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Welcome to Corvettes of Western Australia (Inc)

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

We are a non-profit organization.

Corvettes Of Western Australia (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)

commencing at 7.00 p.m.

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

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Street Vettes vs a Chevy Camaro ZL1 Supercar V8 Racer in Aussie Shootout

Can a modern stock production sports car outrun a race car?

That's the question that the guys at Drive.com.au set out to answer during a brief break in the action at Queensland Raceway in Ipswich, where Triple Eight Race Engineering was holding a customer day and offered use of the track for an hour.

The competition featured a pair of production Corvettes, an E-Ray and a Z06, going up against the 2024 Triple Eight Race Engineering Red Bull Ampol Racing Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 Supercar that packs a 600 horsepower 5.7-liter V8 under the hood (or bonnet, if you're from across the Pond).

First up, in a straight drag race, as you might expect, the E-Ray – with its combination of tire-sticking all-wheel drive and initial boost of its electric motors up front – absolutely demolishes the Camaro – by a whopping 2.42 seconds!



Presidents Report



It's been a great start to the year for Corvettes of WA, with strong turnouts at our recent cruises and events.

We've recently had some committee changes, and I'd like to sincerely thank members for the kind words and votes of confidence as I step into the role of President. I also want to acknowledge and thank our new committee members for stepping up and doing their part for the club. Together we're building a strong committee to take the club forward.

Planning has also begun for the 2029 National Corvette Convention. This will be a major event for our club, and we'll be forming a subcommittee to help with the organisation. I encourage members to come along to the general meeting on Wednesday March 18th and get involved — many hands will make this an incredible convention.

Don't forget, the Lucky Member Draw must be claimed in person, so make sure you're at the meeting when your name is called.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the club. I'm looking forward to what the rest of the year brings.

Regards,

Natalie Page

President

Corvette Z06 GT3R to Compete in Australia at the Bathurst 12 Hour Race in 2026

General Motors Australia and New Zealand just announced that Corvette Racing's Z06 GT3.R will be entered in the Meguiar's Bathurst 12 Hour race held February 13-15, 2026.

"It's incredibly exciting for us to welcome the Corvette Z06 GT3.R down under," said GM ANZ Managing Director Jess Bala.

"Corvette has played a major part in the success of our GM Specialty Vehicles brand — and there will be many passionate Corvette enthusiasts who will love to see this ultimate version of the car debut on track at Bathurst in February."

"Bathurst is one of the most prestigious GT races in the world and it means a tremendous amount to me personally to be able to bring the program here," said Jessica Dane, Corvette Racing Program Manager.

"The GT3 platform allows us to compete in global regions that we never have before, and I'm so excited to bring the Z06 GT3.R to our Australian and New Zealand fans for the first time at one of my all-time favorite events."

With the 2025 racing season coming to an end, the Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3R has claimed the European Le Mans Series Championship with TF Sport while Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports took the GTD Pro title in the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship in North America. Two Corvette Z06s will also be competing in the Asian Le Mans Series which spans six races from December 2025 to February 2026. Other series where the Corvette Z06 GT3R is having an impact is the GT World Challenge in America, Asia, and Europe, as well as the International GT Challenge which opens its series in 2026 at the Bathurst 12-Hour race.

"The Meguiar's Bathurst 12 Hour welcomes the addition of the Corvette GT3.R, this is something the fans have been eagerly wanting to see for a long time," said Bathurst 12 Hour Event Director Shane Rudzis.

"To have the Corvette competing against the European manufacturers, is going to make for a highly anticipated matchup come February".

Corvette Racing should have some additional details including the car's livery and drivers at a later date.

1963 Corvette Split Window Hertz Rental 'Ski Vette'



Corvettes for Sale: 1963 Corvette Split Window Hertz Rental 'Ski Vette'

By Mitch Talley -Jan 9, 2026



When the 1963 Corvette debuted, it instantly became an American icon. But among the thousands of split window coupes built that year, only a handful were ever transformed into something truly unexpected: Hertz rental "Ski Vettes."

One of those ultra rare cars—believed to be the only surviving example—is now set to cross the block at Mecum Kissimmee on Friday, January 16, 2026 (Lot F323).

This particular Corvette, VIN 30837S113114, is a time capsule from a moment when Hertz decided to make a bold statement on the Colorado slopes.



1963 Corvette Split Window Hertz Rental 'Ski Vette'



Corvettes for Sale: 1963 Corvette Split Window Hertz Rental 'Ski Vette'

Purchased new by the company on April 24, 1963, from Luby Chevrolet in Denver, the car was part of a tiny fleet of Corvettes outfitted specifically for ski country rentals.

More than 60 years later, this Ski Vette remains remarkably intact. The car retains its matching numbers 327/250 horsepower V8, Powerglide transmission, and its original Ermine White exterior over red interior. Even the Hertz dash badge remains in place—a small but powerful reminder of its unusual past.



1963 Corvette Split Window Hertz Rental 'Ski Vette'



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The car's originality is supported by an impressive collection of documentation, including the original dealer order copy listing Hertz as the buyer, GM warranty booklet signed by Denver dealer Joe Luby, owner's manual, radio instructions, and GM pamphlets, NCRS judging sheets from 1985, a 1963 Colorado rental license plate, unused original spare tire, winter tires, and even period skis and the original suction cup ski rack.

The seller notes that the car has been preserved in its original configuration, with date coded components throughout—from the engine casting and intake manifold to the mirrors, glass, alternator, and starter. Final assembly occurred on April 17, 1963, aligning perfectly with the car's documented history.



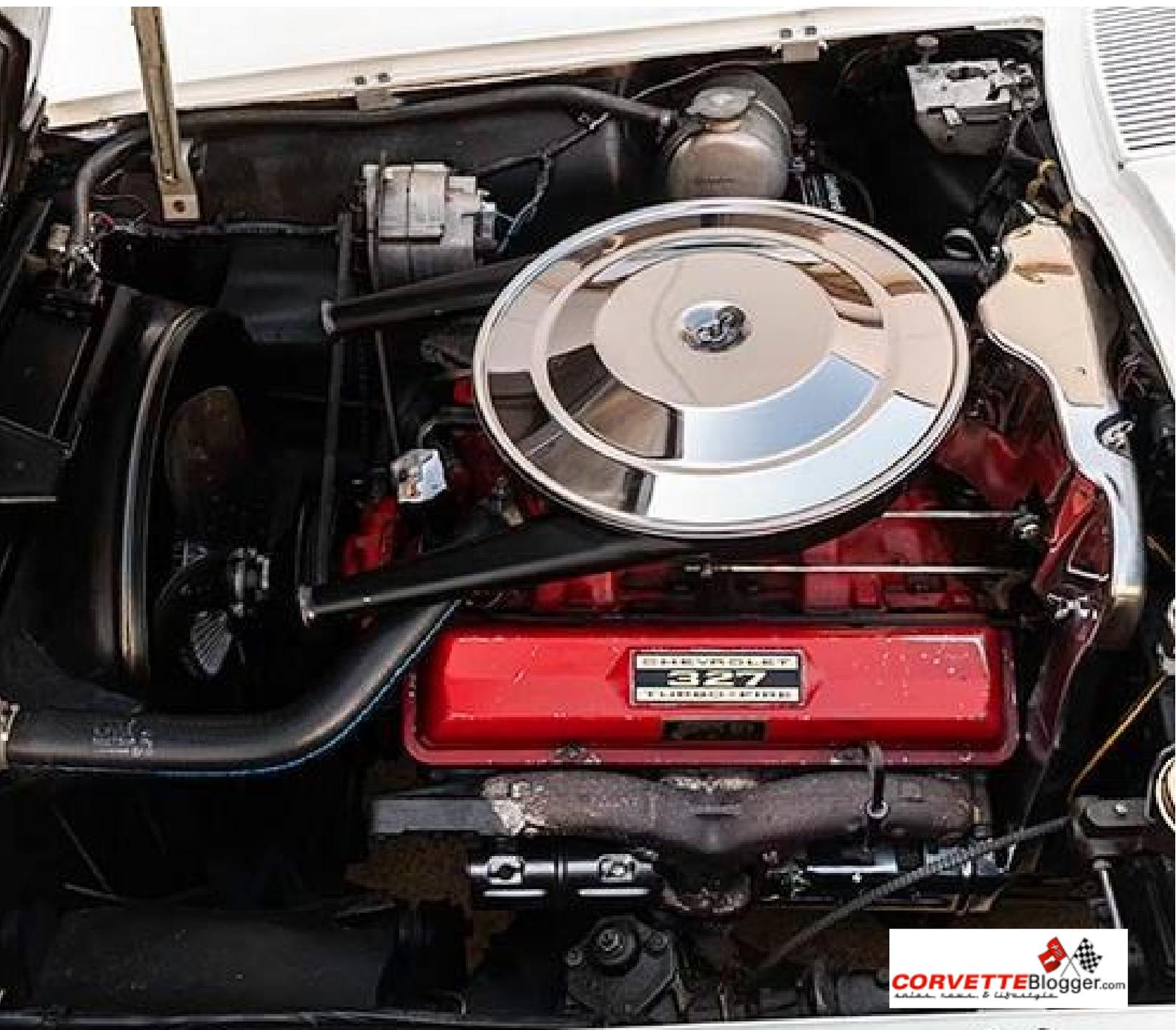
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Corvettes for Sale: 1963 Corvette Split Window Hertz Rental 'Ski Vette'

