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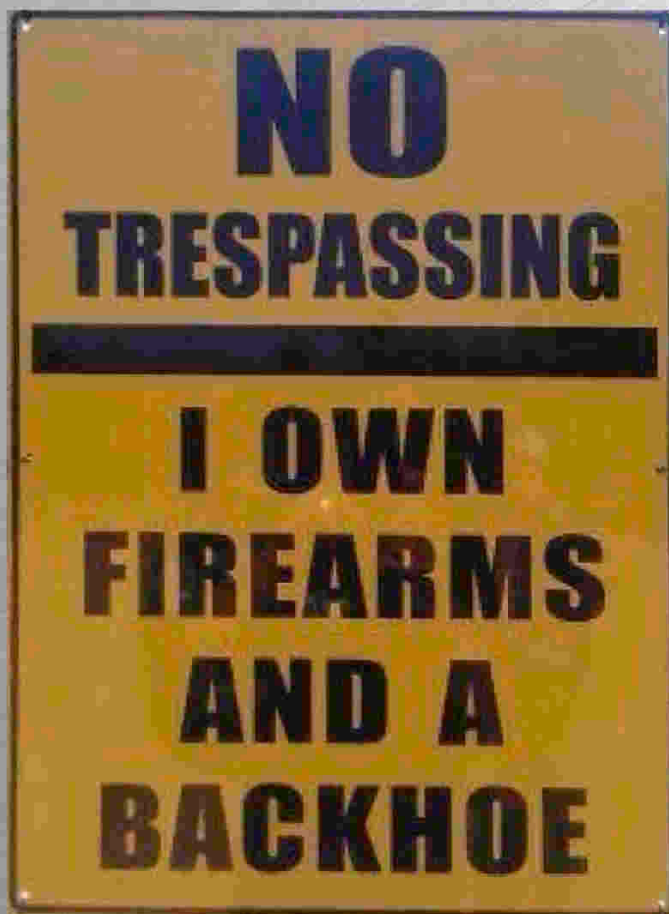
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## Welcome to Corvettes of WA Inc.

