



Corvette Club of South Australia Inc.

AUGUST 2012

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Original Legend
Corvette Dynasty

October Long Weekend
Renmark
SOLD OUT

Hi All

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The dinner in July held at the Hilton Hotel was another great night for all those who attended and I must congratulate Lynda and Peter McBride who put together a night filled with fun and surprises, especially the umbrellas that looked like something that they were not, or so I am told.

To Mick who forgot that it was on but made a grand entrance later in the night, I know that you don't remember much of it Mick but I am reliably told that you and Kevin started the memory loss process about lunch time.

The run to Collingrove organised by John was a brave attempt to instil some culture into the membership that attended and was quite successful for the majority but a select few (2) found the antique fridge with its modern contents and lunch in the summer pavilion turned into the usual Corvette Club gathering.

It should be noted that on these runs that we often do practical things and this run was no exception with the steering being tested on a few occasions.

One of the runs coming up will have a bit to do with animals so this should appeal to quite a few members.

Happy vetting

Pres

Car of the Month

Tony Beer Smith's Red LS4 1974 Coupe with black deluxe interior

The car was registered to J. Abercrombie of 512 Ware Shoals, South Carolina, USA in 1986-87. It was imported by Joe's Golden Gasoline's in 2004, but was missing the front and rear bumper covers. The Vette had been neglected for 30 years in the South Carolina sun.

We stripped the paint back to glass, found that the inside of the doors had never been repainted, so we matched the paint to the doors. Repaired minor damage to front panels. Brakes sleeved, new seals.

Separated the body from chassis, cleaned and painted frame and under body. Refitted body with new mounts, replaced all suspension bushes, Primed and painted body, **made** new front bumper cover, fitted s/hand rear cover. Fitted new weather strips, water pump, fuel pump, carby kit, plugs and leads. Restored console and storage compartment frame and lid frames. Recovered seats with covers from my other 1974 parts car. Fitted radio and Code Alarm Pro alarm system. Installed fuel cut off with security key switch. New R/hand lower ball joint, new r/hand engine mount, Kuhmo KL51 tyres and a wheel alignment. **Total = 6 years.** We also discovered that the car had a full set of matching numbers. We have enjoyed Zippel cruises (4 so far), and the drive to our daughter's place at Rhynie, long drive - nice ride; handles well.



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Mega Raffle.

The club is running a lucky square raffle between now and Christmas. \$10 per square the prize being a \$500 holiday voucher usable any where in South Australia. 100 squares only @ \$10 each all proceeds to Foundation Shine see Lynda McBride for tickets.



Emailing of Newsletters will reduce costs to the Corvette Club. For those members who are happy to receive their newsletter via email, which means you will get it quicker too, please send an email to neagc@jlta.com.au and in the subject line have "**CCSA - Please email (YOUR NAME) newsletter**". We'll take care of it from there.

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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.

If you are making a payment by cheque or direct deposit please include your name and the reason for the payment.

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

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 editor has the right of refusal to publish.

Corvette Club of SA—General Meeting held: 04/07/2012

Meeting Opened 8.10pm.....

Present: As per attendance book

Apologies – Kathy & Larry Stanojevic, Al Pupello, Neil Bailey, Goof Katzorice, Fay Beer Smith, A.J. & Julie Martin & Hans.

Visitors as well as **New Members** – Shar Assheton & Helen & Breck Falconer

Minutes of Last General Meeting.

Accepted as Read, True and Correct. Moved: Laurie Witts
Seconded: Dave Schrapel

Business Arrising:—Dave Nischke asked that the General Meeting minutes go on the clubs web site in order they can be viewed earlier than their release in the newsletter. This has been actioned.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance start of April	\$12,567.18
Cash & Cheques in	\$1,511.00
Cash & Cheques out	\$1,127.92
Closing balance end April	\$12,950.26

Accepted as true & correct. Jim Dornan, 2nd Ruth Van Doorn

Secretary's Report:

The secretary thanked Catherine and Lynda for looking after the minutes and other matters while away through June.

Letters received – Ford V Holden GM Challenge at the Birdwood Mill 14th October 2012. Contact entries@fordholdenchallenge.com.au.