Fewer than 10 of these Ski Vettes are believed to have been built, and this may be the only one still in existence. The car sold at Barrett Jackson in 2019 for \$132,000, drawing attention for its authenticity and its unusual backstory.

Aside from a high quality repaint in 2016, the Corvette remains largely untouched. The original red interior—including the floor mats—still presents beautifully. The AM/FM radio and all gauges are functional, and the car retains its distinctive ski rack and accessories



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Corvettes for Sale: 1963 Corvette Split Window Hertz Rental 'Ski Vette'

The Ski Vette program was a short lived but memorable experiment. Hertz wanted to offer something extraordinary to travelers heading into the Rockies—something stylish, sporty, and unforgettable. Renting a brand new Split Window Corvette with skis strapped to the back certainly fit the bill.

We'd love to hear from someone out there who might have even rented a car like this back in the day. Were you that "wild and crazy" guy in the early 1960s?





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36th Corvette Nationals

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The Corvette Nationals is a premier event that unites passionate fans of the iconic American sports car, the Corvette. This year marks the 36th event in Australia, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before. Hosted by the Queensland Corvette Club Inc., in partnership with our esteemed sponsors and supporters, this year's event will take place at the stunning Peppers Resort Noosa on the Sunshine Coast.

At the heart of the Nationals are, of course, the Corvettes. From vintage classics to the latest high-performance models, the event will feature an impressive display of these iconic machines from across Australia. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to witness some of the rarest and most beautiful Corvettes showcased during the Saturday Show and Shine – the only public day of the event.

The Corvette Nationals is far more than just a car show – it's a four-day celebration for Corvette enthusiasts packed with activities and highlights designed to entertain and engage everyone. Kicking off with a Friday night Meet and Greet, the weekend also includes Saturday's Show and Shine and a dinner at Australia Zoo. On Sunday there are two exciting activities to choose from during the day, before culminating with the Gala Dinner and Awards Night in the evening.

Registrations for 'Get Your Kicks in 26' are now open online.

We encourage early registration to secure your spot and take advantage of exclusive early bird discounts.

We look forward to welcoming you to this unforgettable event, celebrating the legacy and future of the Corvette and the Australian Corvette community.

Drive Your Dream.

BRAD STUMER

Chairman – Corvette Nationals 2026



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36TH CORVETTE NATIONALS VENUE

Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas is nestled in the serenity of Noosa National Park on Queensland's picturesque Sunshine Coast. The resort is spacious and naturally designed to celebrate the sub-tropical environment, with views to both ocean and rainforest. Peppers is tranquil, yet only moments from the world-class shopping and culinary hub of Hastings Street and Noosa's stunning main beach, Laguna Bay. At this premium Noosa accommodation, you'll find the ultimate in eco-conscious sustainability with solar energy and rainwater irrigation.

Designed with two unique and beautiful accommodation concepts, there is the resort, where you're located right in the heart of it all. In a beautiful, airy penthouse or apartment you will be accommodated in style. Featuring fully-equipped kitchens, a laundry room, and dining areas, you are spoiled with all the conveniences you could desire.

Or discover your home away from home in a beautiful Noosa Villa. Spread out over two or three spacious levels, the Villas are truly unique. The beautiful villas encompass the essence of Noosa's tropical laid-back lifestyle. For a truly indulgent Noosa experience, you can't go past a Villa.

A concierge is available to assist guests who may need help with luggage. Peppers offers a complimentary buggy service which is available to take guests to the end of Morwong Drive at the base of the hill. From there, it is a short leisurely walk to Hastings Street.

Aside from spacious and stylish accommodation, Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas offers WiFi access, a gymnasium and steam room, complimentary car parking and 24 hour reception. For onsite dining, Park & Cove Restaurant provides a relaxing and welcoming environment.

Here, in Queensland's most stylish holiday destination, you can soak up Queensland's welcoming sunshine.



WHERE TO GO AND
WHAT DAY IS IT?



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Get Your Kicks in 26

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

- **Check-in** at Peppers Resort – Viewland Drive, Noosa Heads.
- **Registration** from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Ocean Room / Mezzanine above Reception.
 - Register and collect your event show bag, information pack, and identification tags
 - Late registrations will be accommodated.
 - Use this time to wash and polish your Vette, catch up with old friends, and meet new ones while enjoying the resort's facilities.
- **Meet and Greet** from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the bar / restaurant area.
 - Welcome Cocktail Event with canape service. Dress - Casual. Drinks - Cash Bar.
 - If you are leaving early Saturday morning, grab your pre-prepared Continental Breakfast pack.

