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## Welcome to Corvettes of WA (Inc)

**Our Club encourages the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of all Corvettes.**

We are a non-profit organization.

Corvettes Of WA (Inc) is dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of America's finest sports car the Chevrolet Corvette. The Club is based in Perth, WA (Western Australia), Australia and has an active and enthusiastic membership

Club meetings are held on every 2nd month, details will be posted one week prior to the Meet on our Calendar.

We enjoy a Midweek Cruise and a Sunday Cruise once a Month, a great get together with all our Club Members, so even if you are not a member please make contact. Details, club contacts, calendars are all on our website.

Membership is available to all Corvette owners and enthusiasts. New members are always welcome and visitors to our website are encouraged to browse and learn a little more about Corvettes "down under".

Articles, photos, enquiries and feedback are always welcome.

## Meetings

Club meetings are held bi-monthly at the  
**Bassendean Bowling Club**  
(Entrance via Hamilton Street)  
commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Please check the club website "Events Calendar"  
for meeting dates.

## Correspondence

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# Presidents Report



Hello club members, it has been a pleasant start to the year, without the extreme weather of last year, our dinner at Mulberry Park was a great success and the Sunday and Wednesday trips kept our cars on the road, and even though it was pretty hot on the actual run,[ I now know why the drivers with glass roofs wear caps] the lunch at the Victoria Hotel on our Toodyay run was excellent and I don't think we have had a bad meal on any of the runs.

While on that subject we need a volunteer to take over or assist Natalie with the planning and running of these events, She been doing a great job and even if it is only once or twice it's time for someone to share the load and have a go at taking us to some of their favorited places and pubs.

Our meetings are being well attended and the catering [from Costco] afterwards has been a healthier choice then before, again thanks to Natalie and the committee, so if you haven't been to a meeting for a while come along and have a good time and reacquaint yourself with some members that have been around for a long time and meet some of our new members.

John Lyford

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# *Sale*

**ANDY PRIEST**

**23 April 1944—5 February 2023**



Sadly, Corvettes of WA have lost a valued member with the passing of Andy. His active membership of 10 years has also been well documented in the time he spent writing and producing the clubs then hard copy magazine.

As well as having an '80 Corvette, he was a talented musician who also had a passion for photography which was evident in the images that he took for the club magazine.

**R.I.P**



# 1962 Corvette Four Seater



## General Motors Tried to Build a Four-Seat Corvette in 1962

For nearly 60 years, America's car magazines were of a firm belief: General Motors seemed to be no more than 18 months from replacing whatever their Corvette of the day was with a completely new mid-engined offering. This did not actually happen until the 2020 model year, but it did eventually happen. Thankfully, the same cannot be said about GM's other attempt to put something behind the driver's seat in the early Sixties.

This is a four-seat C2 Corvette, modeled in 1962 and shown in color this week on [GM Design's official Instagram page](#). While the final C2 line ended up focusing heavily on serious sports car performance at a surprisingly low price point, the four-seat variant shown here previews a world where Corvette instead pivoted toward a grand touring future in response to Ford's then-successful Thunderbirds that had already grown significantly larger by 1958.

The four-seater was never put into production. According to [Corvette Blogger](#), that happened in no small part thanks to a faulty seat design. A GM executive climbed into the back of this fiberglass model, only to be trapped in place by a locked front seat. Staffers then reportedly removed the front seat entirely to extract him. The four-door C2 model we see here is believed to have been destroyed a few years later.

Thanks in no small part to the failure of the questionable-looking four-seat C2 concept, Corvettes have stayed with two seats and a heavy focus on sporting performance in the eras since. The Sixties Thunderbirds this car was designed to compete with have been all but lost to history, with the line itself dying as an unrecognizable massive coupe by 1997. Corvettes have soldiered on, only getting faster and more serious from here as they developed into the [mid-engined beast](#) we know today.

Via [Motor1](#)



# GM Corvette 4 Door Plans



## GM Is Planning to Sell a Four-Door Corvette. Why That Absurd Idea Makes Perfect Sense

It might sound risky, but the truth is GM is leaving a lot of money on the table if it doesn't try.

The Corvette is an American icon. To many people, it's the quintessential classic muscle car. It's not a [Porsche](#) or a Ferrari, it's a Chevrolet, built right in the middle of the U.S., in Bowling Green, Kentucky. It's also one of General Motors' (GM) [most valuable brands](#), standing for luxury and performance.

Now, GM is about to figure out just how valuable that brand really is. The automaker has already said it has plans for a hybrid model, as well as an [all-electric version](#). Now, [according to Car & Driver](#), the automaker is planning to spin off the Vette into its own brand and introduce a four-door coupe and a crossover SUV, both of which would be fully-electric vehicles (EVs), by 2025.

I know there are purists who won't like the idea. To them, a Corvette is a very specific thing—a 2-seat muscle car designed for throwing around its power on the road or on a track, not hauling a family of four and their luggage on a roadtrip.

That's an obvious problem since you don't want to alienate your customers from the brand you've worked so hard to build. Expanding it is certainly a risk you take. For example, if you build a crossover Corvette and it's really bad, that affects the overall impression people have of all the models.

On the other hand, if you're able to build something that lives up to what the brand already stands for, there's a huge opportunity. Besides, it's not like GM is the first company to try.

Hyundai took the Genesis—which was originally designed as a competitor to the BMW 5-series, and turned it into its own brand. Or, take Porsche, which mastered the rear-engine lightning-fast sports roadster, and leveraged its pedigree to make its own SUV, the Cayenne, and made a lot of money as a result.

More recently there's the Mustang Mach-e, which is not a Mustang in the traditional sense, but a fully-electric crossover that capitalizes on the brand. It's definitely [worked out pretty well for Ford](#), which sells all of the Mach-e's it can make.

Ask Porsche, or even Ford, whether crossover SUVs are a worthwhile endeavor. If Chevrolet wants to start a premium EV brand and sell a four-door version and an SUV, using the iconic Corvette badge might just make a lot of sense, even if it sounds absurd at first.

And, General Motors has already said it plans to only sell EVs by 2035. More ambitiously, it plans to catch Tesla—which is the industry leader, and not by a little—by 2025. That's a big goal when you consider that Tesla's Model 3 and Model Y each basically sell more than all the other EVs combined.

Introducing a premium luxury line of vehicles with an established brand that consumers already love is a smart way to get them to pay attention. That's the lesson, really. The question for any company is how much can they leverage the value of their brand without diluting it. As long as the thing you're building is able to live up to your brand's promise, it can work.

That doesn't mean it will be easy. There are plenty of ways you can screw up your brand by trying something that makes no sense. And, you have to do the math of how many people will stop buying mid-rear engine sports cars if they happen to share a name with a sedan or SUV. I suspect the number is very low, which means it's probably worth the risk.

The reality is that the Corvette brand is simply too valuable to not try. Or, put another way, the biggest question is just how much money GM is leaving on the table by not capitalizing on the Corvette brand.

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# 2023 Corvette 70th Anniversary



Corvette Celebrates Milestone With 70th Anniversary



Corvettes of WA are also planning to celebrate 2023 with 70 years of production of AMERICAS WORLD CLASS SPORTS CAR at the 2023 Perth Classic Car Show at Ascot Racecourse on March 26th from 9.30am 4.00pm.

