

MAY 2024 Newsletter

Corvette Club



South Australia



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# Presidents Report: by Sean



Well, April turned out to be a busy month for the club, despite the Calendar looking a bit bare a month or two prior.

The beginning of April saw a small group attend the 'Not the Nationals' at Canberra. A number of cars went out for the last Zippel Cruise of the season, and it should be noted that the Corvette club were big supporters of this cruise event this season. Neil and Goof put on an Adelaide Hills run to Palmer for lunch that was well attended. A small number of members attended the Strathalbyn Show and Shine and was the only group that saved that event. Some members also attended the McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic. 12 Corvettes attended the Collingrove Hillclimb to support the club members who race there and enjoyed a drive (or 2) up the 'goat track'.

The Corvette club are now recognised by the Government to allow Individually Constructed Vehicles to be issued with log books. This will mean that club members who have built cars such as Prodigy and the C36 project cars can be street registered through our club registrars.

Last month saw the club make its annual donation to Heartkids SA. Our 12 month amount being \$5,000 towards a deserving charity. The club donation is the result of that group of people you see on the right as you walk into the general club meeting who use a number of methods as they enthusiastically fundraise, so don't forget to support them as you come in.

Don't forget that next years Corvette Nationals are in Parkes, New South Wales on the 28/3/25. Final amounts and entry forms haven't been finalised yet but you can book at any of the towns motels by ringing them, don't go online.

We can all be proud that the Corvette Club of SA is now continually running at over 300 members, making us one of the most prominent Corvette Clubs in Australia.

Sean.

# Questions with Answers

The Committee has implemented a question and answer strategy.

If you have any questions that are keeping you up at night about the running of the club, please approach any of the Committee members with that question.

You can send it on an email to the Secretary, or even just write it on a piece of paper.

The Committee will formulate a correct answer and that answer will be promulgated to the club members, via newsletter and general meeting.

This way a correct answer is given, and the entire club including the committee, can learn something new along the way.

The only stipulation is that you put your name to the question. We will only answer bona fide questions, from bona fide members.

The published answer will not have your name attached, unless you specifically want it to be.

Prez Sean.

## CLUB SPONSORSHIP



Do you know of an organisation, business or an individual that would like to be involved with and join our Corvette community?

Our club is always looking to build mutually beneficial relationships with the wider community of motoring enthusiasts and has a range of sponsorship options available.

We have some exciting opportunities coming up over the next few years with our club's 50th anniversary and the 2027 Corvette Nationals.

For further information contact

Public Officer: Peter Mourdoukoutas on 0402 447 688



# CORVETTE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC .

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**General Meeting: 3 April 2024**

**Meeting Opened: 8:03 pm**

**Present:** As per sign in sheet

**Total Attendees:** 51

**Apologies:** Peter & Lynda McBride, Jim Dornan, Karen McConnell, Neil Bailey, Goof Katzorke, Chris Galloni, Noreen Portlock, Andrew and Jane Harvey, Mark & Sue Elphick.

**Visitor and New members:** None

**Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct.**

Moved: - Tim Epton

Seconded:- Ian Gregor

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 \$30,049.89

Income \$905.00

Expenses \$6,423.02

Closing Balance 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 **\$24,531.87**

Expenses includes \$5,000 to Heart Kids.

**Term Deposit \$51,887.97 @ 4.75% to 20/10/2024.**

March Raffle Income \$335.00

Expenses **\$141.70**

Heart Kids Profit **\$193.30**

### **Membership Draw Prize for April \$20**

Moved: Jemma Kitto

Seconded: Peter Bartlett

Noted: Jemma was amazing 😊

**Secretary's Report:** Emails sent with April Vettletter from QLD.

**Conditional Registration:** No new cars added. ICV's have now been signed off from the Department, so we can now include on club registration.

### **Membership:**

Full & Life Members: 223

Associates: 81

**Total: 304**

### **Merchandise:**

Cool weather collection will be available next month.

**Newsletter:** Always looking for stories and car of the month's. Looking for articles, corvette related. Thanks to Neil for his contribution. More importantly, need dirt on members. Photos, articles. Etc.

Rob spoke to a lady in Mt Gambier who will arrange a write up of Neville Kurzman's car.

### **Events:**

Serge is looking forward to engaging with everyone on new runs and events that he is thinking of organising.

Nothing booked for May.

Serge is here to facilitate your requests and make our club great. We will continue to utilise facebook and also will ask the Secretary to send emails. Feel free to contact Serge on mobile via sms or call.