*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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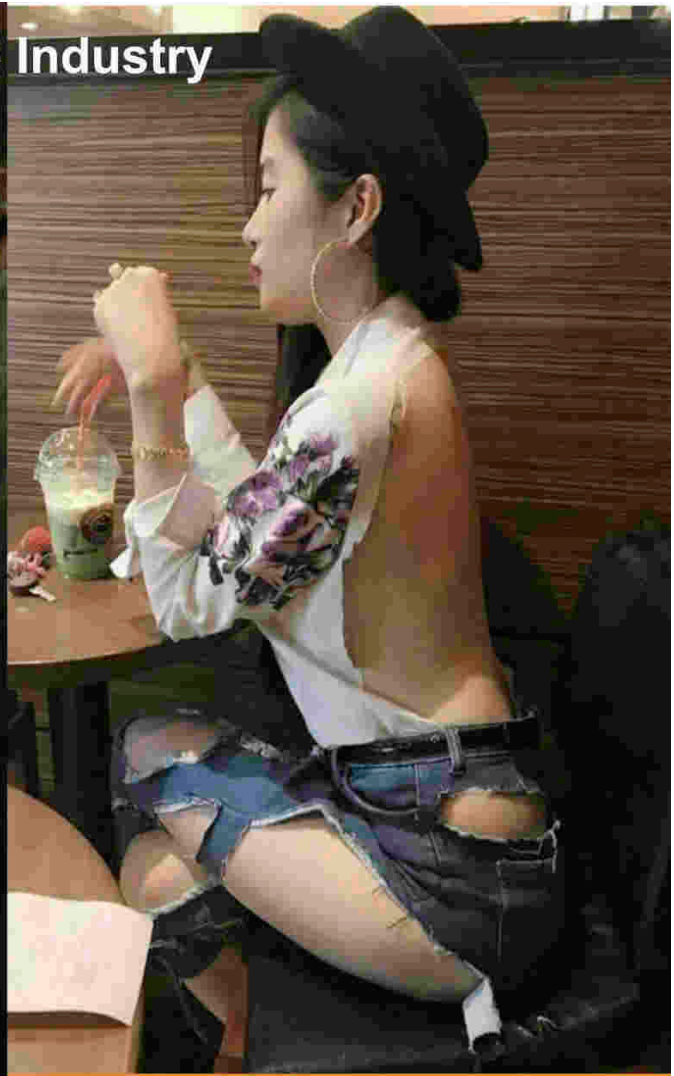
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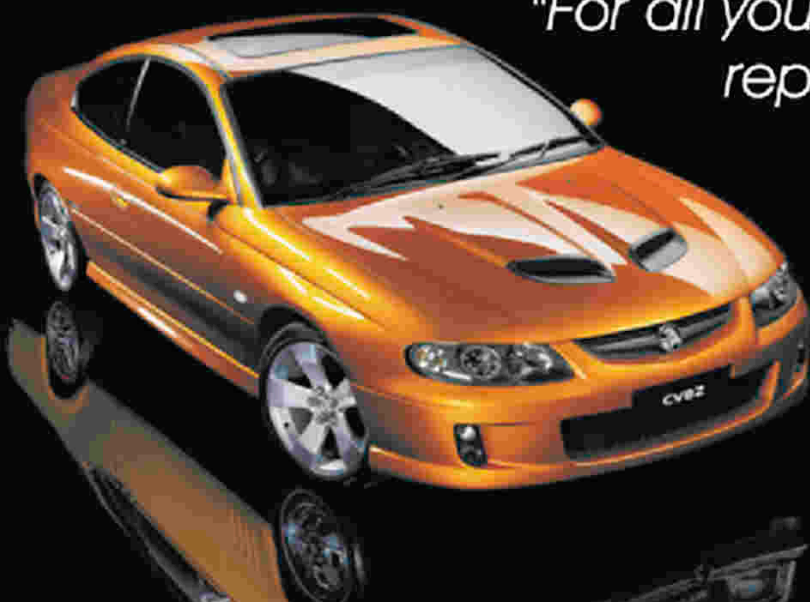
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# Redcliffe on the Murray Run

*Sunday Oct. 21st. Run to Redcliffe on the Murray.*

*It was a rainy Sunday with a forecast for more rain but it held off long enough for a great run to Pinjarra.*

*A total of 16 people, including 3 new members - Mal Scott along with Dave & Helen and a total of 5 Corvettes made the run.*

*The venue was very pleasant although the local bushflies tried to spoil the party.*

*The local Magpies however were even more persistent and were constantly poised to swoop in and steal a chip or two.*

*All in all a good run with lots of pleasant conversation. Thanks to Kate for organising this event!*

