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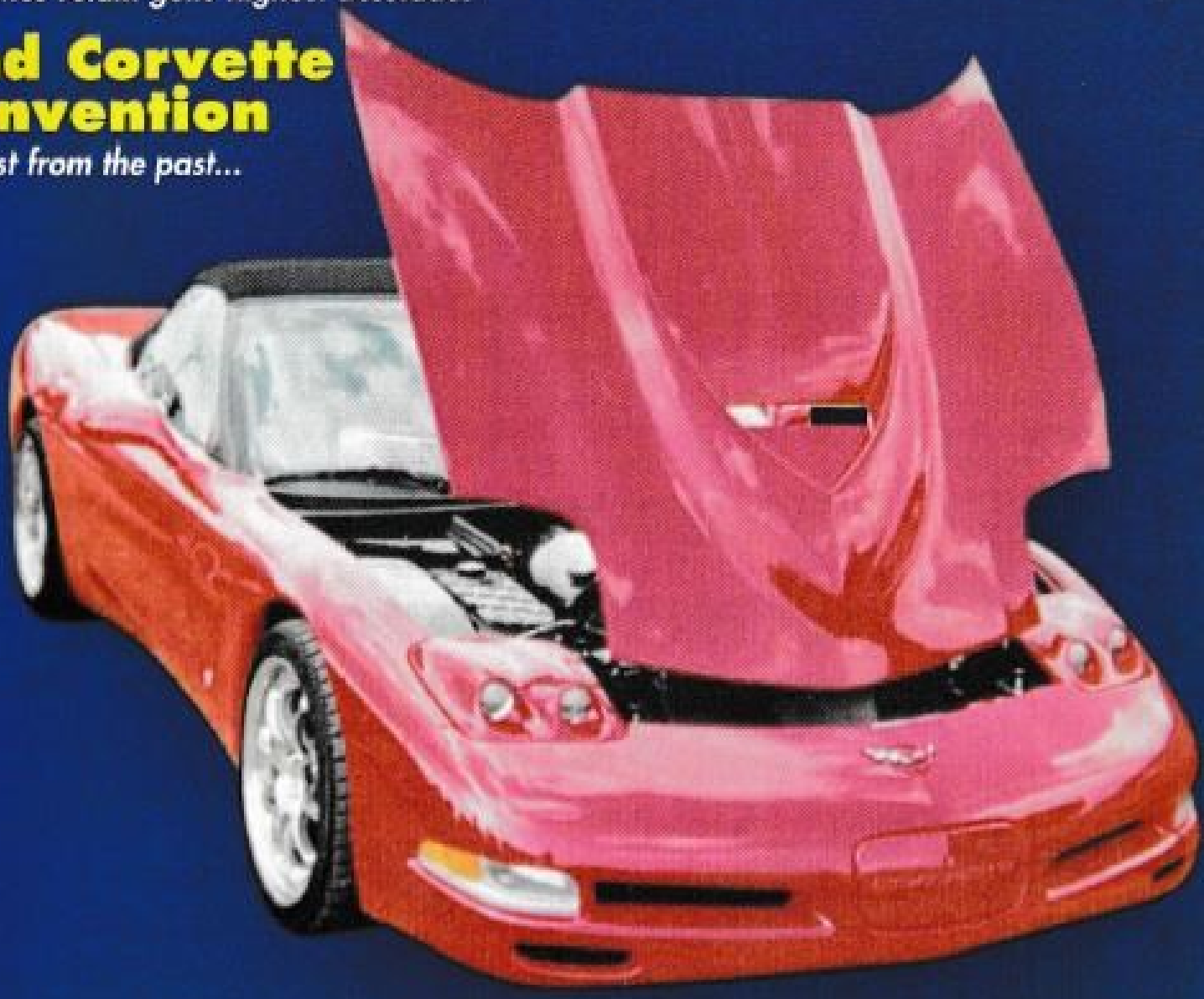
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Cover Pic: Just one of the thousands of Vettes on display at Carlisle. Read the whole story on page 5

The purpose of the club is to encourage the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of all Corvettes. We are a non-profit making organisation. Meetings are held at the Odin tavern, Erindale Road, Balcatta. Dates and details to be advised in West Coast Vette Torque. Membership is available to all Corvette owners and enthusiasts.

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MOVING? Please send address changes to the Membership Chairperson.

Top line of address label includes your club membership number and your month and year of membership expiry.

Membership to Corvettes of Western Australia and subscription to Vette Torque is available to all Corvette owners and enthusiasts. Membership may be obtained by contacting the Membership Chairperson.

How much?.... Membership is only $40.00 per year and a once only nomination fee of $20.00.

Executive Exhaust

by the Editor

Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to another edition of Vette Torque. With Christmas almost on us again both Jill and myself would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas.

Boy what a start to the new Spring-Summer season. With all the current problems throughout the United States, we wish all our fellow vetters and their family's over there our sincerest best wishes for the future. On the evening following the big disaster I turned on the television only to see rubble being removed from the World Trade Centre site, sitting on the back of a truck were crushed vehicles, one being a C5 Corvette, recognisable only by its distinctive rear wheels, lights and tail section, the rest was crushed flat. You bastard! Osama bin Laden.

On to brighter things. **Club meetings will now be held on the third Tuesday** of each consecutive month, the next meeting is the 20th November, this gives the members who belong to the Mustang Club a chance to attend both, see we are not hard to get on with, we try to accommodate every one. **Friday night cruises** now start from **Hamburger Hill**, as Speedys has closed, more about that later in the mag, any queries contact Rod or Greg.

The weekend away at **Margaret River** had a great turn out, but the run down proved exciting to say the least. Rain rain and still more rain, the hardest down pours I've ever driven in, who said corvettes don't like rain? A couple of times I had a problem keeping the car in a straight line, due to the road becoming a river, (wide, low profile tyres aren't meant for water sports) I backed off the loud pedal and left the wipers on full and I survived, and only one small leak. Jill and I would like to thank all those who came along for the good company and the great time, more in the Margaret River report.

The introduction of **rule 14** (concessional licences) appears to have achieved it's aim in the fact we received further feed back. It just goes to show that most members read the mag.

By the sound of it January can't come fast enough for one member, I hear there will be a big bow to the **Callaway** party at Darryl's on the arrival of the new family member, I'll definitely be there!

Adelaide next year is shaping up to be a big affair, there has been a lot of interest from our members. Container space is filling rapidly. Contact Terry Martin for details.

If you haven't entered your Corvette in the **Chevrolet Odyssey** please do so as the club is endeavouring to put on a huge display, - it will be a great weekend!

I'm sure the Corvette Club could hire it's self out to all the drought stricken areas of WA, mention **Autokhana** and bam, it comes down in buckets, not a big roll up but every one enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Darryl for setting up our first official Cams orginised event, and for being clerk of the course. It must have hurt not having a drive but your official duty called. It will be someone else's turn next round! A big thanks to Rod Tunn and Floody also to the lovely ladies Margaret and Ester for your timing and scoring prowess. A thank-you to Jacky and Zeljko for your help with the cooking, and congrats on your 23rd Wedding Anniversary, check out the Autokhana feature on page 18.

Please keep the stories and articles coming in. Check out the Social Calendar and mark the dates so you don't forget, Rod and the social committee have put in the effort for you guys.

till next time, enjoy....save the wave.

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Presidents Report

Corvettes of Western Australia

To our members,

As summer approaches, we wish to inform the active members who havn't been out, about whats been happening over the past 12 weeks or so Complete with the odd leaking roof, it is worthy to mention some of the great days we have enjoyed in recent time. Thanks to our very active social committee we've had four days at **Margaret River** (beautiful, I wouldn't like to pay the water bill after all those spas copped a hammering!) a cruise day and luncheon at **Gingin**, a top day at the annual Vette's versus Pontiac Club Botanical **Golf BBQ** Day plus the first of our **Friday night coffee cruises**, have set the tone for the remainder of the year.