Our proposal is to create a 'Party' atmosphere of Red ,White & Blue with balloons, Flags and a celebration Banner.

Our usual location will accommodate 30-35 Corvettes, so to secure your spot , please register your intent to Ron Flood via email on [ronanddawn1@bigpond.com](mailto:ronanddawn1@bigpond.com) and you will be allocated a raffle number which will be drawn on the day and you could win **\$100.**

Any items that might add some glamour to the day ,please bring them along.

Register now & and print this out .

Cheers



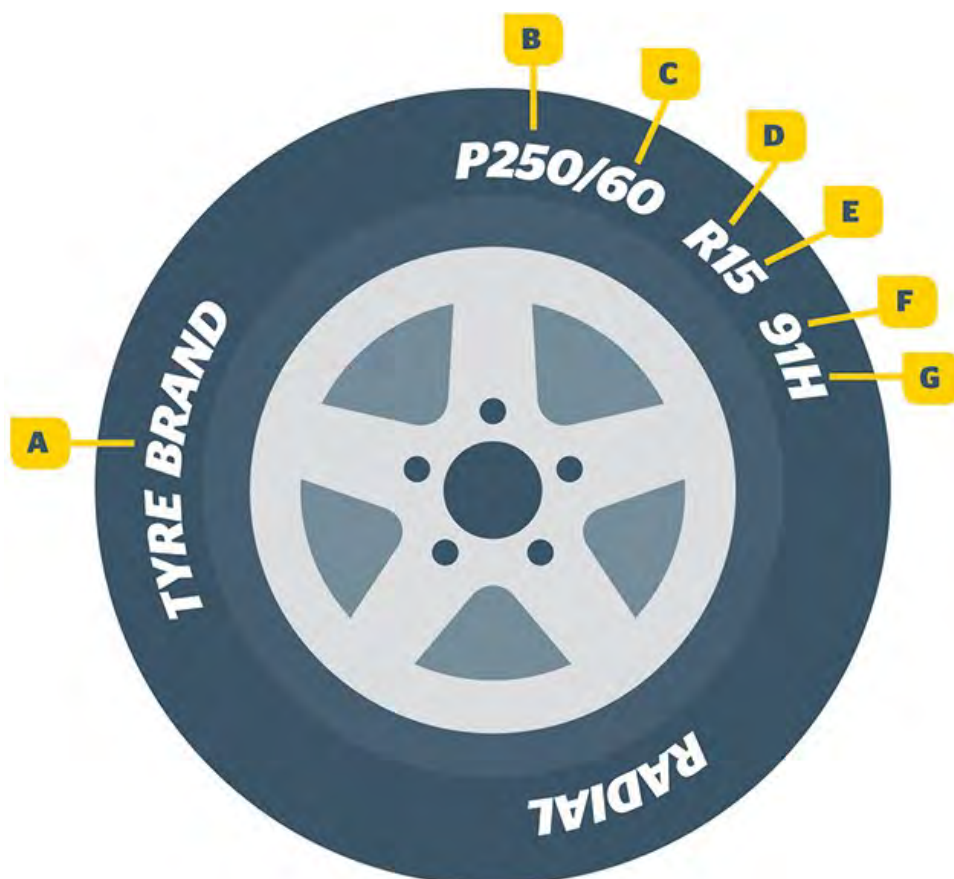
**Last Call as there are only a hand full of spaces left for this event.  
Register with Ron NOW to avoid disappointment.**



# Tyres

## Ever wondered what the Markings on your Tyre are?

Your tyres have a lot of useful information printed on the sidewall about the type of tyre, loadings and tyre dimensions. Here's how to read the markings on your tyre:



A – The brand, make and model of the tyre.

B – These three numbers show the tyre width in millimetres. This is the total inflated width at its widest point (excluding sidewall ribs and lettering). The 'P' indicates this is a passenger car tyre.

C – This number shows the height of the tyre as a percentage of the section width (B). This P205/60 tyre shows the section width is 205mm and the height is 60 per cent of that. The lower this number, the lower the tyre profile.

D – This letter shows the type of construction. R stands for radial, B for Bias.

E – This number represents the rim diameter which fits the tyre. This measurement is always in inches.

F – This number is checked against a chart to identify the maximum load the tyre can carry at the speed indicated.

## GM Rallye Rim Codes

### GM Rally Wheels

XA 14X5 B-3 1/2 67 Chevy II with drum brakes  
DA 14X5 B-3 7/8 67 Chevy II RALLY with disc brakes  
DG 14X6 67 Camaro & Chevelle with discs brakes  
XB 14X6 B-4 3/8 67 Chevelle SS, 68-69 Chevelle with F-70 Tires, 70 Chevelle  
XN 14X6 B-3 3/4 68-69 Camaro & Nova with drum brakes. Different shaped outer  
AE 14X6 B-4 3/8 70 Chevelle Station Wagon  
XG 14X6 B-3 7/8 68-69 Camaro with discs brakes, 68-70 Chevy II/ Nova with disc brakes, 69-69 El Camino without disc brakes. Wider drop center than normal  
DE 14X6 B-4 3/8 71-72 Nova & Chevelle, 6 hole wheels  
YW 14X6 B-4 3/8 Exactly like XB, may have come on same cars  
YJ 14X7 B-4 3/8 69 Camaro/ Chevy II L72- ZL1, 70 Nova  
AV 14X7 70-72 Camaro, 71-72 Nova, 6 hole wheel  
XT 14X7 L72- ZL1 Non Rally Wheel  
YA 14X7 B-4 3/8 69 Chevelle SS Wheel  
AO 14X7 B-4 3/8 70 Camaro & 69 Chevelle SS Wheel  
DB 15X5 67 Passenger Cars with disc brakes.  
DF 15X6 B-4 1/16 67-68 Camaro Z28  
DC (BIG) 15X6 B-3 1/2 67 Corvette, No other stampings on rim  
DC 15X6 B-3 1/2 68-70 Passenger car, 67 Passenger car (early models)  
FI 15X6 B-3 1/2 68-70 Passenger car, 67 Passenger car (later models) Rivited instead of welded together  
YS 15X6 B-3 1/2 68-70 El Camino  
FW 15X7 B-4 1/4 71-up most any GM  
AG 15X7 B-3 3/4 68 Corvette (will take 15x8 Beauty rings)  
YH 15X7 B-4 1/4 L72- ZL1 Z28 Rally 69 narrow drop center  
AD 15X7 B-4 1/4 L72- ZL1 Z28 Rally 68 wide drop center  
AV 15X7 70, 71, 73 CAMARO Z28 5 spoke wheel  
AZ 15X8 B-4 69-82 Corvette

Here are a few extra notes:

- \* All the rally wheels made in 1967 have big marking letters, no date code, a little bit different shaped center and slightly bigger holes in the center.
- \* The 15x7 beauty ring will go on all the 15x6 wheels.
- \* All the hubcaps interchange with each other





# Old School Wheel Alignment



## Brad Howard back to basics Wheel Alignment

The tried and true method of doing a wheel alignment.

String lines are setup at zero degrees thrust line and all measurements are taken from there.

