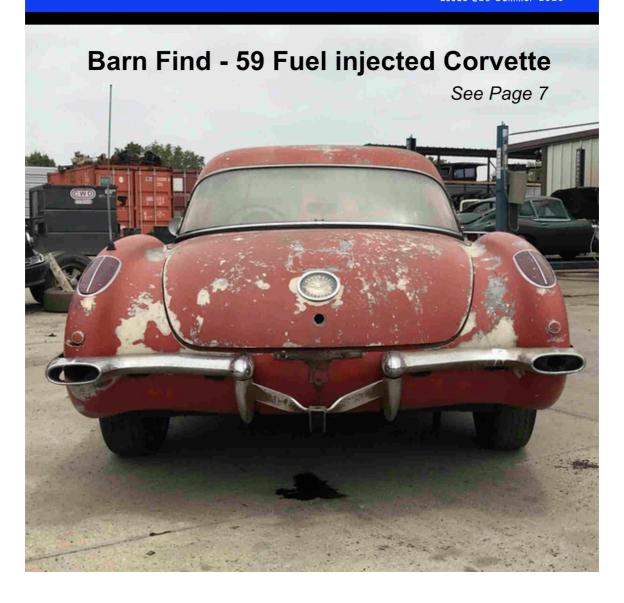


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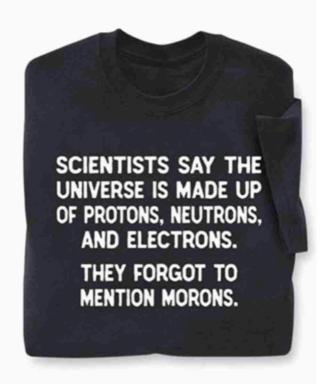
Corvettes of W.A. now proudly supporting the Cancer Council

TODAY IS
NATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

IT SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
YESTERDAY
BUT THEY
WEREN'T
READY

Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray 😂 😂







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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.

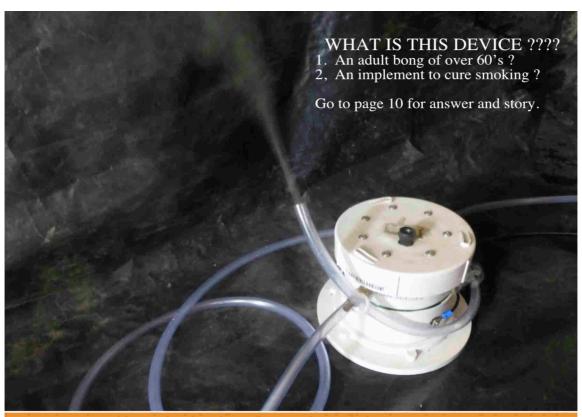
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Presidents Message

Hello Members, here we are getting to the end of 2020 and looking forward to a better 2021.

Despite the lock down in the first 6 months of the year and the social distancing we had from June, COWA has been able to have social events and cruises

Our annual weekend away to Busselton was a huge success, a big thank you to the social committee for organising fun runs, lots of laughs and heaps of food. We did have a couple of break downs but this did not stop those still enjoying the weekend.

Although we have been to Abbey Beach Resort before it was a great place for our Friday night BBQ and Saturday night meal, which proved to be too much for quite a few of the members.

The Busselton VCC put on a morning tea for us which most of the wives made homemade cake, slice and scones. There was a big turnout of their own members who came along to make us feel very welcome.

It was nice to be able to catch up with the local COWA club members Peter & Nelda Hosking's, Paul & Melissa Evans and Peter & Wendy Jellesma

The Mid-Week cruises are still a popular event with the last one to Stringy Bark Winery, so check out the website for more information on our next one. The Christmas function is on the 29-11-2020 at Mulberry Estate, which looks like one of our biggest number of members for a long time.

Since the first couple of months of the COVID lock down COWA has had a lot of interest from people with Corvettes wanting to join our club and getting information on restoring the Corvette they have.

Our membership is at a healthy 112, with more expected to join soon

The Hoist/BBQ/Swap meet at my workshop was a great day (apart from the rain that sent most Corvettes scurrying back home) with heaps of parts for sale and heaps of bargains.

There will be another one next year, watch this space as there will be probably more than double the amount of parts next time, if not more. Plenty of notice will be given.

