



Corvette Club of South Australia Inc.

JULY NEWSLETTER 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well it is now getting cold and time to put your pride and joy away (I am talking about your Corvette) for a rest and you can do all those little projects that need to be done. Also think about any places that we can go to for a club run, it does not have to be a Sunday outing. Also if you have a favourite dining place that we could go to for Dinner.

So keep warm and enjoy. Cheers KB

This month....



**Who travels
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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 Newsletter Editor has the right of refusal to publish.

Corvette Club of SA - General Meeting held 1st June 2016

Meeting Opened: 8.07pm

Present: As per attendance book.

Apologies – Dave and Karen Nitschke, Rod Prime, Ray Preston, Doug and Jan Parker, Chris and Jane Wild, Neil Bailey, Rudy and Kay Rygucki, Tony and Faye Beer Smith, Les and Judy Beyer, Graham and Cynthia Johnson, Helen Falconer, Karen McConnell

Visitor and New members – Jo – Laurie and Margaret met her at a quiz night.

Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct.

Moved :- Peter Bartlett Seconded: Peter McBride

Treasurer's Report:

Balance as of 1 May 2016	\$ 13,956.25
Cash & Cheques in	\$ 3,080.54
Cash & Cheques out	\$ 823.40
Closing balance 31 May 2016	\$ 16,213.39

Moved :- Ruth van Doorn Seconded :- Rob McConnell

Secretary's Report:

- Usual newsletters from other clubs for those who wish to read them.
- Email from Dave and Karen Nitschke – thanking us for gift basket sent on behalf of the club and an update on Dave's operation.

Historic Code of Practice:-

- Pretty quiet – no cars inspected since early May.
- Member did not renew membership in the required timeframe, hence received a letter advising rego has been cancelled. Went to renew registration and was advised by SA rego they would not accept and vehicle now has to be re-inspected and go through the whole process again as rego has lapsed. Good lesson for the rest of us. The consequences are great if you do not follow the rules.

Membership:

Full members 152 Associates 30 Total 182

Merchandise: -

- Reminder – have travel mugs for those who paid membership prior to 31 December 2015 if you have not received one. Additional mugs are \$10 each.
- Winter apparel – Mens Bomber jackets and soft shell jackets now available.
- Couple of ex members have returned shirts in excellent condition as they have moved overseas. If you are interested, cost is donation to the club. Size is XL. Also have female hoodie top available.
- Women's wool jacket also available
- Club backpacks – excellent for travelling and cooler bags also available.

Newsletter:-

- Nothing to report except looking for 'Car of the Month'. Please send in your articles to feature in the newsletter and website.

Past Events: - Thanks Dave Schrapel for filling in for Tony Beer Smith!

- 2016 will randomly have lunches subsidised by the club. Join in on a run to receive this benefit.
- May: 1st Copper Coast 500 Sprints – Kadina Airport.
- 8th May – Neil Bailey's Mothers Day run. Lunch at Nuriootpa.

- 20th May – Ruth's dinner – Royal Hotel, Kent Town. Great night except for Karina's Lambs Fry!

- 22nd May – Coast to Coast, SA Morris Register.

Future events

June:

- 4th – 5th June – Mega Toy Fair at Wayville Showgrounds.

- 5th June – Laurie and Margaret's Poker Run Breakfast.

17th June – Laurie and Margaret – Dinner – Burger Foundry – Magill Road, St Morris.

July:

- 2nd July – Mid Year Dinner – Mexican Theme – Hilton Hotel, Mile End. Numbers needed ASAP.

- 8th July – Laurie and Margaret – Sully's on Semaphore. Maybe see a movie.

- 22nd July – Laurie and Margaret – Republic Restaurant – 120 Magill Road, Norwood.

Please refer to newsletter and Calendar of events for further information.

Web Master

Everything is up to date on the website including photos of 'Corvette's at the Port'.

General Business: -

- Presentation to Dave Schrapel for 10 years of service as Events Co-ordinator. Thanks Dave!
- Debbie Johns – 2 x entertainment books left. Jump in quick.
- Lynda McBride – Thanks for Get Better Soon goodie basket from Gourmet Goodies.
- Peter Bartlett – Coast to Coast run of pre 1960's vehicles was excellent and will get bigger and better each year. Vehicles travelled from Glenelg to Port Adelaide celebrating the history of motoring in SA. Talk of a car museum being set up in Glenelg.
- Peter McBride – October long weekend – Need payment for Pichi Richi Railway urgently to secure booking.

Kevin Jarrett – warning to all members as a member (no names mentioned) with a bright yellow C6 was stuck inside his car when the battery went flat. Had to call his wife (Wendy) who managed to open the boot for the said member to climb out. Being not such a small person, found it a tad difficult. Mick – look for the emergency latch next time!

Membership Draw: \$30 this month.

Member number –116 – Graham Townsin – Congratulations!

