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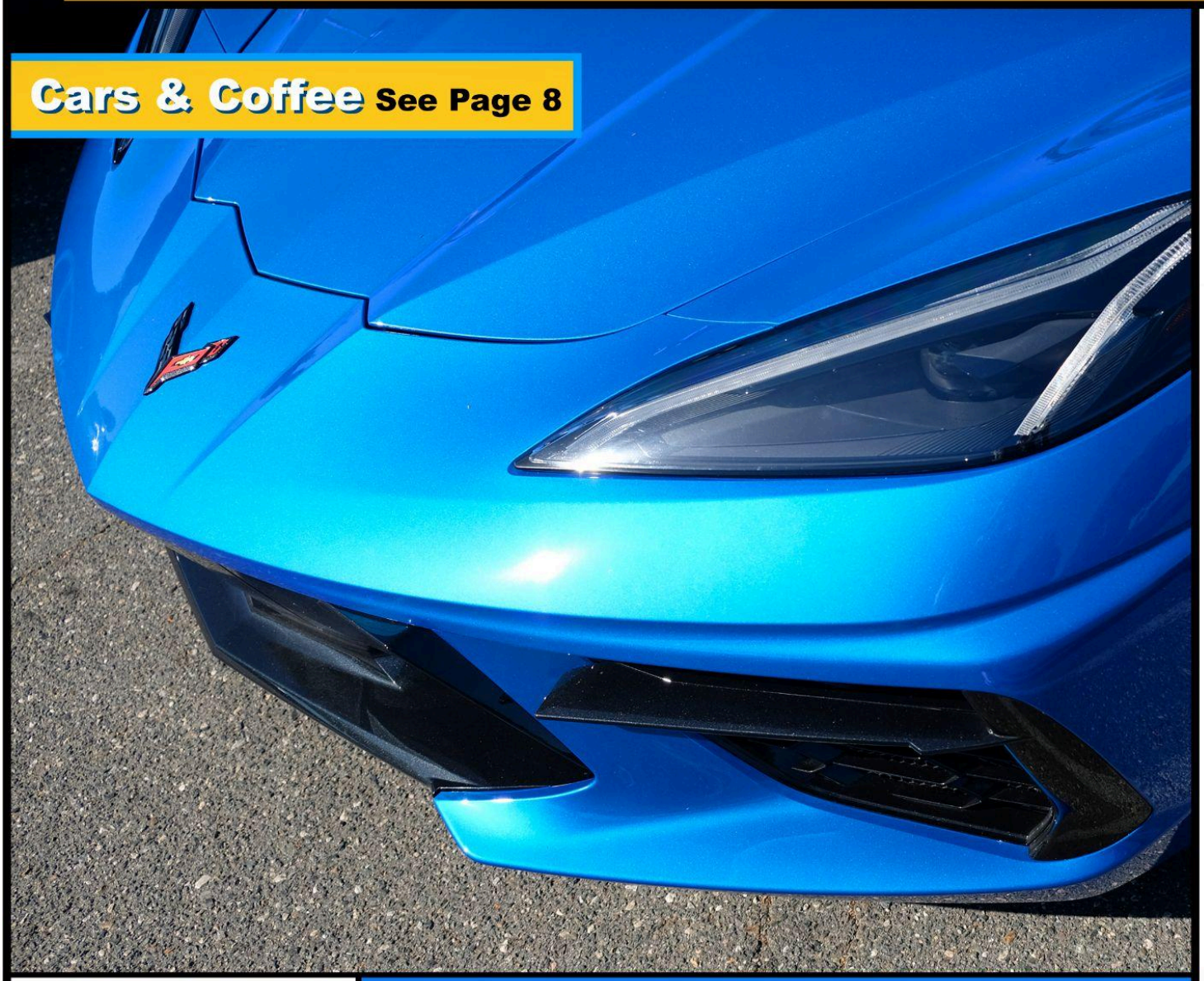

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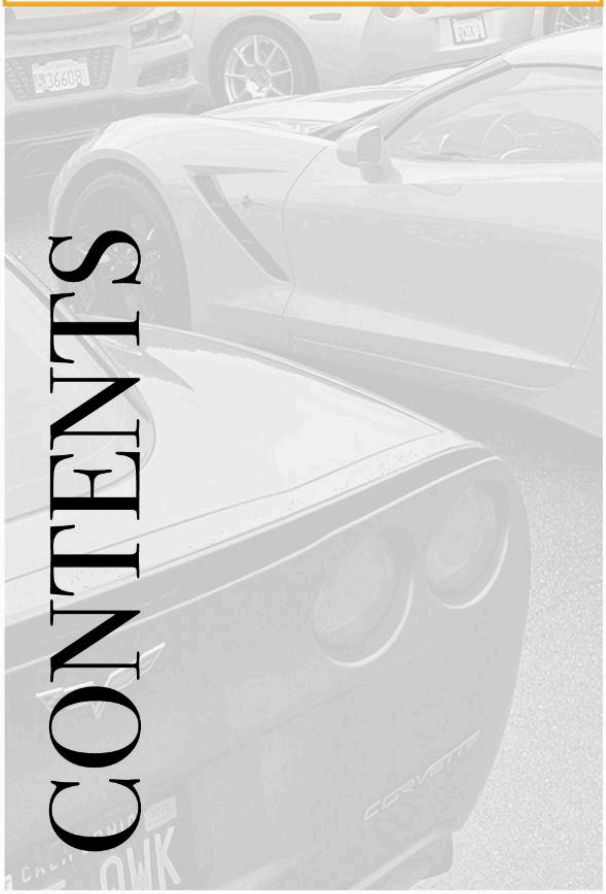