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH

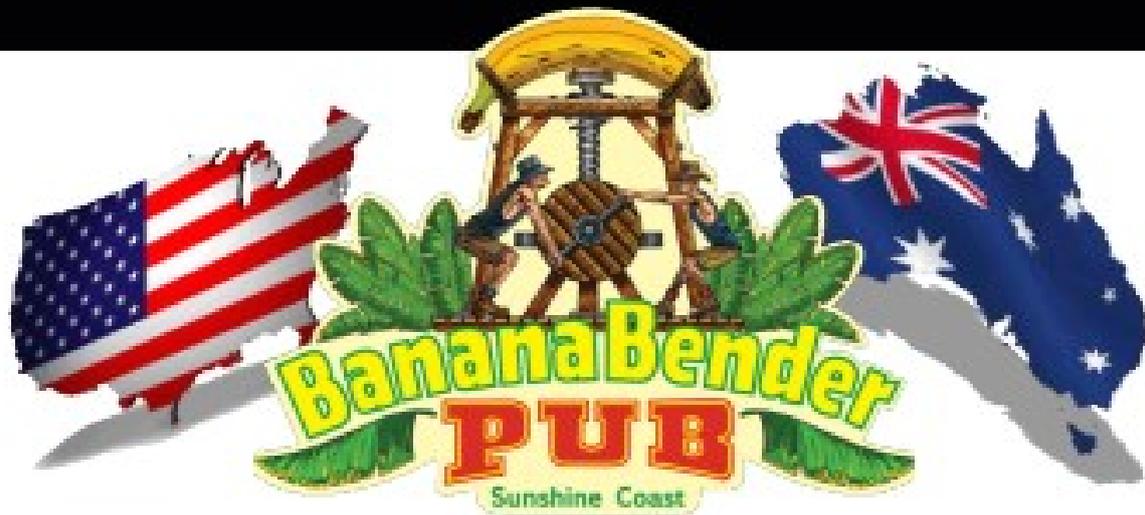
- **Breakfast** - your Continental Breakfast pack or from 6.30 AM at the resort, as per accommodation package.
- **Show and Shine** from 9:00AM to 1:30PM at the Banana Bender Pub (approx. 1 hour from the resort)
 - The venue opens at 6:00 AM for the placement of trade stalls.
 - All Vettes must depart the resort by 7:30 AM to be in place by 9:00 AM for judging.
 - Lunch (at own cost) available at The Shed behind the main bar for our exclusive use. Please remember to wear your national's wristband to access the area.
 - The Show and Shine will conclude at approximately 1:30 PM, leaving time to return to the resort and get ready for the buses to dinner.
- **Alternate Activity Option - Eumundi Markets**
 - Take a bus trip and enjoy the day at the Eumundi Markets (limited to 22 people).
- **Dinner** from 4:30 PM to 10:15PM at Australia Zoo
 - Enjoy a 1-hour trip to Australia Zoo for a BBQ buffet dinner from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, featuring roving animals. Dress - Casual. Drinks - 2-hour standard drinks package.
 - Buses depart from the Bus Station on Noosa Drive at 4:30 PM (approx. a 15-minute walk). Due to the resort's location, large buses cannot navigate to Reception. Those unable to walk down the hill will be transported by Peppers' golf carts and their 22-seat minibus.
 - Buses will depart from Australia Zoo at 9:15 PM to return to Peppers BY 10:15pm.
 - The resort bar will remain open until 11:00 PM.

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

- **Breakfast** from 7:00 AM at the resort, as per your accommodation package.
- **Morning Activity Option 1 - Hinterland Cruise** through the countryside from 8:30AM to 12:00PM
 - Depart from Peppers at 8:30 AM and return around 12:00 PM
- **Morning Activity Option 2 - Karting** from 8AM to around 11:00AM at the Big Kart Track at Landsborough
 - Depart Peppers at 8:00AM (extra cost - approximately \$90 for 2 x 15-minute sessions).
- **Lunch and Afternoon Activities** - at your leisure and at your own cost.
 - Relax and enjoy the facilities at Peppers or venture down the hill to visit the famous Hastings Street or enjoy some Queensland sunshine at the beach.
- **Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation** from 6:00PM to 11:00PM at Peppers in the Conference Rooms / Mezzanine above Reception.
 - Enjoy a 3-course sit-down dinner to conclude and celebrate the 36th Nationals. Dress - Smart Casual. Drinks - Cash Bar.

MONDAY 23RD MARCH

- **Breakfast** available from 7:00 AM at the resort, as per your accommodation package.
- **Farewell** old and new friends and depart at your leisure.



Corvette Nationals

SUNSHINE COAST QLD 2026



SHOW & SHINE





BBQ BUFFET DINNER SATURDAY AUSTRALIA ZOO



Join us on Saturday night for a truly unforgettable evening at Australia Zoo, where Corvette Nationals delegates will immerse themselves in the enchanting sounds of wildlife.

This exclusive after-hours gathering promises to be a memorable experience. Guests will be delighted by the presence of fascinating roving animals, including some of Australia's beloved birds and reptiles, all while enjoying a sumptuous dinner set against the tranquil backdrop of the Australian bushland.

Step into the Australia Zoo Crikey Café, adorned with festoon lighting and a charming native bush theme, for a night filled with wonder. Engage in a meet-and-greet with a variety of native and exotic birds and reptiles, with plenty of opportunities to capture stunning photographs.

Savour a delicious BBQ buffet featuring mouth-watering options like Wagyu beef sausages, marinated chicken and tofu skewers, and grilled vegetables, complemented by hearty sides such as potato salad, coleslaw, garden salad, and fresh bread rolls. To elevate your dining experience, a selection of wine, beer, water, and soft drinks will be available.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary dinner at Australia Zoo – it's sure to be an evening to remember!





CRUISE THE HINTERLAND COAST OR TAKE THE BIG KART CHALLENGE



Activity Option 1 - Hinterland Cruise

From rolling hills and craggy mountains to breathtaking beaches and waterfalls, the Sunshine Coast is a region of beauty.

Jump in your Vette and join us as we take the morning to explore the beautiful hinterland. Drive through the National Parks and enjoy the spectacular scenery. Drive to iconic mountain towns like Mapleton, Maleny and Montville, with time for some shopping or a bite to eat. Drive up to the Glasshouse Mountains to take in the epic surrounds. This will be a cruise to remember with great cars, great company and great countryside.

The cruise will leave Peppers Resort at 8:30am and return approximately 12:00pm.

Activity Option 2 - The Big Kart Track

The Big Kart Track on QLD's Sunshine Coast is the largest commercial go-kart track in Australia. An international standard race track, capable of running 50 go-karts at one time, with 1.2km of track - this venue has got it all. Straights, bends, chicanes, and hair-raising hairpins. Find the rush you desire. Multiple different length packages are available for the Sunshine Coast's Big Kart Track, ranging from 15 minutes all the way up to an entire hour's worth of go karting fun! Bookings are only required if you are looking to bring 12 or more people.

Payment for bookings will be made on the day at the venue. The cost is approximately \$90 for two 15-minute sessions.

The track opens at 9:00am, so aim to leave Peppers Resort at about 8:15am.

For more information about location, pricing, inclusions and restrictions:
<https://www.bigkart.com.au>



GALA DINNER
& AWARDS NIGHT



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SUNDAY GALA DINNER & AWARDS

For a truly special evening, our Gala Dinner and Awards Presentation will be returning to Peppers Resort - one of the region's largest conference and event venues and our home base for these Nationals. Our Sunday night will be spent dining in the combined Conference spaces of the Rainforest, Aqua, and Ocean rooms, located on the main mezzanine in the restaurant area. This space can accommodate up to 220 guests so there will be plenty of room for all to eat, socialise, and celebrate a successful Nationals.

Throughout the evening, we'll host trophy and award presentations, hear from guest speakers, and hold a small auction to raise funds for our supported charities. Afterward, you'll have the opportunity to dance the night away or simply unwind and reflect on the weekend.

The dinner will feature a three-course alternate drop sit-down menu and will be served from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. The dress code for the evening is smart casual and drinks will be available at the Cash Bar.

A plate at this event is more than just a meal - it's a chance to create fond memories, share laughter, and enjoy a memorable experience together.

Don't forget - If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know in advance, and we'll make the necessary arrangements.



Photo courtesy of 2013 Toowoomba Nationals



Photo courtesy of 2013 Toowoomba Nationals



Convention room (Photo courtesy of Peppers Resort Noosa)

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36th Corvette Nationals

SUNSHINE COAST AUSTRALIA 2026

Get Your Kicks in 26

Thank You to All Corvette Clubs, Members, Sponsors and International Guests

On behalf of the Queensland Corvette Club Nationals organising team, we extend our sincere gratitude to all Corvette clubs, members, sponsors and international guests for your unwavering support over the years. Your enthusiasm and dedication have been vital in making these events the success they are today.

We are fortunate to have such a passionate community that celebrates the love of Corvettes and fosters camaraderie and charity. Your continuous participation makes this event special, and we truly appreciate your commitment.

We also want to thank our international guests for joining us, enriching the experience and highlighting the global Corvette community.

In addition to celebrating our shared passion for Corvettes, your generous support of our chosen charities, Camp Quality and Rosies, will make a real difference. Your contributions will help these organisations continue their important work, and for that, we are incredibly grateful.

