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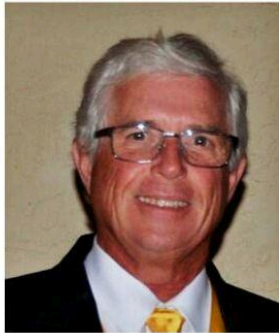
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Raymond Marshall

We made it to December. The winter is only a few days away. The good thing is that the days get longer. We are deep into the holiday season now. Hopefully you folks are getting over your Thanksgiving feast fever. Belts are loosening and pants are fitting better. The remaining turkeys are walking tall and proud, they don't know that Christmas is also a big turkey day. My song of the month was "On the Road Again". I hope that road leads to some good holidays for you all.

On a more serious note, we lost a great one on November 5th. Jim Whiteaker one of the clubs founding members has passed. Those of us who have been in the club for a long time remember a lot of great times with Jim and his wonderful wife Peggy. Nancy likes to blame them for starting the Cambria trips. The club was going there before Nancy and I joined almost 25 years ago. We had not seen him much lately, he got involved with the Lions Club in Seal Beach and in his usual way he got deeply involved.

The December meeting went off without a hitch. Campus Jax was quite full. We announced even more musical events at Jax. I have been to a couple and they are quite good. Check out the club calendar on the club website, pccvettes.org for more information on events. During the meeting we approved the expenditure of money to improve the website and email system. One of the events we had was the Cars and Coffee Toys for Marines drive at the Outlets in San Clemente. We had a great showing and really loaded them up with toys.

One of the great things about the club is when one of the board member can't show we always get someone to step up. For this meeting we had Gary Uchino step up to be secretary, Gary Walsh is still the emergency back-up treasurer, Henry Lewis was pretending to be the Sergeant at Arms, and Mark Smith put on his Hospitality costume. Thanks guys for helping out. It is nice to know that if you get to be a club officer and cannot make a meeting someone will step up and cover your butt.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

One of the great things we have going in the club is the scholarship program. Dave Atkinson gave a pitch on the program and mentioned that he would not reject any mysterious funds that showed up to help the program. No club money goes to the scholarship fund, it is covered by the club sponsors.

As is the tradition, as President I got a new car. *Of course, it is yellow.* For 2025 they went back to the Competition Yellow that my '95 had. I still got no respect, at the Toys for Marines event I still had to park by the dumpster and outhouse.



*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
From the Marshalls*

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.

The Christmas Season is well underway and I am slowly decorating my home in honor of this wonderful time of year. With my children grown and out of the house, there is less emphasis on decorating

but by letting my inner child speak, I fully enjoy making my home look like The North Pole! I hope each of you are able to let the magic of Christmas fill your lives with Hope and Joy!

I want to give a **BIG! SHOUTOUT!** to Sandy and Bob Savanich for organizing and hosting our annual **Toys for Tots** drive. We had a fantastic turnout-42 PCC Club Corvettes showed up and the haul of toys was phenomenal!



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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for making our Club what it is! Just as an aside, I overheard a member of the Woodies club grousing that we upstaged them with both our turnout and the amount of our donations! **Great work all!**



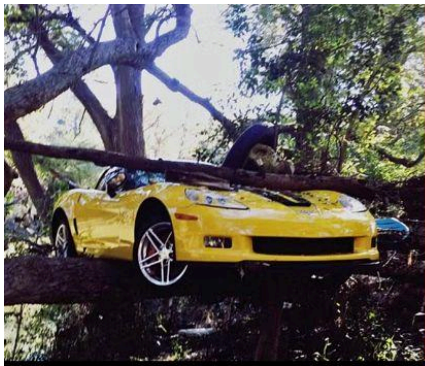
We have a myriad of events in our future so if your interest lies in competitive driving, showing off your ride, or just sharing fun and food with like-minded Corvette people, There's something for everyone.

Our Club's upcoming events include:

- 14Dec** - Laguna Nigel Holiday Parade hosted by Dick Jones
- 15Dec** - Lake Mission Viejo Dinner Cruise hosted by Scott Sturdivant
- 01Jan** - New Year's Day Ride hosted by Sandy and Bob Savanich
- Please note - January's meeting will be held 08Jan**
- 18Jan** - PCC Club's Annual Awards Banquet

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 6

Greetings PCC'ers!
In this episode I'll take you through a very necessary maintenance procedure that we should all know how to do on our Corvettes:
Changing your oil.



