



CORVETTES OF CANBERRA CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2018

68th EDITION

Next Dinner: 1st Friday of the month, details inside

Next Cruise: 1st Sunday of the month, 9.30am at The Eagle, Russell, details inside

More details inside – **ALSO ZR1 WHEELS FOR C4 FOR SALE, and more**



CORVETTES OF CANBERRA 2018 EVENTS CALENDAR

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In 2018 the Club Dinners and Cruises are on the first Friday of the month.

The Club Cruises are on the first Sunday of the month

Day/Date	Event		Time
Friday 3 August	Club Dinner	Belconnen Labor Club Chandler Street, Belconnen ACT 2616	7pm
Sunday 5 August	Club Cruise	Gundaroo Pub <i>Details to follow by email</i>	9.30am at The Eagle, Russell, for 10am departure
Sat-Sunday 18-19 August	Club Event	Lost in the 50's Museum 42 Stenhouse Dr, Cameron Park NSW 2285 (near Newcastle) Unique opportunity before the Museum closes and the cars and memorabilia sold in October 2018. More info inside and at: https://www.lostinthe50s.com.au/	9.30am at The Eagle, Russell, for 10am departure, Sat, 18 August. Book overnight at The Brighton Apartments , Toronto. Limited tickets. Contact: Dave Rourke, 0409 518 818
Sunday 2 September	Club Cruise	<i>Details to follow by email</i>	9.30am at The Eagle, Russell, for 10am departure
Friday 7 September	Club Dinner	<i>Details to follow by email</i>	7pm
Sunday 16 September	Club Event	American Car Nationals Big 3 Car Show: Ford, GM, Chrysler Sunday, 16 September Queanbeyan Swap Meet Saturday & Sunday, 15-16 Sept Note: New dates for events held previously in November. More info www.qbnswap.net	10am – 2.30pm Judging from 10.30am; Entrants can enter from 8am
Sat - Monday 29 September – 1 October	Club Cruise	Corvette Weekend Away – Eden & Far South Coast <i>(Planned for the October long weekend)</i>	Details to follow by email



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Greetings from Copenhagen – where Karen and I are testing the preferred mode of transport on two wheels. However, it built up a thirst for a visit to the Carlsberg brewery where there is a 1931 Chev modified for important business.

Cover picture is a C6 Grand Sport spotted at Bergen in Norway.

Club Visit to the Living in the 50's Museum, Sat-Sun, 18-19 August 2018, with the NSW Corvette Club. This is a special opportunity before the Museum closes and the car collection and memorabilia are sold in October 2018. More information inside. Please let Peter Bond know if you are coming: peterbond4444@gmail.com or 0424 122 213

Club Shirts - Remember to order your Club Shirt with Logo!

Cheers, Terry Ruse



19th - 21st April 2019 - InterContinental Sanctuary Cove Resort, Gold Coast

Get set for the ultimate Corvette lovers long weekend cruising the coast!

**Start planning to attend the
Corvette Nationals on the
Gold Coast at Easter 2019!**

**All details and entry form at
<https://www.2019corvettenationals.com/>**

Special Invitation!

*Corvettes of Canberra Club Members' Weekend Visit to
Lost in the 50's Car Museum, near Newcastle
Saturday-Sunday, 18-19 August 2018*



*Checkout this awesome collection of classic US cars and 50's memorabilia before
the museum closes and cars go on sale in October 2018
Depart Canberra on Saturday morning for overnight stay near Lake
Macquarie, at The Brighton Apartments, Toronto (book yourself), with visit to the
Car Museum on Sunday morning, before drive home. Entry Tickets \$20 each.
The NSW Corvette Club will be visiting the Museum also.*



See the amazing collection of American Cars and Memorabilia. MORE than just a car Museum. You will have a blast, remembering a time long gone. Colour and Passion for being the biggest and the best was certainly the theme for the 1950's and 60's. Come for Breakfast and Stay for Lunch! Delicious Food from the Crafty Pit BBQ & Cafe 53. Checkout the Antique Mall and Man Cave! Pictures and more details at www.lostinthe50s.com.au

URGENT: Only six tickets left.

