

Corvette Club of South Australia Inc.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

Another year is about to bite the dust and while we had a huge high with our National Convention and Snake Mans run to the desert, we have also had a few lows and our thoughts are with Robert and Julie Freak after his horrific accident and to Ross and Jan Spurling for the loss of their granddaughter, which is something that having become a grandfather for the first time in November, I can not even begin to imagine the loss that the family has to now endure.

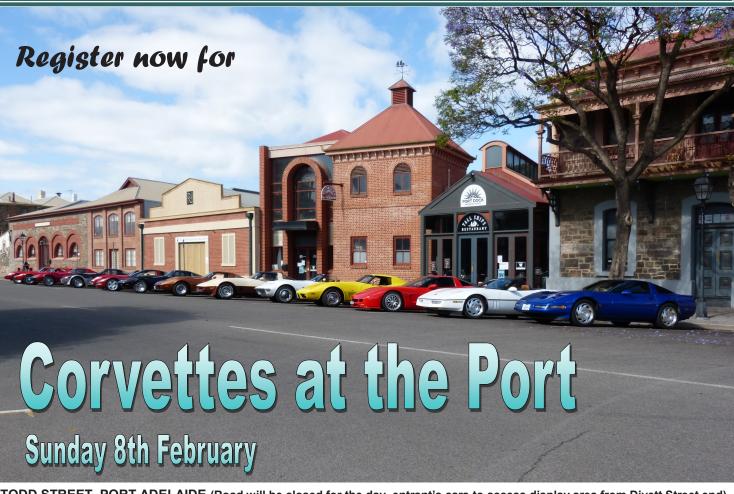
January is a time for catching your breath, well almost as January 26th is the start of what is a very busy time for all our membership, Frantic February with more car events than time, especially Corvettes at the Port, check the events calendar for more details and plan your car event timetable.

Was that Kevin J with a fishing line on the Dolphin Cruise Xmas dinner and what was he fishing for? I was told that he was looking for a big sprocket for his Triumph but that would only slow him down!

The Lyndoch Street Party on the Lyndoch Oval in early December saw 12 Vettes displayed on what was a perfect night and a good night was had by all who attended.

Happy New Year and Happy Vetting

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TODD STREET, PORT ADELAIDE (Road will be closed for the day, entrant's cars to access display area from Divett Street end).

Entry cost is \$5.00 per car which will be donated to the club's charity 'Foundation Shine'.

Live band 'The Leftovers' to keep you entertained, Entrant's Choice Trophy and Public Choice Trophy

All Corvette's are welcome to attend this event (you don't have to be a club member). It's easy to register, simply go to our website click on the 'Corvettes at the Port' link to the entry form and fill out your details.

