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Cover Pic: When the 1969 Corvette was unveiled, it was still growing in popularity, thanks to the redesign a year earlier. Changes to the exterior were minimal, with the most noticeable being the re-appearance of the designation Stingray, now as an emblem instead of the bar that appeared on the car between 1963 and 1967. Elsewhere there were some changes made to the side filler vents and the door handles were re-designed.

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 Odeon Theatre, Erindale Road, Belmont. 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.



"I'd like to be in the Club, but Corvettes don't come in my size"

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 Secretary.

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 back everyone! I hope you had a fabulous Christmas and you are now ready to start the year with a fresh new outlook. The year 2001 is finally here, a new millennium, a new start, new goals for some of us. Take the time to read through and see what we have in store for you and your Vette.

New is the time to set the pace for the rest of your year.

Many people might wonder why the first day of the next millennium is January 1, 2001 and not January 1, 2000. A millennium is a period of 1000 years. The calendar of the western world is based on the Julian calendar, which dates back to the time of Julius Caesar (44 BC). In what is now referred to as the sixth century, Dionysius Exiguus codified what was already popular belief by designating "AD 1" (anno domini) as the year of Christ's birth 532 years earlier. When endorsed by the Venerable Bede two centuries later, the method of reckoning the past as BC and AD was formally adopted. Since the system had no year "0", 1 BC was followed directly by 1 AD. Therefore the 1000th year was completed on December 31, 1000, and the second millennium began on January 1, 1001. Accordingly, January 1, 2001 will be the first day of the third millennium.

When the calendar flipped over to December we started compiling a list. But, unlike mere mortals this list did not detail Christmas presents to be bought for friends, members of the extended family and unexpected visitors. No, this list is the all important club financial members list. ***You can check out the Corvettes of WA membership list of the year that was 2000 with this newsletter.***

Vette Torque is obviously a sensible club magazine and doesn't normally publish gratuitous girlie pics for their own sake. However, when **Mary Christmas** shows up who are we to stand in the way of art? All our photos portray the women in a **respectful, classy and sensual manner**, ensuring their reputations and credibility remain intact. There's no truth to the rumour **Greg Walker** is trying to convince his male counterparts to get their gear off for a rival 'V8 Beefcake' newsletter.



Congratulations Holden, for the second year in a row, Holden has built a record number of cars in Australia, also claiming the top-selling car title for the fifth year in succession. At the end of December it had produced 133,016 vehicles, 4,814 more than the 1999 record. Of those vehicles, 29,000 were for export markets. To the end of November they had a margin of 18,144 units over Falcon. Interesting to compare these figures to the North American market, during November US drivers bought 2.8 million SUVs (sport utility vehicle), about 17 per cent of all vehicles sold that month!

Club personalised name badges have been printed and supplied by the generosity of Greg Walker and handed out at past club meetings. If you haven't received yours, they are available at Corvette Engineering.

Members are requested to wear their name tags for the benefit of newcomers.

They're the hot fashion statement for the Friday night cruises!!

Our fabulous club jackets and caps are still available, so if you haven't already done so grab one before the chilly summer evenings grab you. They're the hot fashion statement for the Friday night cruises!!

Welcome to our new advertisers we thank you for your support, we look forward to a long and enjoyable association.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

CORVETTES OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Held on Tuesday 7th November 2000 at the Odin Tavern, Balcatta.



OPENING: The meeting opened at 8:15 pm.

Vice President Darryl Lockhart in the chair.

PRESENT: Darryl & Margaret Lockhart, Tony Katavatis, Ron Flood, Esther Brockwell, Greg Walker, Chris Cones, Peter Brown, Terry Martin, Larry Eastman, Peter O'Leary, Ian & Sheryl Gibbings, Tony Mitchell, Rod Tunnercliffe and Tom McKuley.

APOLOGIES: Erica Katavatis, Brian Morton, Peter Turner and Gerry Dutton-Smith.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was moved by Ron Flood, seconded by Tony Katavatis, that the minutes from the previous meeting held on Tuesday 29th August 2000, as read were a true and accurate record. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

INSURANCE: Darryl moved to change from the current insurance policy which gives us \$10 million cover to a policy through CAMS which would cover us for \$100 million including all motor vehicle events. Everyone agreed.

WHITEMAN PARK CABINET: Esther had received a very good price on the display cabinet and a cheque will be sent to secure a cabinet. A committee of three members (Esther Brockwell, Tony Katavatis and Ron Flood) was decided at the meeting to maintain the cabinet.

GYMKHANA EVENT on the 19th November. Darryl suggested a mail drop for the local residents around Matthews Netball Centre to advise them of the event and also the possibility of noise on the day. Ron, Darryl, Margaret, Tom, Peter O'Leary and Esther all volunteered to help with the set-up and organisation of this event. BBQ and drinks will be available for purchase. Trophies will be awarded for different categories. This year the Cobras, Mustangs and Corvettes will be competing.

XMAS LUNCHEON held on Sunday the 3rd December. Names were taken at the meeting for

those wishing to attend. Members were reminded to ring Sheryl and book before the 20th November. Booked seats must be paid for.

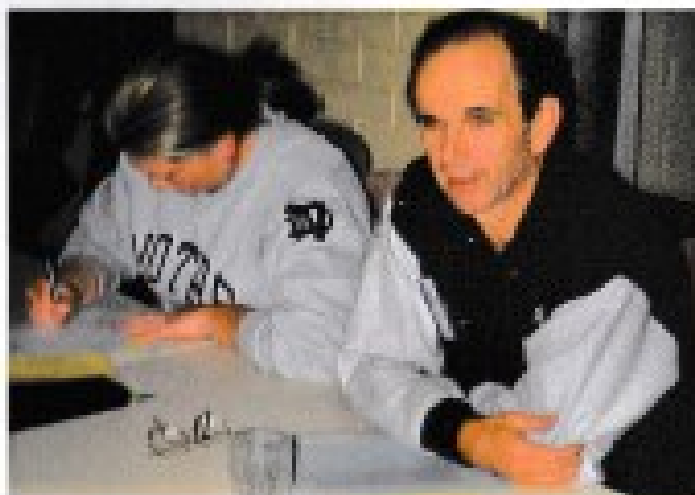
WEB SITE: Members agreed to leave our address as it stands. We will review changing the address in about 6 months time. Esther had received messages from Gary Dowans in Manila and had bought them along for everyone to read.

NIGHT CRUISES: Roe and Greg reported good numbers on these events. It was decided to leave the schedule the same throughout the summer months. (1st & 3rd Friday leaving from Speedys at 8:30pm.)

ADVERTISING: Tony Kat spoke at the meeting with regard to selling advertising space in our magazine. Advertising space would be available, rates and a copy of our magazine would be shown to those interested. Tony has a list of business possibilities and suggested that members all try to find sponsors.

NEW BUSINESS:

GM OWNERS DAY: There was some discussion about the fee that was involved in entering this event. Darryl moved that the club refund members the entry fee. Some members approved of this motion but the majority at the meeting objected to reimbursement. Members were not under any obligation to attend and it was felt that if you didn't want to pay the entry fee, don't



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Corvettes are Kewell

They're mad about Harry - so mad that Australian football star Harry Kewell has spent up big to buy some private time in his car.

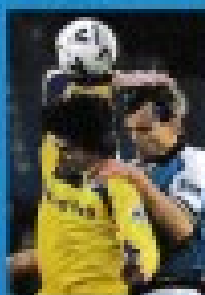
To make a quick getaway from fans, Kewell - who's kicking goals with English Premier League team Leeds United - has splashed out on a \$A\$27,500 Corvette.

The 21-year-old striker was so fed up with being recognised driving his BMW M3, sporting a private number plate bearing his name, that he traded it in for an American Chevy Corvette with loads of grunt.

Kewell has fitted his flashy new toy with black windows and ditched the personal plates in a bid to remain incognito.

However, he now faces the prospect of being chased by car buffs eager to get a look at the 290km/h street rocket, which is one of only a handful imported from the US.

An unnamed friend said it's a real beauty, and you don't see many on the roads. Wherever he goes, it attracts a crowd.



Kewell's girlfriend, 23-year-old TV soap star Sheree Murphy, has complained in the past that the couple get mobbed whenever they go out. It's tough being rich and famous.

CORVETTE TRIVIA QUIZ

1. In what year did the rear window for convertibles change from plastic to glass and included an in-glass defogger?
2. In 1994 air conditioning systems were revised to use which refrigerant, a non-ozone depleting CFC substitute?
3. Tilt & Tele steering column became standard in which year?
4. 1969 was the only 68-82 to be available with which factory exhaust system?
5. A safety interlock was added which required depression of the brake pedal in order to shift from park in which year?

