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JUNE 2013



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Car of the Month

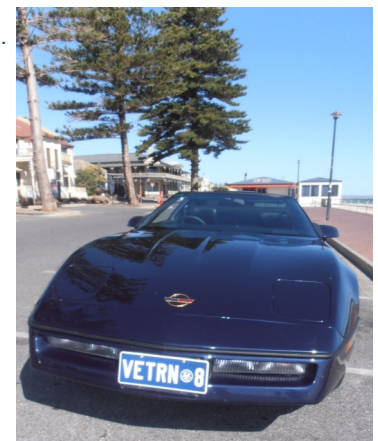
URGENT !

The Club
requires a
merchandise
officer
urgently
Simply put no
merchandise
officer no
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Jenny & Jeff's 1989 C4



History of our corvette: Older restoration by an aeronautical engineer in Sydney. Engine 30 though. overbore, balanced, mild Jones cam. New electrics, upgraded ECU, etc. Reco'd gearbox and rear end, new brakes., new rubber seals etc. The car was sold to Rick King of Mocare Auto Parts here in Adelaide and then on sold to us.



Since we have purchasing the car we have splashed some cash on 18" Z06 chrome wheels, window tint, new leather bound steering wheel and a number of upgrading parts just delivered as we speak from Corvette Central yet to be installed.

We are looking forward to cruising with our new club members and the odd dinners out.

Regards

Jenny and Jeff Wilson





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Memberships—due by 1st January every year

Membership Fees:	New	Renewal
Financial Member	\$85.00	\$80.00
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We want to keep you informed, but to do that, if you have had a change of address, please advise the Memberships Officer Daryl, to ensure you continue to receive copies of the newsletter and advice on club events.

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Historic Rego A \$50.00 inspection fee is applicable each year of inspection. This **does not** include a log book if required.

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Note: Contributions may be edited for reasons of space. The editor has the right of refusal to publish.

Corvette Club of SA—General Meeting held: 01/05/20113

Meeting Opened 8.15 pm

Present: As per attendance book

Apologies – Tim Cogan, Kathy & Phil Holgate, Margit Keogh, Larry Stanojevic, Jim Dorman, Chris and Jane Wild, Vic & Sheila Olley.

New Members Visiting for the first time – Nil

Minutes of Last General Meeting: - Were not available for publishing in the last newsletter. To be published later.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance start of 1 st April 2013	\$10,681.44	
Cash & Cheques in	\$ 1,641.00	
Cash & Cheques out	\$ 858.51	
Closing balance 30th April 2013	\$11,463.63	
Accepted as true & correct.	Moved: Ruth VanDoorn	
	Seconded: Neil Bailey	

Secretary's Report:

Thanks to Kathy for taking the minutes last meeting.

Mail received

Copper Coast Cornish Festival 20th -26th May. The cavalcade of cars and bikes is on Sunday 26th. Bob Butler suggested this should be made the club run for May. This will be arranged.

Email received

- Our club has applied for membership of the Street Machine Assoc of SA at a cost of \$50.
- The organizers of the Bathurst Autofest have advised of their dates for the next three years which are traditionally the weekend before Easter. These are run on a similar format to the Summer Nats in Canberra..

Information received from a Jim Wagstaff to invite members to have a picture painted of the car of their choice in acrylic with three varnish coats on top. These are 4ft x 2.5ft @\$1,500 each. These can be larger if required. See me for contact details.

Newsletters received :- from other club available at the front desk for review... Any over 3 months old will be forwarded to Club Historian (Gerry Brine).

Code of Practice: Still waiting to hear from SMASA re the addition of modified vehicles to the historic register. Dave Nitschke is our contact.

Request from Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs to advise who was representing our club to undertake inspections under the Conditional Registration scheme. Mark Dixon's name has been added.

Membership: Financial members Full 142. Associate 38. Total 180. The Membership Officer has written to all un-financial members to advise them of this.

Merchandise: -

The position of Merchandise Officer is still vacant and needs to be urgently filled. Interested members are requested to talk to a committee member for further details. No more new orders will be taken in the mean time.

Newsletter:- Neil asked members to forward any items of interest to him for consideration of publication. Classified advertisements are free to members and will be listed for three months.

