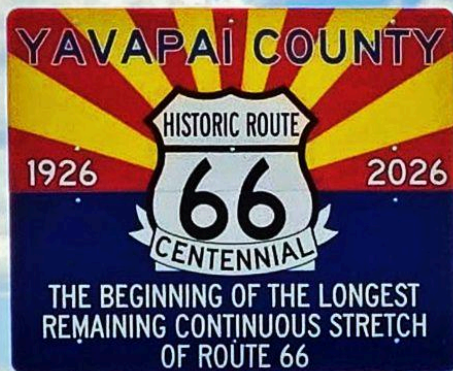


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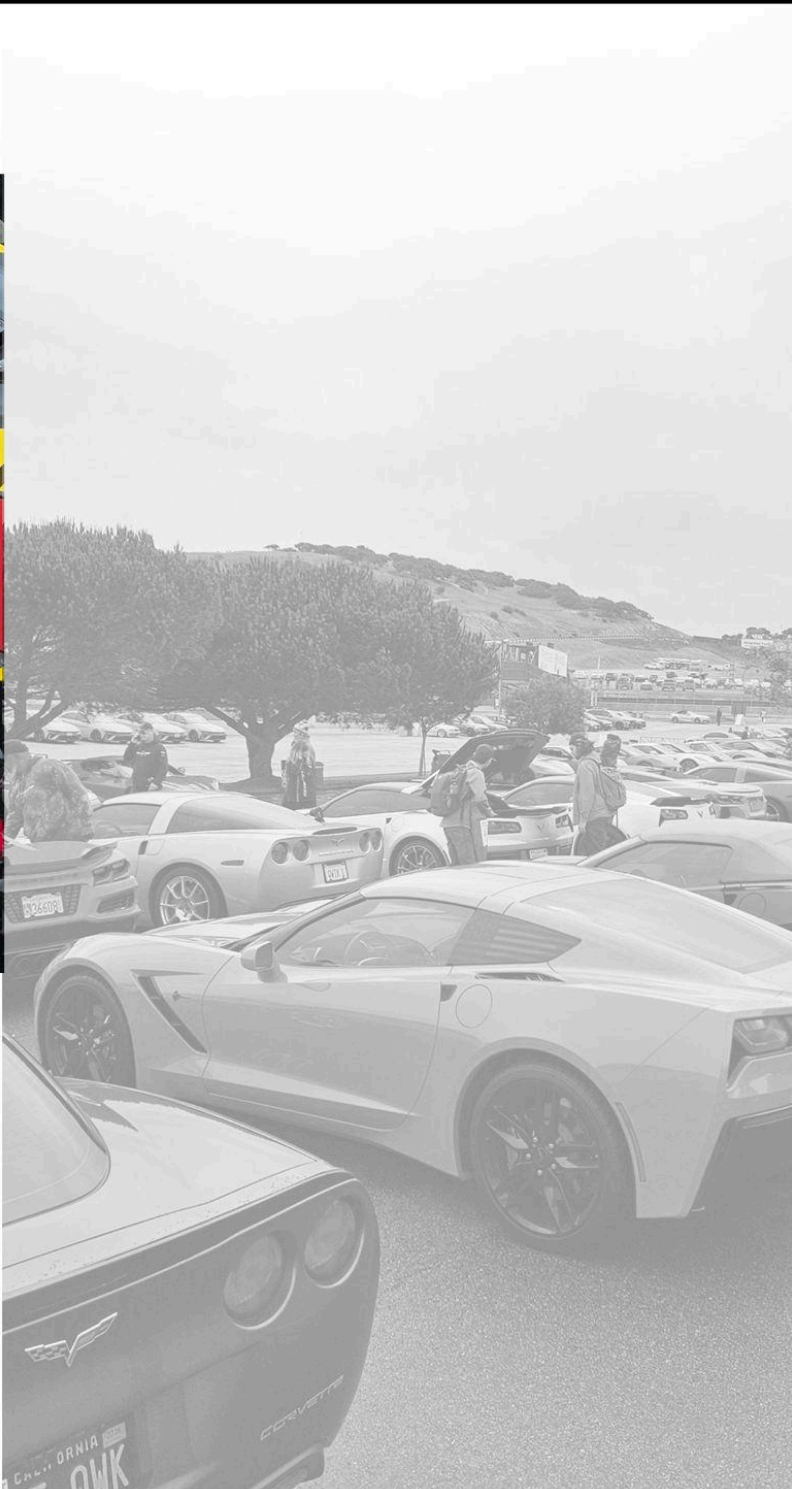
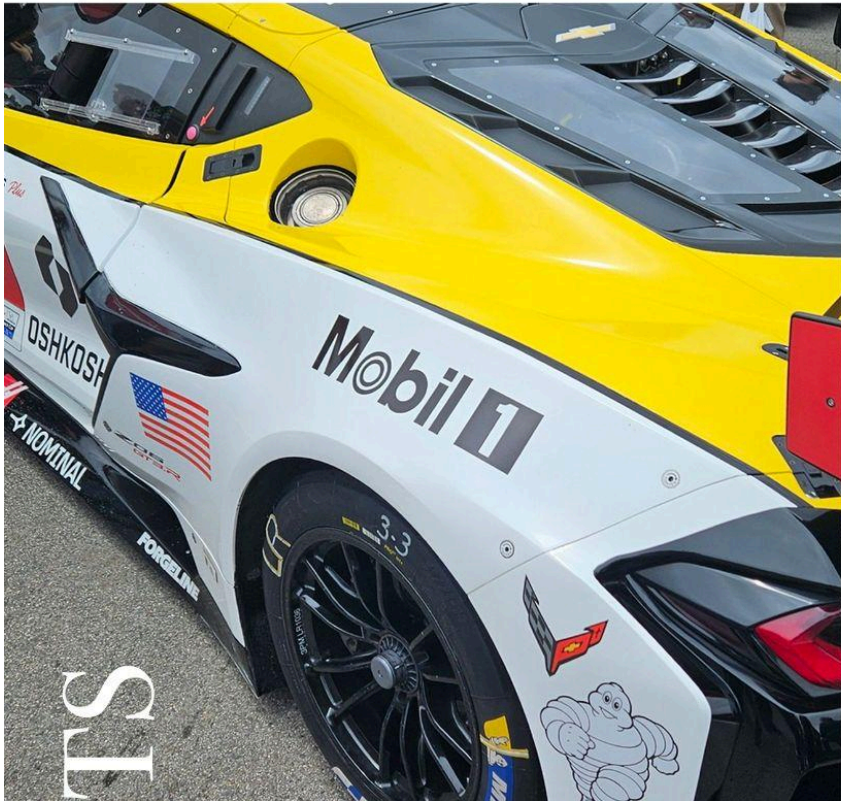
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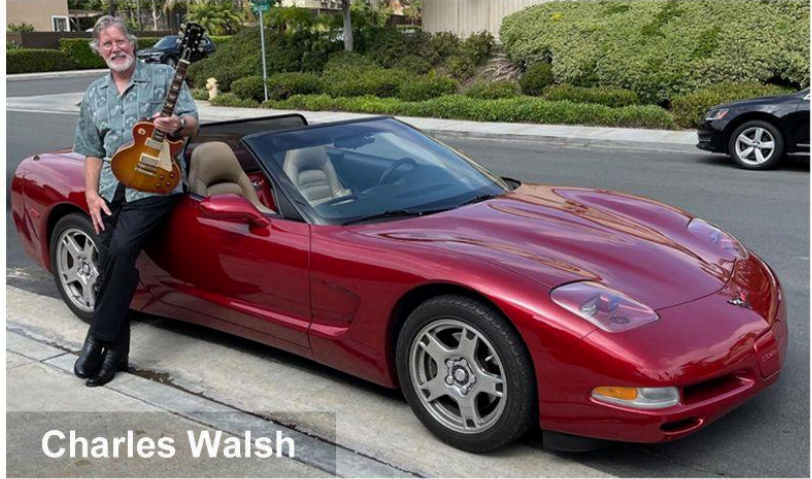
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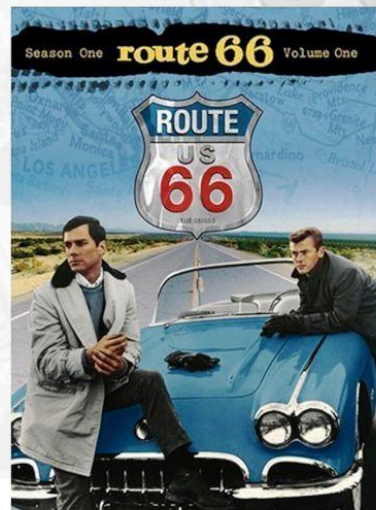
Charles Walsh

