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PREDIDENTS REPORT - Murray Forman

It has been a great year so far, Wendy & I have just returned back home from attending the NCRS National Convention and Road Tour in America at San Diego. As always the convention was spectacular with the highest level of corvettes on display, all striving to achieve the highest awards in NCRS. As well as the cars on display and being judged, there was also a great display of merchandise and suppliers of products for the corvette.

At the Membership Meeting, NCRS Australia was awarded for the Chapter Top Flight Award this being in consecutive years. Once again, congratulations to the Chapter on this achievement. I have attached a photo in my later report.

At the Convention there was one 1959 going for a Duntov Award, this car is owned by Greg & Dianne Halliday of New Zealand along with the assistance of Ralph Ridge who has completely restored this vehicle to its present condition. Both Ralph and Greg have taken this car all around America to achieve all the pre-requisites to be able to attempt the Duntov Award at this year's Nationals. It gives me great pleasure to report that the car did achieve the Duntov Award which was presented to Greg & Dianne at the Presentation Dinner. Congratulations to Greg & Dianne and Ralph Ridge for achieving such a high Award. Greg's car also received the first International Mark of Excellence Award in New Zealand prior to going back to America. Greg was also represented the IMO Award at the Presentation Dinner as well.

Prior to the National Convention, Wendy & I participated in our fourth road tour from Denver to San Diego. This road tour was organized by Ralph & Sharon Ridge. As always congratulations for the hard work they put into these Road Tours. If you are ever intending to go to a National and Ralph & Sharon are doing a tour, I strongly recommend that you join in and have fun like we all do. Unfortunately prior to the Road Tour starting, Sharon had a bad fall and she was unable to participate due to having surgery. This also eliminated Ralph from the start of the Road Tour but he was able to join us at the end. NCRS Australia Inc. would like to send Sharon all our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

As Ralph was unable to start this tour, he handed his reigns to Jerry & Felicia Mullick who did a fantastic job on controlling the Road Tour. Big congratulations and thanks go to both of them for a spectacular job.

Our membership is staying quite strong, but we need to keep looking for ways to improve the membership, so if anyone has any ideas, I would be very interested to hear from you.

Since our return we have been working on some upcoming Chapter Events. At the moment we have not confirmed any dates yet but will be coming out in emails in the very near future. I would like to give you a broad coverage of our intentions as follows.

9th–11th November 2012, we have arranged a weekend Chapter Meet in Victoria, more details as they are confirmed.

In October/ November we are also arranging a road tour in Perth for the International Mark of Excellence participants over there, to continue the qualifications required for this Award.

On March 23rd – 24th, we are working on a Chapter Meet prior to the National Convention in QLD (Toowoomba). There will also be a Road Tour from Sydney to Toowoomba covering March 24th to the 29th going through the Hunter Valley (wineries). I am also trying to arrange an NCRS display at this National to give us more exposure. We also intend to do other activities in QLD and complete a second Road Tour down the coast back to Sydney. We are hoping we can get a strong contingent from America to participate in these activities. Once again details to follow. Once we have confirmed these dates, please try and support your Chapter by attending these events.

At the moment, the Chapter is holding a reasonable amount of memorabilia so please support the Chapter by purchasing some of these items.

Sponsorship plays a large part in the support of the Chapter so if any of you can help out with information about prospective sponsors; please contact me with this information.

Please do not forget the Editor, who is patiently waiting for your input of stories, pictures even funnies would be fantastic, without these, the Newsletter cannot survive.

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.

Vice Presidents Report – David Adler

David and Melissa are excited to announce the arrival of their baby boy, Lachlan George Alder. Lachlan was born at midday on 4 July 2012, weighing 3.65kg (8lbs), and 52cm in length.

Special thanks to Dr Timothy Jeffery and the staff of the labour ward at St John of God Hospital, Subiaco. Mum is doing well, Lachlan is very handsome and says hello. Attached are a few photos from the first 48 hours



