

# THE **Corvette Waves**

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## ***New Years Day Cruise***

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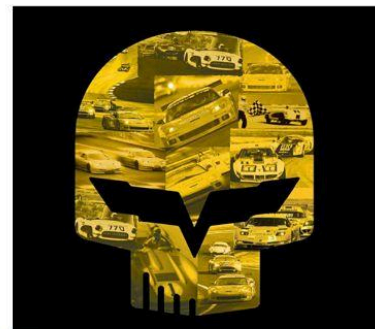
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# JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

## Anniversaries

- 1/20 Kandra & Richie Longo  
1/24 Gary & Joyce Uchino  
1/26 John & Pam Wiebel

## Years In Pacific Coast Corvettes

- 1 year Jim & Kay Burra  
4 years Chip & Michelle English  
5 years Jean & Elaine Mercier  
5 years Ron & Barbara Pavek

## Birthdays

- 1/1 Barbara Foss  
1/1 Sheri Corlett  
1/1 Judy Sturdivant  
1/5 Ronald (Ron) Barr  
1/10 Rick Jespersion  
1/13 David Yeates  
1/13 Wesley Wisdom  
1/14 Pattie Smith  
1/14 Alison Jablonski  
1/16 David Johnson  
1/16 Donna Friess  
1/18 Jim Rufus  
1/21 Don Wilder  
1/21 Michael (Mike) O'Connor  
1/21 Chrissy Muhlena  
1/23 Duke Bissinger  
1/24 Cynthia Young  
1/30 Jerry Zechmeister





**Mo Wise**

Well here it is. My last article as PCC President. I can't believe it's been two years. It feels like twelve! Hahaha, just kidding.

I thought I'd make my last article a summary of funny things that I've heard since owning my Corvette.

**1. Is that your husband's car?**

*Why no, actually I got this car after my C6 Corvette would not pass smog due to a little port and tune that I had done. When that happened, I went straight to the Chevy dealer that had a Z06 for sale and traded in my C6. Smog problem solved. I refer to this as Girl Problem Solving Skills 101.*

**2. Why does a girl need 650 hp?**

*Why DOESN'T a girl need 650 hp? You never know when there's going to be a sale on t-shirts with smart a\$\$ sayings. Did you notice that the shirts that I wore to the meetings always had a saying on them?*

**3. Real sports cars have a manual transmission.**

*While the automatic transmission shifts faster than a human, I also live in a very hilly city. If my car was a manual, I would have one leg that resembled The Rock and one leg that resembled Pee Wee Herman. That's not a good look! My first car was a stick, so yes, I do know how to drive one.*

**4. Mo, you're a spirited driver!**

*Many of you probably don't know that I suffer from a medical condition called Gotigo-fast. One of the side effects of the medication that I take for it aggravates the metal plate in my right foot which then attracts the magnet underneath my gas pedal and forces my foot down. I've been trying to explain this medical issue to the Highway Patrol for years. They keep insisting on giving me one of their own prescriptions – TRAFFIC SCHOOL.*

On a serious note, I would like to state for the record that it has been an honor to serve as your President. I got a few bumps and bruises along the route, but it's nothing that a great Old Fashioned won't cure. Thank you for the kind words and support you've given me over these past two years. Aaaaaannnnndddd I'm out!

**Mo**

**Save the Wave!**

### Greetings PCC'ers,



**Sandy Savanich**

Can you believe it? Another year has passed and they all seem to speed by faster every year. My grandparents warned us that as we got older, time would speed up and the years would start flying by. Indeed they have. Bob and I have been in the club almost six years already, and I've been on the board for four. Now it's time to pass the Vice President baton to Charles Walsh, who has committed to be of service as your next VP. When asked if he would serve on the board, he said, "just tell me where you need me." Thank you Charles for your willingness to step forward and be of service to PCC.

While a board position might seem like it's a lot of work, it is what you make of it. For me it's been a way to connect and get to know many of you better while having fun. I appreciate the opportunity and I hope more new members like Charles decide they want to get more involved so that we can continue to grow and gain new perspectives.