I would like to say a big thankyou to the Committee for all their help with the running of the club, it has certainly made my role as president a lot easier and a lot of fun.

Regards Andy Weatherburn - President

Barn Find" 1959 Chevrolet Corvette Fuelie Rescued After 49 Years of Neglect

1959 was an important year for the Corvette. The C1 received a turquoise convertible top, the cabin was treated to a black interior option and a storage bin for the dashboard, and the chrome strips from the '58 were thankfully removed.

56 photos

Only 9,670 units were built for the 1959 model year, and at that time, the most affordable specification retailed at \$3,875. Adjusted for inflation, that's \$34,142 in today's money or the sticker price of the most affordable Camaro with V8 Power.

This fellow here, however, is very special. Not only does it feature Rochester fuel injection – introduced for 1957 with 290 horsepower on tap – but this is a one-owner car and a barn find to boot. Dennis Collins and his team of "rescuers" got the C1 out for the first time in 49 years, and the odometer shows 51,130 miles (82,286 kms) from new. Interestingly, the original bill of sale still exists.

The first owner, a certain Mr. Shepherd, bought the car brand-new in Atlanta after trading his '54 Corvette. Currently listed on Collins website for \$39,800 or approximately ten times the 1959 price, the C1 needs a lot of tender loving care both inside and out.

Only the wheels and tires have been replaced because both were beyond repair, but the bodywork, engine compartment, interior, and the hardtop need extensive restoration from a Corvette professional or a specialised shop.

"Rolls and steers easily" is probably the best description for this unloved C1 survivor, a Corvette that had to be winched out of a barn because of the engine's poor condition. The 283 isn't exactly hard to fix thanks to its simplicity, but reconditioning what can be saved and fitting replacement components are huge undertakings.

Be it a rotisserie-style restoration, with utmost attention to detail, or a restomod, this 1959 Corvette is the perfect starting point thanks to the "very clean, straight, solid dry chassis." The original wheels, hubcaps, and the spare tire aren't included in the sale.

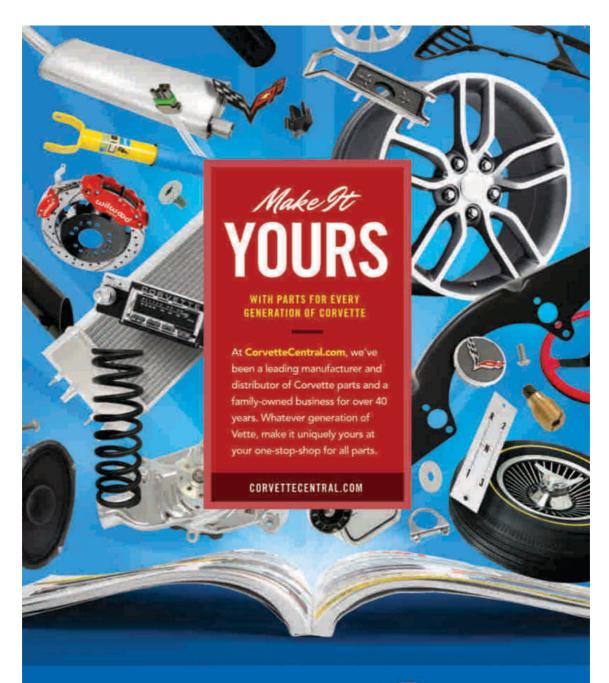












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404 Letter



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Dear Club President

The Department of Transport (DoT) currently offers a Veteran/Vintage (404) concession to vehicle licence holders, as part of its commitment to the preservation of motoring history in Western Australia. Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) are undertaking an audit to verify the continued eligibility of vehicles currently receiving the Veteran/Vintage concession.

To be eligible for the Veteran/Vintage concession, an unmodified vehicle must be more than 25 years old. Additionally, the vehicle licence holder/s must be a financial member of a DoT approved motoring club or association, formed for the purpose of restoring and/or collecting motor vehicles or motorcycles. Where an owner of a vehicle licensed with the Veteran/Vintage concession ceases to be a financial member of a DoT approved motoring club, they are no longer entitled to receive the concession.

To ensure accuracy of DoT records, we request the following information for Corvettes of WA Inc.