Please call Dave Rourke, 0409 518 818, if you are planning to go and for final arrangements.

CLUB CRUISE TO JUGIONG, July 2018

Perfect Canberra Sunday morning for the Club Cruise to Jugiong to the recently restored Sir George Hotel, which was founded in 1845.



The Reward!



*The recently restored
Sir George Hotel
at Jugiong*

ADAMINABY CLUB CRUISE, Sunday, 3 June 2018

A hardy group of Club Cruises shrugged off the Canberra frost and headed off from the Eagle to cruise via Cooma for lunch at the Adaminaby Pub.





ROBERTSON PIE CRUISE, 6 May 2018

400km of great cruising to savour prize-winning meat pies and apple pies!

Connoisseurs included Bob Lynn before Bob & Jenny relocated to Walcha before another Canberra winter. Look forward to catching up with Bob & Jenny at the Corvette Nationals next year – if not sooner.





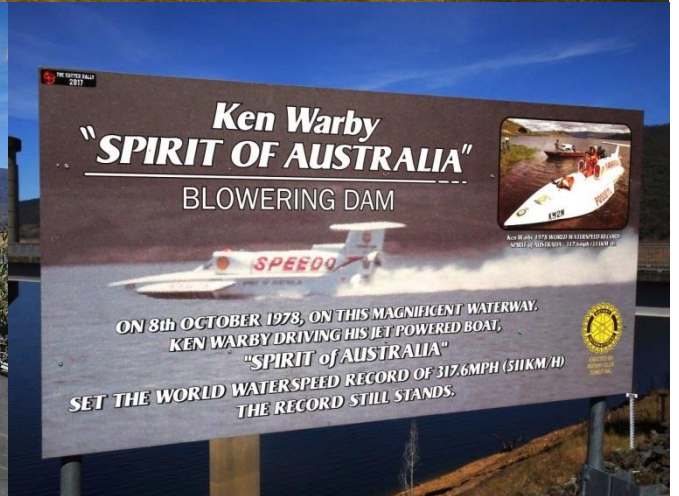


TUMUT FESTIVAL OF THE FALLING LEAF, 28 April 2018

A 600km Corvette cruise on picturesque winding country roads, with the roar of V8's in the background, makes for a fun weekend for a visit to a high country town for its annual festival and parade.



After a lunch stop at Adaminaby to checkout the Big Trout, the Vettes were dwarfed by Snowy Hydro's Tumut pump station (one of six) and the Blowering Dam where Ken Warby set a 511kph world water speed record in 1978, which still stands – but his son is testing his new challenge jet boat



MECUM'S 2018 CORVETTE AUCTION PRICE CHECK

This is one of the important annual US auctions for assessing the price trends for Vette models and for traders and enthusiasts to check when to buy and sell their Vettes. **Note that all the prices below are in US dollars, and that one Oz dollar is about 73 cents US.**



The Mecum Auction Company begins each year with their largest event in Kissimmee, Florida. This year it offered 295 Corvettes and sold 212.

This year a total of 295 Corvettes crossed the auction stage and 212 sold for a sell through rate of 72%. A total of 277 Corvettes were available for sale in 2017 and 191 found new homes. Last year's Corvette sell-through rate was 69%. The good news is that Corvette sales are trending upwards this year, which is a good sign for sellers.