I'm a pretty positive guy and very little ever gets me down. But just occasionally, something will happen to dampen my mood. I then feel like I'm up the creek without a paddle...

When times like that happen, all I have to do is take a long look at the Red Rocket and I quickly realize how lucky I am to be able to drive this magnificent machine and to be associated with the members of our great Club!



This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Historic Route 66. Having grown up watching the TV series Route 66, I've always dreamed of being able to drive my own Corvette along this famous "Mother Road."



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, thanks to Ms. Janet Cherry of O.C. Vettes and the work of our own Scott Sturdivant, nine PCC members in six 'Vettes were able to join this exciting and well-planned adventure. Bernie and Stephanie DeMarkey, Scott Sturdivant, Hal Freidlander and Pat D'Angelo, Mike O'Connor, Greg Glick, myself and Susana Meloche, all had a wonderful and very satisfying trip. Janet Cherry outdid herself in planning and creating a thorough trip book with all kinds of little treasures - to include a newly released Little Golden Book ***My Little Golden Book About Route 66***. I will enjoy sharing this little tome with my granddaughters!

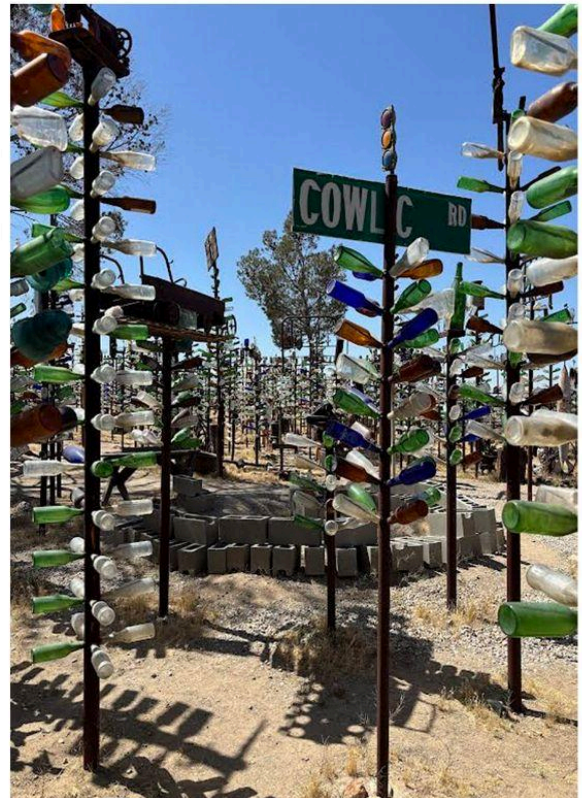
The first day was travel to Victorville to join Route 66 with appropriate stops at museums and lunch, roadside attractions, and ending in Laughlin, Nevada for our first night.



