

Corvette Club of South Australia Inc.

MARCH NEWSLETTER 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another Corvette Club year has come to an end and we need to fill the committee positions again. For all the members that were on the committee I would like to thank you for all that we have done this last year. Now those that are thinking of joining the committee please do as we are a team that gets the things done that the rest of the club wants us to do. We also do it with fun and we all help each other. It has been a pleasure to be on the Corvette club committee and I look forward to the new committee.

Cheers Laurie KB



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MEETINGS HELD ON THE <u>FIRST WEDNESDAY</u> OF EVERY MONTH AT SEATON RAMBLERS FOOTBALL CLUB, SOUTH PARADE, SEATON AT 8:00PM

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Memberships - due by 1st January every year

Membership Fees:NewRenewalFinancial Member\$85.00\$80.00Associate Member\$20.00\$20.00Country Member\$40.00\$40.00

We want to keep you informed, but to do that, if you have had a change of address, please advise the Membership Officer - Gary McPhee, to ensure you continue to receive copies of the newsletter and club events. If you are making a payment by cheque or direct deposit please include your name and the reason for the payment. BSB: 105 900 Acct: 9543 73840

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Newsletter The Corvette Club of South Australia Incorporated and its committee, is not responsible for statements (excepting their own) which may appear in any publication of the Corvette Club of SA Inc. newsletter, nor for the integrity of individuals buying or selling goods or services. We welcome the contribution of newsletter articles from members. Contributions should be either neatly hand written or a printed copy, or in a file compatible with MS Word. Photocopies must be good quality in either colour or black and white.

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

Corvette Club of SA - General Meeting held 3rd Feb 2016

Meeting Opened 8.15 pm

Present: As per attendance book.

Apologies – Steve & Tina Bryers, Rob and Karen McConnell, Kevin Jarrett, Dave Schrapel, Karina & Lyndsay Billett, Jan & Doug Parker, Helen Falconer and Greg Woods.

Visitor and New members - Ben Clarke with a 1973.

Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct.

Moved :- Tony Beer Smith Seconded :- Graham Townsin

Treasurer's Report:

 Balance as of 1st January 2016
 \$ 15,272.60

 Cash & Cheques in
 \$ 1,853.50

 Cash & Cheques out
 \$ 975.02

 Closing balance 31st January 2016
 \$ 16,151.08

Business arising - Nil.

Moved :- Catherine Neagle Seconded :- Tom Stanef

Secretary's Report: Correspondence

- Historic Motor Vehicles Club of Victor Harbor. Autojumble sale and Swapmeet. Sunday 7th February.
- McLaren Vale Festival 16th to 18th January.
- Copper Coast 500 Sprints. Sunday 1st May. 500 metre timed run. \$195 if paid before 29th Feb or after \$250 for 4 runs. Maximum 50 entries. Show n Shine \$10 per car.
- Northside Coffee & Cars invitation to attend their breakfast get together at Golden Grove Village the first Sunday of each month. Facebook link available
- An additional 100 x 30cent stamps were purchased to cover the AGM information mail out.

Newsletters received: - from other clubs have been distributed for review, any over 3 months old will be forwarded to Club Historian (Gerry Brine).

Historic Code of Practice:- Nothing to report.

Membership:

Full members 125 Associates 80 Total 205

All memberships were due at 31st December. Those outstanding will get a reminder.

Merchandise: -

- A limited number of stainless steel mugs are available at a cost of \$10.
- Current apparel stock items available. Make an offer to clear these items.
- Cooler bags available with club logo for \$35.
- Club hats \$15 with 2014 Convention hats \$5.

Newsletter:-

- 'Car of the Month' application forms available.
- As Breck will be away on holidays, items for the March and April newsletters must be in by the 20th of this month.

Past Events:

- 22nd January Dinner at Birkenhead Tavern. Sean Hayter.
- 24th January Chev Club Charity fund raiser at Sprints Auto Parts Noarlunga.
- 26th January Australia Day Cruise. Peter & Lynda McBride.

Future events As outlined in the events calendar.