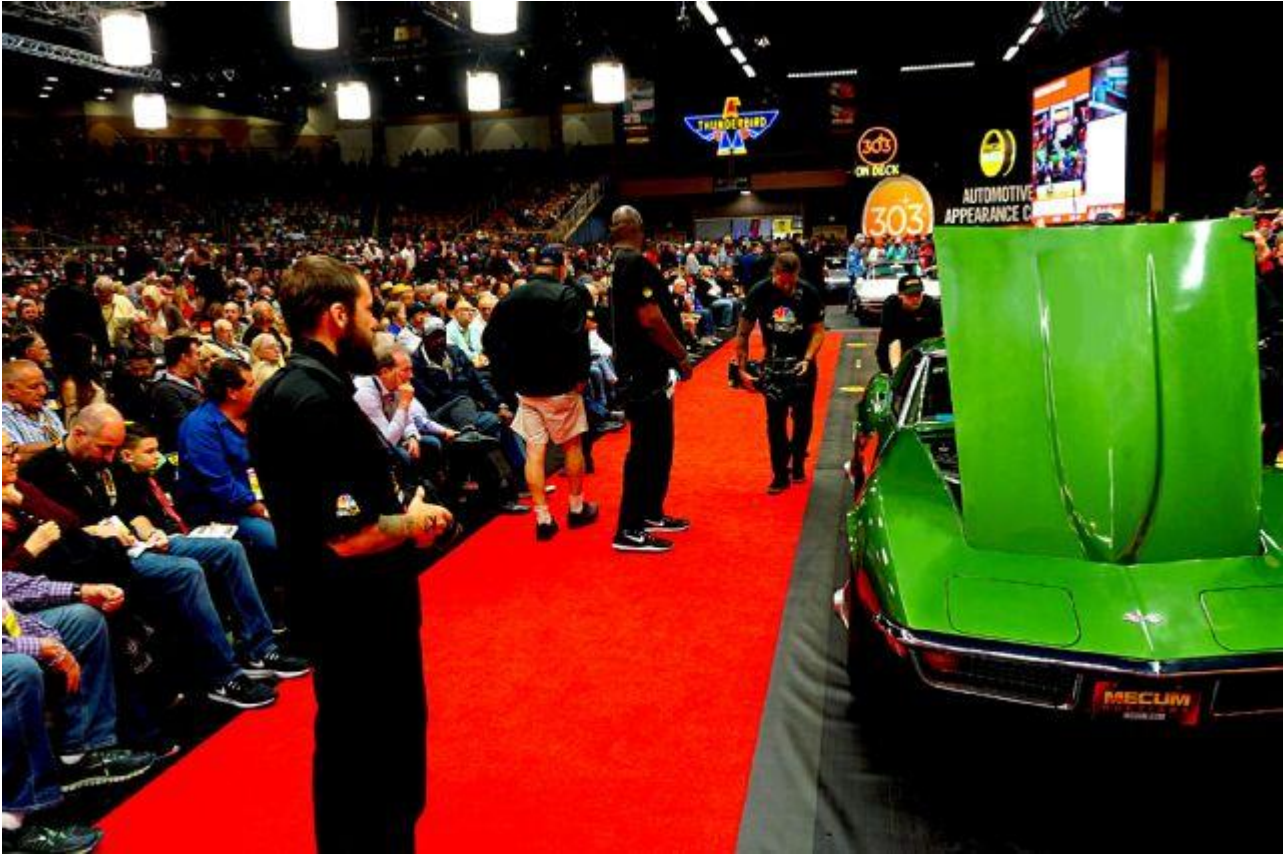
Mecum provides a good overview of Corvettes from the inexpensive non-collector examples to top dollar NCRS or Bloomington Gold certified collectibles. Two Corvettes were amongst the top ten highest sold cars at Kissimmee. The 6th highest sale of \$583,000 was for Lot S144, a Tuxedo black 1967 award winning 427/435hp coupe. In 8th place at \$456,000 was S140.1 a Sebring Silver 1963 Z06 fuel injected coupe fitted with the NO3 big-tank option. Last year at Kissimmee this same split-window coupe did not sell when bids stopped at \$

The Auction had over 3,000 vehicles being offered for sale this year. Vette magazine wandered through this massive collection of cars and picked out a few Corvettes to document price trends below and in our photo captions. When buyers arrive at a Mecum auction they are required to register as a buyer. Once approved, they can inspect any car they are interested in before it is taken to the auction stage. Once again C2 and C3 Corvettes were the top selling generations this year. Here is a breakdown of the highs and lows of each generation of Corvettes that crossed the auction stage.