Shine Foundation News Letter and Night at the Oscars Fund Raiser 15th July Norwood Concert Hall.

Email received from john dotsy@adam.com.au Request for 2 left side exhaust manifolds for 2005-2008 Corvette.

Barossa Valley Motel. Tanunda. 10% off normal rates. Also for June, July, December & January can offer us package of Bed and buffet Continental Breakfast \$100 /night twin share which is \$40 off normal rates. See Secretary for further details.

Invitation received to take part in the Shepparton Springnats 23rd to 25th November 2012. See Secretary for further details.

Newsletters received. Corvettes West Chronicle USA, The Bow -Tie Vic, Chevolution SA, NSW Corvettes Unlimited, QLD Corvette Club, Vetteletter Chevrolet Qld, Corvettes Of Melbourne Inc, Corvettes Down Under, Lone Star Corvette Club USA. Any over 3 months old will be forwarded to Club Historian (Gerry Brine).

Historic Registration:

Club officer waiting to receive a copy of the revised Historic Registration Code of Practice document.

Proposed changes to "Cut off date" and "rolling 30 year rule" were discussed however this will be conveyed further once final details are to hand.

Membership: Current Total 172, Full members 143, Associate members 29

Merchandise:— Slight increase from 1st July 2012.

Fleecy Hoodies \$50. Plain [without hood] \$40. SA state map embroidery additional cost.

Polo shirts \$35. 6 mugs left. Key rings and bags still available.

Newsletter:— Notes put on tables requesting suggestions as to what members would like to see in the Newsletter. Please put forward your suggestions.

The Newsletter is available for viewing on the web site with investigations still under way to compress these files for easier access and viewing.

Past Events:

17/6 Wallaroo run. Organized by Peter & Lynda. The 16 people who attended greatly enjoyed the day.

22/6 Ginling dinner. Organised by Kevin Jarrett. 20 attended and had a great meal.

Upcoming Events:

8/7 Collingrove Homestead run Organised by John & Jenny. Names to Jenny tonight.

14th Corvettes and the Hilton. Peter & Lynda arranging. 7.00pm start.

20th Dinner – Greame Townsend. Fox & Firkin North East Rd Tea Tree Gully.

22nd Mallala Day Bob Butler has done a great deal to arrange. Please advise ASAP of interest.

5/8 Run Catherine and Jim to arrange a mystery run.

24/8 Dinner Neil Bailey organizing. Venue the Maid & Magpie Hotel.

9/9 Run organizer required.

Grease & Gork date TBA

21/9 Dave & Karen Nitschke arranging. Earl of Aberdeen Hotel Pulteney St Adelaide.

October long week end. Renmark stay and cruise. Only 3 rooms left. See Peter for details.

1/12 Christmas Dinner at Rob & Karen McConnells Lyndock.

General Business:

The president asked members, from a request received from a member, if they would like to invite a member from State Parliament to a General meeting to discuss the changed Historic Registration legislation. As there was no response from the floor this will not proceed at this stage.

SHINE:— Refer to the Letters received.

Membership Draw: As the member was not present the prize will jackpot to \$70 next meeting.

Raffle drawer. The Gold Movie Pass was won by Helen & Breck who were attending for the first time. Congratulations and enjoy.

Meeting Closed 8.55pm

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This years October long weekend club tour will be at the Renmark Country Club. **A few members are heading up on the Friday night if you want to join them.** This is sure to be another Corvette Club weekend to remember. The package put together by Peter McBride and Stuart Van Doorn includes the use of the golf course if your feeling competitive. September 28th - October 1st you can still arrange your own accomodation



The moral of this one is if you don't want people to see it don't photograph it. At right is supposedly the new nose cone for the C7 photographed whilst being moulded at an outside GM parts supplier.