#### *Past:*

10/3 – Dreamride. Few participants. Angelo advised great day, but pretty hot. American people also present.

Huge donation to the organisers as well. Over 100 cars in total of muscle cars, exotics.

6/4 Westlakes Lawn Bowls Club – Bartley Terrace, West Lakes shore. Fantastic weather. 31 people bowled with 41 turning up. Lots to learn. Happy to make an annual event. Peter Bartlett handed Perpetual Trophy to Graham Johns and Max Wilkin (Apology) for 1<sup>st</sup> place and Dale Goldsmith and Alan Litchfield for 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners. Some people did know how to bowl and next year, they will be penalised!

29/3 Canberra "Not the Nationals". Half a doz cars. Was a lovely time and relaxing.

Hard luck trophy goes to Dale who blew a tyre just out of Nuriootpa and hit a brick wall.

#### *Future:*

7/4 Palmer Hotel Run. Neil and Goof arranging. Leaving Kmart – Anzac Highway. Meet 9.30, departure 10am.

43 people booked. Have arranged parking out the front of the Pub. Need final numbers by Friday. **Don't forget Day Light Savings change.**

Saturday - 13 April 2024 – Strathalbyn Neighbourhood Club. Show and Shine with BBQ. Please contact Graeme Walker. Need numbers by tonight.

21/4 Club run to Collingrove Hill Climb. Can take your Vette up the hill if you sign indemnity form.

Nothing booked for May. If you have any ideas, please see Serge and we can arrange.

22/6 Littlehampton Underground. Serge.

No run organised for June.

July

20/7 Bocce challenge. Dinner and bocce.

Christmas in July – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Windsor Hotel. Need numbers. Doesn't have to be a Christmas Menu. Have Albert room booked. Menu will come together in due course.

**Web Master:** Apology. Nothing to report.

**Public Officer:** Correspondence from CBS. Confirmation of changes to Public officer. CBS approved new Constitution – version 6.6 after Special meeting in February. 25/3 – submitted paperwork to Service SA. 25<sup>th</sup> March received approval from Service SA. Government Gazette now shows Corvette Club of South Australia are approved to include ICV's.

**General Business:**

Question and Answer: Sean put in the newsletter about a question and answer time. If you have a question in regards to running of the club, please submit in writing to us and we will take it to the committee meeting and will come back to the membership with the answer. We will not accept bullying, harassment to members or committee members.

NSW Nationals – 2025 – Parkes Alive. In Parkes, NSW. Parkes have been hit with bushfires and floods and NSW decided to put some money back into the community. 28-31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. 4 motels have been set aside.

2027 Nationals – Booked in Adelaide Oval as the venue. Potentially Adelaide Zoo for Saturday night and Birdwood museum for Sunday. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so will be making it a special event. More details down the track. Money in our term deposit will be utilised to cover costs and make it a great Nationals. If you know of anyone that would be interested in sponsoring our Nationals, please see Peter Mourdoukoutas.

Rob – Asked if the first lady has received her Tiara. No, she is still waiting.

**Membership Draw:** \$20. 86 – Phil Symons. Jackpotted.

**Raffle prize winners:**

Graeme Walker – Favourites

R4 – Hat and waterbottle

Steve Bryers – Model Car

Tim Epton – Sign

Ian Gregor – Crows Cap.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.03pm

Recorded By Catherine Neagle

Date: 3 April 2024

## Club Events Guidelines

As Events Coordinator. I know everyone is busy from month to month with friends and family commitments etc, but we are always looking for ideas from club members involving runs, dinners, weekends away or any other events as a social outing.

The clubs aims at holding two events per month (usually 1 run & 1 dinner); so please contact me to assist planning your ideas.

The structured events will then be published in our monthly newsletter and club website for all to be made aware of dates and details .