Generation	Available	Sold	%	Low Price	High Price
C1-1953-1962	43	31	79%	\$38,500	\$253,000
C2-1963-1967	98	67	68%	\$44,000	\$583,000
C3-1968-1982	72	61	85%	\$8,250	\$575,000
C4-1984-1996	28	23	82%	\$7,700	\$33,000
C5-1997-2004	29	20	69%	\$8,800	\$74,800
C6-2005-2013	23	8	35%	\$18,150	\$66,000
C7-2014-2017	2	2	100%	\$58,300	\$83,600
Totals	295	212	72%		

Mecum's website, www.mecum.com, is a perfect way to determine what is selling and what kind of prices a certain model sells for. It is also a great way to preview Mecum's 2018 schedule.

TV cameras are used on the stage to show details of each car being presented on big screen televisions. This 1972 Corvette, as above, sold for \$31,900.

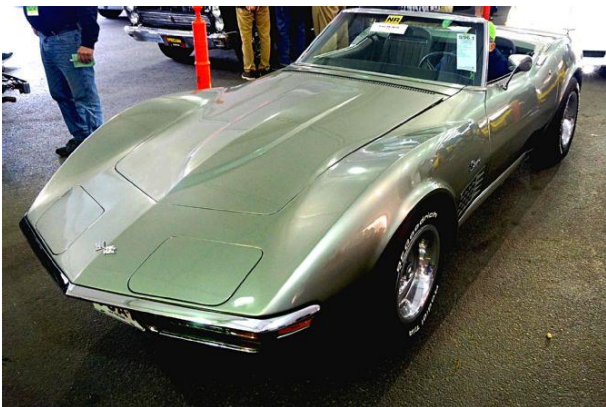


This Ermine White 1967 Corvette convertible (S94) was the ultimate luxury cruiser in 1967. This fully optioned Corvette included factory air-conditioning and a host of other rare accessories. It underwent a complete restoration in 2010 by Corvette Country in North Carolina. It found a new home for \$82,500.

The base 327/300hp small-block provided plenty of poke for this 1967 convertible.



In 1953, a total of 300 Corvettes were built in Flint, Michigan. All were Polo White with a red interior like this one, which was the 64th built in 1953. It sold for \$253,000.



This 1972 Steel Cities Grey Vette with black interior and 350/200hp small block was fitted with factory A/C and auto transmission. It sold for \$38,500.



A 1988 Corvette 35th Anniversary similar to this Vette sold for \$7,700. It was No. 639 of 2,050 built in 1988 and had 101,454 miles.

It is a rare C4 but will require work to fix its wear and tear.



In 1990 the ZR-1 was dubbed *King of the Hill* because of its DOHC 32 valve LT5 engine that produced 375hp.

This 1990 ZR-1 option cost \$27,016. When added to the 1990 Corvette base price of \$31,979 the ZR-1 price jumped to \$58,995. A similar example to this car in the photo was only driven for 2,279 miles since new and was well bought for \$33,000.



For the 2008 model year, Corvette introduced the 430hp LS3 engine as standard in both the coupe and convertible. This Artic White convertible with grey top 3LT interior package is fitted with every available comfort feature.

It had only been driven 6,182 pampered miles and sold for \$44,000.



In 2017, this 1963 Corvette Z06 fuel-injected coup with a big tank was bid up to \$425,000 and did not sell.

It returned this year and sold for \$456,500!

The rare two-pin knockoffs on this Vette were only fitted to early '63 Vettes because of production problems.

For more details: <http://www.superchevy.com/events/1802-mecums-2018-corvette-price-check/#/>

CORVETTE CARS and PARTS FOR SALE

ZR1 CORVETTE WHEELS NEW IN BOX.

Perfect for 84-87 C4 Contact: Cairo 0401 710 011

Cost \$5500, sell \$4500. Brand new, still in bubble wrap. For sale because package arrived from USA after car sold.

