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Welcome to Corvettes of WA Inc.

Corvettes Of WA Inc. is dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of America's finest sports car the Chevrolet Corvette. The Club is based in Perth, WA (Western Australia), Australia and has an active and enthusiastic membership. New members are always welcome and visitors to our website are encouraged to browse and learn a little more about Corvettes "down under".

Meetings

Club meetings are held bi-monthly at the Bassendean Bowling Club (Entrance via Hamilton Street) commencing at 7.00 p.m. Please check the club website for meeting dates.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

December already it is hard to believe, must be age thing. With all the has been happening in the club time does slip by very quickly.

The Social side is still very strong and the, recently added, monthly mid week cruises have become very popular. Thank you to the members who have put their hand up to set a run so far.

Our Week End Away was once again a great success, the weather was stunning and the company great, a big thank you to Andy Weatherburn for taking this one on, check out the Photo's and stories.

The Web Page and the Magazine are there for you members to use and support, if you have anything to contribute please contact the Andy W or Andy P.

The Social Calendar has plenty to offer.

The next outing is the Christmas Lunch on 13th December at The Black Swan Winery.

The first lot of new Club clothing is now ready for the members that placed their orders, thank you again to the members that ordered the clothing in a prompt manner and filled out the paper work as asked. If you would like any clothing please email me and place your order.

We have had another new group members join this last couple of months so membership is strong.

Numbers are still not strong at general meetings however with the numbers averaging around 25. I would like to see more attending, and the BBQs are a great way to finish off the night.

We still need more members to put their hands up to help out on our Committee for the Nationals, time is ticking away and we have a lot to do.

Finally I would like to wish all members, and their families, a safe and happy Christmas.

I am of to Freezing England till mid January, see you when I get back.

Greg Walker President



Proof That Size Does Matter!!!

FRIDAY NIGHT RUN
October 2015

Our October Friday Night Run ended up back at the Swan Yacht Club. Our hosts for the night were members Kim and Bernice Wilkie, Kim is the commodore of the Swan Yacht Club. COWA have been at the Club previously and enjoyed great food and entertainment. Karaoke was the order of the night and Bernice applied the pressure. Heather Long did not have to be asked twice she up jumped and was into it, Heather put the Corvette club on the list for next time, well done Heather.

A few members are going to take out Social Membership so that if Kim is away we can book in again .

Do not miss out on the next Friday Night run, they are always good fun.



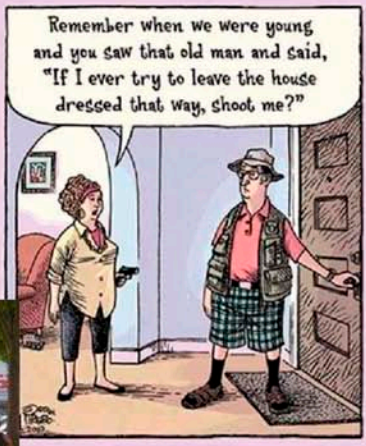


















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November mid week run to Chidlow

Novembers mid week cruise was as popular as the previous one. 9 Corvettes took part in the run, put together by Richard Geiger, to the Chidlow Hotel. Kevin Heighway suggested a stop off at his son Russell's place to have a look at some of his collection of Chevrolet cars, Wow didn't this open our eyes! Check out the photos, these are just some of the cars - there are more in storage and more waiting to get restored. It was a great break on to the trip to Chidlow.
The Chidlow Hotel is owned by a car fanatic so he gave us the red carpet treatment. The weather was as good as you could get and the company was great. A big thank you to Russell and to Richard for a great day






