

Corvette Club of South Australia Inc.

JULY NEWSLETTER 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

No President's Report this month (seems our beloved leader has been caught dosing!) so I will take the liberty of saying a few words on his behalf.

Past events included an excellent turnout to the CFS Appreciation Cruise Day, this made for a great day out despite the average weather, thanks for everyone's support. Mini Golf was the next event on the calendar where another fun day was had by all.

Coming up in July the main event is of course our Mid Year Dinner so we hope to see as many of you there as possible (hopefully Dave will show some restraint/mercy this year!). A big thank you in advance to Peter & Lynda McBride for putting in the hard yards again with organising this dinner.....especially considering they won't be able to make it along on the night to enjoy it themselves!





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Conditional Registrars (LHD	<u>Historic Rego)</u> :	with the broad issues associated with mental health.		
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Memberships—due by 1st January every year

Membership Fees:	New	Renewal
Financial Member	\$85.00	\$80.00
Associate Member	\$20.00	\$20.00
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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 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

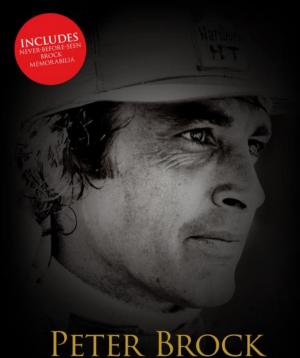
Historic Rego A \$50.00 inspection fee is applicable each year of inspection. This does not include a log book if required.

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 3rd June 2015	 19th June – Kublai Khan Restaurant, Parkside Jim & Cathe- rine 		
Meeting Opened 8.10 pm	• 4 th July – Mid Year Dinner Hilton Hotel 6 for 6.30. Theme		
Present: As per attendance book. Apologies – Helen Falconer, Neil Bailey, Goof, John Sturm, Rob	Red White & Blue		
McConnell, Fay Beer-Smith, Catherine & Jim & Tina Bryers.	• 27 th September Bay to Birdwood for vehicles up to 1978.		
Special Visit tonight - Sharon and Margaret from Foundation Shine.	 2nd to 5th October Apollon Motel @ Victor Harbor. All rooms booked. Make own accommodation arrangements form now on or make it a day trip. 		
Visiting for the first time – Nil.	Event organisers required from August on. See Dave		
New Member – Graham King.	Schrapel if interested.		
Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct: -	Bendigo National Convention 25 th to 28 th March 2016.		
Moved :- Peter McBride. Seconded :- Ruth van Doorn.	Brochures available on the front desk.		
Treasurer's Report:			
Balance start of 1 st May 2015 \$15,066.98 Cash & Cheques in \$ 2,352.14	Web Master		
Cash & Cheques out\$ 1,422.81Closing balance 31st May 2015\$15,996.31Moved :- Tony Beer SmithSeconded :- Laurie Witts.	 All events on the website except last Sunday's and the CFS Birdwood run. 		
	Foundation Shine presentation.		
Secretary's Report: Mail received	• Sharon thanked all members for their support to raise money over the last year.		
• Red Centre Nats. 3 rd – 6 th September 2015 in Alice Springs.	• An overview of recent events held by Foundation Shine and		
 Certificate of appreciation from Corvettes of Canberra for the support we gave for the Nationals they arranged. 	\$14,000 has been able to be given to three major groups who provide support for people suffering from mental health.		
Newsletters received :- from other clubs have been distributed for review, any over 3 months old will be forwarded to Club Historian (Gerry Brine).	• Foundation Shine will be holding the annual Rockabilly event at White Line Transport on 7 th September.		
	General Business:		
Historic Code of Practice:-	• Revision of the Club Constitution. Thank you to those who took the time to put forward their thoughts.		
• Currently very quiet due to the time of year.	 Please return to Ruth the CFS lottery book tickets from last 		
• A meeting has been held to further discuss the provision of	month.		
modified vehicles under the Code of Practice. A discussion paper is being produced to go to the minister for considera- tion. A report will be sent back to clubs.	• Member name badges. A review of the Attendance Book for this year has been actioned?.		
Membership: Full members 156 Associates 29 Total 185	 Members interested to participate in the "Little Heroes" cruise on the 8th November to see Peter. 		
Membership. Full members 156 Associates 29 Total 165 Merchandise: -	• Gary McPhee reminded members of the revision of the clubs member information and that forms are available to be filled in to update what we currently have on file. Return completed forms to him.		
 Maelyn and David have taken on this position together so see them from now on for items. 			
• David advised members they are still learning the processes so be patient initially.	Membership Draw: \$20 this month.		
Newsletter:-	Member number 107 for Neil Bailey. As he was not in attendance the value will jack pot to \$30 next month.		
• Still looking for Car of the Month articles.	Raffle prize winners. 1. Gary McPhee. 2. John Randell.		
 Breck will be away on leave later in the month so please forward news letter articles early so he can prepare early. 	3. Dave & Karen Nitschke. 4. Margaret from Shine. 5. Graham King. 6. Debbie Johns.		
Past Events:			
• 17 th May – Burra Run, Rob McConnell.	Supper: Organised by Maelyn. Meeting Closed: 8.40 pm.		
• 22th May – Dinner Hackney Hotel 7 for 7.30. McBrides			
 24th May – Copper Coast Classic. Leaving from Caltex Bolivar 7.30am. Alan Litchfield 	Reminder: Club Credit Card Facility		
 31st May – Appreciation Cruise for CFS & SES personnel. Bob Butler 	Please remember that you can pay for merchandise and events at each		
Future events As outlined in the events calendar.	MasterCard General Meeting using your Visa or		
• 7 th June – Putt Putt @ West Beach & then lunch. Laurie	MasterCard. 3		

