

# THE **Corvette Waves**

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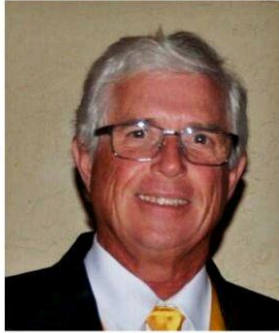
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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Raymond Marshall

Well I am back from my travels. Nancy and I joined the 30th anniversary Corvette caravan to Bowling Green Kentucky, this was our third time. This is something Corvette owners should do. These caravans happen every 5 years so the next one is in 2029.

Our October meeting was a big one; it is that time of year. We decided to increase the club dues for the first time in 35 years. A \$50 increase was approved at the meeting. The increase is for active members. The club dues were increased from \$80 to \$130. NCCC membership is also required to be in the club, their dues remain at \$25 for a member plus \$10 for a member's spouse. If you are a NCCC member through another club you do not have to pay through PCC. Make sure the roster has the NCCC number from your other club. For those paying attention that is **a total of \$165** for an active member and spouse/partner if you renew your NCCC membership through PCC.

### Dues are as follows:

<i>Active Member</i>	<i>\$130 (Spouse/Partner rides for free)</i>
<i>Associate Member</i>	<i>\$ 25</i>
<i>NCCC Primary</i>	<i>\$ 25</i>
<i>NCCC Spouse/Partner</i>	<i>\$ 10</i>

Also during the meeting was the nomination of candidates for the PCC board of directors. We were able to nominate candidates for all positions except Historian and Awards Chair. Hopefully someone will step up before the elections at the November meeting. If you are interested contact the elections committee, Mark Smith and Jim Coticchia, or you can contact me (see page 4). As a side, I remember when we had multiple members nominated for the board positions and we had real elections.

We also had new folks voted into the club during the meeting; make sure you say "Hi!" to them when you see them at a future gathering. The new folks are: Bernie and Stephanie DeMarkey, Jerry and Jane Wheeler, Ken Indorf and Caroline Michaelson, and Patrick Rafferty.

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

President (again) Ray

## Greetings PCC'ers



Charles Walsh

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

First and foremost, I want to thank all of our Members for attending our October meeting and making your voices heard during our discussions of important topics. It is very important to me that we always decide key issues as a Club. So, Thank You! Our November meeting will give us an opportunity to vote on our incoming Board members, so please plan on attending.

We are moving into that time of year for each member to renew their membership. Dues collections are always difficult and my hope is that this year we can complete our dues collections in a timely manner. Please note that our dues has increased going forward. Look for dues renewal information coming to you soon. Our membership with NCCC relies on timely dues payment.

**A special thanks goes out to Kandra Longo** for sponsoring this year's Cruisin' for a Cure hot rod show at the Orange County Fairgrounds. It was a fabulous event! I wanted to come home with many of those automobiles!



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## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**Thanks to Nancy and Ray Marshall.....**Our Club's annual trip to Cambria ( 03-06 Oct ) was as wonderful as always. Everyone who attended was able to enjoy beautiful scenic drives, lunch at a historic restaurant, wine tasting and great socializing either in the hospitality suite hosted by Rob and Cindy Esquinas or enjoying tall tales sitting around the fire pits. A special shoutout to Gina and Dave McCue for arranging for a wonderful group dinner at The Sow's Ear Saturday night. I'm already looking forward to next year's Cambria trip!



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:**

**17 Oct** - PCC In&Out hosted by Bob Savanich

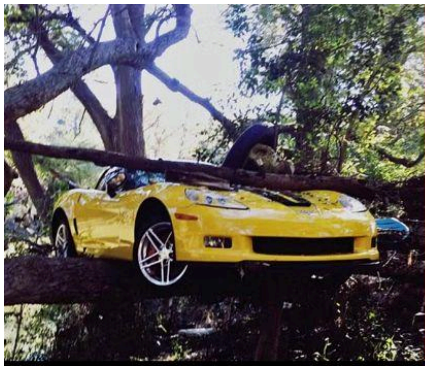
**26 Oct** - Evening Drive to Ichibiri Restaurant hosted by Scott Sturdevant