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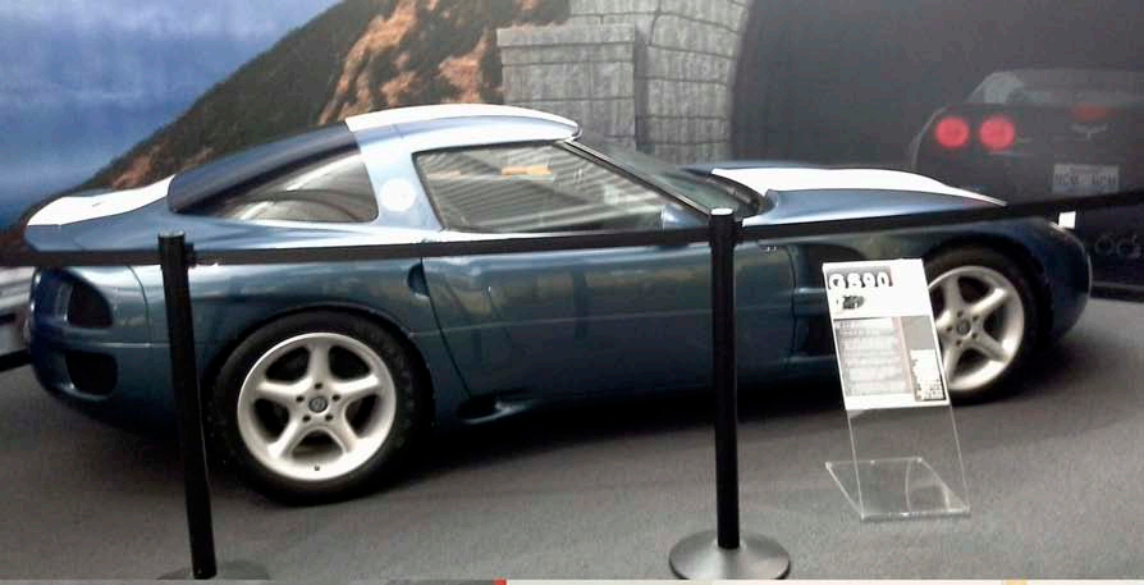
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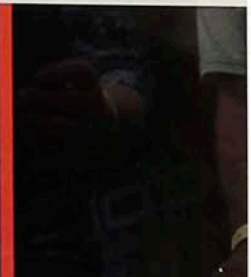
Only six GS90s were ever built out of a planned 100-150 car run. This is GS #1.



DID YOU KNOW

- Dick Guldstrand's ultimate version of the ultimate C4 ZR-1 with 475hp.
- Incorporated influences from the Grand Sports of the early 60s inside a distinctive body style that is a throwback to the original 1963 Corvette GS race cars.
- The car starred at the L.A. Auto Show
- The GS90 cost $134,500, and as a result, only six GS90s were built and sold.
- Guldstrand left the ZR-1 cabin alone, concentrating instead on the chassis and engine development, and bespoke coachbuilt distinctive body.
- In addition to the Museum's GS90, Charlie Budenz owns #2, the other 4 are thought to be in Museums in Europe, Japan and Detroit.

Donated by Dick Guldstrand of North Hollywood, CA



The restoration of this Corvette was sponsored by Charlie Budenz, owner of GS90 #2. Charlie's passion and enthusiasm for the history of the car yielded what is now an iconic show piece for the Museum.

On January 8th, in Los Angeles, California, the Los Angeles auto Show is held, over nine days. Dick Guldstrand introduces the GS-90 Corvette, based on the Corvette ZR-1 chassis and engine, with aerodynamic body designed by Steve Winter.



October mid-week run to Gin Gin.



Well the second Mid Week cruise was again well attended with 8 Vettes and a ring in 4 wheel drive (hope your Vette is back on the road soon Rob and Lorraine). The weather was spectacular. It seems that a lot of members find the mid week cruise is easier to fit in to their social lives, even the wives enjoy the outing. The Gin Gin hotel put on a great meal and no one went hungry. Richard's Vette had a starter motor problem so a few members were required to push start the old girl a few times. The most embarrassing moment was at a set of traffic lights in Midland - but anyone can stall an early model Corvette. Get that starter motor fixed for the next run Richard.