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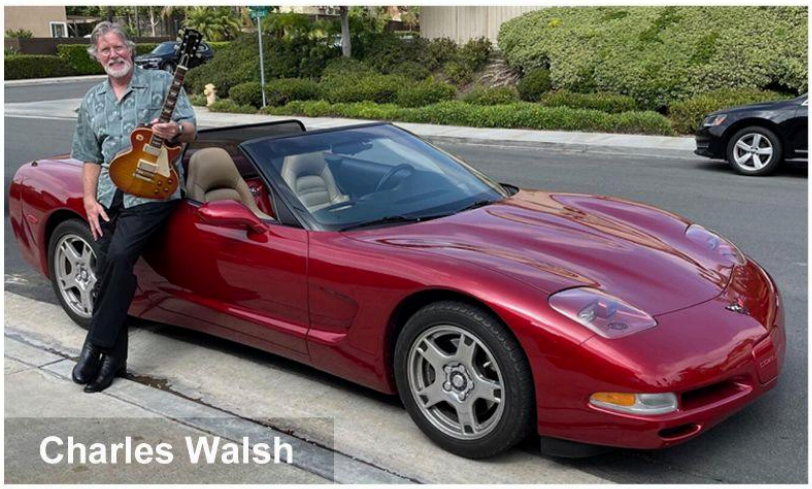
# GREETINGS PCC'ers




## Well, June is well underway and I can't believe that this year is almost half over!

I've been performing some long-planned updates on the Red Rocket and will talk about that separately in a new edition of The Backyard Mechanic. Needless to say, simple updates keep my 27 year old Corvette fresh and exciting.

This month on 28Jun, we will celebrate National Corvette Day at the Marconi Museum and right around the corner, is the 4th of July Parade in Lake Forest.

At our June Club meeting, we presented our annual Scholarship award to Hudson Kimmel - a most deserving young man who promises to do great things in the future. Our annual Scholarship award is by far the most meaningful undertaking that we do. Being able to contribute to the future of our youth is just fantastic and I am proud to be part of this Club!

In just a few days (17-19 June) our Club will conduct the Jerry Wheeler Memorial Big Bear Trip. Seventeen Corvettes and thirty one members will attend and it promises to be an exhilarating event. Kudos to Scott Sturdivant for planning this great event.

Since it is June, its time for us to start thinking about who will join our Board and continue the great agenda of our Club. My term as your President is ending after almost 2 action-packed years. Our illustrious Vice President - Bernie DeMarkey - is also terming out as well as his wife Stephanie our Secretary. In addition, Neil Morrison's able skill as our Treasurer is also drawing to a close. So in short, we need a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We have many members of our Club who have never been a Board member and now

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is the time for everyone to consider running. Our Board functions very well and it is actually quite a bit of fun to guide our Club's varied activities for the benefit of all. Please consider running for Club office.

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 and 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…

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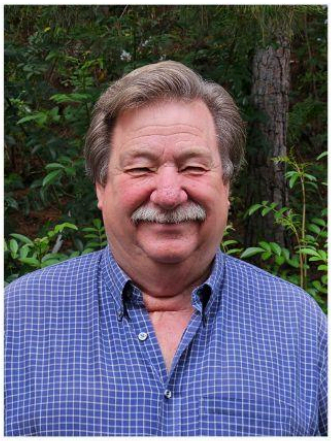
**Charles**

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Bernie DeMarkey**

The Route 66 Run sponsored by Janet Cherry of OC Vettes was a fantastic event. Driving on Route 66 a 2 lane road that is 100 years old really got thinking about what we as Americans are really about. From the first ships that landed at Plymouth Rock and the first colony in what would become Virginia we were a Nation on the move. For over 250 years we American have been pushing forward. Granted sometimes it was not us pushing but us being pushed. From East to West and North to South and when we got to Alaska and Hawaii. After that We went to the moon. Now we are looking at going to MAR's.

BTW There is talk of a Drive of Route 66 drive from the Route 66 Museum in Victorville to the Route 66 Museum in Barstow this summer. Details to follow.

I am hoping as a club we will be doing more and more Road trips and Weekend adventures. The West Coast and Pacific Northwest Clubs as a group really function differently than the east of the Rockies Corvette Club. We travel, we are not involved in the Competition Auto Slalom, Gymkana, Auto shows and Chasing point that a lot of our Eastern NCCC Corvette owners are doing.

We are really lucky with all the National and State parks and museums we have here in So Cal. Not just Automotive, last week Stephaine and I went to the Orchid Exhibit at the San Diego Botanical Gardens. IT was stunning and a great way to spend an afternoon. IF you got an idea for something to do or someplace to go give me a shout out and we will make it happen. Chevrolet has said it best.....

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Quick update on Fall Colors in Bishop, CA. Official entries information will be posted by the town of Bishop at the end of June. I will make sure we get the updates in the Calander. Our hotel is the Vagabond Inn w/a Special Room rate When you book make sure to tell them you are with PCC.Tel 760 873 6351 Rate 165.00 a night. For more information on entering your vehicle or participating, contact Karey Poole at (760) 920-2720. That's all for now

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!**

**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** **Drive, Drink and Dine at Domenico's on the Lake**
Wells Fargo 27722 Vista Del Lago, Mission Viejo
3:30 pm
See Flyer for Details.

**July 21** **Hot Rods Unlimited Tuesday Night Drive In**
**IN N OUT** at El Toro and the 5 freeway
5pm to 7pm
See Flyer for Details.

**August 5** **PCC Monthly Meeting**
At Campus Jax, 3950 Campus Dr., Newport Beach
Social hour starts at 5:00 pm.
Meeting begins at 6:30.