Many people can't be bothered changing their own oil as it can be somewhat laborious and often times messy. But the real issue for us as Corvette owners is that you have to raise the car high enough to be able to gain access to the oil drain plug and filter. My solution - as I've mentioned in earlier issues of The Backyard Mechanic - is to employ the Quick Jack hydraulic lift. The first thing I do is gather my necessary items to complete this job: Mobil 1 5W-30 oil (7quarts), 15mm wrench for the oil drain plug, a correctly sized oil filter, a pan to drain the oil into, and an oil filter wrench.

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BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

My C5 Corvette requires Mobil 1 oil. There is a lot of talk about which oil filter is best for our cars and you can spend as much time as you want searching for oil filter comparison videos on YouTube. I used to be a dedicated Fram filter advocate but after researching oil filter construction, I've determined that Fram just doesn't meet the standards that I was looking for. After all, the oil filter has a very important job to do and I want the best product that I can find for that necessary job. I decided on a Mobil oil filter as they appear to be very well constructed and I could find no critical information on them.

The first thing I have to do is get my Quick Jack properly positioned under the car taking care to insure that the lifting points correspond to the special jacking points located underneath the frame. Issue 4 of The Backyard Mechanic addressed this critically important issue. Once properly positioned, connect the hydraulic lines to the pump and raise the car.

Don't be alarmed viewing my Corvette in the air - I'm a Pilot, I know about these things...

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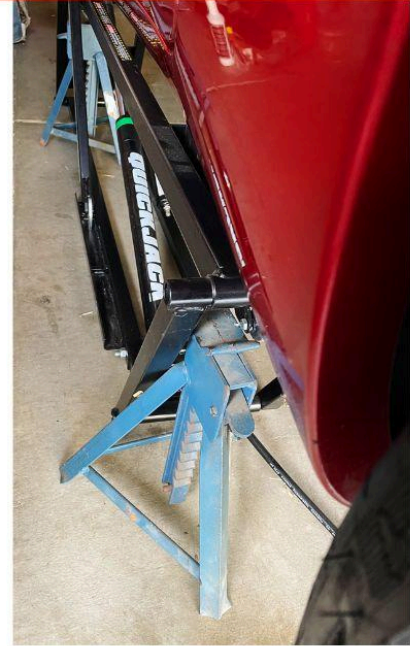
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Even though Quick Jack has clever locking levers that insure against unplanned failure of the hydraulic lift, I don't trust it with my life. So I employ my jack stands as additional insurance against premature collapse of the lift.

I always enjoy the opportunity to admire the various engineering that is only visible on the underside of our 'Vettes. My creeper proves its worth every time that I use it as it enables me to move effortlessly under the car. I carefully position the oil drain pan and then remove the oil drain plug so that the oil can drain. I initially leave the oil fill cap attached so that the flow of oil is a little slower just in case my alignment of the drain plug and oil drain pan is a little off(!). I then remove the oil fill cap to allow the oil to drain freely. Once the oil stops draining, I reinstall the cleaned drain plug. I then remove the oil filter taking care to insure that the oil drain pan is positioned to catch the oil that flows briefly when the filter is removed. I carefully wipe a little fresh oil on the oil filter gasket, then install the new filter.

Once the work under the car is completed, I lower the car to make installing new oil that much easier. I install 5 quarts checking the oil dip stick to see how much registers. I then start the car for a few minutes to allow the new oil to fill the oil filter. I then shut off the car, check the dip stick and add enough oil to reach the top of the dip stick's operating mark. Today, the total oil added equaled 6.5 quarts.

Clean up is next on the list. The used oil is carefully drained into a special oil collection drum so that I can take it to my local AutoZone to be recycled.



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BACKYARD MECHANIC

By Charles Walsh

And that's all there is to it! Total time spent changing the oil was just over an hour. One of the things I do when I'm under the car is to take a good look around looking for leaks or other issues. Unfortunately, I discovered that my rear sway bar end links are in need of replacement.

I will replace them - one on each side - with much more robust sway bar end links. But that project will have to wait until next month.