As we look to the future, we are excited to continue this journey with all of you. The Corvette Nationals would not be the same without the support of such an incredible network of people, and we look forward to many more years of celebrating our shared passion, supporting worthy causes, and making lasting memories together.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping us make a positive impact.

With sincere appreciation,
Drive Your Dream,

BRAD STUMER
Chairman – Corvette Nationals 2026



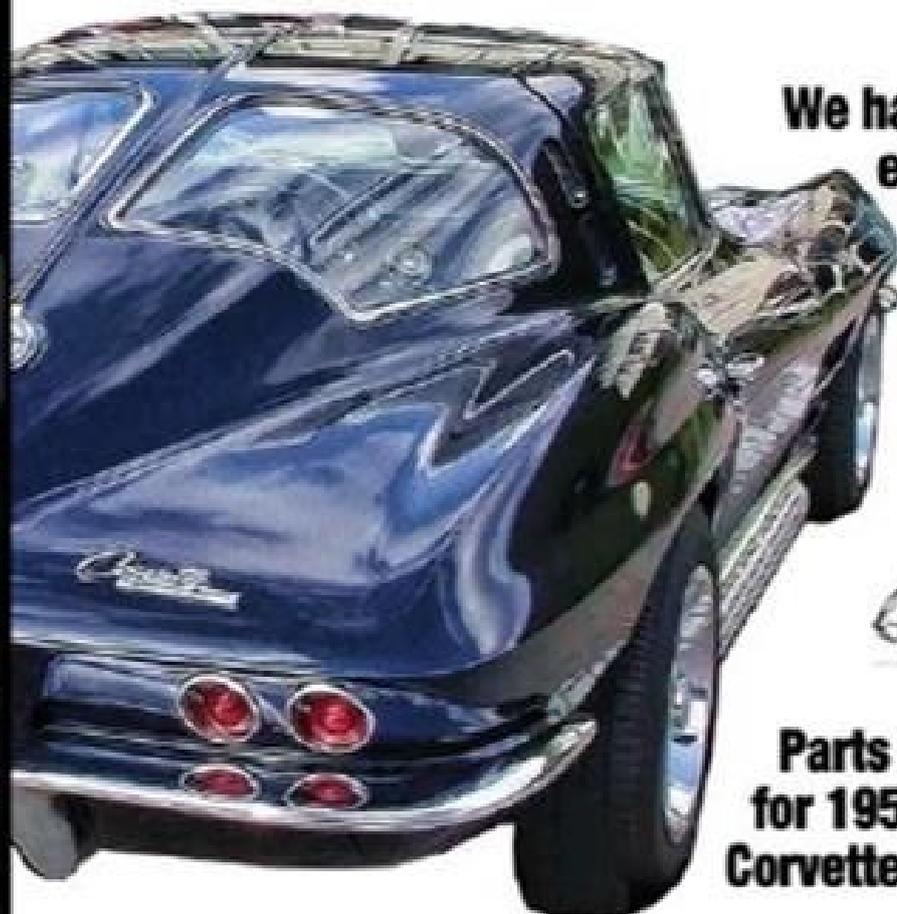
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Blasts from the Past



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 Vettes 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 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.

Under 30 and interested in Australia's Motoring Heritage?

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For information on eligibility and how to apply go to www.ahmf.org.au

What is the Robert Shannon Foundation?

The Robert Shannon Foundation was founded in 2003 to perpetuate the memory of Robert Shannon, founder of Shannons Insurance, who died unexpectedly in March 2000.

Robert was an avid classic car enthusiast, who especially enjoyed his 1930 Buick 5 Type. He was a strong supporter of the historic motoring movement and was concerned that it was not attracting enough younger people, particularly in the restoration and preservation of historic vehicles.

Our Aim

In 2003 the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) established the Robert Shannon Foundation to provide encouragement for people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage and classic motor vehicles.

To achieve this, the Foundation may:

1. Help with the purchase of specialist tools or equipment,
2. Assist with the actual cost of the restoration work,
3. Contribute toward TAFE or tertiary fees, or
4. Contribute toward any project considered worthwhile by the Trustees.

Robert Shannon Foundation
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The Robert Shannon Foundation is not affiliated in any way with Shannons Insurance

You are driving down the road in your corvette on a wild, stormy night, when you pass by a bus stop and you see three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old lady who looks as if she is about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life.
3. The perfect partner you have been dreaming about.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing that there could only be one passenger in your corvette? Think before you continue reading.

This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application. You could pick up the old lady, because she is going to die, and thus you should save her first. Or you could take the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect chance to pay him back. However, you may never be able to find your perfect mate again.

The simple answer: "I would give the car keys to my old friend and let him take the lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the partner of my dreams. Sometimes, we gain more if we are able to give up our stubborn thought limitations. Never forget to "Think Outside of the Box."

HOWEVER..... The correct answer is to run the old lady over and put her out of her misery, have sex with the perfect partner on the hood of the car, then drive off with the old friend for a few beers.

You gotta love happy endings.

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Corvettes of Western Australia Brick at Corvette Museum.

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DON CAROL LYNDAY

years ago the 'CLUB' paid for and sponsored this 'brick' to be laid at the Museum in an effort to assist the museum and get some recognition. Some of the details eg cost and time when it was done have escaped me but I'll contact some of the other, not so active older members and get it to you. The guy in the image is Patrick Hehir and was in A back to collect his NEW 2015 Z06. You may recall him at Margaret ri story..

be of interest to the newer members who are perhaps unaware of Ron

Social Report



Social Report

3rd Dec 2025	Wednesday Cruise – Ravenswood Hotel
7th Jan 2026	Wednesday Cruise – Bindoon Bakehaus & Café
13th Jan 2026	General Meeting—Bassendean Bowling Club
18th Jan 2026	Sunday Cruise – Restaurant Cafe Coast Port Bouvard Marina Wannanup
4th Feb 2026	February 2026 – Wednesday Cruise – Bistro By The Dam Serpentine Dam
22nd Feb 2026	Sunday Cruise – Victoria Hotel Toodyay

We had a great finish to 2025 and It's been a fantastic start to 2026 for Corvettes of WA with strong turnouts at our recent cruises and events. Our Christmas party at Lake Karrinyup Country Club was a standout event and definitely a venue we will return to. We've had some pretty good buffets but this one was by far the best we've had. I will look to book this venue again for this years Christmas party.

Recent past runs have included Ravenswood Tavern, Bindoon Bakery, Cafe Coast at Port Bouvard Marina, Serpentine Dam and Victoria Hotel in Toodyay. It's always impressive seeing all the Corvettes lined up and out on the road.

There's plenty coming up.

Wednesday 4 March we head to Walter's River Café at Point Walter Reserve for our Midweek Cruise. We'll meet at the venue for a 12pm booking (arrive around 11:30am). RSVP required by Monday 2 March — see the event email for full details.

Sunday 15 March we cruise to the Yanchep Inn in at Yanchep National Park. The club will cover park entry for members, our cars will be displayed out front, and we'll be seated on the verandah where we can keep an eye on them. À la carte menu or Sunday roast available.

Our General Meeting is Wednesday 18 March at Bassendean Bowling Club (7:00pm for 7:30pm). The key focus will be planning for the 2029 Nationals in WA, including forming a dedicated Convention Subcommittee. The Lucky Member Draw jackpot now sits at \$150 and must be claimed in person.

Sunday 29 March is the Perth Classic Car Show at Robinson Reserve in Tuart Hill (10am–4pm). With over 100 clubs and more than 1,000 vehicles expected, it promises to be a fantastic showcase.

Looking further ahead:

- Wednesday 1 April – Midweek Cruise to King Road Brewery.
- Sunday 26 April – Northam Motor Sport Festival – Flying 50 & Shannons Car Show.
- Sunday 3 May – Club Picnic / BBQ at the Motor Museum of WA. The club will provide lunch and members receive \$10 museum entry on the day.