Rear was setup at 1.5mm toe in each side, for a total of 3mm. Camber was setup at -0.3 degrees each side at static ride height.

Front was also setup with 1.5mm toe in each side and -0.3 degrees of camber. Caster was set to 5 degrees positive.

I still need to adjust the rebound on the coil overs but that will have to wait until my next break.



# 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Colours



## 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray – All Colour Options



### Exterior Color Options

- Hypersonic Gray
- Amplify Orange Tint
- Caffeine Metallic
- Red Mist Metallic Tintcoat
- Torch Red
- Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic
- Silver Flare Metallic
- Black
- Arctic White
- Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic
- Accelerate Yellow
- Rapid Blue

### Interior Color Options

- Jet Black
- Sky Cool Gray
- Adrenaline Red
- Adrenaline Red Dipped
- Natural
- Natural Dipped
- Two-Tone Blue



# 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Colours



Did Chevy Accidentally Show Two New Colors for the 2023 Corvette at the LA Auto Show?



Photo Credit: Pohlmit / CorvetteForum.com

If you look closely at this picture below of the paint samples that were on display at the LA Auto Show, you might realize there are 14 distinct colors being shown despite the Corvette Assembly Plant only having the current capacity to paint 12 colors per model year for the Chevrolet Corvette.

The two extra paint samples appear to be non-production colors, leading Corvette enthusiasts to believe that Chevy may have inadvertently leaked two new colors for the 2023 Corvette.

The photo of the paint display case was posted to the Corvette Forum by "Pohlmit" and close-up photos of the new paint samples appear to show a Pearl White and a Carbon Flash Metallic Black.

A full Carbon Flash exterior has only appeared on modern-day Corvettes during the 2012 model year for the Centennial Edition which celebrated 100 years of Chevrolet. The Pearl White (pearlescent metallic?) has long been on the wishlists of Corvette enthusiasts, especially after the assembly plant's paint shop was upgraded in 2017 and now has the ability to do a tri-color paint.

So, back to the display and this is where things get really interesting. A Corvette Forum member named "MilesC8" shared these two photos of the new colors and says he was there when reps came and took away the two non-production colors:

I was at show today and while I was looking at the display of paint colors, they removed it. Overheard the guys saying that they were not supposed to have put it out. Guess the 2 new colors were not supposed to be known yet. Looks they're a pearl white and carbon flash.

Having seen these official exterior displays, we have to think that Chevrolet will likely swap out the standard black and Arctic White for these two new colors for the 2023 model year. With the 2023 model year being the 70th Anniversary of the Corvette, it could be that Chevy is working on a 70th Anniversary model that pays tribute to the original Corvette with a new modern white metallic exterior combined with the Adrenaline Red dipped interior.





# Swimsuit catalogue photo shoot



## Swimsuit catalogue photo shoot Yallingup

Swimsuit catalogue photo shoot went underway in Yallingup. The model has been on the cover of Vogue and the photographer has worked for Playboy. Thanks to Nat for providing the 78





# Swimsuit catalogue photo shoot



## Swimsuit catalogue photo shoot Yallingup

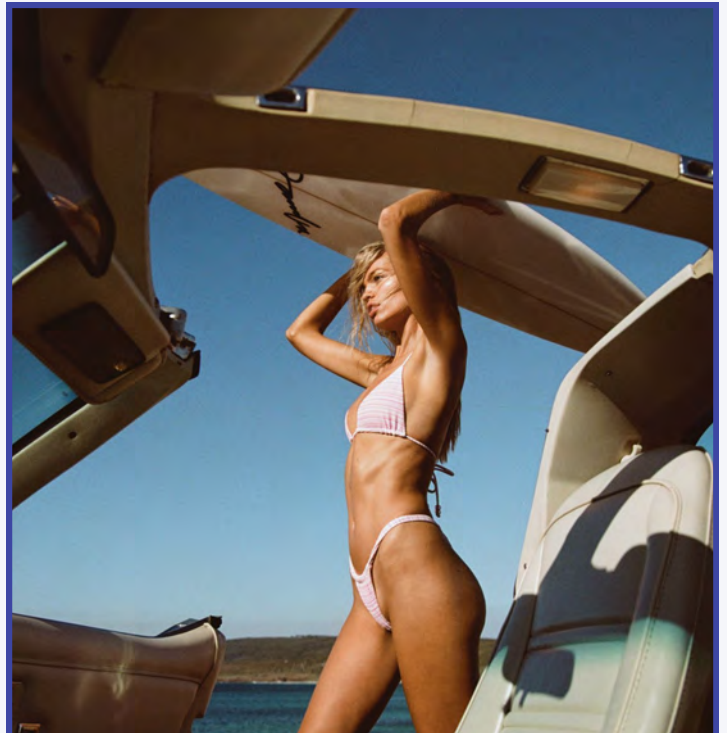
### HORIZON.

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Surfs up at every hour.





# Swimsuit catalogue photo shoot



## Swimsuit catalogue photo shoot Yallingup





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# Corvette Racing at Daytona



## Corvette Racing at Daytona: Eight-Hour Update



### No. 3 Corvette C8.R moves toward the front in GTD PRO in opening hours of Rolex 24

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (Jan. 28, 2023) – Corvette Racing opened the Rolex 24 At Daytona in strong style Saturday as the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R spent ample time out front during the first eight hours.

Antonio Garcia was in the middle of a triple stint in his second round in the GTD PRO challenger. All three drivers – Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Tommy Milner double-stinted in their initial rotations in the Corvette. As the clock moved past the eight-hour mark, Garcia ran fourth in class and fifth of all GTD cars.



# Corvette Racing at Daytona



## Corvette Racing at Daytona: Eight-Hour Update



The No. 3 C8.R started fourth in GTD PRO and 11th among the GTD category. Garcia wasted little time in moving forward and gained eight overall positions and ran third in GTD PRO by the time he made his first stop shy of the one-hour mark. He continued strong pace in the daytime and moved to second in class before he stopped to swap over Taylor.

The No. 3 Corvette benefitted from a full-course yellow just after Taylor got in the car, and he moved into the lead shortly after the restart. He drove just shy of eight hours before Milner drove in the race for the first time. The pace of some of the competing cars increased in the dark and colder temperatures but Milner kept the Corvette clean and in contention as the driver rotation began again.

# Corvette Racing at Daytona



## Corvette Racing at Daytona: Eight-Hour Update



### **ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8.R:**

"It's been good so far. The pace was really good. I don't know who was starting in every car. It's tough to judge who was driving and how aggressive you could be. I tried to be careful on the start but lost the right-hand mirror anyway. The pace seems to be really good. I was able to pass people; the infield seems OK and the slipstream seems to be doing the job to get by. Of course once you get to the front, the slipstream goes away and you're pretty much stuck with that you have. But it looks pretty good but there are many hours to go.

"Coming into the race, we didn't know the pace we would have. At the start, I kind of pushed and was a little bit aggressive. I could get closer and closer to other cars and could pass them. That was something new compared to last year when we were basically just hanging around on the oval. It's good to know we can pass cars. Let's see... it's still too early into the race but we have pace and

we are up there. Now it's time to start tuning everything we have toward tomorrow and let's see where we are. Tomorrow is a different day and it's supposed to be hotter so we'll see where everybody stands."



