CORVETTES OF CANBERRA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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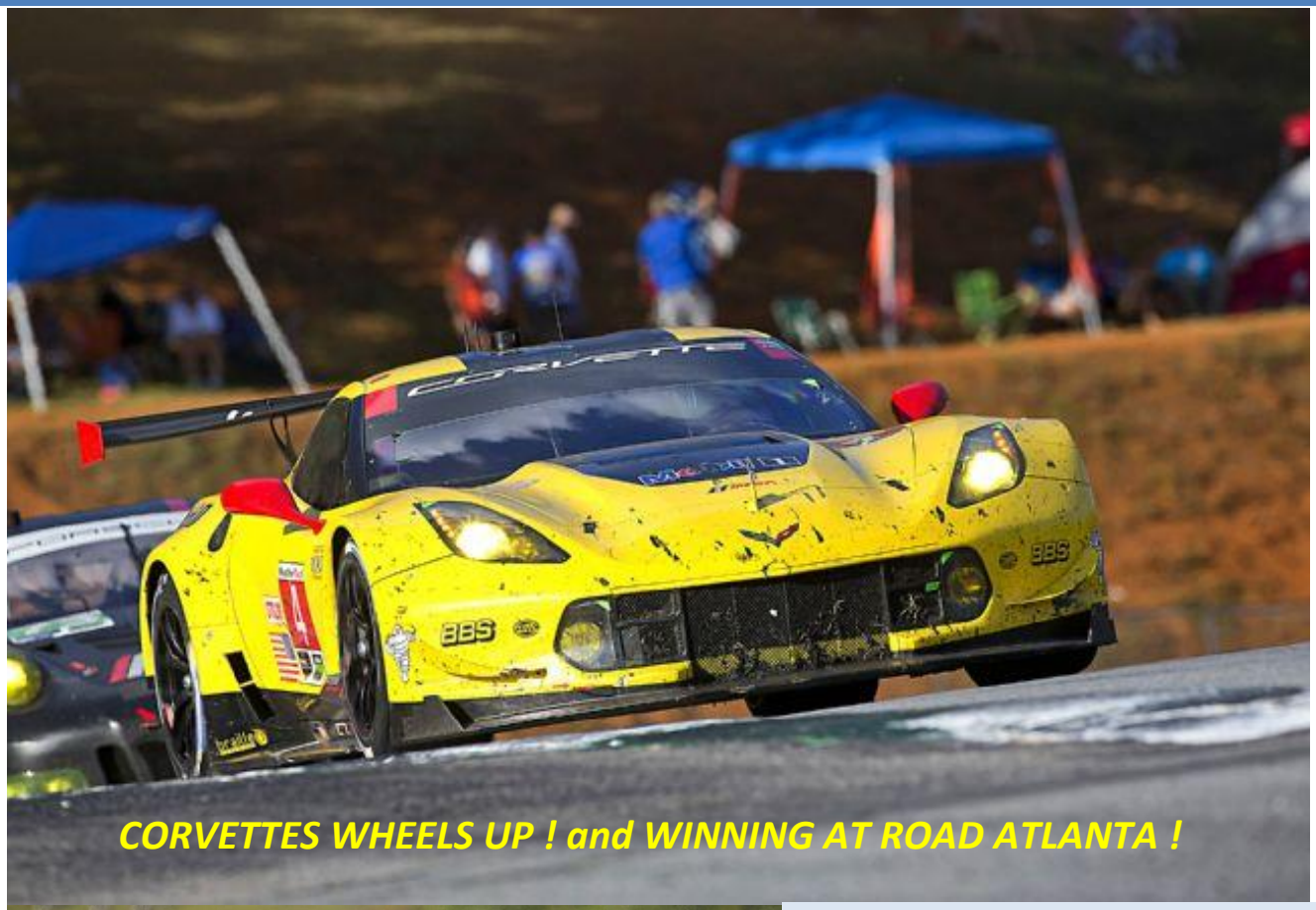
Next Dinners: *7pm Friday, 3 November 2017, Stanley's Pub, 2/ 21 Battye St, opp Bruce Stadium*
Next Event: *Sunday, 12 Nov 2017, Marques in the Park, John Knight Memorial Park, Belconnen*

More details inside – ***'67 427 ROADSTER FOR SALE and more***



CORVETTES WHEELS UP ! and WINNING AT ROAD ATLANTA !

