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**HELLO FROM THE EDITOR**

Hi All

A reminder that if any of your personal details change, please let the membership officer Gary McPhee know ASAP. This Month we have Scott & Kerry's C4 . If you want your car in the newsletter or anything to share please send me an email. 2021 Nationals are in Canberra over Easter, book the dates and more details to come

*Regards*

*Adrian Worsley*

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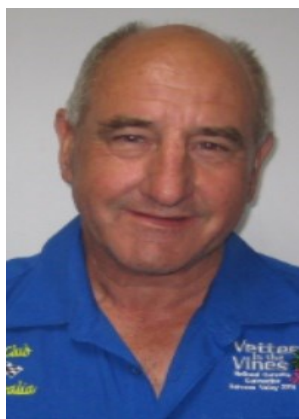
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All



What a whirlwind month November has been with COVID raising its ugly head again and as a result our committee meeting was cancelled and most importantly our Christmas dinner has been **postponed**, it may be a New Year dinner, just not sure when, as we don't want to lose our deposit.

Our December meeting will go ahead but you will need to register on Eventbrite to help with our COVID tracing.

December will be the last chance for Club registration, so those that haven't done theirs yet, this is it. There will be no COVID excuses when the police pull you up for an unregistered vehicle because you didn't renew your membership and get the logbook signed.

Regarding membership don't forget it runs out on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and if you are waiting for Easter bunny to come before you renew, it will be **TOO LATE**.

Speaking of Easter don't forget the Canberra Nationals, places are limited and you will be guaranteed a great time.

The ongoing saga of our constitution changes still haven't been resolved at this time, but it has been resubmitted to the regulator for the final tick of approval, who would have thought it would have been this hard, thanks to Tony and Dave for your persistence.

Corvettes Rock the Bay will at this stage still go ahead and the only way that it wont is either COVID or a tidal wave, that's me wearing my optimist hat, the organising committee has been working really hard to make it happen.

As this will be the last newsletter before Christmas on behalf of all the committee we wish you a safe and happy festive season and our wish for Christmas is NO % \$#(\*! COVID for 2021.

Happy Vetting  
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## 2020 Corvette Club of South Australia – General Meeting

**General Meeting:** 4 November 2020

Meeting Opened: 8.03pm

**Present:** As per Registration sheet through Eventbrite for COVID tracing.  
Thanks everyone for registering.

**Apologies:** D Roper, G Bine, J Martin, K McConnell, L Jarrett, S Matters, H Falconer, A Weber, S & R van Doorn, P & W Jellesma, G Bergen, K Stanojevic, S & K Marston, S Hayter, K Smith.

New Members: Nil

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

**Moved:** AJ Martin

**Seconded:** D Daw

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's Report for 4 November 2020

Balance start at 1 October 2020	\$11,965.30
Cash & Cheques in	\$3,052.10
Cash & Cheques out	\$1,392.30
Closing Balance at 31st October 2020	\$13,625.10

**Moved:** D Daw

**Seconded:** C Neagle

**Secretary's Report:** Newsletters on the front desk.

**Newsletter:** Nothing to report but thank you to everyone who has/is contributing.

**Club Rego:** Busy night. 50 cars tonight. No new cars since last meeting. Will be very busy next month. Thanks for everyone who is assisting!

**Membership:**

Full members 196                      Associates 77                      Total: 273

Thank you all for your thoughts, donations and sharing of Emma and Sean's page. Tough times for the family.

Rob gave brief update on Gary and Cathy's daughter and son in law. Any little bit helps.

**Club Merchandise:**

- Merchandise Table is back. New stock is in. Current T-Shirt stock advertised in the latest newsletter.
- CRTB 2021 Merchandise orders taken in November and December meetings. Delivery in February.
- CRTB 2021 Stock available:
  - Indie Short Sleeve Shirt in Charcoal 100% Cotton, Classic Fit, easy wear
  - Ladies Shirt Semi-fitted 100% Cotton, Semi Fitted, easy wear
  - Biz Collection Ice Tee with Stitched embroidery
  - Ladies V Neck Tee 95% Cotton, 5% elastane, longer in length with capped sleeves in Slim Fit
  - Gear for Life Matrix Polo as per 2020. Men's button plaque, Ladies Concealed Zip

**Events Coordinator:** Apology, as he is currently coordinating an engine back into a C3!

Go Karts – Sunday Week – Thanks Greg! Fully Booked. Should be a good day.