**06 Nov** - Next Club Meeting at Campus Jax

**09 Nov** - Twisted Gypsy Fleetwood Mac Tribute at Campus Jax hosted by Gary Uchino

***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 5

**Greetings PCC'ers! In this episode, I will address the installation of a nose protective covering otherwise know as a "Bra."**

As we all know, the pointy end of our beloved 'Vettes hangs very low to the ground making it a magnet for bugs, road debris and all manner of things kicked up in front of us as we drive. In order to avoid unnecessary and unwanted damage to the Red Rocket, I purchased a "bra" from Colgan Custom by Covercraft. There are many brands available to serve any "bra" need and I chose the Colgan Custom version due to positive reviews and the general robustness of its construction.

The first step to a successful "bra" installation is to choose a warm day to do the work. The "bra" material needs to be warm enough to withstand the stretching required to get it to fit over the front of the car.



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The next step is to make certain that the car is clean with a good wax or polish on the painted surfaces that will be covered by the “bra.” I use Zaino products and gave the Red Rocket a thorough treatment. I discovered many tiny abrasions and small scratches from debris kicked up by vehicles in front of me as I drove. Frustrating to discover but at least for any future trips like going to Cambria, I won’t be adding any new scratches.

**The “bra” comes in two sections** - one for the hood leading edge and a much larger one for the nose of the car. The hood section goes on very snugly with clever elasticized hooks to attach to the hood struts. Having the sections warmed before installation proved its worth as it took a bit of effort to get the hood section completely attached.

**The nose section** was a bit more challenging in that you need to carefully follow the recommended attachment sequence of the retaining tabs to get a nice, snug fit. It required a bit of stretching to attach correctly. The product comes with a slick tool - actually a sort of wedge - to enable the retaining tabs to be slipped between the fender and the fender liner. I found that loosening the fender liner bolts slightly, allowed me to get the retaining tabs pushed in properly. I then retightened the bolts.

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By Charles Walsh

The “bra” has two hooks that attach underneath the nose of the car and I must not have attached these correctly. Even though the “bra” appeared very snug once completely installed, during driving at highway speeds the material rode up creating a slight elongated bubble at the nose/hood joint. The nose of the car was completely protected however. I will need to revisit my installation process to prevent this from happening in the future. I may even call Colgan technical support to enlist their advice.

Even though I had one small issue as noted above, I enthusiastically recommend this product. Adhering to Colgan’s advice, I removed the “bra” upon returning home. Removal was near effortless and the nicest thing about using it - not a single new blemish to the nose and hood of my car.



Well, that’s it for this episode of The Backyard Mechanic. I hope you’ve learned something and if anyone is considering installing a “bra” on their ‘Vette, I’d be happy to offer my experience to assist you. ***‘Till next time - Stay Safe and Stay Fast!***





# 2024 Corvette Museum Caravan

By Neil Morrison



**What an experience**, there were fourteen PCC members that began the caravan on August 22nd including Ray & Nancy Marshall, Kathy & Jerry Zechmeister, Dan & Donna Foss, Jim & Carol Gates, Mark & Patti Smith, Gary & Joyce Uchino, Steve Bush, and myself. Most started the trip in Pasadena where I hear they were escorted out of town along with some 150+ other corvettes headed to Las Vegas for the first stop. Some members attended a nice dinner that night at Mo's Las Vegas home. The next morning some members headed to Spring Mountain Motorsports Resort in Pahrump Nevada to take a slow spin on the racetrack.



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Unfortunately, Mark & Patti were having some car trouble, so they headed home. The rest of us headed to Bryce Canyon City, Ruby's Inn, for the next night's stop. Beautiful drive through the canyons and once there some of us just got dumped on by rain. The next morning, we all had a nice breakfast and headed to the next stop at Glenwood Springs, CO. Gary and Joyce decided to head home at this point. The drive through Utah to Glenwood Springs was spectacular with open fields, canyons, and just beautiful geographical formations. Once in Glenwood Springs some got together for dinner and conversation on the trip so far. The next day we were all headed to Colby Kansas. The drive through the rocky mountain was spectacular with formations, spectacular scenery, rivers, and famous tunnels to drive through. Unfortunately, we all agreed I 70 through CO. was the worst road any of us had experienced and all agreed no one was going home that route. However, once in Kansas I 70 turned into a smooth and enjoyable drive. Colby KS was the third night's stop. Some of us got together for dinner at City's Limits Grill to go over what a terrible road I 70 through CO was and all agreed to take I-40 home.



