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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".



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another big year is planned with a new social committee up and running. Keep looking for the emails coming through as with the weather warming up there will be plenty happening, including the weekend away, which has now been put together.

An interesting run that was put together earlier this year was the First 'Fibreglassics Run' which was only for Fibre Glass bodied Cars. Corvettes of WA, made up major the numbers on the first run. This is planned to be an ongoing social event, so please keep checking out the website as we would like to keep this going.

Membership is going along quite well but still members are not paying promptly. If membership is not renewed by the end of August then those members that have not paid will, under club rules, have to pay a re nomination fee of \$20.00. So please pay promptly. Members with Concessional licences must be financial.

Please let us know if any of your details, address, email address, telephone number etc. have changed so we can stay in touch with you..

The planning for the 2018 National Corvette Convention is well under way, however more help will be required as we go along.

As a member please use the services the club provides in the magazine and the website. These services are there for you as a member to use so please let us have any stories, technical articles or classifieds that you may have.

Keep safe.

Greg Walker.

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~Oscar Amringer, "the Mark Twain of American Socialism."

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

~John Quinton, American actor/writer

INAUGURAL "FIBREGLASSICS" RUN



Well the Inaugural Fibreglassics Run was held on June 26th. It was the Brain Child of Greg Morris, the owner of a lovely Marcos fibreglass sports car, his intention was to get all Fibreglass constructed vehicles together for a run, and to show the public the different Fibreglass Models that have been produced around the World.

It was short notice but 54 cars attended on the day including 23 corvettes. It is Greg's intention to have a Fibreglassics run 3 times a year.

The weather turned out to be spectacular considering the previous days had been wet.

Our first stop was at the Parkville Tavern, then a short run to a private Car Museum.

The Owner was a collector of rare Renault Cars, he even had a full size Replica Formula One car, a Renault Bus and some very nice Garage bits and pieces.

After another short Cruise we finished up at the Chidlow Tavern. The meal and the atmosphere was great - I think this could take off as a regular run.

Greg Walker





Marilyn hasn't aged well

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Christmas in July



Mason Mills Garden Restaurant in Carmel was the venue for this years Xmas in July and 51 Members attended. July Weather can be a bit cold and wet but it wasn't too unpleasant, cold outside but warm inside the Restaurant. Corvettes of WA had our own room away from the general public this gave everyone a chance to have a bit of fun.

The food was first class, I didn't hear any complaints, the drink orders got a bit messy at the start with that many people but it worked out well as the day went on.

There were two Hampers put up on the day and the door prize was won by Caryl Pass who wasted no time in jumping up to claim her prize. The winner of the main prize was Zelijko Pekic. The highlight of the day was once again the secret stealing santa and 23 members took part. One of the presents was a boxed set of two good bottles of wine, this changed hands seven times during the day, with Dennis Kopcheff being the final stealer. It was great fun for all those who took part and a big thanks goes to Morena and Michael for their efforts on the day.



JUNE Mid Week Run



Well it might have been the first day of winter but you would not have known, 21°C bright sun cloudless sky how good does it get?

6 Corvettes and a couple of ring-in's visited the newly refurbished Guildford Hotel. Parking was a problem but we managed to sort it out.

They have done a fantastic job on the old pub, it was packed to the old burnt out rafters, great seating inside and out, we picked the sun shine.

The food was first class and will put it on the calendar again.



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JULY Mid Week Run



The mid week Cruise just gets bigger every month, the July Cruise had 10 Corvettes and 3 ring in's with a total of 15 members plus a couple of very Junior Members due to School holidays.

The weather Gods looked down on us ,it was a stunning day sunny and 16c

The cruise started at Burswood onto the Freeway out too the coast, a great drive along the northern beaches back onto the Freeways to Morley, lunch was at the Mean Machines Restaurant , meals were very good ,it's well worth a visit just to have a look at all the memorabilia , a visit to their show rooms across the road is also recommended , we will wait and see how the weather is in August.



All Corvettes deserve a garage like this!



OBITUARY

Just letting Corvettes of WA Members know that Alan Erdman aka Big Al passed away yesterday June 2nd after having surgery 10days ago, after speaking with him 3 days ago all seemed ok.

Many members will have fond memories of Big Al and his Poker Runs.

RIP Al you will be missed.

Greg Walker.

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TRACK DAY

On Friday afternoon the 19 May, 13 club members and 3 guests participate in Corvettes of WA driving day at the MC Motorsport complex near the Perth International Airport. The weather held off to make the afternoon perfect for our event.

It was also good to see a number of other members pop in for a look and enjoy the company.

The track is approx 1.6 klm long with a main straight which allowed our cars to reach 180 klms per hour, thereafter the track was very twisty making for some skillful cornering.

Whilst the day wasn't about lap times and more about having fun in your Vette, a special thanks to Andy Weatherburn & Keith Patching who did some unofficial lap timing. The top 3 times went to Morten Benjaminson (1.03) Patrick Hihre (1.04) and President Greg (1.06). Congratulations guys. Towards the end of the event after the timing was finished, Morten & Patrick really took to the track in their ZR1's and I suspect would have recorded even lower times.

It was good to watch and hear all the different model Corvettes tear around the track, including Rod Tunnercliffe C4, which has absent from club events for a year or two. It still sounded great. It was also good to see long standing member Tony Mitchell come along with his silver C3 and give it a blast. Floody reckon's it needs new tyres! For my part it was my first real outing in my new car and thanks to Darryl for some driving tips saw my lap time drop by 6 seconds. It went well and I was happy to take it home in piece.

To our visitors that came long, two from the Mustang club (Roger & Graeme) and my mate Bruce, with a nice BMW M6, thanks for coming and adding a bit of variety to the day. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

It has been a long time since the club held such an event, but gauging by the response from that participated it looks like it may become an annual fixture to our calendar.

*Regards
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Patrick's New Beast.

" I heard that Patrick Hehir has just collected his new 2015 C7 Z06 LT4 black beast earlier in the week. As Patrick lives near by I dropped around to have a look at it. As it turned out he was up at Terry Martin's man cave in Wangarra, so I drove up to meet him there and take a few photos.

It is a beast. A great looking beast! All over black with black & red interior. But what was really impressive was when Patrick started up that 650 HP engine. What a sound!

Some other details on the car:

2015 Corvette Z06 with Z07 Package, 3 LZ package, Carbon flash package, performance package, 7 speed manual, Fiber removable roof panel

It is a special car and I look forward to seeing it perform when we do our next MC Motorsport day. Great car Patrick. I'm sure it will bring you much enjoyment."





AUGUST Mid Week Run to Beverly

The weather looked a bit threatening but turned out OK, very cold in the wind but Corvettes keep you warm. There were 8 Corvettes at the first leg of the run plus 3 ring-in's. Keith and Andrea left us at York as they had other business to attend to. The run was a lot further out this time with the first stop in York, then on to Beverly for lunch at the Freemasons Tavern. This was a trial run in search of places to hold a run and lunch for the up coming National Convention. There's great food at some of these out of the way hotels.

Mid Week cruises are still well attended and as the weather warms up they will continue to grow,

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