# Corvette Racing at Daytona



## Corvette Racing at Daytona: Eight-Hour Update

### JORDAN TAYLOR, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8.R:

"The stint was OK. I think we were expected pace-wise. We don't have the outright pace to compete with the top guys. I think we cycled through the front through some strategy and some slower guys getting in the car. We fought to the front in my last stint. The LMP3 cars on the restarts are as we thought. I was able to make some moves and pass some LMP3s to gap myself to the GTD field, and that helped us keep that lead through the stint. The name of the game right now is staying out of trouble, which is difficult in traffic but so far so good."

**MORE ON THE OPENING RUN:** "So far so good. Antonio was able to get up to P3 in his stint and then we were able to cycle to the lead and stay there for a couple of hours. The competition is tough. We don't have the fastest car right now, but I think through pit stop cycles and strategy, we can stay out front. There's a long way to go. Hopefully come tomorrow morning, we'll be in a good spot."

**DEALING WITH GTP TRAFFIC AND COMFORT LEVEL:** "It's not bad. I think most of those guys are somewhat conscious as opposed to previous years with the cars maybe not as reliable. So you can tell they're a little more hesitant, which is nice for us. The closing rates at places like the Kink are a little faster but nothing too crazy. It's usually the LMP2s or LMP3s that kind of cause more issues for us."

### TOMMY MILNER, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8.R:

"The first stint for me went OK. We were close to the front when I got in but dropped back a little bit throughout. My first stint was difficult; the tire pressure was a little too high so that was tricky at first. The second was a lot better. Right now the name of the game is keeping the car in one piece and making sure we get the strategy right. We'll see how Antonio does in his run. It seems like we were quite quick in the warmer temperatures and maybe not so much in the cooler stints, so we'll see how it goes through the night."

**RETURNING TO IMSA:** "I'm back with Brian (Hoye) again. I've spent a lot of year with Brian as my crew chief so that feels very normal. I've been with this program for many years; I think this is my 13th season with Corvette Racing. We have a lot of new faces in some ways but some familiar ones as well. It feels like home no matter who's on the car and who's engineering the car. The formula at Corvette Racing is shared among everyone. It doesn't matter who's putting on tires, who's putting in the fuel, who's engineering or who's driving. We're all trying to do the same job, and that's to put our Corvette out front."





## Vice President

**The tasks of the 'Vice President' are as follows :**

1. Assist President as required on general meeting dates.
2. Fill in role as President when President is unavailable to chair general and committee meetings.
3. Promote conversation and interaction of committee members to enable them to better fulfil their respective roles.
4. Provide any direct assistance as required in all and any Club activities.

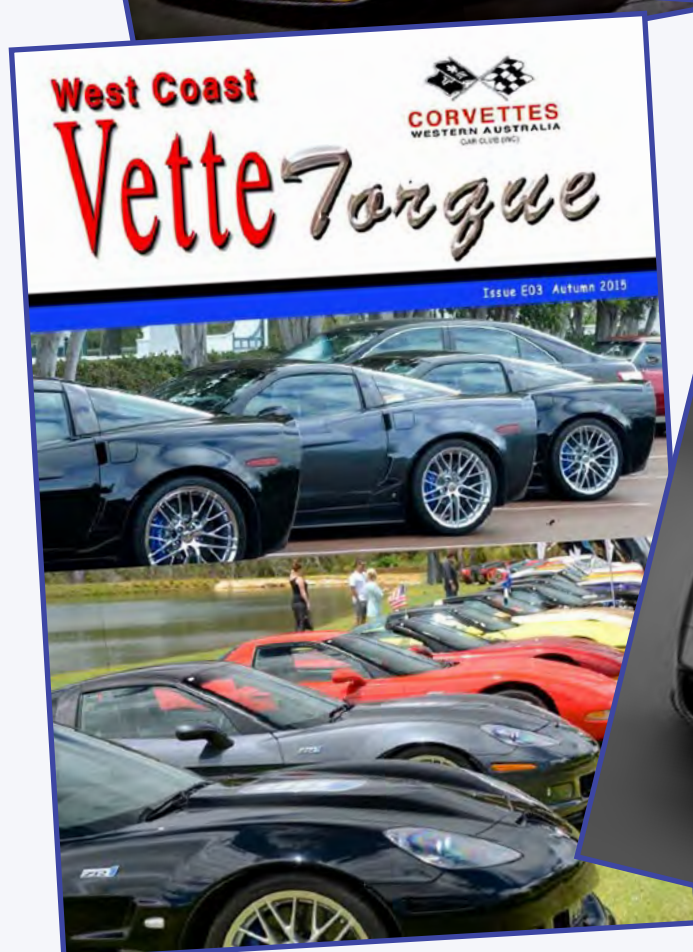
## Editor

**The tasks of the "Editor" are as follows :**

1. Maintain Quarterly Magazine
2. Update Events Calendar as they progress
3. Record Cruises and request Images & Wording to share
4. Keep monitoring Corvettes Website to get the latest News and if relevant include in magazine
5. Add Presidents Report, Social Report, Membership Report to be sent a week before 1<sup>st</sup> Draft is sent to President for Proof Reading and Sign Off



# Blasts from the Past





# Blasts from the Past



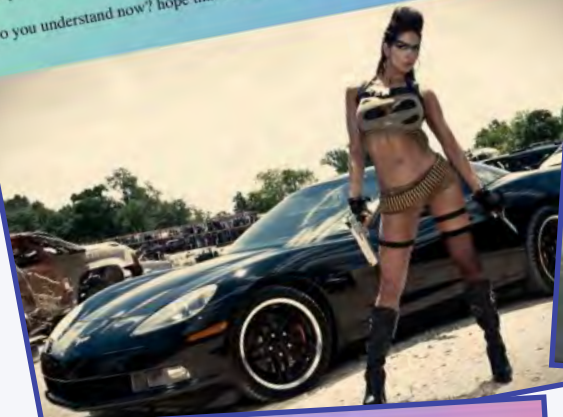
## No doubt you will find this invaluable.

*A number of people are confused by what is going on in the Middle East?*

Let me explain.  
We support the Iraqi government in the fight against ISIS.  
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We don't like Assad in Syria and we support the fight against him, but ISIS is also fighting against him.  
We don't like Iran, but Iran supports the Iraqi government in its fight against ISIS.  
So some of our friends support our enemies.  
Some enemies are now our friends and some of our enemies are fighting against our other enemies, who we want to lose.  
We don't, however want our enemies who are fighting our enemies to win.  
If the people we want to defeat are defeated, they could be replaced by people we like even less.  
And all this was started by us invading a country to drive out terrorists, who were not actually there until we went in to drive them out.

*It's quite simple, really.*

Do you understand now? hope that clears everything up for you. I know it did for me..



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well 2015 is in full swing the year finished off with a bang with our best yet weekend away in the sunny South West, the social side is still being well attended.  
Membership is back to over 100 with some very nice early Vette's coming into the club, meetings are still attended by the same old crowd plus the new members that make the effort.

It seems that a free feed brings extra members along so will put on a few more BBQs, come along and enjoy yourself and please bring you wife or partner... ladies talk Vettes too.