Totally Stumped??? You'll find the answers on page 18

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

POINTS SCORING SYSTEM FOR MOST ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBER

THIS YEARS WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE. THE COMPETITION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY, SO GET ACTIVE TO GET POINTS. THERE'S ALSO 2nd & 3rd PRIZES AS WELL

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).

Remember: All members who score points will be in the draw for a second major prize. Drawn at AGM, May 2001. Points will be awarded at Club Events.

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 2001.

PROGRESSIVE POINTS SCORE TO DATE. (Dec 2000)

TUNNERCLIFFE, Rod & Lorraine	74
WALKER, Greg & Jill	59
BROCKWELL, Esther	54
FLOOD, Ron & Dawn	44
LOCKHART, Darryl & Margaret	44
MITCHELL, Tony & Rose	34
DUTTON-SMITH, Gerry	32
GIBBINGS, Ian & Sheryl	32
SUNICH, Zeljko & Jacky	30
BROWN, Peter & Barbara	29
PEKIC, Zelko & Stella	28
DAVIES, Wayne & Alison	25
COVES, Chris	22
HEHR, Patrick & Marie	20
HITCHINS, Rod & Rhonda	20
O'LEARY, Peter	20
OLIVER, Steve & Joanne	20
MARTIN, Terry & Ann	19
CLARK, Gaye & Dave	18
McAULEY, Tom & Bev	18
VOLITZKY, Thomas	18
DIDIO, Phillip	17
FORWARD, George & Katie	15
QUINN, Doug & Chris	15
EASTMAN, Larry & Helen	14
DELICH, Mick & Jeni	8
MORTON, Brian & Valerie	7
BISHOP, Colin	5
BURNS, Greg & Joanne	5
DONATTI, Geoff	5
FITZGERALD, Sean & Katya	5
LEES, Lyn	5
MITCHELL, Tom & Liz	5
MOORE, Lionel & Theresa	5
MORRIS, Colin & Maureen	5
STUART, Denis & Jill	5
TEDESCO, Elio	5
WATTS, Bill & Sandra	5
HOSKINS, Peter & Nalke	3
TURNER, Peter & Sue	2

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

A hearty Corvette welcome to you... from everyone in the Club.

Elio Tedesco:	1958	283	4 speed red/white convertible.
Peter & Pina Fiore:	1957	283	auto red convertible.
Steve Cappon:	1986	350	auto black coupe.
Glen & Clair Shreeve:	1979	350	auto primer (any suggestions?) coupe.
Jean & Steve Aldridge:	1969	350	auto green coupe.
Boyd & Helene Kolozs:	1986	350	auto dark red coupe.
Barry & Penny Henderson:	1972	350	4 speed red coupe.
Jason & Diann Marney:	Still looking!		
Ray & Lolitta Atkinson:	1966	390	auto convertible Thunderbird

Team Corvette Wins back by Tony Kat. The Botanic Classic 2000

The annual **Corvette Club v Pontiac Club Golf Challenge** day started off in fine weather but became perfect as the day progressed. Apart from the normal entertainment for Corvette get togethers like hood-up inspections, photo taking, gross exaggerating and admiring, botanic golf is different although at times can be very frustrating. We all queued to tee off on the first hole, a straight par 2 which most of us managed in three or four strokes. Fortunately our competitiveness was realised and scoring "holes-in-one" became a pre-requisite for most of our players, although a few were seen searching the lush botanic gardens for their balls. As the last ball dropped into the 18th hole, a tally of score cards revealed that **team Corvette** had been victorious against a very determined Pontiac team, who were attempting to keep the trophy for the second consecutive year.

Congratulations to **Tony "Tiger Woods" Mitchell** for his winning score,

Also thanks to **Sheryl** for organising the event this year, I know it takes quite a lot to rev-up those Pontiac Boys. **Sheryl** got to drive the only golf cart on course with new grandchild on board.

Post game celebrations and lunch were on course at the 19th hole BBQ area. An enjoyable area although we did have to share it with a 10 year-old's birthday party celebration. Our well earned appetites were certainly satisfied. There was no shortage of food and drink.

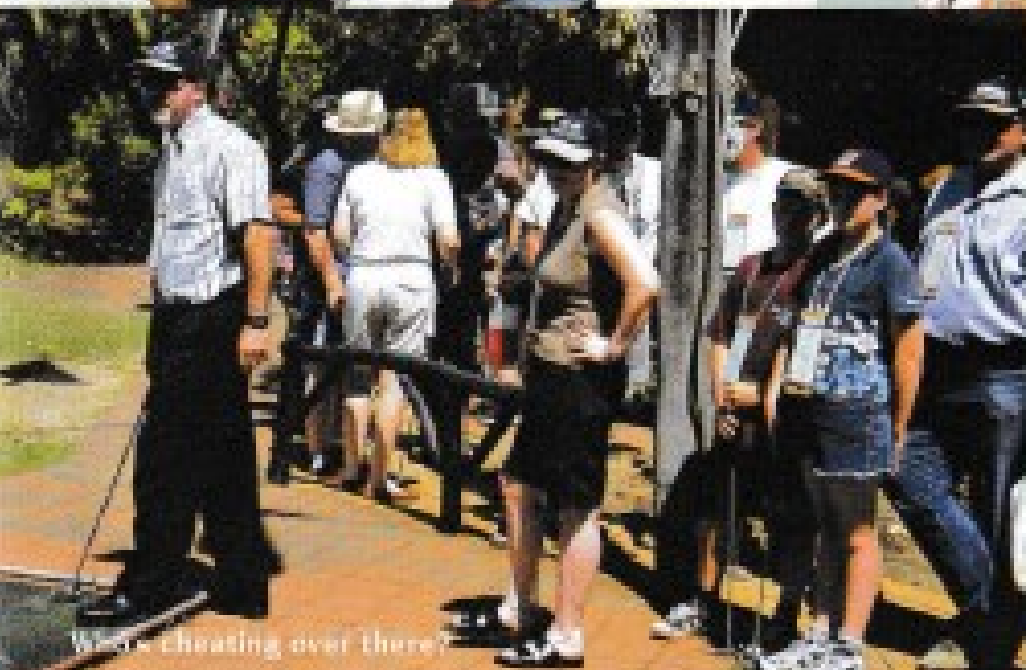
Late afternoon saw us roll back into our various means of transport and head off towards the sunset looking for the closest supply of **Quik-eze** or **Alka Seltzer**.



Back in our hands again



Once Again I'll do all the organising



Who's cheating over there?



Here comes a double bogie

QUEENSLAND CORVETTE CLUB INC. PRESENTS



13th National Corvette Convention

Easter

April 13-16, 2001

*For more details and entry forms
Call Nev Solomon
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The Queensland Corvette Club Inc is excited and privileged to be able to present the 13th National Corvette Convention for the first time ever in Brisbane Queensland, titled "Fun in the Sun in 2001." Friday night will be an orientation evening allocated to a welcome party with guest speakers for Interstate and Local participants at the Robertson Gardens Plaza Hotel.

The largest collection of Corvettes in the Southern Hemisphere will be on display at the Show and Shine day at the Sunnybank Rugby Leagues Club with trade displays of Automotive Products and Services, (open to the public) in which a half-century of American Icon will be featured at the Convention.

Sunday includes driving events to be held at Queensland Raceway Willowbank followed by Trophy Presentation Dinner and Auction of Donations at the Brisbane Convention Centre adjacent to the Southbank Parklands.

Runs are planned to the North Coast, Gold Coast and Darling Downs for our many Interstate Visitors.

A great opportunity exists for all our sponsors to bring their products and services to the forefront of a most active and prestigious marque in Australia. If your organisation wishes to support this event, give Nev a call.

