

# THE Corvette Waves

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## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

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### Anniversaries

- Feb. 11** Javier Posada  
& Marla Bork
- Feb 14** Larry & Edie Bly
- Feb 14** Ted and Penny Sickles
- Feb 14** Gary & Linda Altergott
- Feb 20** Gene & Vickie Insley
- Feb 20** Jim & Peggy Whiteaker

### Birthdays

- Feb 2** Richard Hagenlock
- Feb 3** Sonia Cartagena
- Feb 6** John Wiebel
- Feb 9** Steve Radigan
- Feb 12** Rose Bradley
- Feb 14** Cate Riggs
- Feb 14** Jan Young
- Feb 17** Ulla Barr
- Feb 19** Chip English

### Years In Pacific Coast Corvettes

- 1 year** Rich Hernandez
- 13 years** Gary Lane & Jan Young
- 22 years** Henry & Becky Lewis





**Mo Wise**

**H**appy February members! When I mention anything about the monthly meetings, I typically say “and for those who missed it”. I think we had a record attendance at the February meeting. We counted 72 people! **WOWZAH!**

But for those who missed it, I provided an update on the website investigation. To jog your memory, last year we voted to take a look at a members only sign in portal to add a little security to our website. After gathering information from the various developers, it prompted me to ask our webmaster, Ted Sickles, a question that was probably never asked before. The question of continuing on as our webmaster. Ted told me that he would like to step back from his role as webmaster. After 30+ years of creating and maintaining the site, the roster and the many other duties that go along with webmastery magic, he is going to take a well-deserved break. I was thrilled that so many members were at the meeting to be able to personally thank Ted for his service. If you didn't get an opportunity to do that, please give him a nice pat on the back the next time you see him.

After a Q&A session, there was a unanimous vote to proceed with the new website. Our new site will be maintained by a web committee. The members who stepped forward are Jerry Zechmeister, Mike Palikan, Don Wilder and Peter Dolbee. I'll be leading the group during the development stage and then once these folks are trained, I'll step back. Aside from the security piece, the goal is to be able to keep basic information visible so that we can attract new members and still provide our current members with quick details when needed.

Once the site is developed, we will have a 'testing' period for members to click around and provide feedback. Be prepared to act quickly when that testing email goes out. The developers are on a time schedule so expect that the test period will be about a week. I'm hoping to see something come together around end of March/early April. You are not required to test the site. We're doing it so that we can make tweaks and changes before it goes live.

We have a lot of great events coming up the first quarter of the year and I hope that you'll be able to attend. Please do try to make it to the meeting. The dinner/social hour has been a hit and as soon as the days get a little longer, I am thinking about planning a “long way home” drive for after the meeting. Stay tuned.

Mo

**Save the Wave!**



**Sandy Savanich**

### Greetings PCC'ers,

Some of you are answering the call to introduce new event opportunities and we appreciate your support. If we want to continue to have fun, interesting and varied events on the calendar each month, we need your input and time. Whether you're a new or seasoned member, we welcome your ideas. And if your time is limited, you can always share the responsibility and co-host with another member. As VP I'm tasked with scheduling all PCC events and managing the club calendar. When you're ready to host an event, please contact me with your proposed dates to confirm availability. Prepare your flyer including details and send it to me ASAP to be added to the PCC calendar.

[Beachie53@gmail.com](mailto:Beachie53@gmail.com)

See following pages for "Recent" and "Upcoming" events.

# Recent Events

Don't miss out on all the fun....Be sure to explore the Calendar Section of the PCC website for future events at [pccvettes.org](http://pccvettes.org) .

## JANUARY

**January 1, 2023**

### **4th Annual New Years Day Run and Lunch**

Coordinators: Bob & Sandy Savanich.

31 members, including new prospect Neil Morrison braved the cold weather to start the new year for a 70 mile drive. Afterwards we had lunch at Lucille's BBQ at the District at Tustin Legacy.



**January 4, 2023**

### **PCC Monthly Membership Meeting**

6:30 PM at Campus Jax, 3950 Campus Drive, Newport Beach.

The restaurant is open at 4:00 PM and many members come early to have a bite to eat and socialize.

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# Recent Events

## JANUARY

January 19

**Cruise to Sunset Beach and Breakfast At Harbor House.**

Coordinator: Scott Sturdivant.



After a short driver's meeting it was time to line up and head out. Departed from DICK'S Sporting Goods (24821 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Hills) at 9:30 am. Right on Time.



It doesn't get much better than this. Experiencing PCH on a beautiful morning in your Corvette.

There were 27 Corvettes and 41 members who joined up for this beautiful drive to Harbor House for breakfast.