CORVETTES OF CANBERRA 2017 EVENTS CALENDAR
October - November 2017
Join Members for Monthly Drives on the third Sunday in each month
and for Monthly Dinners on the first Friday in each month

Day/Date	Event	Venue	Time
Friday 6 October	Club Dinner	Details to follow by email	7pm
Friday 3 November	Club Dinner	**Stanley's the local pub at Bruce ACT** Opposite The Bruce Stadium, 2/21 Battye St Please let Stuart know if you are coming to help with the reservation, 0404 049 611	7pm
Sat-Sunday 4-5 November		**Annual Leadfoot Challenge** Winton Motor Raceway, Victoria, meeting up with Corvettes of Melbourne. If interested give Terry a call on 0418 430 484	
TBA		**Corvettes of Canberra Club** **Annual General Meeting** Notice to follow by email. We look forward to members, new and not-so-new, nominating for committee positions to bring new ideas for events and drives	

SOME OTHER INTERESTING EVENTS IN THE REGION

Day/Date	Event	Time
Sunday 12 November	**Marques in the Park** John Knight Memorial Park, Belconnen Gold coin donation for charity	Display 9am – 3pm
Sunday 26 November	**The American Car Nationals & Swap Meet** Queanbeyan Showground Car displays 10am – 2.30pm. $4 per car.	Cars can enter the showground from **8:00am**. Judging commences at **10:30am**

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President's Report

Hi all.

As we approach the end of this year we will be setting a date for the Club's Annual General Meeting. I would encourage all members to make a special attempt to attend and consider joining the Committee. We would welcome new ideas for events and cruises to cater for the many different interests of members.

I'm pleased with the number of new members who have joined the Club and I look forward to meeting them and learning about their Vette interests. Also welcome back to Jessica and Ali from their adventures in PNG. I hear the C1 has been sold but we hope to continue to see them at events even if they arrive in the fancy Euro convertible in their garage….

Congratulations to Bob and Jenny Lynn for keeping the Club in the winners' circle with well-deserved Peoples' Choice prizes at two recent car shows at Berrima and Crookwell with their exceptional C2 roadster.

Remember to freshen up your Vette for two of the most popular car events in the ACT – Marques in the Park at Belconnen on Sunday, 12 November, and the American Car Nationals on Sunday, 26 November, at the Queanbeyan Showground.

The venue for the 2018 Convention is Perth and as this is not their first Convention they do know how to put on a great event. The program includes a post-Convention Corvette Cruise to the picturesque South-West. I took my L88 to their first Convention in 1990 (and won top honours) and was greatly impressed with that beautiful city. At that time a group of members put their Corvettes on a car carrier while they flew over. Something to think about.

Steve

More details about the 2018 Corvette Nationals at
http://corvettesofwa.com/2018-corvette-convention/

BUNGENDORE CAR AND BIKE SHOW, 30 September 2017

Hot and windy but a few hardy Club Members, Glenn, Errol, Terry and Joe, brought their Vettes (and Mini) to checkout the interesting display of over 400 classics, hotrods, muscle cars, dragsters and bikes at the Royal Hotel.

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CLUB CRUISE TO ARALUEN, Sunday, 16 July 2017

Thanks for the photo, Terry

212 MPH CORVETTES – WORLD'S FASTEST FIRETRUCKS

Who said that Corvette Sports Cars are not practical?

Dubai's Fire Department has four Corvettes modified so that they can reach 212 mph in response to fire alarms. The plan is to strategically position the four Corvettes along the city's superhighways, where they will be able to respond as quickly as possible.

Two of the cars are finished and two more are scheduled for delivery later this year.
The cars are equipped with fire extinguishers and first aid equipment.

Wondering what a Corvette can do in case of a fire in the world's tallest building?
No worries - *The fire department has bought jet backpacks for its firefighters.*

WARNING

Australian Government issues a zero-tolerance ban on any and all asbestos products – including in imported vehicles

-Thanks to Terry and Puzzle for alarming us with notice

Our story begins in 2003 when the Australian government issued a zero-tolerance ban on any and all asbestos products, aimed mainly at imported Chinese drywall, a problem America also faced at the time.

Fast forward to March 6, 2017 when, without prior warning to Shipping and Customs agents, let alone to owners, the Australian Border Force (ABF) began randomly testing all imported collector cars for asbestos, without any industry consultation, procedures or practices in place. One importer had two cars already on-route to Australia and so had no choice but to comply. One was a 1966 Shelby Mustang 350 GT and the second a stock 1966 Mustang donor-car, found together as “barn finds” and imported into Australia for restoration.

The inspection of the Mustangs took a full 8-hour day with five people. The front brake pads, rear brake shoes, exhaust manifold and exhaust pipe gaskets from both cars plus the add-on A/C compressor from the stock Mustang were all taken for inspection. Some of the sealer from inside the wheel wells, around the firewall and the caulking around the windshield were also removed for testing. Additionally, samples were cut from the headliner material, the door frame inner padding, the hood scoop, the brake air ducts, the windshield washer bag and sample sections were cut from the wiring loom. As the 350 GT was pushed onto a hoist the ribbed aluminium oil pan fins were damaged. As the day wound down the inspector recommended the removal of the engine and transmission for disassembly and removal of the front fenders and doors for further examination. Because of that day’s interpretation of the regulations, the owner was not allowed to be at the inspection.