At the last meeting Code 404 concessional licence applications came up, it was made quite clear that the club will not tolerate members applying for concessional licences and not keeping their Vette standard, it is up to the owner to abide by the rules, but the club will be keeping watch on these vehicles. Do the right thing and you will not have a problem.

Please use the the clubs fantastic web site. It is a credit to Andy and Marion Weatherburn for putting together a great Club Web Site and to Andy Priest for the Electronic Magazine. Also thank you to the committee for all your efforts.

I would like on behalf myself and the members to Wish Bill Mair a full recovery.

Greg Walker  
President



## Your Electronic Magazine

If you are reading this you are reading the first issue of your club magazine in an electronic format. This format will link it more closely to the clubs website and allow it to become more "live". Over the next few issues the magazine will gradually evolve as it becomes more assimilated into the website.  
Many of the items that were previously published in the magazine will now be able to be viewed more immediately on the website.

These include:

- Classified Ads.
- Club calendar and forthcoming events.
- Articles on club activities and past events.
- Minutes of meetings.

These changes may not suit everyone but we have to change with technology and the advantages would seem to be many.

As always we would welcome your contributions - particularly technical articles, hints and tips and stories that relate to corvettes.

Editor



## Fibreglassing

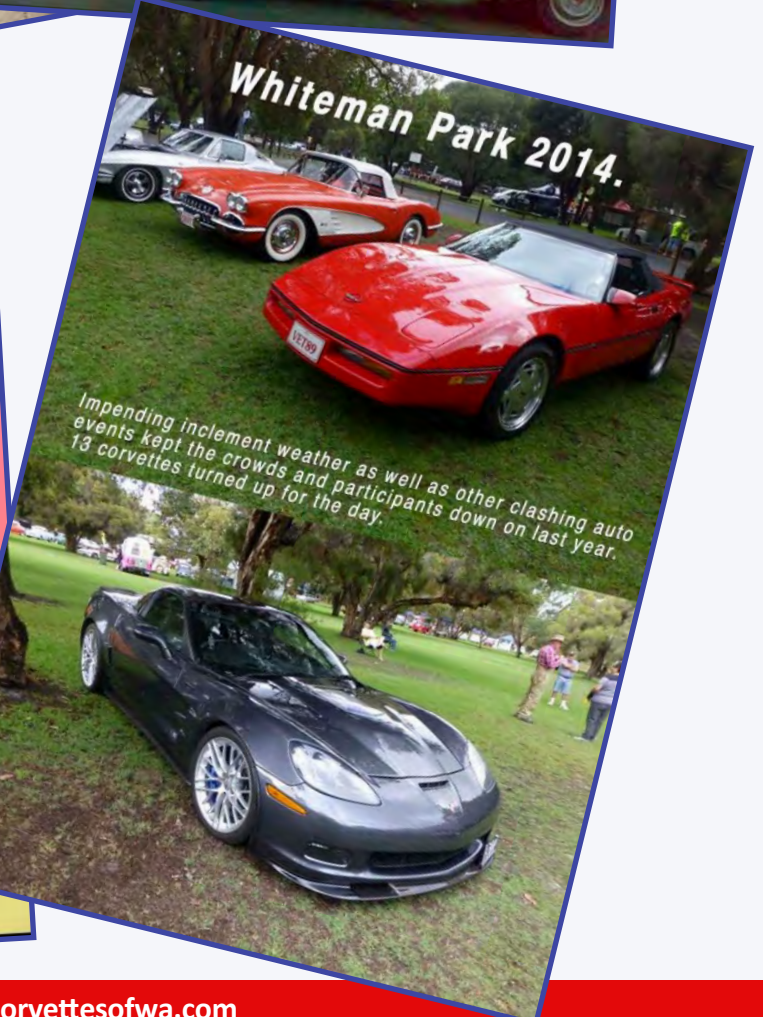
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## Whiteman Park 2014.

*Impending inclement weather as well as other clashing auto events kept the crowds and participants down on last year. 13 corvettes turned up for the day.*





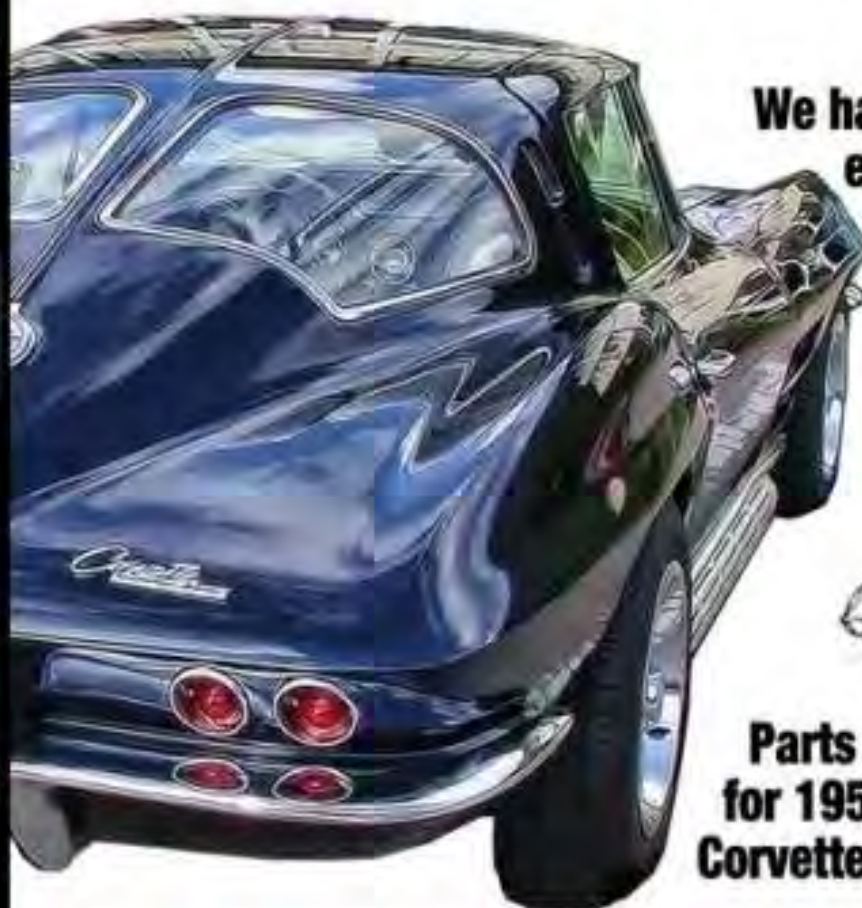
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# Social Report



We've had a good start to 2023 with favourable weather conditions seeing us get out and about for some great runs so far with lots more planned for the coming months.

In January we had a Wednesday cruise to Mundaring Tavern on 2/1 followed by a Sunday cruise south to Sandy Cove Tavern in South Yunderup on 15/1 with about 20 members in attendance.

February saw us have a short Wednesday cruise out to The Henley Brook on 1/2 followed by a lovely cruise up to The Victoria Hotel in Toodyay on 18/2.

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March 7:30pm at Bassendean Bowling Club.

The annual Classic Car show at Ascot is coming up on Sunday 26th March. We still have room for a few more cars. 'LAST CALL' to those who may still be considering the event. If you do nothing for the club during the year, then this is the ONE day that you could help secure a new member or two. Members please wear club apparel and your name badge!