It's shaping up to be a busy and enjoyable few months. I look forward to seeing plenty of Corvettes out and about.

Regards,
Natalie Page

WHAT'S ON



Cruising



December 2025 – Cruise – Ravenswood Hotel



Cruising



December 2025 – Cruise – Ravenswood Hotel



Cruising



January 2026 – Bindoon Bakehaus & Café



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February 2026 – Gnomesville

October 21 southwest road trip was meant to include Gnomesville unfortunately due to weather it had to be bypassed. Finally made it there today to drop this little guy off. – Thanks Wez



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Membership Report



Welcome to our New Members

If any of your details have changed, please email Andy - membership@corvettesofwa.com with any amendments to your details.

Welcome to our New Members : **Nic Bennett**

Jamie & Victoria Hoggett

Thomas & Jacqui Schaefer

Bryan & Marina Smith



Current Membership @ 156

Happy Birthday to our Members

Ladies :

December

Fabiola H, Shiaun L, Helen B, Heather E, Tracey K, Lee-Anne M, Nancy M, Fatin M, Carol O, Marie O, Dagmar S, Bernice M

January

Wanida J, Julie J, Karen L, Julie R, Andrew P, Michele S, Nicola W, Del W

February

Laura A, Julie A, Helen D, Sharon G, Sharon K, Debbie M, Marina S, Maxine T, Samantha U

Gents :

December

Shane A, Nic B, Graeme C, Phillip D, Herman D, Gary F, John J, Peter L, Graeme L, Rainer G, Jim R, Bob S, Brian S, Michael S, Ross T

January

Brad D, Don H, Peter J, Anthony K, Warren L, Mack M, Kevin M, Con M, Grant R, Quintin S, Martin T, Greg W, Rex W

February

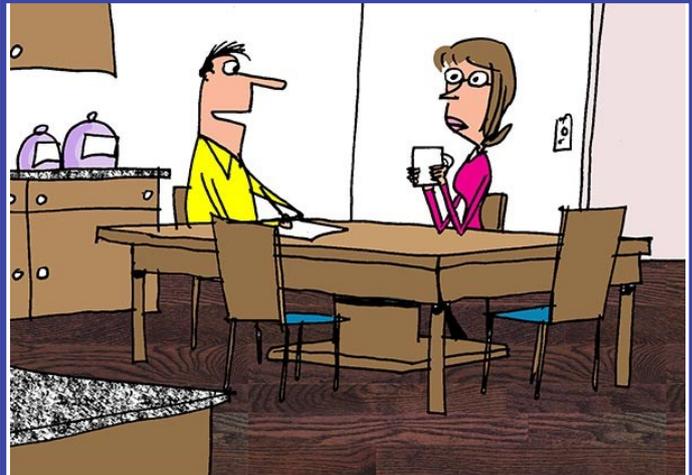
Barry B, Tony H, Philip H, Wesley H, Brad H, Peter J, Steven K, Chris M, Lee P, Alex S, Michael V, Michael J, Bryan S, Danny W



Comic



"I keep going to the dealership to look at their Corvettes. I'm wearing a disguise so they don't think I'm obsessed."



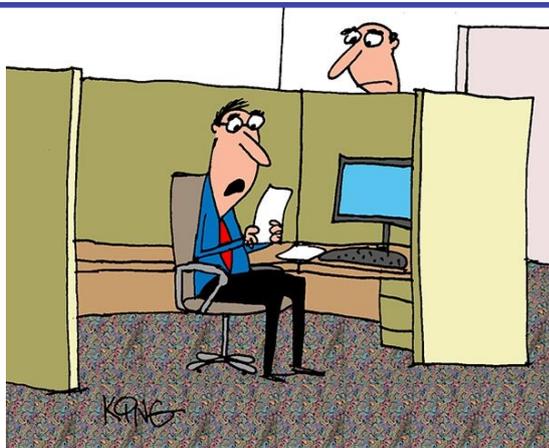
"I'm making New Year's resolutions that I know I won't break. They're all Corvette related."



"Being stuck in traffic would be much more fun if I was sitting in a Corvette."



"I hacked into Santa's computer. Not only did I take us off his naughty list, you and I are getting new Corvettes."



"I was hoping that our Christmas bonus would be more than a photo of our boss with his new Corvette."



"I realize it's not as fun as a ride in my Corvette, but dad doesn't take it out in this weather."

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

Ron F

1961 Corvette Convertible-C1



Features

Year: 1961

Model: C1

Body Style: Convertible

Engine: 283 cu in /230 hp

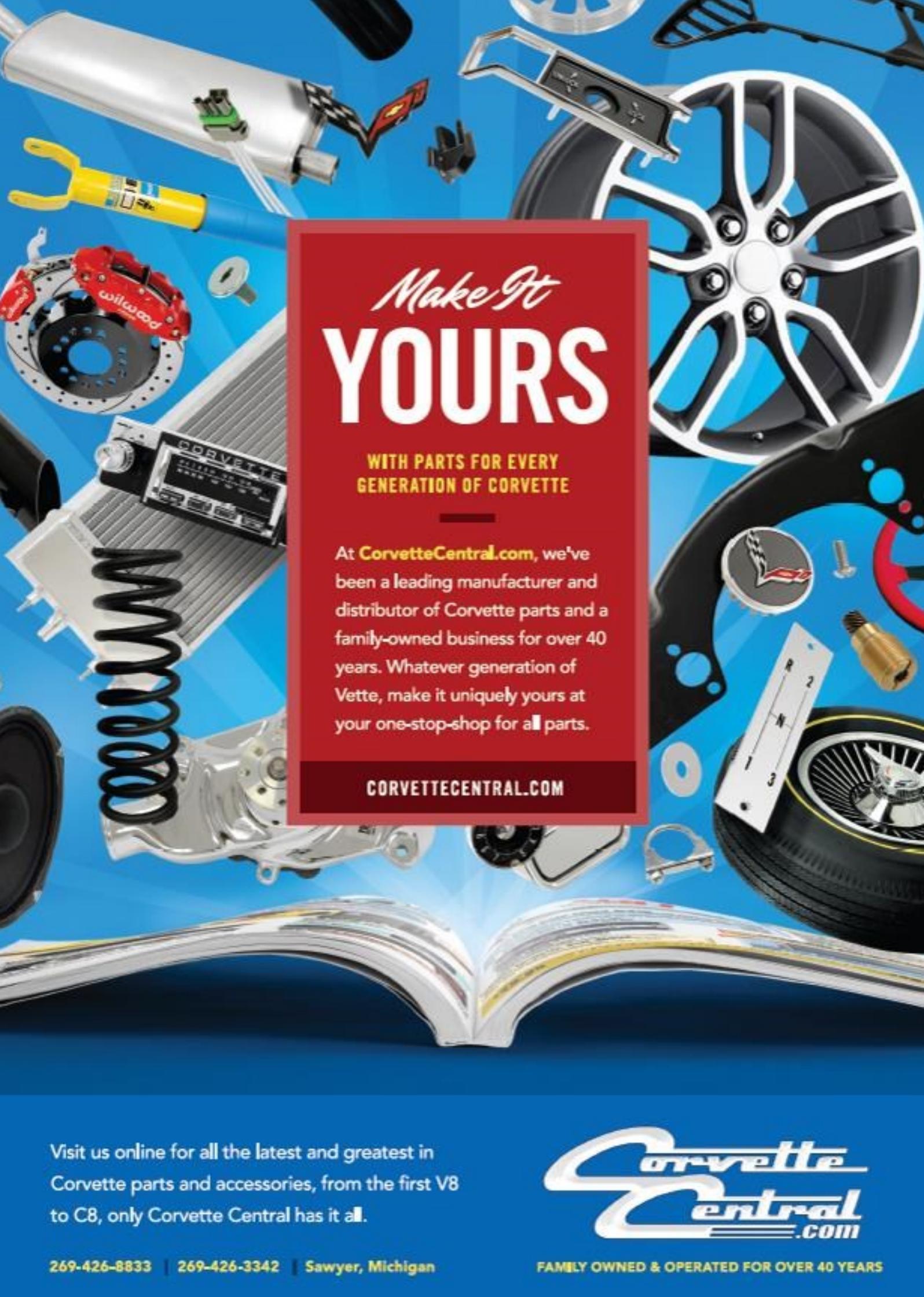
Transmission: 110 - 4-speed manual

Exterior: Tuxedo Black

Interior: Jewel Blue (one year only '61)

Corvette Details

This '61 has been in the owners possession since 1982 and only after retiring has a full body off along with a comprehensive 'nut and bolt' restoration taken place. Only finished for club registration on 1st July 2025 and ready for the road.