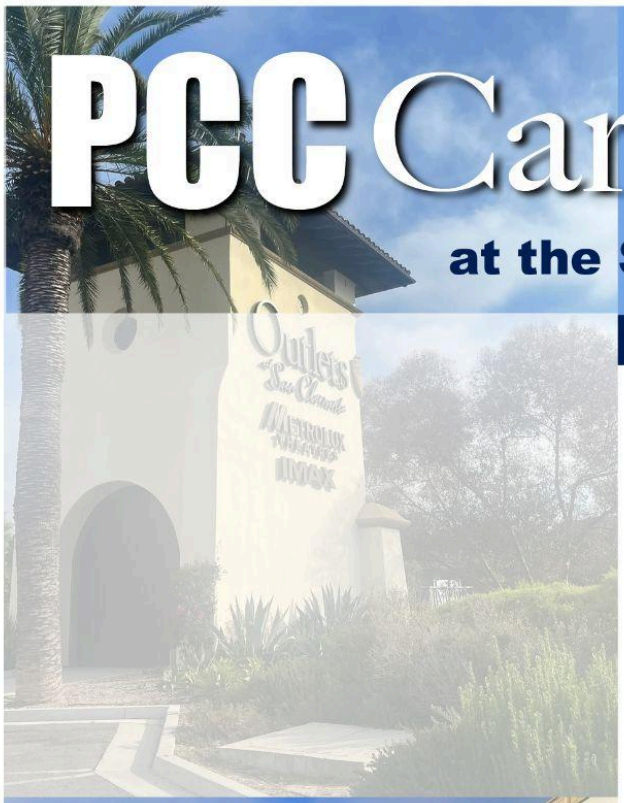
**August 15** **Annual Corvette Super Sports Car Show**
Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St., Buena Park
See Flyer for Details

**August 18** **Hot Rods Unlimited Night Drive In**
IN-N-OUT El Toro , 24001 Avenida de la Carlota, Laguna Hills
See Flyer for Details

# PCC Cars & Coffee

## at the San Clemente Outlets 6/13/26

**By Bob Savanich**



We'll PCC'rs you did it again. By my count 40 Corvettes showed up on a simply stunning day in San Clemente. We may have counted two or three interlopers, but hey, a Corvette is a Corvette.There were also a dozen or two plastic fantastics spread around the huge crowd along with several seriously expensive exotics. Some mid-seat thingamajig named a C Zinger was trailered in. Visit our Facebook page and get a load of the pix.

Kandra and Richie Longo showed up in what is the most expensive "oil change" in history. It seems Richie took the blue C8 in for service, called Kandra and asked if she liked "silver". Low an behold he comes home with a new 2026 ZO6. I can't wait to asked Sandy if she wants me to go get the sedan serviced. Who knows, they might have a special on a Mercedes Benz AMG 63 GT. Film at 11:00.

There were so many treats from the usual suspects. Haley Rees, Pattie Smith, Sabrina Glick brought deliciousness as well as others I'm sure. I think Tom Nelson brought some treats too. Please forgive me for not mentioning you if you brought something to share, but I was busy taking photos and videos.

Some PCC'rs had to cancel, however several showed up to take up the slack. Jean and Elaine Mercier brought up the rear because I inadvertently let them know we would meet up at 8:15 instead of 7:00-7:15. Sorry. Our Ice Cream buddy, Donna Friess, was in attendance. Her husband Ken drove her down for the morning and picked her up. She's the life of the party

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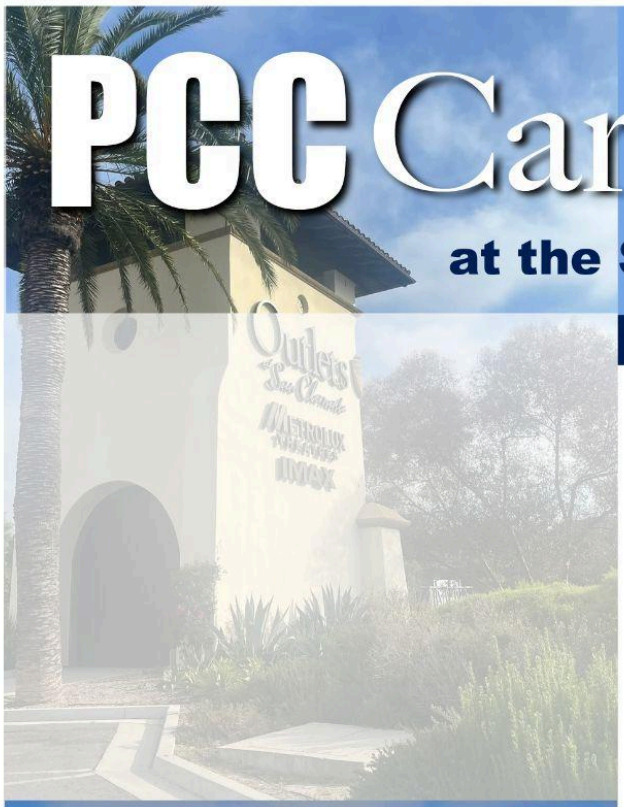
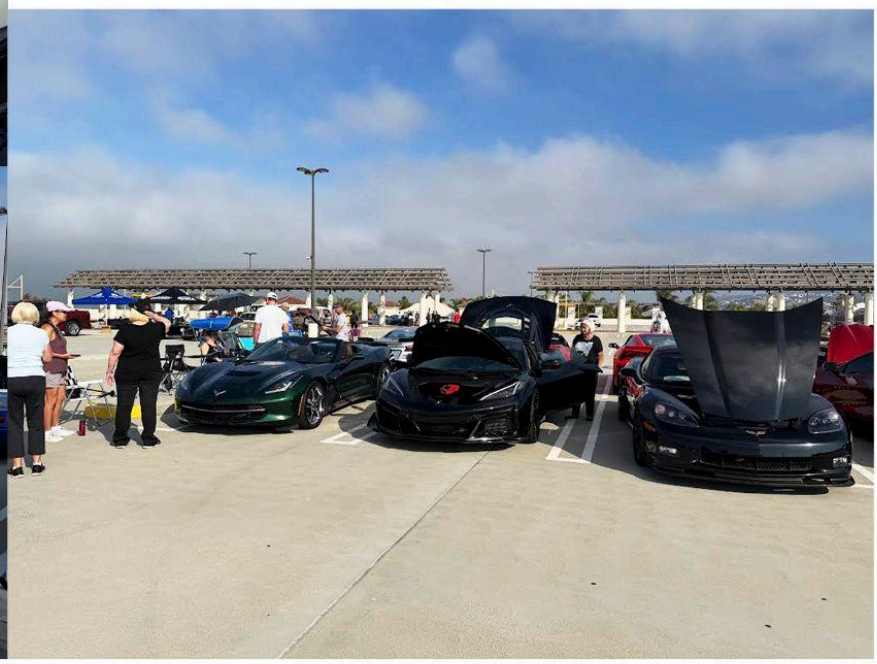


wherever she goes. Thanks for supporting us and taking pictures Donna.