FOR SALE



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Spotlight on a Member



Members Name: Douglas Quinn

Phone: 9405 2019(H) 9344 1035(W)

Born (Place, Month & Star Sign):

West London, April, Aries

Job Description/Occupation:

Optometrist

Name of Spouse or Partner:

Chris

Number of Children: Three

Pets: Great Dane dog, 3 Horses, 30 Birds

What I do when I'm not breathing Corvettes: Collecting antiques when not D.I.Y. on 20 acres and still trying to fit in boat trips to Rotto

My Corvette/s: 1982 Red Coupe LT-1

My Dream Vette & Why? C8 Comfort & power with Callaway conversion

Greatest Cruisin' Experience: A trip from northern Italy through Cote D'Azor to Costa del Sol in one day

Music you'd hear in my car stereo: Beatles & Overture to Wagner's Tannhauser

Who rides in my passenger seat: Chris

Corvette pet peeve: Leaking windows

My favourite **Book?** Chariot of the Gods

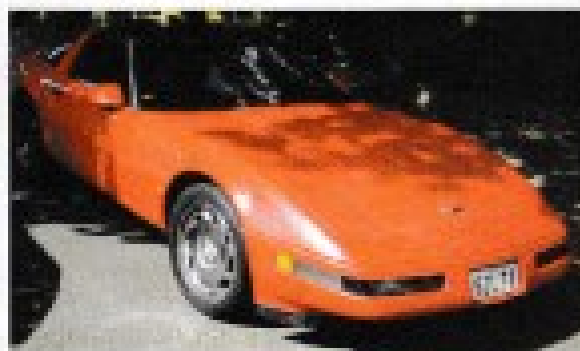
Music? 70's

Movie? Robin Hood Prince
of Thieves

Food? Indian & French

Movie Star? Mel Gibson

Restaurant/café? La Cascade



Length of M/Ship in Corvettes of W.A.: 7 years

Reason For Buying a Vette: The look, the power, the handling – the difference

I enjoy my Vette most when? Cruising on the open road, especially in the company of other Vettors.



GymKHANA...

Corvettes out-muscle some tough competition at the Gym

by Geny Dutton-Smith

Well once again another top day. This event is getting bigger and better. trouble is getting places to accommodate us is going to get harder. Many thanks to those people who got up early to set the track up, to make the day possible. We had a sausage sizzle, cool drinks plus a lot of fun. Thanks to the Mustang club for their support and also for the first time, the Cobra club. Boy, they are hot little items and quick! A record total of 34 cars competed on the day, which is fantastic considering 2 years ago we had about 12 entrants.

You can't have a driving event day like this with out dedicated helpers. Special thanks to **Ron Flood** and **Darryl Lockhart** and their helpers for organising the day and setting out the course. **Rod Tunmercliffe**, who is always willing to offer assistance, very generously donated all the gear for the sausage sizzle that was so expertly cooked by **chief chef Kat** and son **Andrew**. A Gymkhana without a time-keeper, would be like a Corvette without gas. Absolutely useless hey Darryl! A big thanks to **Marg Lockhart** and **Bev McAuley** who sat in their tent all day keeping us honest. Also a thankyou to our track Marshall **Tom McAuley**. A good job well done to every one involved.

The only losers were those who didn't attend, except for Rod Ryan from WA Suspension who was beaten by his son driving Rod's Trans-Am! Damm kids show no respect these days do they Rod?



A pair of quick snakes



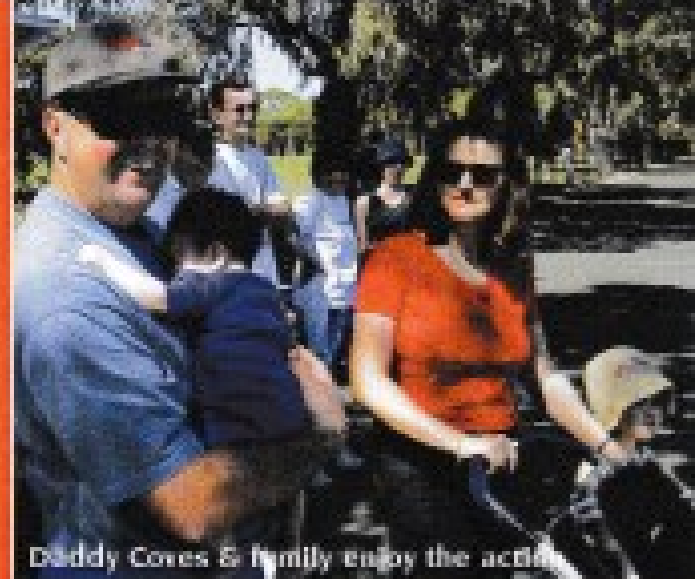
Chief Chef Kat caught with a sausage in his hand



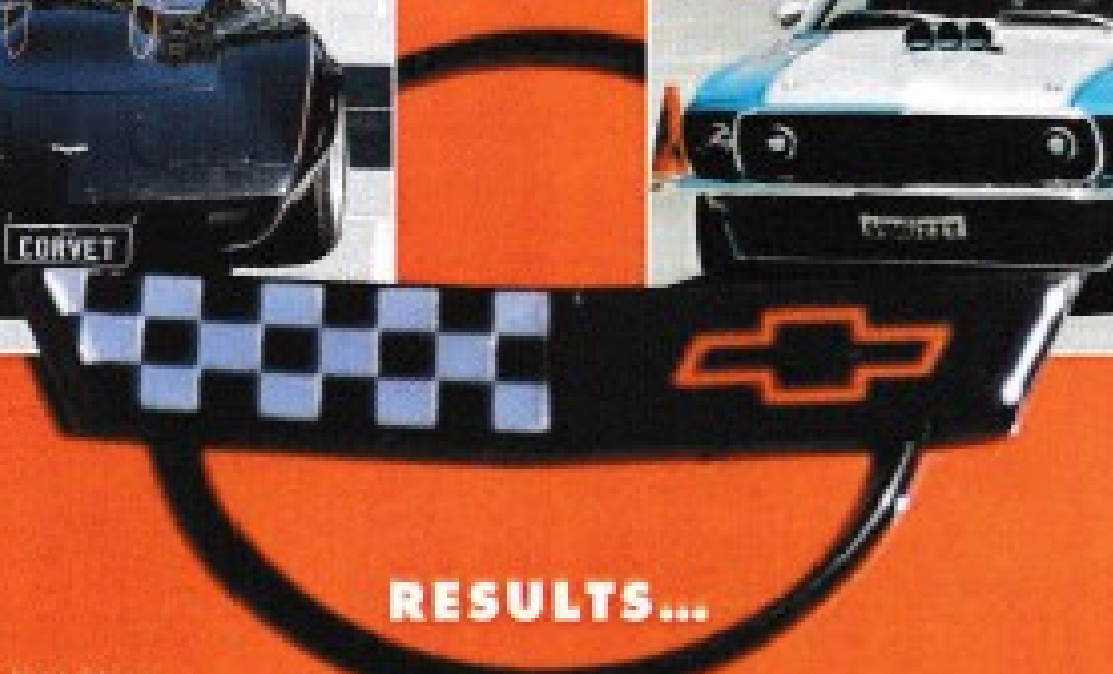
Rhonda Hitchins '94 (Girls Day-out)



Drivers Meeting
pedal to the metal and watch out for the time-keepers.



Daddy Coves & family enjoy the action.



RESULTS...

Corvette Best Times

BURNS, Greg	1.19	MITCHELL, Tony	1.12
COVES, Chris	1.14	MOORE, Lionel	1.08
DUTTON-SMITH, Gerry	1.18	OLIVER, Steve	1.16
FLOOD, Ron	1.09	PEKIC, Zelko	1.16
HEHIR, Patrick	1.15	SOJA, Kim	1.10
HITCHINS, Rod	1.27	SUNICH, Zelko	1.29
HITCHINS, Rhonda	1.38	TUNNERCLIFFE, Rod	1.14
LOCKHART, Darryl	1.08	WALKER, Greg	1.00

Mustang/Trans Am Best Times

RYAN, Gary	Brown Mustang	1.15	BOWLER, James	White Mustang	1.19
RYAN, Rod	Brown Pontiac	1.15	SHACKLADY, Malcolm	Black 69 Mustang	1.17
RYAN, Paul	Brown Pontiac	1.12	STROTHER, Mark	Blue Mustang	1.16
EDWARDS, Dick	Red 65 Mustang	1.24	STROTHER, Glenda	Blue Mustang	1.26
WATKINS, David	Orange Mustang	1.15			

GALLOPING GEOFF

Well, I made it back from Europe, safe and sound, after three months of travelling. My travels took me to the UK, Sweden, Greek Islands, Italy, Croatia, Austria, Germany and Holland. Contrary to popular belief, I was not looking for a European bride (thanks Tony). And, correct, I was not looking for Corvettes either.

Still not a Corvette in sight. Not a real priority at this time! Anyway, come Sweden and Germany to the rescue. If you thought Sweden was only famous for blondes, sex, suicide, Volvos and Abba, you were wrong. Yes, very wrong. There was more American iron and plastic in this small Euro country than any other.

True to form, our Swedish brethren, the Club Corvette Sweden, were in force at the Power Meet.

There were 4 Cs's and a good display of Corvettes ranging through the years.

The whole holiday was great fun. I have

about 100 photos, but, unfortunately they can't show half of what I have seen and done, but hopefully the memories will not fade.

So, it is back to work, Parini's Panels, as a heavy duty mechanic, (back on the trucks), not at Corvette Engineering any more, so I guess I had best get stuck into my own Corvette soon so that I don't suffer withdrawal pains.