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Factory Racing



How to Watch the Five Corvette Z06 GT3Rs at the 2025 Rolex 24 at Daytona



By Mitch Talley -Dec 9, 2025

Photo Credit: TF Sport for Corvette Racing

Corvette factory drivers Charlie Eastwood and Nicky Catsburg will be on the TF Sport racing team battling for next year’s FIA World Endurance Championship.

The announcement today comes on the heels of a recent two-year extension of TF’s partnership with Corvette Racing.

Eastwood, who will be entering his ninth straight year with TF Sport, is expected to be reunited with long-time co-driver Salih Yoluc in the renumbered and rebranded No. 34 “Racing Team Turkey by TF” Corvette Z06 LMGT3.R , according to reports.

“I can’t wait to return to the WEC for a third year with Corvette,” Eastwood told dailysportscar.com. “Last year we made great strides, with a podium finish at Le Mans and a chance to win the championship in the final race. It was a really positive progression. Now we have to build on that.”

Eastwood said the TF team is “improving” and “working hard” on making the lineup “as strong as possible” to have the best shot at winning another World Endurance Championship for Chevrolet and Corvette.



1961 C1 Corvette Restoration



1961 C1 Corvettes Restoration

Ron has spent many hours Restoring his 1961 and it shows, see the progress images below and stay tuned for Part 2 in the next edition



First sighting of the '61 in South Perth ,1971

C1—1961 CORVETTE

Powered by a 283cu in ,230hp V8 .It is mated to a 4 speed manual gearbox. Fuel is by a 4 barrel Carter carburettor.

Paint and bodywork by owner. Colour is TUXEDO BLACK with a SATEEN SILVER cove.

Interior is a reproduction of the original ,JEWEL BLUE (1 year only).

The VIN # shows that this Corvette was the 414th to leave the assembly line on September 14th 1960. An early build!

OPTIONS: As chosen by the original USA owner are:

Auxiliary Hardtop. Whitewall tyres. Two tone paint. Positraction Rear Axle. AM Signal seeking radio. Heater. 4 Speed G/ Box.

This Corvette has been in the current owners possession since 1982 and has only recently been licensed (July'25) for use on WA roads after a complete 'body off ,nut and bolt 'restoration to ensure that it is as "close as possible" to the day it rolled of the assembly line.

The only non original items are RADIAL TYRES and 2K Base/Clear paints. Originally ,Duco /Lacquer. Drum brakes and no power steering make for an "interesting" driving experience. These were not available in 1961!.

1961 C1 Corvette Restoration



1961 C1 Corvettes Restoration



With all parts removed, the body is lifted from the chassis.



Another image of the lifting device.

1961 C1 Corvette Restoration



1961 C1 Corvettes Restoration



Rolling chassis is moved away to fit a body support 'jig'.



Body 'jig' and supports plus castors.

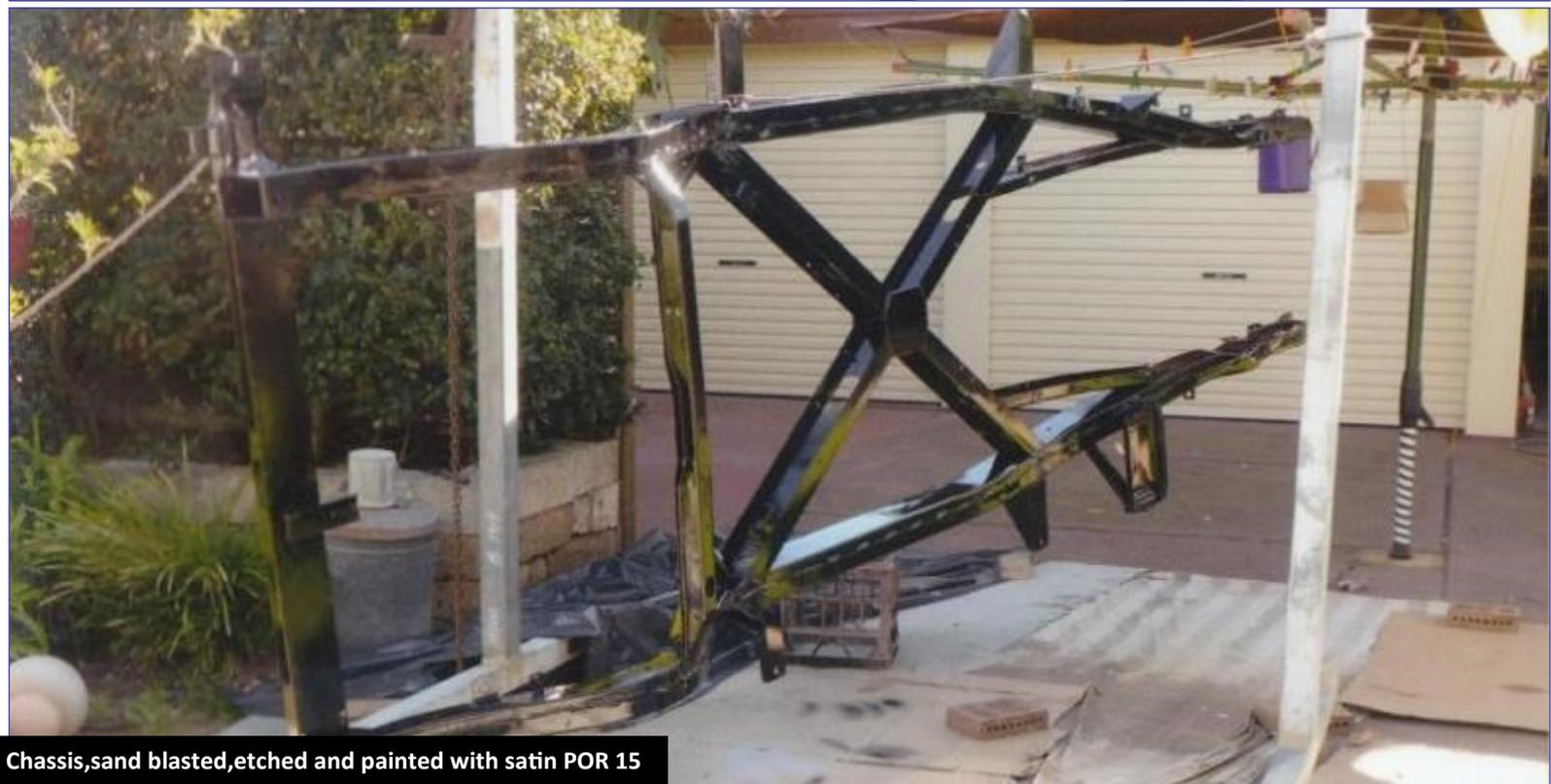
1961 C1 Corvette Restoration



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Now the work begins, strip down and rebuild /restore the chassis.