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BRIDGETOWN RUN 2015

An impressive 17 'vettes made the weekend run to the southwest town of Bridgetown on the weekend 27th to 30th November 2015.

"El Pres" kind of set the tone for the weekend's leadership when he got his start times mixed up and thought they were going to be late to the rendezvous point. However, after a de-stress coffee, all was well.

After some coffee and a walk around, all was good and Andy led the way south cruising through to Collie for lunch and a leg stretch. Careful planning and fact finding by "El Pres" again came to the fore with direction that a left turn on the highway was the go. Well after a big turnaround a little down the highway, we came back to town just minutes later, confusing the odd Collie local, with " Look, there they go again"

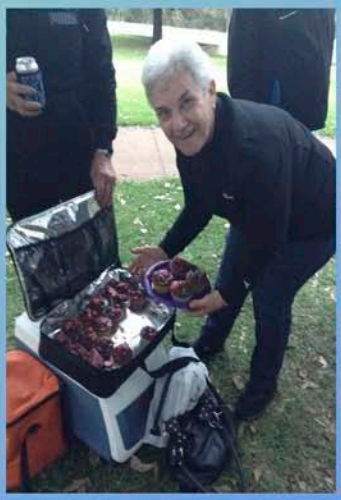
Back on the right track, we headed toward Boyup Brook. The first almost disastrous incident in a great many years almost took out Neil and Sue, when a "boofhead" tried to do a u turn without indication right in front of Neil in a 110km zone. When the dust settled, a few had a shake and a shudder. But all ended well fortunately.

Arriving in Bridgetown we settled in for a "few froths" as the day warmed. A few also found the pool for a reflection of the day's events.

That evening, our group all wandered down to the Blackwood River for a BBQ and evening drinks. It was here we discovered it was Lorna McDonalds birthday and to celebrate the event, just how good, her sister, Janette Hankinson's choc mud cakes, complete with candles, were. Fantastic!



Loran McDonald's birthday cake at the meet and greet BBQ



Jeanette Hankison made a cream cake for all the members



Rob and Lorraine celebrating their 50th weeding anniversary at the BBQ

The next day it was time to play our part and put on a display at the annual Bridgetown Agricultural Fair. With the girls in town looking for bargains, the boys enjoyed a wander around the fair, lunch , a play with a 20 kg python snake (yep, El Pres) and a couple of



quiet ones to slack the thirst. Again it was El Pres to the fore when his C6 Z06 took out the $100 Peoples Choice Award. Well done Greg, and things were on the up again!
Saturday night was a top night at the lodge with drinks, a meal and a quiz night and more drinks to follow. A small group led by a veteran Kim, stayed well after the lights went out to solve the political problems of our great country.
The quiz winning team members on the night were Kim and Bernice Wilkie, Ron Flood and Andy Weatherburn. The general consensus by us poor losers was that you can't beat Ron Floods knowledge of Corvettes. Well done team.





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Sunday was another day of humour with the leisurely cruise to Donnelly River Tourist Village for morning tea and then on to Manjimup for a top meal at the new Tree Tops Restaurant in town. Then more humour was to be had when Mrs Walker, "allegedly" gave El Pres some wrong directions to the cherry farm. Well, after some heavy breathing standing in the middle of a backstreet, El Pres was all good and off we went back to Bridgetown. Some of the wise ones headed off and found their own cherry farm and arrived back in town a little while later for a well earned swim and a beer or two. Across the road from the lodge where we were staying, was a grocery shop with a big sign saying, you guessed it, cherries for sale!

Seven couples stayed on for Sunday night and found a top meal at the Freemasons Hotel, all thanks to Brian and Janette Hankinson who caught up with their friends who happened to be the publicans. Well done Brian and Janette.