- 7th February Super Chevy Sunday.
- 14th February Corvette get together at the Aviation Museum Port Adelaide. Set up 8.30am.
- 19th February Seacliff Hotel dinner. Arranged by Laurie and Margaret.
- 21st February All American Day. Members South meet at Hungry Jacks Everard Park @ 8.30am and for those North meet at Tea Tree Plaza @ 9.30am.
- Corvette Convention in Bendigo 25th to 28th March. Congratulations to all those attending and representing South Aussie as there are thirteen cars in total going across.
- 2016 October Long Weekend trip away is being coordinated by Peter McBride.

Web Master

Please register for Corvettes at the Aviation Museum on the webpage.

General Business:

- The revised Constitution has been distributed both electronically and by mail. Member's will get to vote by attending the AGM.
- Accommodation for those doing the St Arnaud one night stopover for the 2016 Corvette Convention in Bendigo has been booked. Rooms are still available for anyone interested to join in. \$90 per night a double.
 Also accommodation bookings have been made for those doing the return trip via the Ocean Road..
- Lucky squares to be drawn at AGM or when full. \$5 each / 100 tickets in total. 12 Corvette posters the prize
- Chev Club Nationals are to be held 21st 24th October at Mt Gambier.

AGM March 2nd 2016.

- All committee positions will be vacated. All members are to consider what support they can give our club. Position Descriptions and Nomination forms have all been distributed with copies available tonight if needed.
- The position of Secretary will become vacant. Talk to the current Secretary if interested.
- The March meeting will be in the order of the General Meeting with the AGM to follow. The first order of business will be the vote on the new Constitution followed by the committee positions.
- Discussion on the revised Constitution was on the wording in section 4
 "Subscriptions" part f) and part 11 "Amendment of the Rules". These will
 be considered by the committee executive.

Membership Draw: \$40 this month.

Member number - 46 for Tony Vellelonga. As he was not in attendance prize will jackpot to \$50 next month.

Raffle prize winners: 1. Alan Litchfield. 2. Dave Sargent. 3. Peter Bartlett.

BBQ. Peter McBride the cook.

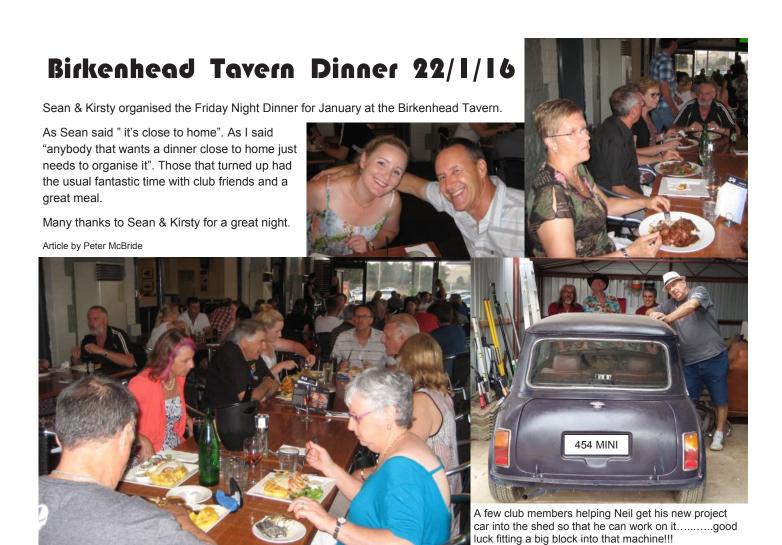
Thanks to the Football club for the use of their BBQ.

Meeting Closed 9.06 pm.