NCRS Australia Inc. Judging Points to August 2012

MBRSHP#	J/LEVEL	FIRST	LAST	TABULATOR LEVEL
42970	2.5	Deborah	Barrett	2.0
42970	7.6	Ron	Barrett	
29677	3.7	Neil	Fletcher	
37371	17.7	Wendy	Forman	7.0
37371	20.7	Murray	Forman	5.0
41169	1.3	Wayne	Heale	
39806	2.7	Lon	LeMaster	
45779	4.0	Andrew	Mavin	
42161	3.0	Scott	Morden	
41733	1.5	Scott	Munter	
41738	2.5	Louis	Rokas	2.9
45236	0.9	Charlie	Saliba	
44877	2.5	Charles	Spiteri	
43302	1.2	Peter	Steves	
45245	5.3	Richard	Stones	
43522	4.9	Peter	Whiston	
45210	0.2	Pam	Woods	1.5
45210	3.1	Colin	Woods	
30573	6.0	Terry	Martin	
7547	5.8	Collin	Morris	
7547	0.3	Steven	Morris	
7547	0.1	Paul	Morris	
45787	5.8	David	Alder	
7471	0.6	Richard	Geiger	
43153	1.4	Terry	Ruse	
27180	0.8	Brent	Carr	
41643	0	Andrew	Christopoulos	
41753	0	Col	Harrison	
46149	5.9	Richard	Dickens	
46149	0.5	Kristine	Dickens	3.0
49104	2.2	Greg	Euston	
40964	0.5	Bryan	Wharton	
47283	0.5	Emmanuauel	Gaganis	
38060	0	AJ	Martin	
45686	1.4	Chris	Farrer	
31581	1.8	Martin	Kilbane	
48091	3.6	Frank	Breekveldt	
48091	0.9	John	Breekveldt	
48986	1.1	Morten	Benjaminsen	
46239	0.6	Zeljko	Sunjich	
46532	6.4	Gary	Wilkinson	0.5
46532	2.0	Tania	Culling	0.5
48572	0.5	Ray	Atkinson	
30373	2.3	Gary	Cowans	
46404	2.0	Neil	Bishop	
47865	0.7	Jarran	Baker	
47924	1.3	Clint	Messenger	
47967	0	John	Poynton	
52467	0	Jessica	Lucas	
53683	.4	Joe	Caruana	
51774	.4	Harry	Turner	
53815	0	Domonic	Lupis	
54629	.1	Shane	Bennett	
51443	0	Allan	Doggett	
51417	.6	Mark	Bojanjac	

**EXPLANATION OF THE JUDGING LEVEL: 4.3 LEVEL MEANS YOU HAVE 43 POINT
1.1 LEVEL MEANS YOU HAVE 11 POINTS. YOU NEED 10 POINTS TO BECOME A "LEVEL 1 JUDGE.**

Murray, Wendy, Harry & Dianne's USA Trip 2012

Once again the time has come around for our annual pilgrimage to the NCRS National Convention in America. This year dear friends of ours Harry & Di Turner joined us on our trek.

We all departed Sydney on 10th June and flew to Hawaii, Waikiki, where we each had a condo unit in the Waikiki Shores on the beach. We all agreed we would spend six days unwinding and enjoying the sunshine, as it was winter back here in Australia.



While in Hawaii, we did the normal touristy things and went on a helicopter ride around the Island we also did a tour of the Missouri and also went to Pearl Harbour Memorial. I have got to say, it was quite strange to see so many Japanese attending this memorial, so I asked one of the security guards why are they here after Japan had inflicted this disaster on America. I was very surprised with the response I got; firstly he said “this is a completely different generation” and that this is the actual spot where Japan was changed as well. In the sense that they went from a Ruler to being controlled by America and its allies, this was like a new beginning for them so the younger generation came here to pay their respects and their new future.



On the last day we decided to hire a car and drive completely around the Island, you can do this all except for one small section where there are no roads. Then off to the airport and our six hour flight direct to Denver. On our arrival, we were met at the airport by Kay & Jim Hilton and Wayne & Liz Rogers.

Harry & Di then spent a week with Jim & Kay staying at another dear friends place Lisa and Dirk Gaddis.

Murray & Wendy spent a couple of days with Liz & Wayne, and then moved on to Monument staying with Eckhard & Terri Pobuda.

This was around the time the fires started in Colorado so we were on fire watch. So for seven days it was quite tense watching the devastation caused by the fires.

Bolivian Lion House

This 15,000 Square Foot building was designed and created to house 25 African Lions that were rescued from Bolivia.

The Lions came from eight separate circuses after they failed to comply with a new Bolivian law that made it illegal to use animals in circus acts or displays.

The 25 Lions were rescued from Bolivia in conjunction with Animal Defenders International, as well as Game Show Host Bob Barker.

The Lions came to Colorado in February, so this unique building was created to help buffer them from the cold winter weather while they acclimated to their new home.

The Lions come in eight different groups originally, and over time, were given the opportunity to socialize with each other. Over time, the 8 groups formed four distinct Prides.

Each Pride now lives in 20 acre free-roaming habitats, but still has access to the building whenever they wish.

Since the Bolivian rescue, the Sanctuary has also rescued three female African Lions from a tiny roadside zoo in Panama, and they too live in this complex.

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THE WILD ANIMAL
Sanctuary

I am not sure that you are aware of a place in Colorado called the Wild Animal Sanctuary, this is where animals are rescued from situations in America where people have exotic pets e.g.; tigers, lions etc. then discover how big they grow and they need acreage to roam, not an apartment in NY. They also rescue distressed animals from other countries as well, which brings us to our story about the Bolivian Lions, 25 were rescued and brought to Colorado to the Sanctuary. Wendy & I have adopted one of these lions, she is called CHITARA, see her below WOW. It is fantastic to see them all relaxed and unstressed as they were in their circus environment locked up in a tiny cage.



This is her sleeping (on the right) in her bedroom. And below is her playground



On Sunday 24th June, was the start of the Road Tour to San Diego where we were all to meet at the Motel in Colorado Springs and have a “drivers Meeting” then dinner at the Flying W Ranch, but alas, because of the fires, this was cancelled. Unfortunately two days later the Flying W Ranch was destroyed completely. This Road Tour was organized by Ralph & Sharon Ridge who as always do an unbelievable organizing job. But just prior to the Road Tour leaving, Sharon had an accident and required surgery on both wrists, so Ralph was unable to run the tour so the Leadership was handed over to Gerry & Felicia Mullock also Australian members as well.

