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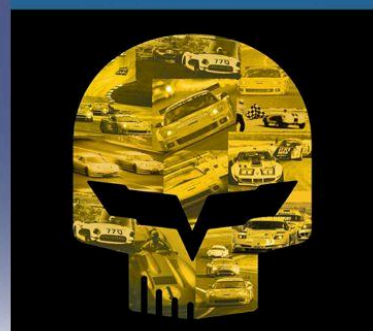
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Raymond Marshall

The theme of the July meeting was travel. My song lyrics came from the song Route 66 by Bobby Troup. I have traveled I-40 several times over the years and have strayed off onto route 66. It is the mother road. On our latest trip Nancy and I strayed into Tucumcari, New Mexico because Gene Insley said that we should see the refurbishment of the train station. It was really great train station in the middle of a city that the world has passed by. Over the last 100 years the country has changed. My impression as we drove to and through Oatman, Arizona was “and this was the good road.”

In the a little more than a month members of the club will journey to the “home land”, the Corvette Museum, in Bowling Green Kentucky. Bill Herold, the Captain of the South West Section Corvette Caravan attended our meeting to give us a pep talk and drum up even more interest in taking the drive at the end of August. The route to the museum is lightly scripted with thousands of Corvettes joining along the way. Everyone is on their own on the drive back. It is a good chance to tour the country.

In October the club will take the annual trek up to Cambria. It is a long weekend at the shore. It is a great trip with lots of opportunities for you to see our own state. There are several events already on the calendar for the weekend and plenty of time for you to do your own thing.

In recognition of their long term association with the club and their contributions to the club, Dave and Gina McCue were nominated and voted in as Honorary PCC Club members. Time marches on and they no longer have a Corvette. We want them to be part of the club in the future.

Get out and drive! It is not the destination, it is the journey.

President (again) Ray

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings PCC'ers



Charles Walsh

This is my Monthly Message to you as your Vice President.



July is well underway and the Summer heat as well as the "HEAT" from our Club is just getting started!

June ended with a fabulous National Corvette Day at the Marconi Automobile Museum in Tustin.

There were over 250 Corvettes of all vintages present to celebrate and 37 PCC 'Vettes joined the party! Many Thanks to Mo Wise for organizing and hosting this wonderful event.



Our Nation's Independence Day celebrations kicked off with a great parade in Lake Forest. Neil Morrison was our PCC Grand Marshall squiring 18 PCC 'Vettes suitably decorated for the festivities. Many Thanks Neil!

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have a myriad of events in our future so if your interest lies in competitive driving, showing off your ride, or just sharing fun and food with like-minded Corvette people, There's something for everyone.

Our Club's upcoming events include:

- 12Jul** - Food Court Friday hosted by Nancy and Ray Marshall
- 13Jul** - Tina Turner tribute at Campus Jack's hosted by Gary Uchino
- 16Jul** - PCC In&Out hosted by Bob Savanich
- 19Jul** - Queen tribute at Campus Jax hosted by Gary Uchino
- 07Aug** - Next Club Meeting at Campus Jax
- 10Aug** - Lions Automobilia Foundation Museum hosted by Wes Wisdom
- 20Aug** - PCC In&Out hosted by Bob Savanich
- 21-31Aug** - 2024 Corvette Caravan
- 04Sep** - Next Club Meeting at Campus Jax
- 07Sep** - Cars and Coffee hosted by Bob Savanich
- 17Sep** - PCC In&Out hosted by Bob Savanich
- 19Sep** - Mission San Juan Capistrano Historical Tour hosted by Donna Friess
- 03-06Oct** - PCC Cambria Trip hosted by Nancy and Ray Marshall

Please check our Club's Calendar on our website regularly to keep up with all of our exciting Club activities. We are only as strong and as active as our Club members make us. Consider trying to find a way this year to sponsor and host at least one event that your fellow Club members will enjoy.

Well, that's it for now. The Red Rocket is calling my name... 'Till next time -

Stay Safe and Stay Fast!



BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

Issue 2

Hello fellow Corvette aficionados! In today's episode of The Backyard Mechanic, I will address the installation of a new cockpit wind restrictor on the Red Rocket.

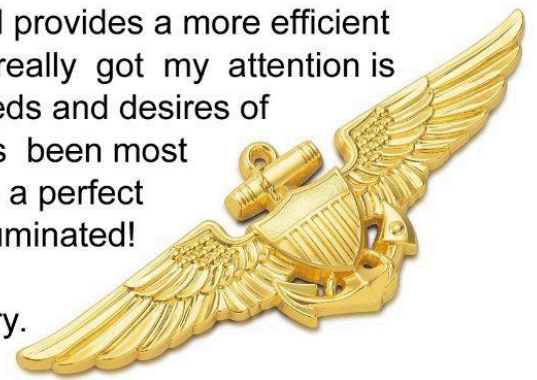


My existing wind restrictor was installed by the previous owner. "Installed" is a bit of a misnomer as the original wind restrictor actually utilized a removable bracket on each side of the convertible top pillars along with a large, framed screen.

Every time I wanted to either put the top down, or back up, I had to open the trunk to find the brackets and carefully install them. Then the actual wind screen had to be retrieved from the trunk and installed. Putting the top back up simply reversed the process. However, more times than I care to count, if I failed to remove the brackets before raising the top, I bent the brackets. Thankfully, I was always able to hammer the brackets into somewhat of their original shape. My bad language however, was not correctable...



Serendipitously, I discovered WindRestrictor.com (free plug!) that manufactures plexiglass wind restrictors for Corvettes that allow the device to remain in place and provides a more efficient wind block for the cockpit when the top is down. What really got my attention is that they offer custom etched designs tailored to the needs and desires of every customer. As a Marine Aviator, I have always been most proud of my Naval Aviator Wings. WindRestrictor offers a perfect etched Naval Aviator wings design. And, they can be illuminated! I couldn't resist!



So I ordered my new WindRestrictor and took delivery. The best way to approach any project is to lay out all of the parts, carefully read all of the instructions, and just start the job. It also helps

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BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

to search YouTube for helpful videos that can bolster your understanding of the scope of the project and how best to attack it.

The first step is to use the included templates to cut the carpet behind each seat to allow the support brackets to be attached beneath the carpet. Removing the carpet was actually easier than I had expected - simply remove the “waterfall” and lift the carpet to gain access to the frame where the brackets will be adhered to.

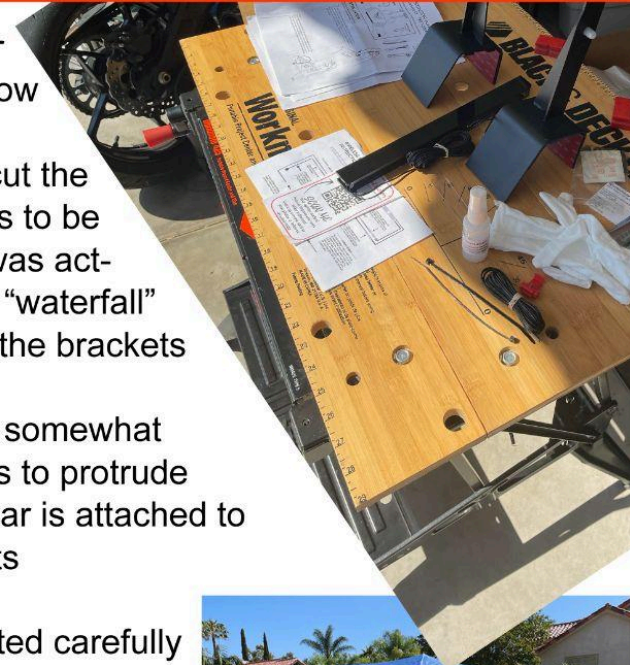
With the brackets carefully installed, I next had to somewhat wrestle the carpet back in place allowing the brackets to protrude through the cuts made in the carpet. After the light bar is attached to the windscreen, attach the windscreen to the brackets with the supplied hardware.