- list of all current financial members as at Monday 21 September 2020, including full name, date of birth (if available), address, number of vehicles owned (with concession), vehicle registration numbers; and
- · evidence of the organisation's current incorporation status; and
- a list of any vehicles licensed with a Veteran/Vintage concession under your Car Clubs name.

Please forward this information to dvsgovernance@transport.wa.gov.au, marked to the attention of Leanne Bisby, before close of business Friday 23 October 2020. Failure to comply with this request by the due date may result in withdrawal of the Veteran/Vintage concession from vehicles licensed by your club members.

Should you have any questions, please email dvsgovernance@transport.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

♦ I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"



And the Melody goes on, or why I bought a Corvette.

By John Neskudla

The story you are about to read is true, it is, to the best of my knowledge the way it actually went down. Almost.

The dream had started in 1973 when I saw Tamara Dobson as "Cleopatra Jones" battling it out with Shelley Winters as "Mommy" in the film "Cleopatra Jones". I was 18 at that time, it was summer, and I was at the Melody drive in in Kwinana. I had my girlfriend (S) in the car and, as usual for a couple of kids living with their parents, a car at a drive in was the only safe place for some heavy petting which was generally the only reason we went to the drive in. In fact, for the first 12 Friday nights at the drive in, we did not know that a movie was actually being thrown up on the screen!

I was busy petting away (ohhh the mammary's , I mean memories!) when my senses of extreme pleasure, excitement and general confusion, (why are bra straps so convoluted and ridiculously entwined?) (I was only 18), were distracted by the sounds of a V8 engine screaming and tyres squealing coming out of the speaker hanging on the door sill. Despite the age and obvious abuse the speaker had suffered to its Bakelite volume knob and speaker cable, front grill, side hooks, rear box section, paint job, ID emblem (HMV), and the general dirty sticky feel to it, the sound was commensurate with its remaining last breaths and had me forgoing the great job I was doing of petting, and paying attention to the action on screen. Now, trust me, if you have not seen "Cleopatra Jones", you need to see it, especially if you love Corvettes (even if mammary's are at hand - at your age, what are you going to do with them anyway??).

Despite my girlfriend begging me to get back to the two jobs at hand (ohhhh the mammary's again!!), I could not convince myself that the rare (read weekly) chance at some form of sex should take precedence over the screen action. Let me explain. Setting the scene, you have a young extremely virile 18 year old, sitting in his 1969 XW GT Ford Falcon at the drive in in Kwinana, surrounded by cars that have the sounds of ecstasy being screamed from the open windows of the cars around him (it was summer), on a regular basis. Next to this virile 18 year old guy, who has not yet mastered the art of the one finger and thumb bra undo (I eventually got it down to under 0.5 of a nanosecond!), was his equally virile 17 year old extremely willing, if not downright demanding, girlfriend. The screams of ecstasy coming from the surrounding vehicles only had the effect on the girl that she was actually missing out on something and increased her urgent desire for me to get back to work. At 66, I would pay \$50,000 to be jettisoned back through time into that scene just one more time (who would not? Stop lying to yourself!!).

Sadly for (S), I simply could not focus my attention on her ample wares for, on screen, was Cleopatra Jones, a female African American detective roaring all over Los Angeles in a black Chevrolet Corvette coupe, 454 manual, with tyres so wide they had their own passports!! She was being chased all over town by Mommy's (Shelley Winters) goons driving two, buckets of poop, Fords.

It was love at first sight for me. I determined then and there that night, that one day I would learn how to undo a bra strap in under 1 nanosecond, fulfil my girlfriend's every desire forever, buy her a mansion on the beach with a helicopter pad so our pilot could take her shopping, and have 200 million dollars in the bank by the time I was 25 and, own a Corvette!! Dreams are ten a penny they say and at 66 I have discovered that I have spent all my pennies on dreams!! Almost.