Complete quality Wheel and Tyres - Brand New In Box. These Triple Chrome Plated reproductions are an exact replica of the original GM wheel that came on the 1994-1995 C4 Corvette ZR1 & the 1996 Collector & Grand Sport edition cars.

Directly bolt on with no adapters needed. Comes with all chrome hardware, incl centre caps, lug nuts and lock kit. Complete wheel packages includes:

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For more details contact Terry Ruse, 0418 430 484

C4 CARPET KIT. Brand new and still in box. Teal colour. \$295 ono.

C4 '84 to '89 dash centre facia \$100; and

C4 '84 to '89 brand new console top to suit auto trans \$100.

Please call Steve on 0417 235 183

FOR SALE: C3 VETTE PARTS FROM 1971 ROADSTER RESTORATION

The original parts include brake callipers, discs, vacuum booster, original master cylinder, power steering arms and rams, steering box, and many AC parts as well. Also the coil springs, A-arms, rear control arms, and other suspension bits. In fact the frame itself is available as I bought a new one! All of these were in good working order when I started the whole process a couple of years ago. Please contact Phil on 0438 005 413

FOR SALE: 1984 RED C4 COUPE & PARTS and 2010 STATESMAN CAPRICE

- 2 X New front wheel hubs 84 – 90 (31607 A12-05-02)
- 2 X New rear wheel hubs 84 – 96 (31608 A50-01-02 513013E)
- 2 X New rear wheel bearing inner seals 84 – 85 (46966)
- 2 X Red Tail lights
- 1 X New complete suspension bush set Prothane 84-96 (7-2013-BL)
- 1 X New right hand side main door weather seal 84 – 89 (A2927R)
- 1 X New left hand side main door weather seal 84 – 89 (A2927L)
- 1 X Roof Panel Squeak, Anti-Rattle eliminator set 84 – 96 (38169)
- 1 X Original radio cassette player from a 1984 not sure if it works but has all the buttons.

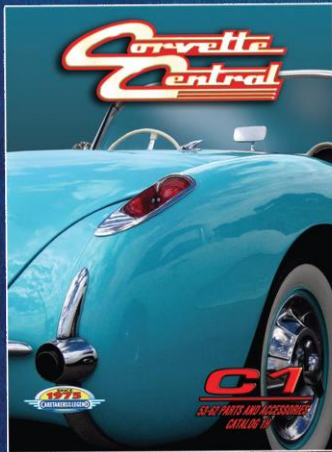
I'm open to offers for the above items. Please contact Gary Bain on 0418 656 758

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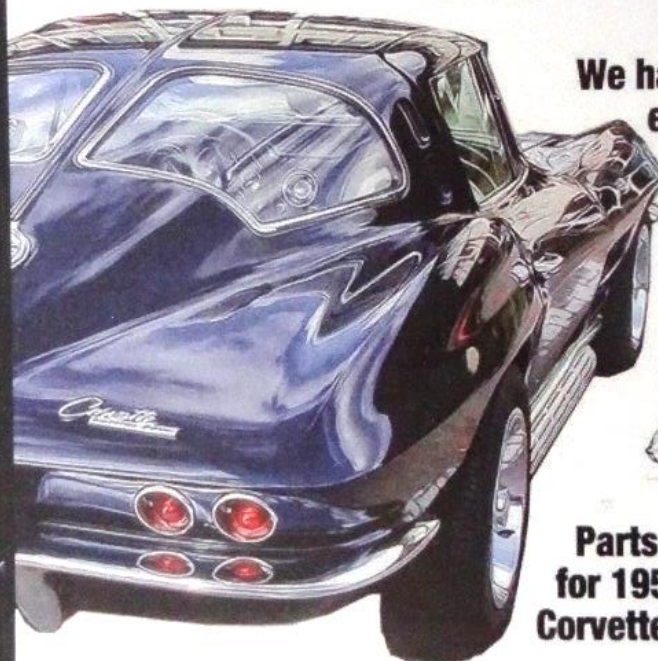
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