*Andy Weatherburn and (almost) new member Mal Scott discussing Mal's C4*

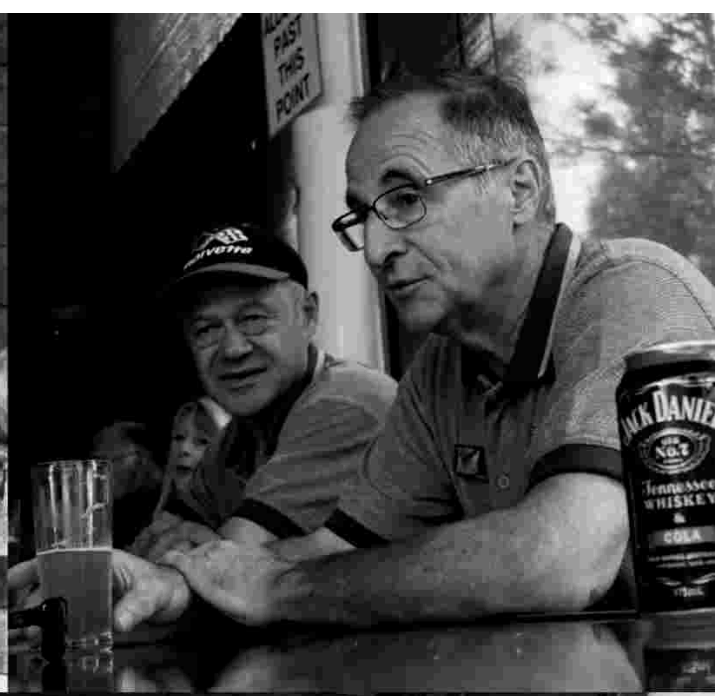




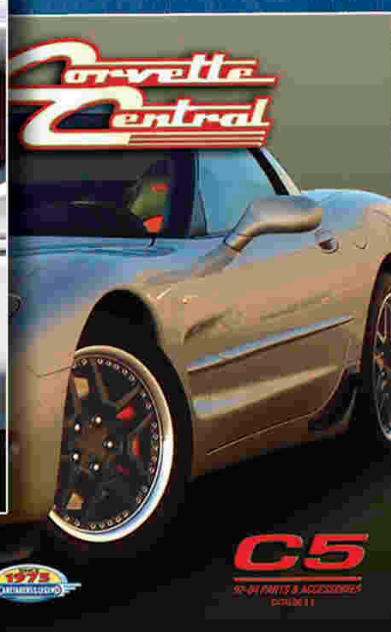
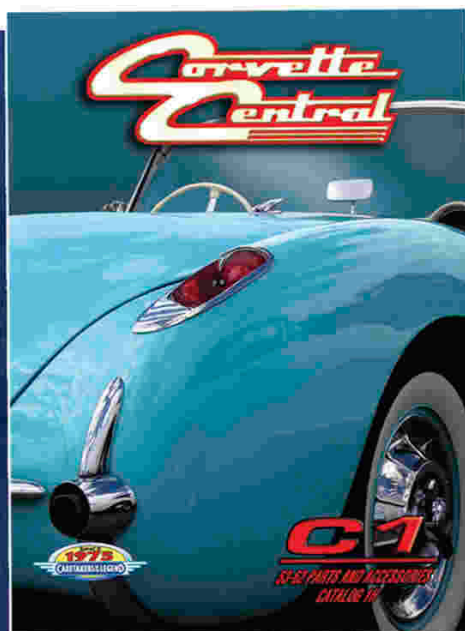
*Greg chats to new member Dave.*











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# GM Performance Offering the 755-hp LT5 Crate Engine for \$US17,915



Back in 1957, Chevrolet's 283/283 V8 engine with its new fuel injection system was capable of providing 1 horsepower per cubic inch. Fifty years later, Chevrolet's top engine is the LT5 single-cam pushrod V8 that has an output of 2 horsepower per cubic inch!

Earlier this week we heard that that LT5 engine from the 2019 Corvette ZR1 would be offered as a crate engine from GM Performance and now we know how much that bill will be!

For the tidy sum of \$17,915.00 your next project car can have the same 755-horsepower and 715 ft-lb of torque that is found in the 212+ mph Corvette ZR1!

And don't forget the GM Performance Cold Air Intake which can add an additional 17 horsepower if the 755-hp isn't quite enough.

Codenamed BAS (Big Ass Supercharger) by Chevy's engine builders, the LT5's supercharger is 52% larger than the LT4 found on the Z06. The new supercharger design with its twin intercoolers raised the height of the intake plenum by nearly 3 inches, which necessitated the ZR1's halo-hood design to allow for more visibility.

Although the LT5 crate engines are the same as those found in Chevy's supercar, don't expect to see the beautiful carbon fibre engine covers as seen on the ZR1!

You can order your own LT5 from the parts counter at any authorised GM Performance Dealer. The engine comes with a two-year, 50,000-mile factory warranty.