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## January 19

### Cruise to Sunset Beach and Breakfast At Harbor House.



Arriving at Harbor House Cafe just in time for a little breakfast.



It would be hard to make this Thursday morning any better. There was a beautiful coastal drive, cool ocean air, great food and plenty of friendly conversation.



And here is the PCC'er responsible for throwing this shin-dig..... Scott Sturdivant. Well done Scott.



# Recent Events

January 21

## PCC Annual Awards Banquet...**LOCO 'MO TION COMMOTION**

Aliso Viejo Country Club. 6:00 PM- 10:00 PM. Chair: Jane Barnes.

### Costumes. Costumes. Costumes.

As far as the eye could see there were PCC'ers all dressed up for the 'MO TOWN EFFECT.



Scott Surdivant (Mr. Hospitality) takes home the win for best costume. The judges said his black patent leather platform shoes put him above the rest.

Way to go Scott.



Well done right from the beginning.

The evening kicked off with great snacks and drinks and of course lively conversation. Outstanding!



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## January 21

### PCC Annual Awards Banquet...**LOCO 'MO TION COMMOTION**

The food service was outstanding and the table set-ups were very creative.

Applause to the creators of all the decor.



You can't have an Awards Banquet without a few awards. This was an opportunity to appreciate all the volunteers. Volunteers that make the Great Pacific Coast Corvettes Club what it is.....Great!

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# Recent Events

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**January 21**

**PCC Annual Awards Banquet...*LOCO 'MO TION COMMOTION***



If you missed this PCC event you missed some great entertainment by these two outstanding musicians. Soooo much talent!

**Nicely done** Steve Donn and Dennis Rodriquez from the Heart-N-Soul Band.

*Go to YouTube to see the band in action...*

*Search "Steve Donn Live" or use address below.*

<https://youtu.be/kJcCm0fASRM>

*Video will play after short ad.*



**PCC'ers gathering for one of those group shots. A good time had by all.**

This was perhaps the highest attended PCC Awards Dinner with 70 members, many of whom came in costume for the "Mo-Town" theme.



## Recent Events

### FEBRUARY

**Wednesday, February 1**  
**PCC Monthly Membership Meeting**  
6:30 PM at Campus Jax,  
3950 Campus Drive, Newport Beach.  
The restaurant is open at 4:00 PM  
and many members come early  
to have a bite to eat and socialize.  
72 members and prospective members  
were in attendance for the February  
meeting! Great Attendance!



## 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).

### Thursday, February 23

**CPR Class** – Coordinator: Gary Uchino and Vicky Kovacs.  
10:00 AM at 1080 Stone Brook Lane, Costa Mesa, Ca. Cost is \$10:00 PP. This is a non-certified course by a police department instructor. Duration estimated to be 90-120 minutes. Lunch afterwards, at a location to TBD. See website for more details. RSVP to Gary or Vicky required.

### Saturday, February 25

**Kick Tires Breakfast** – Coordinator: Ken James 8 AM Knowlwoods at 14952 Sand Canyon Avenue in Irvine. Just show up and have a relaxing breakfast with your PCC friends.

### Sunday, February 26

A NON PCC event...Supercars by the Sea, 8 am - 11 am  
22211 E. Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach, CA.

### MARCH

### Wednesday, March 1

**PCC Monthly Meeting** at 6:30 pm at Campus JAX Supper Club  
3950 Campus Drive, Newport Beach.

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## **Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5 Festival of the Whales Car Show, Dana Point**

Coordinators: Bob and Sandy Savanich.

Meet up at Carl's Jr. **Saturday 10:15 AM for a 10:45 AM departure.**  
**Sunday 7:15 AM for a 7:45 AM departure.**

See website for more details. RSVP required for both days

## **Saturday, March 11**

### **South OC Cars and Coffee at The Outlets in San Clemente**

Coordinators: Bob and Sandy Savanich. Meet up at Carl's Jr. at 7:15 AM for 7:30 AM departure. See website for more details.

RSVP to Bob so we can alert organizer of the space we'll need.

## **APRIL**

### **Wednesday, April 5**

**PCC Monthly Meeting** at 6:30 pm at Campus JAX Supper Club  
3950 Campus Drive, Newport Beach.

### **Saturday, April 15**

#### **Cruise to Tinyville and Lunch**

Better known as "The Miniature Engineering Craftmanship Museum" Ranked #1 attraction in Carlsbad for 2022. PCC Vettes meet at Carl's Jr. San Juan Capistrano at 7:45 am. Departing at 8:15 am. PCC Coordinator is Dan Miller

## **MAY**

### **Wednesday, May 3**

**PCC Monthly Meeting** at 6:30 pm at Campus JAX Supper Club  
3950 Campus Drive, Newport Beach.

### **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 12 - 14**

#### **Motul Course de Monterey (IMSA Race) @ LagunaSeca Raceway.**

PCC Coordinator is Dan Fost (714) 599-0879 / wdfost61@gmail.com

**REMEMBER** Future events along with additional information for **ALL** events can be found on the club calendar at **[www.pccvettes.org](http://www.pccvettes.org)**.