Chassis, sand blasted, etched and painted with satin POR 15

1961 C1 Corvette Restoration



1961 C1 Corvettes Restoration

THE BODY.



Removing the Acrylic paint with stripper to reveal and repair issues. (No major surprises but a couple of "not so good



LH front wheel had gone AWL at some time and split the fender on the way out! Lower section near the bumper is another "job to fix".

1961 C1 Corvette Restoration



1961 C1 Corvettes Restoration



Poor repair removed and cut back to fresh clean f/glass.



Cut out section ready for new panel to be grafted in. front wheel had gone AWL at some time and split the fender on the way out! Lower section near the bumper is another "job to fix".

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New section glassed in and finish prepped. RH side, same as LH side.



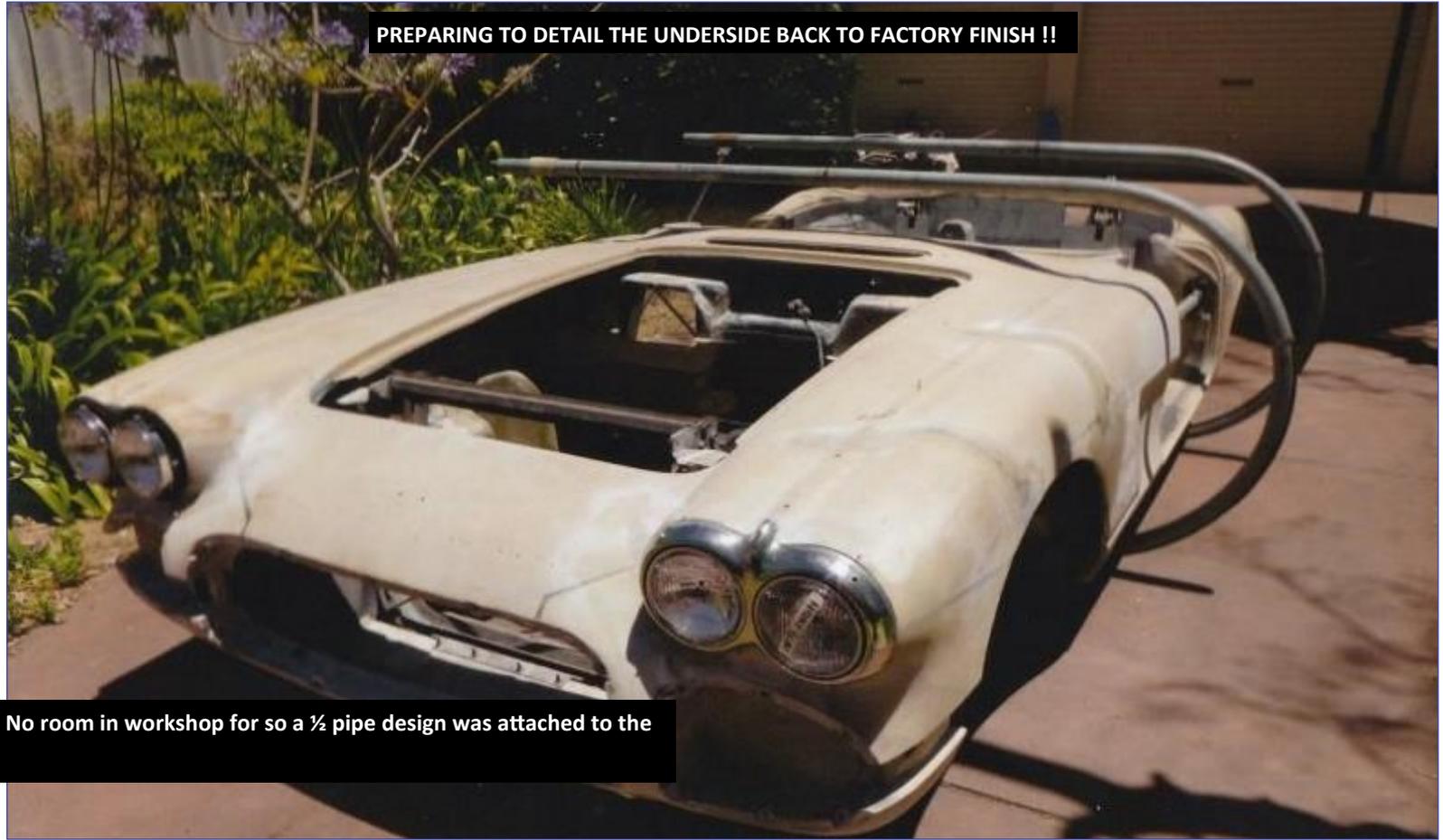
New piece made , fitted and grafted into place.

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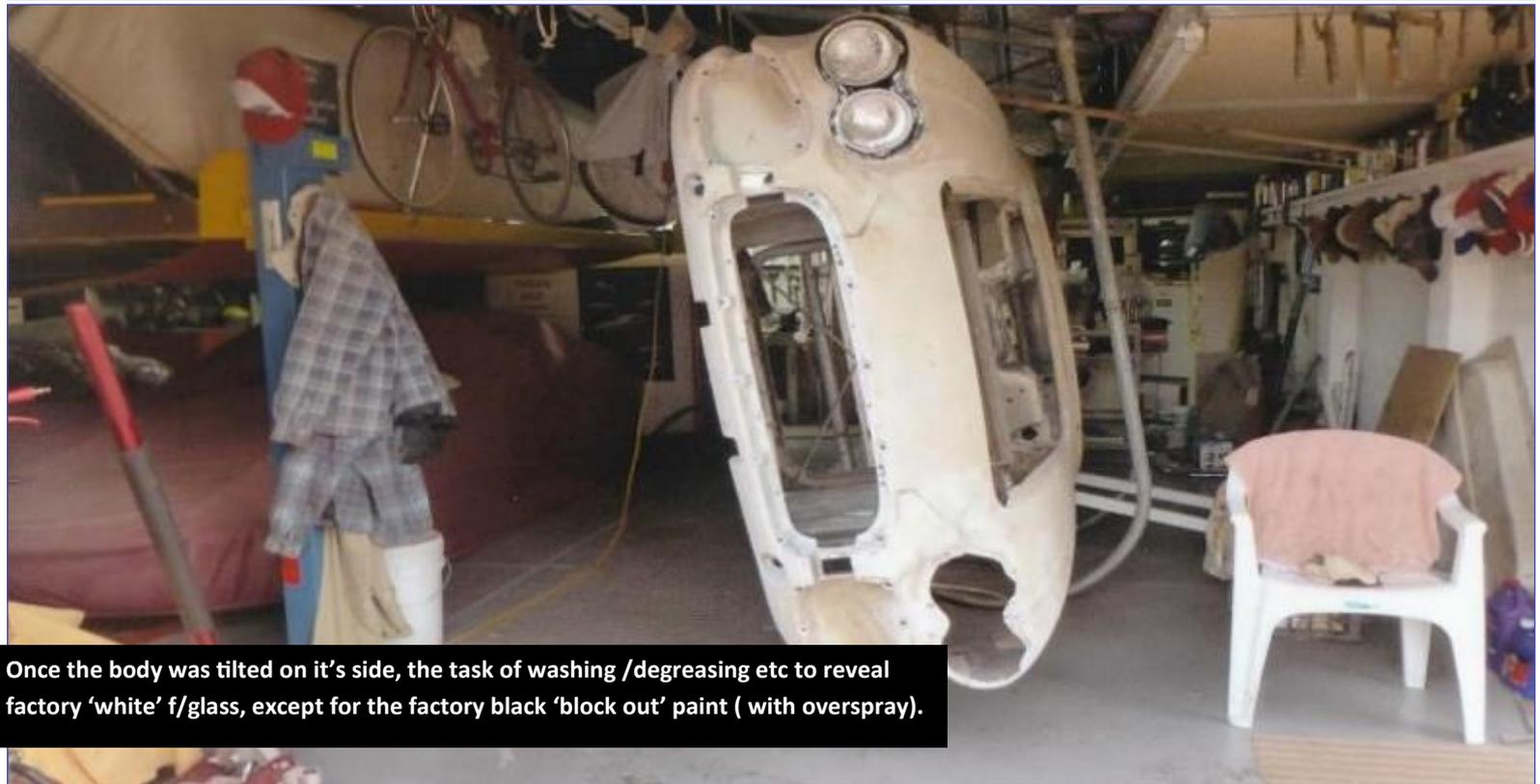


1961 C1 Corvettes Restoration

PREPARING TO DETAIL THE UNDERSIDE BACK TO FACTORY FINISH !!