C7 0000OPS



ZR1 Cop Car

Clayton County Sherriff's Department, Georgia has taken on a new ZR1 as part of its fleet, not for catching bad guys, but as an educational tool. The ZR1 wasn't bought by Clayton County, but rather seized from a local drug dealer who had been using the car to sell and transport cocaine, in the rear taillights. Instead of having the car sit in a parking lot for two years before being offered for sale as the county regulations require, Clayton County is using the vehicle to educated youth and adults on the consequences of dealing drugs. The rear bumper proudly displays the notice "Donated by your local drug dealer"



Gin Ling Dinner

The Gin Ling Restaurant on Marion Road at Plympton South is one of our best attended dinners of the year, the food is simply to die for. Around 24 club members turned up on Friday the 22nd June for one of our usual nights of fun and frivolity. After the meal there was a gradual migration from the McConnells' table to the other one. Karen decided to practice her rice shooting skills across the table. Those who didn't want to be target practice moved to a safer haven. As usual an excellent event organised by Kevin.



Collingrove

A coolish winter day of 15 degrees greeted the 23 people and 12 Corvettes, 9 - C3s & 3- C4s, which commenced at 10 am. The majority met at Prices Bakery at Hillcrest where we had our own special room organised with plenty to eat and keep up our calorie count for the morning. The run progressed along Grand Junction Road through Highercombe, Paracombe then the George Rd to Lobethal and Mt Torrens where we met Karen & Rob McConnell. As we had plenty of time to spare we detoured from the original tour plan and headed onto Birdwood where we met up with Karen and Dave Nischke. It is a great time of the year to take in the green of the hills and paddocks as we headed via Williamstown and Lyndock for the Barossa valley stopping at Kellermeister Wines for a taste and home supply top up for others. Up to Tanunda then through the back roads, where we had to correct our navigation skills, that is "u" turns a couple of times, to ensure we were on the correct road to Collingrove. Upon arrival Christeen and Neil Bailey called in for a brief visit to say high to us all but did not stay for lunch. Before lunch we were given a brief history of the 1856 Collingrove Homestead residence which was established by the Angus family who had vast pasture holdings around the state. Then we were allowed to wander through the house and see and read more of the history preserved by the National Trust since 1976. To top it off the group had their photo taken in the parlour of this beautiful old house. Lunch followed consisting of BBQ meat with salads followed by sweets tea and coffee. This was served in their *Summer House* with chandeliers a feature and lots of country fresh air which would have been quite suitable for summer but on the cool side for July with most wrapping themselves around their warm coffee/tea cups trying to keep that bit warmer. At around 3pm people started departing and making their own way home. Those who attended this run commented that for future event organisers the success of a run could be gauged in the number of "U" turns needed as we may have set a benchmark of at least three for this one. Thank you all



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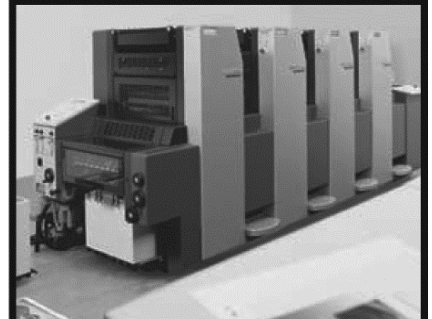
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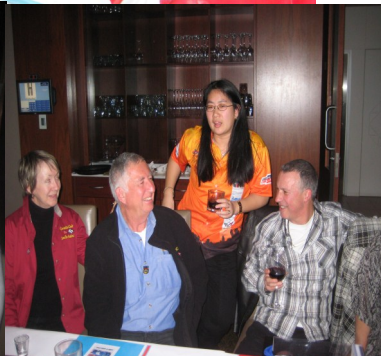
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Mid Year Dinner

July 15th saw our club mid year dinner held at the Hilton Hotel at Mile End. This years theme was Corvette Shirts and it was

pleasing to see just about everyone get into the spirit of the night.. The committee would like to acknowledge the efforts of Lynda and Peter McBride who spent the better half of the day at the pub decorating and organising the various prizes and raffle auctions conducted through out the night. Its was fantastic to see so many of the new club members turn out. All all an

extrodinary large club turn out. As usual the Hilton turned on their excellent service and great meals. Thank you to those who supplied raffle prizes and giveaways. As usual another fun filled night.



