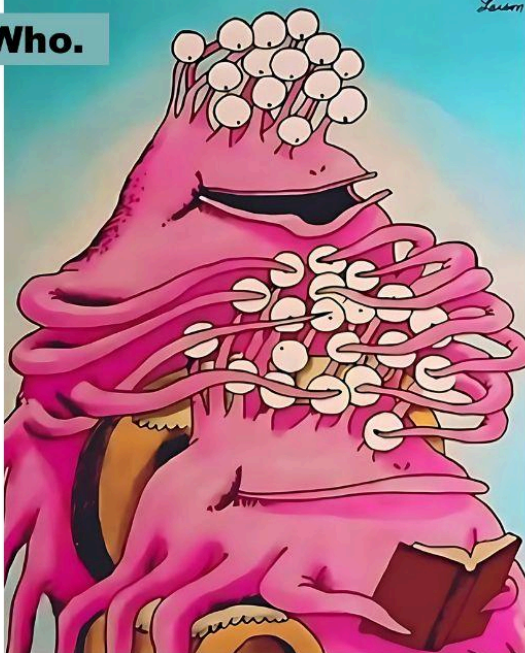
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Early microbiologists



**Guess Who.**



*So I was thinkin' that you've got big hair and I've got big hair that maybe we should go out sometime...*



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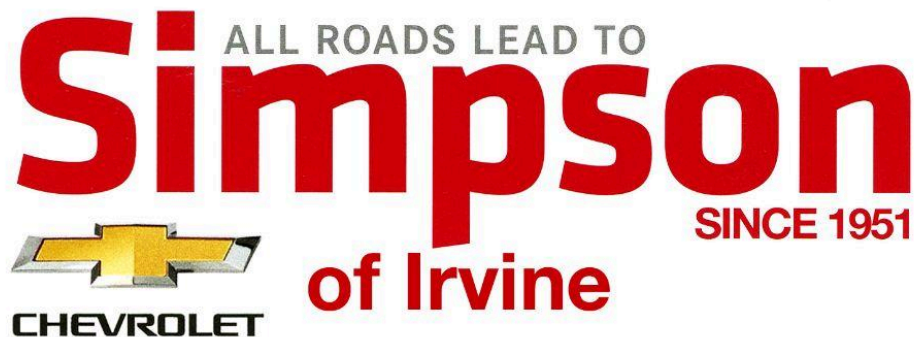
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## **A MECHANIC'S PRAYER**

**OUR SKILLS. WHO ART IN  
FIXING. HALLOWED BE THY  
HANDS. THY CARS WILL COME.  
THY WILL BE DONE CHANGING OIL  
AS IT IS REPLACING BRAKES.  
GIVE US THIS DAY WITH OUR  
NEW TOOLS, AND FORGIVE THE  
PRICE OF THEM. AS WE FORGIVE  
THOSE WHO LACK CAR KNOWLEDGE.  
LEAD US NOT INTO MANY SCARS.  
BUT DELIVER US FROM  
STRIPPED BOLTS. AMEN.**

