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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 May 2020

I hope everyone is maintaining their sanity, a reasonable state of fitness, and good health through these times of government mandated restrictions. With the recent easing of restrictions, we are having our first Sunday drive for some time now to the Serpentine Dam park for a picnic. I do apologise for having to limit numbers for this gathering, but we have no choice.

During the 'stay at home' period, we temporarily disabled the Code 404 impromptu drive form on our website. I am happy to inform members the impromptu drive form for concessional licensed Corvettes in our club is again active. The regional borders have been opened substantially, but please do be aware of the limits before you plan a drive. The regional travel limits can be found on the W.A. Government website.

We do have a couple events on the June calendar. It is quite possible these will have to be changed or modified due to gathering restrictions. For example, the Ravenswood pub Wednesday drive might be a drive destination, but it is very possible the pub will not be open, and we need to bring our own food and drink. Numbers may again be limited. Hopefully, present limits on gatherings will be increased to greater numbers than currently allowed in the coming weeks.

Some GOOD news. I am very pleased to announce that John Neskudla has nominated for the position of Secretary. The committee has unanimously endorsed appointing John to take up the position immediately and he has graciously accepted. John has said if anyone else had their heart set on being elected Secretary at the AGM, he would withdraw his nomination. (Historic data suggests there will be few broken hearts from having missed out on becoming Secretary .)

The committee has yet to nominate a date for our General Meeting, but we hope to schedule it to take place in July. How, when, and where will depend on the restrictions in place in July. Traditionally all positions are vacated at the AGM. The present committee people have indicated they will nominate to remain in their positions, except for the President and the Social Director. Of the current Social Committee, Andrea has indicated she would consider continuing, but additional nominees will be greatly appreciated. Being on the committee is an opportunity to help direct Corvettes of WA into the future, and to help formulate the direction and success of our club. It also gives members an opportunity to 'give back' with a modest effort to Corvettes of WA for previous years of comradery, social events, drives, and friendships developed while a member. We appreciate that you have paid your annual fees for the enjoyment of club participation but becoming a committee member is a small step beyond annual subscription, where you can make a difference to Corvettes of WA. Please seriously consider nominating for committee.

Stay healthy and keep your Corvettes healthy too by getting them out. We bring a lot of joy to people who see us drive by. It gives them a chance to reminisce and dream a little.

Richard Geiger

Albany Road Trip

My wife (Tina) and I have just returned from a long weekend run in the Corvette (7T3C3) to Albany. Yep, copped a small amount of rain leaving Perth but the rest of the trip was dry. The only tragedy was when the two windscreen wipers decided to have a "Star Wars" duel whereby the loser ended up removing a small patch of paint from the edge of the bonnet. Once the fight was settled, they made friends and continued to work together! It amazed Tina and me how many times we pulled up somewhere only to be surrounded by people interested in the Corvette. I think I will get a small shield with the relevant info written on it to display where-ever we stop! We got dozens of thumbs up from passing cars and even a thumbs up from an unmarked police car occupant on the highway back.

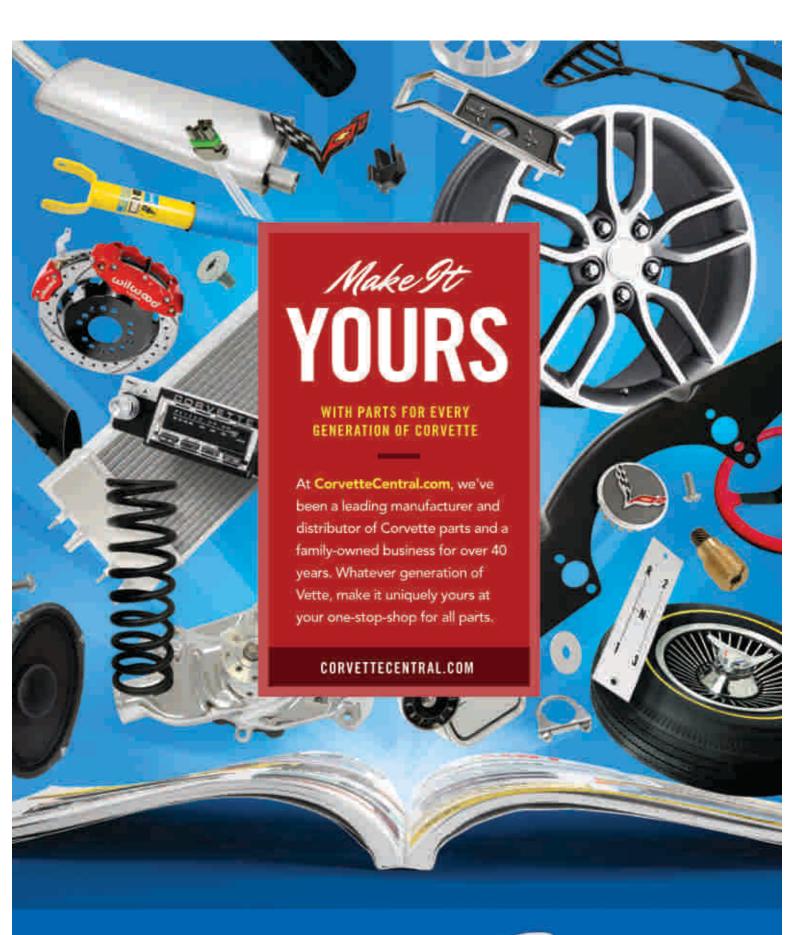
The car drank 17 litres/100kms which ties in with the same fuel consumption on my 2,200kms drive from Caloundra in Queensland to Adelaide. My wife loves the car and loves her new hearing aids which she promptly turned off when I started the engine and the side pipes started growling at the road. The car slept close to us at night under a waterproof cover which kept her dry; so I can say that waterproof covers actually work! In one of the photos, you can see Eclipse Island in the background, I lived on this island from 1958 to 1961, my father was the lighthouse keeper; I would never have dreamed (in those days) that one day I would be standing on a road photographing my old home with an American classic parked in front of me! Next adventure? Hmmmmmmmmm.