Simon Wehr, approached me to inform that Tim Connell of Connell Chevrolet contacted him regarding a cancellation for a new C8 ZR1 Convertible. It is Red Mist and the price is $282,930.00. If you are interested contact me and I'll give you Tim's direct number. Please do not talk to anyone else but Tim if you are interested.

We'll that's it for now. Thanks so much for supporting Sandy and I for these outings. We appreciate it.

***Semper Fidelis and Save the Wave***



# BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

Issue 10

**Greetings PCCer's! It's been a while since I performed some work on the Red Rocket so I'm excited to share with you my latest undertakings.**

One of the beauties of owning a Corvette of any vintage is that there is a plethora of venders out there that offer any number of ways to update, personalize or just make your Corvette look better. I am always interested in what other people do to their 'Vettes and YouTube is a great source for helping me decide what to try and yes, what to avoid!

The C5 Corvette in my unbiased(!) opinion is a beautiful automobile even after all of these years. The stock lighting systems though make it seem a bit dated since all new automobiles sport LED exterior lights. I decided to update my exterior lights with new LEDs from Vette Lights LLC (free plug!) (www.Vette-Lights.com). They offer several lighting packages for the C5 from "smoked" lights to clear as well as traditional red lights.

I chose to stay relatively modest in my lighting choices so went with their 1997-2004 C5 Corvette G3 Laser LED assemblies. The cool thing about these lights is that you can choose how the tail lights and third brake lights present simply by activating a switch located on each housing. So, with everything ready, it was time to get to work.

The tail lights are held in place with two 15mm Hex head screws and are easily removed. Once the screws are out, simply twisting the tail light bulb socket frees them from the car.

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The third brake light assembly however was a very different story. It is held in place by two 7mm bolts that can not be seen. One has to very carefully reach in through the closest tail light hole with your box end wrench and just feel for the locations of the light power plug and each of the bolts. My fear was that I would drop either the wrench or the bolts after loosening them into the rear bumper cavity which would have resulted in much different Backyard Mechanic issue! With great patience, careful maneuvering, some bleeding (the tail light holes have very sharp edges!), and a lot of bad words, I was able to get the third brake light out.

My next problem was installing the new third brake lightassembly being careful not to drop the wrench or the bolts. Again, all of this was done single-handed without being able to see anything. But God had pity on me (He also has a sense of humor - usually at my expense!) and I was able to get the new third brake light successfully installed. I also opted to utilize the third brake light flash which causes the third brake light to flash 5 times before going to full illumination upon braking. Just like a Formula 1 car!

The new tail lights installed as easily as the originals were removed. I opted for a sequencer to slightly delay the illumination of the outermost turn signal which was easy to install and looks really cool.

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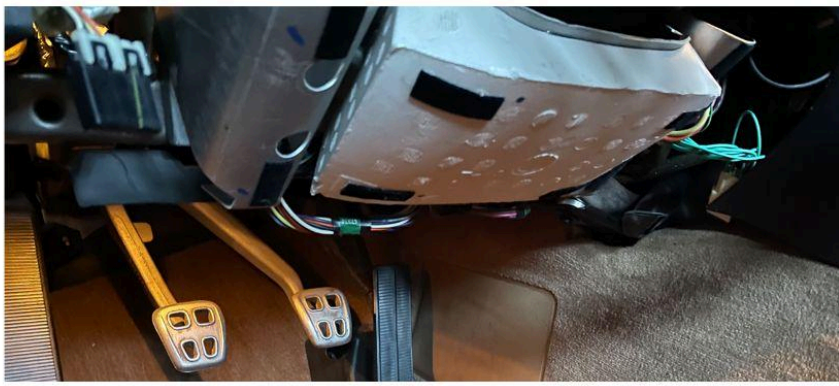
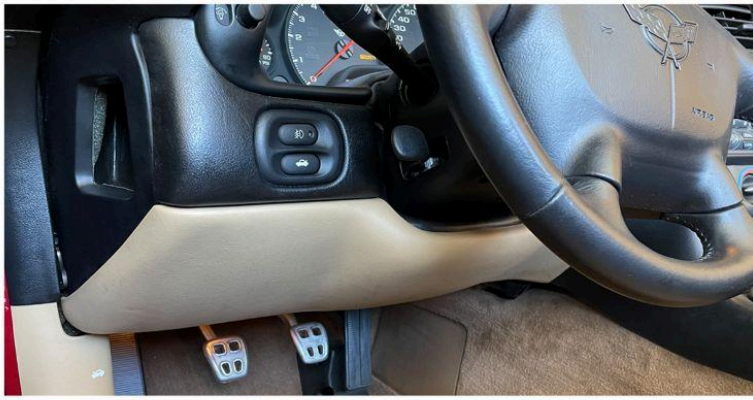
Switching from incandescent or halogen bulbs though, causes a problem known as hyper-flash. Since LEDs draw less current than stock bulbs, activating your turn signal causes the tail lights to flash very fast. Not good. So the solution is to install a Hyper-Flash capacitor within the car's existing turn signal switch. This requires the lower part of the dash board to be removed. Oh, joy...Not something I was looking forward to. But the four screws holding the lower dash in place are easy to find and remove. My hope was that the 27 year old plastic on my 'Vette would tolerate the necessary twisting and bending.

Thankfully, it did.