Reminder: Club Credit Card Facility

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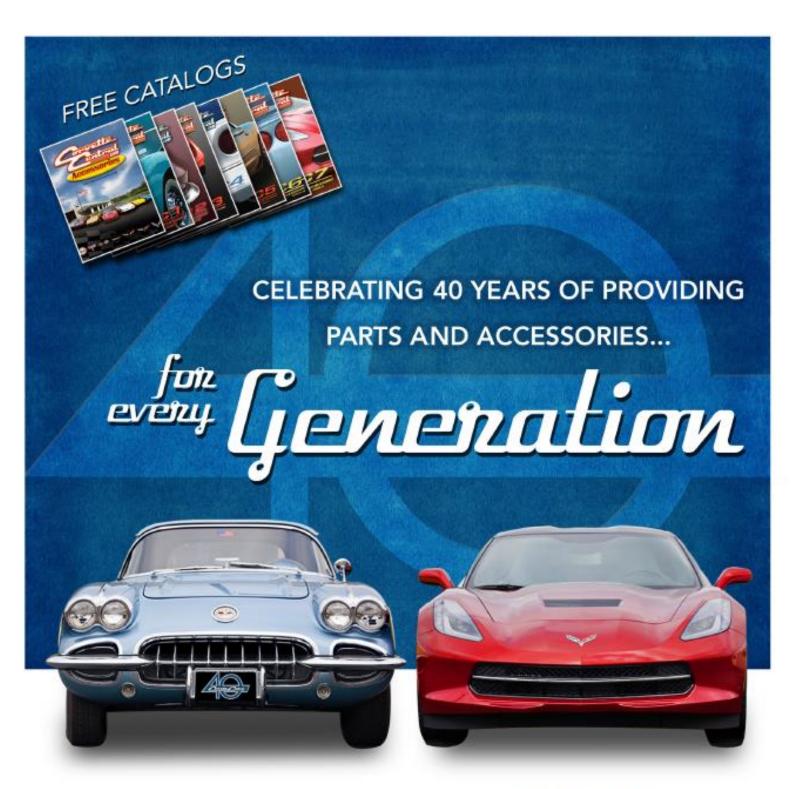




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Fundraiser at Sprint Auto Parts Noarlunga

Although this was not a club event a big thank you goes out to those of our members who put their Corvettes on display at this event organized by the Chev club to raise money for the son of one of their members who has Leukaemia.

It encouraged many members of the public to come in and say hi and enjoy the sausage sizzle as well as visit Sprints.

Over \$300 was collected and the Chev Club greatly appreciated our involvement.

Article by John Randel



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To celebrate this great country of ours, the club held an Australia Day Cruise down to the beautiful South Coast. Organised by "Team Bling", Peter & Lynda, we all met at Hungry Jacks on Anzac Hwy. It was great to see so many Vettes come out and with such a great weather forecast, it was no wonder. After using Hungry Jacks toilets and clogging up their drive through, we were on our way after a quick run down by Pete. Down to Marion Road and up the Southern Expressway and back onto South Road, we only managed to cause chaos about six times with the traffic around us. Oh well, we all survived. Up past the Victory Hotel, we turned off and headed towards the Southern beaches. The beaches looked great, filled to capacity with cars and families enjoying the day. The queue of traffic coming towards us wanting to get onto the beaches had to be seen to be believed! We need bigger beaches!! Anyhow, the people waiting in their cars and sitting on the balconies of their esplanade houses appreciated the site of close to twenty Vettes rumbling the road. Plenty of waves and everyone was in good spirits. We were heading back up the coast sticking to the esplanades where we could and aiming for the McBride's house at West Beach. We lost sight of Laurie & Margaret plus Jim & Catherine when Laurie's car popped a pooper valve. Never good. They said they would catch up after a quick tweak. Meanwhile, I missed a turn near Lonsdale so decided to fly up to Hallett Cove and re-join the cruise there. Jim & Catherine somehow caught up in between and Catherine sent us a text bragging they were now in front of us only to drive over a hill to see us pull back in behind Pete - in front of them. It was then 'game on' to get to West Beach first. Only because I had to give way to an elderly old lady, they won.

Once at Peter & Lynda's, we all settled down for the afternoon eatin' & drinkin'. We had "Cookie Boy" Sean, Jim "Don't call me sauce" and Bob "where's the lamb" Butler on the two BBQs doing a great job. Loads of tucker and great cakes supplied by Karina. Then there were the clean-up angels at the end. "Thanks", you guys.

