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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.

CLUB INFO

Meetings

Club meetings are held bi-monthly at the

Bassendean Bowling Club

(Entrance via Hamilton Street)

Arrival Time 7.00 pm, Commences 7.30pm

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

Correspondence

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Presidents Report



Hi all, as 2023 draws to a close, Corvettes of WA have had a very successful year.

There have been many great events and cruises to many different locations around Perth. The Wednesday and Sunday cruises are always good to catch up with members.

In the last couple of months, we have had 2 events, first one at Hillary's Boat Harbour and the second at Fremantle. These 2 events have resulted in new members and a lot of interest from the public about our Corvettes. Our membership is 146 which is the highest it's been for a while.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for all their help in keeping Corvettes of WA running and moving forward. The Committee has taken on the task of bringing our Constitution up to a new standard and a draft is expected to go out to the members in mid-2024 for you to review.

On behalf of the Committee and myself, I would like to wish everyone a great Christmas. Hopefully finding time to get the Vette out and enjoy our summer days.

Regards

Andy Weatherburn

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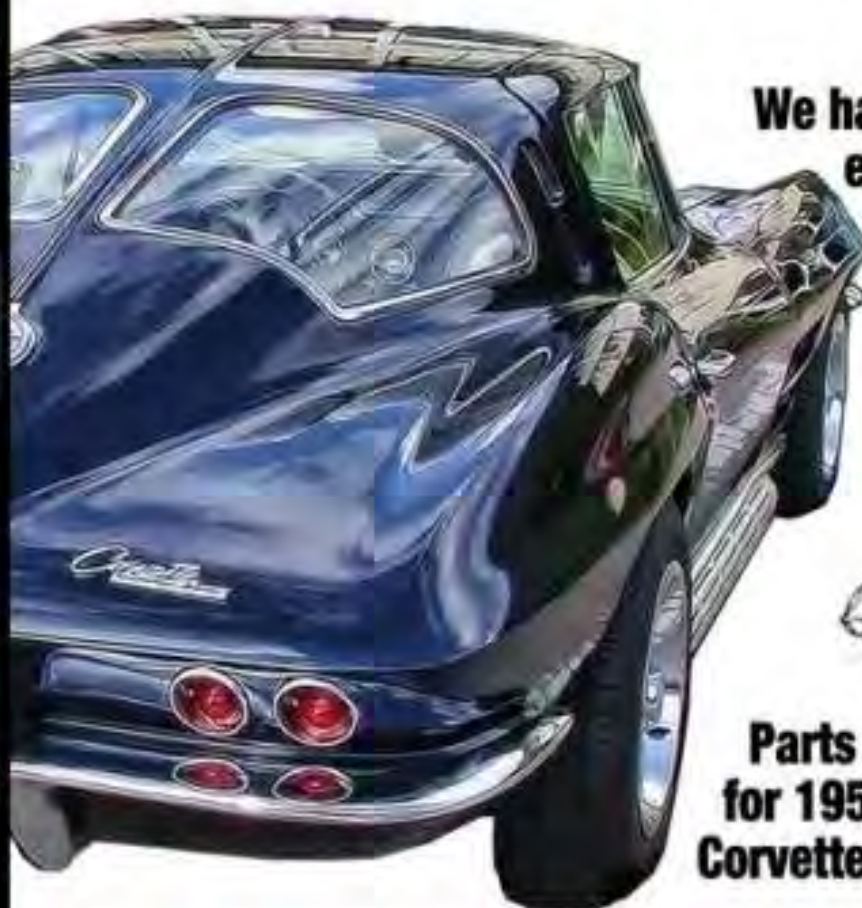
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Blasts from the Past



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Social Report



Hi Everyone,

We have had a lot on the last few months getting out and about in our Corvettes and enjoying the great weather.

On Wednesday **6th September** we took a scenic drive through the Chittering Valley out to Stringybark Restaurant. We had a great selection of Corvettes in attendance with C2, C3, C4, C5 and C6 generations represented.