Call Ron on 0429 347 014 or email [ronanddawn1@bigpond.com](mailto:ronanddawn1@bigpond.com) to register.

**Club Merchandise** - Hats, caps and stubby holders are in stock and will be available to purchase at the next meeting or I can bring something along for you to collect on a cruise if requested. I will do another apparel order soon so if anyone is wanting a shirt, polo or jacket please let me know. An order form and size chart is included in this magazine and samples will be available to try on at the next general meeting.

## SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday 16th April we will be having a club BBQ and Corvette display at Whiteman Park outside the Motor Museum. Members can get entry to the museum at the discounted rate of \$10 on the day. Corvettes of WA have recently purchased a cabinet for some model cars which were part of a large donation that was bequeathed to the museum so it will be a great opportunity to go and check it out. Keep an eye on your emails for more details coming soon.

## Past Events

<b>Wednesday 4th January</b>	- Cruise to Mundaring Hotel
<b>Sunday 15th January</b>	- Cruise to Sandy Cove Tavern South Yunderup
<b>Tuesday 17th January</b>	- General Meeting, Bassendean Bowling Club
<b>Wednesday 1st February</b>	- Cruise to The Henley Brook
<b>Sunday 19th February</b>	- Cruise to The Victoria Hotel Toodyay

## Events Coming Up

<b>Wednesday 1st March</b>	- Kalamunda Hotel
<b>Saturday 11th March</b>	- Memorial for Andy Priest
<b>Tuesday 14th March</b>	- General Meeting
<b>Sunday 26th March</b>	- Ascot Classic Car Show
<b>Wednesday 5th April</b>	- Wednesday Cruise (Venue TBA)
<b>Sunday 16th April</b>	- Whiteman Park Club BBQ, Corvette Display and Car Museum
<b>Sunday September 17th 2023</b>	- Curtain FM 100.1 Car Show





# Cruising



## January 2023-Wednesday Cruise-Mundaring Hotel





# Cruising



January 2023 – Sunday Cruise-Sandy Cove Tavern South Yunderup





# Cruising



## February 2023-Wednesday Cruise-The Henley Brook



# Membership Report



## Welcome to our New Members

Michael Seaward & Dagmar,

Mark Williams & Shelley

Kristian Beka & Jessie



## Current Membership @ 138

## Happy Birthday to our Members

### Ladies

**March:** Jessie A, Elaine D, Shendelle D, Misha D, June H, Margaret H, Lorraine S

**April:** Stephanie P, Mona J, Annemarie K, Heather L, Julie N, Cathy V

**May:** Heather G, Margunn G, Linda H, Linda G, Gill M, Janette O, Nikki S

### Gents

**March:** Ronald B, Tim B, Craig C, Lewis C, Nico G, Basil L, Michael M, Warren P, Rod T, Deon V, Mark W

**April:** Bob A, Kristian B, John B, Doug C, Emmanuel D, Graham F, Steve K, Bill M, Tony M, Adam N, Ross O, Iain W, Andy W

**May:** David A, Phillip B, John D, Kevin D, Aaron D, Paul E, Geoff H, Kevin H, Martin J, David M, Mark N, Scott S, Danny W





# CORVETTE NATIONALS GOLD★RUSH



**BALLARAT 2023**

**March 24th - 27th 2023**

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# 2023 Gold Rush Nationals



Source: City of Ballarat

**Corvettes of Melbourne, Vic Vettes and Surfcoast Corvettes** will host the first Corvette Nationals since Queensland in 2019, due to the enduring Covid 19 pandemic. It is important that we recognise and thank the South Australian and Canberra Clubs for their ongoing efforts attempting to hold the Nationals in the face of insurmountable odds.

Taking place in historic Ballarat, the **2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals** will run from **24-27 March**. This event has been moved away from Easter to avoid congestion and make our event more affordable for attendees.

All rooms have been secured at **Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre**, which will transform into the Corvette HQ during the event. The campus-style facility means your cherished Corvettes can be parked immediately adjacent to, or in close proximity to your room, with additional security provided. The good news is we've been able to negotiate a fantastic rate for these Nationals so we advise you to get your bookings in early – otherwise, overflow accommodation will be available at a nearby hotel.

Spruce up your Corvettes, pack your favourite convention- and nationals- themed shirts, dig out your club regalia, pack your gold dancing shoes for the Gala dinner, and make your way to Ballarat for fun with the Corvette family. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and to meeting the growing number of new enthusiasts.

**2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals**  
**Friday 24 March until Monday 27 March**  
**Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre**



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## **Mercure Ballarat - Hotel & Convention Centre**

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**(03) 5327 1200**

### ***What will the 2023 Nationals offer?***

The Nationals will be held in and around Ballarat, Victoria's third largest city. During the 1800s, Ballarat was the epicentre of Australia's first gold rush, spawning the Eureka stockade as well as a rich history, culture, and well-preserved colonial-era heritage. That's why we're calling this event the **2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals** – we'll also take the opportunity to profile and feature the new **Corvette C8**.

### ***The Program***

#### ***Friday 24 March 2023***

On Friday, book into the event, receive your gift bag, and mingle at the traditional **Meet and Greet** to follow that night.

**The National Presidents' meeting will take place at 4pm.**

#### ***Saturday 25 March 2023***

A **Show 'n' Shine** will be held at scenic Lake Wendouree.

On Saturday night, we'll venture over to **Sovereign Hill** for a unique gold rush experience and to take a closer look into history of the era. Substantial finger food will be provided and drinks will be available to purchase from the bar.

#### ***Sunday 26 March 2023***

On Sunday, we'll take a **picturesque cruise** through the local gold country and surrounding country towns, enjoying lunch together and some **Show 'n' Shine awards** presentations before returning to the Mercure Hotel.

Upon arrival back at the hotel, there will be time to relax and have a drink with old and new friends.

The **gold-themed gala dinner** will be held on Sunday night at the Mercure Hotel. There will be plenty of music, so glam up in your finest attire, dress to impress, and wear your best gold dancing shoes. Here, there will be additional presentations as well as auctions and raffles.

#### ***Monday 27 March 2023***

Time to pack your Corvettes, say **farewell**, and make the safe journey home.



# Funnies



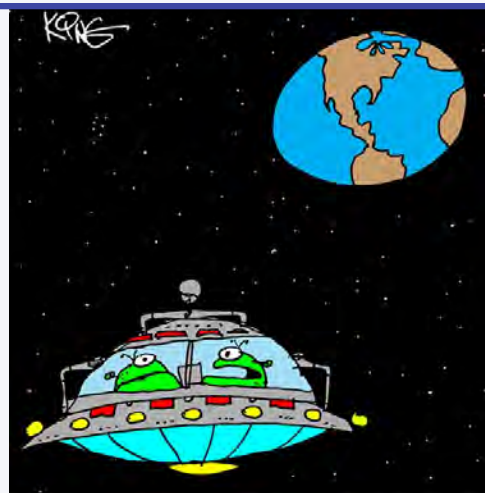
"I'd like you to awaken my inner child. I'm hoping he could help me with all the technology my new Corvette comes with."



"I'm sure your Corvette is nice, Mr. Pentella, but you still can't take it into First Class with you."