John N.....





Note: This trip was taken, and the article written, before travel restrictions were introduced.



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The C-5, beginning in 1997 and finishing with the 2004 Corvette was the first "all new" Corvette since the 1953 Corvette. All other models had carryover engines and drivelines. The 1997 Corvette had a completely new engine driving a rear transaxle, which was a Corvette first. Nearly all the interior, exterior and the suspension components were redesigned for this vehicle.

The new 1997 LS-1 engine was built in Romulus, Michigan at GM's engine plant. Most Corvette small block V-8 engines were previously built in Flint, Michigan. The LS-1 engine heads were cast alloy and the camshaft was hollow for reduced mass.

The 1997 corvette was also the first to have a ridged resting place for the driver's left foot

May Sunday Drive held on Saturday

With the easing of the number of people allowed to gather in WA came Corvettes of WA's first outing in quite some time. It was difficult to limit attendees to the first 20 responses. Changing the Sunday drive to Saturday turned out to be a good move, because Saturday was such a beautiful day and very bad weather was expected on Sunday. Seven very sharp looking Corvettes, and two other vehicles met at the Bull Creek Hungry Jacks. (There would have been 9 Corvettes except that Kim sold his and is looking for another, and Richard's '61 has the dash out of it to repair the tach and speedo.) Down the freeway to Mundijong Road, off towards the hills, South on the SW Highway to Kingsbury Road, past the Buddhist retreat, past the prison farm, and into the park just below the South end of Serpentine Dam. A lovely drive on a lovely day. We arrived in good time, before the parking lot began to fill up. An impressive sight, all lined up, most removable tops off.

Picnic lunch and a drink or three were enjoyed by all. It was really nice to be allowed to be with a number of our Corvette family. Hopefully, our next Sunday drive will be open to more than 20 people. If the restrictions are not eased in the next couple of weeks, we will consider doing Sunday drives every couple of weeks.

The June 3 Wednesday drive is fast approaching. At this point it is scheduled to be a drive to the Ravenswood pub. It may be another picnic drive because the pub may not yet be open, and the weather will have to be considered. We will let you know details of the Wednesday drive as soon as we can.





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Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it.
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."

- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric.
 They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."

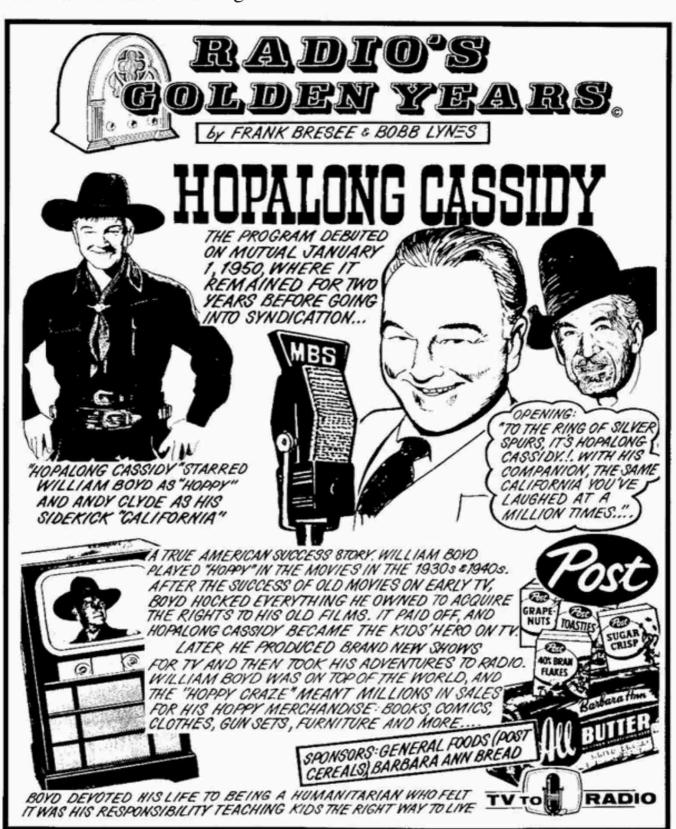
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "The drive in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

Right Hand Drive C-8

Mr Peter Keley was recently appointed the General Manager of General Motors Special Vehicles Australia.

A Perth resident who has a C-8 on order, enquired to Mr Keley about the potential of ever getting his RHD C-8 in Australia. On May 24, 2020, he received the following reply from Mr. Keley:

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