Regards Serge



# Upcoming Events 2024

## MAY

Wednesday 1st @ 8PM - CCSA general meeting Glenelg Baseball Club  
Anderson Ave.,  
Glenelg North

Saturday 4th @ 6PM - Dinner and meet the Jellesma's  
Being held at the Cruising Yacht Club  
The Esplanade North Haven  
Contact Sean Hayter - Ph.0412446084

Sunday Monthly club run - [Organiser required](#)

## JUNE

Wednesday 5th @ 8PM - CCSA general meeting Glenelg Baseball Club  
Anderson Ave.,  
Glenelg North

Sunday 9th Monthly club run - [Organiser required](#)

Saturday 22nd @ 6.30PM - The Underground Dining Experience  
Being held at the Great Eastern Hotel  
Adelaide Rd., Littlehampton  
Contact Serge Giacomelli - Ph.0418409560  
[FULLY BOOKED](#)

## JULY

Wednesday 3rd @ 8PM - CCSA general meeting at Glenelg Baseball Club  
Anderson Ave.,  
Glenelg North

Sunday 7th Monthly club run - [Organiser required](#)

Saturday 20th @ 4PM -Inaugural Bocce Challenge and Dinner  
Being held at the Campania sports & Social Club  
Famechon Cres., Modbury North  
Contact Serge Giacomelli - Ph. 0418409560

Friday 26th @ 6.30PM - Christmas in July  
Being held at The Windsor Hotel  
Albert Room  
North East Rd.,  
Klemzig  
Contact Maelyn Bachelor - Ph.0498187148

## **EDITOR NEEDS YOUR HELP 😊**

*Hey, I'm always looking for members old and new to send me write ups and photos of their Vettes for a "Car of the Month" feature.*

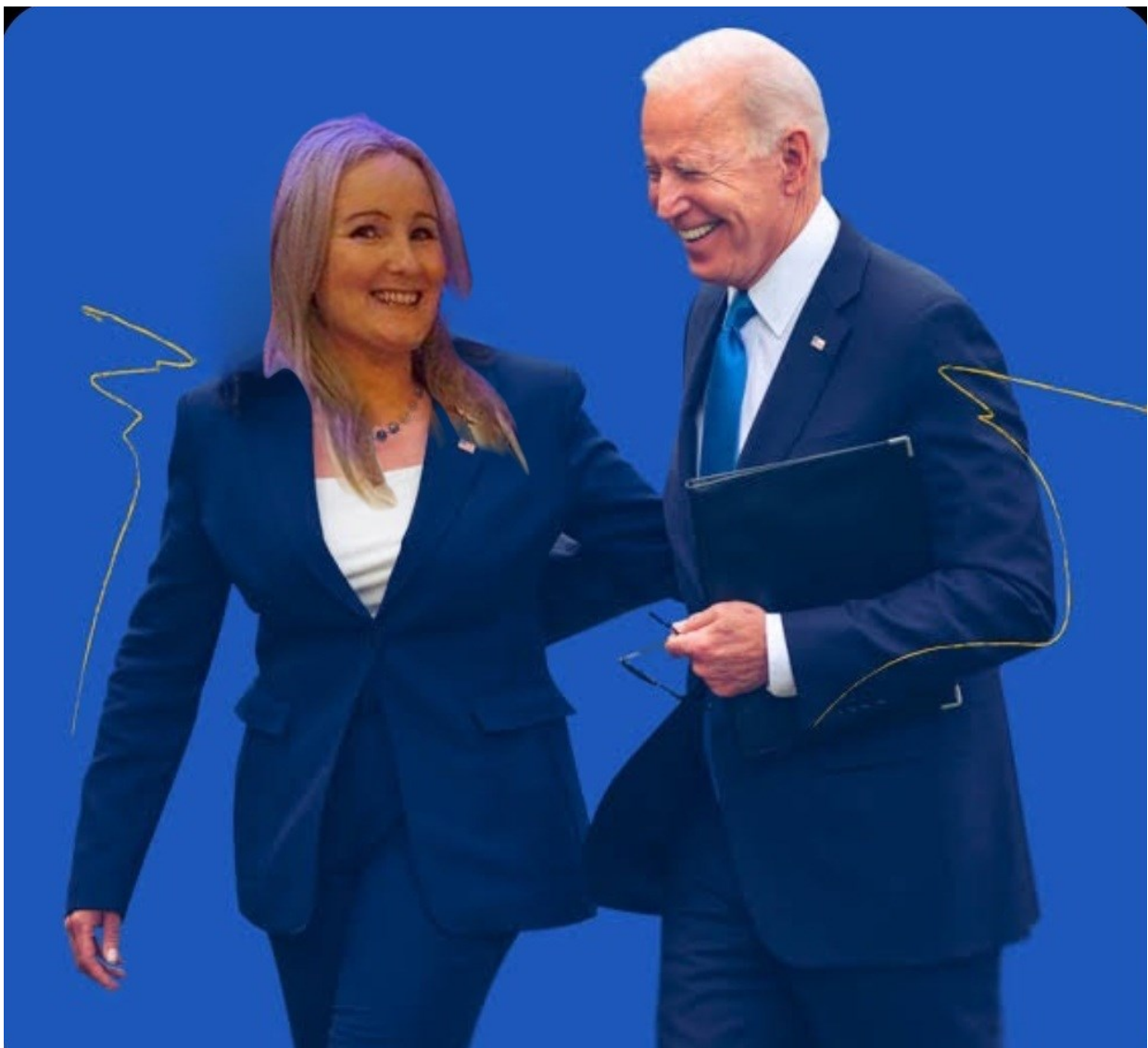
*I'm also needing members to provide write ups and photo's from any club runs and dinners. Your help here is always appreciated.*