Reinstalling the lower dash however, was no where near as easy as pulling it out! After multiple tries and again, bad words, I was able to reinstall the lower dash perfectly.



A quick op-check of all of the lights and switches showed that as painful as parts of this procedure were, everything worked the way they should.

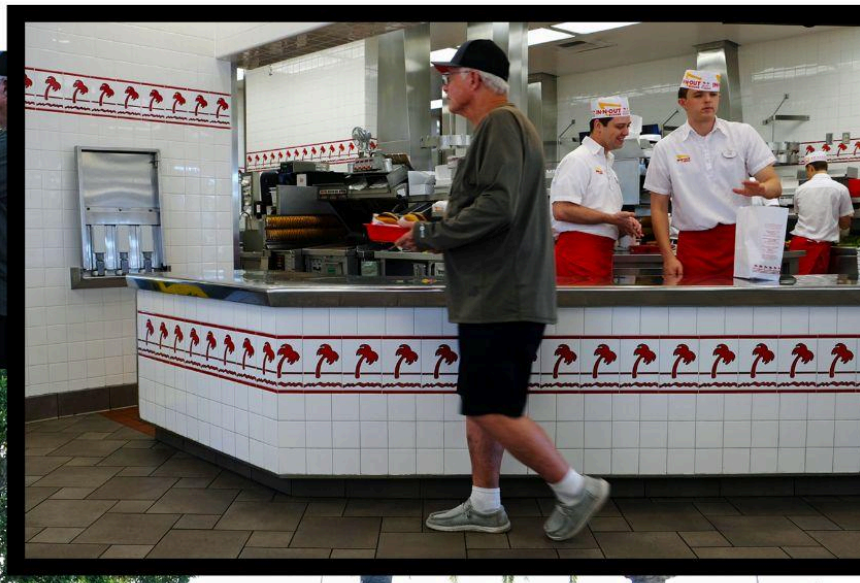
I'm glad I undertook this project and as I stated earlier, my C5 now looks very modern. I will install new LED front corner marker and turn signals next month.

Thank you for allowing me to share these projects with you!

***Stay Safe and Stay Fast!***

Charles

# Tuesday Evening at IN-N-OUT



Thank you
Bob and Sandy
Savanich for
planning a fantastic
evening.

# The 2026 PCC Scholarship Award Recipient

From the Desk of Dave Atkinson, Chairman of the PCC Scholarship Committee

**The 2026 PCC Scholarship Award Presented at June 3rd PCC Meeting**

Hudson Kimmel, joined by his dad, mom, and grandfather, was presented with the 2026 PCC Scholarship Award at our PCC June 3rd meeting. This included a check for $4,000 along with dozens of tools donated by numerous generous members of PCC. Thanks to ALL who donated tools from testing equipment to huge torque wrench!!

Hudson 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 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.

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!

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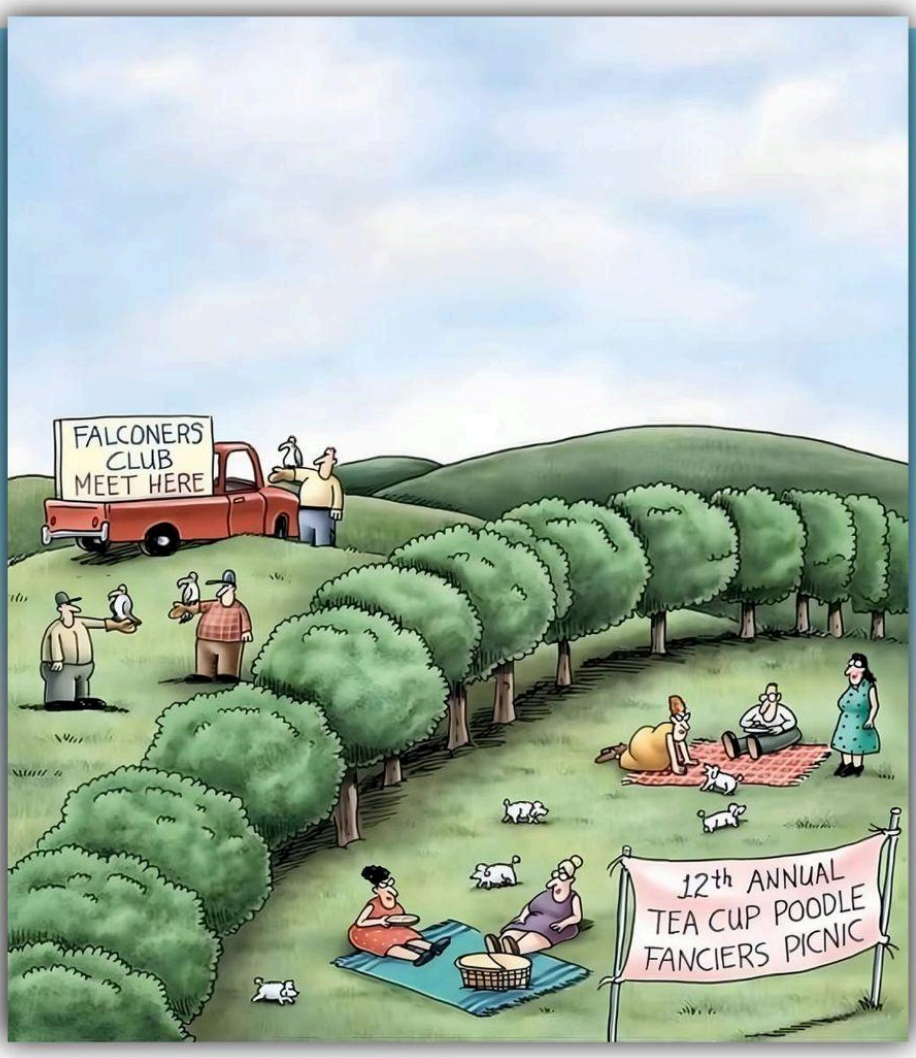