No room in workshop for so a 1/2 pipe design was attached to the



Once the body was tilted on it's side, the task of washing /degreasing etc to reveal factory 'white' f/glass, except for the factory black 'block out' paint (with overspray).

1961 C1 Corvette Restoration



1961 C1 Corvettes Restoration

PREPARING TO DETAIL THE UNDERSIDE BACK TO FACTORY FINISH !!



To be continued!.....

Next time,

- * Preparing the body for paint.
- * Firing up the 283 in the rolling finished chassis.
- * Assembly of body parts etc.

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.

1962 C1 Seat Frames



Seller's Notes

For Sale, C1 Corvette seat frames .

Solid metalwork (A light sand blast and paint to look like new) NO runners!.

Pick up in WA or will send anywhere at purchasers cost.

Make an offer to Ron 0429 347 014 or

email: ronanddawn1@bigpond.com

They are out of a '62 but will fit most C1's.

Corvette C6 Factory Polished Rims



Seller's Notes

Genuine set of factory C6 – Z06 polished rims no scuff marks or scratches \$1600.00

Contact Greg 0400 754 219

Classifieds



Corvette C3 1968 Convertible

Seller's Notes

1968 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible, L79 matching numbers engine.

Complete body off restoration with mostly original and Factory correct parts, in Phoenix, Arizona before being purchased and shipped to Perth.

Original (VIN Matching) Code L79 327 CI / 350 HP, 11.5:1 Compression, Factory installed Hi-performance cam

Original (VIN Matching) Munchie M20 4 speed transmission.

Original 3:36 Positrac differential.

List of work below:

Strip down and repaint job with excellent gaps.

Engine compartment refurbished, new wires, plugs, rotor and cap, coil, rad hose, etc.

All original or repro.

New rebuilt carb and manifold, Rochester Quadrajet as original but not matching numbers.

Original carb and manifold included

New Soft Top

Perfect chrome all round

Frame, excellent, zero rust

New Goodrich Red line 70R15 Tyres

Car comes with 2 steering wheels, original as well as 14inch

Professional new Le Mans Blue paint job

Factory correct power brakes added in 2022.

All instruments work including clock

Car Cover

Licensed in WA

Asking: Reduced \$85,000.00 negotiable.

Con Michaels

Mob: 0419 954 205 Email: con@balconi.com.au



Classifieds



Corvette C5 1997 Coupe

Seller's Notes

1997 Corvette

100,000 Ks

Arctic White/Firethorn red

The C5 Corvette is an exciting and rewarding car with amazing handling and braking. The cars are all 25 years old now and in need of some restoration or repair. There are fifteen to twenty inbuilt problems which are known to occur in these cars. Some of these can be checked through the Driver Information Centre on the car . A trouble code will be present with a C for current or a H for a history . Following is a list of items repaired and replaced on this car.

Drive Train: Change engine oil filter and engine oil. Change Differential Oil. Replace Transmission fluid and Filter Replace shift cable, (fail item) replace transmission electronic selector and adjust shift pattern. Replace spark plugs and leads . Replace oil pressure sender (fail item requires removal of inlet manifold). Replace air conditioning compressor ,battery, air cleaner filter. Drain and replace engine coolant (requires removal of starter motor). Replace RHS oxygen sensor

Chassis: Replace RHF wheel bearing, brake rotors, rubber brake hoses, brake pads and all brake fluid. New tyres ,correct wheels and wheel align car. Clean all body earth points (fail item)

Body: Replace both headlight lift motors (fail item). Replace windshield wiper motor (fail item) , replace door and roof weather strips (fail item water leaks) . Replace LH window lift motor .

Interior: Remove and shampoo carpets. Repair printed circuit in dash corroded due to water leaks. Repair rocking in seats (fail item) and replace seat tilt lever in drivers seat ,a plastic item which brakes in time. Replace rear speakers (fail item from water leak when rear hatch is opened when wet) Adjust door glass .

Body is 100% undamaged with 98% original paint.

Asking: \$49,000.00

Colin Morris

Ph: 0409 111 850 Email: info@corvettewest.com.au



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Various C6 Corvette Parts New & Used

Seller Notes

Parts located Perth WA

Call Greg to pick up. 0400 754219

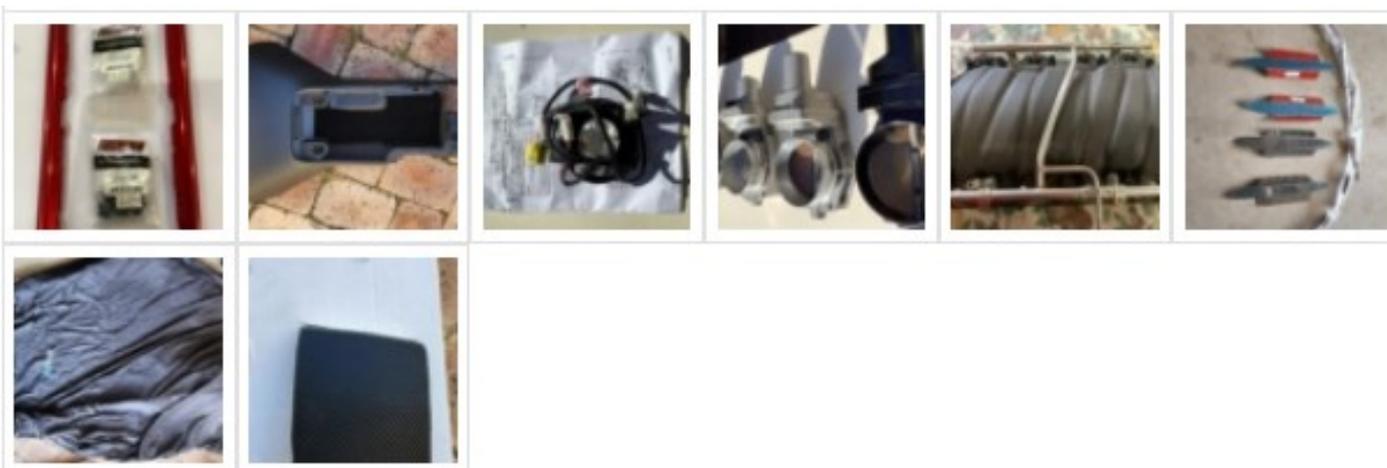


Image 1	C6 MSD Atomic Fuel Rails with Fittings \$100.00
Image 2	C6 Rear Consul Cover C6 – \$20.00
Image 3	C6 Steering Wheel Air Bag Cock Spring – New in Box – \$150.00
Image 4	2 LS Throttle Bodies different makes 90mm – Make an Offer
Image 5	Factory LS7 Intake manifolds with Fuel Rails – Make an Offer
Image 6	Side Vent Grills for C6 with Shark Grill – Make an Offer
Image 7	Custom Double Layer Car Cover to suit ZR1, has Mirror Pockets and ZR1 Logo – Brand
Image 8	C6 Petrol Cap Carbon Wrapped – \$20.00

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