



## CORVETTES OF CANBERRA CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2023

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**REGULAR EVENTS** – more details by text message

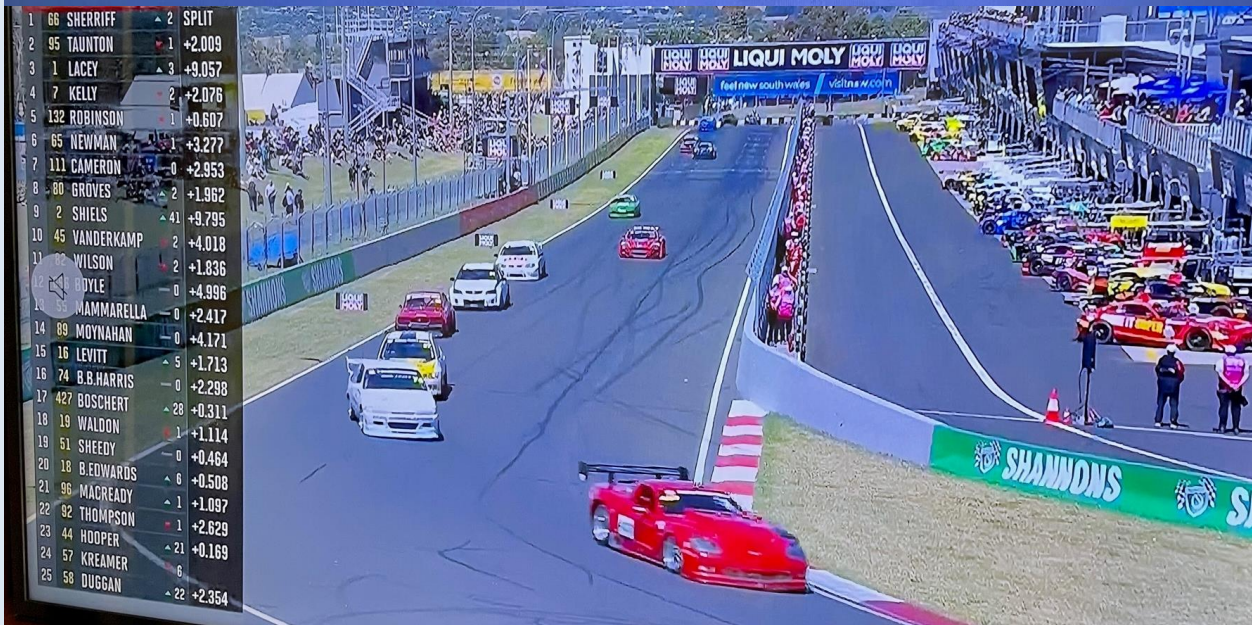
Club Dinners – First Friday in the month

Club Drives – First Sunday in the month, 9.30am the Eagle, Reid, for 10am departure

**Corvette Nationals 2023 – Ballarat, 24-27 March 2023**



**Canberra's Paul Boschert in a great top 10 finish at the Bathurst Races in a supporting event for the Bathurst 12 Hour Race, February 2023**



## ***President's Report***

Hi All,

We have had a good start to the year with a number of Club events, including a club drive and dinner, and the opportunity to meet with new members.

We can now look forward to the Corvette Nationals on 24-27 March in Ballarat! It is the first Nationals after two years of COVID-cancellations, including a cancelled Nationals in Canberra. All indications are for a record attendance this year.

We also have a good number of Canberra (and Coast) members going to the Nationals this year. Our group will also meet up with NSW members for the final drive to Ballarat.

Our new Committee will also have its first formal meeting soon and work on the Club program of events for the year ahead – the Committee will also welcome fresh ideas from members!

Checkout the reports in this Newsletter on Club events and other Vette news – including which sportscar is better than sex and any car at twice the price!

Looking forward to a return to a more normal year and regular events!

Happy Vetting!

*Terry Ruse*

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## PAUL BOSCHERT AT THE BATHURST RACES, February 2023

Paul had an eventful race day! Read his account below, but from a start at the back of the grid, because of incidents during practice, he stormed through the field in the race for an impressive finish in the top ten. The Vette looked great, particularly with flames from the exhausts – for the cameras.



### Bathurst 12 hour Combined Sedans Qualifying and Races

**Qualifying 1.** Short session due to a Red Flag Position 5

**Qualifying 2.** Another short session P4

#### **Race 1**

Started fourth from combined Qualifying Session shortly after the race started. Made a pass up Mountain Straight to take third and a move at Skyline to put us into second. Unfortunately we had suspension failure on lap 2 and had to park the car at the bottom of Conrod Straight.