The wiring for the light bar is routed carefully under the carpet all the way to the dash underside. The connection to the car’s wiring is a topic for next month - stay tuned!

I am very pleased with the quality of this WindRestrictor and the relative ease of its installation. A test drive at highway speeds proves that this product lives up to its promise by providing a quieter cockpit with significantly reduced wind intrusion. This product earns a “Backyard Mechanic Wrench of Approval!”

With no bad language to boot!

I hope you have enjoyed this episode of The Backyard Mechanic. I look forward to sharing future projects on the Red Rocket with you. ‘Till next time - Stay Safe and Stay Fast!



Who Are We?

Let me introduce us

I was born with Gasoline in my Veins and have loved anything that could go faster than walking. The first Corvette I remember seeing was on the TV being driven by 2 young Guys traveling around the Country seeking adventure. BTW the TV was Black and White so the Corvette was Gray in Color.

Stephanie and I dated in High School and 50 years later we reconnected. So the last couple of years WE have been having more fun than we had in High School. Like My First Corvette sometimes you have to wait a Long time to get the Best Things in Life!!!

My first Corvette was a 1971 C3 Red w/ Red Interior, White Convertible Top, 350, 4 Speed, with A/C, No Power Brakes, No Power Steering. My current ride is a 2019 C7 Grand Sport Convertible, Elkhart Lake Blue w/Gray Interior, Gray Top and 7 Speed MANUAL...what a ride.

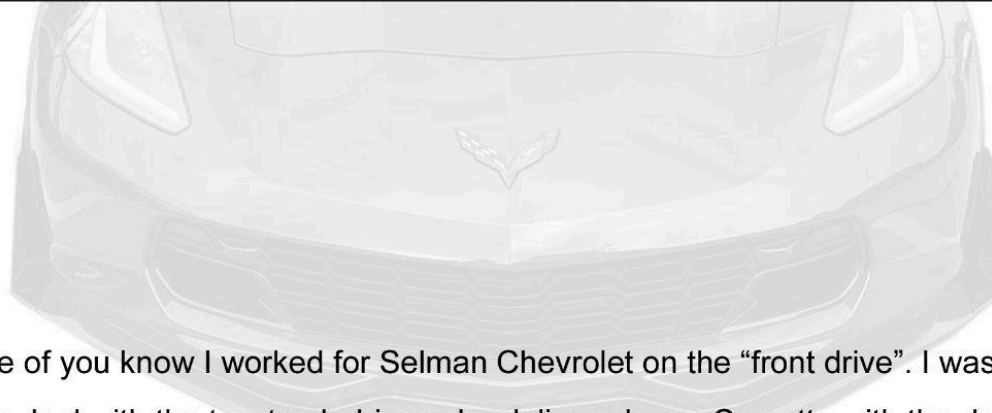
Stephanie loves Riding top down with the wind in her hair any where we can go!! She loves to take pictures of every where we go! This is great because I love convertibles and I have had them since I moved to California. I moved here in 1982. I have been building and restoring all sorts of cars ever since I got here. I have been involved in various car clubs as a Club Founder, Club Member, Board Member and Event Coordinator.

I believe it is wonderful to have car collections like the Marconi, or the Petersen or Segerstrom, but for me it is all about driving.....Putting mileage on the ones we own. Chevrolet said it best in 1960s *"See the USA in your Chevrolet"* and what better Chevy than a Corvette Convertible! California has some of the most scenic roads in America and let's go find them and drive them. Hey big Guy!!! Stop hogging up this article!!!

I am Stephanie You BETCHA! I am from Canada but Let me tell YA! California is the best. My love of driving on my Vespa with a sidecar quickly turned to adventures in this beautiful state in our corvette, top down, wind blowing – **WOW What a feeling!!!**

If you own a C7 Corvette and you do not drive it a lot...Please Read:

By Bernie DeMarkey



As some of you know I worked for Selman Chevrolet on the “front drive”. I was the guy who had to deal with the tow truck driver who delivered your Corvette with the dead battery, and stuck in Park, on the back of the Flat Bed. Now when they pulled your baby up on the flat bed using Nylon Slider Blocks; you thought: Wow isn't that something!! Well yes. When they pulled it up on the Flat Bed, it went very smoothly. Taking it off the truck is something else. I wish I had taken a video of the process, let's just say it is not Pretty.