Our website: http://www.corvetteclubofsa.com.au Login: members Password: chev100



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Associate Member	\$20.00	\$20.00
Country 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 Memberships Officer Daryl, 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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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 Dec 2014	Past Events:		
Meeting Opened 8.10 pm	• 21 st November. Laurie organised a dinner at Amici's.		
Present: As per attendance book.	 29th Nov. Xmas dinner. Port River Cruise. A fabulous event and thanks to Catherine and the others for arranging such a great night. 		
Apologies – Judy & Les Beyer, Helen Falconer, Jan Parker, Pam and Jenny Grinter.			
Visiting for the first time – Brian & Betty Skipworth and	Future events As outlined in the events calendar.		
Anthony Linke.	Canberra National Convention 3 rd - 5 th April 2015.		
The President thanked those who were working on Historic	Members were advised there are two groups attending as follows -		
Registration tonight. He also informed members of the changes to the Footy Clubrooms	 Neil and Laurie travelling over on Thursday 2nd with one overnight stop at Wagga. 		
and the new entry door which is to be used from now on. The old door is now to be used as a fire exit only.	 John and Jenny leaving on Wed 1st with two stops. Hay and Gundagai. 		
Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct: -	For more info contact the respective group representatives.		
Moved :- Ruth van Doorn Seconded :- Barry Koski	Web Master		
Treasurer's Report:	Nothing to report.		
Balance start of 1stNovember 2014\$10,058.64Cash & Cheques in\$6,705.00	General Business:		
Cash & Cheques in\$ 0,705.00Cash & Cheques out\$ 4,192.99Closing balance 30th November 2014\$12,570.65	 Great to have with us tonight Julie Freak who provided a report on Robert's progress. 		
Moved :- Catherine NeagleSeconded :- Garry McPheeThank you to Ruth & Stu for their \$80 Foundation Shine donation	 Notification of the passing of Annette Prime, the wife of Rod, who have both supported our club over many years. 		
from the proceeds of the Pizza Night held recently at their place.	 Members were advised our thoughts are with Ross and Jan who lost their young granddaughter to an accident. 		
Secretary's Report:	Peter and Lynda received two presentations from Laurie and		
Mail received	then Stuart for their outstanding efforts to arrange their re- cent Outback Odyssey tour.		
Invitation from the National Corvette Museum for clubs to attend at special prices.	 Neil advised of tyre discounts for members. Details on each table in the form of a leaflet 		
 Hahndorf Swap Meet: Sunday 18th January on the Hahndorf oval. 	 Information received through other clubs indicates there has been discussion to modify the Conditional Registration rules at a review to be held next year. Members will be kept in- 		
• All American Day: 15 th February.	formed as more details become available.		
• Moonta Show & Shine: 8 th March.	Membership Draw: \$40 this month.		
• McLaren Vale Vintage Festival: 18 th & 19 th April.	• Member number – 106. Rick Kovarik. In attendance.		
Modbury Press promotional leaflet.	Next month back to \$20.		
Newsletters received :- from other clubs have been distributed for	Raffle prizes.		
review any over 3 months old will be forwarded to Club Historian (Gerry Brine).	A host of prizes tonight to celebrate the festive season.		
(Gerry Dime).	A Christmas hamper. Won by Dave.		
Historic Code of Practice:-	3 - Corvette posters. Won by Mick, Karen and Tony.		
Busy night again for historic registrations. Thank you to all those who assisted over the last two months.	2 bottles of organic Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon donated by Tony Casiero of Glenara Wines in the Adelaide hills. Won by John and Mick.		
Reminder that all these rego's and membership must be completed by the end of December.	Supper: Organised by Maelyn. Thank you once again.		
Membership:	MERRY CHRISTMAS to all from the President and the Committee.		
Full members 160. Associates 42. Total 202.	IVIERKY CHRISTIVIAS to all from the President and the Committee.		
Merchandise: -	Meeting Closed 8.50 pm.		
Special sale prices for old stock. See the latest catalogue for items to buy ready for summer.	Deminder, Olub Oradit Card Facility		
Newsletter:-	Reminder: Club Credit Card Facility		
 Next month's hardcopy newsletters will be a bit late due to the Xmas closure of Modbury Press. 	Please remember that you can pay for merchandise and events at each		
• Reminder that 'Car of the Month' forms are available.	MasterCard General Meeting using your Visa or MasterCard		

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Car of the Month

Al Pupello (Member No. 130) bought this black 1988 C4 convertible in 2013, it's fitted with a 350 cubic inch engine and automatic transmission. It has grey interior trim and the vehicle is all original as it rolled off the factory floor.

The previous owner imported it in 2007 and had it converted and enjoyed it for 6 years before selling it to Al. The car had 22,000 original miles on the clock when he bought it.

Since owning the vehicle AI had to change the seat belts to comply with Regency Park requirements. AI says "The work was done by Dr. Graeme at Corvette World without fuss and did a great job".

Al's favourite outings are Corvette's at the Port, Zippel cruises and All American Day.

He also owns a red 1968 Camaro SS coupe with black interior a 396 big block and auto transmission. "All Throttle - No Bottle!!"





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The night went all too quickly. So a big thank you to Catherine for her planning, decorations, lollies & putting it all together. As I said 63 people now know what a great time you can have in this club, and there will always be great times to be had. Merry Xmas.

Article and photos by Peter & Lynda McBride



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Mannum Run

An eager group of members turned up at Tea Tree Plaza ready for the day's excursion to Mannum.....with some there an hour before the proposed departure time! A total of 9 Vettes plus Graham & Karen's Ford (the Mustang which wants to be a Corvette) readied themselves for the journey out to Mannum. A cameo appearance by Laurie and Greg in their Vettes saw us



off safely on our way. With grey clouds starting to loom on the horizon it was time to get going and fire up our engines, a little bit of rain greeted us for the first portion of the hour long trip but as we got closer to our destination the sky's began to clear and a pleasant day lay ahead. Lunch was held at the Pretoria Hotel which is located in a prime spot on Mannum's main street overlooking the Murray River. Unfortunately on arriving at the pub Tony wasn't feeling the best and decided that a visit to the local hospital was in order. The rest of us had an enjoyable lunch, albeit a bit more subdued than usual given our concern for our fellow members wellbeing. After lunch a few of us checked in on Tony and Faye and reported back to the rest of the group. Tony ended up spending the night in Mannum but hopefully he is now firing on all cylinders again.