Monday was home day and those remaining headed of back to Perth after what was thought to be a really laid back weekend with a great bunch of people. Thanks to all for your company over the weekend and special thanks to Andy Weatherburn and Wayne and Allison Davies who did all the pre planning for the weekend. And lastly, a special mention in dispatches to black Z06 owners, who by leading from the front, provided all with some humorous moments.











Thanks to Darryl for the article and to Greg and Darryl for the pictures.

Tech Tip - Radiator.

If you find brown, foamy residue in the coolant of your Corvette you may have also located a cracked cylinder head, which can cause overheating. Have your radiator pressure checked at your local radiator shop.Pressure loss can cause overheating. Before you start peeling apart the engine, give this some consideration: Many times a failed radiator cap is the culprit. A cap that has failed to hold system pressure can cause coolant loss and overheating conditions.

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CORVETTES OF WA INC MEETING - TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER 2015

Meeting Commenced at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

See hardcopy list (23 members attended)

APOLOGIES:

Rob Stirling, Tim Chapman, Larry and Jane Home, Mike Swin, Eric Gange, Ian Geddes Zelko and Yvonne Pekic, Andy Priest (10 members)

NEW MEMBERS:

Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting Read:

Moved Richard Geiger

Seconded Ron Flood

Business Arising: Nil

FINANCE:

- *Advance payout of $2400 to purchase new club clothing*
- *Trading Account is $ 15.410.00*
- *Term deposits remain invested on fixed term.*

Expenditure:

- *Bridgetown Weekend away was $600 in venue hire and $58.00 for quiz night prizes*

Moved Neil Felthouse

Seconded Ross Owen

MEMBERSHIPS:

- *We currently have 86 members financial*
- *Mr Ken Palmer has paid a membership fee but there is no record of membership.*
- *General comments by Greg Walker re membership.*

Moved Jackie Sunjich

Seconded Kim Wilkie

MAGAZINE:

- *Andy not present. Not well*
- *Magazine should be out by Friday out this week*

WEB:

- *Andy Weatherburn advised nil to report*

CMC:

Ron advised;

- *Next meeting will be held 21st January 2016.*
- *Ron provided a brief overview of taxation matters re clubs.*

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil received

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

One Concessional License Application letter sent for member Steve Sibley

SOCIAL:

• Greg provided an overview of recent activities.

• Richard advised there was a midweek cruise this week.

• Friday night cruises are still popular and reminded the meeting that ladies are always welcome.

• Bridgetown weekend away was a great weekend for all involved.

• Greg offered a thankyou to Andy Weatherburn for his planning of the weekend

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Trailer license is mailed to Jacky. She queried the need for this. Darryl to follow up.

2. Jacky reminded members that the club Face book page is established and attracting guests.

3. Darryl raised the issue of a Bowls night. Interest was suggesting that the event would work. Darryl will follow up.

4. Greg advised that the committee has set up Internet banking account. The accounts will be audited monthly by the committee.

5. Richard queried the upcoming national convention planning to date.

6. Greg advised that the club has purchased 3 handsets for club runs.

7. Greg advised that an owner of a 1960 Corvette contacted him and advised he would like to donate some Corvette books to the club. We will place them in the Whiteman Park cabinet and send a letter of thanks.

8. Greg advised the committee will purchase a C7 flag for club use.

9. Xmas luncheon: 34 are coming. Several members then expressed a wish to attend. Darryl to follow up options.

10. Greg advised that club clothing is ready for payment and distribution.

11. Greg raised the issue of the next convention in WA. There was general discussion and debate re location options. Greg to arrange a meeting with the five members nominated to be on the next convention committee.

12. Ron Flood and Keith Patching advised the meeting that they intended to arrange a calendar for 2016. They will carry the cost of production.

Greg wished all members a Merry Xmas a Happy New Year.

Meeting Raffle winner was Kevin Donetta

Next meeting will be in February 2016

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm



This is Bogged!