Geoff Donatti



In Northern Italy red cars with prancing horses seemed popular with the elite.



These were popular in Northern Italy as well.



CLUB CORVETTE

Just like the Catholics in heaven, who built a huge brick wall, stood behind it and said "Hey, we're the only ones here!", the Club Corvette put up the biggest sign and said "Hey, we're the only ones who deserve to be here."

goes European.....



There were many great Vettes. I saw my first C6. Gorgeous, but it's got a big drive.



There were some very impressive midyears that would certainly hold their place with any midyears on the planet



Apart from the Power Meet (picture Big Als multiplied by five) in Vasteras, Sweden. There were also a lot of American cars on the streets in general.

P5. Mess with me, mess with my motel



E SWEDEN



Late-Race Pass Wins

Corvettes Finish 1st, 3rd in Road Atlanta Classic

Flush from their win at the Grand Prix of Texas, Team Corvette made it two in a row with a dramatic, last-minute pass to win the series premier race, the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta.

After nearly 1,000 miles and a little over nine hours, Andy Pilgrim in the #4 Corvette C5-R was searching for an opening against Tommy Archer in the #92 Dodge Viper.

"I knew I could get to him," said Pilgrim, "but could I pass him and make it stick. With two laps to go it was now or never. I came out of (turn) 12 with a good run on Tommy down to turn 1 and he moved to the middle to block. I moved back to the left to try and fake him out, like I wouldn't be dumb enough to do that in turn 1, and as soon as we hit the brake zone I dived the car back to the right and went underneath.

"I think I might've surprised him - I don't think he expected me to go by him there.

He said it took the air off the front of his car and he lost all the front downforce and went off the track. When I got to the top of the hill I couldn't see his lights, so I ran like an idiot all through the esses thinking, 'My gosh, he's so close to me I can't even see him.' I didn't realise he had run off the track - I thought he was right on my rear!"

".....could I pass him and make it stick, With two laps to go it was now or never"

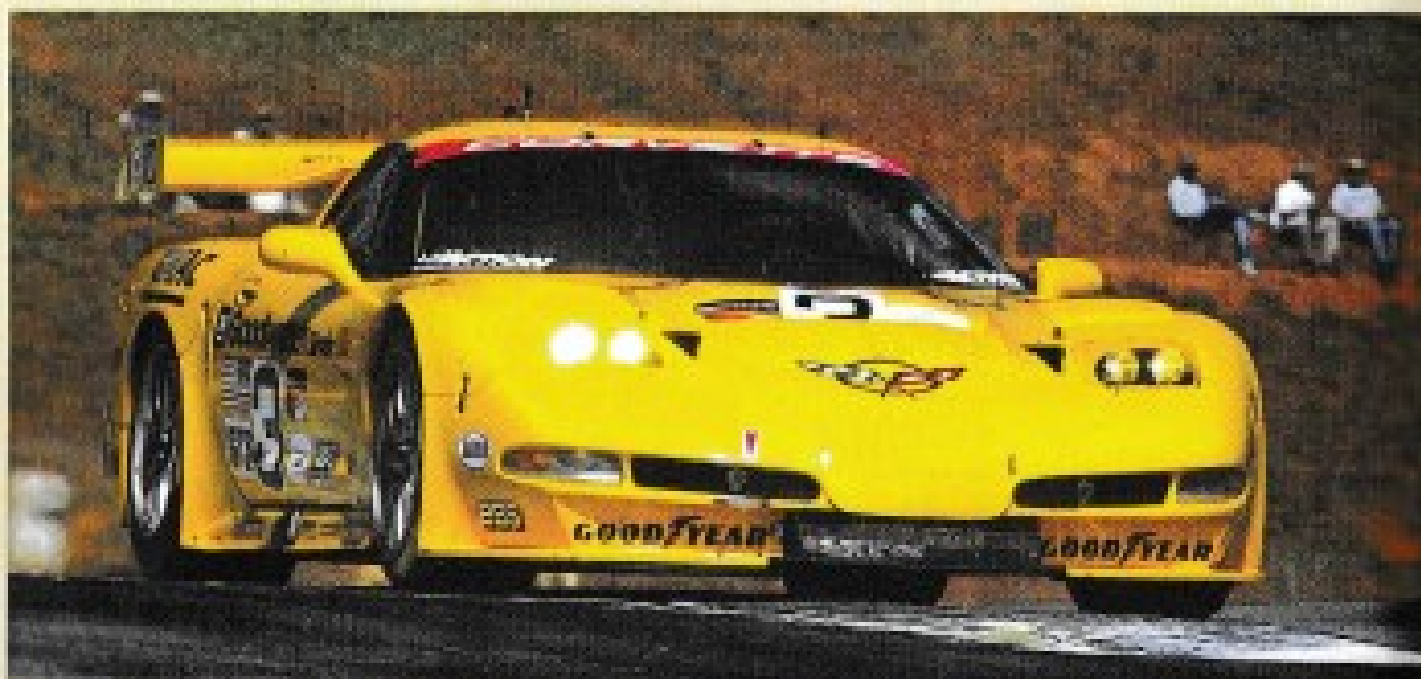


L to R Franck Freon, Andy Pilgrim, Kelly Collins

Said Corvette Program Manager Doug Fehan, "You know, Andy learned a little something at Mosport (Ontario), and he's a pretty bright guy. I think Archer had his car to where he thought

Andy couldn't get by, and Andy just dived down a whole car below him and showed him what Corvette handling was all about!"

The class win earns Corvette an invitation to the next year's sixty-ninth 24 Hours of Le Mans and an exemption from pre-qualifying.



Corvette Petit Le Mans

The #3 Corvette C5-R with drivers Ron Fellows, Chris Kneifel and Justin Bell battled back from losing a lap early in the race due to an ill-timed caution flag to also claim a podium finish.

Driver Ron Fellows commented on the #3 car's setbacks:

"We just seemed to be chasing the balance of the car a little bit all day. We were fast for awhile, but couldn't seem to stay consistently quick. But we made some tire pressure adjustments and reached a point where we were more consistent, but about an hour from the end it looks like a broken header might've burned through a plug wire, so we were only on seven cylinders."

Added Chris Kneifel:

"Despite some of the problems the 3 car had, I'd like to take a step back and take a look at the big picture. This was a fantastic day for Corvette Racing, Corvette supporters, everyone involved. That's what's important, that the team is successful and we have the opportunity to win races, and when it happens in a dramatic fashion like with Andy and the 92 car, that's even better. For Goodyear, Corvette, and all the Corvette fans that came here, this is great and it's only going to get better."

It was an all-Corvette front row to start the race as both the pole-sitting #3 C5-R and the #4 C5-R both broke the existing track record in qualifying. The Corvette Team had nothing but praise for the Corvette and their team mates. Said Pilgrim, "You've got to thank this Corvette because I

thrashed it unmercifully during that last double stint."

Driver Kelly Collins of the #4 GM Goodwrench Service Plus Corvette C5-R stated emphatically, "I'd like to say to our team and my other two drivers, Andy and Franck, we came out of the box slugging. We had our heads down, we were focused and we didn't let up."

Added fellow driver Franck Frenn, "I think this is great for GM, it's great for Chevrolet, it's great for Corvette. I think it's even sweeter because we had such an experienced competitor in The Viper team. They've won races, they've won championships, so to win is great, but to win

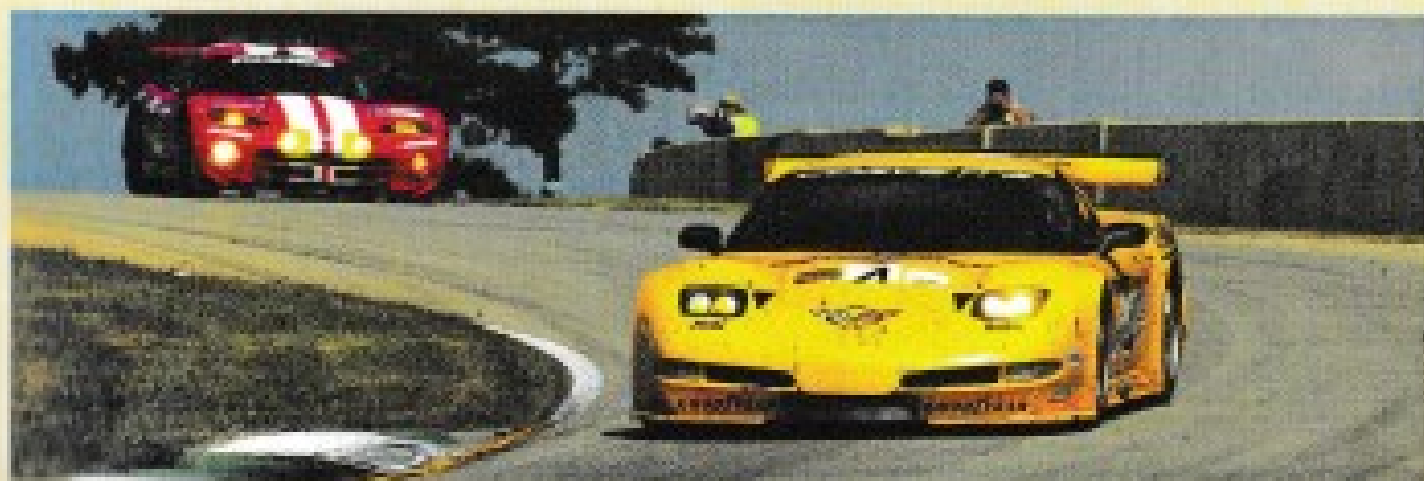
against three factory Vipers, I think that's extremely good for GM and Chevrolet."