Bob and I will continue our commitment to bring new events to the calendar and we encourage everyone to do the same. It's always fun when we have something new to look forward to. As of February 1st, please send your event ideas to Charles since he will be in charge of the PCC calendar. And remember, many prospects and car enthusiasts outside our club, comment on the scope of activities and it couldn't be done without your participation and support of the club. Make 2024 the year to get involved. When you're ready to host an event, please contact Charles with your proposed dates to confirm availability. Prepare your flyer and send it to him to be added to the club calendar. Since the meeting agenda is prepared in advance, please send your requests to promote an event before the date of the monthly meeting to your new VP Charles Walsh. **You can email him at [chasjwalsh@aol.com](mailto:chasjwalsh@aol.com) or call him at (949) 521-3083**

***Save the Wave..It's Corvettetiquette!***

# 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) .

## DECEMBER

**December 2, 2023**  
**Toys for Marines at**  
**South OC Cars and Coffee**  
**Coordinators:**

**Bob and Sandy Savanich**

We met at Carl's Jr, San Juan Capistrano at 7:15 and took over their parking lot. You topped the number of PCC Corvettes in attendance for a whopping 47 ! Actually, I guess it's more like 46 Corvettes because Gary Uchino had to bring his BMW. (His topless beauty is in the shop due to an unfortunate fender bender.) Not only were there a lot of Corvettes, you brought so many wonderful gifts for the kids.



***Bob and I sincerely thank you so much for your support.***

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## Recent Events

### DECEMBER

December 3, 2023

**Golden West Pops Holiday Concert**  
([gwpops.com](http://gwpops.com)).

**Coordinators: Mike and Heide Palikan**

The Pops is an all-volunteer non-profit group of 50 musicians who have performed a variety of popular music at many different events and venues. The concert was held at the Segerstrom High School and only cost \$15 per person. Nine PCC members attended and enjoyed dinner afterwards at the Claim Jumper. Thank you Mike and Heide!



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# Recent Events

## DECEMBER

**December 6, 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. It was a big turnout with about 70 folks. Carl Jablonski won \$160 in the 50/50.



**December 9, 2023**

### **Kick Tires at Knowlwood**

**8:00 AM**

**Coordinator: Ken James**

**14952 Sand Canyon, Irvine, Ca.**

After over 20 years, longtime Kick Tires coordinator Ken James has decided to pass his baton and has asked Robert Esquinas to step into his shoes.

Please contact Robert if you have any suggestions regarding frequency of events or venue. Come and join your PCC friends for breakfast and have a chat in the parking lot afterwards. Sorry no photos from this event.

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## Recent Events

### DECEMBER

December 30, 2023  
Stevie Nicks Illusion ,  
A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac  
8:00 PM – 9:30 PM. Doors  
opened at 6:30 PM. \$25 PP  
Coordinator: Gary Uchino  
Ticket sales help Jack's charity  
Feed the Need!



*Thank you Gary Uchino for all of the cultural events you bring to the club!*

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# Recent Events

## JANUARY

January 1

### PCC's Fifth Annual New Years Day Morning Cruise

**Coordinators: Bob and Sandy Savanich**

What better way to start the new year than by going for a drive on uncrowded streets with your PCC friends. We had 31 cars and 57 members and prospects which is the most we've ever had. It was a spectacular sunny day with visibility for miles so we could enjoy the snow capped mountains, Catalina and the Palos Verses Peninsula. Lunch was at Lucille's in Tustin. As you can imagine, it can be difficult finding a restaurant that can seat us together AND do separate checks. This year we worked with the new manager Bronson who, along with his team, made room for our group.



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January 5

**Chicago Tribute Experience at Campus Jax**  
**Coordinator: Gary Uchino**

8:00 PM – 9:30 PM, door open 6:30 PM

Ticket sales help support JAX Feed the Need.