Christmas Dinner – to be held at the Seaton Ramblers. Eventbrite registrations for Covid tracing and RSVP. It will be a catered dinner for members and associates, who are free. Non members \$35.00 each.

GM day went ahead. 150 vehicles and 3 Vettes in attendance.

Cruise On – January 2021 in Tanunda – not going ahead.

Annual Christmas BBQ at AJ & Julie's. At this stage, going head on the last Saturday before Christmas. (19<sup>th</sup> December). Format has not changed. Bring Salad or Dessert. Currently numbers are capped at 50, so names and phone numbers being taken. If you would like to attend, please contact AJ Martin. Will need to serve food, not have buffet style.

Corvette's Rock The Bay – Still in Negotiations with the Council, however, hopefully going ahead. Stay tuned for further information. Band and Coffee van available and booked! Few changes to the way we enter.

All events need to be through Eventbrite until further notice due to Covid Tracing.

**Web Master:** Website being updated as we speak. Need to change format for the pictures for Whyalla. Pt Lincoln will be up the following month.  
Need to update calendar on the website.

**Public Officer:** Small glitch with the updating of the Constitution. Thanks Tony Beer Smith for helping to rework. Rob and the Officer spoke this morning, as the wording did not conform to the legislation. Waiting to resubmit to then finalise.

**General Business:**

AJ Martin – Judy and Les have past club newsletters dating back to 2007. If you are looking to fill in any gaps, if you are a collector!

Who is looking to attend the Club run in January?? Need a Cruise Captain. Goof may be interested. Stay tuned.

Goof – Kegal will not be going ahead this year due to COVID. Therefore, Goof will hold the trophy for 3 years running. Watch this space for next year!!!!

Stuart had knee surgery, which went well. Get well soon, Stu!!

Membership Draw: \$40.00 – Member No. 42 - Leon Mylonopoulos.  
Jackpots Next month - \$60.00.

**Raffle Prizes:**

Betty Skipworth	Touch and Twist Chopper
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Danny Robinson	Number Plate

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## Seans random rambling #20 LS Junkyard Dog.

The deadline to make sure this jalopy can roar up a hill at full throttle is looming close now, Collingrove have put on a late meeting now that Covid restrictions have been lifted and it's a perfect opportunity to get a run in before the Mt Gambier Hillclimb.

There is probably about another 10 jobs to do, going racing is like having a part time job if you own a Corvette ! I also had to replace the entire toe arm assembly on the rear of the car after some issues with the rear end squirming, coz no one likes having a squirmy rear end – especially at speed.

October 11 is bright and sunny, this is not usual Collingrove Hillclimb weather !

Kirsty is also co driving for the day. We will start with the softer tune in the MSD box and see how it feels. Bob Butler will also be running with the MattyB RX7 coupe.

Started with an easy 36.7 without even trying - how easy is this I think to myself. After a protest was lodged by Kirsty (who couldn't see over the hood) the scoop was removed. Run 2 slightly quicker.

Run 3 I decided to use the custom (dyno) tune, well it just wanted to spin the tyres thru every corner - had a sideways moment turn 2, Kirsty had an even bigger moment on turn 2 ! Back to the soft tune.

Managed a 35.8 - good enough for a class win. Kirsty had a best of 39.9. Bob finishes 4<sup>th</sup> in his class with a 37.4

The only thing that fell off was a starter wire – Bob Butler gave me a hand and it was fixed quickly.

Not bad all things considered for its first outing, I haven't driven the car for nearly a year, it was struggling for rear grip and it drives a little bit differently with this engine in – its more of a revver than the old 383.



Next up is the Legends of the Lake Hillclimb Mt Gambier, 3 weeks later. Only major changes will be a couple of new Nitto 315 rear tyres, replace the tailshaft U joints (just in case) and hook up a thermo fan in front of the radiator.