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Day Two had us heading to Williams, Arizona along stretches of Route 66 with occasional excursions on I-40. We had a wonderful dinner with the entire group at an old steak house in Williams.

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Day Three had us travel back to Kingman, Arizona with stops at Ash Fork and a conveniently placed Route 66 sign.



Day Four had us head to Seligman, Arizona to begin the Fun Run part of the trip.

Day Five had us travel through Oatman, Arizona - complete with feral burros - and the conclusion of the Run in Topock, Arizona to receive a commemorative patch.

All in all, a fabulous event and I am grateful to Janet Cherry and Scott Sturdivant for making this happen. Thank you both!!! I will have pleasant memories of this outing for a very long time.

Next up for our Club is our Jerry Wheeler Memorial Big Bear Trip. It promises to be an exhilarating event.



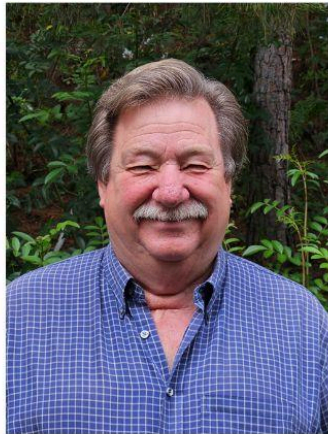
As always, I encourage each of you to participate in as many of the myriad activities that we have on our Club's Calendar. And even more importantly, if there is an event that you'd like to see added to our Calendar, don't hesitate to suggest it and we will help you to organize it to make it happen.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

Saving the Wave for 35 Years!



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bernie DeMarkey

Every month I am late in writing my newsletter article. This month I almost missed it all together. Don't get me wrong I am having a great time serving as your Vice President, and yes soon I hope you will elect me as your President for the year 2027. Which brings me to this; I know many of you have served on the board, hosted events, volunteered over the years and now I am asking you to consider stepping up to serve again. The following positions will need to be filled due to people terming out. The Vice President, The Treasurer, and The Secretary. This past year there were only 3 board meetings and the club was running fine. Yes, we talk a lot on the phone and email each other a fair amount. Stephanie, the current Club Secretery, video's the meeting on her phone and then writes up a brief minute's report after reviewing the video. Neil, our treasurer is really busy at the end of year with NCCC Renewal and PCC Renewals. Most of the rest of the year it is a pretty easy job, requiring a few hours a month

The Vice President, yes, it is a busy Job, but I will tell you I have a lot of fun doing it, it has introduced me to many of you. I want to thank all of you having enough faith in Stephanie and me that even before we were members you nominated and approved us to be on the board.

This club was founded because a group of folks from another club realized that if people stay on the board for too long things get STALE and "WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY!!!" sets in. That one sentence is death sentence of club. We as a club seek to have members who are active in the club and I thank everyone who hosts an event, shows up for meeting, donates raffle prizes, helps another club members in their time of need. This is who we are.

Please if you have done the job before help us out and volunteer again. If you have never been on the Board, CALL me - let's talk. We are great club but we need your help to keep it Going.

Thanx
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!**

- May 20** **Breakfast Run to Harbor House Cafe**
See Flyer for Details
- 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 7** **Min Street American Car Show**
See Flyer for Details.
- June 13** **Cars and Coffee**
See Flyer for Details.
- June 18** **Hot Rods Unlimited Tuesday Night Drive In
IN N OUT** at El Toro and the 5 freeway
5pm to 7pm
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.
- June 28** **National Corvette Day at Marconi Museum**
See Flyer for Details.
- July 1** **PCC Monthly Meeting**
At Campus Jax, 3950 Campus Dr., Newport Beach
Social hour starts at 5:00 pm.
Meeting begins at 6:30.
- July 4** **4th of July Parade**
See Flyer for Details.
- July 21** **Hot Rods Unlimited Tuesday Night Drive In
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5pm to 7pm
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10 Most Common Corvette Owner Stereotypes and why they're not all true.

From New Balance sneakers to chrome-love, we list 10 of the most common Corvette owner stereotypes and how they got started, and why they are not all true.
By Joe Kucinski - April 29, 2025



Intro

The Chevrolet Corvette. Mention the name, and people conjure an image in their head of a sleek sports car with a powerful V8 engine and incredible performance. But what about the person behind the wheel? What kind of image does the Corvette owner evoke in the minds of others? In other words, what are some common stereotypes about Corvette owners? We came up with a list of the ten most common Corvette owner stereotypes and why they are not all true.

If you are a Corvette owner or enthusiast, you are probably already familiar with most of these. In fact, the general public is familiar with most of these which is why they have become common stereotypes. But what is the truth behind them? How did they become stereotypes in the first place and how accurate are they? Let's have a bit of fun and talk about Corvette owner stereotypes. Our list is in no particular order.

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10 Most Common Corvette Owner Stereotypes

and why they're not all true.



1. They Can't Afford a Porsche or Ferrari

Some luxury brands do cost more to buy and maintain than a Corvette. That puts these brands out of reach for a lot of people. However, many Corvette owners could and do own some higher priced exotics. According to a Hedges & Company study from 2024, over half of C8 owners make more than \$125K a year. Jay Leno can afford to buy whatever car he wants, and he owns several Corvettes. The Corvette is a great performance value but just because someone owns a Corvette doesn't mean they can't afford anything else.



2. They Believe Their Corvette is 1 of 1

There are some extremely rare and limited Corvettes out there. GM loves to build special editions. However, for the most part, the Corvette is a mass-produced car. Many owners realize this. However, the stereotype exists because there are Corvette owners out there who think their car is a one-off because it was the only C5 made on a Friday the 13th in black with a VIN that ends in a 7.