# November Mid Week Run

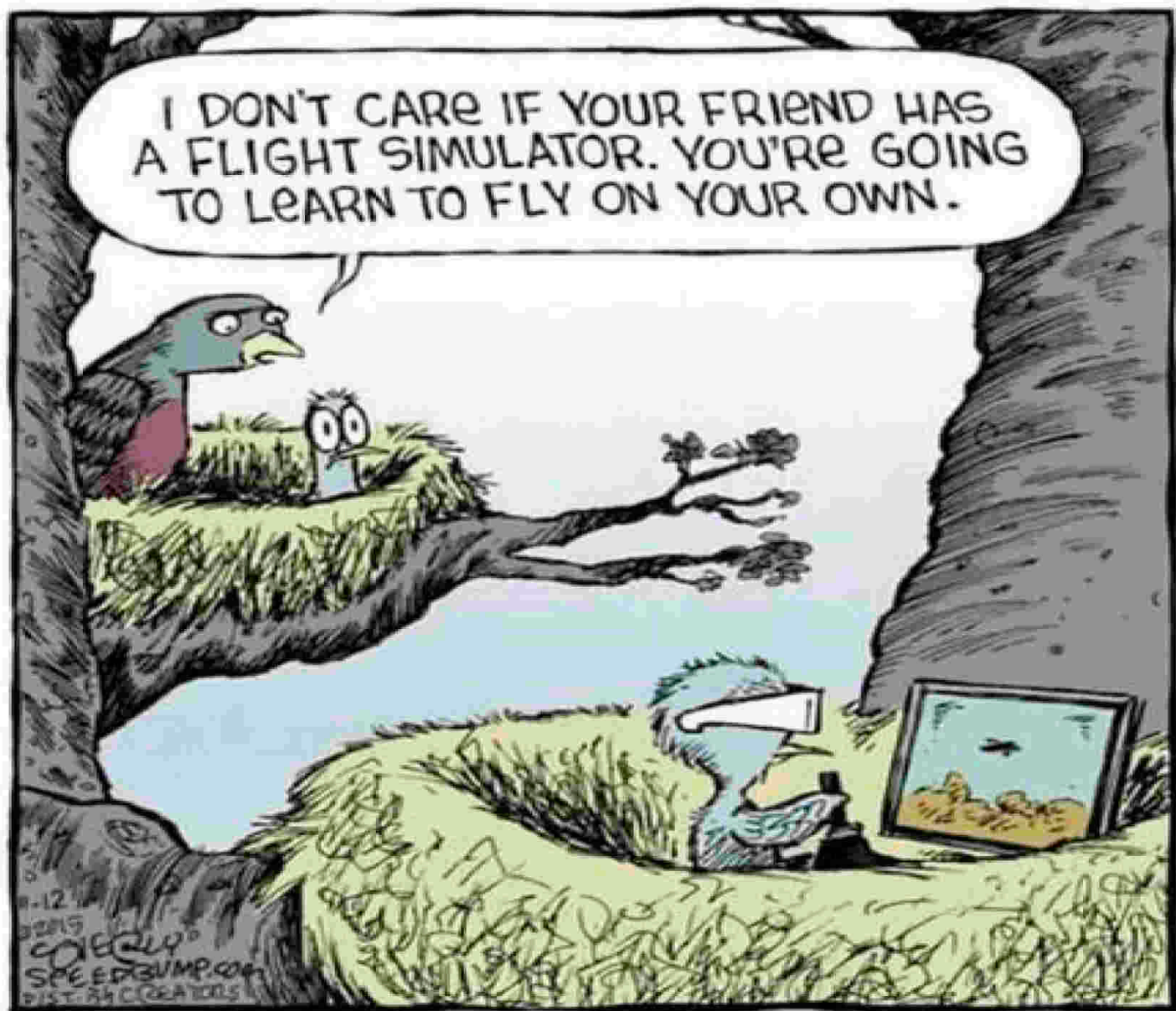


Novembers Mid Week run went out to Kelly's Cafe in Canning Vale. Only a small group of 11 Members turned up for this run but it was a very pleasant day. Thanks to Kate for organising this run. Kate also took Scott's Vette along hope he gave the OK.