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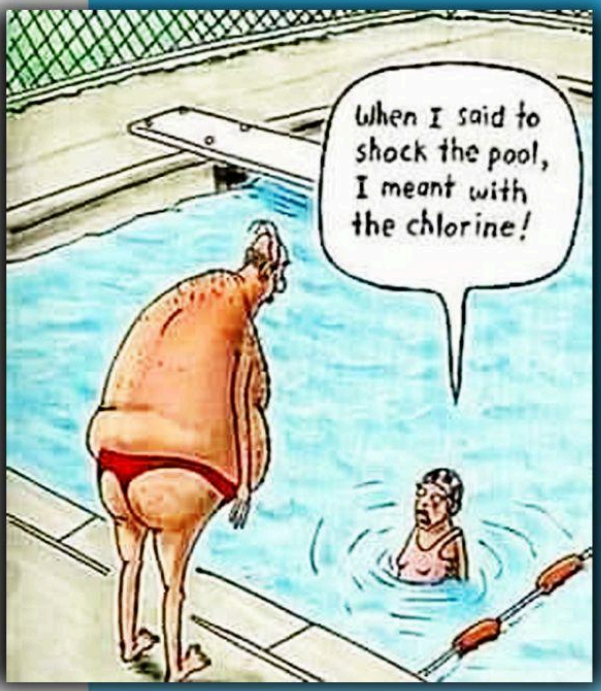

**The fact that "hemorrhoids" aren't called "asteroids" is beyond me.**

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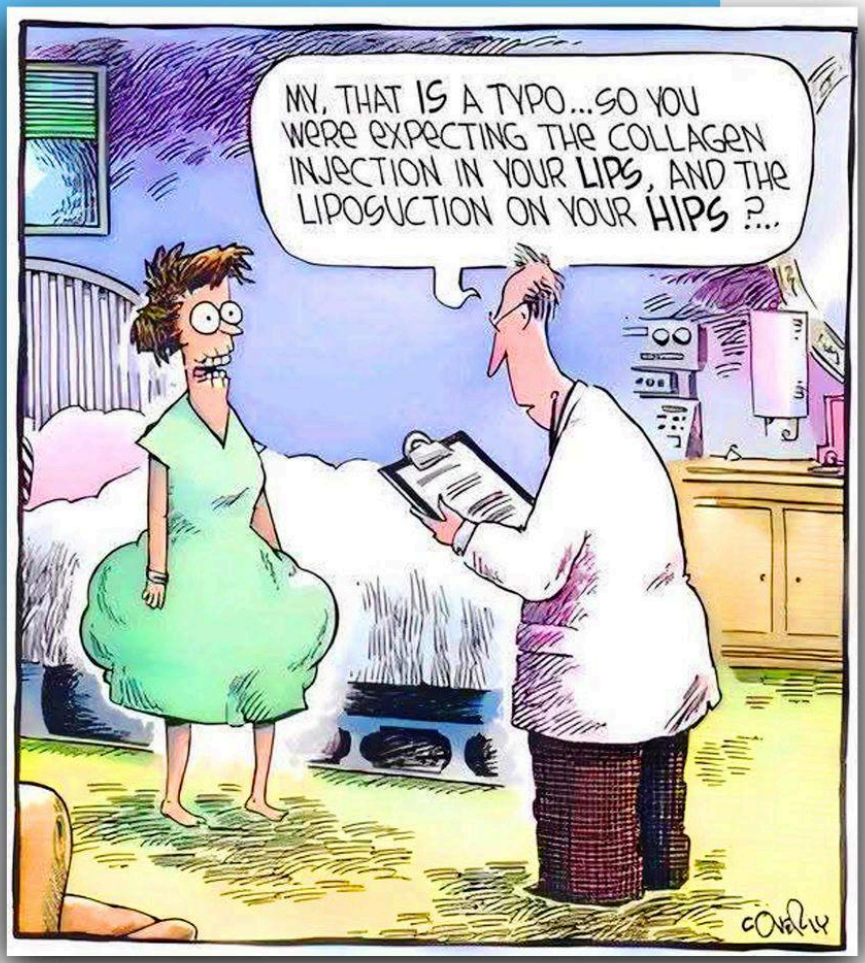