3. All Owners Are Old

Many Corvette owners are older. It has historically been the case and for good reason. The Corvette has always been expensive to buy. On top of that, have you ever looked up the insurance rates for a 20-year-old male driving a new Corvette? Ouch. However, with the introduction of the C8 the numbers are coming down. 62 percent of C6 owners are 65 or older. For the C8 that number drops to just 37 percent.

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4. They are Having a Midlife Crisis

Even if you are in the midlife demographic, it doesn't mean you bought a Corvette because you are having a crisis. As we have just mentioned, these are expensive cars to buy and to insure, and in most cases, you need to get a bit older before you can afford one. And if it takes you until the midlife point to buy, that doesn't mean you are having some sort of a crisis. Maybe you just always wanted a red Corvette convertible, and you now finally have the means to buy your dream car.



5. They All Wear New Balance Sneakers

Some wear Nikes! The old stereotype of Corvette owners wearing New Balance sneakers and jean jorts got another boost recently thanks to an AI generated image of men dressed this way at a Corvette show. There is no doubt that some owners fit this fashion profile. However, many do not. Especially among the younger C8 crowd.



6. Corvettes Are All They Talk About

First rule of Corvette ownership is you MUST talk about Corvette ownership. People love their Corvettes, and they love to talk about them. There is nothing wrong with that. But Corvette owners have gotten the reputation of maybe taking it a bit too far sometimes and talking about nothing else. Not that there is anything wrong with that. But there are plenty of Corvette owners that are more reserved when it comes to speaking about their favorite car.

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7. Believe Nothing Beats American Muscle

Some Corvette owners may think Ferraris and Lamborghinis are overpriced trash and the Porsche 911 is just a fancy VW bug. We are all entitled to our opinions. However, the automatic dismissal of any sports car that isn't a Corvette can make an owner appear a bit out of touch. Many Corvette owners are reasonable and can accept the fact that there are some decent sports cars out there that are not Corvettes. They still may not like these other cars or feel that they are not worth the price premium. But at least they acknowledge that there are some excellent non-Corvette cars in the world.

8. They Own Them but Don't Drive Them

Some Corvette owners turn their cars into garage queens. If that is how they want to enjoy them, then fine, it is their car. But plenty of Corvette owners love to drive their cars all the time. For some it is a daily driver. For others it is a dedicated track car. Go to a local track event and you will find a ton of Corvettes in the paddock. Not every Corvette owner keeps their car in a bubble and rubs it with a diaper all day.



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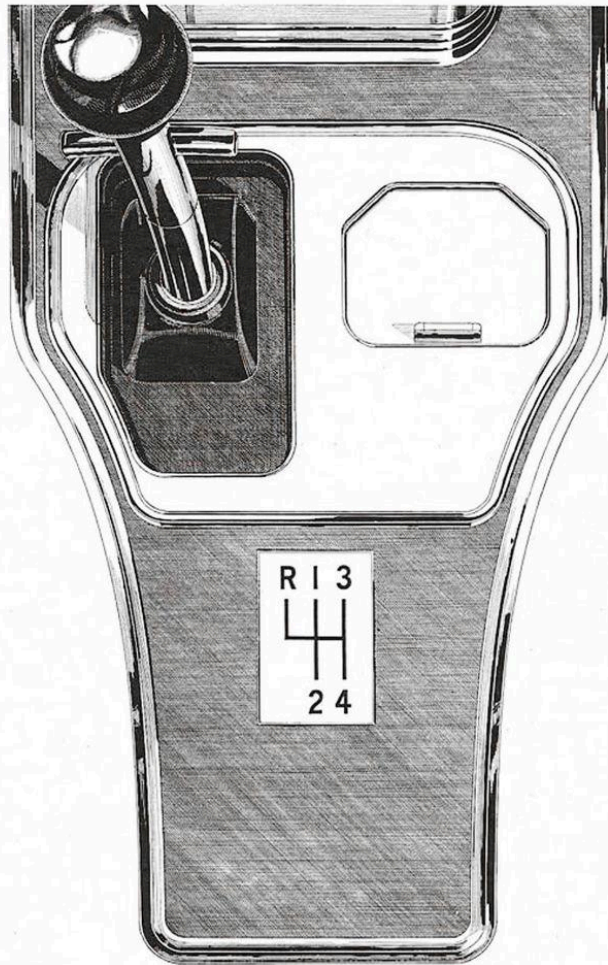
9. They Are Showoffs

Not everyone buys a Corvette to show off and act like a big deal in front of others. And it typically doesn't end well for those types of owners who do. Google "Corvette crashes leaving cars and coffee" and you will see what we mean. But not every Corvette driver feels the need to behave this way. That doesn't mean these drivers don't know how to have fun in their Corvette, or who don't appreciate a compliment from other enthusiasts, but they don't feel the need to do donuts in the middle of the street.



10. They Are Chrome Obsessed

In the early Corvette years, the cars wore a lot of chrome bits. From the grille to headlight bezels and many trim pieces, chrome was king. And some owners still like shiny chrome and love chrome wheels and add other bits of chrome trim to their cars. However, many modern Corvette owners prefer a blacked-out or carbon fiber look over some shiny chrome.



Flight 427, now departing through gates 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Pardon the word play, but Flight 427 is our way of informing you that Corvette can now be ordered with a 427-cubic-inch Turbo-Jet V8. We threw in the bit about the gates just to let you know our fully synchronized 4-speed's a must with this rig.

The regular-version 427 dispenses 390 hp and 460 lbs-ft of torque on hydraulic lifters, while the special-cam edition turns out 425 hp and the same amount of torque on solid lifters. Which one you order depends on whether you spend your time on the obser-

vation deck or the flight line.

Otherwise, we recommend our trusty 327 cubic-incher, available at ratings of either 300 or 350 horsepower. More than enough to slip the surly bonds with, eh, Orville?

You'd better believe it.

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'66 Corvette. Fasten your seat belts. They're standard.