Kate's reply: "For an old gal she's got a good looking butt, so I took her out for lunch!"







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# Country Music.

It has come to my attention that many members of this club are rather fond of country music. Well I too am an aficionado of this genre. Even the titles of many country music songs are an art form in themselves.

I mean how could you not love and be intrigued with a style that has titles such as: *"Did I Shave My Legs For This?"* or *"Bubba Shot The Jukebox"* or even *"Don't Chop Any Wood Mother, I'm Comin' in With a Load"* or the sympathetic *"Don't Cry On My Shoulders 'Cause You're Rustin' My Spurs"*

But in country music even the Gospel songs don't escape the magic. There's *"Dropkick Me Jesus Through The Goalposts Of Life"* or *"Are You Drinkin' With Me Jesus?"* or *"Would Jesus Wear A Rolex On His Television Show?"* and there's the celebratory *"I Been Roped And Thrown By Jesus In The Holy Ghost Corral"*

These titles don't even scratch the surface of the thousands of colourful names to be found in the world of country music but here's a few others you might like:

*"How Can I Get Over You if You Won't Get Out from Under Him"*

*"When You're Screwing Other Women Think Of Me"*

*"You Stuck My Heart In an Old Tin Can and Shot It Off a Log"*

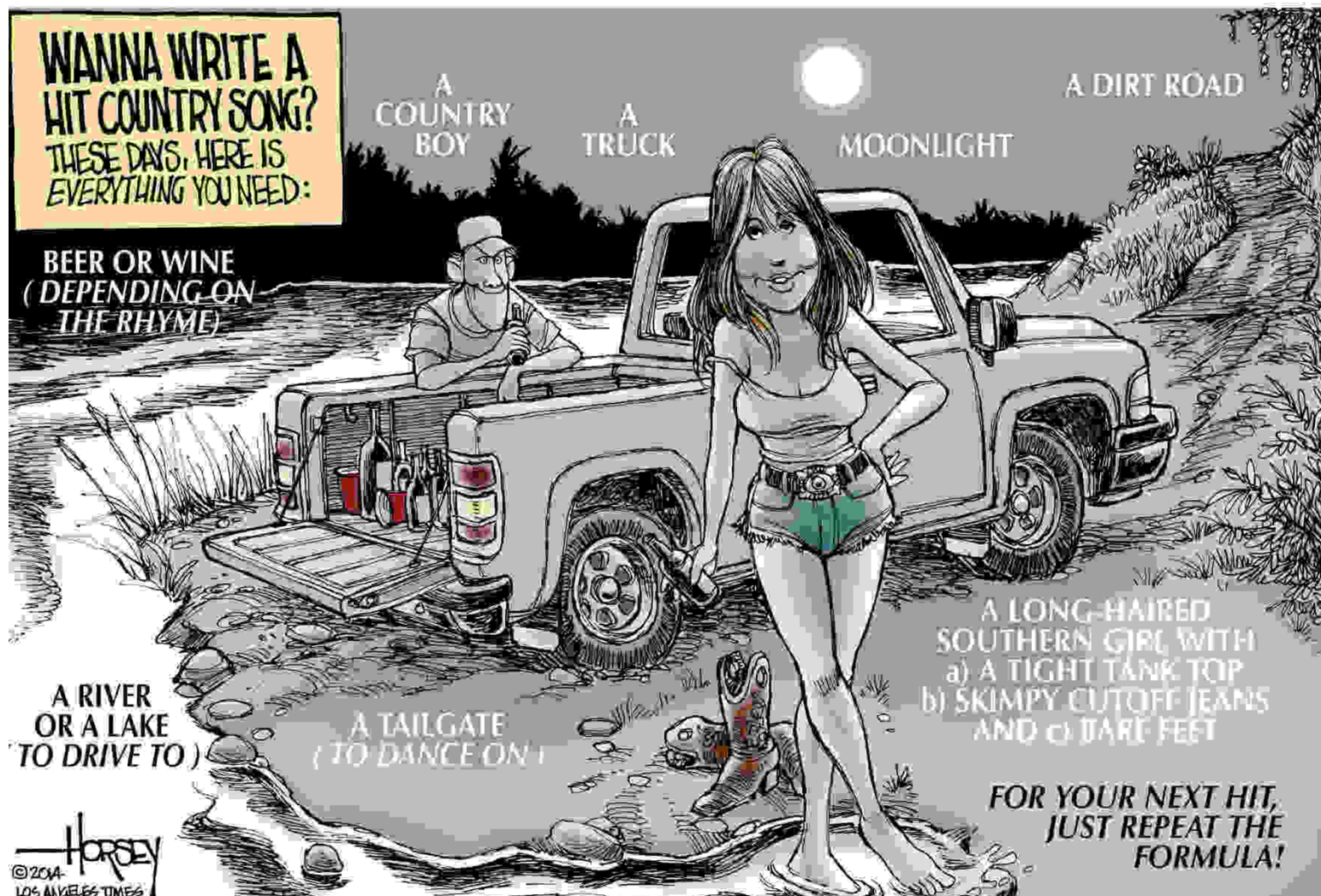
*"You Done Me Wrong, But at Least You Done Me!"*