We met up with Bob and Karen at Taillem Bend and headed off with cars in tow to Mt Gambier, and sure enough it started raining as we headed south from Keith. We were supposed to stop at Penola for a coffee break, but how was I to know they have moved the entire town away from the Highway? Anyhow we got to Mt Gambier ahead of schedule, so it was straight to Valley Lake, where the pits are for the hillclimb.

The Legends of the Lake Hillclimb is a once a year event where the 1.6 km uphill run from the bottom of Valley Lake goes to the caravan park and then up towards the Centenary Tower carpark. It is the public road which is blocked off each year for the event.

We set up our camp for the next 3 days, complete with generator, tv and gas cooker !



Rob and MattyB will be running on Friday/Saturday/Sunday and Black Bitch will be running Saturday/Sunday, both in the 2wd Street Reg over 2000 cc class, with 19 entries in our class.

This track is twice as long and twice as fast as Collingrove so it should be interesting to see how BB goes, we will start with the soft LS-HO tune.

Saturday was a cool and overcast day, we managed to get 6 runs in. First run was an easy 1.03 with no issues. The following 5 runs were 1.00, 1.00, 1.00, 1.00 and 1.00 ! The new toe rod arms and rear tyres have tightened up the rear end, so that is a positive but the cold track holds it back.

Rob has also managed a best of 1.00 with a very clunky rear shocker.



Sunday brought some sun out at last, I did the first 2 runs on the soft tune as the track was still cold from overnight, but by run 3 it was time for the dyno tune and a brave pill.

I was rewarded straight away with a 59.3 and then a 59.00. We had 1 more run for the day and I tried a bit too hard for that 58, got a bit of oversteer on one corner resulting in a 59.3.

Not too bad, missed out on a 58 but 59.00 is still nearly one second faster than its previous best of 59.9. The car still has a bit more in it.

Rob ran several 1.01's on Sunday but was battling against a left rear shocker that was slowly destroying itself.

Black Bitch finishes 3<sup>rd</sup> in class with a 59.00 behind a turbo Skyline and a turbo GT Skyline and Rob finishes 5<sup>th</sup> in class with a best of 1.00, behind an LJ Torana GTR.

Its off to The Barn for one of those fancy steaks to top off the weekend !



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### ***Scott and Kerry's 1987 Corvette***

Longing for another muscle car (a rather lengthy drought had been endured since the '88 Camaro), a robust conversation with my wife Kerry ensued. Inspiration had already been building from the stories and pictures of CCSA adventures shared by Kerry's parents Kay and Rudy. Besides, I had always loved the concept of 'muscle meets sport' which only 'America's favourite sports car' could offer. Low slung and sexy.

I had an edge. My wife and daughter had been keen to move house. So the obvious negotiation was, "well OK, providing the new address can accommodate a 3rd car". The condition was agreed to and the rest is history.

We were made aware of Danny's C4 availability and the investigations commenced. Having checked out a couple of others, it quickly became clear that this was the one that spoke to us...and I liked the colour! New address, check. Introduction of Corvette to family, check. Join the CCSA, check!

Since arriving home in November 2019, our pride of the fleet has since had new injectors, master cylinder, heater tap and universal joints fitted to name the majors so far. We've thoroughly enjoyed every opportunity to roll the wheels out of the garage, especially those occasions which engage with the Club!

No doubt our latest family member will receive more TLC (and a bigger budget!) than the daily drives.





## Upcoming Club Events

November 28th possible Christmas lunch in a park yet to be confirmed (Covid restrictions)

December no official plans at this stage, might change with Covid restrictions lifting

2021 Plans under way for runs to Moonta and Strathalbyn and if any members would like to organise a run contact Gerry Brine 0427585064 or [gerrybrine427@adam.com.au](mailto:gerrybrine427@adam.com.au)

### Cruise the Bend

Option 1.—Cruise the 2 Tracks at the Bend, Dinner for 2 and accommodation for the night in Paddock King Room = \$ 209.00

Option 2.—As per Option 1 but Trackside King Room (view of the track) = \$239.00

Option 3—As per Option 1 but no accommodation = \$100.00

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Regards Gerry Brine



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**ORDER & COLLECTION DATES:**

Orders by 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 would be appreciated.  
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# Club Merchandise

## T-shirts currently available

A blend of Fits in Men's, Women's & Unisex on offer.