By the time you read this our first **CAMS** sanctioned Autokhana will also have been run at Caversham

Those members still intending to got to Adelaide for the **Corvette Convention** on 29 March 2002 need to finalise things very quickly. Still plenty of rooms available but you need to organise your shipping of your car with Terry Martin ASAP. Please be aware however that the **Clipsal 500** has been brought forward a week and is now two weeks before the convention not one.

Our sensational new two colour option **club polo shirts** have been launched! The new shirts in grey and burgundy will go like hot cakes so get in quick. We have only ordered an initial batch of 40 in various sizes. They will sell at almost cost at $30 each. At that rate you can afford to have one of each.

Our now regular "Poker Runs" and raffles with club sweaters being the winners prize are also proving a real hit with much of our stock on-hand now being moved.



Poker Run winners - Peter & Nalda Haskins

Over the coming weeks your committee will be looking for suggestions for next years annual weekend away venue, so if you have an idea or a fresh concept that we may consider please let us know ASAP as these things take some planning.

Finally I've sold my beautiful bronze coupe to make way for the Callaway. *Only 65 more sleeps.....*

Darryl Lockhart

President



GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES
CORVETTES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Held on Tuesday 11th September 2001 at the Odin Tavern, Balcatta.

At 7.40pm the President, introduced Sandra Kelley (State Manager) and Stephen Fox (State Council Chairman) from CAMS.

Stephen Fox talked about CAMS role in Auto racing/car events and answered any queries from members. We were also given an outline of what procedures and rules we would have to follow when organising Motorkhana Events. The club was presented with a Handbook, which included all Rules and Regulations and also a file with additional information and forms.

We thanked them for attending the meeting.

GENERAL MEETING OPENED: At 8.20pm

PRESENT: Ian & Sheryl Gibbings, Patrick Hehir, Esther Brockwell, Terry Martin, Rod Tunnercliffe, Mike Zappelli, Rob & Sharon Peterson, Greg Walker, Jacky & Zeljko Sunjich, Darryl & Margaret Lockhart, Gerry Dutton-Smith, Brian Morton and Peter Turner.

APOLOGIES: Ron Flood, Sandy & Phillip Robertson.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
Darryl Lockhart spoke of why he had invited members of CAMS to our meeting and discussed our coming Motorkhana Event (21/10/01). Forms were handed out to be completed by members wishing to become Officials at these events.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:
Sheryl Gibbings reported that there had been very little correspondence needing her attention and that President and Social Committee had dealt with incoming correspondence.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
Gerry Dutton-Smith reported that the last mail out had been completed and that a couple of members had decided not to renew their memberships. Four new members had joined since the last meeting. The club's bank balance is healthy and in the next few weeks a large cheque would be written to cover accommodation expenses and subsidy's to those who had pre-paid their weekend at the Margaret River Resort.

EDITOR'S REPORT:
Greg Walker had commenced the Oct/Nov issue of our newsletter. He outlined how important it was for members to send in articles for publication and to send the Member profiles back to him.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:
Rod Tunnercliffe outlined the Coming Events that had been added to the Club Calendar.

- A drive to Gingin and surrounding areas.
- Margaret River Road Tour – 11 couples had booked
- Chev Odyssey – as this is a weekend event, the timetable was discussed and prices for each event. Rod will phone members who would normally participate in Show & Shine events. Entries to be sent before the end of September.
- Christmas Lunch – Sunday midday, 9th December, this year at the Swan Valley Oasis, West Swan Rd. $30 per person. Cheques payable to the Corvette Club in advance. Confirmation of numbers at least 2 weeks prior.
- Botanic Golf – BBQ with Pontiac Club.
- Autokhana 21st October. Meet 10.30, Depart 11.00 from Fast Eddy's Morley, drive to Caversham in convoy.

NEW BUSINESS:
Polo Shirts – Darryl advised that there was a minor change in the colour of the new Club shirts, one of the fabrics chosen at the last meeting was no longer being manufactured. Caps had been ordered and were now in stock.

Driver Training Course – held at Gloucester Park. Darryl had received information on a training course that would be held and beneficial to members participating in Motorkhana events.

Trophies (2) – donated by Terry Martin. One would be raffled pre Xmas and the other Post

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Social Committee Report

Now that Spring has sprung and Summer is on the way (or is it winter with all this rain?) car club activity is picking up. We have had our run to Gingin, Margaret River weekend away, Botanic golf day with the Pontiac club and our first autokhana under CAMS rules.

Gingin was a good run in the green countryside stopping at the Gingin Hotel and Cheriton and then across to the coast for coffee at Quinns. Margaret River weekend was again up to its usual high standard with those hot spas being the main saviour on the long, wet, weekend. It was good to catch up with local members Peter and Nalda Hoskins, Sharon Martin and Edward, Allan Christine and Emma Sunderland and Don Watt. Many thanks to Peter for acting as local tour guide and advisor, your local knowledge was invaluable.

Botanic golf with the Pontiac club was won by Greg Burns with a 44. Gardens were a real oasis as per usual. Our first autokhana under CAMS rules went ahead rain hail or shine and we had the lot. Commenting from a competitors' point of view entry into one of these events is the best fun, even with a wet bum, and double the fun with drivers becoming passengers, navigators or even just ballast for your competition. Can't wait for the next one!

Night cruises now depart from Hamburger Hill at 8.30pm on the first and third Friday of the month.

Please book your places for the **Christmas lunch** no later than 23rd of November. This year we have chosen the Swan Valley Oasis Restaurant in Henley Brook for a change (refer add this magazine). Corvettes will have privileged parking at the front of the restaurant.

Coming up in the new year we have tried to pick dates that do not clash with other popular events, some of which we have specifically incorporated into our calendar, such as Big Als, Whitman Park, Classic quarter mile sprint etc. We will still have plenty of cruises, barbecues and autokhanas so keep up to date with what's going on.

Best regards,

Rod, Jacky and Esther.

Secretary's Report

I received correspondence regarding the purchase of an hour long video "American Heartbeat Down Under" which I will take along to the next meeting on the 20th November where we will decide on whether or not to purchase some copies.

Neil Grant had written a letter with concern about the Concessional Licence Rule change.

Darryl Lockhart replied to Neil.

Darryl had applied for a permit from CAMS to conduct the Motorkhana in October.

Darryl has also received permission to use the RAAF facility at Caversham in October.

I also typed up a Scrutineer's Sheet for Motorkhana Events so that all vehicles entered pass a standard safety check.