Despite several new girlfriends, wives, acquaintances etc etc, I have ended up at the drive in again, albeit in a slightly different fashion. I now proudly sit in my very own Corvette Roadster, 1973 C3, still with a crappy speaker (sadly in the dash of the car and in not much better condition than the Melody drive in version). My girlfriend, even when completely naked, now looks like what she is wearing needing to be ironed, is now my wife (so it is back to memories only!) and we watch explosion after explosion on the screen as cars, planes, tanks, buildings, people, service stations, shopping malls, airports, skyscrapers and flower stalls, explode in blinding flashes of light accompanied by extremely loud explosion noises, not to mention the gunfire that can kill any number of baddies but miraculously never hits a goodie (even if the gun is held to the goodies temple). We have, to be fair, been driven to heavy petting because at our ages, we simply cannot fathom who the heck is the baddy and who the goody and what the hell all the explosions mean and, as for the language, we used to be able to speak English, but apparently, we do not anymore! However, these days, I hold the torch while my wife looks for my false teeth that have fallen out after I hear the bra strap twang for the 44th time and I get a cramp in my thumb. So, here is to heavy petting in a C3 with thanks to Cleopatra Jones and Shelly Winters; and the Melody goes on. Adios Amigos!







What could go wrong ??

WHAT IS THIS DEVICE ???? ANSWER,,,,

As with the C3 Corvettes, the vacuum operated headlights and wiper door system there will come a time when a leak will often see the headlights and wiper door fail to operate when required or open when they shouldn't.

This is generally caused by a vacuum leak in the system. These issues are often hard to trace with the engine running. The device (shown in photo) is designed to produce smoke (not vapour) and when the canister is producing smoke ,with one end of the hose connected to the vehicles vacuum system the other hose is used to blow the smoke thru the vehicles system to eventually exit via the leak.

This could possibly be a perished or dislodged hose or one of the few actuators.

The smoke producing device is powered by a 12v battery or with its own 240v step down transformer. It only takes 15 seconds to create enough smoke to do the entire vacuum system.

This unit is available to club members by giving RON a call on 0429 347 014 to make arrangements.

PS. It can also be used for suspect inlet manifold and valve leaks as well.

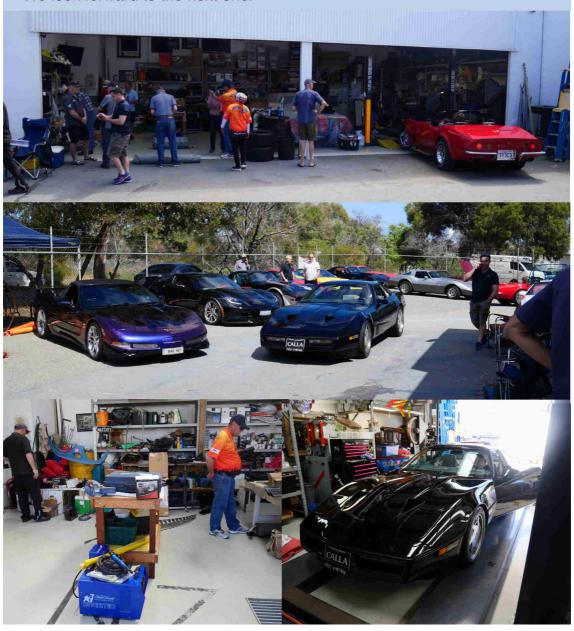
Hoist & Swap meet day Day 26 Sept

This was held at Andy's workshop and was, once again, very successful with a great turnout. There were lots Corvettes in attendance and fortunately the rain held off until it was all over.

A lot of parts, and tools, were sold and swapped and a lot of space was freed up in many sheds (and filled up in others.) It was also a great social event and the club put on a BBQ lunch.

Many cars were put on the hoist and, hopefully, a few problems solved.

We look forward to the next one.



1961 GOODYEAR illuminated tires

In the early 1960s, US media representatives received an invitation from the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. The invitation said that the presentation would be demonstrating neverbefore-seen technology that would change the tyre manufacturing industry forever.

During the presentation, Goodyear representatives introduced a new type of tyre – Neothane. This tyre was made from a completely different material and its production was much simpler and faster, but the tyre's biggest advantage, or more precisely – distinction – was its range of colours. Goodyear promised to offer customers tyres in a range of bright hues, including yellow, blue, red, green, and even orange. But that's not all.

The engineers at Goodyear also developed experimental tires that glowed. Each rim had 18 tiny light bulbs inside that allowed the driver to change the colour of the particular tyre.

The interior control panel provided a selection of several different modes. For example, one tyre could blink while the other glowed brightly.

The Idea - Amazing; the Fate - Like All the Others

No doubt your first thought was what a fantastic idea! Why can't we get tyres like that now? After receiving a lot of positive feedback, Goodyear began tyre tests in different corners of the United States. Unfortunately, after the first days of testing, it became apparent that tyres made of Neothane lost traction at speeds over 100 km/h.