Past Events:

- 29th March to 1st April - Toowoomba Convention. Report published in the last News Letter.
- 30th March - Bob Butler's run.
- 1st April - Peter McBrides Pt. Augusta over night run.
- 7th April was the All GM day.
- 14th April – The Rock & Roll Rendezvous. Bob Butler advised members to put this in their dairies for next year as it is a great event.

20th April – My Garage at White Line Transport with Alan Moffat as guest speaker. Sharon Middleton was present and advised \$3,000 was raised for Shine.

Future events

As shown in the latest Newsletter. The Event Co-ordinator Dave Schrapel thanked all those members who have contributed or arranged any of the 38 events over the last membership year. Because of you we have a very strong club.

General Business:

- Dave Nitschke offered his football tickets to any member who wished to use them this week as he was unable to.

Debbie Johns had Entertainment books for sale with part proceeds going to Shine.

Membership Draw: \$20 this month.

And the winner is membership number 39, David Forrest. Unfortunately he was not in attendance.

The drawer will jackpot to \$30 next month.

Vettes in the Vines Corvette Convention.

Booklet were distributed at the Toowoomba Convention.

Booklets available from the front desk for interested members.

Raffle draw winners.

Mother, day basket. Kevin Jarrett.

Mothers day bag. Helen Falconer.

60th Corvette poster Laurie Witts

Poster provided by the visitors from the USA. Won by Dale Goldsmith.

Sharon Middleton and Rob McConnell both had their raffle tickets drawn but asked for redraws.

Supper

Lavish rolls organized by Peter and Lynda.

Meeting Closed 9.00 pm

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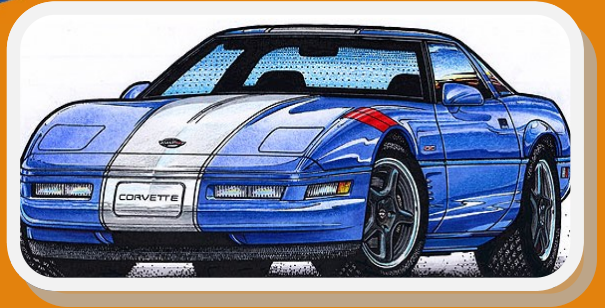
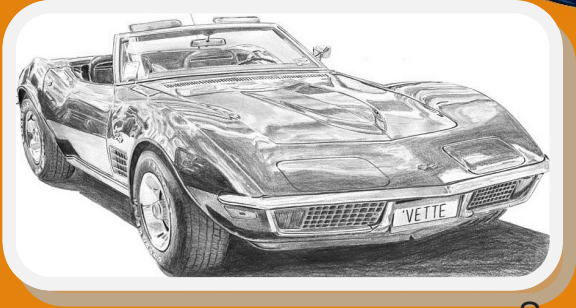
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Model Corner
What's in the box this month ? Well probably the best Corvette model on the market ! That's a pretty big call even by my standards. GMP a Chinese manufacturer (of course) produced a range of Corvettes mostly the C5 C6 racing variety in 1/12th scale. But it's their 1/18th 1965 Vettes that have impressed me, produced in both hardtop (blue) which is carbureted and convertible red of course which is fuel injected. I haven't quite plucked up the courage to lay out the asking price for one of these as yet because they are not cheap. Produced in a combination of metal and plastic parts the list of features is as long as the option list on the actual vehicles. Okay what do you get for an out lay of between \$350 & \$800 plus postage on E-bay or from model shops online ? Well for starters you get actual knock off

hubs on the wheels which then reveal the working brake rotors and metal suspension, the spare wheel carrier opens to reveal surprise surprise a spare wheel,. The steering works (as usual), the gear leaver works, you get metal brake lines underneath . The top on the convertible comes off and the deck lid opens. The hood has an actual working hinge, which when opened reveals the clamps on the radiator hose along with the replicated part number stamped on same and a detailed battery and actual belts on the motor. You get the flip up head light option as per cheaper models, but the gas tank cap opens. The tyres are rubber not plastic , the doors actually have the proper hinges none of this generic open & shut stuff here !. The interior is mostly plastic as one would expect but gee the seats move backwards and forwards and the windows well they go up and down courtesy of the replicated



winders on the door, even the door lock tabs move !. If your not impressed yet there's more (no not a set of steak knives !). The glove box opens if your brave enough to reveal an owners manual well an imitation of one really. These are probably the ultimate in corvette models I haven't seen one in the flesh to guarantee the detail or value for money on it but if the pictures are anything to go by it's the real deal.