*"When Lightning Struck the Coon Creek Party Line"*

*"When You Wrapped My Lunch in a Road Map, I Knew You Meant Good-Bye"*

*"It's Hard to Kiss the Lips at Night That Chew Your Arse Out All Day Long"*

Andy







The Gang at Vasse Virgin

## WEEKEND AWAY

Story & Photos Greg. Walker

Corvettes of WA went to Margaret River for this years weekend away. We assembled at the BP Station on the Freeway and headed South. Our first stop was at Settlers Road House for a comfort stop, from there we headed down to Donnybrook for lunch and a wander through the town, this break gave Rod Sherburn a chance to check out his Air Con. as Angela thought the day was warming up.

After lunch we went on to Balingup only to find hundreds of cyclist were in town for a major race so we were directed through the back roads to the Old Cheese Factory where the ladies had a look around. If you have not seen this place you have to go and have a look..

We were stopped from driving to Nannup on our favorite 41k stretch as the cyclists had taken over that road. We back tracked and made our way to Nannup, via a different route, only to find that town was also full of cyclists. We re-grouped and went straight on to Margaret River, most drivers behaved themselves on those nice straight roads and, on arrival, we all booked safely into the Stay Resort.

The Friday night BBQ was, as always, a great night. The weather was warm so it was a pleasant night, with plenty of food and drink. Two of our members decided to sample the club port, 2 bottles on top of all the nice wines, then it was bed time, Richard and Kevin were very quiet at breakfast.

Saturday morning we met up at Yaharva Coffee before making a run towards Augusta calling in at the Boranup Forrest Lookout, those trees are stunning. Then on to the Boranup Wood works and show room for some retail therapy.

The run to Augusta was a quiet affair with a few members going straight back to Margaret River from Augusta as they did not need lunch - the big breakfast was a bit much for most. Later in the afternoon the car park group got together for drinks and nibbles and a few more stories before the evening meal at the Resort, Mick and Jenny Delich invited some friends that live in Margaret River to join us at the main table it was all good fun.





First Stop Settlers Roadhouse



Balingup - Old Cheese Factory



Heading off to check out the Giants.

Sunday we departed at 9.30 am and drove to Vasse Virgin. Everyone was busy sampling the wares and a lot of the were ladies buying soaps and preserves and the guys were sampling olives and dips.