Book Review Peter Brock



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF A LEGEND THROUGH HIS OWN POSSESSIONS. And the photos. Stories and insights of his family, friends and

Ok the cover says "Celebrating the life of a legend through his own possessions, and the photos, stories and insights of his family friends and those who knew him best." The book is by Affirm Press with a forward by Beverly Brock it runs at 224 pages. This is another coffee table piece something to flick through and remember your favourite Peter Brock moments from history. This is not an autobiography or a historical account of his life or achievements. It is a pictorial history from his family archives and some other additions. There are the occasional quotes from the man himself and many of those associated with him. Indiscriminately there are bits and pieces of his own memorabilia which have been scanned or reproduced. Inside the front jacket there is the statement "Through out this book you'll find perfect replicas of Peter Brock memorabilia. Including some of his most precious keepsakes." along with a small orange & black reproduction of his signature. I started reading this and after a few minutes found myself flicking through the pages a few more minutes passed and I had put it aside. This is a cheap and nasty grab at trying to cash in on a legend of Australian motor sport. Why you ask ? the knock off memorabilia and scans of his personal items. Had this been kept to personal photos which his family had decided to share with their comments or quotes fair enough or some of those rare photos from other archives. Unfortunately this one is destined to gather dust and not be reopened.

Article by Neil Bailey



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CFS Appreciation Cruise Day



With rainclouds looming on the horizon, 39 classic cars rumbled into formation in the designated car park at Tea Tree Plaza. After getting our course notes for the day it was time to have a wander around and check out the variety of cars that had ventured out. There were plenty of Mustangs, a few Cadillacs, a Chevelle, a Ford LTD and Thunderbird, an Imperial, a familiar looking Porsche 928 as well as a good turnout of Corvettes to round out the numbers......and of course Bob's Big Buick.

The time to leave soon came around and our guests were asked to stand next to the cars they would like to travel out to Birdwood in. Our beloved President must have become a bit confused and thought he would try to get out to Birdwood by hailing a public bus down instead (he was actually trying to direct participant's cars into the car park) but he must have decided that travelling by Corvette would be the better way to go. Once everyone was ready we started to head off in convoy towards our destination, fortunately the weather played ball and it was a pleasant jaunt out to the National Motor Museum at Birdwood.

After wandering around the museum for a while it was time for some morning tea.....and a quick chiropractic check-up if you wanted! There was then a bit more free time to continue exploring the museum before we met back at the cars for the return trip to Tea Tree Plaza. As before our CFS volunteers were asked to stand next to the cars they wanted to travel back in....as could be expected the mixture of LHD and RHD cars on offer caused a couple of passengers to be a bit unsure which side off the car to go to! The scenic trip back started in nice weather but unfortunately the skies opened up to deliver a decent Adelaide Hills downpour. For a short period we had to contend with fog, heavy rain, water sheet flowing across the road and windscreens starting to fog up inside......definitely not the conditions to test out your high speed cornering skills. Fortunately the worst of the weather didn't last long and we were soon driving in much more relaxing conditions.