January 6

**Eagles / Ronstadt Experience**  
**at Campus Jax.**

**Coordinator: Gary Uchino**

Dinner 6:30 PM

Show from 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM.

# 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).

## JANUARY

**January 13**

**PCC Annual Awards Party**

**Location: Sun and Sail Club, 24752 Toledo Way, Lake Forest**

**5:30PM - 9:30 PM.**

Open to all members and prospective members. This year the theme is "Blasts from the Past". We have an excellent buffet planned, along with great music and dancing. It's always fun to have a theme and some of us can't resist wearing a costume. (Costume attire is optional!) Join your fellow members to recognize the cool, far out, groovy, and totally awesome 2023 event hosts. Cash Bar for adult beverages. No outside alcohol.

**January 21**

**Jimmy Buffet Tribute with Mark Wood and the Parrot Head Band**

**Campus Jax 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Coordinator: Gary Uchino**

## FEBRUARY

**February 3**

**San Juan Capistrano Rotary Car Show**

**Coordinator: Donna Freiss and Bob Savanich**

You need to sign up directly with the Rotary ASAP and indicate on the form that you're with PCC. In addition, Donna and Bob need a car count and confirmation that you have registered.

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



# New Years Day Cruise and Lunch



**Thank you again PCC'rs.** Your outstanding support of this annual event humbles Sandy and me. **31 Cars** and **57 for lunch** at Lucille's Barbecue in Tustin. We started out at the Ralphs Shopping Center on Aliso Creek Road in Aliso Viejo. Sandy and I showed up at 7:50 and were greeted by a dozen or more Corvettes already on site. Over the next half hour the remainder showed up. Of course we blocked the driveway standing around shooting the breeze with one another. Sandy enlisted the help of a few members to make sure those in attendance signed the NCCC Waiver of Liability required for such an event.

Promptly(ish) at 8:38 we departed Ralphs on our 70+ mile cruise through scenic South OC. The weather was of course perfect with a chill in the air. Visibility for miles we were able to see Santa Catalina Island, Palo's Verdes Peninsula, snow capped Mount Baldy and of course panoramic views of Newport Beach and surrounding cities.



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# New Years Day Cruise and Lunch

The tour took us through tree lined streets and canyons familiar to sports car owners throughout SoCal. Some members who have lived in the area for decades mentioned they haven't driven these streets and canyons in years. Most laws were obeyed along the route.

There is a rumor going around that people may have infiltrated our ranks and decided to "race" around and challenge PCC's to go faster than the posted speed limit. I'm happy to report none of our members succumbed to the temptation. Or so I've been told. A few members almost missed a turn or two trying to dissuade the miscreant outsiders from broaching the law abiding caravan. I can't speak to the veracity of the rumor, but we all know PCC's are straight shooters who only accelerate on "on ramps". No "on ramps" were violated on Saturday. Thanks again for your support. Sandy and I are deeply appreciative.