The very popular Curtin FM 100.1 Car Show was held on Sunday **16th September**. Corvettes of WA had 23 Corvettes in attendance. It was a very enjoyable day and there were some lovely cars on display.

On **Sunday October 1st** a couple of us ventured up to Ledge Point for their Show and Shine Family Fun Day. Our **October Wednesday** run was to King Rd Brewery. We had a great turnout with 26 people in attendance. It's a great venue and everyone loved seeing all of the Corvettes on display out the front.

Sunday **15th October** saw our Corvettes of WA Show & Shine at Hillarys Boat Harbour. We had 25 cars on display and signed up 3 new members on the day. I plan to make this an annual event. We had trophies for the members choice for each generation of Corvette.

Our winners were -

C1 - Don Hill

C3 - Geoff Haley

C4 - Rod Gard

C5 - Natalie Page (Frank)

C6 - Greg Walker

On Wednesday **November 1st** we had a run up to Parkerville Tavern with 12 cars in attendance.

Sunday **15th November** was the Freo Grandies Big Day Out. We had a great display of 27 cars outside the Shipwrecks Museum. Once again we were given free fish and chips from Twin Fin. This is now an annual event and we have already been invited back for next year.

Coming up this Sunday **3rd December** is our club Christmas Party at Hillary's Yacht Club. We held our 2022 Christmas in July function there and everyone agreed it was the best buffet meal we'd had so we are all looking forward to it. We have 57 members on the list to attend. Members can enter from 11:30am and the event starts at 12pm. Don't forget to bring some cash to buy raffle tickets. We have some great prizes up for grabs.

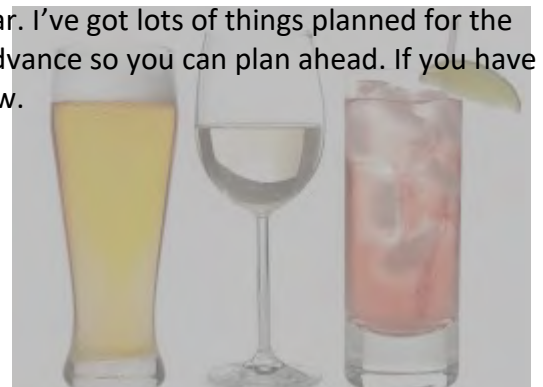
Our December Wednesday Run will be held on **December 6th** and we will be going to C U Cafe Gingin. Keep an eye on your emails for all the details.

We have been asked by the event organisers for our Freo day for expressions of interest. On **17 April 2024** the Australian Dragon Boat Championship will be held at Champion lakes. They expect around 3000 participants. They are wanting Corvettes to lead the flag bearers at the opening ceremony. Food and drinks will be provided. I will send an email with more details as they become available.

Thanks to all those who have attended our runs and events this year. I've got lots of things planned for the new year and will post a list of events and dates a few months in advance so you can plan ahead. If you have any ideas for places to go or great roads to drive please let me know.

Regards,
Natalie

WHAT'S ON



Cruising



September 2023 – Wednesday Cruise – Stringybark Chittering



Cruising



Curtin FM 100.1 Car Show



Cruising



Curtin FM 100.1 Car Show



Cruising



October Midweek Cruise—King Road Brewery



Cruising



October Midweek Cruise—King Road Brewery



Cruising



October 2023 – Hillarys Corvette Display



Cruising



October 2023 – Hillarys Corvette Display



Cruising



October 2023 – Hillarys Corvette Display



Cruising



October 2023 – Hillarys Corvette Display - Congrats to the winners of the peoples choice awards



Cruising



November 2023 Mid Week Cruise – Parkerville Tavern for lunch



Cruising



November 2023 Sunday Grandies Big Day Out Festival in Freo



Cruising



November 2023 Sunday Grandies Big Day Out Festival in Freo



Membership Report



Welcome to our New Members

New Members :