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It was noted that some were going to extend their trip with a stay in Nashville for a little R&R. The rest of us were relegated to just going home. Steve noted he had gotten a cracked windshield along the way somewhere. Everyone else to date was unscathed. Next stop was Kansas City, where we could all feel at home with traffic and lots of people. Nothing too exciting other than Kathy. Jerry and I attended the Steve Garrett dinner at the Budweiser Brew House. Great venue, the food was ok, and the presentation made by Steve Garrett, radio, and podcast personality, specializing in Corvette information. Unfortunately, his presentation had nothing to do with Corvettes but was a good sales pitch about his radio and podcast programs and his history in the industry. Did I mention that by now the temperature was entering the triple digit range along with the humidity climbing steadily. The next day we all headed to Cape Girardeau, MO some earlier than others, lol.

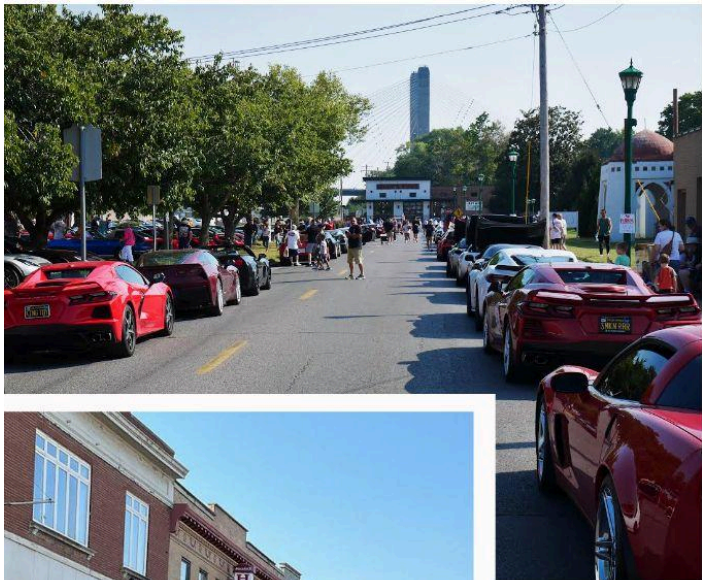


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The evening in Cape Girardeau was spent walking around looking what had to be some 500 plus Corvettes from all over and enjoying some of the local cuisine including a couple of food trucks. The main part of town was closed to nothing but corvettes and many, many people just mulling around looking at corvettes. There were all generation, colors and of course modifications. Everyone had a great time and next it would be off to Bowling Green. That is right the very next day was the final leg of the trip to Bowling Green. The route selected by our captain, Bill Herold and his team of trusty team members was meant to be scenic as we wandered through rural part of Kentucky. The first stage was crossing the Mississippi River. That is right, scenic, and confusing at times. Let's just say it took two full pages in the Route Book to explain whereas no other segment was over a page, and most were half pages. It was worth it though because we all arrived safely in Bowling Green KY and at the Corvette Museum. **What a sight!**



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# 2024 Corvette Museum Caravan