ABF required both a removal expert and an assessor to supervise the work, a hygienist to test the air for asbestos (how could I make this up) and two mechanics in space suits, all to remove a clutch. The caulking around the windshield, firewall and inner wheel wells was also removed but reason prevailed and so the engines were not disassembled. Both cars were then released to the owner.

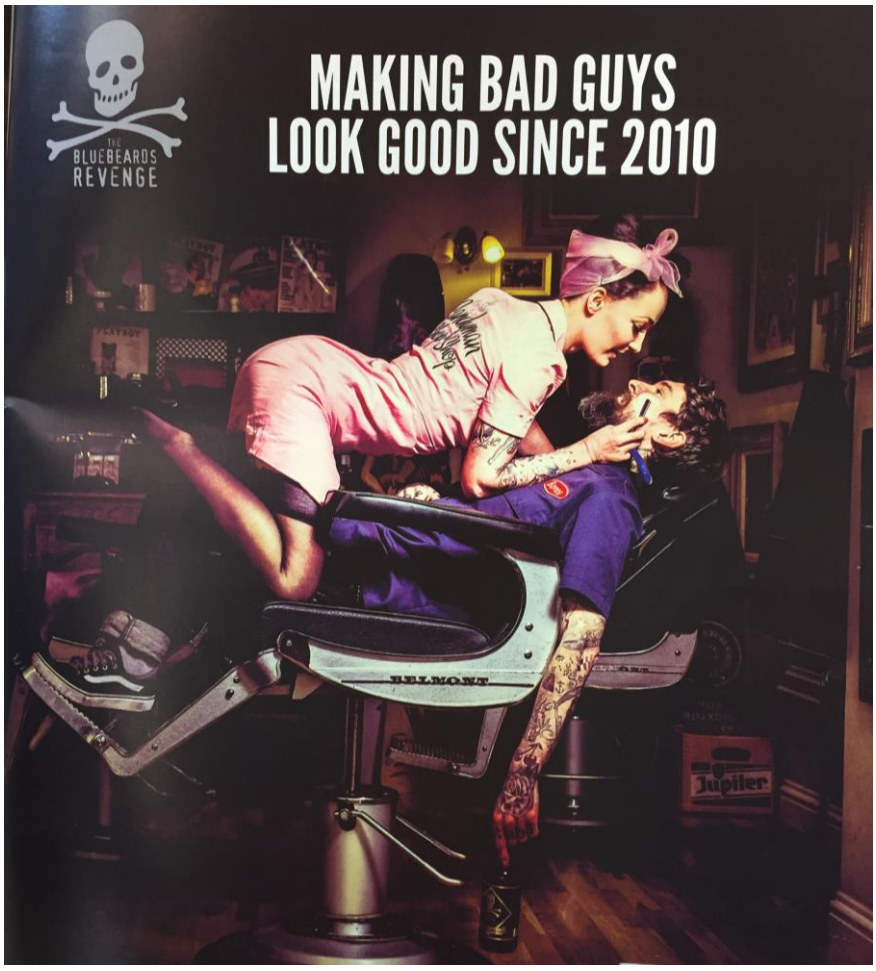
Total time was two months. Costs for the two removal experts, two assessors, two mechanics (twice), the hygienist, plus the asbestos lab analyses and bulk sample report was approximately $15,000, not including the damage and cost to replace the seized parts on both cars plus the possibility of fines for non-compliance.

All imported cars must obtain an asbestos test for their vehicles BEFORE they are shipped to Australia, but few countries have certified collector car asbestos inspectors. If asbestos is identified, it must be removed before the vehicle is shipped and owners must confirm the vehicle is asbestos free. The ABF doesn't have the time, space and manpower to inspect every car, but no-one should take the risk of being caught up in the costs and damage of a random inspection, the possible seizure and destruction of the car plus the reality of fines because the seized parts are not zero asbestos compliant.

> Website comment, 28 Sept, 2017
> *"After the collapse of the car manufacturing industry in Australia in 2017, the New Car Dealers Association made sure the Australian Government were reminded of a Car Asbestos Law passed in 2003. This was done to help cut off the tidal wave of cheaper cars that would now be allowed to come into the country, due to the collapse of the local car manufacturers. It has nothing to do with asbestos and safety for the Australian public, it is all to do with the protection of New Car Dealers in Australia. This is simply a ban on the importation of classic cars into Australia ….."*

The Australian Imported Motor Vehicle Industry Association is lobbying the ABF to standardize a consistent inspection regime, but the extra red tape, inspection costs and uncertainty have slowed imports to a crawl. Additionally, the new rules apply to imports AND exports, which will be another yet-to-be-defined learning curve!