"I think the new car is what we needed," said Team Manager Gary

Pratt. "It showed its potential at Mosport, it came through at Texas, and now it's come through again. We really wanted to win this so nobody felt that Texas was a fluke."

Speaking of the significance of the win, Herb Fishel, Executive Director of GM Racing, affirmed, "I think because of the significance of this event, the Corvette Club members and the whole Corvette group will gain momentum and interest and excitement. This is big. Don't tell Texas, but in this case Atlanta might be bigger."

Doug Fehan, Corvette Program Manager, summed up the achievement: "America's true sports car - I think it showed what it can do."



Earnhardts Join C5-R Team for Daytona 24-Hour Race

One of the premier families in American motor sports, the Earnhardts, have joined forces with America's performance icon, the Chevrolet Corvette, to compete in next year's "Rolex 24 at Daytona" to be held February 3-4, 2001.

Corvette Racing officials announced today that seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt and his son, two-time NASCAR Busch Grand National champ and current Winston Cup Rookie of the Year contender, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., will team with Corvette driver Andy Pilgrim in the #3 GM Goodwrench Service Plus Corvette C5-R in next year's meet at the Daytona International Speedway.

For one race weekend next year, father and son will be sharing the same seat instead of trading paint.

"We're pleased to have the Earnhardts join Team Corvette for

the Rolex 24 at Daytona," said Rick Baldick, Corvette brand manager. "It's fitting that two American icons join forces for America's premier endurance race.

"I've always looked at that type of racing, and more importantly that type of car, and wondered what it would be like to run an endurance race," said Earnhardt. "In our world, an endurance race is four or five hours so the challenge of a 24-hour event is especially interesting to me.

"As for the car, it's proven itself in a really short amount of time and proven that the Corvette is a world-class car both in racing and on the street. I'm looking forward to the event and working with Andy."

As a racer, Dale Earnhardt has few equals. The driver of the famous #3 GM Goodwrench Service Plus Chevrolet Monte Carlo is vying for an unprecedented eighth NASCAR Winston Cup championship this year. He has 76 career Winston Cup wins and was the first in history to win both rookie of the year and series championship honors in NASCAR Winston Cup.

Dale Junior seems to have no problem living up to the family name. The 1998 and 1999 NASCAR Busch Grand National champion

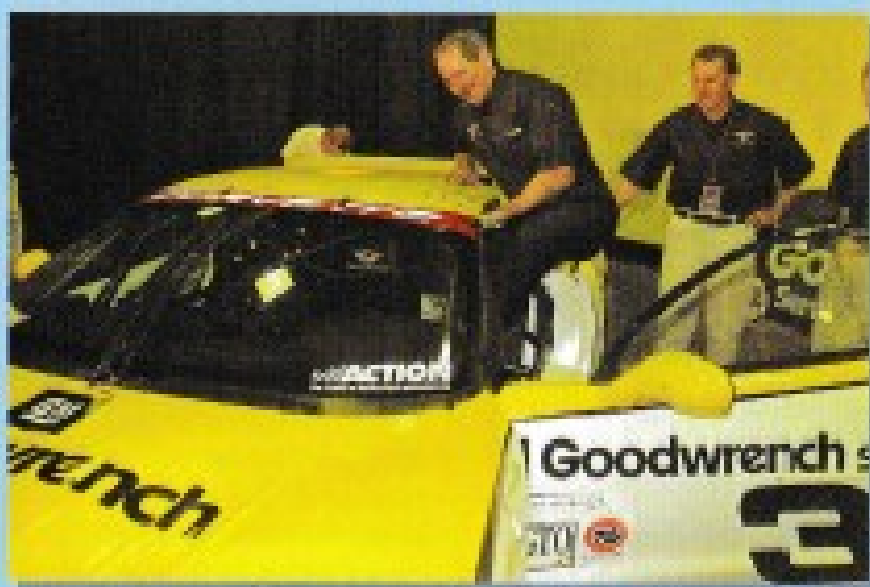
already has two Winston Cup wins under his belt in the #8 Budweiser Chevrolet Monte Carlo driving for his car owner/father. He is in a tight battle for Rookie of the Year honors with Matt Kenseth.

"I enjoy driving my Corvettes on the street and I like watching the touring cars so this is going to be a blast," said

Earnhardt, Jr. "Our Winston Cup Monte Carlos are a good bit heavier, have less tire, less braking ability and less down force, so there's obviously going to be a huge difference in the way the two drive. I understand the Corvette is extremely balanced and it absolutely sticks in a corner, so I've got to learn a little in terms of finesse.

"I've heard nothing but good things about Andy, so I'm sure he's going to teach us a lot and become a good friend to my father and me."

The Earnhardts have four races remaining on their 34-race Winston Cup schedule this season.

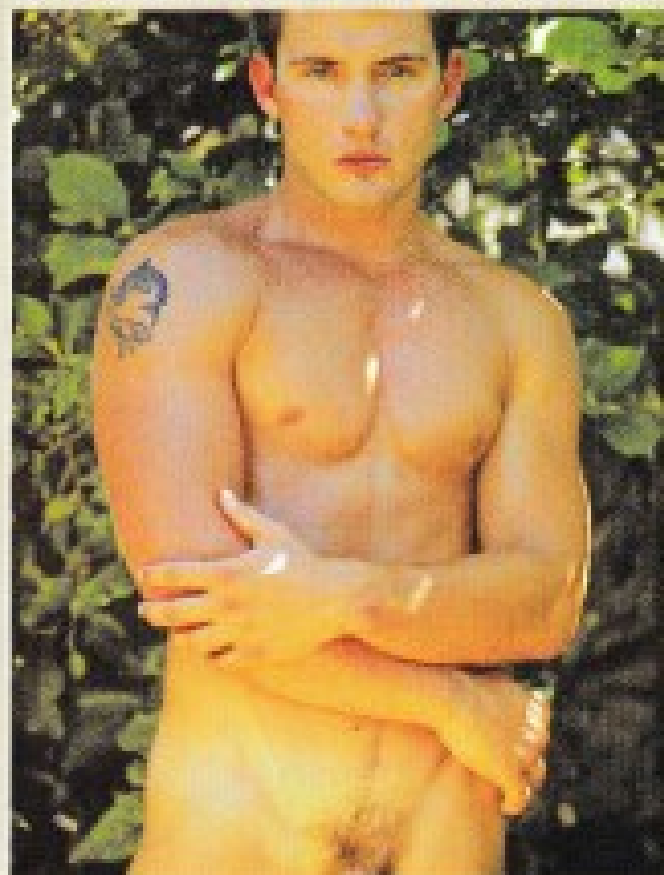


Dale Earnhardt tries the C5-R as for size

Christmas Stories.... I hope Santa
slid something pleasurable down your chimney!



*Greg Walker bought his wife Jill her own
Corvette for driving mainly on weekends!*



*Looks like Jill did her own Chrissy shopping,
but Santa, where's my Z06?*

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STARS CARS FOR SALE in the USA:

A Rally Red 1965 once belonging to baseball's "Mr. October," Reggie Jackson is for sale. The Hall of Famer is a renowned car buff and has enjoyed the classic car hobby for years.

Hollywood Star Car is for sale, a 1960 White Corvette was owned by Hollywood legend Bart Reynolds 20 years ago but that hasn't diminished this car's star appeal. There have been several magazine features with "Bart's '60". The documentation even includes the California title in Burt Reynolds' Production Company name. This Corvette has charisma plus.