Sheryl Gibbings

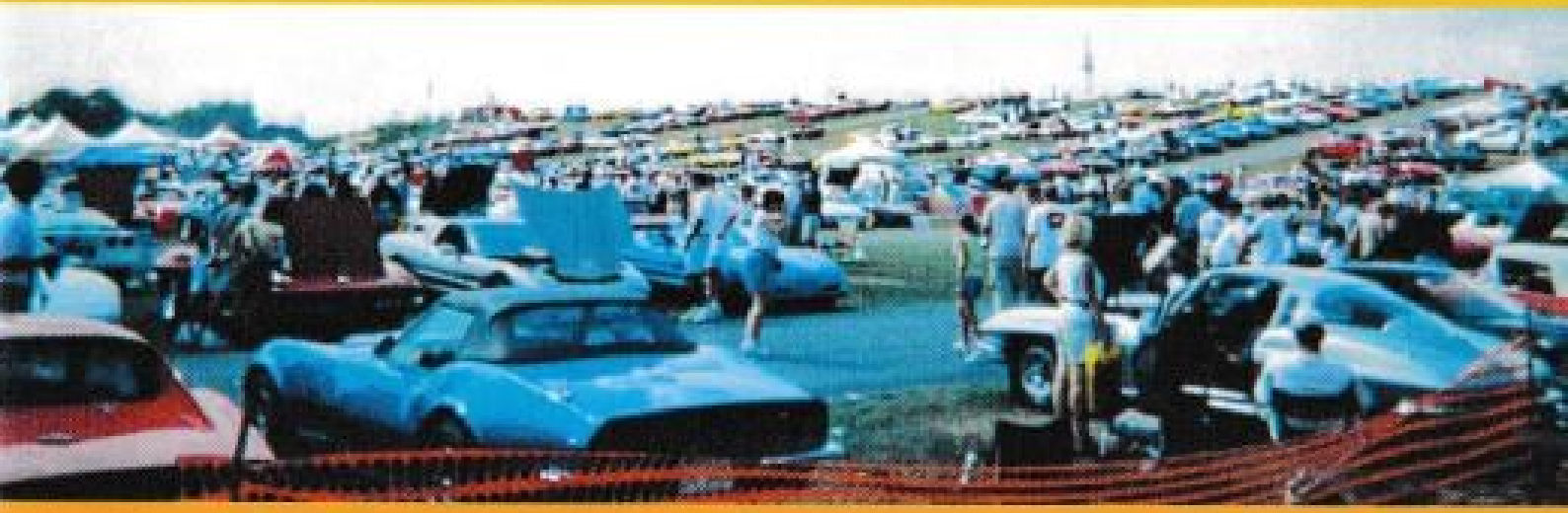
Membership Report

Corvettes of Western Australia wish to welcome our three new members

Ian Johns	**95' Camaro Big Big-Block**
Anthony Werndly	**69' Convertible**
Mick Saggers	

CORVETTES @ CARLISLE

by Brett Clarke







Brett Clarke keeps us informed on all the ACTION at Corvettes biggest party!

In my last article driving the C5 in Charlston, Southern Carolina, I mentioned I would be going to Bloomington Gold but I didn't make it. Due to this and when reading the latest Corvette Fever magazine I noticed the Corvette's at Carlisle event was on, and it was a short hop, skip and jump from Montreal, about a $300 return airfare.

I took the opportunity and booked ahead and arrived in Harrisburg Airport, Pennsylvania on Thursday afternoon 26 July ready for the big long Labour Day Weekend. I would only be there for Friday and Saturday and would miss out the final day including the parade.

I drove from Harrisburg to Carlisle and noticed an increasing amount of Vettes as Carlise came closer. I got off at Carlisle at one of the many Pennsylvania Turnpikes and proceeded to the hotel, which had some 50 vettes of various years parked outside getting ready for the big day tomorrow. Many C5's to the point of being common! Remember that up to 10,000 vettes come to Carlisle each year.



The morning of 27 July, I hopped into my car (a Chevy Malibu) and drove to the Carlisle show grounds and was parked and inside the gate by 8:30am ready for a big day.

The decision once inside the gates was firstly, do I go to the swapmeet or do I go to look at the cars. As some cars were still rolling up, I decided on the swapmeet.

The swapmeet was simply awesome, rows upon rows of small, medium and large vendors selling their wares from 1953 to 2002. I probably spent 60 to 70% of my time there in the two days I had at Carlisle. A lot of visitors are well prepared with many in electric golf buggies with large containers in the back for parts storage once purchased. I was wondering why many avid collectors were rolling up on the previous day pulling a long trailer with a massive Ford F250 or GMC Sierra 2500 with a couple of Vettes and a golf buggy. I picked a quite a few goodies including front licence plate bumperette, expansion tank with brackets, air cleaner, window felts (with correct white stitching), etc etc, for under $300US. All right numbers. I also picked up a new soft-top with frame etc for prices that were 60% of ZIP or Corvette Central's catalogue prices. Excellent value. I also met a fellow Australian from the Corvette Club of Melbourne, Philip (cant remember his surname) who was looking for parts for his 57. I would have met more Australians but the Corvette Club of Western Australia caps and T-Shirts didn't arrive in time.

There were a few wrecks in the offering as well, from a 1998 C5 with 33,000 miles on the clock and the front end passenger side pushed in by 50mm. A good job for an industrious panel beater with a laser aligning rig. Price $14,999. Sold for $10,000. All panels OK except for the passenger side front fender, engine and all components OK. A bargain for those that know how to fix. Plenty of others including a less than driveable C1 for $4000.

After spending many a time at the swap meet I ventured off into some of the pavilions and bought some T-Shirts, polo shirts, met the official vendors for Bloomington, purchased a

62' water colour (you know the one with Budweiser in the background on the brick wall) of Dana Forrester and chatted to him for a few minutes. He eventually personally signed the water colour. Also saw Mrs Alexander Duntov and her son who were officiating at several of the judging events. Also saw a sign stating "Corvette Engineering", but this was for a lesser organisation at Bowling Green who only design and produce C5's, not a patch on Kat's Corvette Engineering in Perth.

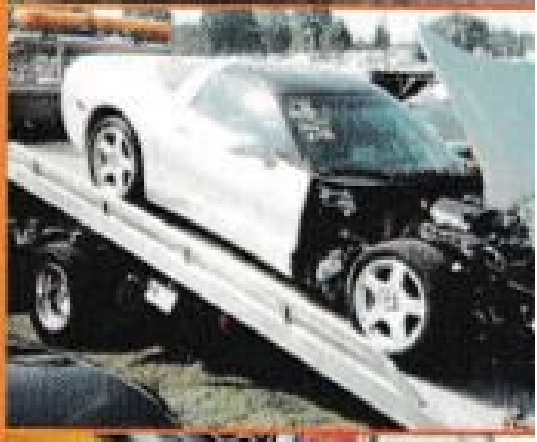
Walking around the grounds looking at the various years, some unusual vettes were noticed including C1 and C3 station wagons, C5 GM Racing Vette (from Le Man's 24hr Class Victory), a few C4 and C5 Callaway's, a road driveable twin turbo Lingenfelter C5 producing 700hp+, a C2 custom with 1200hp+, an original 61 GM Racing Vette, many concourse Bloomington Gold, NCRS examples and to cap it off, a driveable 53 NCRS Survivor, amazing!

The experience was excellent and the bargains are there with the massive swapmeet and the 700 or so Vette's for sale. I'm disappointed I wasn't there for the last day with the parade through the city, but maybe another time. So Long.





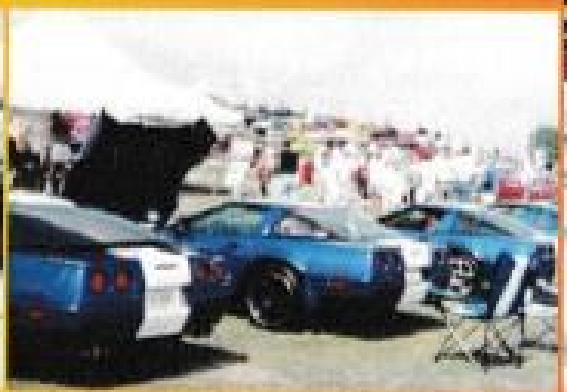






avid collectors were rolling up with a couple of Vettes and a golf buggy!







Members please read this letter recieved from the Transport Department regarding changes to the Concessional Licence

TRANSFER OF VEHICLE LICENCE FROM FULL RATES TO CONCESSIONAL RATES AND VICE VERSA

The process of transferring a vehicle from full rates to Veteran, Vintage Invitation etc. Class and vice versa needs to be clarified.

In the past it was possible to transfer a vehicle from full rates to concession code 404 merely by attending a Licensing Authority, producing proof of financial membership of an approved club and requesting the Customer Service Officer to effect the change.