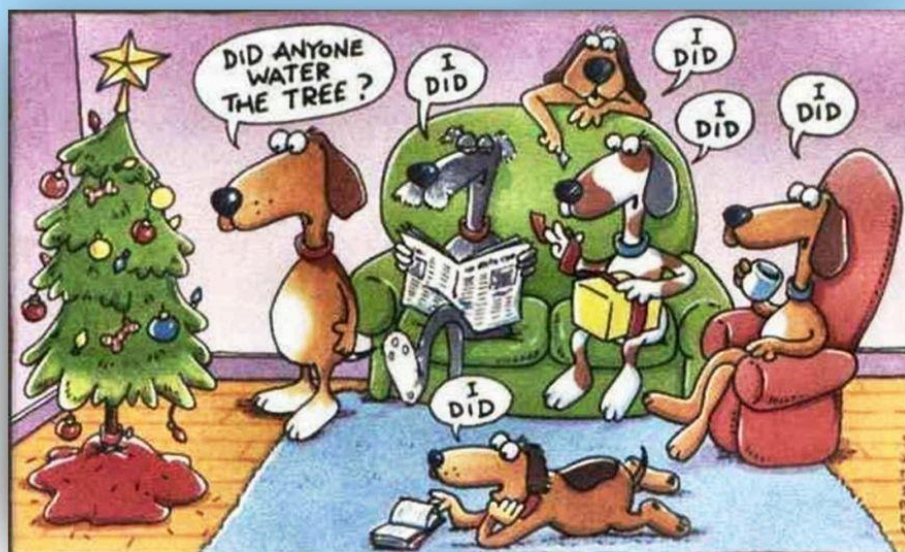


Well, that does it for this issue of The Backyard Mechanic. I hope you learned something and maybe consider doing your own oil changes in the future. If you'd like any help doing work on your Corvette, don't hesitate to call me.

See you next time!

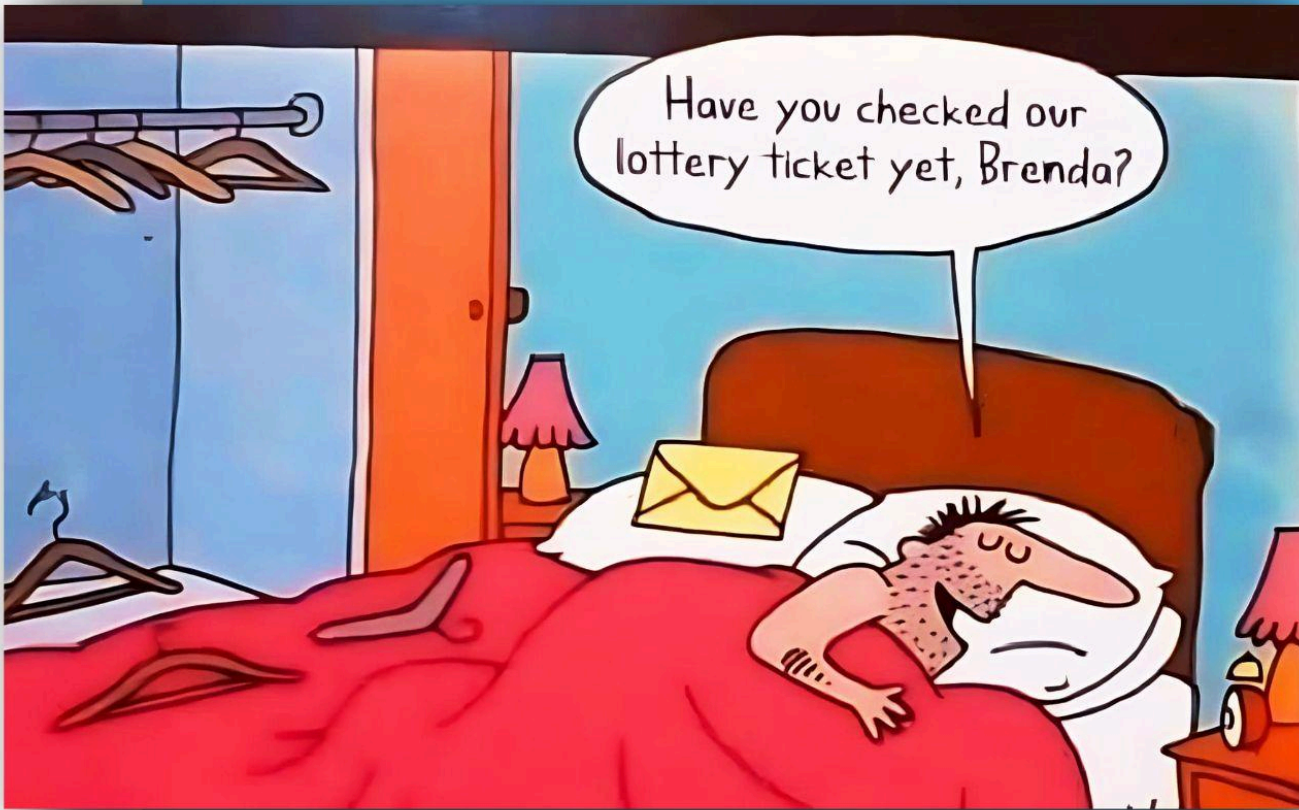
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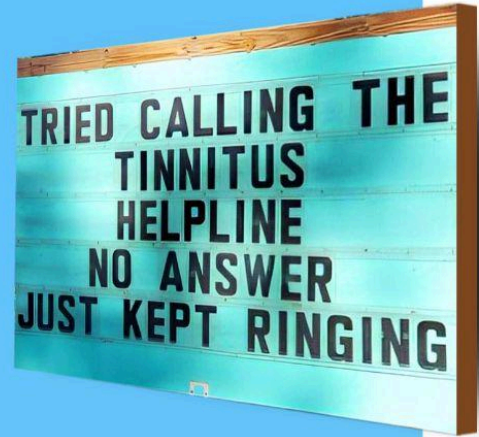