My advice to all you C7 owners: always park your Corvette with the driver door window open or the rear hatch open. If the Battery goes dead, and the Tow truck driver can jump start it or charge the battery enough to get the car out of park. If the Tow Truck driver cannot get to the battery to jump start or charge it, the loading and unloading of your car is really hard on it because of the jerking and bouncing to offload it at the dealership.

Buy an inexpensive Battery Charger from Harbor Freight or buy a high-quality battery trickle charger but keep the battery charged. I cannot tell you about the electricals on a C6 or C8, but I would expect the same problems for both.

Keep in mind our newer Corvettes have computers that are on all the time which will drain the battery if you do not drive the car every 2 weeks. As the battery gets older it drains quicker. The easy fix: **1st DRIVE YOUR Corvette often, 2nd leave the trunk or hatch open**, (Yes, the interior lights will stay on for a short time and then go out), **3rd keep the Corvette on a Good Quality Trickle Charger. 4th Your Corvette Battery is good for about 3 to 4 years** and then you and your Covette are on Borrowed time.

Lake Forest

4th OF JULY PARADE



By Neil Morrison



July 4, 2024, what a great day for a parade. Eleven convertibles in rows of two traveling over a 1.5-mile parade route to cheers of thousands of admirers. The sun was out, blue skies and hot. Like last year we gathered first in the Albertsons parking lot at the corner of Muirlands and Ridge Route before going to the staging area on Ridge Route.

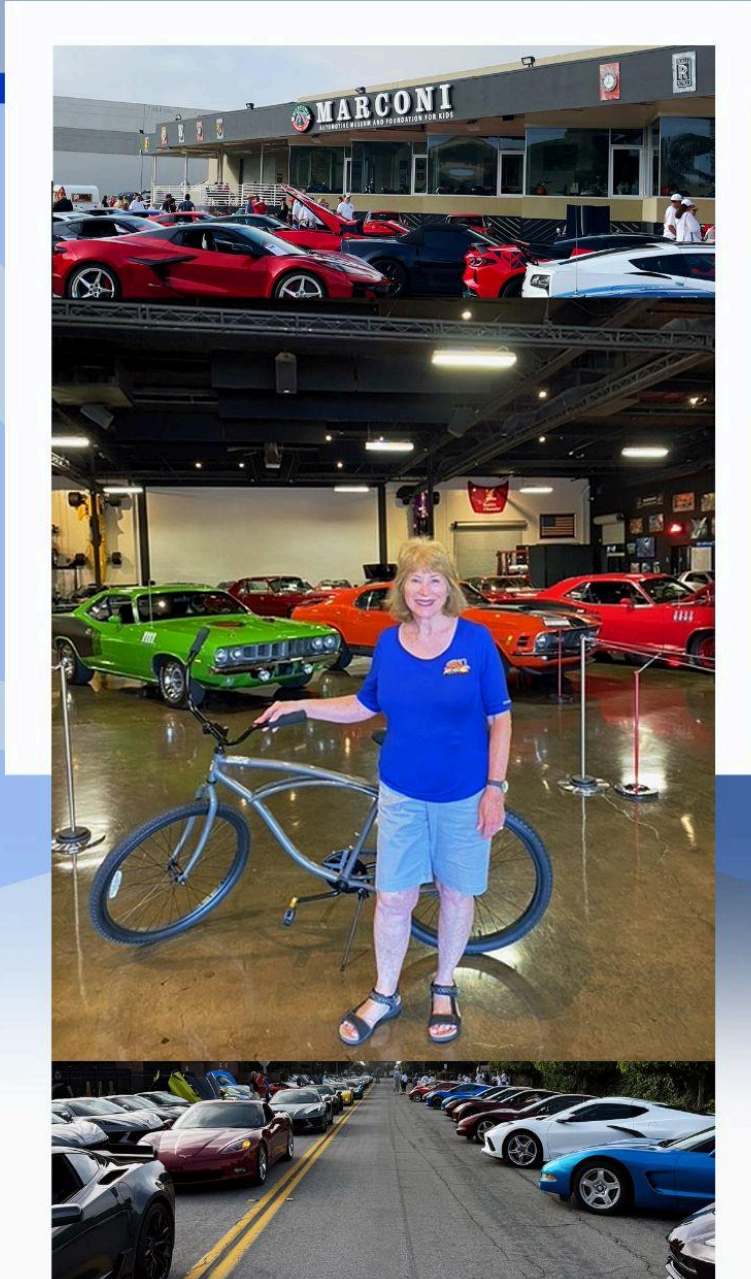
We arrived in the staging area around 8:15 and after being directed to our spot we began the work of decorating our cars with the 4th of July theme. Everyone worked hard and the result was amazing. Eleven convertibles all decked out in flags, garland, and many other 4th of July trappings. It was not an easy job since the sun was out and the temperature was climbing. There were snacks and water, and everyone managed to stay hydrated. We mingled with each other and of course we talked about convertibles. There were C8's, C7's and C6's