It seemed like no time at all and we were back at the starting point ready to say our goodbyes. A big thank you must go to everyone who made this day possible. To those drivers from the following club's we thank you for bringing your pride and joy out in less than perfect conditions to give our guests a great day out:

- Mustang Owners Club Australia (South Australia)
- Chevrolet Performance Association of South Australia
- Wanderer's Rock'n'Roll Car Club
- Cadillac La-Salle Car Club of South Australia
- National Cadillac Club of Australia (South Australia)
- Corvette Club of South Australia



We would also like to thank the National Motor Museum for their kind support of this event and the Lutheran Church ladies for contributing to the yummy morning tea/lunch.

A special mention must of course go to Bob and Carol for coming up with the idea for this event and bringing it to fruition.....well done guy's! Many thanks must also to Dave, Catherine and those others from the Corvette Club who assisted with getting this show on the road.

Last but certainly not least we would like to thank all those members of the CFS who came along and joined in for the day, we really appreciate everything that you do in the community and hope that you enjoyed your special day out!





From 9:00am Corvettes began to arrive at West Beach Mini Golf ready for a fun day out. A turnout of was the middle of a long weekend. We also had a cameo appearance by potential new member Greg in his fabulous looking supercharged 2000 C5.

It was a bit of a cool day so everyone was eager to shift from the car park and start playing putt putt. While waiting to tee off Jan slipped her golf ball into Doug's pants pocket so it wouldn't get lost. When retrieving it

she was heard to say with a cheeky grin on her face "there's 3 balls in here!" Obviously Doug must be a semi-pro golfer and decided to bring a few extra balls along for the day! As we all teed off there was plen-

10 Corvettes was quite good given that it



ty of strokes taking place and not so many balls finding their way into those frustratingly small holes. Those with previous golfing experience began to come to the fore and Graham Johns scored an impressive 1 under par 51, including a couple of 'holes in one'. We can only trust that his maths skills used to score his card were up to the task as there seemed to be plenty of hacking going on to get the ball into that last hole! A particular club president (who shall remain anonymous) even made a rather unflattering comparison between our champion's golf score and his IQ.....he seemed to think they were about the same!

After we had finished with the golf it was time to relocate to the West Beach Surf Life Saving Club for lunch. The rest of the day followed the usual Corvette Club routine with plenty of eating and chatting over lunch. Thanks to Laurie for organising another great club outing.







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Here we are in July 2015 just months from the release of the next fabu-

lous C7 Corvette. Those





who travelled to Canberra for the convention were lucky enough to see three C7's on the road one of which was a head turning torch red convertible the 1st in Australia. But already the rumour mill is in overdrive with the C8 or the new ZR1 Zora, both of which are rumoured to be mid-

engined. Chevrolet patented the name Zora last year which has only helped to fuel speculation as to their intent. Spy photographs have emerged of various

vehicles the strangest of which appears to be the mutation or mating of a C7 Stingray and a SS Holden ute which even carries the Holden logo in the grill. Perhaps



the Holden ute isn't quite as dead as we thought it was? The wing on the back



will certainly make it interesting for tradies! Various shots of a new C7

Stingray variant heavily camouflaged have also appeared in the last few days. These photos clearly show some incarnation of the C7 Stingray family, various experts claim to see front and rear end changes and badging. Personally I don't see much difference from the camouflaged C7 prototypes we saw early on before the current Corvette's release . It's a car with a lot of bra work and paint-

ed black and white underneath to camouflage the style lines. There is an obvious large mesh section in the middle of the hood to allow for breathing and airflow from underneath as per the new ZO6 and C7-R. Now this is were some of the online Corvette and motoring sites get even



more excited. If their spin on things is anywhere near the truth Corvette is about to become a separate brand under the Chevrolet

banner. We would have two side by side models the current C7 running up to the ZO6 model and then a basic C8 Zora which then can be optioned up to a ZR1 this level of vehicle having a completely different chassis and being mid-engined. Interestingly a Corvette based website http://www.jalopnik.com got it very right with the C7 even before the spy shots but http://www.automobilemag.com produced the yellow version below, which to me still indicates rear wheel drive front motor due to the bonnet length.