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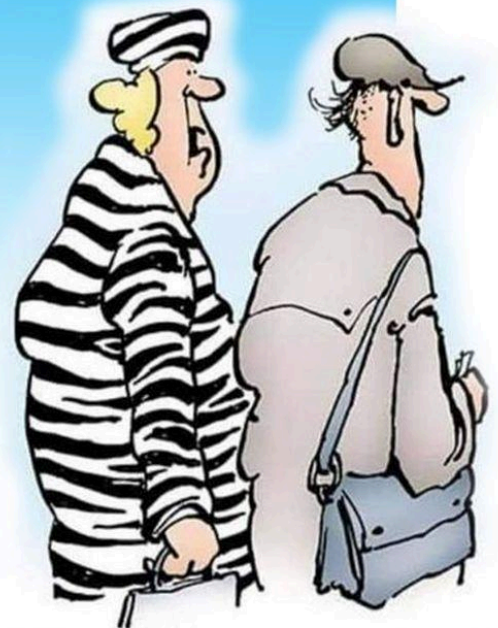


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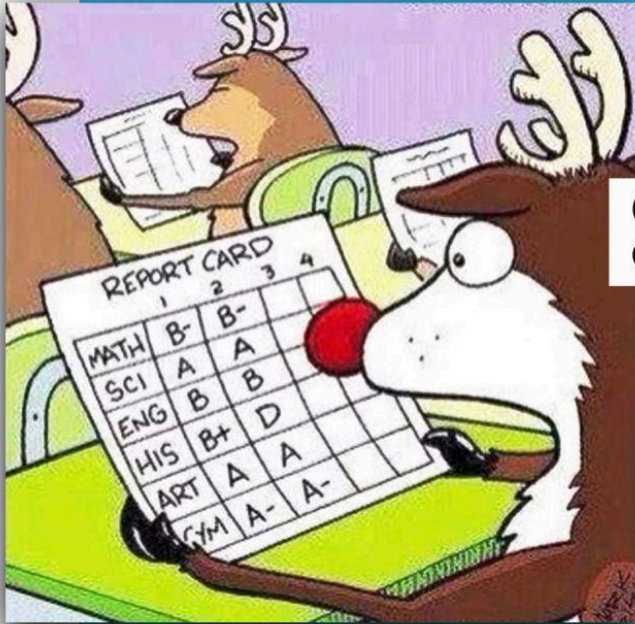


First you buy me a new coat and now a trip to Lion Country Safari. What has gotten in to you lately?