"As part of the tech-package, it'll temporarily turn into a Corvette when your friends come around."



"They may be crazy, but they sure make a nice Corvette."



"I set your phone to remind you every 5 minutes you that I want a Corvette for Christmas. It's annoying, but effective."



"Where's your Corvette? I'm here for the old oil in it."



# Funnies

**"I'm not  
superstitious,  
but I am a little  
stitious."**

—MICHAEL SCOTT (STEVE CARRELL)  
*THE OFFICE*

Parade

"Someone asked me,  
if I were stranded on a  
desert island what book  
would I bring... 'How to  
Build a Boat.'"

—STEVEN WRIGHT

Parade

Starting tomorrow  
whatever  
life throws  
at me,  
I'm ducking  
so it hits  
someone else!



**I WANT THAT JOB  
WHERE I PUSH  
SCARED SKYDIVERS  
OUT OF PLANES**

**Lazy  
is such an  
ugly word.  
I prefer  
to call it  
selective  
participation.**



**A cop pulled me  
over and told  
me "Papers",  
so I said  
"Scissors, I win!"  
and drove off.**



# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023



Barrett-Jackson wrapped up their annual Scottsdale spectacle a couple weeks back now and we've finally had a chance to sift through the results. Just like we saw in Kissimmee, sales were off the charts. Overall, the Arizona event tallied \$184.2 million in sales across 1,907 No Reserve vehicles. That computes out to roughly \$96,000 per car!

154 cars comprised the Corvette portion of the docket which is slightly less than the 10% of total docket that we typically see at a Mecum auction. Of those, about 30% were customs or full restomods. Since this was a No Reserve auction, every one of those Corvettes now have new caretakers.

Pouring over the results, we see that this docket leans more toward restomods and customs. Contrary to Mecum where we tend to see more of the factory-correct cars. That theme continues on when we look at the Top 11 Corvettes sales from Scottsdale. 9 of the Top 11 Corvettes were restomods compared to Mecum Kissimmee where we saw almost the exact opposite of that.



# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023



2019 Corvette ZR1 sold for \$330K

Seventh generation ZR1s continue to build momentum with 5 of them changing hands at an average of \$229,000. The market's other hot spot – 1963 Split Window Coupes – brought big money again with 6 stock SWC's selling at average \$218,000 each. In all, 87 Corvettes (or about 56% of the Corvette docket) sold for over \$100,000!

Some other notable sales outside of the Top 11 included 25th anniversary L48 1978 that sold for a whopping \$44k, a Sportsman Red 1954 at \$385k, and a 270hp 1961 which sold at \$308k. A 70th anniversary 2023 Stingray convertible found a new home at \$150.1k and a 2022 C8.R coupe pulled \$143k.

# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023



## 1953 Kindig CF1 Restomod Sells for \$572K

The Scottsdale Top 11 is comprised of 7 C1's and 4 C2's showing that there's still some life left in the early Corvettes, though interest may be shifting towards the customized side of things. Only 2 of the Top 11 were stock Corvettes with the balance made up of high-end restomods. The average selling price of our Top 11 list was \$516,400 while the whole list sums up to \$5,680,400. Remember that all of our figures include the Buyer's Premium.

And now on to our Top 11 Sales of Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale. An absolutely stunning 1967 restomod convertible took the top spot with a staggering \$770,000 sale. Second place saw a tie between a 9,000 original mile unrestored 1962 and a very cool Kindig CF1 which each commanded \$572,000. Interestingly that 1962 sold on Bring a Trailer in August of last year for \$155,000. How's that for a nice return on investment! Additionally, a beautifully restored 1953 roadster came home 4th at \$550,000.

Finally, our El Cheapo award for the most cost efficient Corvette of the auction goes to a Dark Red 1989 convertible which sold at no reserve for \$12,100.





# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023

Here's a closer look at the Top 11 Corvette sales from Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023.

1. Lot #1367 – 1967 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUSTOM CONVERTIBLE – \$770,000



2. Lot #1451.1 – 1962 CHEVROLET CORVETTE 327/300 CONVERTIBLE – \$572,000





# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023

3. Lot #1375 – 1953 KINDIG CF1 BARRETT-JACKSON EDITION CUSTOM ROADSTER – \$572,000



4. Lot #1403 – 1953 CHEVROLET CORVETTE 235/150 CONVERTIBLE – \$550,000





# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023

5. Lot #140 – 1960 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUSTOM CONVERTIBLE – \$550,000



6. Lot #1363 – 1963 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUSTOM SPLIT-WINDOW COUPE – \$546,700





# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023

7. Lot #1388 – 1958 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUSTOM CONVERTIBLE – \$478,500



8. Lot #1413 – 1963 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUSTOM SPLIT-WINDOW COUPE – \$423,500





# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023

9. Lot #1329 – 1959 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUSTOM CONVERTIBLE – \$409,200



10. Lot #1343 – 1963 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUSTOM SPLIT-WINDOW COUPE – \$407,000





# The Top 11 Corvette Sales



Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale 2023

11. Lot #1358 – 1958 CHEVROLET CORVETTE CUSTOM TOPLESS ROADSTER – \$401,500



After Barrett-Jackson each year, we have to sit back and exhale after watching people wildly throw large sums of money around. As usual, the sales were so high that we have to ask if we've just seen reality or a blip on the radar thanks to the "Barrett-Jackson effect". What we can tell you, though, is that there's still no shortage of people happily writing 6-figure (or more) checks for an old Corvette. Barrett-Jackson's next event is in Palm Beach, Florida April 13th – 15th.





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# Website



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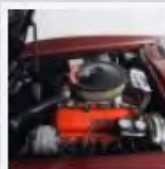
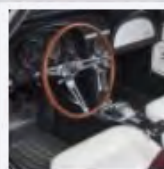
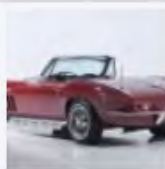
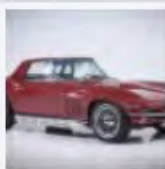
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The website is open for all members to add their input and discussions, so if you have an idea, run it past the committee to make it happen via email [committee@corvettesofwa.com](mailto:committee@corvettesofwa.com)

Got a Corvette or a Part to sell why not list it on the Website, we will also add it to the COWA Gumtree page now which opens up to a larger audience.

### Nico G

1965 Corvette Convertible



#### Features

Year: 1965

Model: C2

Body Style: Convertible

Engine: 396

Transmission: 4 Speed

Exterior: Milano Maroon

Interior: White



# Classifieds



Got something to sell why not list it on our Classifieds Webpage Page & Magazine, this is Free for Club Members, Non Members please contact the Club President for details.

## Personalized Plates, "LIVETTEUP"



### Seller's Notes

As I have sold my C6 to an interstate buyer, I no longer have a need for my personalized plates, "LIVETTEUP".

If you are interested in purchasing, please give me a call.

Asking \$400.00

**Warren: 0418989455**

## 1986 C4 Corvette Coupe



### Seller's Notes

1986 C4 Corvette 350 Auto. Always garaged, serviced regularly. Comes with overdrive, transmission cooler, factory body kit and performance exhaust. Very good condition for a classic. Much loved Sunday car – Reluctant sale. Club plates. Worth over 35k. Priced to sell. \$29,000. Open to negotiation.