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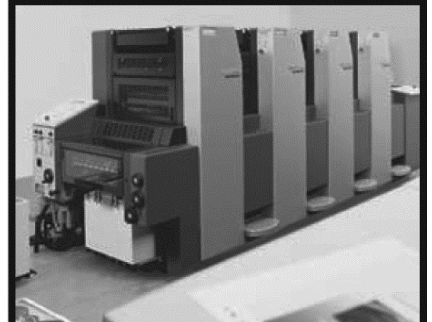
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It's not often you get a book authored by someone completely in the know about the development and manufacturing of actual motor vehicles. So here we have it written by the ex Chief Engineer of Corvette from 1975 until 1992. A run down of the 50 year history of the car culminating in the launch in 1984 of the C4 and the development of the C5. It is an interestingly styled book other than following a time line set by the car and the authors own career timing, the book often jumps from one place to another and back again.

McLellan admits himself that there wasn't any real structure to the book when he commenced the project just some pages of notes that he had moved out of his office and kept upon his retirement, when someone suggested he form them into a book. I have read this one a few times over the last couple of years and with each reading changing my opinion of it and the author. Initially I thought he was having a go at Zora Duntov but after re reading it a few times I realised that McLellan was acknowledging several things 1/ that Duntov was a perfectionist who liked to get his own way and 2/ that he was a great engineer and finally 3/ that he was a hard act to follow as the head engineer at Corvette.

The first five chapters like every other Corvette book detail the development from the early 1950's through until the late 1970's. From here on in the authors strength in the fact that he was there as the all new C4 was developed from an idea through to the release in 1984 of the new vehicle. He then covers the refinement of the C4 and the manufacturing process, he discusses in detail the problems of emission control and other Government regulations that hindered the last of the C3's and how they overcame them to make the C4 a better car with great performance. He then details the relationship between Lotus and Corvette with the development of the LT5 motor, the search for a small production manufacturer and the development of the legendary ZR-1. I have to admit that there were entire paragraphs that I skimmed

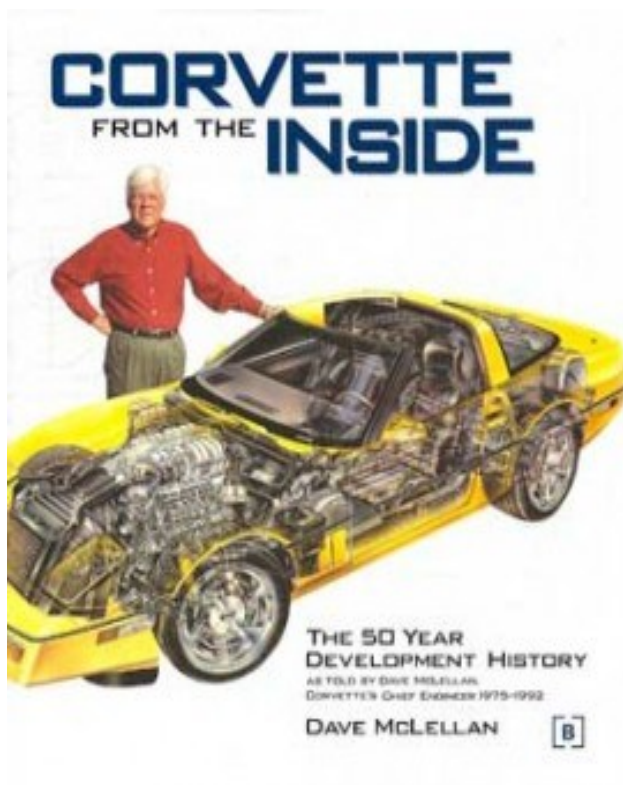
over in this book as it was way to technical for me, there is only so much I can take on tyre adhesion, suspension rebound and graphs and statistics on developing the ultimate convertible and why it is so damn hard to cut the roof off a car. It was at this point that it became blatantly obvious that the book had been written by an engineer and not a journalist.

From here McLellan covers the twilight years of his career at Corvette and the development of the all new C5 and the ongoing search for the perfect Corvette. I particularly found the chapter on research and public and insider interviews on what is and should be a Corvette interesting, giving a rare insight into what makes us Corvette tragics tick and how loyal and traditional we are to the brand.