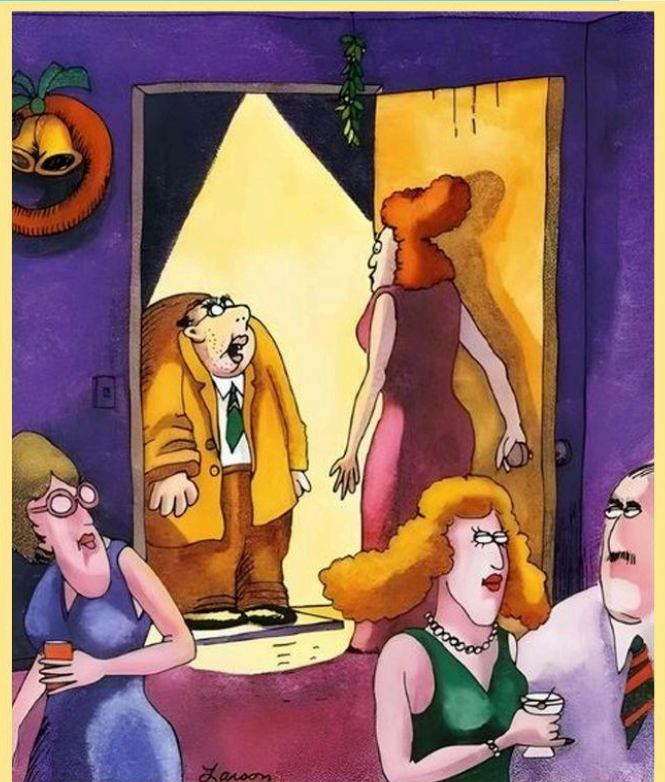


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Oh Crap.....Rudolph really did go down in History!



Hello, I'm Clarence Jones from Bill's office and.....Oh! Hey! Mistletoe!



Mayday! Mayday! This is flight 97! I'm in trouble! My second engine is on fire, my landing gear is jammed, and my worthless co-pilot is frozen up!!