*Lastly, I'm always on the lookout for any "entertaining" fun photo's of members that we can publish without being sued.*

*Articles and photos can be emailed to me at: [sturuthvandoorn@gmail.com](mailto:sturuthvandoorn@gmail.com)*

*Thanks everyone.*

We haven't been able to wipe the smile off First Lady Kirsty face since Sean got the No.1 Gig





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# ***CAR OF THE MONTH***

## **ROLF SELLENTIN'S 1980 Corvette Stingray**

My Corvette journey first started as a conversation with my cousin last year. I was bouncing ideas with him regarding what sort of sports car I should buy. I had in mind a vintage boat tail Ford, or perhaps a Porsche Boxster. I wanted something with style combined with power.

Later, I happened to be in Strathalbyn looking in the antique shops there, and dropped into the vintage car museum to ask if a boat tail was for sale but to no avail. They suggested going to a car yard down the road just 2 minutes away. That I did and found several cars there for sale ranging from a lovely concours MG TC for only \$15,000 to various muscle cars. However, what caught my eye was a 1981 left-hand drive auto Corvette Stingray Special. I thought this was very nice. I liked, dare I say, the sensuous shape, and the V-8 engine. I had never driven a V8, let alone owned one (astonishing at the age of 63). The shape also had a certain visceral and emotive feeling to me of Thunder Birds or Apollo 11 era that harked back to my childhood. I was hooked!



I began a frenzied search for a similar Corvette, but one which was a right-hand drive and manual. Eventually I found one in November 2023 that ticked all the boxes: 1980; factory manual gearbox; right-hand drive conversion; white Duco; and red leather interior. However, she was in Victoria. After contacting the owner and getting an RAA inspection, I flew over to Melbourne to buy her. There were issues with her which I was aware of thanks to the RAA report, this being no windscreen wiper motor (please don't rain on my drive back to Adelaide!), some oil leaks (normal?), head lights not popping up (vacuum issues – got to get back to Adelaide before dark!), all belts needing replacing (please don't break on the drive back!), original sloppy GMH seat belts (please no head-ons!), a broken hand brake handle, ten year old mags (please don't shred while I drive to

# ROLF SELLENTIN'S 1980 Corvette Stingray *Cont.*

Adelaide!), and the air conditioner had no gas. Not knowing if I would make the drive back to Adelaide, I set off with a devil-may-care attitude and a prayer.

I made it to Adelaide, at a cost of \$200 in fuel and the indicator handle falling off, but the eight-hour drive was a load of fun.

Since then, I have been busy getting her up to scratch to pass Regency. I subsequently found out that she did not have rack and pinion steering as described to me by the Victorian owner. It had the original hydraulic piston steering but converted for a right hand drive with welded arms to operate the front wheels (I now know why I had to wrestle with the steering wheel all the way from Melbourne to Adelaide!). This will cost me a bit to convert it to a proper, and legal, rack and pinion. Moreover, the right rear suspension arm was seized which had to be cut off and replaced by Graham. Some bushes required replacing but the belts were brand new!

The air conditioning unit and a new wiper motor also needed replacing.

Although there were some issues to iron out, I am still pleased with my buy and can't wait to participate in Club events!

The right rear suspension arm cut off.