#### **Race 2**

Started 49<sup>th</sup> and pasted 23 cars on the first lap when a car lost control - *and T-boned us in the Chase at 200kph and ended our race.*

#### **Race 3**

After five hours of repairs and patching up the car we started again at 49<sup>th</sup>. Lost 5<sup>th</sup> gear early on and struggled to generate speed up Mountain Straight and down Conrod - *but still managed to come home 9<sup>th</sup>.*

A frustrating weekend all round.



R3	3/10			
1	66	SHERRIFF	▲ 2	SPLIT
2	95	TAUNTON	▼ 1	+2.009
3	1	LACEY	▲ 3	+9.057
4	7	KELLY	▼ 2	+2.078
5	132	ROBINSON	▼ 1	+0.607
6	65	NEWMAN	▼ 1	+3.277
7	111	CAMERON	▼ 0	+2.953
8	80	GROVES	▼ 2	+1.982
9	2	SHIELS	▲ 41	+9.795
10	45	VANDERKAMP	▼ 2	+4.018
11	10	WILSON	▼ 2	+1.836
12	10	DOYLE	▼ 0	+4.996
13	10	MAMMARELLA	▼ 0	+2.417
14	89	MOYNAHAN	▼ 0	+4.171
15	16	LEVITT	▼ 5	+1.713
16	74	B.B.HARRIS	▼ 0	+2.298
17	427	BOSCHERT	▼ 28	+0.311
18	19	WALDON	▼ 1	+1.114
19	51	SHEEDY	▼ 0	+0.464
20	18	B.EDWARDS	▼ 6	+0.508
21	96	MACREADY	▼ 1	+1.097
22	82	THOMPSON	▼ 1	+2.629
23	44	HOOPER	▼ 21	+0.169
24	57	KREAMER	▼ 6	
25	58	DUGGAN	▼ 22	+2.354





From 49<sup>th</sup> on the grid, passed 23 cars on lap one, lost 5<sup>th</sup> gear - but finished 9<sup>th</sup> after a tough day!

SEASON 2023 RACE 3		SESSION RESULTS		
2023 WOLU MOLU BATHURST 12 HOUR		DUGGAN FAMILY HOTELS BATHURST COMBINED SEDANS		
1	95	GEOFFREY TAUNTON	EEA GROUP/MARC CARS AUSTRALIA	00:30:06
2	1	STEVEN LACEY	REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA	+11.402
3	132	MICHAEL ROBINSON	THE COACHING ROOM	+11.785
4	65	RICK NEWMAN	NULINE HOMES	+15.515
5	7	MASON KELLY	MALIDOT / NAVIGATOR	+17.366
6	80	TONY GROVES	VALVOLINE/MORNINGTON MAZDA	+17.988
7	44	LIAM HOOPER	RACETECH PERFORMANCE	+25.414
8	111	SCOTT CAMERON	INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL PARTNERS	+25.886
9	58	MARK DUGGAN	DFR DUGGAN FAMILY HOTELS	+33.606
10	427	PAUL BOSCHERT	WELDCRAFT MOTORSPORT	+35.118





## CLUB VETTES AT WHEELS, Queanbeyan, 19 February 2023

Great display of Club Vettes on a perfect day, including Brent's latest Vette – a C6 ZR1 – with lots of other classics, modern and older exotica, and antiques for to enjoy.





