Raffle prize winners. –

1. Lynda McBride
2. Debbie Johns
3. Jenny Stephens
4. Simon Wilson
5. Margaret Witts

Congratulations everyone.

Supper – Thank you Maelyn!

Meeting Closed 8.50pm



Reminder: Club Credit Card Facility

Please remember that you can pay for merchandise and events at each General Meeting using your Visa or MasterCard.

Electric Corvette Sets Land Speed Record

By Andrew Nabors March 7 2016 <http://blog.dupontregistry.com/>

Battery powered cars and top speed racing are usually never referred to in the same sentence, but innovation in electric conversions is happening at a shocking pace. We heard rumours of an electric Corvette Z06 last year, but now it has been confirmed. In a press release last week, Autoblog announced that the Genovation GXE has set a new land speed record.

Our friend Johnny Bohmer is a brilliant driver and holds numerous records. That's why NASA allows him to use the Shuttle Landing Facility for high speed runs. The International Mile Racing Association (IMRA) was on hand to sanction the run, which resulted in a battery powered C6 Z06 reaching 186.8 mph.

Power comes from a 44 Kw/h battery pack that is rated to return a minimum range of 130 miles. This incredible range is made possible by using the Corvette's factory six speed manual transmission in lieu of direct drive. Most electric cars ditch the transmission in favour of a fixed gear reduction. Genovation's novel approach locates the electric motor in the same location as the V8. This provides a very low centre of gravity, contributing to high speed stability.

If you need the fastest street legal electric car, the GXE starts at \$330,000. If your 1997 to 2013 Corvette could use a heart transplant, the conversion starts at \$290,000. Considering that most new electric cars have up to 90 Kw batteries, breaking the land speed record using only 44 kilowatts is nothing short of remarkable. This level of innovation will force the automakers to refine their designs at a faster pace. Stay tuned to Autofluence for all your land speed racing and electric car news.

Thanks to Dave Schrapel for sending this article through.



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KB's Poker Run

The day started with breakfast at West Beach Surf Lifesaving Club at 9.30 am. Then the heavens opened up:- it bucketed down, but once inside, 17 of us enjoyed a hot cooked brekky at a relaxing pace as departure was 11am. This was a poker run and when we fired up the cars we could see it was definitely an alternative run with 1 Corvette (KB & Margaret's), 1 Ford XR6, 1 Ford 4x4, 1 Subaru, 1 Mitsubishi, 1 Holden SS, 1 Hybrid. We stopped at Cavan for the 2nd pick in the poker run. From here we travelled to Ingle Farm for lunch at Cafe Numero Uno. Here we sat & chatted while the rain pelted down before it finally let up. It was also nice to meet & welcome Simon's wife, Sharon. Thanks Laurie & Margaret for a good day out. The winners of the Poker Run were Maelyn (1st) & Simon (2nd). Article by Peter McBride



Corvette...in the rain!!!

The unscheduled NSW trip

On Tuesday 17th May an email popped up from the NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) Australian Chapter, advising of their BBQ the next Sunday at a property at Kurrajong in the Blue Mountains area.

As a new member with nothing planned over the following week Jenny and I thought it would be great to meet this group but it is a long way to go.

This got the thought processes going and wondered if there was a fly day at the Temora Air Museum, which we visited last year on a cruise day at the Canberra Corvette Nationals, and since then have always wanted to see. We thought it would be great to include and on investigation how amazing to find out there was one that Saturday.

So then we contacted Jenny's family in Sydney to say we were coming across and could we call in for a couple of nights. They were excited that we could so the decision was made to go.

We left Thursday morning in the C5 and stayed at Balranald that night then onto Narrandera the following as Temora was booked out. Saturday was an early start as we had 150 kilometres to travel to the Air Museum. We were there for the doors to open at 10am and got a spot for our chairs right where the action was. What an amazing day of flying. The planes which took part were a Tiger Moth, Wirraway, Boomerang, Kittyhawk and a Spitfire. The last two mentioned flew together with the Spitfire piloted by the Red Bull ace Matt Hall, photo attached, who also presented an inspirational talk for almost an hour to follow your dreams which was aimed at the young people present based on his life experiences.

Saturday night we made it to Lithgow in order that we only had a leisurely trip to do over the Blue Mountains the next morning to get to the BBQ.

The property we had lunch at is owned by Rod and Deb Grogan who have an amazing collection of old signs and five C2's. The line up of Corvettes from those attending was also impressive. The weather was perfect again along with the company who made us feel so welcome. Rod also showed off his drone flying skills by taking some great photos of our Corvettes from above. The five C2's lined up are his and Deb's.

Sunday afternoon we travelled into Sydney and spent a leisurely day with Jenny's family on Monday. We set off for home Tuesday morning to stay at Narrandera that night to return home Wednesday afternoon 2,900 kilometres later.

If you need to do a trip like this may as well do it in a C5 due to its comfort, highway manners and at 8.6 litres / 100 is OK as well. Photos attached for your interest.