Ordering from Glitzy Glenda

Due to current circumstances, Glenda is unable to host a group of ladies to her home for a shopping spree. She is, however, willing to complete orders on an individual basis. There are a couple of ways this can be accomplished.

Facebook

Glenda has a Facebook Page **“Glenda’s Glitzy Designs”**. You can request to become a friend, or as I did, simply become a follower. The picture shows her in front of her yellow Corvette. You will also receive notifications of her latest designs and her Facebook page is full of great pictures.

Below is her contact information if you would like to send her an order. She has her own T-Shirts, Jackets, Purses, Flip Flops, etc., or you can send clothing to her and she will glitz it up for you. Glenda is very helpful in producing the product that you are looking for.



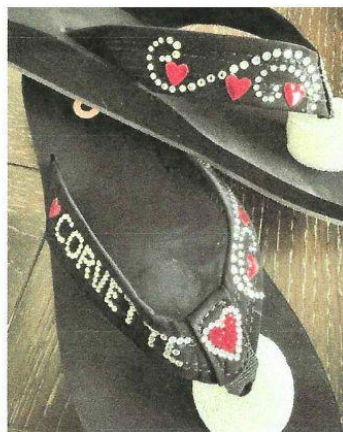
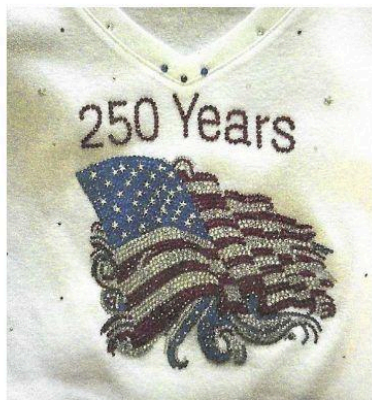
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I am hoping she will be in a position to take a group of ladies in the Fall, or early next winter, but in the meantime, if you would like something from her that sparkles, this is how you can get what you would like.



A Message From NCCC



Deb Murphy NCCC
President

NCCC President's Message

December 2025

So here we are at the national meeting in St. Louis. I am sure there will be more information for you after tomorrow so please look at the minutes when they are ready or contact your Regional Officers for more information.

ONE MORE TIME!! If you have not registered for the 2026 Convention in Syracuse, NY, there is still time. When will you have another opportunity to explore the state of NY, Niagara Falls and take a boat trip along the St. Lawrence River? Anyway, take another look and come join us! Even if you cannot stay the whole week, there are Day Passes available so you can attend anytime during the week.

The National Corvette Museum bash is over. The weather was great. The Collections Building is under roof and the building is REALLY big. We talked about 66,000 square feet but until you walk into it- WOW. I can't wait until it's done- seeing all the cars will be awesome. The new NCCC and club banners are up around the museum and they look great.

Take a look at the NCCC website for new information as well as the new blogs that are linked there. Communication is a big deal! Take a look.

That's all I have for now. Get out and enjoy your Corvette and the weather!!

**Deb Murphy
NCCC President.**

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.



From the Desk of Dave Atkinson

Chairman of the PCC Scholarship Committee

The 2026 PCC Scholarship Award Recipient

Hudson Kimmel is the outstanding recipient of the 2026 PCC Scholarship Award. He has been active in the auto shop program at Laguna Hills High School excelling in mechanics and restoration projects. He received the Coastline ROP Showcase Award for completion of Automotive Maintenance Light Repair 1&2, Advanced Auto, and Electrical and Automotive Engineering. With these specialized skills, Hudson has advanced his passion for a future in restoration by working at Custom Auto Service, which specializes in Packard restorations, in an historic building in downtown Santa Ana (<http://www.customautoservice.com/>). He has been remarkably busy for years networking, learning, and performing auto restoration along with attending numerous Packard International Events, even having served as a speaker at their event. He has had the opportunity to meet several well-known people with extensive car collections, such as the Nethercutt Museum, Wayne Carini of Chasing Classic Cars, and Jay Leno's garage. He has even worked on Jay Leno's Packard!

Hudson has been accepted in the Fall of 2026 into McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas, offering the only Bachelor of Science degree in auto restoration technology in the US. It is a prestigious college widely known for the preservation and design of the timeless classics that we all love. He believes in cherishing these cars and respecting the history they represent. After graduation from McPherson College, Hudson plans to have his own business in automotive restoration and continue this craft that is a special part of American culture.

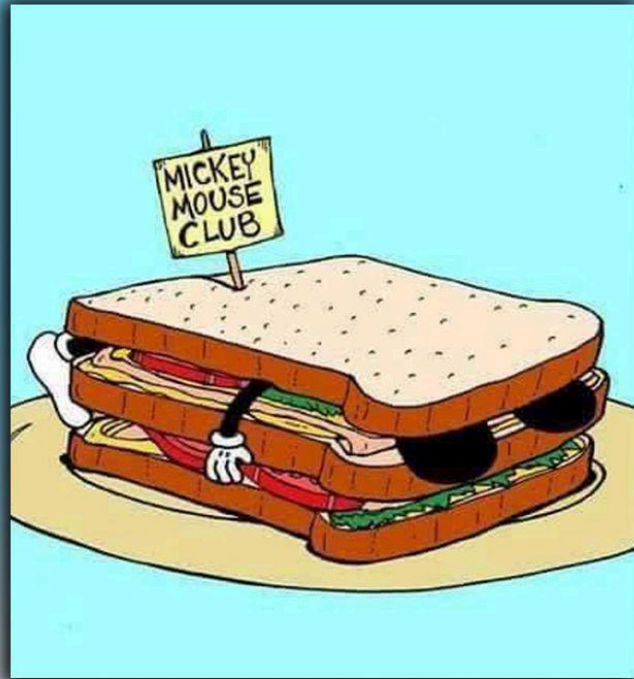
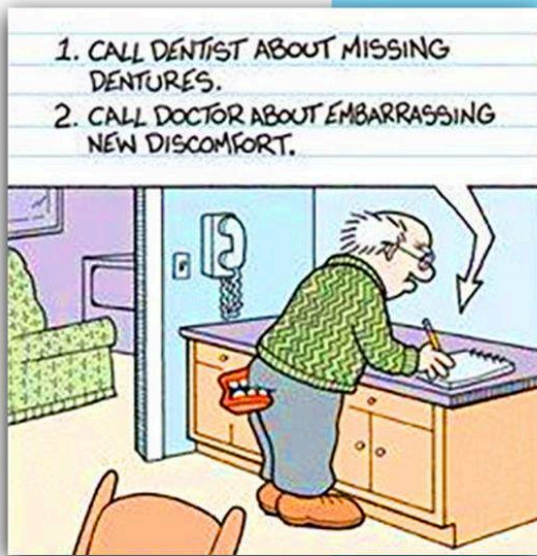
Hudson is a triplet and thus his parents can use our help with his college costs.