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David Simpson, President

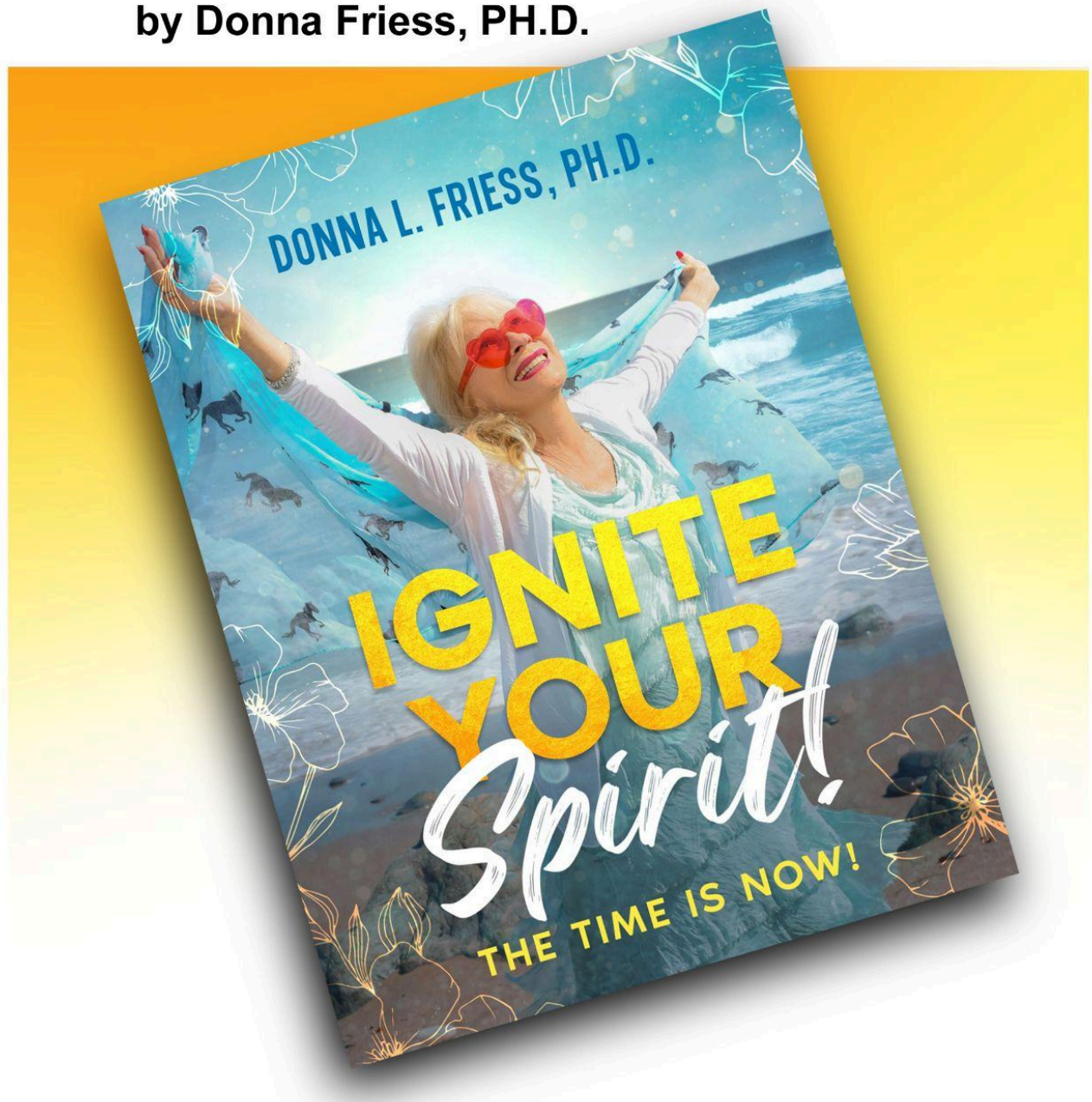
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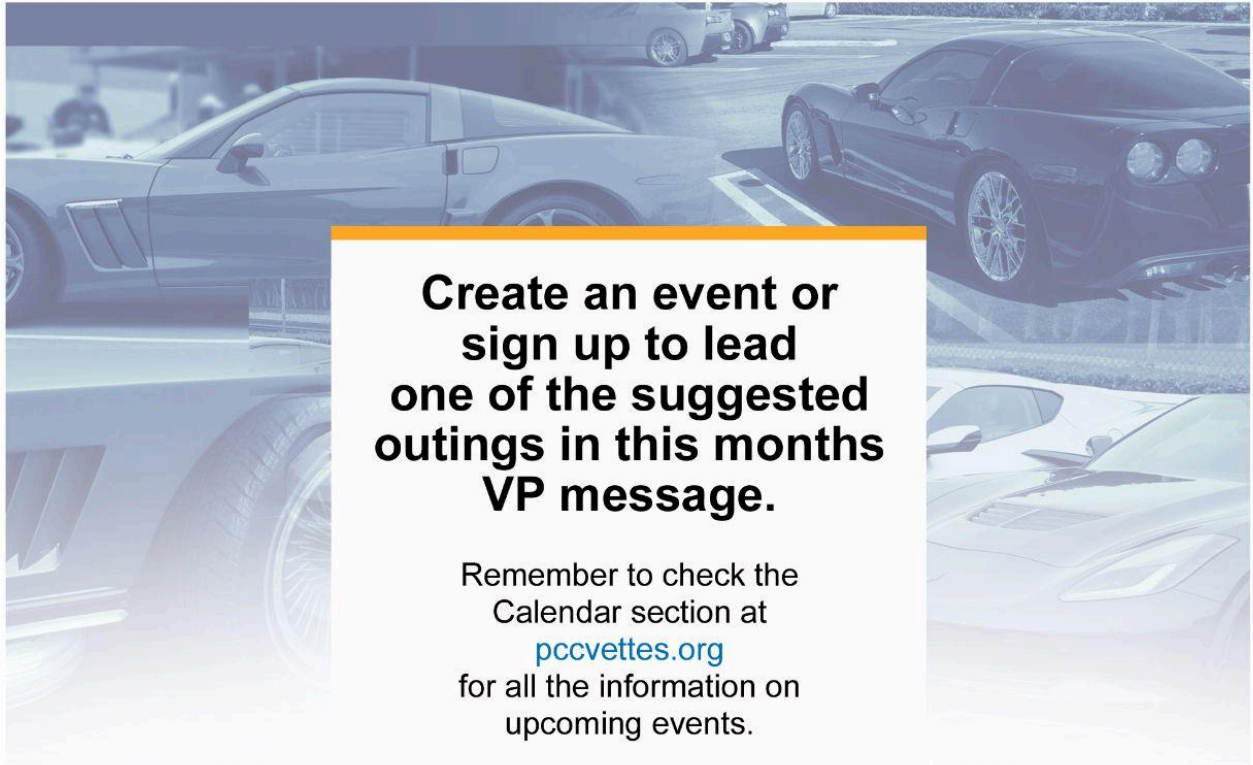
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**Create an event or sign up to lead one of the suggested outings in this month's VP message.**

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