Save the Wave..It's Corvettetiquette!

# What My Corvette Has Taught Me

## *Weekenders and Occasionally Used Corvettes*

By Bob Savanich

Hey PCC'rs, this article is about my personal experience with my 2013 - 427 Convertible. Eleven months ago I replaced my battery. It was four (4) years old and new when I purchased the car in December 2017. Most of you know it is primarily a weekender with an occasional long weekend and week long trips to various places members conjure up for the club as well as personal trips.



I seldom used a battery tender over the four years I had the first battery. Occasionally I would hook it up a couple of days before a trip to make sure it was full of juice. That worked out fine for years. However, I had a lunch date with two of my buddies whom I've known for over 50 years. We were to drive our "Hot Rods" that day to show up one another. I would have won. Ed has a 2014 Aston Martin, Dennis a 2017 Porsche. Boring.



I jumped in to crank up "Johnny Red" and .....nothing! A click and odd sound. I figured it was the starter or the battery or the brakes or something. I called the "Boys" to reschedule lunch. I broke out my trusty multimeter to check battery voltage. Rats! 12.1 volts resting. I know anything below 12.6 resting volts (I've researched) is no bueno. I call AAA for their battery replacement deal and within 30 minutes or so I'm rockin a new battery. Guess what? It didn't help. It did finally start. Starter didn't sound all that good. That ruled out the brakes.

I called my trusty mechanic, Chris Johnson (the LS Dr.). I remember him telling me last oil change he recommended a new starter. The old one was showing signs of excessive heat. The location is right next to the exhaust header and CAT. In the mean time I read the voltage on the "new" battery and it read low. It is new mind you. I hooked up my tender and it charged overnight. I made an appointment




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with Chris to bring it in for a new starter, oil change and service.

I asked about a heat shield for the new starter and wanted to wrap the starter with heat resistant material. Fellow member Mark Smith had his wrapped too. A million dollars (not really) later and I drive off.

Upon arrival at home I routed my extension cord and placed my battery tender appropriately for easy on, easy off connectivity. Now I keep my tender on pretty much all the time. I do unhook it the night before I'm going to drive it. I'm happy now. 

I figured I'd write an article for our new Editor to get him used to my writing skills (or lack thereof).

May I suggest you write some articles as well.

You can't have too much participation in our club. That's why we are so popular. Think up some cool stuff for our club to do and I'll help you with the details of "Hosting" your own event.

Almost forgot. **PLEASE** go on-line and Yelp our car club. Everyone who Yelps will get a million bucks. Hope you like that many pictures of deer in your email. **LOL**



# Not all electric vehicles are Teslas!

By Mike O'Connor

The Sunswift II was designed and built by volunteer students at the University of New South Wales Solar Racing Team. Sunswift II was the team's second car initially built in 1987 and rebuilt and refined over the following seven years before its retirement, after being rolled off its trailer. Some damage can still be seen on the vehicle.



The power collected out of the solar array was around 12kW which is the amount of power it takes to toast a piece of bread, however, despite this the car had a top speed of 130 kph, or 80.7783 mph. This was possible through its efficient electrical system, excellent aerodynamics and light weight structure made of carbon fiber. The car competed in the 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003 SunRace, the 1999, 2001 and 2003 World Solar Challenge from Darwin to Adelaide Australia. This is a distance of 2,618 kilometers or 1,626 miles. It's most notable achievement is its solar array for which it received the 2002 SunRace Enterprise Award for Technical Innovation.



Twenty-six students relinquished their summer break in 2000-2001 to manufacture 7,000 high efficiency Buried Contact Solar cells at 19.5% efficiency. The entire project was completed in under four months and involved approximately 10,000 work hours. The SunSwift team remains the only solar car team in the world to have constructed its own cells. In addition it also developed a new method of encapsulation that

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# Not all electric vehicles are Teslas!