On behalf of the PCC Scholarship Team and our whole club, CONGRATULATIONS to Hudson for his excellent scholastic record, extraordinary talent, athletic accomplishments, his dedication to the restoration of classic cars, and his amazing vision for his future!

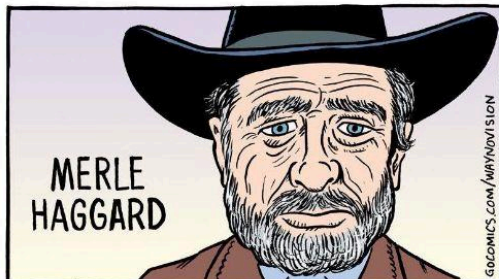
Hudson and his family will join us at the June 3rd PCC monthly meeting at Campus Jax to receive his award certificate and a check for \$4,000.

The Best Part

L A U G H S A N D G I G G L E S



I remember a time when "a new hip joint" meant some place I wanted to go on Friday night. 😊 🕺 🌐



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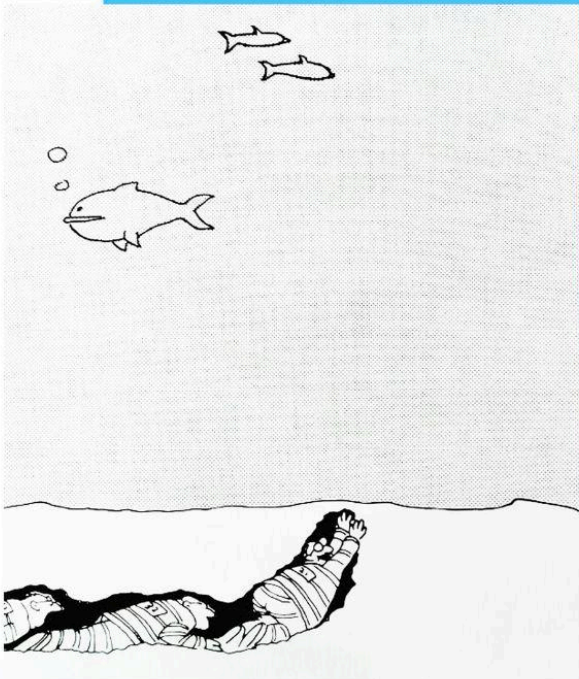
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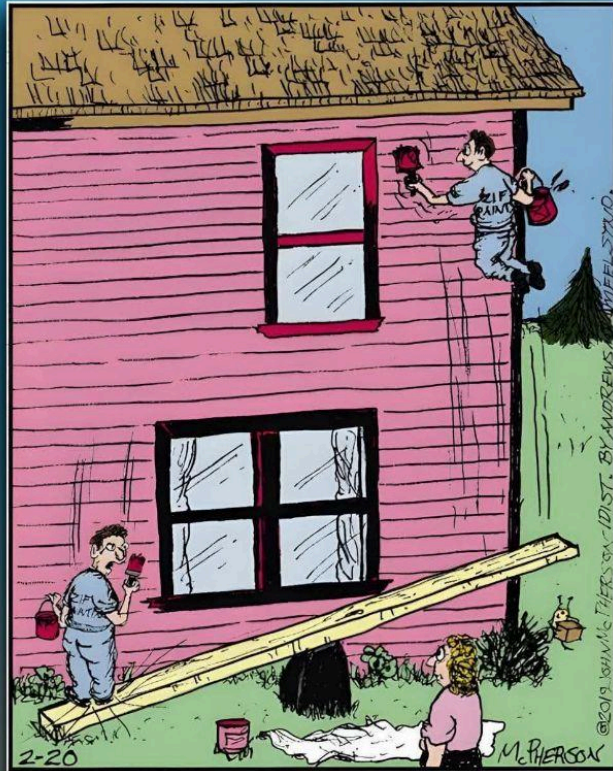
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Old cars never go out of style...you can't say the same thing about tube socks



We are almost free, everyone!... I just felt a little drop of rain.