# Plan For February 3rd

## Saturday February 3, 2024 SJC ROTARY CAR SHOW

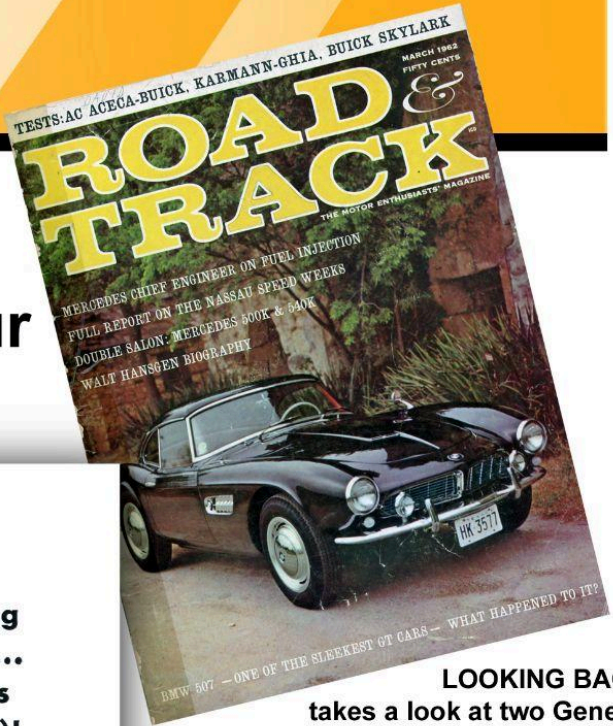
Hey PCC'rs we currently have 14 signed up for this super cool car show. 400+ cars will be there. Every make and model you can imagine. Donna Freiss and I are heading up this adventure. I just hope I can keep up with Donna. We purchased two (2) additional spots so we can set up our pop-ups, tables and chairs in our row. Last year we were not aware we could do that so there was some confusion on where we could place our "stuff". As usual, we will meet at Carl's Jr. on Del Obispo in SJC around 6:15 AM. We will depart around 6:30 for the short caravan to the event venue. We will then line up for a 7:00 entry.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP ON-LINE** for this event. Once you are registered, let me know so I can give the coordinators our car count. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** Please register ASAP! Be sure to fill in your car club affiliation on the registration form. There will be food trucks, but feel free to bring "snacks", sandwiches, cookies and soft drinks.

*See ya'll on February 3rd .  
Donna and Bob*

# LOOKING BACK

Here are a couple old General Motors magazine ads for your viewing pleasure.



**LOOKING BACK** takes a look at two General Motors ads that appeared in the March 1962 edition of.....  
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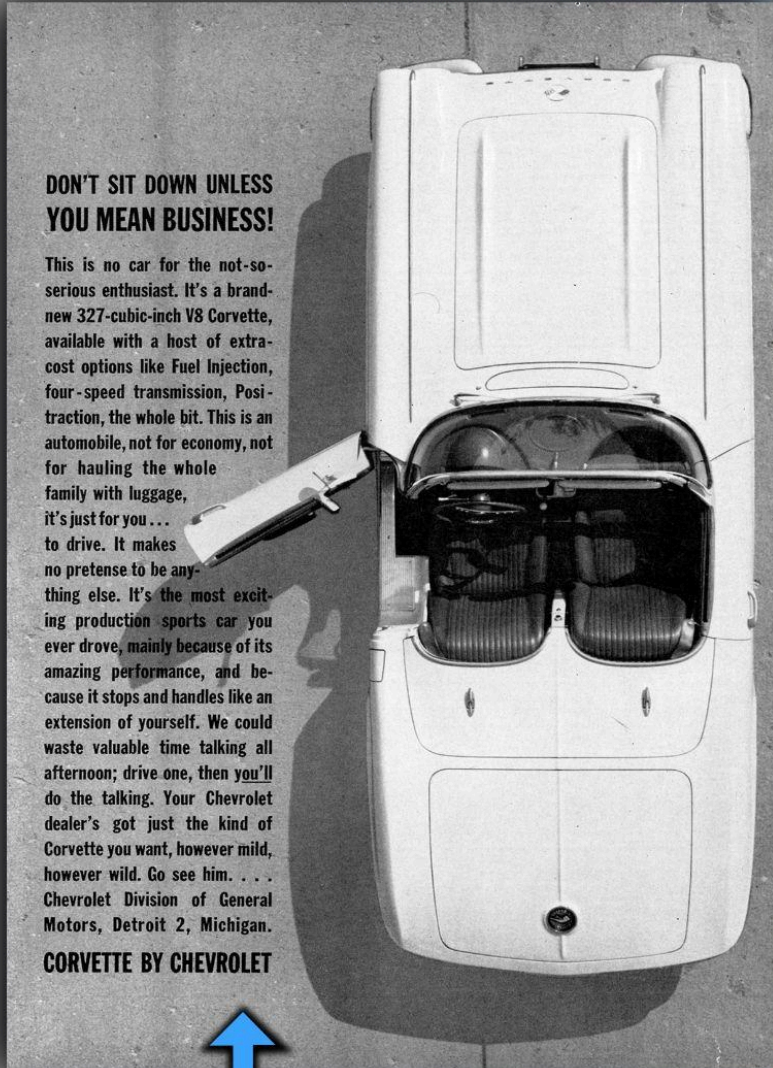
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# LOOKING BACK