Message to the Editor:

Hi Breck,

Please convey our thanks to the club members on the run for their support and well wishes when I had the "near miss".

I also appreciated their support for Faye during a time of stress, and the manner in which they were willing to put themselves out to assist Faye to get home if needed and also get the car home.

Thanks to all. Faye & Tony Beer Smith









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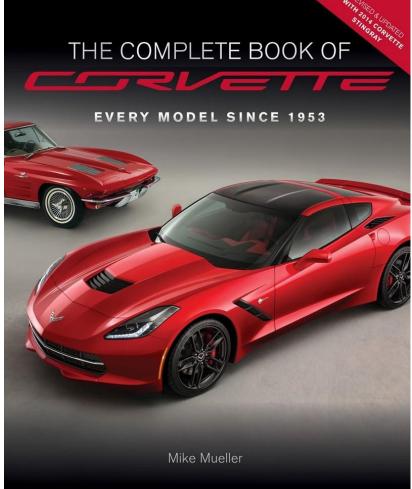
Book Review

I first reviewed this book way back in May 2011 as my first book review for the newsletter, my how time has flown. Okay this is an updated release of the book by Mike Mueller with a whole new chapter added to cover the C7.

The original book was 352 pages and I was critical of it's size, someone must have been listening because the latest version has been reduced in dimensions and is much easier to handle. The current version is 304 pages covering every year, which is broken down and dissected detailing each change and all the specifications this is more of a dictionary than a story. It's by no means a complete reference book but more a well researched guide to our favourite form of transportation.

The author is no lightweight himself having credentials including having been on staff at Corvette Fever, Muscle Car Review, Automotive Review and Mustang Monthly and contributing articles to a long list of other magazines. According to my research he is somewhat of a revhead himself but has managed to make a living out of it. With over fifty books to his credentials he is obviously a fairly knowledgeable fellow and apparently handy with a camera himself. He has been a professional journalist since 1991.

This book not only covers all the years but gives us a brief but detailed glimpse into the history of the Corvette along the way. There are a wealth of photographs contributed by the author himself and from the archives of



GM, even if you're not into reading this book is worth the purchase just for the stunning photographs. Some have been swapped from the original publication or resized. It is an easy enjoyable read.

Everything Corvette is covered from the rarest of the experimental and concept vehicles through to many of the design concepts that never saw the light of day and if there is such a thing the ordinary every day Vette.

The book itself is broken down into the obvious segments of C1 through C6 with a smattering of history, the design process and evolutionary change of each progressive model. Year by year is then afforded a how too recipe card style fact sheet with all the basics from physical dimensions and weight, suspension brakes down to rims and tyres. The disappointing omissions in this area being production numbers and colour options. But maybe I'm just fussy.



An addition to your library I still would recommend definitely, but only in the hard back edition.

Along with dedicated coverage of the race, show and experimental vehicles along the way. This is by no means a heavy history lesson but a light hearted walk down memory lane with plenty of photographs. The majority of pages bear only a few scant paragraphs with between two and four pages covering each vehicle.

There is a 15 page Appendix which was provided by Mike Antonick the annual author of Antonick's Black Book which is a publication dedicated to all Corvettes and also available at <u>www.corvetteblackbook.com</u>.

This Appendix details year by year the option codes and availability for each Vette along with a USA costing of the option at that year's price.

Okay so this well bound glossy coffee table piece will set you back about the \$65 mark includes postage via every ones friends E-bay or Amazon.

It's current, factual and as a research tool bloody handy to have. The full facts on the C6 and up to date information on the C7 to its convertible release are a welcome addition.

Article by Neil Bailey

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Upcoming Events

EVENTS CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2015							
<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	LOCATION	DETAILS	<u>ORGANISER</u>		
Wed 7 th	General Meeting	7:30pm	Seaton Ramblers FC West Lakes	Meeting starts at 8:00pm, followed by supper.			
Sun 11 th	Club Run	9:30am	Foodland car park, Frewville	Cruise down to Yankalilla for the day	Greg Woods 0412 390 877		
Sat 17 th	Valley Rodders 'Cruise On' 2015	5:00pm	Main Street, Tanunda	Check out the pre 1970 hot rods and custom cars on display			
Wed 21 st	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Mile End				
Fri 23 th	Club Dinner	7:30pm	Elephant & Castle, West Terrace	Cemetery tour by night, watch out for zombies.	Graham Townsin 0417 413 136		
Mon 26 th	Club Run	9:00am	Mile End Home Centre Railway Tce, Mile End	Australia Day Run into the Adelaide Hills	Stuart & Ruth 0418 841 119		
	EVENTS CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2015						
<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	LOCATION	DETAILS	<u>ORGANISER</u>		
Sun 1 st	Super Chevy Sunday	9:00am	Gleneagles Reserve, Seaton	Join all of the other Chevy's on display.			
Wed 4 th	General Meeting	7:30pm	Seaton Ramblers FC West Lakes	Meeting starts at 8:00pm, followed by supper.			
Sun 8 th	Corvettes at the Port	From 8:00am	Todd Street, Port Adelaide	This will be the largest gathering of Corvette's in SA this year, so put your car on display and join the party!	Laurie Witts 0400 454 427		
Sun 15 th	All American Day	8:30am & 9:30am	Tilley Reserve, Surrey Downs	Meet us at either: Hungry Jacks, Everard Park @ 8:30am McDonalds, Tea Tree Plaza @ 9:30am			
Wed 18 th	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Mile End				
Fri 20 th	Club Dinner	ТВА	ТВА				