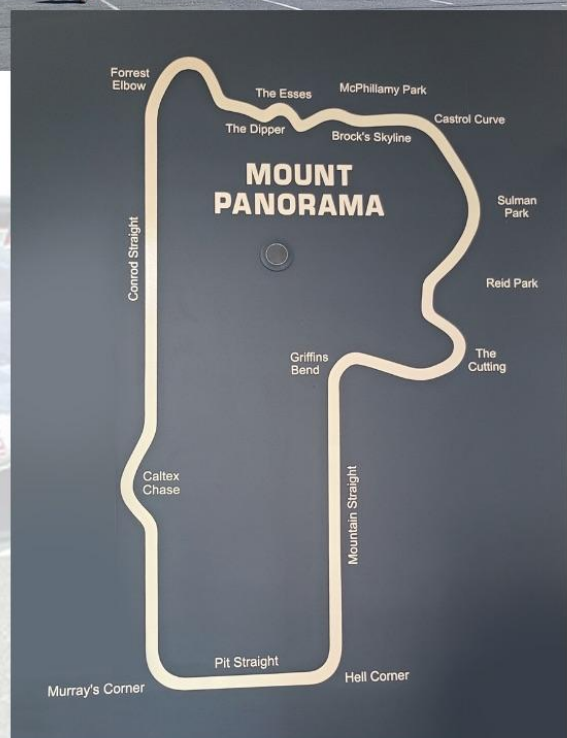
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allowed the team to construct solar panels with composite curves - another world first that enabled the elegant curves still present in the car. Over time some of this encapsulation has now delaminated from the cells

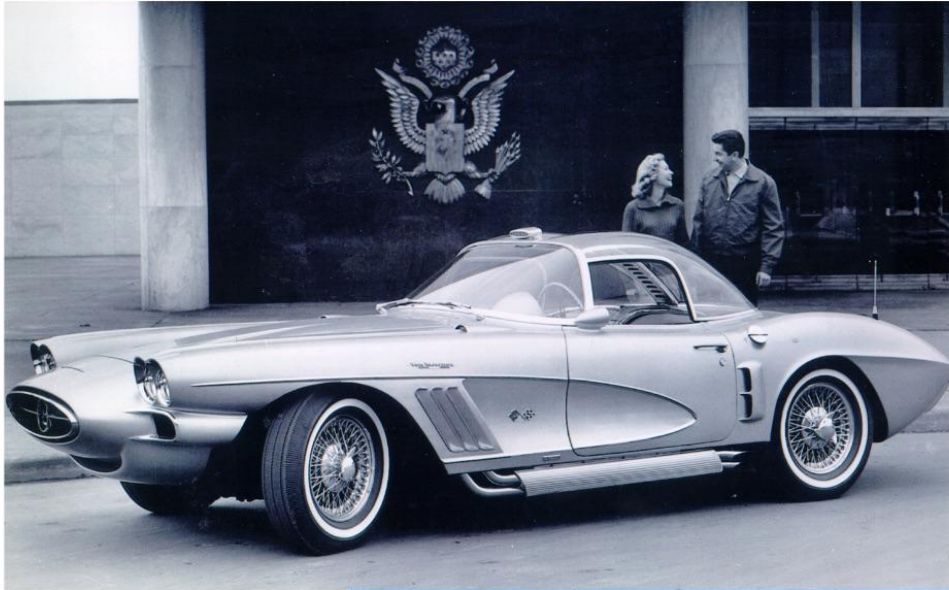
The race still occurs with an average winning speed in 2016 of 91.75 kmh. or 57.01087 mph. this is a far cry from SunSwift II's 53.2 kph. or 33.05695 mph. This car has been kindly loaned to the National Motor Museum of Bathurst, Australia at Mount Panorama Raceway by UNSW.



**P.S. We did not see one Corvette in Australia! It's good to be home....** 



# LOOKING BACK



1958 XP-700 Corvette

One of many styling experiments by GM styling Chief Bill Mitchell, the XP-700 was built on a standard 1958 283/230 Corvette chassis. Styling cues included wire wheels, side exhaust, side gills, air scoops and an extended snout. After going through a couple of iterations, it is believed that the XP-700 was cannibalized to build the XP-755 "Mako Shark" concept car.