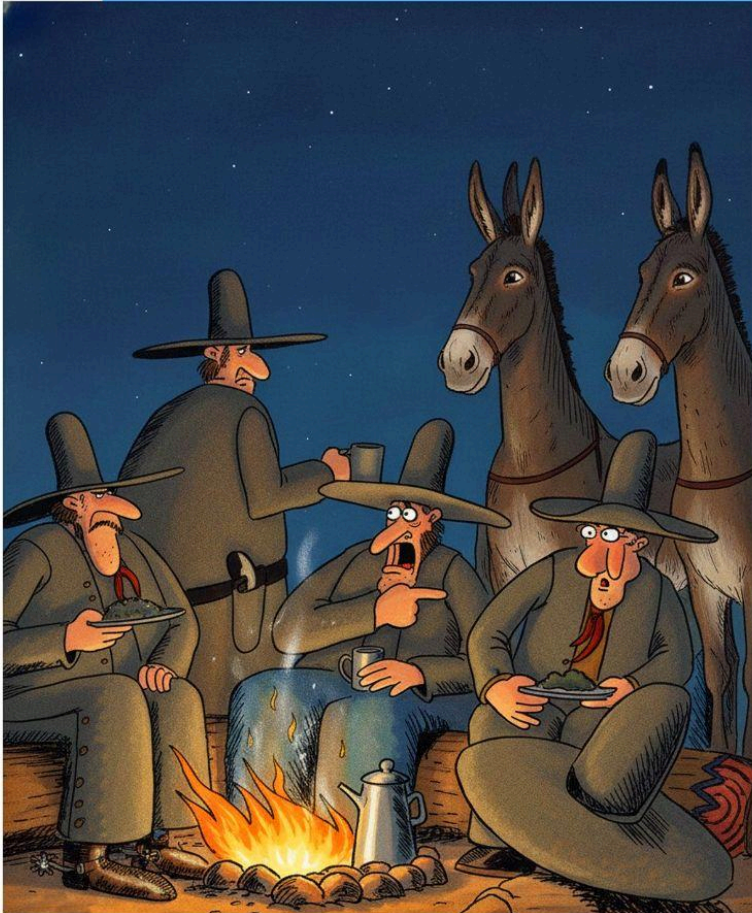
"We're only able to get basic insurance coverage, which does not cover the use of ladders."

Whoever owns a blue Tesla, your hood is open



The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



Hey, everyone! Simmons here just uttered a discouraging word!



The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES

GM cancels LT7 V8

Chevrolet stated that the LT7 Engine is simply "Too Much for Average Humans". With the increase of accidents with these high-powered cars, it's no longer becoming affordable to manufacture. Secondly, too many of the required parts to support production are being diverted to repair the current Corvettes that are being damaged simply due to too much power



A Corvette that was launched into a pond due to too much power

The Legal team has taken control of the Corvette power plant planning in an effort to also reduce litigation and liability costs. The team is professing the need to look back into GM's development history to provide a safer means of transportation. In response, Chevrolet has committed to re engineer (for EPA) the 283-cu.in. 140hp small block as the brand's pinnacle V8 platform. The 283 will be offered with fuel injection sporting an 8.5:1 compression ratio. A Bolt based Hybrid plant will be offered as an option. The CV transmission will be only transmission available. GM will be ceasing all Corvettes Sales on 1 April due to retrofitting.

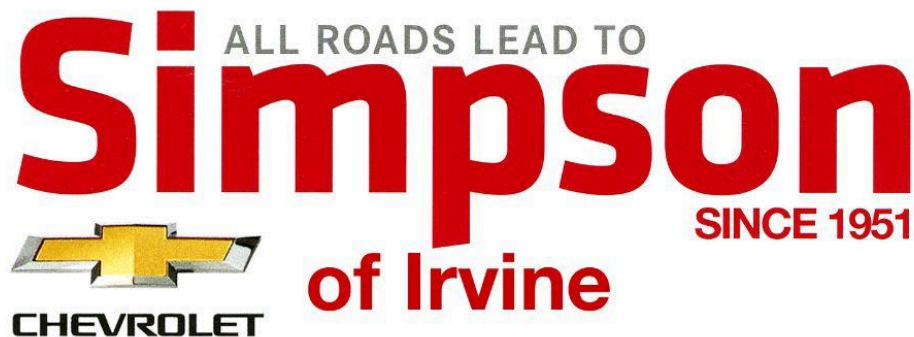
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"It is our honor to participate in Pacific Coast Corvettes Scholarship Programs."