Claudio & Amanda Marone
Vicko & Fabi Dragicevich
Gary & Mo Faas
Teddy & Laura Alatsas
Luciano & Sharon Giacci
Chris & Lorraine Musgrave
Dominic & Susan Di Pietro



Current Membership @ 146

Happy Birthday to our Members

December – Male

Graeme C, Phillip DD, Herman D, Gary F, Graeme L, Rainer O, Jim R, Bob S, Brian S, Michael S, Bradley T, Ross T

December – Female

Aileen A, Helen B, Heather E, Fabi D, Nalda H, Tracey K, Lee-Anne M, Fatin M, Carol O, Marie O, Dagmar S, Bernice M

January – Male

Brad D, Don H, Peter J, Anthony K, Robb K, Warren L, Mack McM, Con M, Grant R, Greg W, Rex W

January – Female

Christine B, Anna F, Wanida J, Julie J, Karen L, Andrea P. Michele S, Nicola W, Del W

February – Male

Martin D, Barry F, Tony H, Wesley H, Brad H, Peter J, Peter K, Chris M, Glen S, Danny W

February – Female

Laura A, Karina C, Helen D, Sharon G, Debbie McD, Clair S, Maxine T

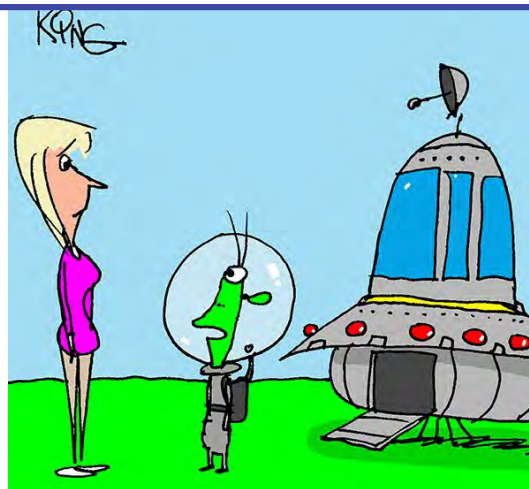
Thanks Gill



Comic



"I hope you don't mind, but I bought a few accessories for my Corvette."



"I don't want to meet your leader. Where's your closest Corvette dealership?"



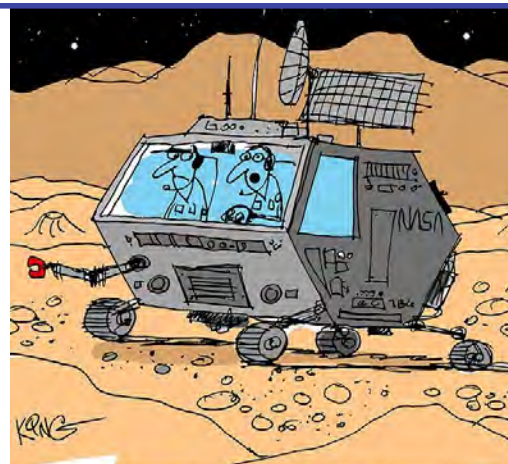
"They say the early bird gets the worm. Why can't the early bird get a Corvette?"



"I am reclusive, but there's no way I'm missing the Corvette show. I actually own three."



"Usually when a man reads from a book, it's a poem. NOT the specs of his Corvette."



"This thing is slow and uncomfortable. Not to mention ugly. Why couldn't they allow us to bring a Corvette?"

Members Input



Thanks Rod R for the Pic we may need to take a vote to see if we can get it included with Club Apparel?

This tyre was shown to Ron F and the Corvette that it was on wasn't driving when this happened !!! The other part of the story is that the local Dot recently passed the Corvette for registration.....

The date codes were confusing to read but these tyres haven't been made for years.