Around 10 AM we were directed onto the parade route where we were greeted with a loud and enthusiastic crowd. We were towards the back of the parade this year, so we did have to wait a long time to get moving. But once on the parade route it was worth the wait. We waved, honked our horns and in general enjoyed ourselves interacting with the crowd. At the end we pulled over on the exit street and took off our decorations and either went our separate ways while some of us gathered at Lucille's on El Toro Road to debrief and just get to know each other better.

In all everyone had a great time and talked about coming back next year.



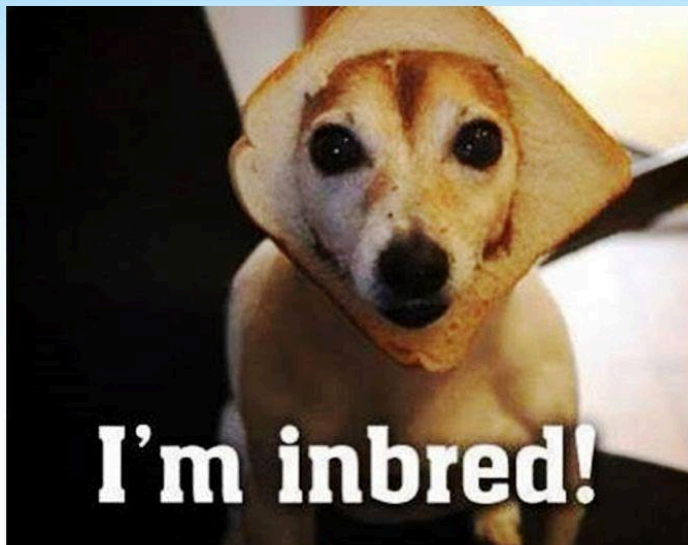
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Congratulations to Marilyn Parker for winning one of the two Marconi Grand Prize bicycles.

The Best Part

LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



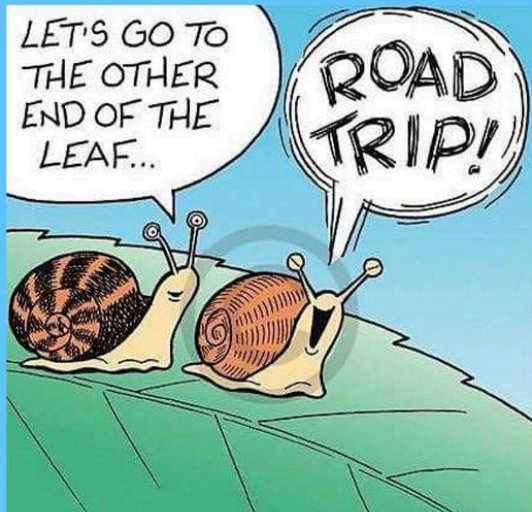
Her : I bet he's thinking about another woman ...