Then looking at the heavily camouflaged car below we still have the distinctive long nose indicating a front engine rear wheel drive setup the rear view doesn't indicate much change from the current C7. These two images seem to me to be the direction that Chevrolet is taking with the next Corvette. Corvette have gone to great lengths to misdirect the media in previous years the C4-C5 program being a prime example. The mid-engined current rumours talk about anything from a 4 litre turbocharged motor though to the current 6.2 litre supercharged variant .



The mid-engined Corvette has been a myth for over four decades, will Chevrolet abandon a near perfect weight distribution in the current Stingray to go for a European styled car 'I think not'.

Article by Neil Bailey











2007 Corvette C6 Hardtop Z06

This vehicle is an original and extremely neat and clean vehicle and a great representation of this model. Feel free to call with any questions (available most hours).

Reason for selling......Moving, house sold must be out by 29th of July. Happy to work out the right price for the right person, price guide \$108,000.

Contact: Frederick 0413 809 642

1993 Corvette \$32,000

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Trophy winner 2014 National Corvette Convention. Contact: John 0428 394 710

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Contact: Paul 0499 146 037 or paul.procustom@hotmail.com

1974 CORVETTE COUPE \$33,000 o.n.o.

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This is an ex California car and is in excellent condition.

Contact Kevin on 0409 364 461

1974 Corvette

\$29,500 o.n.o.

Red, left hand drive, 4 speed manual, registered, all original under the hood, all anti-pollution still working, factory air-conditioning, electric windows.

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Upcoming Events

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR JULY 2015								
<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	LOCATION	DETAILS	<u>ORGANISER</u>			
Wed 1 st	General Meeting	7:30pm	Seaton Ramblers FC West Lakes	General Meeting starts at 8:00pm, followed by supper.				
Sat 4 th	Mid Year Dinner	6:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Hilton	Red, White and Blue theme.	Peter McBride 0417 857 153			
Wed 15 th	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Hilton					
Fri 17 th	Club Dinner	TBA	ТВА	For those who didn't have enough to eat at the Mid Year Dinner!	ТВА			
EVENTS CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2015								
<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	LOCATION	DETAILS	<u>ORGANISER</u>			
Wed 5 th	General Meeting	7:30pm	Seaton Ramblers FC West Lakes	General Meeting starts at 8:00pm, followed by supper.				
Sun 9 th	Club Run	TBA	ТВА	Run organiser required				
Wed 19 th	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Hilton					
Fri 21 st	Club Dinner	TBA	ТВА	Dinner organiser required				

MID YEAR DINNER

Saturday 4th of July - 6:30pm

Fedora's Restaurant, Hilton Hotel, Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Hilton

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Tales from the Territory

Shannon's Insurance hosted the first 'All American Day' today (24th May). About 100 cars turned out, which I thought was pretty good for a first event. Beautiful dry season weather, 34'C and sunny.

There were 4 Corvettes present, a C4 and three C3's. A fair selection of Mustangs, some tidy Cadillac's, if you like that sort of thing, and number of Hot Rods and Rat Rods. There was also a handful of brand new Camaros, which are increasingly popular here, as they can be on full rego as Left Hand Drive. I've also seen three C6 Vettes in LHD around Darwin, though they weren't present today. Thanks Steve for sharing these photo's with usand reminding us how nice and warm it is up in the tropics at the moment!



The end of May is that time of year when the Americans flock to Indianapolis for the running of the Indy 500, this year being the 99th running of the iconic race. 37 years ago Corvette got the first call up to be the coveted pace car for the event we have been given the honour on a further 11 occasions. May 24th saw the 12th added to the list with a white 2015 Z06 given the honour, this will also make our favourite



INDY 500

piece of plastic the most selected pace vehicle in the races history. This year the only modifications made to the Z06 will be the graphics to adorn the sides of the car and the strobe lights. The seven speed 6.2 litre supercharged rocket punching out 650hp will more than adequately fill the role and manage to stay ahead of the pack. Since 2010 the paint schemes on the cars have been toned down and only have the official 500 logo and a couple of sponsors stickers, so there's no wild paint schemes like days of old. This year's pilot will be famed NAS-CAR drive Jeff Gordon who is apparently in his last year of competition, with 4 wins at the NASCAR Brickyard 400 held on the Indy circuit he more than adequately knows his way around the place. Article by Neil Bailey





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