## DON'T SIT DOWN UNLESS YOU MEAN BUSINESS!

This is no car for the not-so-serious enthusiast. It's a brand-new 327-cubic-inch V8 Corvette, available with a host of extra-cost options like Fuel Injection, four-speed transmission, Positraction, the whole bit. This is an automobile, not for economy, not for hauling the whole family with luggage, it's just for you... to drive. It makes no pretense to be anything else. It's the most exciting production sports car you ever drove, mainly because of its amazing performance, and because it stops and handles like an extension of yourself. We could waste valuable time talking all afternoon; drive one, then you'll do the talking. Your Chevrolet dealer's got just the kind of Corvette you want, however mild, however wild. Go see him. . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

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*This still seems to hold true.*

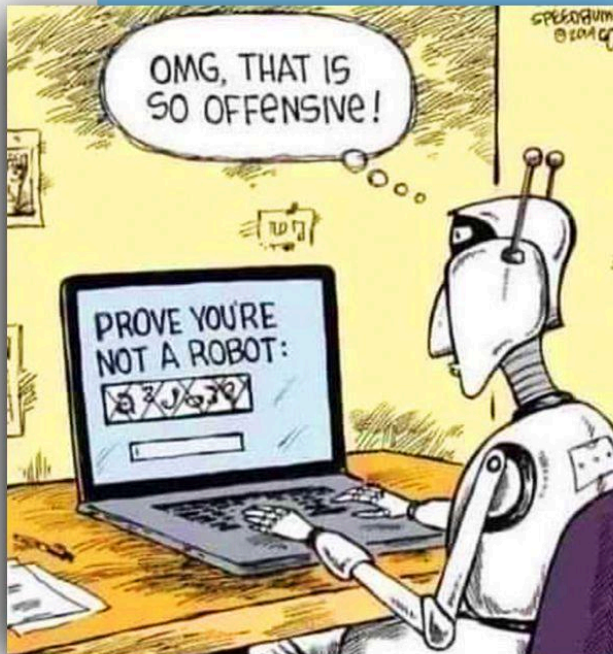
# The Best Part

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**JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT...**

**I THINK I'LL GO TO COSCO,  
FIND A GREAT PARKING SPOT  
AND SIT IN MY CAR WITH THE  
REVERSE LIGHTS ON.**



When it's career day and your Dad walks in with your teacher's catalytic converter