So drivers be aware of your tyres ,this is a visual reminder of what can happen to old tyres ,,,,,even with plenty of tread left !!.

If this happened while on the freeway ,then the possibility of the tyre ripping off a fender is real.



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Mako Shark II



C3 Corvette Field Car Receives a 'Mako-ver' and is Now an Awesome Mako Shark II Show Car



A Georgia man has created what he calls “the Michelangelo of rolling art.”

And who’s to argue with that bold assessment?

John, who lives in the north Atlanta suburb of Roswell, says after seeing the original Mako Shark Corvette in magazines in his younger days, it became “something of a lifetime quest” to build his own one day.

The original Mako Shark II, of course, was designed by legendary automotive artist Bill Mitchell back in the 1960s and eventually became the inspiration for the third-generation Corvette that debuted in 1968.



Only two such cars were ever built by Chevy, but customizers Joe Silva and Joel Rosen eventually came up with a fiberglass kit to transform any C3 Corvette into a Mako Shark.

“My wife always knows when I’m on a country road, my head’s on a swivel, always looking for that barn find,” John tells the Ridiculous Rides channel on YouTube.

Mako Shark II



C3 Corvette Field Car Receives a 'Mako-ver' and is Now an Awesome Mako Shark II Show Car

One day, that search paid off when John spotted what looked like an old Mako Shark sitting in a field.

The decrepit car had no rear end and no front clip, he recalls, "and I went back and looked and sure enough it was an original '70s Mako Shark."



The kit car had been sitting there for probably 15 years, and while the front end was wrecked, the rear end was in solid condition. John searched and found a 1973 Corvette SCCA race car as a donor vehicle to help make his dream a reality, but not until some 1,700 hours of labor had been expended!

"Since we were starting with a ground-up restoration, I wanted to stay true to the original Mako," John explains. "There's not a component on that car that hasn't been replaced. We reproduced a lot of the brackets by having a water jet cut," using aluminum instead of steel.

A really cool feature is the Mako Shark emblems on the fenders that he reproduced, too. He also eliminated the battery tray behind the seats so you can actually look through a Plexiglass sheet and look all the way down to the pavement.



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John did make some concessions to the mechanical progress made over the past 50 years, switching over to modern braking, air conditioning, electric fuel pump, and upgraded steering. Because he likes the early '80s seats, he used them instead of period-correct ones.

"I want to build a car because I want to know what's in it," John says. "I want to handpick the components, and I want to make sure that when this car is finished, I know every piece of the car."

He points to the hood vents, for example, that actually function, and the gas filler that's been moved



from the center of the car to the left side of the rear deck "to pay homage to the original '64."

The 3,500-pound car – painted Lunar Blue Metallic- features a Chevy 454 engine that makes 390 horsepower, and while John says he usually only drives it no faster than 55 to 60 mph, "from stop light to stop light, it'll certainly pin you back in your seat."

Naturally, driving on the roads of Georgia, John draws quite a crowd with his Mako Shark, "just for the simple fact that it is so unique."

A lot of people even ask him if they can touch it – "it's like a unicorn," he says with a smile.

He's happy that people are interested in his "Mako-over" of this Corvette, saying "restoring cars has been something that to me has always been more like an art form" and it's "one of the things that I hope to pass on to the next generation" that cars are fun and they are family.



Projects



1969 Corvette

Andy W – 1969 Frame Off Project

August 2020 to present



Members Cars

We are always looking for Club Members to have their Cars added to the Website.