Another movie car for sale, this 1960 Tuxedo Black made it's film debut in the Warner Brother's 1992 movie "Mr. Wonderful" starring such notables as Matt Dillon, Mary-Louise Parker, and William Hurt. After the New York filming, it travelled down to the Carolinas before finding it's way to Ohio.



Kicking to the southern end of the ground the position of our stand was about centre half forward. By the final siren our leading goal kickers were Terry Martin (66 NCRS Coupe) with two goals, one behind and Peter O'Leary with one major .

Terry won the Best Restoration and Best Corvette and was Runner Up for Best Interior (what went wrong Terry, judge find a empty coke can or something?) Peter, playing from about centre field (Bill Lee's stand) took out the prize for Best Monaro, again ! Congratulations to you both.



The Corvettes of Western Australia stand drew lots of attention to the club with new membership enquiries from existing and potential owners.



Other noteworthy players on the day were Chris Coves...always an attention grabber , Ian Gibbings with flair, Esther Brockwell, Mick and Jenny Delich, Zeljko and Jacky Sunjich, Rod Tunnercliffe and Greg Walker put in a shining performance.

Story by Rod Tunnercliffe, Photos Esther Brockwell.





A great Day for all and another impressive display of muscle



attend. Rod Tunnercliffe collected entry fees and forms from members at the meeting to be forwarded as the entries closed the following day. (7 members had entered)

CELEBRATION OF MOTOR CAR. Ron Flood had information and entry forms. It was a fundraising event held this Sunday.

RALLY AUSTRALIA. Darryl Lockhart would be entering this event on Friday 10th November.

POINTSCORE. Tony Kat had removed himself from the list as he would be totalling the points at the end of the year at our AGM. To be fair to all members a 2nd Chance draw would be made (same as the 1st prize). If members cannot participate in events they are encouraged to send articles for our magazine.

MEMBERSHIP FEES. We discussed what approach should be taken when cheques for memberships bounce. Cheques are accepted subject to being met on first presentation.

CONCESSIONAL LICENSING : All Clubs have now rendered their returns to DOT. Department is now cross-checking vehicle records with returns and a number of letters have already been dispatched to owners who have not had

their cars examined. If anyone knows of cars that may have "fallen through the net" (ie. no longer-club members but have cars still on concession,) please advise Examiner and we shall forward details to Department. The new regulations regarding LHD vehicles has still not been gazetted - hopefully by January.

Discussion held regarding transfer of cars from and to concession. In either event the cars require examination and VIN verification. Likewise cars need to go over the pits when transferring from Concessional to Full License.

CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT : A letter of apology from the Margaret River Resort. A Thank You card from Terry Martin & family. Usual assortment of trade letters and club newsletters and all matters of a general and routine nature have been dealt with by the Secretary.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday 13th February, 2001, at 7:30 pm at the Odin Tavern, Balcatta.

MEETING CLOSED:
The meeting closed at 9:25 pm.

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HE AINT HEAVY
Cause he's my Rubber....

You will notice that the Goodyear Run-Flats are gone from the 2001 Z06, and Goodyear's Eagle F1 Supercar (F1 SC) Ultra-performance tyres are in their place. With the performance of the Z06's (Top speed over 170mph - Zero to 60mph in 4 seconds), Goodyear wanted to make sure their tyres were up to the job. Chevrolet credits the Z06's superb handling to the Eagles F1 SC tyres. Although they're not true race tyres, these street tyre compounds approach race tyre performance. In spite of their larger size (245/40ZR17 front - 295/35ZR18 rear). The 4 tyres weigh 23-24 pounds lighter than the Run-Flats.

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

A1.1994

A2.R-134A

A3.1980

A4.Side exhaust

A5.1994

Letters!!! We get Letters...

From the Sydney Side!

I THOUGHT THIS LETTER WOULD BE A NEAT WAY OF LETTING YOU KNOW WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING TO ME IN SYDNEY, AND WHAT BETTER TIME TO WRITE (OK TYPE) TO YOU THAN AT CHRISTMAS. I KNOW IT IS NOT AS GOOD AS A PERSONAL LETTER, HOWEVER, YOU COULD GROW OLD WAITING FOR ME TO WRITE MANUALLY.

I HAVE BEEN HERE SINCE JUNE AND WORKING IN THE CITY. MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF SYDNEY CITY WERE, BIG CITY, WIDEAWAY STREETS, LOTS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE! HOWEVER, I HAVE ACCUSTOMED AND NOW I'M JUST ONE OF THE CROWD. IT CERTAINLY IS AN EXCITING CITY, WITH LOTS HAPPENING. THE CITY ITSELF SEEMS NEVER TO BE EMPTY, NO MATTER WHAT THE HOUR.

THE BEST THING I HAVE DONE TO DATE IS CLIMB THE SPINNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE, IT WAS GREAT! I THOROUGHLY RECOMMEND ANYONE, COMING TO SYDNEY AND NOT SUFFERING FROM VERTIGO, DO A BRIDGE CLIMB.

MY AUNT AND I WENT TO THE OLYMPICS, WHAT A MEMORABLE EVENT. I AM SO GLAD TO HAVE HAD THE TREASURE OF BEING IN SYDNEY DURING THE GAMES, SYDNEY AND ITSELF TROUBLED. I HAVE NOT BEEN MUCH OF A TOURIST. I ONLY USE UP THE ROOM FROM THE TROPICAL FRISK ZOO AND HAVEN'T BEEN THERE YET! SO FAR, MY WEEKENDS ARE FULL OF SHOPPING, SHOPPING AND MORE SHOPPING! I'M GOING BROKE FAST, BUT IT'S GREAT FUN!

I WENT OUT TO DINNER WITH SOME FRIENDS, AND SITTING AT THE NEXT TABLE WAS TOM CRUISE, SYDNEY IS THAT KIND OF PLACE!

LIVING IN MOSMAN, AT THE COMPANY'S EXPENSE, I REALLY HAVE BEEN SPOT. UNFORTUNATELY, ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END, AND HAVING ACCEPTED A PERMANENT POSITION IN SYDNEY, I NOW MUST FIND MY OWN INGS. BY THE END OF JANUARY, I WILL HAVE A NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER, AND WILL LET YOU KNOW.

I SINCERELY HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS, AND HOPEFULLY, BY THE TIME I WRITE TO YOU AGAIN (WHICH MAY BE NEXT CHRISTMAS), I WILL HAVE DONE A LOT MORE IN THIS LOST METROPOLIS.

Wishing you all the best,

Lyn Lees

Corvette Oz

CORVETTE OZ HAS OF NOW CEASED TO LIVE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE THAT USED OUR SERVICES WHETHER THEY SPENT ANY DOUGH OR JUST WANTED TO KNOW HOW THIS (FROGGING) THING GOES BACK TOGETHER, THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS WHAT HAS MADE THIS COMPANY STRONG, THE MANY HOURS I HAVE SPENT JUST TRYING TO PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE MANY REPAIR JOBS I HAVE DONE FOR MRS. HAS GIVEN ME A LOT OF PLEASURE, I ALWAYS MAINTAINED THAT I WAS NOT THERE JUST TO FLOG PARTS BUT TO HELP THE HOBBY IF I COULD.

AS WELL AS MYSELF OUR NEIGHBOURS WILL ALSO HES SOME OF THE GREAT LOOKING CARS THAT WERE ALWAYS TURNING UP AT OUR JOINT.

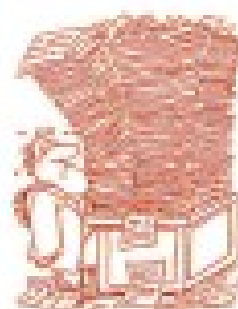
CORVETTE OZ HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR SALE TO ANYONE SERIOUS, IT WILL BE A BIG LOSS TO THE HOBBY, TO SEE, IF IT JUST DISAPPEARS.

THOSE THAT SUPPORTED US MANY THANKS AGAIN, THOSE PEEKS THAT GAVE ME A ROUGH TIME I HOPE YOUR CHUCKING TURN INTO SMILES AND KICK YOUR SHIT HOUSE DOWN WITH YOU IN IT.

IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING WHY WE HAVE MOVED, IT IS FOR HEALTH REASONS. IF CORVETTE OZ IS NOT SOLD WE WILL HAVE APPROX \$45,000 WORTH OF DOODS IN STOCK WHICH WILL BE SOLD OFF TILL DEPLETED ON A CASH ONLY BASIS. NO PRE SALES OR CLOSING DOWN SALES.

PLEASING AND SEE YA AROUND.