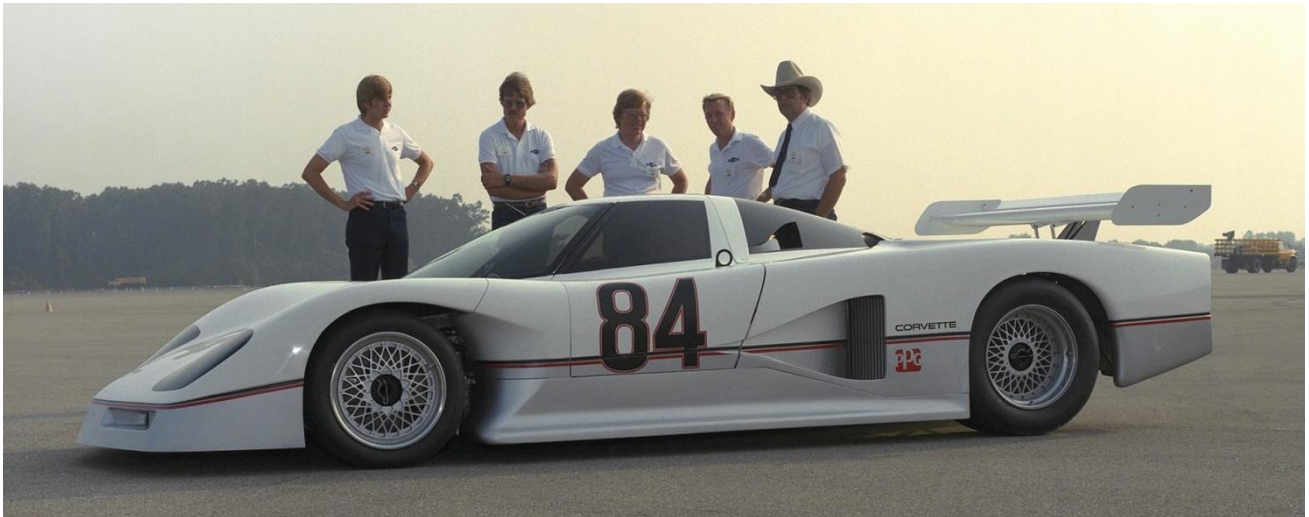
**THE Z06 IS BETTER THAN SEX AND ANY CAR AT TWICE THE PRICE! The Weekend Australian, February 2023**

That is according to the Motoring Columnist in his article below! Even at \$300 grand without a warranty.





## 1984 Chevrolet Corvette GTP



The Chevrolet Corvette GTP was a GTP-class racing car that was raced in the IMSA GT Championship from 1984 to 1989. The car was developed by General Motors and Lola Cars International. Although, it bears the Chevrolet Corvette name, the car didn't share any similarities with the Corvette.

This exotic race car was built using an English Lola T600 chassis and is equipped with a turbocharged Chevy V6. This mid-engine racer was one of the fastest race cars back in the day. The engine can pump out more than 1,000 horsepower making it a rocketship and allowing it to claim several victories in its name.

[Corvette Of The Day: 1984 Chevrolet Corvette GTP | CorvSport.com](https://www.corvsport.com/corvette-of-the-day-1984-chevrolet-corvette-gtp/)

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## [2023 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06 Takes on a McLaren 765LT](#)



[2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 Takes On A McLaren 765LT | CorvSport.com](https://www.corvsport.com/2023-chevrolet-corvette-z06-takes-on-a-mclaren-765lt/)

Edmunds recently lined up a 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 against a McLaren 765LT on their U-Drags course. This is a unique drag race in which two cars start with a quarter-mile run followed by making a sharp u-turn as they head towards the finish line. It should be interesting to see which of these two cars cross the finish line first!



Checkout the action! As tested, with prices in US\$:

- The Z06 is \$160,505 and 670HP with a 5.5 litre V8
- The McLaren is \$489,110 and 755HP with a twin turbo 4.0 litre V8



THE NUMBERS

**2022 MCLAREN 765LT**

<b>ENGINE</b>	TWIN-TURBO 4.0L V8
<b>POWERTRAIN</b>	8-SPEED DUAL-CLUTCH AUTO, RWD
<b>POWER</b>	755 HP, 590 LB-FT
<b>BASE PRICE</b>	\$388,000 (W/DESTINATION)
<b>PRICE AS TESTED</b>	\$489,110 (W/DESTINATION)
<b>WEIGHT AS TESTED</b>	3,060 LBS
<b>WEIGHT TO POWER</b>	4.05 LBS/HP

The image shows a blue McLaren 765LT sports car parked on a paved surface. A white information box is overlaid on the car, providing technical specifications. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery.



THE NUMBERS

**2023 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06**

<b>ENGINE</b>	5.5L V8
<b>POWERTRAIN</b>	8-SPEED DUAL-CLUTCH AUTO, RWD
<b>POWER</b>	670 HP, 460 LB-FT
<b>BASE PRICE</b>	\$109,295 (W/DESTINATION)
<b>PRICE AS TESTED</b>	\$160,505 (W/DESTINATION)
<b>WEIGHT AS TESTED</b>	3,681 LBS
<b>WEIGHT TO POWER</b>	5.49 LBS/HP

The image shows a dark grey Chevrolet Corvette Z06 sports car parked on a paved surface. A white information box is overlaid on the car, providing technical specifications. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery.