GOT YOU WORRIED? Relax with a haircut……..



CONGRATULATIONS BOB & JENNY!

Two more well-deserved prizes for Bob and Jenny from the September Car Show at Berrima, and the Crookwell Car Show at Crookwell in October. Well done!

CORVETTE CARS and PARTS FOR SALE

SEATS TO SUIT C3

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

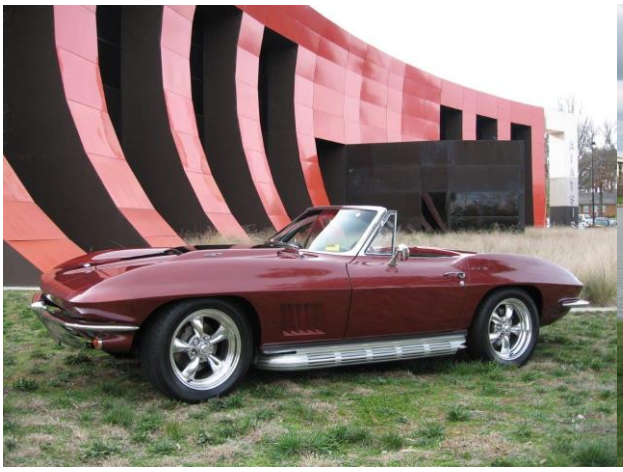
2 X New front wheel hubs 84 – 90 (31607 A12-05-02)
2 X New rear wheel hubs 84 – 96 (31608 A50-01-02 513013E)
2 X New rear wheel bearing inner seals 84 – 85 (46966)
2 X Red Tail lights
1 X New complete suspension bush set Prothane 84-96 (7-2013-BL)
1 X New right hand side main door weather seal 84 – 89 (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

<u>TWO</u> HARD TOPS for CORVETTE (1968-75)

Please contact Keith Millard on (02) 6962 3785 or 0439 696 141

FOR SALE: 1967 CORVETTE ROADSTER, $120,000



This classic has undergone a meticulous body-off restoration to the highest standard of originality resulting in an award winner.

This fine example of GM styling (combined with raw power) was imported by the current owner from the USA in 2004 and has been driven no more than 2,000 reliable and fault-free miles since its restoration was completed in 2006. With 390HP @ 5,400 rpm and 460 lb-ft @ 3,600 rpm this L36 427 ci big block, mated to the Muncie close-ratio 4 speed transmission is guaranteed to exhilarate.

This beautifully piece of history is unsurpassed and will not disappoint its new owner.

Left Hand Drive	NSW Registration
Exterior Colour: Marlboro Maroon	Interior Colour: Black
Transmission: 4 Speed Manual	Body: Roadster
Engine: 427 cid with side pipes	Brake Horsepower: 390HP @ 5,400 rpm
Torque: 460 lb-ft @ 3,600 rpm	Compression ratio: 10.25:1

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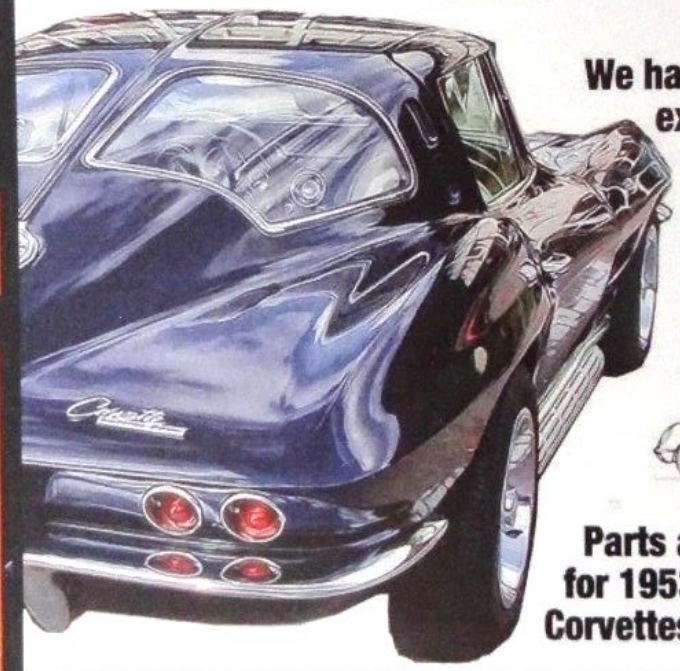

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