The BIG THANKYOU has to go to the McBride's. Where would we be without these guy's. It was a great run and a great destination on a great day. Well done.

Article by Stuart & Ruth Van Doorn. Photos by John Randell and Peter McBride.



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Super Chevy Sunday #23 - 2016

For all those car show lovers here we go again with mad February commencing with Super Chevy Sunday.

The organizers were presented with a perfect 31degree sunny day this year which resulted in an entry field of around 170 gleaming Chevs of all ages and to include several travelling over from Victoria. The Gleneagles oval looked a treat and the organizers again looked after everyone with the facilities they had available.

The line up of Corvettes was impressive with thirty six counted in total which was the largest group of any Chev product there taking up more than the one full line across the oval put aside.

The high standard of vehicles on display continued on from previous years and it is always hard to pick the best in any group when completing the entrant's choice votes. Unfortunately none of our club members were successful in being awarded any of the three trophies allocated in the Corvette category however Laurie won the early entrant raffle draw of \$100 and Sean the "Billy Cart" stuffed with goodies in the fund raiser raffle. Congratulation to both.

Thank you to all those who attended from the Corvette Club of South Australia Inc. to help make the day a success.

A great day had by all who attended and we wish the Chevrolet Performance Association of South Australia Inc. every success in organizing the 40th Chev Nationals to be held in Mt Gambier over 21st to 24th October this year.

Article by John Randell





Upcoming Events

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2016					
DATE	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	LOCATION	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>ORGANISER</u>
Wed 2 nd	General Meeting and Annual General Meeting	7:30pm	Seaton Ramblers FC West Lakes	General Meeting starts at 8:00pm, the AGM will be held immediately after the General Meeting and will include a vote on the proposed changes to the club Constitution. Supper to be served at the end of the night.	
Thu 3 rd to Sun 6 th	Clipsal 500		Adelaide Parklands	Join in the party at the annual Clipsal 500 V8 Supercars race.	
Wed 16 th	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Hilton		
Fri 18 th	Club Dinner			Dinner organiser required	
Fri 25 th to Mon 28 th	National Convention		Bendigo, Victoria	Don't miss the 28th National Corvette Convention!!	
EVENTS CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2016					
<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>ORGANISER</u>
Wed 6 th	General Meeting	7:30pm	Seaton Ramblers FC West Lakes	General Meeting starts at 8:00pm, Supper will be served at the end of the night.	
Sat 9 th	Meal & Film Night	TBA	SA Aviation Museum	One for the aviation buffs, \$20/head	David Daw
Sun 10 th	Club Run	TBA	Clayton Bay	Cruise down for a day by the river.	Karina Billet
Sun 10 th	Rock & Roll Rendezvous	9:00am	National Motor Museum Birdwood	Gates will open to vehicle entrants at 9.00am and to the general public at 10.00am.	
Sun 17 th	McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic	11:00am	McLaren Vale	Join over 500 other cars for the street parade and soak up the atmosphere.	
Wed 20 th	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Hilton		
Fri 22 nd	Club Dinner			Dinner organiser required	

28th National Corvette Convention Bendigo Easter Festival



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October Long Weekend 2016



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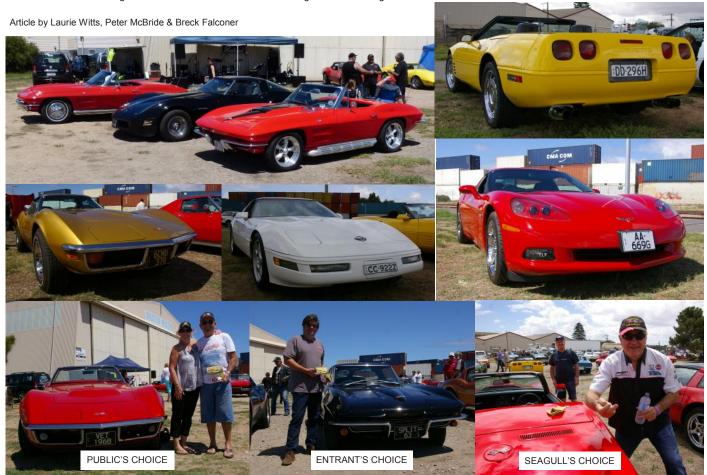
Once you have made your booking, please advise Peter McBride on robinhill67@gmail.com so I know how many rooms are taken.