They also didn't perform well in wet weather, and quickly overheated. Despite the results of the initial tests, the tyre manufacturer's engineers spent more than a decade looking for how to eliminate the problems with the illuminated tyres.

Yet even if Goodyear had succeeded, it's unlikely that many drivers would have been able to afford them. Company representatives claimed that one illuminated tyre would cost about twice as much as a high-quality summer tyre.

Maybe – but just maybe – the time will come in the future when we will see a real, tangible product that will let us jazz our cars up with illuminated tyres.

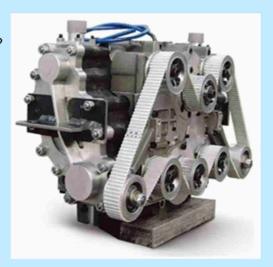




What is this?

- · Will it be the next big thing?
- · Tata Motors of India thinks so.
- What will the Oil Companies do to stop it?





It is an auto engine that runs on air. That's right; air not gas or diesel or electric but just the air around us.

The Air Car, developed by ex-Formula One engineer Guy N. For Luxembourg-based MDI, uses compressed air to push its engine's pistons and make the car go. The Air Car, called the "Mini CAT" could cost around 365,757 rupees in India or \$8,177 US.

The Mini CAT which is a simple, light urban car, with a tubular chassis, a body of fiberglass that is glued not welded and powered by compressed air. A Microprocessor is used to control all electrical functions of the car. One tiny radio transmitter sends instructions to the lights, turn signals and every other electrical device on the car. Which are not many.

The temperature of the clean air expelled by the exhaust pipe is between 0-15 degrees below zero, which makes it suitable for use by the internal air conditioning system with no need for gases or loss of power.

There are no keys, just an access card which can be read by the car from your pocket. According to the designers, it costs less than 50 rupees per 100 KM, that's about a tenth the cost of a car running on gas. It's mileage is about double that of the most advanced electric car, a factor which makes it a perfect choice for city motorists. The car has a top speed of 105 KM per hour or 60 mph and would have a range of around 300 km or 185 miles between refuels. Refilling the car will take place at adapted gas stations with special air compressors. A fill up will only take two to three minutes and costs approximately 100 rupees_(\$1.78 CAD!) and the car will be ready to go another 300 kilometres.

This car can also be filled at home with it's on board compressor. It will take 3-4 hours to refill the tank, but it can be done while you sleep.

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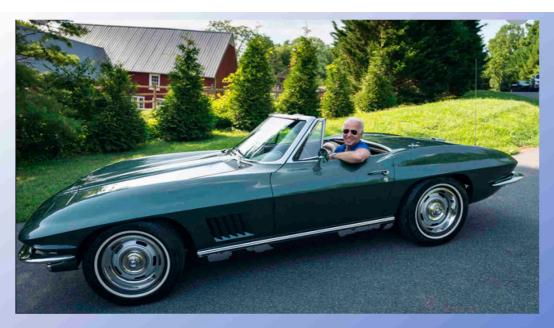
When you rearrange the letters:

ALAS! NO MORE Z'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

When you rearrange the letters:

I'M A DOT IN PLACE



President elect Joe Biden's 1967 Corvette

One of the consequences of leading the nation is that you are essentially barred from driving due to safety concerns. That has been especially hard on Vice President Joe Biden, who owns a pristine 1967 Chevy Corvette. Since taking office, he has only been able to get behind the wheel three times. He was lucky enough to get a fourth opportunity during a recent taping of the car show, "Jay Leno's Garage." The episode is scheduled to air on Nov. 9, and will be must-see TV for Chevy Corvette enthusiasts.

Vice President Biden has owned his Corvette for more than 40 years, since his father-in-law gave it to him as a wedding gift. His sons recently had the engine replaced as a Christmas present, and the car looks and drives like it's brand new.

In a promotional video for the upcoming Jay Leno episode, Biden is seen doing a burnout as soon as he starts the engine, no doubt relishing the opportunity to once again push an iconic muscle car to the limit. He then proceeds to take it for an athletic tour of the driver training facility operated by the secret service. Host Jay Leno often has a look of shock and surprise on his face. Biden is all smiles.

Check out Joe Leno's time with Joe Biden. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v65zO6Dce4c





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