1961 XP-755 Mako Shark

# The Best Part

L A U G H S   A N D   G I G G L E S



*"You didn't show photos of your Corvette to the entire office, so the church sent someone over to witness the miracle."*

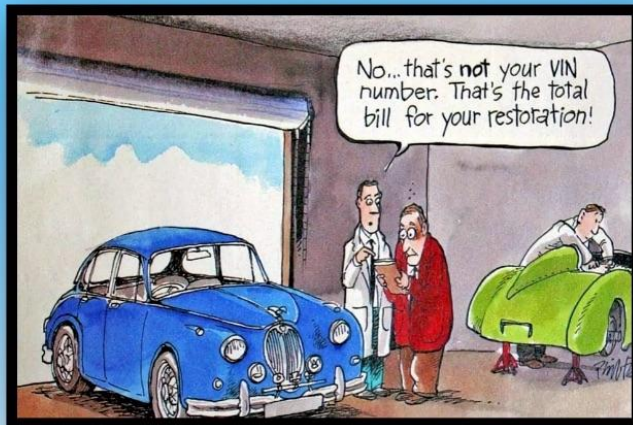
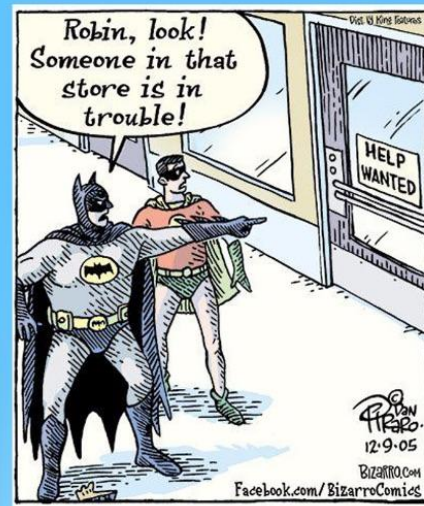
**HERE WE SEE A WILD CORVETTE**



**HUNTING DOWN ITS NATURAL PREY**

# The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



# The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES

**NO ONE EVER WROTE A SONG**



**ABOUT A FUEL INJECTED HYUNDAI**



Snow blower accidents



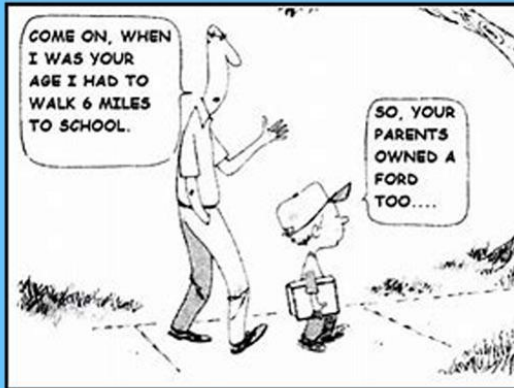
**To catch a squirrel,  
one must become a squirrel.**



No Comment.

# The Best Part

L A U G H S   A N D   G I G G L E S



Do we get smarter  
as we get older?

Or, do we just run out  
of stupid things to do?

My boss came to work with a brand new C8 Corvette yesterday.



I said...“WOW what an awwwwwesome car.”

He said...”If you work hard, put in all your hours and strive for excellence I’ll be able to get another one next year.”

# The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES

More than 55 years old

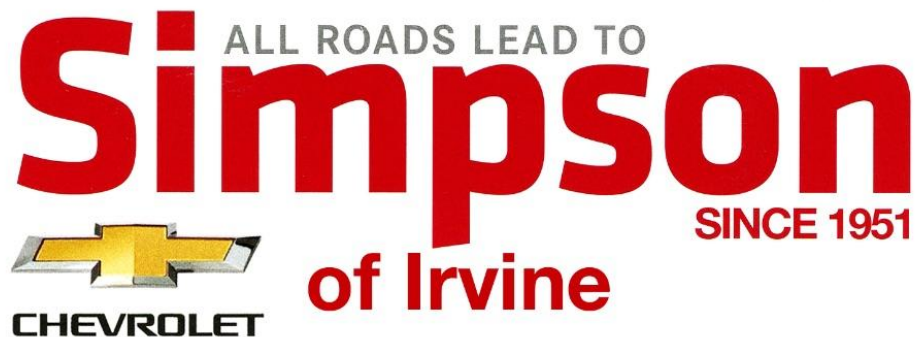


and it still looks better than a brand new Honda.



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Many thanks to all the contributors for the February edition of "The Corvette Wave". This newsletter would not be possible without all those that take the time to contribute. As Bob Savanich wrote on page 15 "You can't have too much participation in our club."

**So don't hesitate to participate.**

I look forward to putting together the March issue.

Your Newsletter Editor,

Dan Miller

### **FINAL Jeopardy questions:**

From the desk of Scott Surdivant.

**The only year since 1953 Corvette did NOT release a Corvette? WHAT IS 1983**  
*Interesting side note: There is only ONE 1983 Corvette in existence and you will find it at the National Corvette Museum. Chevy actually produced 60 of these cars, but destroyed 59. GM stopped producing the 83 Corvette due to quality issues switching from C3 to C4.*

**The most popular Corvette color since 1953? WHAT IS Torch Red**