Similarly it was possible to transfer from concession code 404 to full rates as long as proof of previous licensing on full rates could be produced to the customer Service Officer.

The situation changed when NEVDIS was introduced in November 1999. As of that date the Year of Manufacture, Body Type and Chassis Number/VIN could not be altered unless the operator entered a VIN Verification Number onto the vehicle licence record. A VIN Verification Number may only be produced by a Departmental Vehicle Examiner following an enquiry to the NEVDIS data base. As it is essential to ensure that the information provided to NEVDIS is accurate an inquiry to NEVDIS will only be initiated from information verified by either a departmental vehicle examiner or an authorised club examiner. In the case of club examiners appointed by transport to VVIV clubs, the check is conducted by the audit team at Welshpool and they will only respond to information obtained from a Certificate of Inspection (MR1) signed by an authorised club examiner. This means that the vehicle must be examined and an MR1 raised before a VIN Verification Number be issued.

There have been occasions in the past when members of approved vintage etc clubs have managed to convince a Customer Service Officer to transfer the vehicle license using the earlier method. However since it is not possible for the operator to alter the body type on the licence to the correct type, the vehicle record and the new licence will contain incorrect information and this may have a number of implications concerning insurance and law enforcement matters.

A vehicle being transferred from full rates to concessional rates is also required to be examined to ensure that it has not been modified in contravention of Departmental policy. A club examiner is able to examine these vehicles. However a club examiner is not able to examine a vehicle being transferred from concessional to full licence rates.

Please ensure that your members are aware of these requirements.

Yours faithfully

WT Halliday
Executive Director
Licensing Division
31 Oct 01



Spotlight on a Member





Members Name: Rodney Hitchins

Phone: 08 9293 4319

Born (Place, Month & Star Sign): Perth, Taurus

Job Description/Occupation: Builder

Name of Spouse or Partner: Rhonda

Number of Children: Three

Pets: 1 Dog - Rhodesian Ridgeback + Staghound cross

What I do when I'm not breathing Corvettes: Fishing, Scuba Diving

My Corvette/s: 1966 427 Roadster, 600HP, - 1994, Red, Modified

My Dream Vette & Why? My 1966 when its fully restored

Greatest Cruisin'' Experience: 245kph at Wiluna Race-track in my 94 vette

Music you'd hear in my car stereo: Commitments, Beatles & Kevin Bloody Wilson

Who rides in my passenger seat: My wife or one of my children

Corvette pet peeve: Rice rockets thinking they can match the power of a vette.

My favourite

Book? Playboy
Music? Beatles
Movie? As good as it gets
Food? Japanese & French
Movie Star? Julia Roberts
Restaurant/café? Hayashi & Loose Box

Length of membership in Corvettes of WA: 6 years

Reason for buying a vette: Always wanted one from age of 16

I enjoy my Vette most when: Weather is fine & the top is down.

CLUB-PERSON OF THE YEAR

POINTS SCORING SYSTEM FOR MOST ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBER

THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE 4 PRIZES. 1ST, 2ND & 3RD AND THEN A SECOND CHANCE DRAW WHERE THE MORE POINTS YOU HAVE THE MORE CHANCES YOU HAVE. **SO GET ACTIVE!**

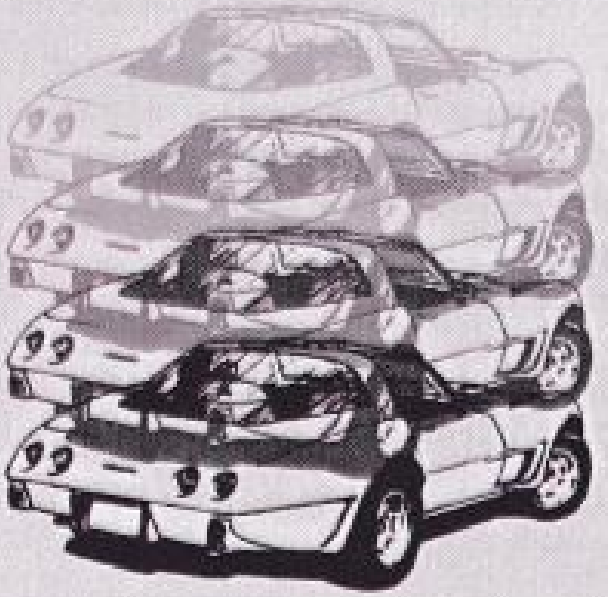
HOPEFULLY THIS WILL ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS & EVENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND PERHAPS ALSO TO HASTEN THE COMPLETION OF THEIR VETTE (IF STILL NOT ON THE ROAD).

Points will be awarded for :

Attending a meeting with or without your Corvette	2 pts
Attending an event	3 pts
Attending an event with your Corvette	5 pts
Submitting an article for our Newsletter	5 pts

COMPETITION RULES:

1. Only financial club members can participate.
2. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the club President is final & binding.
3. No correspondence entered into.
4. Prizes not transferable or redeemable for cash.
5. Competition closes AGM May 2002



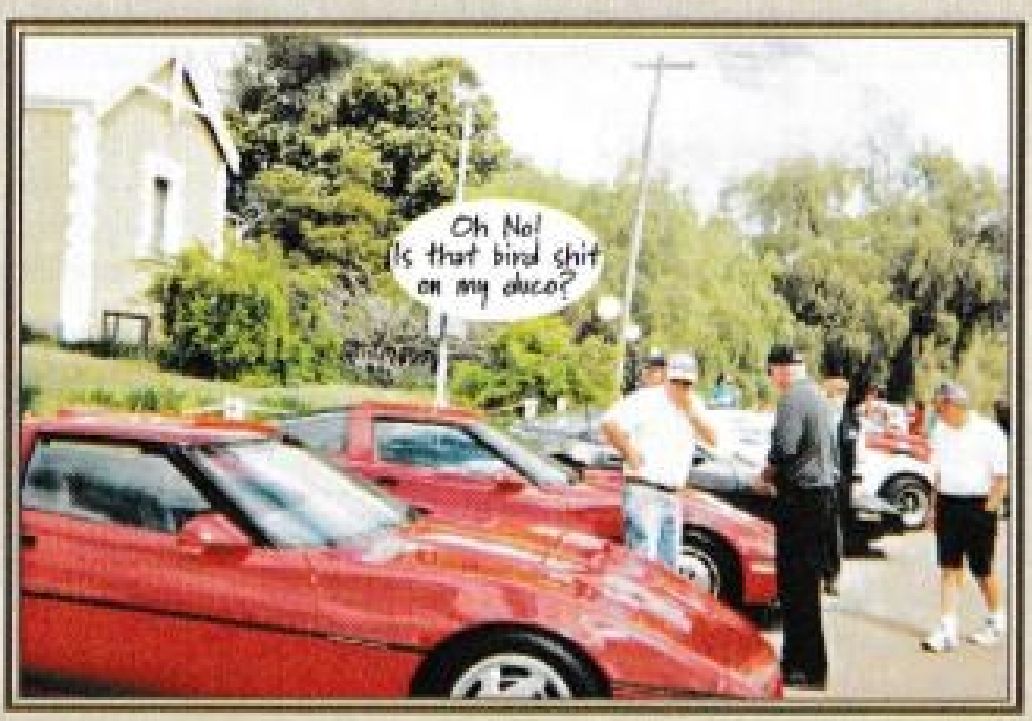
PROGRESSIVE POINTS SCORE TO DATE (October 30 2001)