The book is split into 17 chapters with the final one being devoted to where McLellan saw the Corvette headed into the future an interesting read considering another decade has passed since it was penned. At 285 pages this one is not a punishing read but does become bogged down in the minute detail, the book itself is a great size and isn't awkward as some of the bigger tomes that have been published recently. There are very few photographs and the majority are all black and white.

Published by Bentley our good friends at E-bay have it from between \$39 and \$45 with free postage, Amazon.com had it for \$30 with free postage. As a side note Dave McLellan has now got a dedicated web site which can be found at <http://www.corvettechief.com> where he discusses all things Corvette. My final comment on this one is that no Corvette library would be complete without it.

Dave now finds gainful employment as a Forensic Engineer



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President's 4 v; Allan's Wankers. Short course 9 holes . Lots of cheating, miss hits (practice swings), & bad behaviour, but only by some or maybe only 1. Allan's Wankers took the championship to cries of CHEAT with the President's 4 getting the NAGA award, (not a golfers asshole) .

Thanks to Dave & Kevin for arranging the day & to the (undertaker) for driving the camera man around.



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It's not the Destination but the Journey.

On Saturday 26th, 16 corvettes met at Caltex Bolivar for our overnight run to Pt Augusta. 4 cars came along for lunch at the Pt. Broughton hotel and then went back to Adelaide. Gus, John and Tam came up from Whyalla and met us for lunch and then continued with us. Gene and Barb members from our sister club in L.A. Corvettes West also came along for the weekend, thanks to Struth who brought both their cars so they could both ride in Vettes.

After lunch we continued up through the Germein Gorge, a bute and scenic drive though Murray Town, Melrose , Wilmington, and down through Horrocks Pass, (all good vetting roads) and

onto Pt

Augusta , where I led them out to Flinders lookout. From where you looked out over the water to the Flinders Ranges, so we settled down to watch the sunset with some wine, beer, bubbly, cheese ,dips ,crackers, making this a good way to finish off the first days drive.

After the sunset we then booked in and freshened up for tea at the Indian restaurant where we had a free raffle which Allan won, (a chev garage sign). After tea , some of us continued the party while others went for their beauty sleep (it did not help them).

Sunday 29th started with breaky at various places around

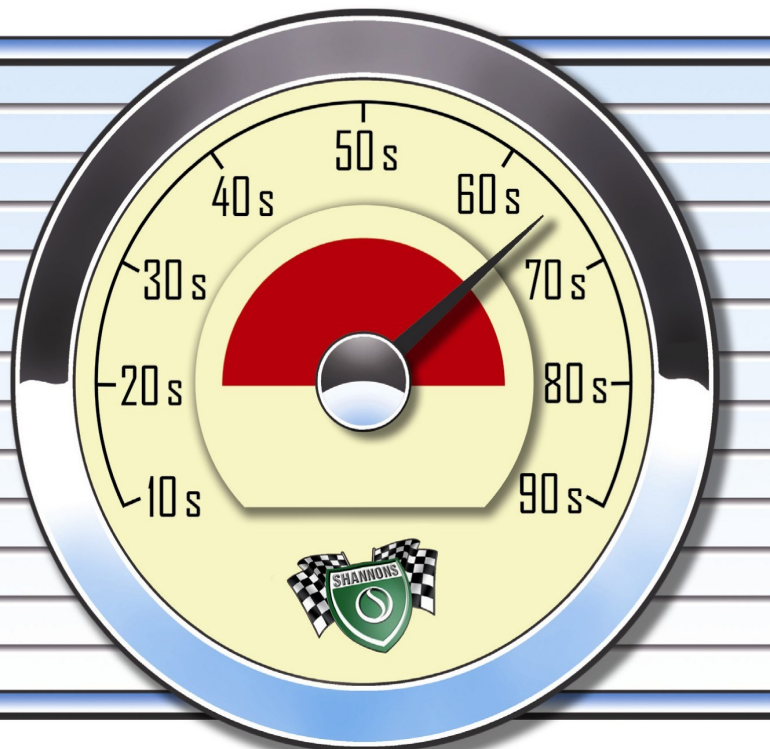
town, before heading back through the Flinders via Horrocks Pass, looking superb in the morning light to a quaint little bakery at Stone Hut, for morning tea. After the break we continued following the range back to the Clare Valley and onto Auburn for lunch. Here we were met by another 5 couples who drove up from Adelaide to join us for lunch in the historic stables. To finish off the Sunday, after we arrived back in Adelaide some of us went back to Bob and Carole's for pre dinner drinks, then about 15 of us took Gene and Barb to tea at the Watermark hotel as they were leaving for the USA on Monday.