Please send Images and Vehicle details to our Webmaster via email webmaster@corvettesofwa.com

Just one example below

Danny W

1973 Corvette Coupe



Features

Year: 1973
Model: C3
Body Style: "T" Top Coupe
Engine: 454 Big Block
Trans: 4 Speed
Exterior: Elkhart Green
Interior: Medium Saddle

Corvette Details:

Owned approx 10 years
3rd owner since new
89000miles
almost 100% original
tilt steering, aircon, elec windows, leather

Classifieds



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Corvette Parts for Sales



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

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1986 C4 Corvette Coupe



Seller's Notes

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Email: shaun.fenn26@gmail.com



Classifieds



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Seller's Notes

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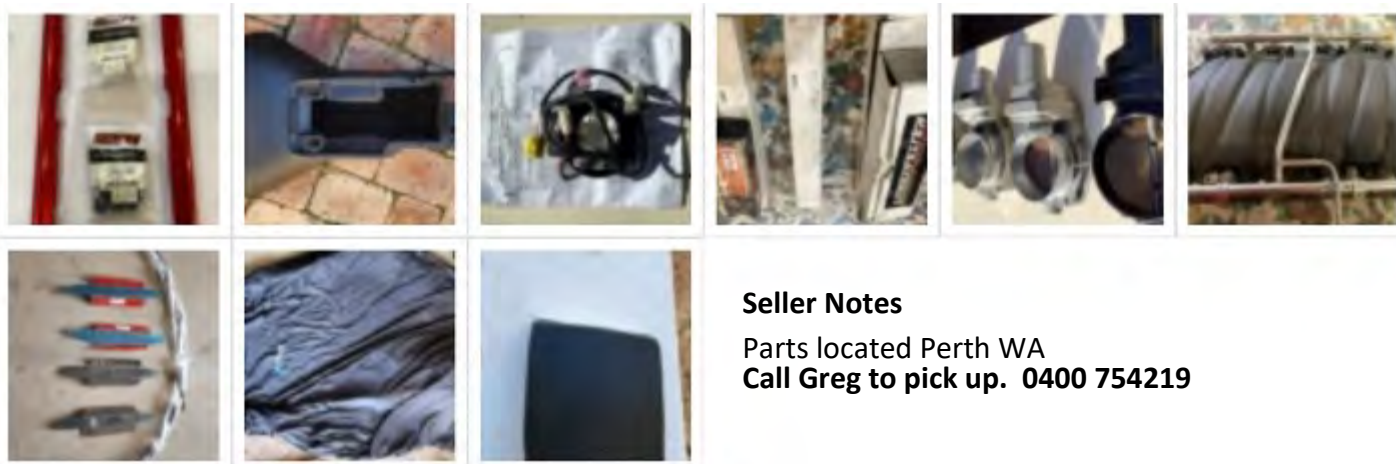
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Seller's Notes

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Various C6 Corvette Parts New & Used



Seller Notes

Parts located Perth WA
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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	Linginfeltter Gt 19 Cam Will Only Suit Ls7 \$350.00
Image 5	2 LS Throttle Bodies different makes 90mm – Make an Offer
Image 6	Factory LS7 Intake manifolds with Fuel Rails – Make an Offer
Image 7	Side Vent Grills for C6 with Shark Grill – Make an Offer
Image 8	Custom Double Layer Car Cover to suit ZR1, has Mirror Pockets and ZR1 Logo – Brand New – \$200.00
Image 9	C6 Petrol Cap Carbon Wrapped – \$20.00

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Ladies Polo \$35.00



Ladies SS Shirt \$45.00

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Baseball Cap \$20.00

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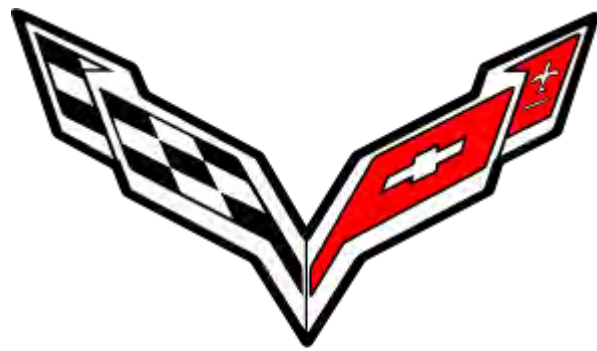
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