TUNNERCLIFFE, Rod & Lorraine	77
BROCKWELL, Esther	64
WALKER, Greg & Jill	62
SUNJICH, Zeljko & Jacky	52
LOCKHART, Darryl & Margaret	45
BROWN, Peter & Barbara	22
COVES, Chris & Trish	22
FLOOD, Ron & Dawn	22
HEHIR, Patrick & Marie	20
MITCHELL, Tony	17
BURNS, Greg & Joanna	15
FORWARD, George & Katie	15
OLIVER, Steve & Joanne	15
O'LEARY, Peter	14
PETERSON, Rob & Sharyn	14
GIBBINGS, Sheryl & Ian	12
MARTIN, Terry & Ann	12
McAULEY, Tom & Bev	12
CLARK, Brett	10
CLARK, Dave & Gaye	10
DELICH, Mick & Jenny	10
HOSKINS, Pete	10
ZAPELLI, Mike	9
DAVIES, Alison & Wayne	8
PEKIC, Zelco & Stella	8
DUTTON-SMITH, Gerry	7
EASTMAN, Larry	7
ALDRIDGE, Steve & Jean	5
ANDERSON, John	5
GRANT, Neil & Kim	5
HASLAR, Brad	5
MARTIN, Edward & Sharon	5
MIEKLE, Greg & Aileen	5
ROBERTSON, Philip & Sandra	5
SUNDERLAND, Alan	5
WATTS, Don	5
QUIN, Doug & Chris	3
MORTON, Brian	2
TURNER, Peter	2

-GINGIN-

by Jackie Sunich and with help from Greg Walker

What a great spring day for a country run. The group, consisting of Darryl and Margaret Lockhart, Rod and Lorraine Tunnercliffe, Greg and Jill Walker, Zeljko and Jacky Sunich, Patrick Hehir and Marie, Rob and Sharyn Peterson, Ester Brockwell and Brad Hasler assembled at Alfreds Kitchen. Then we headed off for our first stop at Little River Winery for a morning coffee.



With the weather being so nice, off came the tops for a bit of wind in the hair, next stop Gingin. Out on the open road the boys had a chance to blow out the cobwebs.

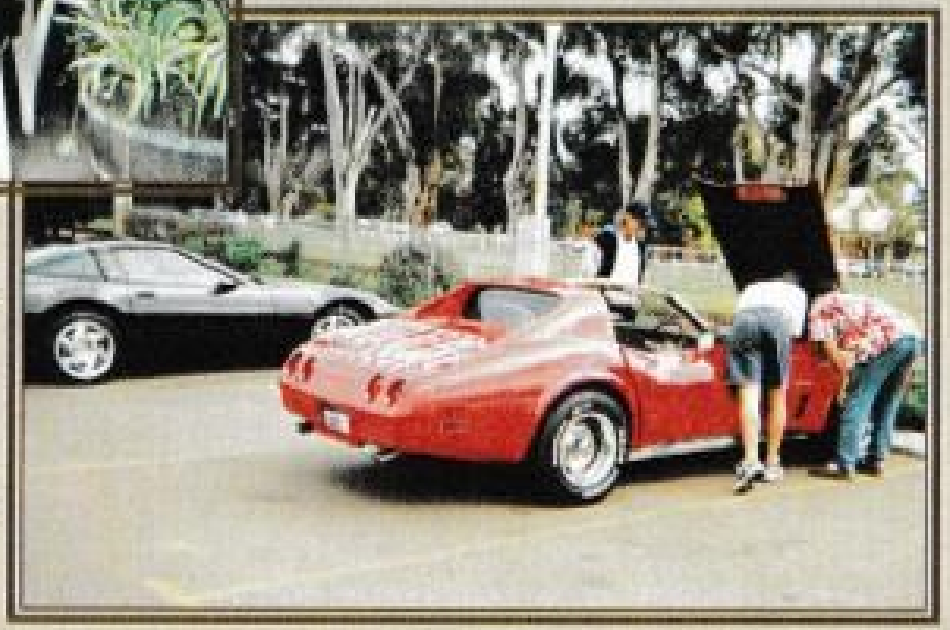


On arriving at Gingin we all parked in an orderly fashion outside the hotel. This got the locals and a few other tourists in the street interested.

The lunch at the hotel was very pleasant. On finishing lunch the M3 Car Club took over the eating area. We proceeded from the hotel to the Sheriton Winery for a quick sample and then it was off again. At this point Brad, Rob and Sharyn went their own way.

Peter O'leary and Peter Brown called on the mobile and arranged to meet up with us on Wanneroo Road to go for a coffee. After leisurely drive across to the coast we picked up the boys and went on down to Quinns for coffee and cake. From there the group split up and went their own way.

Another top day out, great company, great cars and great times.



AS GOOD AS IT GETS

- EVEN WHEN ITS WET

By Darryl Lockhart

You can always guess when your in for a slightly wet weekend, particularly when our **2001 Margaret River touring team** had gathered at Leach Highway at 1pm on a Friday afternoon and all **"sat pat"** in their cars. I mean it was bucketing down, but with a long weekend in front of us, who cared.

The drive down was uneventful. **You couldn't see 50 metres in front of you, the windows were all fogged up, the odd Corvette was leaking a "tad"** but by the time we arrived at Bunbury for a coffee, the city stresses were gone.

Despite the weather we saw a good turnout of members and cars. All up ten couples made the weekend and had a great time.

Friday night saw the team **book in and head straight to the bar for a few quiet ones and something to eat.** Mike Zapelli was keen to learn a little more about his car so he stayed back for a while at the bar with Rod Tunnercliffe and myself to drink and chat. Lucky Rod was there 'cause Mike didn't learn much from me!

Saturday morning was a lazy affair. Everyone had tried their spa's by then (who said Corvetter's aren't "family" orientated!) and movement was a little slow. Local members Peter and Nalda from Busselton, Allan Sunderland & Christine from Bunbury and Don Watt from Margaret River made the trip over to show us the way around.

Thomas Vollitzki who is still in the UK will be pleased to know that his former '87 coupe still looks a treat and Peter is taking great care of the car. We eventually found our way to a little café not far out of town for a light lunch. It was also great to catch up with another local member in Sharon Martin and partner Eddie who after their horrific crash not too long ago looked really well, although they both have some way to go to be 100% again. **We wish you well guys!**

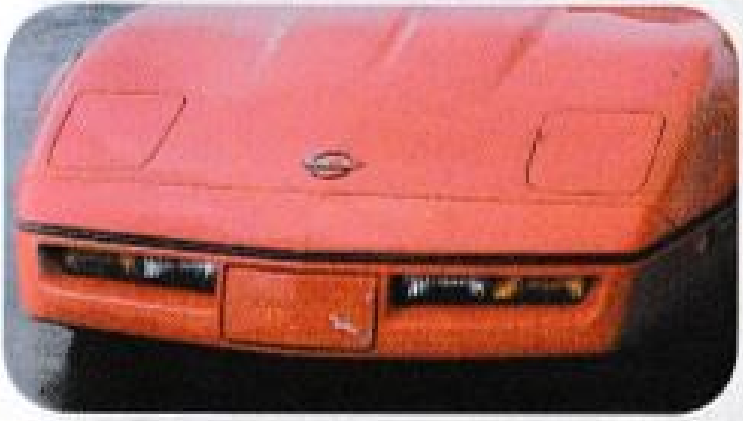


Saturday night saw everyone head down to the "Spaghetti Bowl" for dinner. We were fortunate enough to catch a maxi cab down, **but Jeezuz was it bloody cold walking home**. But, back in the spa again and a good nights kip was had by all, although there was a bit of noise upstairs in Zelko and Jackie's room!

Sunday saw the weather slowly improve and a cruise down to Augusta got the cobwebs out. We took some great photo shots at Augusta beach foreshore which will appear somewhere in this edition no doubt.

The daily **"Poker Run"** winners were (day 1) Peter and Nalda (day 2) Zeljko and Jackie who picked up club windcheaters and a car care kit each.