Lyn & I would just like to thank everyone who came and made this such a good weekend run, especially Gene and Barb,(Barry Koski and Chris ,new members) who did their 1st run with us. Peter & Lyn.



MONTH	DATE	ORGANISER	TIME	Where	Destination
Jun-13	5th	General Meeting	7:30	Seaton Ramblers FC	West Lakes
RUN	9th	Dave Schrapel 0413621972	10am	Mustang club slot car challenge - Lobethal	
	19th	Committee	7.35	Hilton Hotel	Mile End
DINNER	21st	Jim/Catherine	7:00	GO GO Buffalo	Glynde Hotel
Jul-13	3rd	General Meeting	7:30	Seaton Ramblers FC	West Lakes
Run	7th	Rob McConnell 0427.093.556	TBC		Blanchtown
	17th	Committee	7.35	Hilton Hotel	Mile End
Dinner	20th	Committee	6:30PM	Bad taste in July	Hilton Hotel Mile End
Aug-13	7th	General Meeting	7:30	Seaton Ramblers FC	West Lakes
Run	11th				
	21st	Committee	7.35	Hilton Hotel	Mile End
DINNER	23rd		7:30		
Sep-13	4th	General Meeting	7:30	Seaton Ramblers FC	West Lakes
Run	8th				
Show	TBC	Grease & Gork	10am		
	18th	Committee	7.35	Hilton Hotel	Mile End
DINNER	20th		7:30		

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Pace Car



For the 12th time our favourite mode of transport has been given the honour of being the Indianapolis Pace car. May 26th saw the Laguna Blue C7 Stingray given the honours the only additions to the standard vehicle being the required strobe lights.



October Long Weekend



The October long weekend falls on the 5th 6th and 7th October. We all know what that means yep Corvette Club travel time. This years destination is Mount Gambier, we have already filled 22 rooms at the **Commodore on the Park Motel**, in the heart of the city. There are still a few limited opportunities for rooms at this location. So if you want to join the crew staying here contact us quickly. We require a **\$50 deposit**, which can be paid electronically into the club account. (Please put your surname & Oct as the reference **BSB: 105 900 Acct: 9543 73840**), or direct payment to our club treasurer. All of the accommodation bookings will then be handled for you. There will be a Friday convoy leaving from Tailem Bend, for further details or to confirm your spot in club history contact Neil 0407726546 nbailey1@dodo.com.au or Goof 0417869368 or zorkent1@bigpond.com. This is a weekend not to miss out on



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• **Executive Room** Individual control split-system air-conditioning-heating/cooling, remote control colour TV, video players, mini bar, tea and coffee making facilities, refrigerator, direct dial STD/ISD phones, iron & ironing board, hairdryers, data/modem ports, sofa beds, modern bathrooms, queen sized beds, non-smoking rooms available, RAA, NRMA, RACV rating - 4 star.

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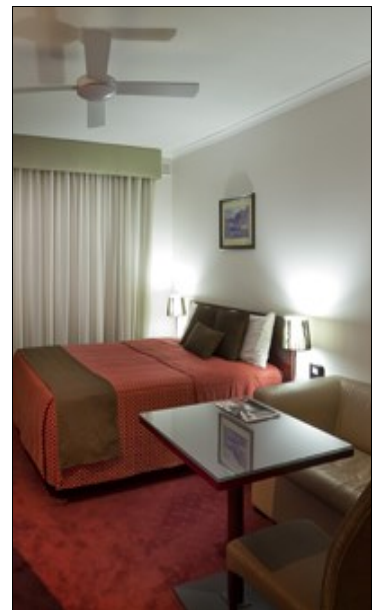
1 Bedroom Suite (Kitchenette) All suites contain remote control TV, VCR, reverse cycle air-conditioning, mini-bars, direct dial cordless phones, data/modems ports. Kitchenette contains 120lt fridge, tea & coffee making facilities, microwave, hot plate, ducted range-hood, crockery, cutlery, pots, microwave dishes, toaster, dining table and chairs. Queen sized bed, built in robes, iron and ironing boards, en-suite bathroom, hairdryers. All suites are strictly non-smoking. Absolute ground floor access.

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