By Neil Morrison

The next three days (8/29, 8/30 & 8/31) were spent just taking in all the remarkable things the museum has to offer, looking at corvettes everywhere, it was estimated there was between 4,500 and 5,000 Corvettes in town from all over the country and maybe even the world. The motels were loaded with them, restaurants were loaded with them, streets were loaded with them, and of course the museum parking lots were loaded with them. In addition to the many Corvettes on display, from the factory nearby, there was of course the museum itself. This is one, if you have not been, you need to. In addition to the whole history on display of the corvette from 1953 to the newest 2025 ZR-1 there is everything in between. There was the new E-Ray on display. There was a very cool cutaway section of it. It was interesting to see all the cars on display being Museum Delivered. Even heard a couple of them start up in the lobby. If that was not enough, Kathy and Jerry waited in line to take a spin on the racetrack nearby. There was good food everywhere in town and some even at the museum although very crowded. There were some vendors on hand to talk shop if you so desired and the museum had plenty of things to sell. The most interesting part to me, as I am sure to others was all the people, I met from all over the country. As always, all good things must come to an end. Some left as early as Friday, and others left on Saturday and even one or two on Sunday. The trip home to most was fast and furious while as mentioned earlier some stayed in Nashville and other parts of the landscape on extended vacations. All in all, we all had a great time, saw parts of the country we might never ever have envisioned seeing on the ground and most of all enjoyed the comradery and getting to know each other better.



## My summary is simple:

Thank you all for making my time on the road such a great experience.

Neil

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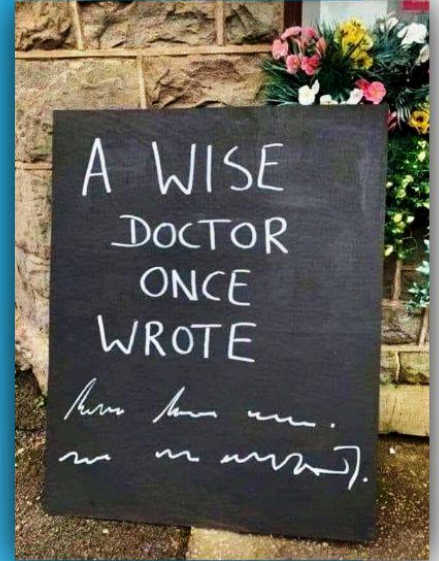