Zeljko and Jackie in their lovely '89 convertible were less than impressed after a little mishap that saw his **front plate cover take all the paint off some guys tow ball!**



*In Zeljko speak - F*** F*** if I ever find the F*** who owns the Camira F******* wagon, lookout.*

Sunday night was a doozy. We found the only available restaurant in town that could cater for 22 odd people. A quiet, new, little Chinese it was. We were the only patrons there and it didn't take long to figure this one out! **Very ordinary folks, very ordinary,** but another great social night anyway and most were in bed early again. It was the weather you see, or no kids, I'm not sure which.

Monday saw the first sunshine of the weekend and the first of the "plain traffic cars" that was attracted to Greg Walker and his one brake light, like bees to the honey pot. **Takes it all so well does Greg** (not) but fortunately no financial pain was inflicted!



I know I haven't taken my hat off 'all weekend'

After booking out we all enjoyed a leisurely cruise to Yallingup, Busselton, Bunbury and on home and wouldn't you believe it, all in lovely sunny weather. **No breakdowns** and **"no additional expenses incurred"**!

ALL IN ALL A GREAT WEEKEND AWAY!!!!



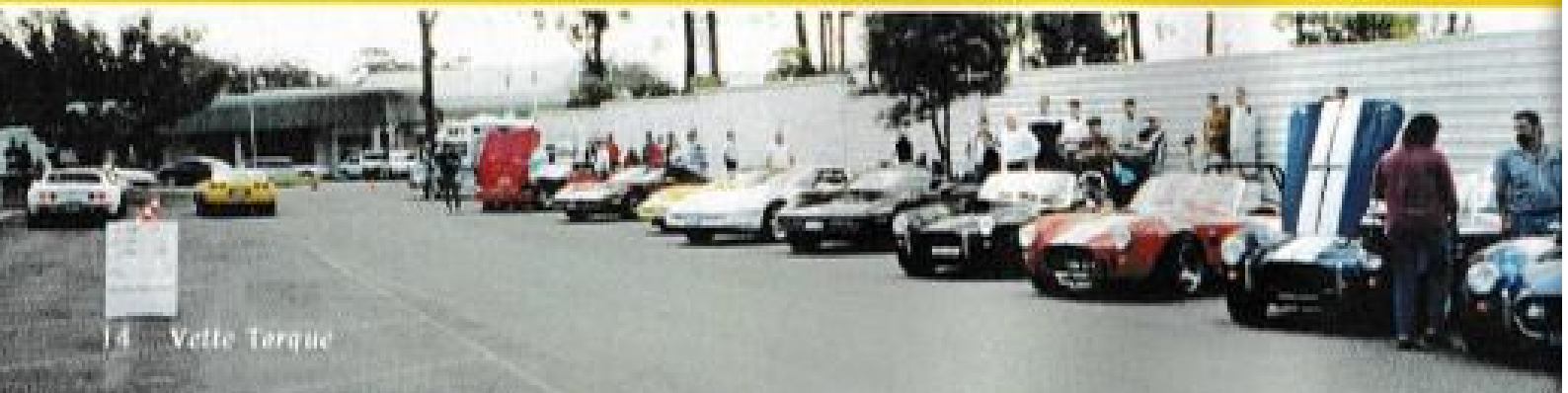
Autokhana QLD style



On holidaying in Queensland we were lucky enough to catch up with the Corvette QLD and Corvette Down Under Car clubs. Together with the Mustang and Cobra Clubs they were holding an Autokhana at the Parklands Track. It was a great turn out and they were a real friendly bunch. I spoke to Bill Dixon who owned a 62 convertible and his dad was in a Stingray, a real family affair. The events were much like ours with a few different games. The flag race looked like fun. A Cobra came to grief, breaking a ball joint. *You will be happy to know all Corvettes left in one piece.*



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CUT-OFF DATE 23RD NOVEMBER

Note; The Club must pay in full on confirmation of booking, so if you book you must pay sooner or later. (On the day is OK).

For those coming from south of the river or those really keen from the north, meet at the Causeway car park 11.15 am for departure in convoy.

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Xmas at predetermined dates by committee members.

Guest Speakers: Rod Tunnercliffe suggested that as we had just had guest speakers from CAMS attend our meeting, we should also have other guest speakers at future meetings and asked for suggestions.

Member Information: Greg Walker called for Member Profiles so that they could be printed in our magazine.

Easter Convention: Terry Martin had obtained prices for freighting cars by train to Adelaide next Easter. Maximum 6 cars per fully enclosed container. (1 weeks notice would be necessary before loading). The containers were steel and there would be insurance, ($40,000 per vehicle.) Prices – Return - $770 per vehicle, ($198 Perth to Adelaide) ($572 Adelaide to Perth) (including GST). The cars would be loaded from Kewdale on the Friday and arrive in Adelaide the Tuesday prior to Easter. A minimum of one month's notice would be necessary to ship containers from the eastern states.
Any updated or additional information would be available from Terry.

CAMS Licence Forms were handed to those interested members.

Level 2 (annual licence) and SE2 (Special Event - Level 2) for a day licence.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence received since the last meeting had been passed to either the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer or the Social Committee for their attention.

GENERAL BUSINESS
Night Cruises – Esther advised that the 1st Friday night event for the year had taken place and that Speedy's in Mosman Park had closed down. A new meeting place would have to be decided. Any queries members to read their newsletter.

Family Memberships – For those members wishing to have full membership (their own membership number for CAMS events) would have to fill in a membership application and pay a $10 annual fee. They would in return receive a membership number with the D (dual) prefix on a membership card.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Bindoon Show 20th October. Agricultural Show. Free Entry for Car Show and parade. Members interested to ring Rob or Sharon Peterson.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20th November at the Odin Tavern, Balcatta.

MEETING CLOSED: At 9.15 pm

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TO ORDER CONTACT: **DARRYL LOCKHART.**



Black Thunder

by Esther Brockwell







On what started out as a mild spring day, the Corvettes, Mustangs and a lone Cobra converged on Fast Eddies in Morley for the October autokhana.

In all we had 1 Cobra, 4 Mustangs, 12 Corvettes and 14 brand X's show up and considering the bleak weather forecast – a very good turnout indeed!!

While the weather was still good, the new club polo shirts were unveiled and they look absolutely fantastic.

By the time 11am rolled around, the showers had made themselves at home and it didn't seem like they were going to let up. However, we headed out and arrived at the Caversham course in time for the showers to ease (typical!). Once the CAMS formalities were out of the way, it was up to the stewards to place the drivers into teams and make sure that the cars were all fit to compete and that the course was correct.

The day started out well, with some people hitting the occasional cone and some missing everything! Then, as they say, the rain came. And arrive it did bringing with it a close friend known as a bloody strong and cold wind. With the drivers all huddled under the Mustang trailer and the time keepers under the small gazebo that was about to head into Oz, the day continued with some very interesting manouvers in the rain.

It was amazing to see car after car do a 180 degree turn or a 360 degree turn, but no-one managed to run off the course and all the times ended up being quite even considering the intermittent rain and strong wind that was around for the entire day.

The winning team on the day was Team 2 consisting of Joanna Burns, Tony Mitchell, Patrick Heihr, Greg Walker & Ron Flood.

Thanks must go to Rod for organising the sausages and the buns, Zeljco for cooking them, Ron Flood for providing the trailer with everything in it (including the timing gear and the BBQ) and Darryl for being a fantastic clerk of the course.

If you are STILL to experience an autokhana – may I suggest the next one. I have been assured that there will be no rain, so those of you with the older Vettes – NO MORE EXCUSES!! There is always something to do on the day if you don't want to compete, so let's see you there.