# The Best Part

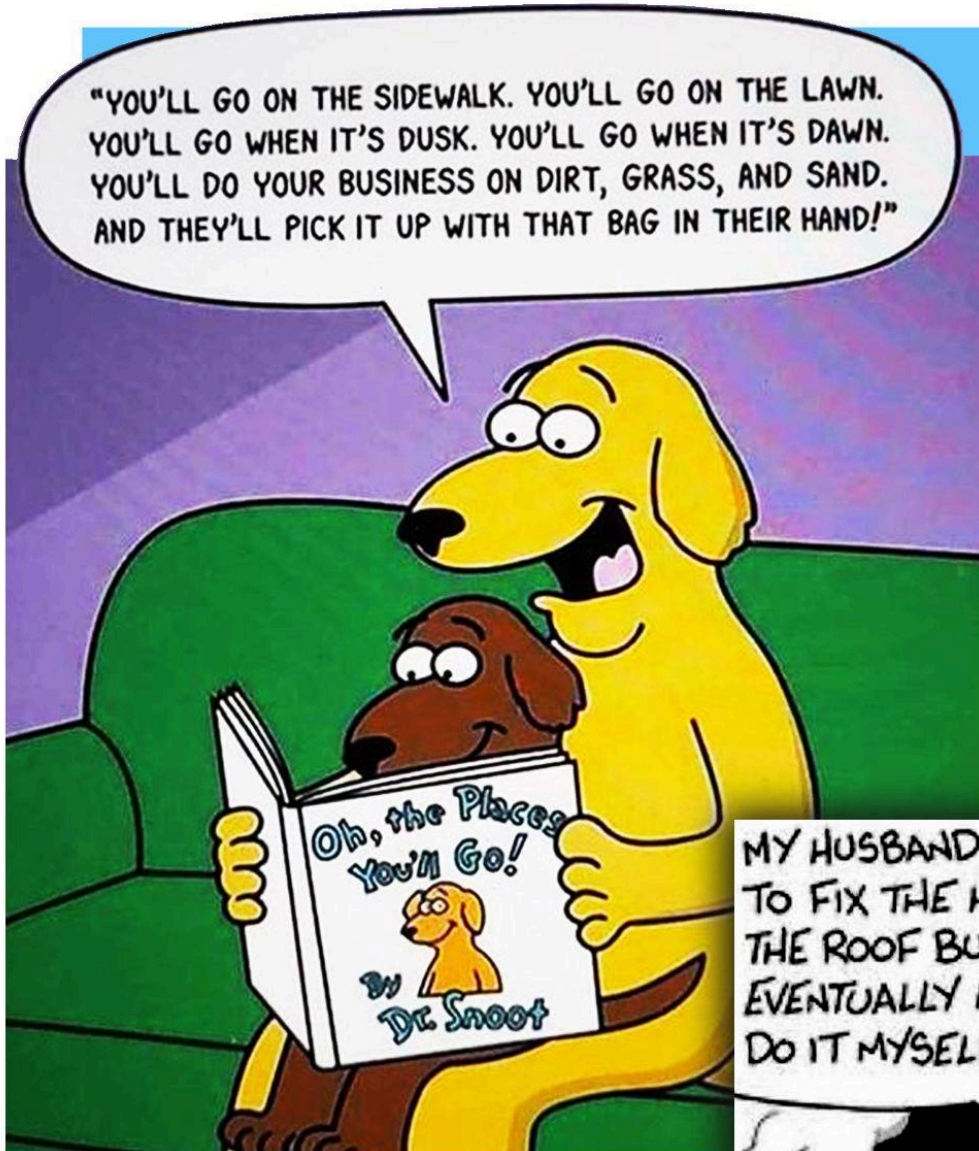
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# The Best Part

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"YOU'LL GO ON THE SIDEWALK. YOU'LL GO ON THE LAWN. YOU'LL GO WHEN IT'S DUSK. YOU'LL GO WHEN IT'S DAWN. YOU'LL DO YOUR BUSINESS ON DIRT, GRASS, AND SAND. AND THEY'LL PICK IT UP WITH THAT BAG IN THEIR HAND!"