Kim Brakes



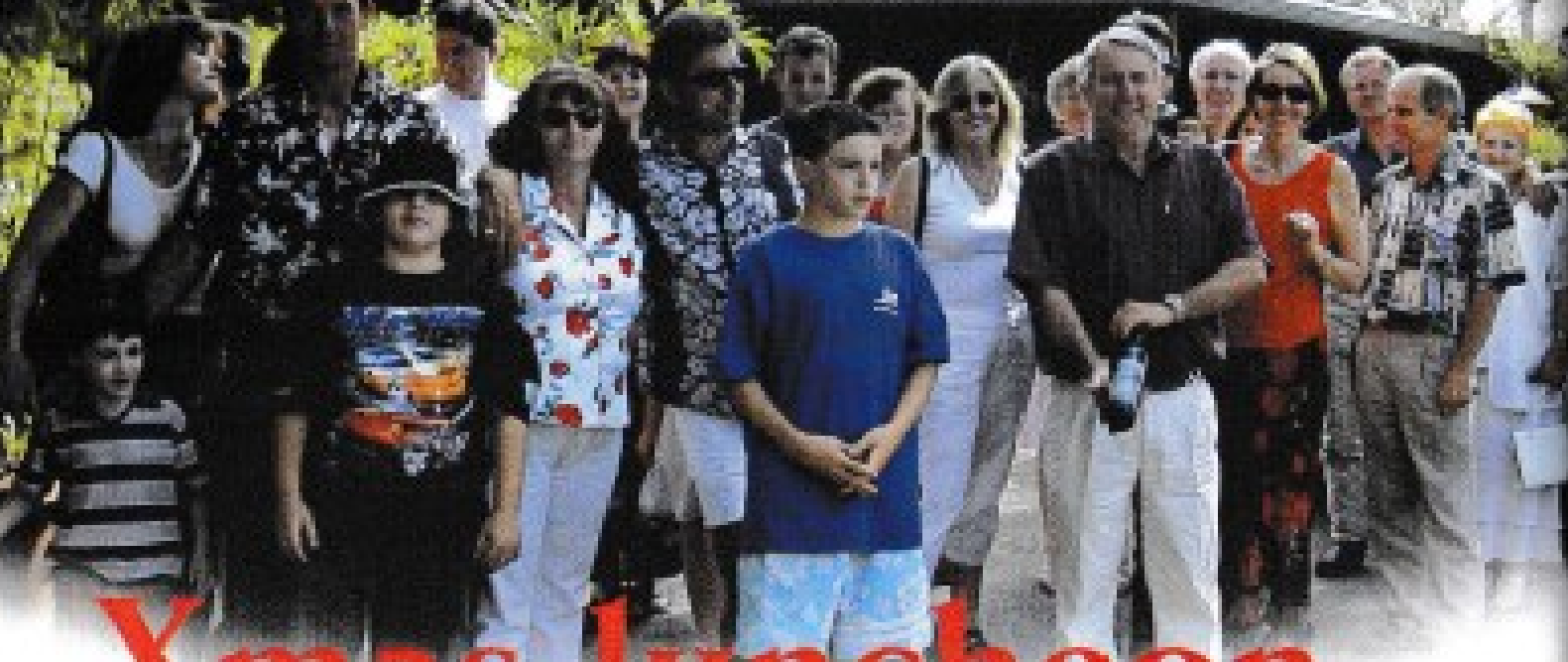
CORVETTE CONFIDENTIAL

Two club members in identical red cars were seen at the Blue Light Drags. They went head to head all night with one a clear winner. It sounds like the rivalry is to continue. Will there be more horse power on the way? "YOU BETCHA"!! someone was heard to say.



Heard a rumour?

Email your gossip to Martin at digitalprint@cdgraphics.com.au



Xmas luncheon

by Katie Page



The venue to meet-at was agreed by all, an excellent choice by our Sheryl Gibbings, up at King's Park overlooking the Swan, to display the Vettes was quite fitting.

To pass the time awaiting late arrivals, the conversation was about Vettes – don't be amazed, and of course it would have been abnormal if at least one hood wasn't raised.

In convoy like fashion, we commenced to depart, with chrome sparkling and duco agleam. The vettes made their progression in colourful procession and exited the park in a stream.

The weather couldn't have been better on a perfect summer's day, attracting the usual **Oohs! – Aahs!** And thrills. As we started our run and headed for Pinewood Lodge in the hills.

Mr. Gibbings was leader and we were second in line, making sure not to lose sight of the "Blue", and Ian tried in vain to catch every red light so the others could catch up too.

At one point in time we were fairly "strung-out" and decided to pull over for a chat, as other "Vettes" came in sight we moved off, only to find our battery was flat.

Everyone passed us assuming, we were waiting for them, oblivious to our plight, until a Vette containing the local constabulary fortunately came into sight. As luck would have it Darryl jump started us and we got going without much fuss, and arrived at the lodge, but couldn't stop thinking. Something **ALWAYS!** Happens to us.

Once inside we were greeted, with nibbles and munchies and could opt for a cold beer or wine.

The room was decked out with a buffet style meal and the roasts smelt absolutely divine.

There was a big leg of ham and a turkey all brown with vegies, salads and prawns on the table. There was plenty of wine, beer and drink and the service was great, and you could eat as much as you were able.

Congratulations to the lucky free Xmas Raffle winners: Caye Clark, Terry Martin and Greg Walker.

Oh! – by the way – I nearly forgot in the grounds there was a wedding on that day. After years of being engaged I was tempted to sneak out and try to **catch the bouquet**.

The day came to a close and we said our good byes and were all full of good cheer, so safe "Vetting" folks whenever you be, **Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!**





1979 Corvette Coupe RHD Red 350 auto Oyster interior. Trophy winner in '98 National Corvette Convention. Regretful sale. \$30,000 firm. Call Sonja 95746223

1979 Corvette Coupe Red 350 auto RHD going overseas SOffers. Ph. Greg Turpin 9497 9207

1973 Corvette Coupe 350 4 speed silver black leather PW AC glass roofs good condition \$28,000 Tony 9305 7553

1982 Corvette Collector Coupe Full history, very original low miles conversion by Corvette Engineering Must See car Chev 350 Auto. Ph George 9309 3990



1964 Corvette Convertible rego YET64 327 4 speed LHD green restored \$52K obo Ph George 9309 3990

1969 Corvette Coupe 350 4 speed light blue ducol with black trim original cond. LHD \$30,000 obo Ph Armando 9309 3892



1981 Corvette Coupe Met Silver red leather trim 350 auto only 28,000 miles like new rhd Nino 9389 6330

1974 Corvette Convertible LHD 350 Auto 86,000 miles. Asking \$28,500 Contact Alan on 0418 882 026

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1965 Convertible Corvette 327/350HP 4 speed blue/blue lhd very original car was restored in USA owner has moved to Kenya, South Africa call Danusia Waite 9377 0060

1978 Pace Car 350 Auto 31,000 original miles Collectors dream all documentation Lic LHD SPOA call Joel 9310 8814



1984 Chevrolet Corvette Rego YET84 RHD by Corvette Engineering new paint crossfire injected 350 Chev 4 speed automatic air conditioned power windows locks mirrors new alarm new Pioneer CD player Ballys sounding head turner \$30,000 obo Edward Hope Ph 9245 3687 or 0417 091 856

1969 Corvette Convertible LHD 350 300hp, red Asking reasonable offer. Ph Alan on 0418 882 026

1984 Corvette 350 auto new paint needs some work must sell SOffers Brett Mazalevski 9337 6086

FREE ADS For all financial club members your cars and parts advertised free. Ph Kat 9446 6243

PARTS FOR SALE

GM side pipes genuine complete set with factory side covers & mounting hardware suit small block NEW I paid \$3,750 10 years ago. Looking for at least this amount to sell Call Gavin 9434 5756

Intake manifold 427 L88 Big block used genuine GM in excellent original condition Part #3935163 \$300 Call Larry 9309 2442 (W)

1960 Corvette soft top new white US made still in box make an offer Ph John 9448 8715

Ground effects body kit complete with rear wing suit 84 to 93 talk to Stuart 9378 2820 (H)

Carpet new moulded cut pile beige 85-89 \$250 ring Peter 9417 4250 (W) 9525 1922 (H)

Fibreglass moulds to make '81 style bumpers also mould to make turbo hood Ph Tony 9445 7737

License plate 70VET USA size Ph Laurie 9454 3582

Wheels 17" x 9.5" factory mags John Oria 9378 2906

Mag Wheels 73 Model suit 73-82 swap for rally wheels phone Peter Brown 0413 150 334

PARTS WANTED

Rally Wheels Corvette 8" Tony 9445 7737

Got something for sale? Call us.