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Head light parts	1968-82	Various front park light lenses	
Manual Gear shifters		Various mouldings	
Park brake levers	1967-82	Wiper door parts	1968-72
Radiator hoses	1967-82	Wiper motors	1968-82
Rear fibreglass spring	1963-77		

Sting Ray

This month's book report is brought to you by my daughter Candice, thanks for the book. The title is almost a novel in itself,

"Original Corvette Sting Ray 1963—1967 the Restorers Guide", written by Tom Falconer photos by James Mann and published by Bay View Books. This one is no coffee table piece or light hearted romp through the history of Corvette, it's a full on reference and originality guide to what have become known as the Mid Year Corvettes. Covering only four years of a 59 year history running at 112 pages it is an in depth look at what some say is Corvette at it's best. This is one in a series of books authored by Falconer covering specific models of our favourite vehicle. The inside rear jacket sleeve depicts Falconer as one of us a



true Corvette tragic,

he has apparently owned more than the average one or two cars, according to his web site 700 or more is the tally. His first was apparently a 66, he had his own parts business in the UK selling Vettes and parts, was a founding member of the British National Corvette Restorers Society which I think you might agree qualifies him to write about the Vette. He has written for Corvette Fever and authored some fourteen books on Corvette to date. This publication comes in two versions hard back leather bound and a paper back, I have the former and personally I don't think the paper back would cut it or do justice to the exceptional photographs of James Mann. This UK based photographer specialises in motor vehicles, he is also an author in his own write with two books teaching the art of photographing vehicles.

Falconer runs us through a cursory introduction then gives those with only a rudimentary knowledge on the history of Corvette a basic run down to prepare you for the detailed year by year melt down of four of the greatest years in Corvette production. Each chapter is broken down into the same basic structure covering the models produced that year. Body and external trim, chassis, interior, instruments controls and engines, cooling system, electrics, transmission, wheels and tyres, suspension and steering, options and stopping appropriately with brakes. Everything is covered in a sensible logical

pattern and includes a description of the major components along with part numbers and even cast numbers. This guy takes his Corvettes very seriously right down to manufacturers of various components and the difference in castings by various manufacturers for the same part. He tells you how to identify what chassis are what, where to find them and how to interpret them. This was a very heavy read for me and to be honest I did struggle with it when it got down to the nuts and bolts. If your restoring a Mid Year Corvette or want a reference guide for the originality of your car this is it, I will be buying the one on the C4. I did enjoy the read and would recommend this one for your library. As this was a gift there's no price guide this month.



ORIGINAL CORVETTE STING RAY 1963-1967

The Restorer's Guide



by Tom Falconer
Photography by James Mann



The Corvette has been built by Chevrolet, a division of General Motors Corporation, since 1953. In 1962, the all-new 1963 model Corvette was given the additional name Sting Ray. This continued to be used until the model was replaced by the 1968 Corvette, which had no additional name. In 1969 the name Stingray, one word, was added and then dropped again for 1977. By this time the 1963-67 cars were often being called 'Mid-Year Corvettes'. When Chevrolet were developing the new-shape 1997 Corvette, they gave it the code name C5, short for Corvette Five, because it would be the fifth generation. So not only are 1963-67 Corvettes called Sting Rays and Mid-Years, but now C5s as well.

More than a million Corvettes have been built and all production cars have had fibreglass-reinforced plastic bodies.

MODEL YEARS

The model year was, and still is, three to four months in advance of the calendar year, so the 1964 model year ran from September 1963 to July 1964. This allowed for summer vacations and model change-

over. Minor changes were introduced each September, to ensure that the new model looked new. Unlike European practice, an American car cannot be passed off as newer by delaying its date of first registration.

THE VIN

The most important numerical identity on the car was the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), which was reverse-stamped on a plate located on the cross brace under the passenger's glove compartment. This was the permanent number which related to the Corvette's title and registration. The plate was spot-welded in 1963 and '64, but riveted for 1965-67.