SUNDAY 11th JANUARY

Meet in the car park of Foodland Frewville, Glen Osmond Rd at 9:30am for a 10:00am departure. Morning coffee stop is one of indulgence, **Chocolate @ No.5** in Hahndorf. Great coffee, handmade Belgian chocolates, waffles, cakes and scones. From there we will head to Victor Harbor via Mt Barker and Strathalbyn for a short photo stop and then on to Yankalilla for lunch at **Lilla's Café**.

Greg will need an idea of numbers at the January meeting. If you are not going to be at the meeting but are planning to come on the run please give him a call on 0412 390 877.



AUSTRALIA DAY RUN MONDAY 26th JANUARY

Meet at 9:00am adjacent to the Good Guys sign (Mile End Home Centre) for a 9:30am departure. Keep your eye's open on this 'Observation Run' into the Adelaide Hills.



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Kevin contemplates fitting personal front airbags to his Corvette.

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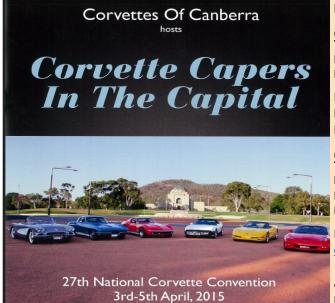


Wet Vette!

Crikey, a C3 Trikey!.....(yes cringeworthy pun, I know)



Are you planning to attend the 27th National Corvette Convention to be held in Canberra on the 3rd,4th and 5th of April next year?



Below are some travel options which you might want to consider.

Option 1: Proposed one night stopover touring itinerary

Day 1 – Thursday 2nd April - Adelaide to Wagga Wagga – 955kms. (11hrs)
 Day 2 – Friday 3rd April - Wagga Wagga to Canberra – 245kms. (3hrs)

Expressions of interest to either:Laurie Witts0400 454 427Neil Bailey0407 726 546

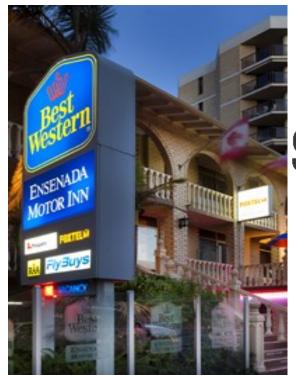
kbear400@gmail.com or ncbailey1@dodo.com.au

Option 2: Proposed two night stopover touring itinerary

Day 1 – Wednesday 1st April - Adelaide to Hay – 690kms. (8hrs)
 Day 2 – Thursday 2nd April - Hay to Gundagai – 350kms. (4hrs)
 Day 3 – Friday 3rd April - Gundagai to Canberra – 160kms. (2hrs)

Expressions of interest to John Randell 0428 394 710 or email dellter@adam.com.au by Wednesday 14th January 2015. (January General Meeting)

Accommodation and return trips yet to be arranged dependant on numbers interested.





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2 Bedroom Suite (Kitchenette) All suites contain remote control TV, VCR, reverse cycle air-conditioning, mini-bars, direct dial cordless phones, data/modems ports. Kitchenette contains 120lt



fridge, tea & coffee making facilities, microwave, hot plate, ducted range-hood, crockery, cutlery, pots, microwave dishes, toaster, dining table and chairs. Queen sized bed in main bedroom. Contains either 2 single beds or double bunk beds.

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- Queen sized beds
- High-speed Internet access
- Remote control TV with Foxtel / cable
- DVD/VCR players
- Air-conditioning- split system heating and cooling
- Ceiling fans
- Voicemail
- Secure off-street and under cover parking access by PIN code
- Tour desk
- Same day dry cleaning / laundry service
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