Under the Hood



with Tony Katavatis

UNIVERSAL JOINTS

While this may come as a surprise, apart from Corvettes and Pontiac Firebirds, there are very few cars built in the world today that still have rear wheel drive. There are exceptions of course, such as Mercs and Beemers, not forgetting Holdens and Falcons but not much else! The main reason being of course, that it's far less expensive to assemble a front wheel drive where everything is lifted up into place in the one go.

No doubt you already know that all drive shafts have two universal joints; one at each end.

These are the very familiar 'cross' type joint that was actually invented by a Mr. Cardan but, that's another story.

There is a problem with the common 'cross' type of universal joint and that is, that as the shaft rotates, it speeds up and slows down, twice, each revolution. The acceleration and deceleration that occurs during these speed changes, increases as the working angle increases.

One more concern about this speed variation is that the transmitted torque does the same thing, so I think you get the idea that there's lots of stresses continually being built up and released in that propeller shaft tubing.

Now, without wanting to turn you into a rocket scientist, we must have one joint cancel out the speed fluctuations of the other. To achieve this (in theory anyway), two things must happen:

a. Both universal joints must work through the same angles.

b. They must be aligned in such a way that both drive shaft, universal joint yokes, must be aligned in the same plane ('phasing').

Add to this the load of the rear suspension, the universal joint is part of the Corvettes drive train not to be forgotten.

1982—2001 FUEL PUMPS

Causes of Premature EFI Fuel Pump Failure

Whenever a fuel pump is not performing to its potential for whatever reason, not only is its pressure potential reduced but more importantly its flow and therefore cooling and lubricating capability is also reduced.

Premature EFI fuel pump failure can be summarised as:

Fine abrasive contaminants: Sediments and dirt, including rust are generally abrasive and cause rapid wear throughout the pump, particularly the brushes and commutator, and critical pumping element clearances will be opened up, reducing pump performance. Armature shaft bearing surfaces will also wear and score.

Residue contaminants: Gum residues from oxidised fuel. Phenolic and asphaltenic residues from fuel refining processes. Phenolic-related problems are generally cyclic (they tend to occur at peak production times: Easter and Christmas), and brand-related.

Water contamination: Water in fuel is not uncommon, but is generally present in such small quantities that the pump inlet strainer is able to separate it from the fuel before the pump. A strainer will allow water to pass when an excessive quantity is present, with disastrous effects on the pump - because water is a good conductor of electricity, pump operation is greatly impaired. Water also promotes the formation of rust and scale which are detrimental to pump operation and life.

Fuel quality: Fuels with a high aromatic hydrocarbon content are a relatively new phenomenon in Australia, particularly with unleaded fuel. They may cause swelling/softening/hardening of fuel system elastomers and plastics such as pump components and strainers - changing fuel brand may help to avoid such fuels. The use of some fuel additives will also create or exacerbate this problem.

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.

*FRIDAY 19th JANUARY 2001 NIGHT CRUISE

Meet at Speedy's Roadside Kitchen, Stirling H'way, Mosman Park. (Next to the Mosman Park Railway Station.) Route to be decided on the night. **Dep. time 8:30pm** Ring Rod 9364 5450 or Greg (H) 9275 1305

*SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2001 ROCKINGHAM BRO & TWILIGHT CRUISE

Departure Time 5pm. Cruise along Freeway to Thomas Rd then onto Rockingham. Gas BBQs are available at a spot between Rockingham and Penguin Is. BYO meat, drinks, etc or pick up a take-away on-route. Enjoy a BBQ and watch the sunset with members from Rockingham and Mandurah. Return to Perth or continue cruising on down to "The Dome" (or similar for coffee in Mandurah, arriving around 8.30-9pm. Ring Rod (H) 9364 5480 for any more information.

*FRIDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2001 : NIGHT CRUISE

See above for details (Speech's)

*TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2001 CLUB MEETING

General Meeting at Odin Tavern, Bakatta. Enjoy a meal/drink and a chat before the meeting. **Meeting starts at 7.30pm.** Apologies to Sheryl 9299 6418

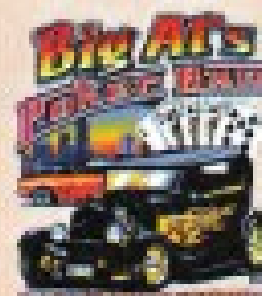


*FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2001 NIGHT CRUISE

^aSee above for details (Spreen's).

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2001 - BIG AL'S POKER RUN

Show and Shine from 10:00am Cruise departs from Burswood Park 3:30pm.
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& Pasties on sale at Start and Finish. Ring 9444 7330 or 041 455 1928 for
further information.



* FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2001 - NIGHT CRUISE

See above for details (Speech's)

*SUNDAY 11th MARCH 2001 - IAN COWAN'S/PINELLI'S WINERY BBC

Come along and enjoy a very relaxing day with friends. We will **depart at 11.30am** from the carpark behind Fraser's Restaurant in Kings Park and enjoy a cruise to Pinelli's Winery, Bennett St, Caversham where BBQ facilities are provided. BYO meat and a Salad to share. Drinks are available or BYO. For more details ring Sheryl 9299 6438

FRIDAY 16th MARCH 2001 - NIGHT CRUISE

See above for details (Speech's)

SUNDAY 18th MARCH 2001 CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Held at Whiteman Park. Ring Tony Katavatis for more details (W) 9445 7737

Our events are marked with an asterisk - be sure to support your Club!

Reminder, if you wish to have your name on the active members list, give Sherri a call. That way you'll hear about short notice events.

Vette Scene

A Corvette driven by American Rick Doria has been caught traveling at 355km/h along a public road in Nevada USA - and the police just smiled.

Every year a crazy event called the Nevada Pony Express is conducted on closed highway's in the gambling state. Entrants go hell for leather along 80 km of good road, winding up to a full-tilt blast through a speed trap. Another Corvette was second fastest at 348km/h with a road going Porsche third, clocking 333km/h.

Chevrolet's research shows that the people likely to buy Corvettes are 48 years old, 80% of them are male, 79% of them are married and household income is US\$125,000.

The last 2000 rolled off the line in Bowling Green on Monday June 26th, 2000.

Production has shifted to the 2001 cars, the first 25 of which became part of Chevrolet's 'Captured Fleet', which staff and engineers real-world tested during the Plant's two week down period in July 2000. The 'Captured Fleet' is used to identify potential quality and Customer concerns. Strong demand for C5 has the Bowling Green Plant working extra hours.

Xtreme Limousine (USA) have built a stretched C5. It is over 10 metres long (stretched 5.5 metres). It can seat 14 people. What would it be like doing a Bum-out? More on www.xtremelimo.com

We all remember Lionel Moores screaming Nissan at the autokhana, unfortunately it was stolen before Xmas while locked in his garage at home. Lionel's house was broken into and the Nissan keys found. Seems every garage needs a chain link fence round it with four Rottweilers. Maybe that's the only way to stop tiny-minded scum sucking filth from wreaking their mindless havoc!!

You would have gathered from Lyn Lees letter she has shifted up a gear to keep up with the Sydney pace. Sean & Katya were back in Perth just long enough to get the Vette out for the Bay to Whiteman Run before returning to the sunshine state.

Peter O'Leary and Colin Morris had their cars on display at the recent Hot Rod & Street machine Spectacular held at the Showgrounds.

It all happened on the way back from our Margaret River weekend, Mick & Jeni managed to get their ute bogged, the Quinns arrived home on a tow truck with no fuel pressure, Terry Martin lost his wallet while the Zeljko's managed to avoid all the radars!

Colin & Maureen Morris & family are enjoying January in the snow in America. I'm sure their itinerary will include lots of Corvette stuff.

Graeme Turner in Narrogin has completed some repairs to his '79, so lets hope we see you on some of our runs Graeme!

Brian Richardson from Odin Hardware in Innaloo has purchased a RHD 1962 327 4 speed, which was once part of the Paul Terry Collection in Albany. He plans are to road race the car at the many events now held in WA.

The silver '63 coupe that has lived in Broome for many years has now come back to Perth. Owner Larry House has sold the car to brother Wayne.

Upon returning from shopping recently, Paul Webster was horrified to see his '86 driving out of the car park with Gaye Clark at the wheel. Seems they both own black '86 convertibles with tan soft tops.

My final thought, if you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments. See you all at the night cruises and don't forget the meeting on the 13th.

Until next time, it's Cheers from me.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO....

JANUARY

Zeljko Pekic
Brad Kelly
Greg Walker
Brad Devine
Zeljko Sunjich
Jacky Sunjich
Jill Stuart
Kaye Cook

FEBRUARY

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Peter Turner
Lorraine Turnercliffe
Theresa Moore
Bruce & Haziyah Bell
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