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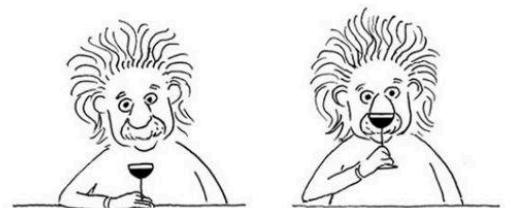
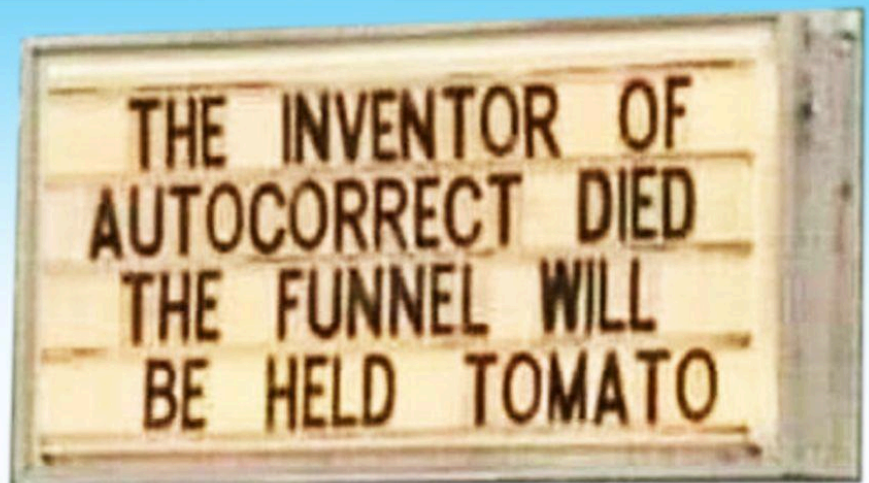
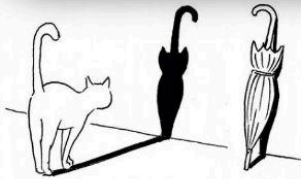
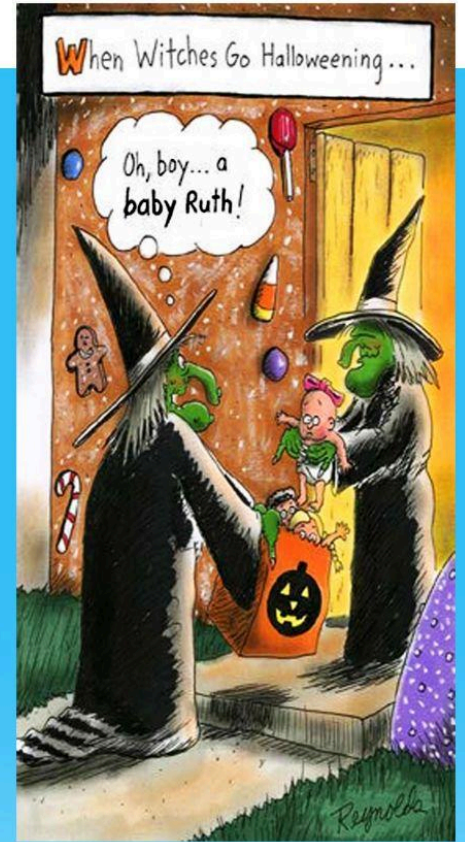