At 11am we assembled in the car park and honoured our fallen dead with 1 minutes silence very - moving,. From there we made our way to Aravina Estate for lunch, parking by the lake was a great setting for the Corvettes, we have always have great food and service at this establishment, it set the weekend off, after a lazy lunch members made their way home.

A big thanks to Andy Weatherburn who set the weekend up it ran like clock work, also to new members Dave and Helen McCormack that made the journey, they were made very welcome.





Lunch at Aravina



Some Corvette Owners want it all, 2 Bays and No Parking



President Richard won a bottle of wine , his Corvette was selected by the Staff at Aravina as the best Vette.





Shopping at Vasse Virgin



Friday Night Drinks - Could Be A Late One



Saturday Night Pre Dinner Drinks



# Orange Peel as it Applies to C4 Corvette Paint Quality

**Orange Peel: Definition by 3M Corporation** A paint surface with a texture of "hills and valleys" similar to the skin of an orange. Excessive orange peel is considered a paint defect. It can be reduced by sanding, compounding, and polishing.

Dan Stauff was a Paint Process Engineer at the Corvette manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky back in October of 1995. At that time, he was a member of the ZR-1 Net - an online group of Corvette enthusiasts dedicated to the 1990 - 1995 ZR-1 Corvettes. A common complaint from many of the members was the amount of "orange peel" present in the 1984 - 1995 Corvette as compared to competitive European models. Dan was kind enough to offer the following explanation and we would like to thank him for his time in putting this response together:

The majority of Corvette complaints that I am aware of concern excessive Orange Peel relative to other manufacturers (i.e.) Lexus, Mazda, Porsche...), I would like to explain some of the causes of orange peel and a reason that US cars seem to have this problem more often than the other manufacturers.

Orange peel is the result of an applied coat of paint (basecoat, clearcoat, or both) that doesn't flow out or level fully. Keeping in mind that paint is basically applied as a liquified plastic, the cause of peel is that the paint either doesn't stay liquid long enough to completely flow or the material is too viscous to allow it to flow out. In either case, the paint ceases to flow before the surface is completely level. The result of this is a lumpy or lumpy surface that resembles the peel of an orange, hence "orange peel. So, to eliminate this problem, you lower the viscosity or simply keep the paint liquid longer, right? This may not be as easy as it seems. Solvent-borne paints are categorized by the ratio of paint solids (resins, pigments, binders, etc.) to liquids (solvents).

In the US, manufacturers are required to use high solids paints, with a ratio of about 60% solids to 40% solvent. To better flow the paint out, we need to add more solvent. The problem is that the EPA won't let us add additional solvents. These solvent restrictions stem from the EPA's limits on Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). VOCs, which are in almost all solvents, are a cause of low level ozone - read smog - forcing these restrictions. In other countries, these restrictions either don't exist or are more lenient, allowing manufacturers to use low solids paints (as low as 30% solids to 70% solvent), which tend to have a smoother appearance. To combat the US handicap generated partially by EPA restrictions, paint companies are developing new technologies.



Waterborne paints, for example, are essentially low solids paints (up to 60% solvent), but they are legal because de-ionized water (not VOC) is a large part of the solvent package. In addition to the low solids aspect, waterborne paints have many other neat properties that help improve the performance and appearance.

As the new technology paints and application methods are implemented (within the next year or so for Corvette, US manufacturers will have the ability to level the appearance playing field between themselves and the international competition.

Dan Stauff

Paint Process Engineer GM Bowling Green Assembly

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# G.M. Day Sunday 18th November



Corvettes of WA. Displayed 11 corvettes at the GM Holden Day. With over 400 vehicles on display it took a big part of the day to get to see all the vehicles and displays.

Corvettes of WA took on 5 new members on the day, one new member is the owner of the stunning blue 1971 (pictured below). Members Neil and Wendy Bishop won an Award for their yellow ZO6, Everyone enjoyed the day and fortunately it was not a hot one.







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