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**Womens Classic Fit.** Concealed zipped placket.

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Buttoned placket.



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## ***Adelaide to Canberra Corvette Nationals 2021 Road Trip Proposal***



For those of you who are considering making the road trip to the Corvette Nationals in Canberra at Easter next year here is a proposed schedule for you to consider in order to set time aside and travel as a group with your fellow club members. We may even pick up a few from interstate along the way.

The following attendance schedule of two overnight stops is the same we did in 2015 so it will be familiar to those who participated at that time.

The only change is arriving in Canberra on the Thursday and not the Friday to give more time to socialize and prepare your Corvette for the full-on weekend of activities.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Adelaide to Hay. 560kms.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Hay to Gundagai. 353 kms

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Gundagai to Canberra. 162kms.

The return trip is a bit more leisurely coming back over the Snowy Mountains on the Alpine Way and Murray Valley Highway with the following proposed –

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Canberra to Jindabyne. 200kms.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Jindabyne to Beechworth. 282kms.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Beechworth to Bendigo. 250ks.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Bendigo to Horsham. 214kms.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Horsham to Adelaide. 427kms.

Although the distances are not long in most instances it will give time to have plenty of stop overs along the way to see the sights as well as spend a bit more time at destinations to look around.

As we have previously done Jenny and I are happy to make all the accommodation bookings for the group and you pay on check out the following morning.

Also as we will require to do group bookings, depending how many are interested, it is important to have these in place early so it would be desirable to have your **expression of interest to us by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2021** in order appropriate arrangements can be put in place.

Road trips to the Nationals are a great way to share time with other Corvette owners in the club with many great memories to share for years to come.

This is a proposal only at this stage and as we know may have to be changed depending on social circumstances closer to the event.

We look forward to receiving your expressions of interest in due course.

John and Jenny.

Please contact us at either 0428 394 710 or dellter@adam.com.au

# Port Lincoln Write Up October 2020

## Highlights as per the travellers

### **Rudy & Kay**

What can we say—the highlights of the trip—too many to mention. Most of all, good friends, the journey, The Vettes. We loved every moment as always, it's over all too soon.

Thankyou for making these adventures so special, we really appreciate all you do. In Whyalla loved Elvis, he was so enthusiastic and literally lived Elvis. Port Lincoln, that "man cave" was the ultimate.

A Big thankyou Kathy & Gus for our Whyalla getaway

### **Gary**

Too hot, Too wet, Too much food, Too many leaks in cars, 1900 + kilometres. Seriously we all had a good time with a great group of people and saw some amazing things along the way

Thanks Everyone

### **Cathy**

Our best part of the trip was the company and getting to know everyone a bit more as we had already seen most of the places as we went there last year. Loved Turners Oysters, the Marina Pt Lincoln & the best food was the Marina.

### **Ian**

Thanks very much for organising the trip for us. It was my first time on such a long trip with the Corvette club, but it certainly won't be my last (that's if you'll have me back). As someone else said the weather wasn't the greatest, and it certainly helped us find a few leaks in our cars, but that's part of the fun of owning such unique old cars. The activities you had organised were all great. I personally enjoyed the collection of cars in Phil's place (seeing as I enjoy collecting model Corvettes and Dick Johnson cars). Also the trip out on the boat to see the seals. I didn't swim with them because I know from experience how hard it is to get into and out of a wet suit. I'm really looking forward to the next trip.

### **Scott & Kerry**

As this was our first club event, perhaps the biggest reward for us was the thrill of travelling in a 'Vette pack' along with wonderful company! We thoroughly enjoyed the journey, the sites, the socialising, the banter and the laughs—all promises made regarding this great club were well and truly delivered!