Team	Car #	Name	1	2	3	Best	1	2	3	Best
1	2	G.Burns	56.6	55.5	58.9	55.9	58.4	59.1	59.0	58.4
	3	D.Kinraid	56.8	55.1	61.5	55.1	58.6	56.0	54.5	54.5
	13	M.Delic	62.5	58.5	68.0	68.0	56.3	59.5	52.9	52.9
	4	G.Ryan	53.2	49.1	48.3	48.3	59.1	54.7	52.5	52.5
2	12	J.Burns	67.6	60.1	56.8	56.8	73.1	54.5	53.0	53.0
	1	T.Mitchell	47.7	46.8	51.1	46.8	53.6	51.0	48.7	48.7
	6	P.Heihr	59.8	45.7	45.1	45.1	52.8	53.5	52.0	52.0
	8	G.Walker	54.6	56.8	47.7	47.7	57.6	54.5	53.5	53.5
	7	R.Flood	58.9	75.0	47.6	47.6	53.9	51.1	48.8	48.8
3	5	Z.Pekic	53.1	66.3	48.9	48.9	53.30	51.7	49.6	49.6
	9	N.Grant	59.6	67.9	52.6	52.6	51.6	63.6	55.0	51.6
	11	D.Scott	59.5	52.7	49.9	49.9	54.7	53.9	52.8	52.8
	10	R.Tomaschiffe	48.4	50.2	45.1	45.1	51.8	53.5	51.2	51.2
	14	Z.Stanjek	70.1	54.0	51.8	51.8	56.6	56.0	54.1	54.1

Letters!!! What, a Letter!

Dear Darryl,

I have been reading the last few news etters with interest, and have now become very concerned about the new rule, regulation No 14.

I have owned my Corvette for nine years now, and it has never been conventionally registered. Concessional license is my choice of registration!

If I have to change clubs because of a rule change that is being implemented to try to encourage attendance, which to me reeks of cronyism, it is small minded, or it has some hidden agenda, a perception that some one is getting something extra out of the club.

In those nine years the car has travelled only 3500 or so miles. Taking into consideration the car has been used competitively in 'Around the Houses' at York and in five Classic Rallies. I cannot say that I do not use the car, I can say, the car has not been used for everyday running. It has been used in display's, at the Whiteman Park Motor Museum, and has been entered at numerous car shows at Whiteman Park, and regularly in the 'Symphony of the Car' shows, it has even been used in the WAFL grand final parades, but not for personnel use.

While I am the first to admit that I do not attend any of the clubs meetings, functions, or events, yet as a member I was 'flying the flag', so as to say. I do not recall seeing any other Corvettes representing the Corvette club at any of those events. I am not actively involved with the Corvette club, I also belong to some other clubs, the VSCC, the Jag club and the Porsche club, and I cannot attend all/any of their meeting or events either.

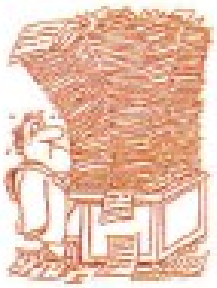
I would like to point out that I was encouraged to transfer my Corvette from the VSCC to the Corvette club some three years ago. At that time their was no other 50's Corvettes in the club, it is apparent to me that at present the club is made up of more predomenen ley 70's models, not old classics Corvette of the 50's that depict the real historical era of the car. A 50's Corvette is rare, and the car is worth more in the USA than here in Perth, yet the club will loose one of only a few older Corvette's around.

If it is a requirement for me to attend three meetings or events I will lose my membership. I will transfer the concessional license back to the VSCC, which does not have attendance requirements.

As you are aware the VSCC holds many, many car events, including time trials, hill climbs, autokhana's, road races and track races, many historical events, around the houses and flying 50's, even regular evening rallies in summer. The attraction for being involved in this club, is the variety of 'sports' cars and enthusiasts who are members and are not biased by the mode or make.

A major forthcoming event, is the fiftieth anniversary of the first Australian Grand Prix in Narrogin to be held next month? It begs the question, is there anyone from the club attending is the club represented, are the members even aware that it's on!

The Corvette club does not offer these types of attractions, these are the types of event that are of the most interest to me. In my nine years of owning my Corvette I have not seen any club members attending or involved in any of these events that are run for 'real enthusiasts'. The only events I have seen other Corvettes a: are big Al's poker run or the like.



Given what I have said previously, I am not your ideal member. My membership is paid, so for some time I will remain a financial member. I am bemused, I have readily made my car available for any club event or show, and now the club is discriminating. The club does not have access to many of the older models yet it sees fit to prejudice against members who cannot attend meetings and events. This at the expense of the classic car enthusiast.

It is practically impossible for me to attend any event of any kind. I have had to juggle my time while I have been studying for the last four years at university, I also have a young family, my two boys are only two and four, there age eliminates taking them out with us. Taking the family out in the vette is virtually impossible and can created problems of its own, how do you put two baby seats in an old Corvette which has seating for two only! Trying to find baby sitters for weekends or during the day when my partner may be at work is also impossible.

I have to limit the events or attractions that I want to attend, I can usually only attend a meeting that does not clash with studies or other club meetings. I have also had to recover from a broken back, which now also restricts my driving time in the Corvette and more recently coronary angioplasty.

I do not believe the committee has given full consideration to the implications of this rule change, and should reconsider the decision.

While I would like to participate in some of the forthcoming events that interest me, like the Caversham autokhana, the social events are not of interest to me. So why should I be made to feel that I should attend!

I do not know many of the members personally, so I have never felt comfortable just turning up to a meeting. The club should adopt the policy of personally inviting and encouraging members to attend rather than just expecting them to attend.

It may be important to look at why they don't attend, what will motivate them to attend. Rather than offering social events that interest the current members, but not necessarily interest all members, have less meetings and less social events, offer better competitive events. Get the committee to work closer with other clubs, extend invitations to participate in our club events, make it reciprocal so other clubs extend invitations to our club to participate in their events. Open up the membership rather than restrict it!

By making attendance compulsory will not encourage attendance, it will work in reverse, because current members like to attend, not all members like to attend meetings, they are not motivated by the same values.

I look forward to your reply,

Kind regards, Neil Grant

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Dear Neil

Thank you for your dossier and letter received 9 October 2001. Further I received your email on the same date.

Firstly let me say that the object of the committee decision is based upon getting members who use the club for cheap licensing only, to become active in any small way in any of the numerous club activities.

The events we speak of include club meetings, Friday night coffee cruises, autokhana's, Xmas in July lunches, Christmas lunches (with children if anyone wishes) etc etc. No doubt if you have been reading our club magazine you would be aware of a wide range of activities available throughout each and every year.

By way of observation only, I too have been in Classic Rally, Classic Challenge, hillclimbs etc over the past three years and have been "promoting" autokhanas for the last four years where up to 30 plus Corvettes Mustangs and the odd Cobras compete. With a new Callaway on the "way" I will be even more involved in events you speak of, now that a competitive manual vette is at hand.

I get a sense from your email letter that you use your car regularly at competitive events and displays. While not wishing to appear to be having a shot, they are similar events to which we seek a "little" support. Your letter "suggests" we are in some way biased. I'm not sure how you can make such a comment as nothing could be further from the truth. We would dearly love to "see you and your car and wife" at any event whatsoever and given your advice you appear to have some time readily available to do that. You mention that you "have readily made your car available for any club event". This seems contrary to the the remainder of your letter. We as a committee are not asking for concessional license holders to take office just take a "little interest". We feel this is a fair ask, after all, no club interest, activity and membership, no club and no concessional license availability. In closing I acknowledge that this issue has created some interest with two other members expressing similar concerns. However club decisions are binding and several C/L holders have attended various events in recent time so the "strategy" appears to be working. I Look forward to having a chat on Oct 21 at the Autokhana. You are more than welcome to bring your Mustang.