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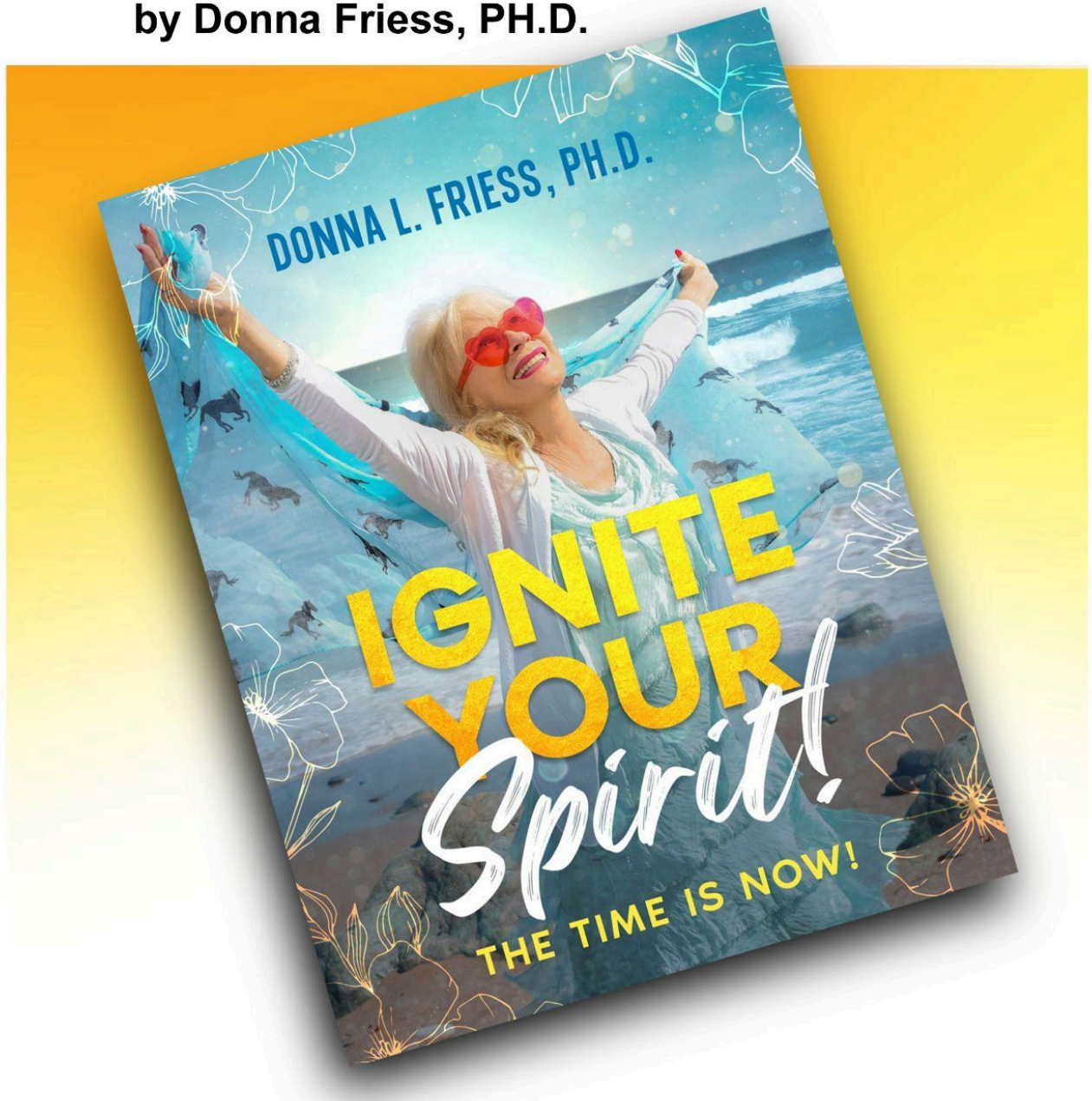
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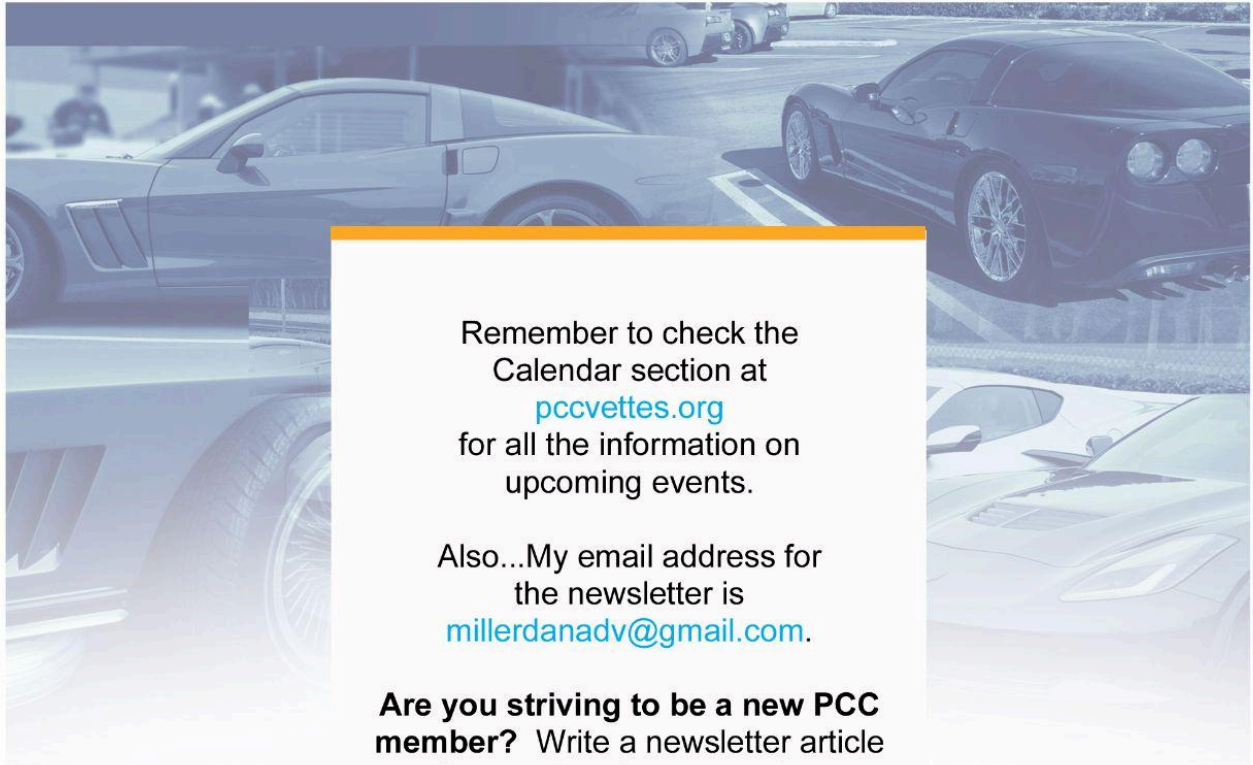
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