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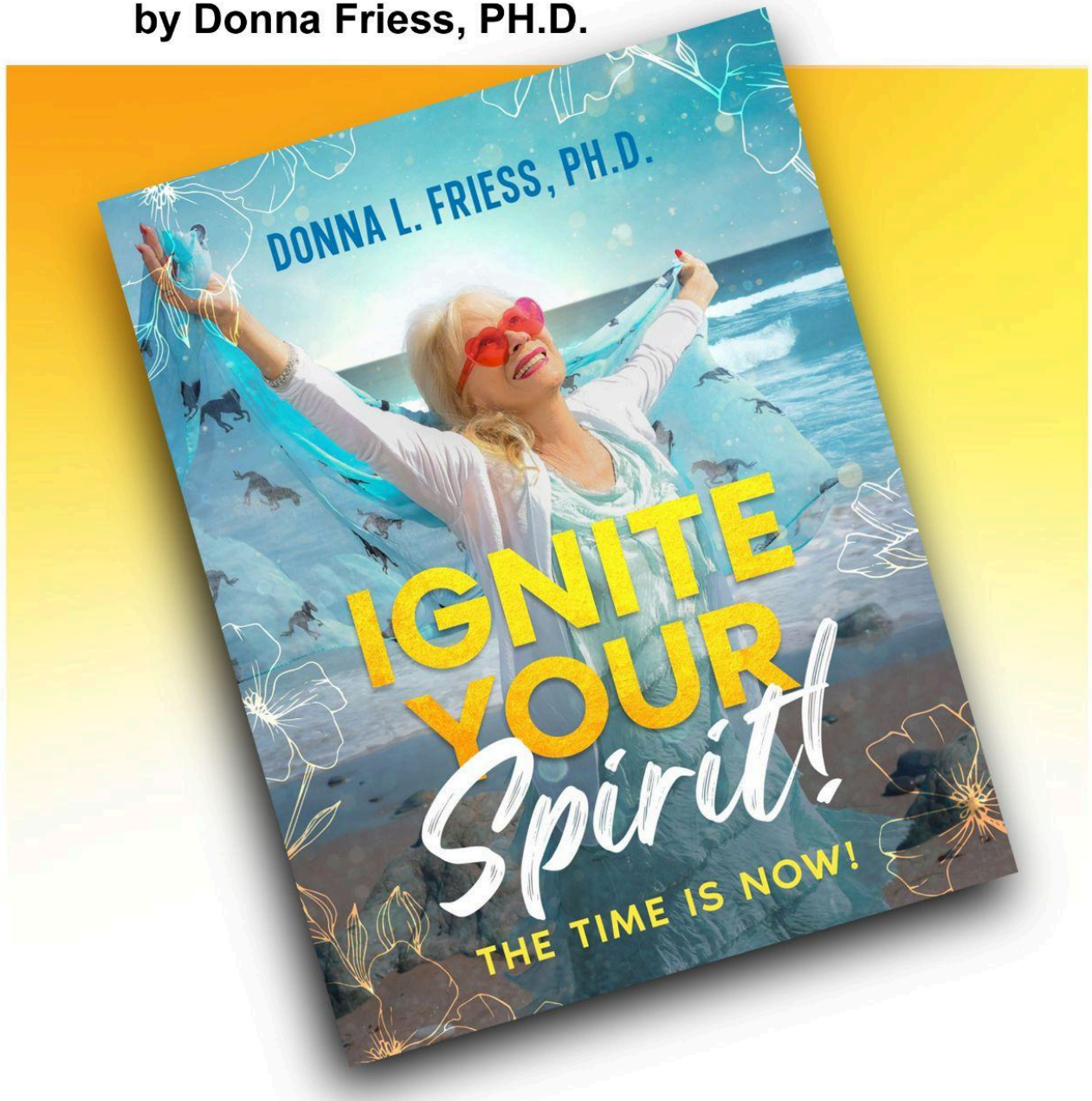
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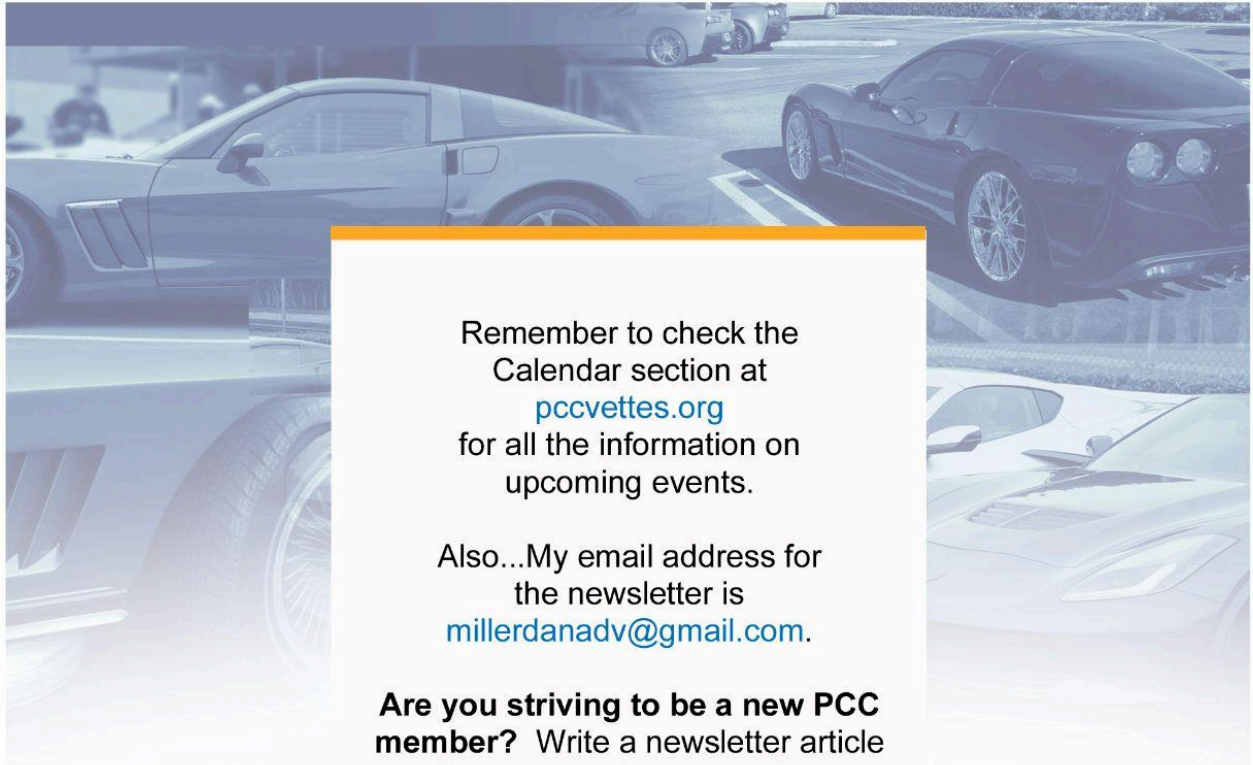
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