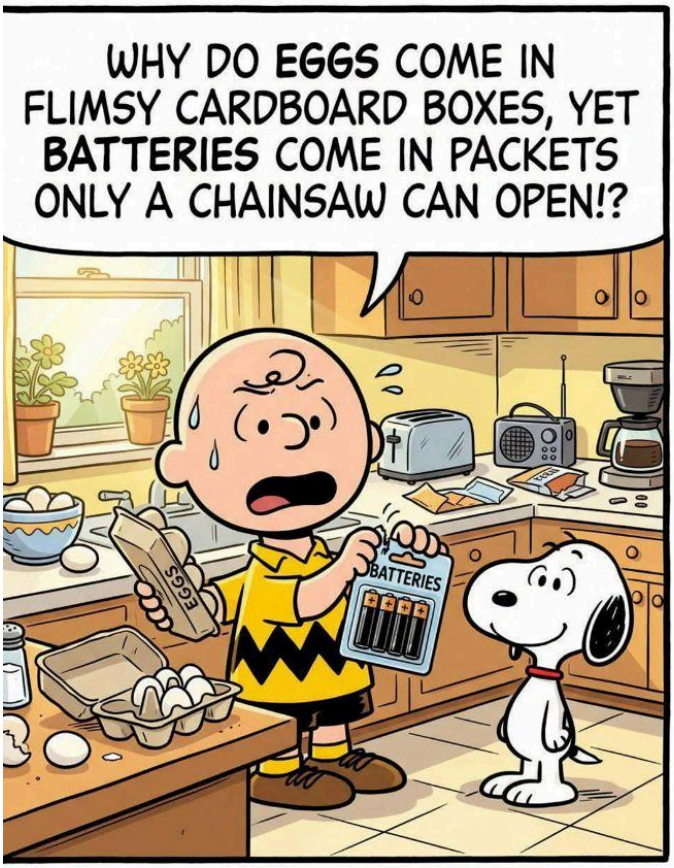

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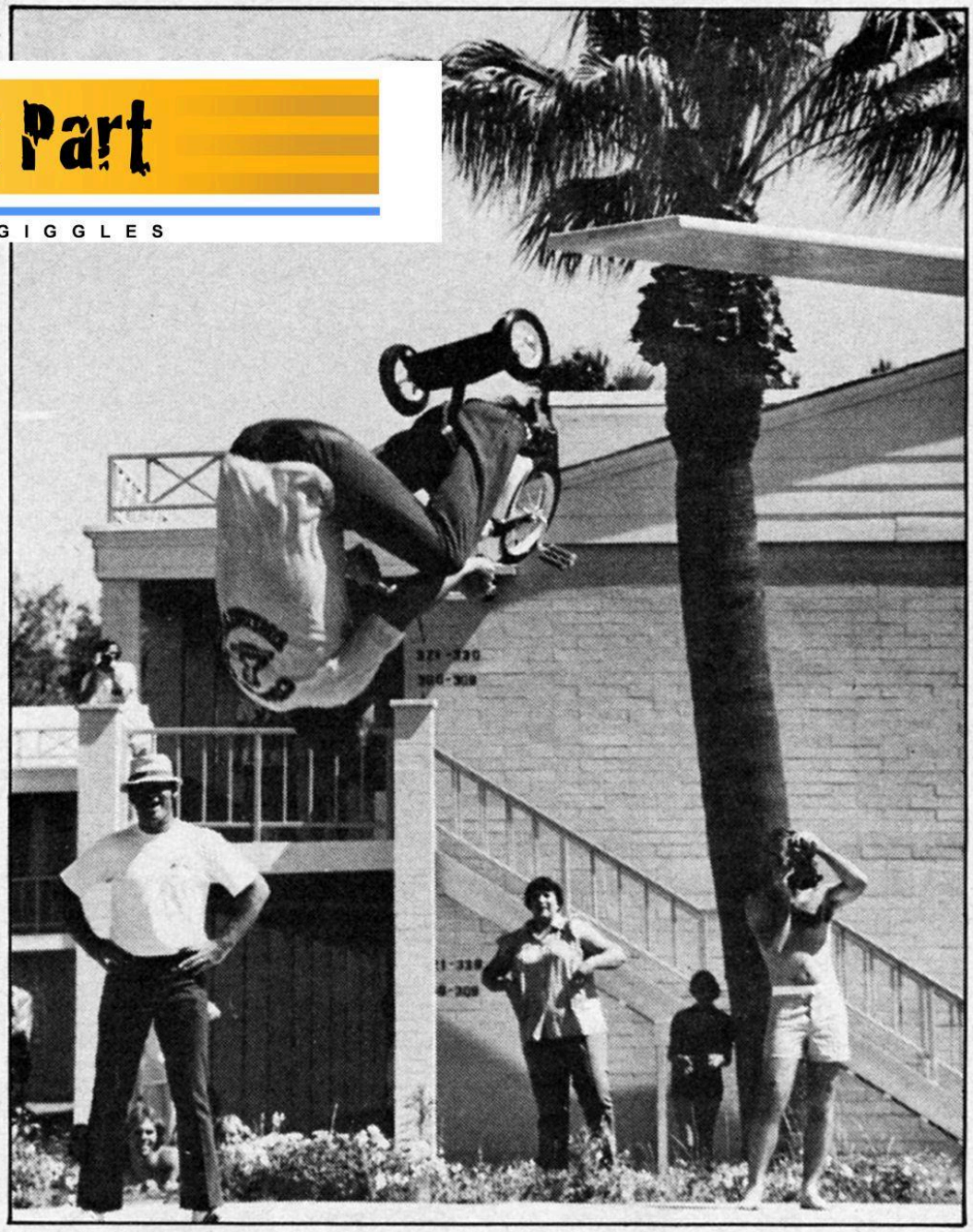
*From HOT ROD Magazine September 1973*



**What began as a friendly discussion between an obscure magazine writer named Cory Farley and a Corvette owner who must remain nameless turned into the disaster you see here. Farley, at the Western States Corvette Convention in Tucson, found a Vette club member with a late-model, one-owner tricycle. The trike, Farley suggested, would just fit on the highboard—but since nobody but Farley himself had the guts to ride it off, and he didn't work for free, they'd probably never see it done. "The hell you say," said the Corvette guy. "Will you buy a subscription to Hot Rod if I do it?" asked Farley. "Will you put my picture in the magazine if *I* do it?" said the Vette guy. Here's the picture.**