This trip also was a good precursor for possible stop over's for travelling to the Nationals next Easter.

John and Jenny.



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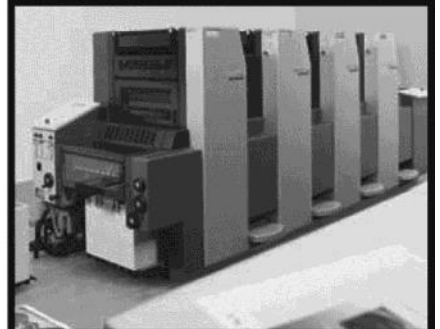
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Upcoming Events

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR JULY 2016

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	DETAILS	ORGANISER
Sat 2 nd	Mid Year Dinner	6:30pm	Fedora's Restaurant, Hilton Hotel, Hilton	Mexican Night at Fedora's Restaurant, 264 South Road, Hilton.	Peter & Lynda McBride 0417 857 153
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.	
Sun 10 th	Club Run	12:00pm	Sully's on Semaphore	Lunch and Movie Day. Meet at Sully's, 114A Semaphore Road.	Laurie Witts 0400 454 427
Wed 20 th	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Hilton		
Fri 22 nd	Club Dinner	7:00pm	The Republic	120 Magill Road, Norwood	Laurie Witts

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2016

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	DETAILS	ORGANISER
Wed 3 rd	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.	
Sun 7 th	Club Run	9:30am	Frewville Shopping Centre	Join this cruise down to McLaren Vale for lunch at Carmels Bar & Grill.	Tony Beer Smith 0417 851 774
Wed 17 th	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Hilton		
Fri 26 th	Club Dinner			Dinner organiser required	

To keep our club healthy we need volunteers to help organise runs and dinners. Just speak to any committee member if you are interested in organising an event or if you just have a suggestion for a good place to eat or location to visit.

MID YEAR DINNER

6:30PM, SATURDAY 2ND JULY



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Important: Those intending to take the Pichi Richi train ride will need to make a payment of \$41/person by direct deposit into the club account before the end of August.

Model Corner

Our friends at Autoart are at it again with a new release 1/18th model in pre order mode and like previous versions they will go quick!. Autoart have announced they will be doing a run of C7 2016 ZO6 models at this time the only colour announced is torch red. Having a look at the online photos at Autoart's website <http://www.autoartmodels.com> one interesting feature is that the door windows are rolled up, most models come with an open space for the door windows. I am a huge fan of Autoart they are probably the best mass produced model on the market. The previous 2005 version of the ZO6 by Autoart came in only 2 colours red and yellow and was as is their normal practice limited to 6000 pieces world wide. So I would expect that there will be another colour announced soon, most of their range is limited to 2-3 colours. The pre order



price is currently \$164 (US) or as our dollar stands at writing \$222.97 (AU) plus postage the price will not change from Autoart direct I have already seen one offered on eBay for over \$300 (AU). The only other version of the C7 ZO6 available in 1/18th is by BBR which comes in both convertible and coupe and numerous colours but is a full resin model without



the opening doors, trunk, hood or any underside detail and will set you back anywhere from \$400 to \$750 (AU). This one is definitely on my shopping list.

Article by Neil Bailey

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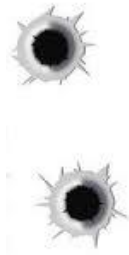
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Contains very frequent coarse language

It's Not Easy Being Green...



Our industrious President has really been doing his bit for the environment lately. Apparently last month he thought he would give recycling a try. Laurie is responsible for mailing out the club newsletter each month so he decided to mail his own newsletter out to himself as well.....not sure if he has really grasped the recycling concept yet!!! Perhaps he was listening the that Elvis song "Return to Sender" and got a bit confused!!!

THE LAST LAUGH

A farmer stopped by the local mechanic shop to have his truck fixed. The repair would take a while to complete, so the farmer headed home since he didn't live too far.

On the way home, the farmer decided to run some errands. He stopped at the hardware store and bought a bucket and a gallon of paint. Then, he stopped by the feed store and picked up a couple of chickens and a goose. However, struggling outside the store he now had a problem – how to carry his entire purchases home.

While he was scratching his head he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost. She asked, "Can you tell me how to get to 1498 Mockingbird Lane?"

The farmer replied, "Well, as a matter of fact, my farm is very close to that house. I would walk you there, but I can't carry this lot."

The old lady suggested, "Why don't you put the can of paint in the bucket, carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in your other hand?"

"That's a great idea! Why thank you very much," he said and proceeded to walk the old lady home.

On the way he says "Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time."

The little old lady looked him over cautiously. Then she said, "I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me up against the wall, pull up my skirt, and have your way with me?"

The farmer said, "Holy smokes lady! I'm carrying a bucket, a gallon of paint, two chickens, and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?"

The old lady replied, "Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the paint on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens."



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