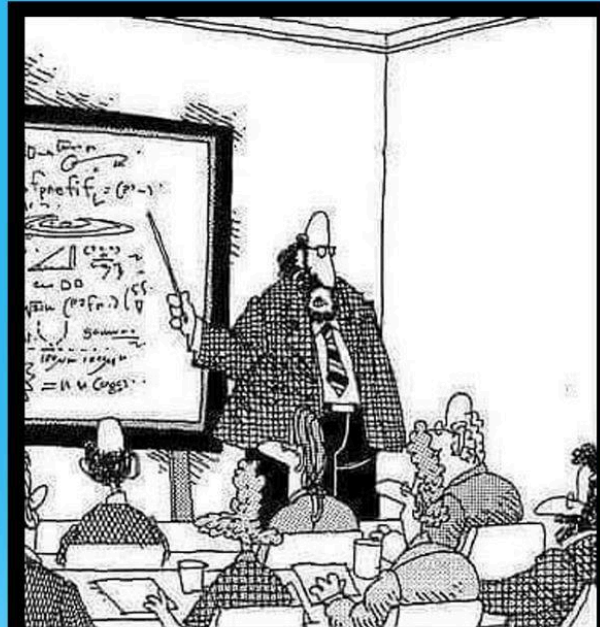
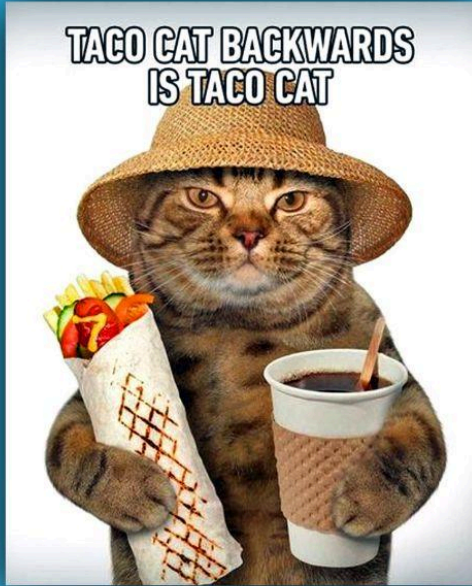
MY HUSBAND PROMISED TO FIX THE HOLE IN THE ROOF BUT I EVENTUALLY HAD TO DO IT MYSELF...



"Rover really put up a battle last night dear...when I put him out."

# The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



Along with "Antimatter," and "Dark Matter," we've recently discovered the existence of "Doesn't Matter," which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever.



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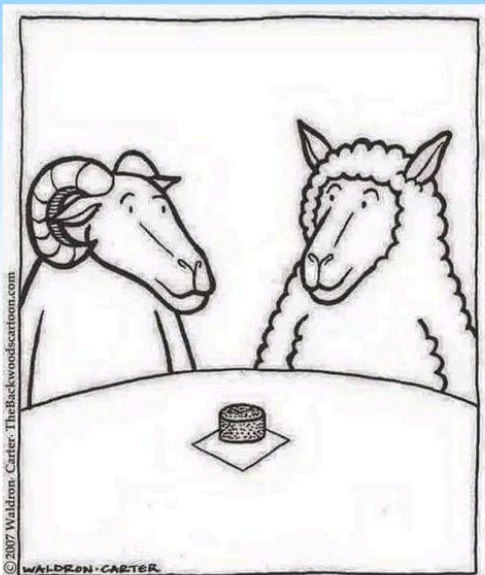
What's the difference between curtains and toilet paper?

I Don't know.

So, it was you.



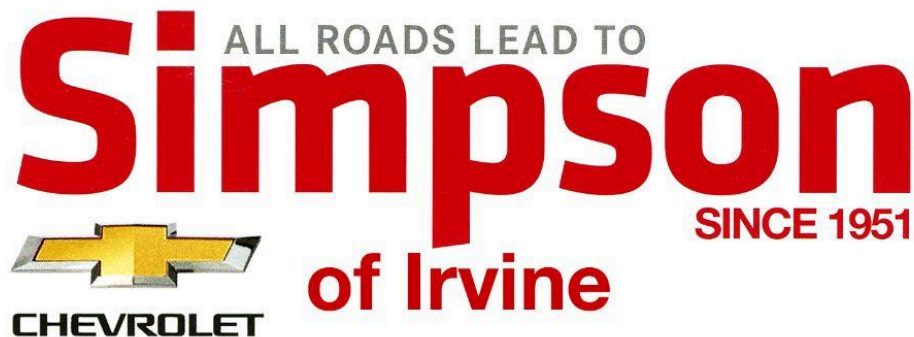
"I'm leaving you, Frank, because you're a shiftless, low-down, good-for-nothing imbecile ... and, might I finally add, you have the head of a chicken."



A Ram A Lamb A Ding Dong.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE



**Here we go. 2024 is upon us.**

This should be a great year for PCC Members. Let's look forward to a year of Corvette gatherings, gabbing, detailing, polishing and driving.

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

Calling on all members:  
Feel free to write and submit articles.

Happy New Year.  
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