If you wish to take part in the Chev Oddessy please check your magazine for details on a registration form that must be in asap. Your contact for that event is Rod Tunnercliffe 0414 756 552.

Best wishes

Darryl Lockhart

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Botanic Golf

by Esther Brockwell

On a very nice spring day in October, 6 Corvettes, 1 Pontiac and a couple of brand X's met at Warwick Grove shopping center to embark on the annual mini-golf tournament.

After a short drive up to the botanic mini-golf course, the rivalry began. There were the odd holes in 1, a couple of dummy spits and some rather creative shots, but all in all the game was played within the rules outlined on the score cards.

Once the 18 holes were completed, some of the group decided to try the Billiard Golf course while others decided to go and sit in the shade of the lunch area.

The billiard course suited some people much better than the traditional course, however, some found it damn near impossible to sink a shot.



Once those 18 holes were all over and done with, it was time for lunch. The BBQ was switched on, the steak and sausages were being cooked and everyone sat down to relax and wait for the announcement of who was the 2001 winner.

As it turned out there was a tie for first place this year – Darryl Lockhart (Corvettes WA) and Greg Burns (Corvettes WA) both received the score of 44 on the 18 holes of traditional mini-golf. As this was a rather unusual twist, we had to find a way to determine the winner.

One suggestion was a sprint in the cars (an 84 Vs. a 77 just didn't seem fair), another was to have both Darryl and Greg run to the boundary fence and back a few times, but it was decided the bi liard golf score would be used to attain who would be the winner. Luckily for us, both players had played both courses.

Greg just scraped in with a score of 49 on the billiard golf, narrowly beating Darryl with a score of 50. The closest Pontiac player was Brendon with a score of 48.

Again, this was a most enjoyable day with great weather, great company and good food. For those of you who are STILL to try your hand at mini golf, there is always next year.



FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR

Listed below are dates for Club Meetings and Outings please try to plan all or some of them into your social calendar, we'd like to see as many members as possible at our events.

NOVEMBER 4TH
Whiteman Park Motor Museum Run , This is the annual Combined Car Clubs fund raiser event that we should all support. Further details TBA.Keep and eye on the papers.

NOVEMBER 10,11
2001 ,A Chevrolet Odyssey Car Extravaganza. Everyone encouraged to attend. This is another reason you have a Vette. Rod 0414756552 93545480.

NOVEMBER 20TH
General Meeting Odin Tavern Balcatta, 7.30 pm. Your comments and input is required and appreciated. Guest speakers , if you re not care'ul you might learn something new !

NOVEMBER 25TH
Country run to Ravenswood Sanctuary, Meet Bullcreek Shopping Centre at 10.30 am for run to Mandurah and Ravenswood for lunch at the Redcliffe Barn Restaurant. Ring Rod 0414756552. All sorts of meals and snacks available or BYO.

DECEMBER 9TH
Christmas at Christmas lunch , Oasis Restaurant and Function Centre , West Swan Road Henley Brook. Refer ad this mag. $30 per adult. Privileged parking on grass in shade out front of restaurant to those driving a Vette. Let's make it a show and shine as well ! Contact Rod 93645480 or Jacky or Esther. Bookings essential. Deadline 23rd November. Remember if you book you pay. No . . "no shows". Meet and leave causeway car park 11.15am.

JANUARY 4TH
First night cruise for the new year leaving Hamburger Hill 8.30 pm.

JANUARY 13TH
Autokhana. Corvette. Mustang. Cobra.

JANUARY 15TH
General meeting. Odin Tavern, Balcatta 7.30pm.

JANUARY 20TH
Cruise and barbecue. Observation run and prizes.

FEBRUARY 10TH
Classic Quarter Mile Sprint Day – Sandalford Estate Winery.

FEBRUARY 16TH
Big Als , watch the press.

FEBRUARY 23RD & 24TH.
Country weekend Autokhana and Show n Shine. This will be something different.

MARCH 3RD
Ian Cowans', Pinellis Winery BYO barbecue lunch.

MARCH 17TH
Marlows Classic Car Show, St. Patrick's Day theme.

MARCH 19TH.
General meeting. Odin Tavern Balcatta 7.30 pm.

MARCH 29,30,31 APRIL 1ST.
National Corvette Convention Adelaide.

In addition to these events Friday Night Cruises are on again and will run thru the warmer months on every FIRST and THIRD Friday of the month. Please note the meeting and departure point is now Hamburger Hill at Burswood 8.30pm departure.

Attendance at any of the above events will score points for membership prizes.

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Let's 'Vette Together

While flicking through some of my old car mags in the never ending search for 'tastefull' babe pics, I spotted this interesting article. Lets hit 88mph in the 'Delorian' and go back 17 years, to a time when flares where hip and a 'Mullet' was a fish.

Ed



The Corvette Club of South Australia played host to the 2nd National Corvette Convention, a once-every-four-years event. Fifty of the plastic fantastics made the scene a memorable one. And some very pretty babes too! Ah yes, those 'Vettes always attract the girls!

If you asked a lot of Holden and Falcon owners to name their fave - or most desirable car they say, CORVETTE!

Is it 'cos they have such a reputation for being leg-openers; cars capable of clocking gals-per-mile, instead of the other way 'round, or just 'cos they're exceptional machines?

Seven cars left Perth but only 5 cars made it to Adelaide. Two where purchased at the convention and seven 'vettes returned. They included: Bruce Paul (73 Conv), Colin Morris (74 Big block coupe), Glen Shreeve (68 Conv), Patrick Hehir (77 Coupe), Bruce Bell (68 Twin turbo Conv), Sharon Martin (68 Coupe) & Ron Flood's (69 Coupe).



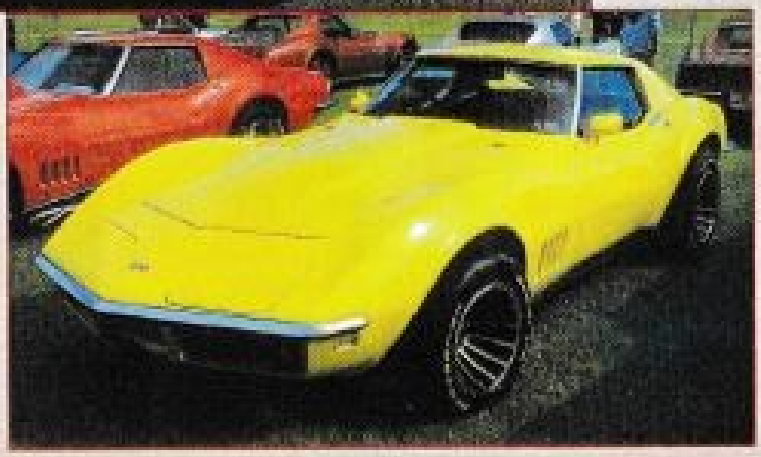
Owen Yates from Sydney, didn't bother with any planned driving events, he decided to hang it out for the hell of it and won the Crowd-Pleaser award. Those who took it a bit more seriously were Peter Whiston (Vic), 1st; Terry Garde (SA) 2nd; Ron Flood (WA), 3rd.



There's more 'Vettes in Australia than might be thought. 'There's about 130 cars registered with the Corvette Club of Australia, based in Victoria, and many of those are also in the state clubs. Western Australia is strong, with 40 out of the 49 known cars there, in the club.

It had been four years since the last national gathering of Corvettes, and talk was of doing it again in '86. As yet, no-one's "taken it on", but we're sure the memories of Adelaide in '84 will be too good to forget, and everyone will be itching to have another 'Vette together in two years time. The word is, it'll be in WA or maybe Victoria.

'Till then, we'll keep you informed.



Sharon Martin's stunning chrome yellow '68 coupe was driven from WA to Adelaide

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