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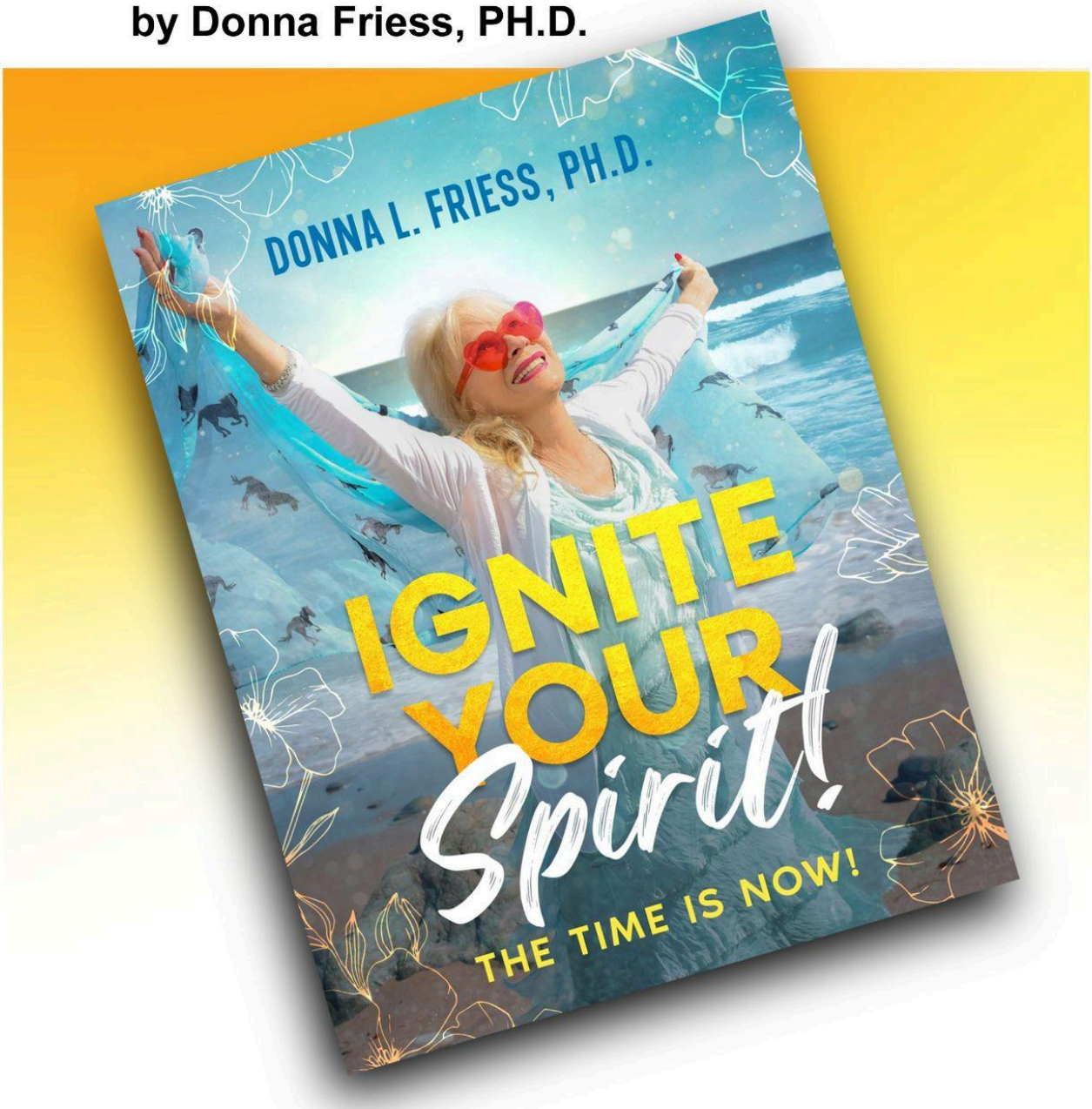


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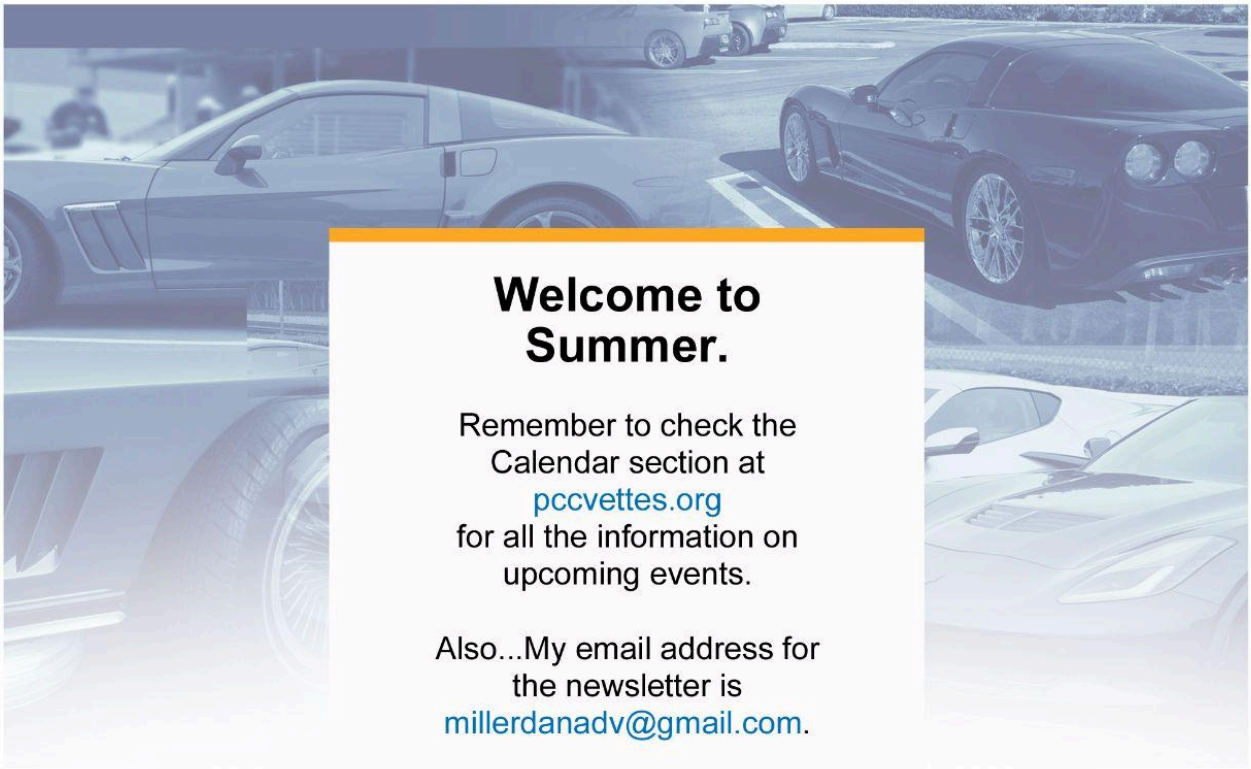

## Welcome to Summer.

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.

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