CORVETTES AT THE PORT

We started setting up at 7:45am and then Corvettes started to arrive. With the help of David, Pete, Lynda, John, Jenny and Margaret with a few from the Chev Club Neville and Christine all went well. The food and coffee van arrived along with the band and then the party started. We had 60 Corvettes covering all generations (except C7) and some we had not seen before. A couple of members renewed their membership and we also had 3 new members join. Welcome to our 3 newest members, Graham with a '85 coupe, Robert with a '56 roadster and Jack with his '91 coupe. As the day progressed a number of members took advantage of the free entry to the Aviation Museum (which was funded by the Corvette Club) to have a look around the many aircraft on display while others just sat back and enjoyed the sounds of the band 'Reload' and the chance to chat with the public and other members of the club.

We think a certain OneSteel member believes he has been culled from the club, but it is only a rumour even though a dream for a few. As always the COWS (Corvettes of Whyalla) led by their navigationally challenged leader Gus made themselves welcome and we all caught up with the gossip. We had 5 great raffle prizes from Sharon (Foundation Shine). The 'Entrant's Choice' trophy went to Spiro Spyropoulos with his beautiful '63 and Allan Norsworthy received the 'Public Choice' award with his '68. Tom Stanef received the 'Seagull's Choice' award with a display of precision bombing by our feathered friends targeting his car......perhaps the shock of seeing it out of the garage caused them to crap themselves!

We would like to thank all those that came and supported the club for this our annual show 'n' shine event and all those that helped out on the day. A final thanks must also go to the SA Aviation Museum for allowing us to use their grounds.



Flash back Back in the sport even

Back in the year 2000, the Corvette Club ran a series of motor sport events at the Tailem Bend Test Track.

We had a timed course layout incorporating short straights and curves of varying radius on the bitumen skid pan to identify our fastest motorkhana driver, and a timed 400m single car sprint down the 2km straight to determine the fastest Corvette over the "1/4" mile.

The winner of the inaugural motorkhana event was Peter Lakatos in his white 86 C4 Corvette. He was also the winner in our second motorkhana event in November 2001.

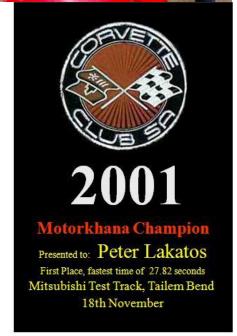
Peter was not at the subsequent club meetings to receive his prize, a custom labelled bottle of South Australian shiraz, so the bottle was put aside.

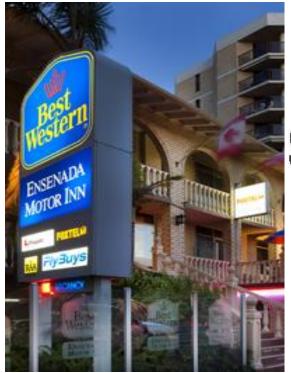
15 years later...... Peter was seen at a recent Zippel Cruise and mentioned he was to be at the Corvettes at the Port club day, so Tom Stanef (who organised the motor sport events back at the turn of the century) located the bottle and presented the prize to Peter before a few of our club members at the Aviation Museum.

Congratulations to Peter Lakatos for being the fastest motorkhana driver at the Tailem Bend track on 18th November 2001.

For the record, we also had prizes for consistency. The average of best 3 times over the course with first place going to Phil Simpson and second spot to Frederick Welsh. All the fastest times were recorded with C4 Corvettes.

However the leader board over the standing start 400m runs was dominated by C3 Corvettes, with Gary Belden in a big block C3 having the quickest time, followed by Laurie Witts in second. Article by Tom Stanef





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