## CORVETTE NATIONALS 2023, Ballarat, 24-27 March 2023

More details and registration form at [www.corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals](http://www.corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals)



Corvettes of Melbourne, Vic Vettes and Surfcoast Corvettes will host the first Corvette Nationals since Queensland in 2019, due to the enduring Covid 19 pandemic. It is important that we recognise and thank the South Australian and Canberra Clubs for their ongoing efforts attempting to hold the Nationals in the face of insurmountable odds.

Taking place in historic Ballarat, the **2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals** will run from **24-27 March**. This event has been moved away from Easter to avoid congestion and make our event more affordable for attendees.

All rooms have been secured at **Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre**, which will transform into the Corvette HQ during the event. The campus-style facility means your cherished Corvettes can be parked immediately adjacent to, or in close proximity to your room, with additional security provided. The good news is we've been able to negotiate a fantastic rate for these Nationals so we advise you to get your bookings in early – otherwise, overflow accommodation will be available at a nearby hotel.

Spruce up your Corvettes, pack your favourite convention- and nationals- themed shirts, dig out your club regalia, pack your gold dancing shoes for the Gala dinner, and make your way to Ballarat for fun with the Corvette family. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and to meeting the growing number of new enthusiasts.

**2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals**  
**Friday 24 March until Monday 27 March**  
**Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre**

The Nationals will be held in and around Ballarat, Victoria's third largest city. During the 1800s, Ballarat was the epicentre of Australia's first gold rush, spawning the Eureka stockade as well as a rich history, culture, and well-preserved colonial-era heritage. That's why we're calling this event the **2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals** – we'll also take the opportunity to profile and feature the new Corvette C8.

### *The Program*

#### **Friday 24 March 2023**

On Friday, book into the event, receive your gift bag, and mingle at the traditional **Meet and Greet** to follow that night.

**The National Presidents' meeting will take place at 4pm.**

#### **Saturday 25 March 2023**

A **Show 'n' Shine** will be held at scenic Lake Wendouree.

On Saturday night, we'll venture over to **Sovereign Hill** for a unique gold rush experience and to take a closer look into history of the era. Substantial finger food will be provided and drinks will be available to purchase from the bar.

#### **Sunday 26 March 2023**

On Sunday, we'll take a **picturesque cruise** through the local gold country and surrounding country towns, enjoying lunch together and some **Show 'n' Shine awards** presentations before returning to the Mercure Hotel.

Upon arrival back at the hotel, there will be time to relax and have a drink with old and new friends.

The **gold-themed gala dinner** will be held on Sunday night at the Mercure Hotel. There will be plenty of music, so glam up in your finest attire, dress to impress, and wear your best gold dancing shoes. Here, there will be additional presentations as well as auctions and raffles.

#### **Monday 27 March 2023**

Time to pack your Corvettes, say **farewell**, and make the safe journey home.



## CORVETTE CARS and PARTS FOR SALE

**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

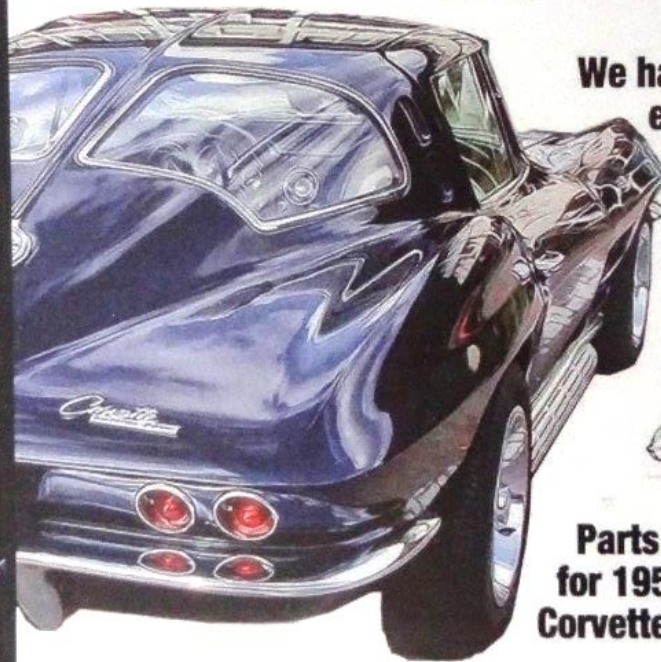


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