HIM: It has spark.
It has fuel.
Why won't it start???

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I just thought
of something...

People who take
care of chickens
are literally
chicken tenders!



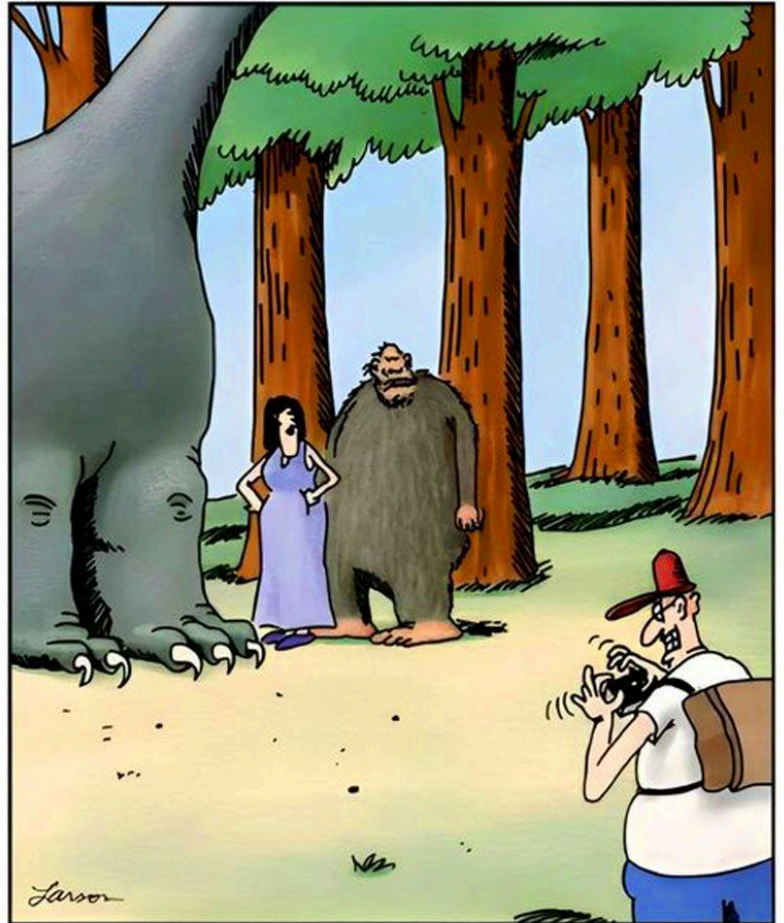
You'd think the part of the
brain that used to remember
phone numbers would take
over and start remembering
passwords.

But NOOOO!



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Just as Dale entered the clearing and discovered standing together, the Loch Ness Monster, Bigfoot, and Jackie Onassis, his camera jammed.



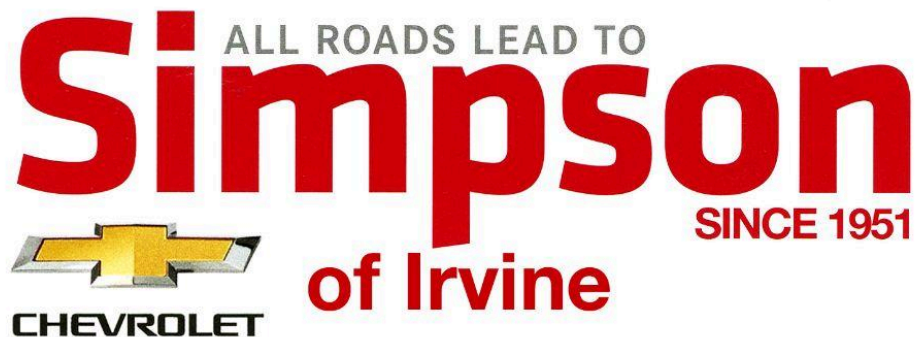
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