Call Shaun on: 0412306004

Email: [shaun.fenn26@gmail.com](mailto:shaun.fenn26@gmail.com)



# Classifieds



## Various C6 Corvette Parts New & Used

### Seller Notes

Parts located Perth WA

Call Greg to pick up. 0400 754219

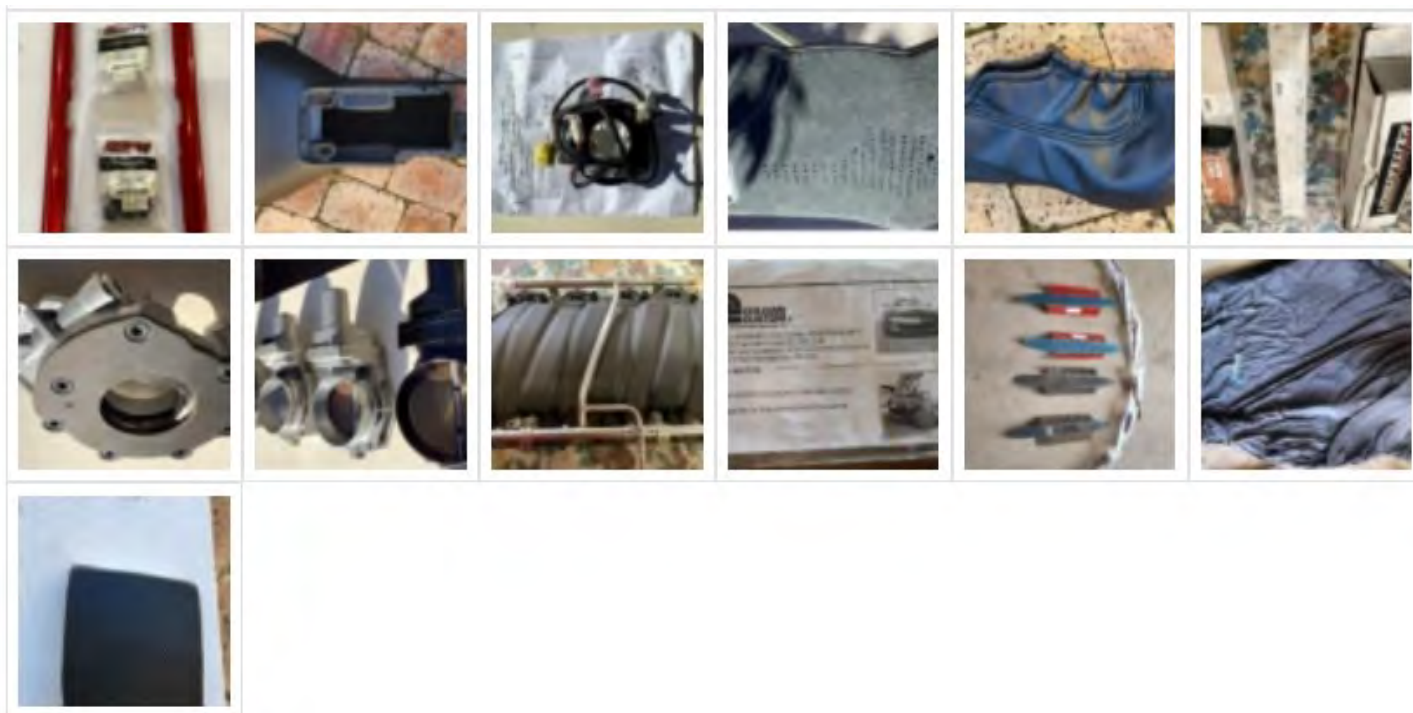


Image 1	C6 MSD Atomic Fuel Rails with Fittings \$100.00
Image 2	C6 Rear Consul Cover C6 – \$20.00
Image 3	C6 Steering Wheel Air Bag Cock Spring – New in Box – \$150.00
Image 4	C6 Custom Made RHD C6 Dash Matt – \$125.00
Image 5	C6 Carbon Door Mirror Covers suit all C6 Corvettes – Make an Offer
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Image 7	Mellings LS1 oil pump – \$90.00
Image 8	2 LS Throttle Bodies different makes 90mm – Make an Offer
Image 9	Factory LS7 Intake manifolds with Fuel Rails – Make an Offer
Image 10	Colgan Custom Carbon Nose Bra for wide body C6 – New in Box – \$250.00 ONO
Image 11	Side Vent Grills for C6 with Shark Grill – Make an Offer
Image 12	Custom Double Layer Car Cover to suit ZR1, has Mirror Pockets and ZR1 Logo – Brand New – \$200.00
Image 13	C6 Petrol Cap Carbon Wrapped – \$20.00



# Classifieds



FREE , for a roller chassis project



## **Seller's Notes**

4 x 17 x 8" 5 slot steel wheels. 4-3/8 " back spacing.  
Chev/Ford bolt patterns. With nuts – \$500.00 for  
the set

Contact: Tony via email: [vetter@ozemail.com.au](mailto:vetter@ozemail.com.au)

Ecklers can am headlight buckets



## **Seller's Notes**

1 x new Valance Panel (Ecklers) for 73 Corvette  
– \$125.00

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email: [vetter@ozemail.com.au](mailto:vetter@ozemail.com.au)

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# Classifieds



**FREE , for a roller chassis project**



## **Seller's Notes**

These are unsafe for road use and could be used for display as they do hold air and have 85%-90% tread.

They have radial cracks and are deemed dangerous for road use. Size 6.70 x 15 Firestone. Formally on my T-Bird.

**Only Two Left**

**Call Ron to pick up. 0429 347 014.**

**Ecklers can am headlight buckets**



## **Seller's Notes**

Ecklers "can am" headlight buckets to suit '69-'82 Corvettes as shown.

Asking \$200au ono + postage if required. Located in WA.

**Contact: Ron Flood 0429 347 014**

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## Club Jackets



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**Ladies Jackets \$100.00**



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**Ladies Polo \$35.00**



**Ladies SS Shirt \$45.00**

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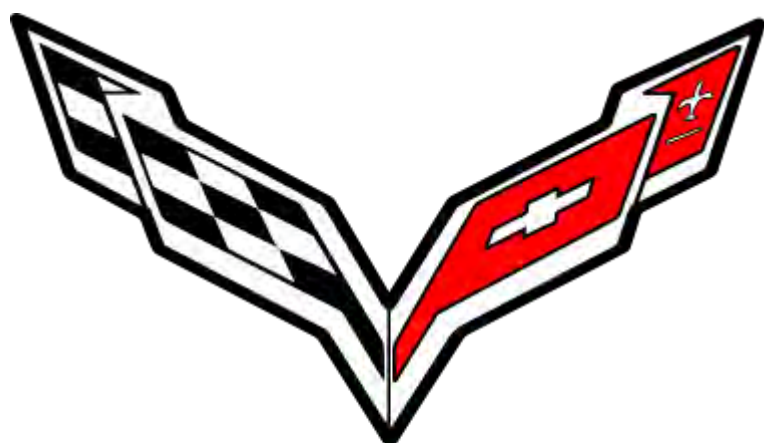
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