David Simpson, President

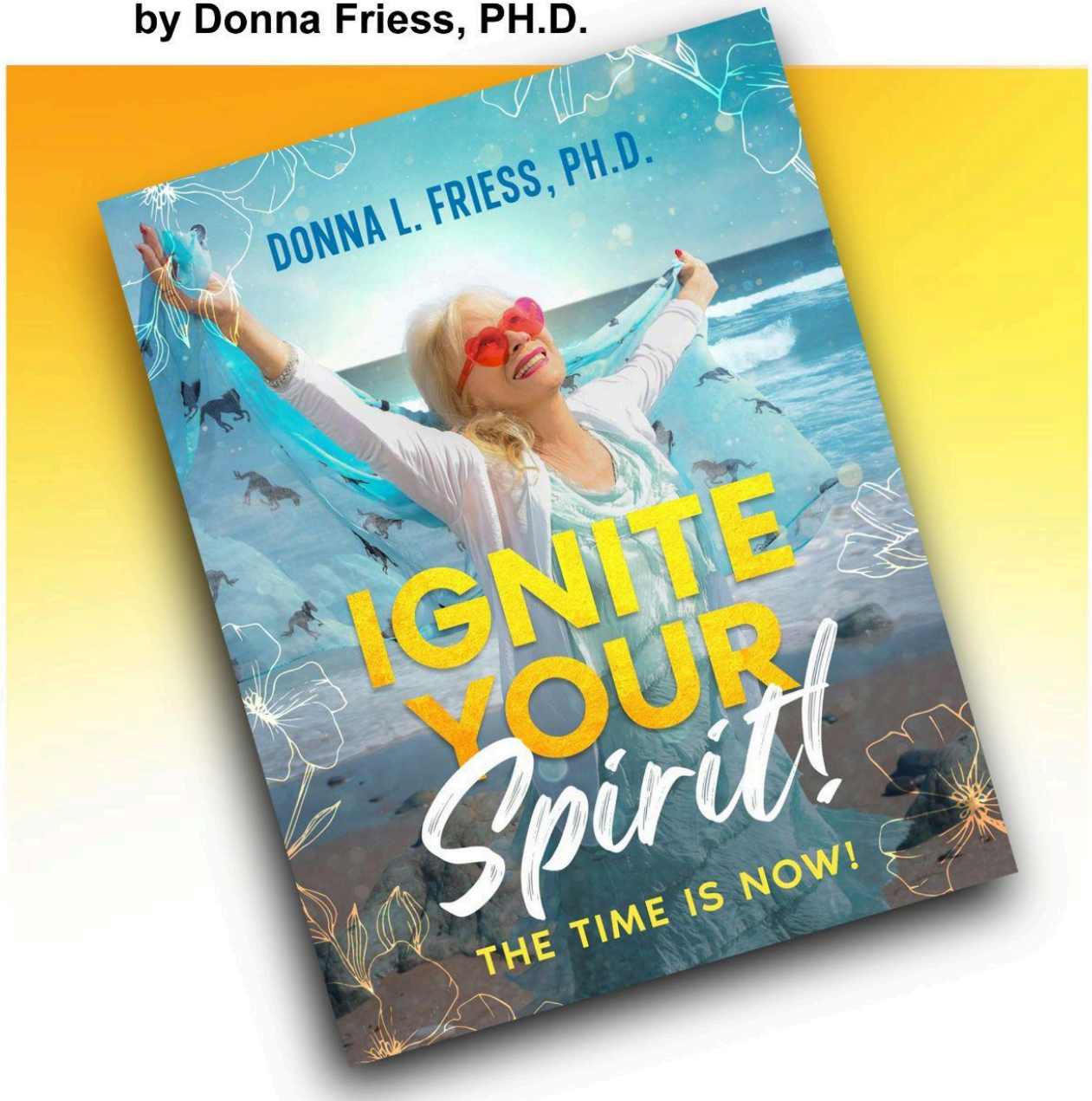
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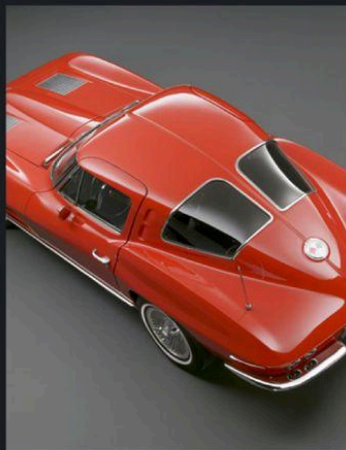


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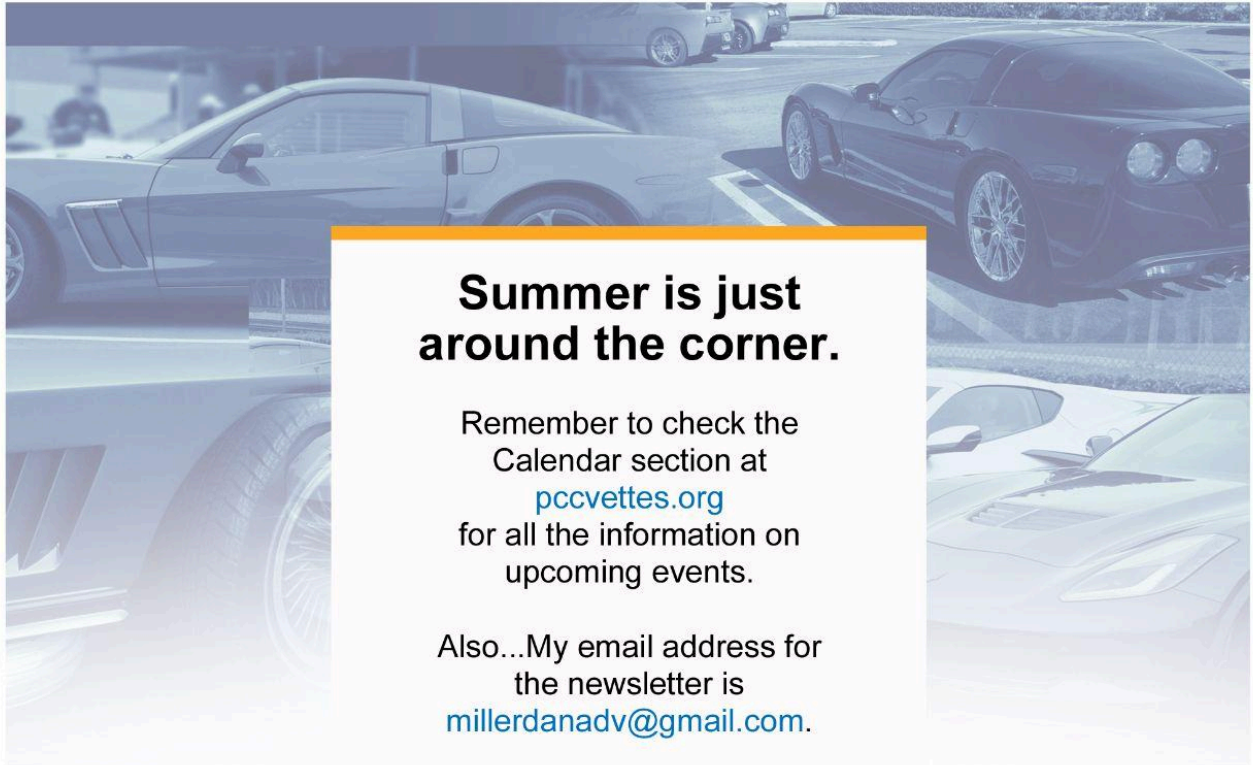
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Remember to check the Calendar section at pccvettes.org for all the information on upcoming events.

Also...My email address for the newsletter is millerdanadv@gmail.com.

Are you striving to be a new PCC member? Write a newsletter article and earn 2 points toward your membership quota.