SEAT BELT EXEMPTIONS

Some background and the latest update follows.

In 2010 the WA Road Traffic Code was revised to incorporate the national model laws on vehicle child restraints. Under the revised Code all children up to the age of 4 years must be restrained in a child restraint. Children from 4 to less than 7 years must be must be restrained in child restraint or placed in a booster capsule fastened by a seatbelt. Only the Director General can issue an exemption.

Under this Code, children from 7 to less than 16 also need to be seated in an approved child restraint or seat belt. However an exemption is automatically made if the seating position that the person occupies is not fitted with a seatbelt; and the car was not fitted with seat belts when it was manufactured.

Consequently seat belt exemptions are really only applicable to children from 4 to 7 years.

Following an approach by the CMC in August 2010, we were advised then by the Minister for Transport that the Director General may provide a written exemption for specific events and that clubs wanting this would need to apply and provide relevant event details.

Up until earlier this year, following requests in writing from clubs a representative from the Department of Transport has been granting exemptions for single events for children from 4 up to the age of 7 years. However at a meeting with the DoT and the CMC Code 404 Delegates in mid October this year, the DoT advised that this DoT representative no longer had the correct authority as there had been an internal departmental restructuring of authority. In future exemptions will only be granted for single events where the vehicle travels at a speed of less than 20 km/h, and no exemptions will be granted for travel to and from events. This effectively stops children aged between 4 and 7 participating in most of our historical motoring events in cars which were manufactured before seat belts were fitted.

There have been further discussions on this issue, most recently being a meeting with the DoT on the 23rd November. Refer attached report from the Code 404 Delegates.

It would seem that managers in the DoT are no longer willing to grant exemptions to this part of the Traffic Code due to the perceived risk of litigation should an accident occur.

As far as we are aware there have not been accidents involving historic vehicles where children aged from 4 to 7 years who have not been wearing seatbelts have been injured. However accidents are still occurring and even very careful and attentive drivers are at risk from other drivers who have no regard for the traffic rules.

On a separate issue the Code 404 Delegates are actively working with the DoT Policy Group on concessional licensing. DoT have drafted business rules for concessional licensing for historic vehicles. This business rules dictate how concessional licensing will be managed. The Delegates are working with the Policy Group to revise these rules to suit our members. This includes pushing to remove the possibility of introducing logbooks, retaining AIS examiners and reverting the responsibility for ensuring concessionally licensed vehicles are not modified, to solely owner onus.

The Policy Group have made it very clear that the DoT will not grant exemptions from wearing seat belts for children from 4 to 7 years. Some informal very high level discussions have already been held but it is the CMC Committee's view that a general exemption approach to the Minister would not be successful and that it would significantly reduce our ability to make changes to the concessional licensing business plan and subsequent rules.

At this stage we are not proposing to escalate this issue to the Minister.

Our next general meeting is on the 21st December. At this meeting we will review our approach and ask for your endorsement. If this is a matter of interest to your club, please attend.

If this is an issue for your club, we would be appreciative if you could advise us before this meeting on how this change to seat belt exemptions for 4 to 7 year olds impacts your club. This will allow us to better prepare for the discussion on the night.

Kind regards
Neville Horner
Secretary
Council of Motoring Clubs WA

"Go out and enjoy nature" they said!





Sunday Lunch at Mason Gardens

After a scorching day on the Saturday it was a possible that a few Membersin the Vettes without Air Conditioning may have decide to Bail out on the Sunday , no they all turned up to a Slightly Cooler day, and after a pleasant drive through the hills arrived at a stunning Restaurant with views out over the Valley, we were Privileged to have our own parking area, away from all the 4WD's, out to damage our pride and joy.

It is amazing that some of these out of the way places are a great surprise when you arrive.

The Members soon settled in, the Meal was First Class as was the Company, a big thanks go to Brian and Jeanette Hankeninson for organizing this Run.











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