It is clear how much investigation and organisation went into arranging this awesome road trip, which despite the weather, occurred like a well oiled itinerary and was well communicated along the way.

Other highlights for us was the interesting and inspiring characters we had the pleasure of meeting along the way, as standout being Phil from Whyalla with the overwhelming collection of model cars and memorabilia, not to mention the 'ex Russell Ingalls' Camaro centre piece!

On a final note and in keeping with the opening couple of lines - the support and assistance shown by club members following a mechanical interruption with our vehicle was heartfelt, again a great reflection of the spirit of this club and it's members. A special thanks also to Steve and Jenny from Pt Lincoln for networking the local resources and transport hospitality to Cummins. We eagerly await the next epic adventure.....

Catherine

What can we say—it was another McBride trip and for those that have been on one, you will know just how great they are!!

Was wonderful to go to a place where we have been talking about going to for some time and we were lucky to see some places that only the locals could get us into!

Lovely to spend time with the gang and as per usual, we ate too much and drank too much...well some of us did...(and no I am not referring to Jim!)

Thanks Pete and Lyn for another fantastic trip!

### **Peter and Lynda**

As you can see, Corvette owners love having a good time. Following on from the LWE in Whyalla, 17 of us chose to travel on to Pt Lincoln. After driving along the coast via Tumby Bay and stopping at the Excell Steam Museum we arrived at Hilton Motel, right on the foreshore. We enjoyed a relaxing meal at the Marina where we sat on the Boardwalk with a view of the Port.

**Tuesday** we visited Axel Stenross Maritime Museum. Our Tour guide eagerly accepted the offer of a ride in a Corvettes. Later we toured the local sights & the local Beer Garden Brewing. Mel & Ian took a tour to watch and swim with sea lions. Tuesday evening was at the Tasman hotel where we were joined by local Pt Lincoln Corvette Owners.

**Wednesday** was a very wet day with a drive along the coast to Cummins Hotel for Lunch. Take away Pizza and a multiple choice quiz kept us busy for the evening.

**Thursday** was organised by Steve & Jenny Kranz who are local Corvette owners. We had a picnic lunch at Brinkworth Reserve and then we ere treated to a very special collection of historic planes, motor vehicles & other memorabilia. It was a Man Cave extraordinaire!

**Friday** some returned to Adelaide today, but most of us took a more leisurely return trip via Kimba, where we had lunch and checked out the sculptures. Overnight stop at Port Augusta then we continued home via Burra for lunch.

We wish to thank everyone for coming along and creating such a wonderful experience and lots of laughs!











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- Tour desk
- Voicemail

#### EXECUTIVE ROOM 4 star rating RAA NRMA RACV

- ◆ Queen beds plus a sofa bed
- ◆ Individual control split-system air-conditioning
- ◆ Remote control TV with DVD/VCR
- ◆ Refrigerator with mini bar plus tea and coffee making facilities
- ◆ Direct dial STD/ISD phones, data/modem ports
- ◆ Ironing facilities
- ◆ Modern bathrooms with hairdryers
- ◆ Non-smoking rooms available

#### DELUXE ROOM 4 star rating RAA NRMA RACV

All features of the Executive Rooms with superior bedroom furnishings plus:

- ◆ Queen and Single beds plus a sofa bed
- ◆ Dining table and chairs
- ◆ Non-smoking rooms available

#### SUITES All suites contain:

- ◆ Queen sized bed, built in robes with ironing facilities
- ◆ Ensuite bathroom with hairdryer
- ◆ Remote control TV, DVD/VCR
- ◆ Reverse cycle air-conditioning
- ◆ Direct dial cordless phones, data/modems ports
- ◆ Kitchenette equipped with 120lt fridge, mini-bar, tea & coffee making facilities, microwave, hot plate, ducted range-hood, crockery, cutlery, pots, microwave dishes, toaster plus a dining table and chairs

All suites are strictly non-smoking

Absolute ground floor access.

**ONE BEDROOM SUITE** Queen Bed

**TWO BEDROOM SUITE** Queen bed in main bedroom  
2 single beds or double bunk beds in second bedroom



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