The first 1964 coupe built would have displayed the number 40837S100001, which reads as follows:

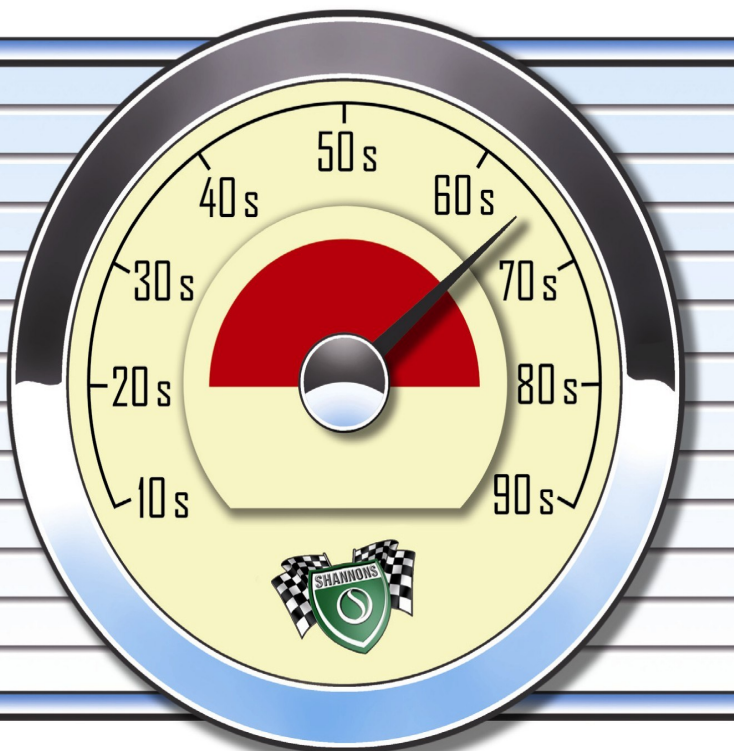
4 1964 model year
0837 Coupe (a convertible would be 0867)
S Built at St Louis, Missouri assembly plant
100001 Sequential number

The final 1964 built was sequential number 122229, which was the 22,229th car built, referred to

Comparative front views of Mid-Year Corvette Sting Ray from top left, starting on this page: '63 coupe, '63 convertible, '64 coupe, '65 coupe, '65 convertible, '66 coupe, '67 convertible and '67 coupe. Coupes and convertibles were built in each model year.

MONTH	DATE	ORGANISER	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Aug-12	1st	General Meeting	7:30	Seaton Ramblers FC	West Lakes
Run	5th	Laurie Witts 0418855226	9:30	Military Rd /Trimmer Pde	Your guess is as good as ours
	15th	Committee	7.35	Hilton Hotel	Mile End
DINNER	24th	Neil Bailey 0407726546	7:30	Maid & Magpie Hotel	1 Magil Rd Stepney
Sep-12	5th	General Meeting	7:30	Seaton Ramblers FC	West Lakes
RUN	9th				
Show	16th	Grease & Gork	10am	Rod Prime Automotive	O'Sullivan Beach Rd
	19th	Committee	7.35	Hilton Hotel	Mile End
DINNER	21st	Dave Nitschke 0418845102	7:30	TBC	
RUN	28th - 1st	Mc Brides / Van Dornes	10am	Renmark Country Golf	Renmark
Oct-12	3rd	General Meeting	7:30	Seaton Ramblers FC	West Lakes
Run	7th				
	17th	Committee	7.35	Hilton Hotel	Mile End
DINNER	19th				
Nov-12	7th	General Meeting	7:30	Seaton Ramblers FC	West Lakes
RUN	11th				
	21st	Committee	7.35	Hilton Hotel	Mile End
DINNER	23rd	Laurie Witts 0418855226	7pm	Sail Master Restaurant	16 Arcadia Crt North Haven

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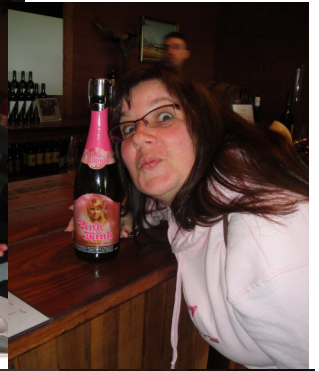
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