**Tickets available at our upcoming meetings**

**Maelyns  
"Lucky Envelope"**





# Book Review



There haven't been too many new books emerge of late on the Corvette. They are difficult if not impossible to locate in books stores themselves, which mean they come from internet shopping. Unfortunately the limited reviews on purchases means that your often flying blind on the actual content until it arrives. Recently I purchased "Corvette Stingray" 'The mid-engine Revolution.' published by Motorbooks, authorized by GM. I can find no trace of a lead author and assume that it was some sort of magazine style team effort. The book itself is hardback but in a solid cardboard binding, it is not overly large, the print is large and in

places fairly sparse taken up with many pictures. I assumed that the book was going to detail the development of the C8 Corvette and it's production. It actually traces the history of the development of the mid engine platform back to the CERV1 from 1959 through to the four rotor of 1973 and Cerv 3 platform of the 90's along with a brief flirt with the Corvette Indy show car. There is a lot of padding and fluff in the book with the over use of the full name of Corvette legend Zora Arkus-Duntov as many

as



(Courtesy The Quarto Group)



three or four time in a few pages, as if there was a total word count to be reached. Finally half way through book at page 104 we arrive at the early stages of development of the C8 with some limited insight into how the car became a reality. There are some wonderful photographs from the design studios and historical archives of Corvette. The Australian connection with the test mule 'Black Jack' get a pretty good covering. There are some interesting but short interviews with design and engineering staff on the development of the C8.

At \$80 plus postage I was a little disappointed with this book, it didn't really seem to be complete and a bit half hearted especially as it covered so much of the test and experimental cars that went before the C8. I had expected something more along the lines of a book called "Little Red Corvette" which detailed the development of the C5 Corvette and the building of that model. To put it simply if you own a C8 and want something to put on the coffee table as a conversation piece then this is the book you're looking for.



#### CORVETTE INDY

Bill, GM never stopped exploring the Indy concept. The Corvette Indy debuted in 1976. Had it not been built for the event, its sleek, windtunnel-bath might just have slipped into the same dustbin as many other GM concepts.

Powered by a version of the Chevy Indy V8 racing engine, then competing in the CART Indy Car World Series, the Corvette Indy was also a showstopper for active suspension technology and four-wheel drive. The active suspension system was developed by Lotus Cars of England, then a GM subsidiary. It used hydraulic cylinders actuated by microprocessors reading the road. But instead of reacting to road inputs, it would actively smooth out the ride as required, protecting occupants from the jarring of bumps and potholes.

For several years in the late 1970s, active suspension showed tremendous potential, and GM actually built several active suspension Z06 Corvettes.

#### CERV III

Following the Corvette Indy path, CERV III debuted at the 1990 North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Detroit. Created under the direction of Bob Rankin, a vice president of engineering, its technology included almost everything GM knew how to do at the time. Its body was carbon fiber, Saab's and Volvo's endurance with aluminum honeycomb. It was fitted with a spin-by-wire steering system capable of steering in a second, with a top-end speed of 240 mph. Its body produced an exceptionally low drag coefficient of 0.27. And CERV III's also featured four-wheel drive, thanks to a unique pair of automatic transmissions that produced the forward push.







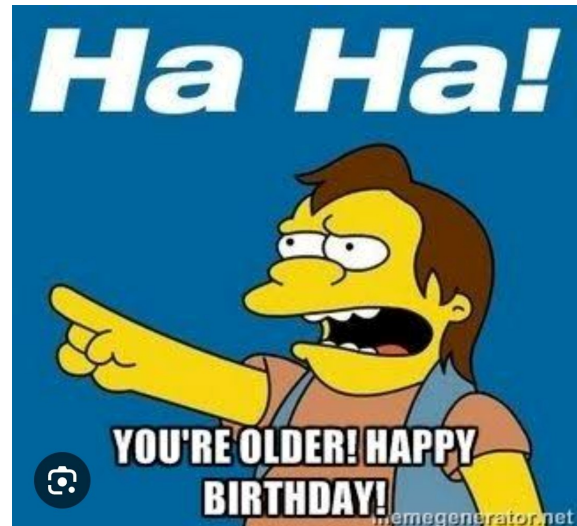


## Birthdays in MAY for the following members...

Neil Portlock  
Chris Desmond  
Gerry Brine  
John Sturm  
Christopher Wild  
Emanuel Viralas  
Dave Langeley  
Simon Wilson  
Tim Cogan  
AJ Martin  
Kerin Schubert  
Brandon Townsend  
Ian Gregor  
Andrew Catford

Rolf Sellentin  
Phillip Lange  
Martin Jefferies  
Tim Epton  
Matthew Green  
Cynthia Dennis  
Lynda Jarrett  
Pam Applebee  
Louisa Guest  
Jan Orchard  
Jodi Spencer  
Mary McLean  
Jenny Kelsh  
Lee Norsworthy

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