At this point, we would like to say thank you very much to both of you for a marvellous job on such short notice, well done.



So the decision was made to have our Meeting and Dinner back at Eck and Terri's place in Monument, thanks to them for their generous offer and they saved the night, especially as it was their 40th Wedding Anniversary, Congratulations Terri & Eck.





At the party it was great to see a surprise visitor, Lou and Vanessa Rokas and Andy were there for a visit. They just happened to be in the area at the right time, so they joined us.

For your information, Lou is one of our Life Members in NCRS Australia Chapter and it was tremendous to see them there.



June 25th we all left Colorado Springs, led by our Team Leader Eckhard Pobuda and Jack Humphrey in Eck's 1992 convertible, (Murray & Wendy in our shopping trolley Chevy Captiva) and Harry & Di in their shopping trolley as well.

There was also a big contingency from New Zealand attending the Road Tour as one of their members Greg & Diane Halliday were having their corvette judged at San Diego for a Duntov Award so this was a special trip for them. John & Carol Daley hired a Camaro to do the road tour in. We all headed off for Durango stopping on the way at Alamosa and also the Great San Dunes National Park, which was spectacular.



June 26th we spent two days in Durango and met up with the rest of the NZ mob, Greg and Diane Halliday, Graham & Veronica McDonald and Brian & Kerry Mae and Dave & Karen and John & Carol Daley, as well, this being a total of ten New Zealanders to four Aussies. Even though we were outnumbered, we all had a fantastic time together as usual. The steam train trip to Silverton was spectacular very picturesque, lots of photos. Unfortunately because of the approaching fires in Colorado, Eckhard had to return home to evacuate horses and themselves.

Seeing there was such a large group of New Zealanders, they created their own “Road Tour T-Shirts” as seen below, it says

CORVETTES, MADE IN THE USA DRIVEN IN OZ AND TAMED BY THE KIWIS. Pretty cool except, exactly what is the eagle doing to our poor ozzy Kangaroo ??? We are not sure about the Kiwi “drinking and driving the corvette”?? It would be acceptable if he had a VB in his hand.





We called in to the “Four Corners” Navajo Indian Reservation where there is a monument of the exact spot where the four states join at one point. The states are Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona s shown below with tourists with their hand and feet on each corner.



June 27th Jack had to change cars and became our Tour Leader with John Stutz in his C6. Today our destination was Winslow Arizona staying at the La Posada Hotel, highly recommend this hotel.

As you all know Winslow is on the Famous Route 66 and famous in the song “Take it Easy” by the Eagles.



June 28th on the road to Flagstaff today then through Sedona and on to a magnificent old mining town of Jerome. Then headed west through to Prescott and ended up in Wickenburg, on arrival there we got out of our cars and it was 109 F in the car park, the beer and wine was dry before it hit our lips. So the party was moved inside to the air conditioned hotel, much better, even too hot to swim in the pool.





After a discussion with Felicia, the decision was made, because of the drinks, not to drive out for dinner, so I arranged 22 pizzas to be delivered. This was a spur of the moment thing and turned out to be a great party.

June 29th today is our last road trip day and our “last night out” before arriving in San Diego. All the Road Tour participants from all states in America were to meet at a golf resort in Temecula in CA, then drive in a convoy the next morning.



June 30th Only Corvettes are allowed in the procession to San Diego, so Wendy & I and all other shopping trolley drivers proceeded

Directly to the Town & Country Convention Centre.



July 1st through to 4th was the National Convention. There was approx. 97 cars being judged and also being the Year of the 59, there was a display of 59's, both upstairs and downstairs at the Centre.

At the Presentation Dinner Greg & Diane Halliday were presented with their Duntov Award as well as re-presented with the NZ Mark of Excellence Award they had received earlier in the year. This is a good indicator of the level of cars that can achieve the International Mark of Excellence outside of America. Congratulations to you both. After the Convention, Greg & Di's car is going to the Museum to be on display for 12 months, and then return to NZ.



Also at the Presentation Dinner, NCRS Australia received its second year in a row Top Flight Chapter Award Banner; thanks must go to David Alder for doing a great job in Perth WA.



Wendy & I both participated in judging this year and also attended many Tech sessions. At the Members Meeting Murray was awarded his 200 level judging Black Cap, jacket and shirt, also Wendy & I received our Red Caps for achieving our International Mark of Excellence for our 1963 last year. The red cap is designed to give an Award to owners that are Master Judges that have their cars judged to the highest levels in the NCRS organization, so both of us are very honoured to receive this prestigious Red Cap.

As always, the Nationals were fantastic and an excellent way to see the highest level of the Corvette.

On the 4th of July we went to Bali Hai Restaurant and had a fantastic night with all our friends.

Below are our good friends Glenda and Dave McLellan sharing a MaiTai together. Also our table of friends at the dinner.





Hey Murray, I got my luggage downstairs. Where is yours?



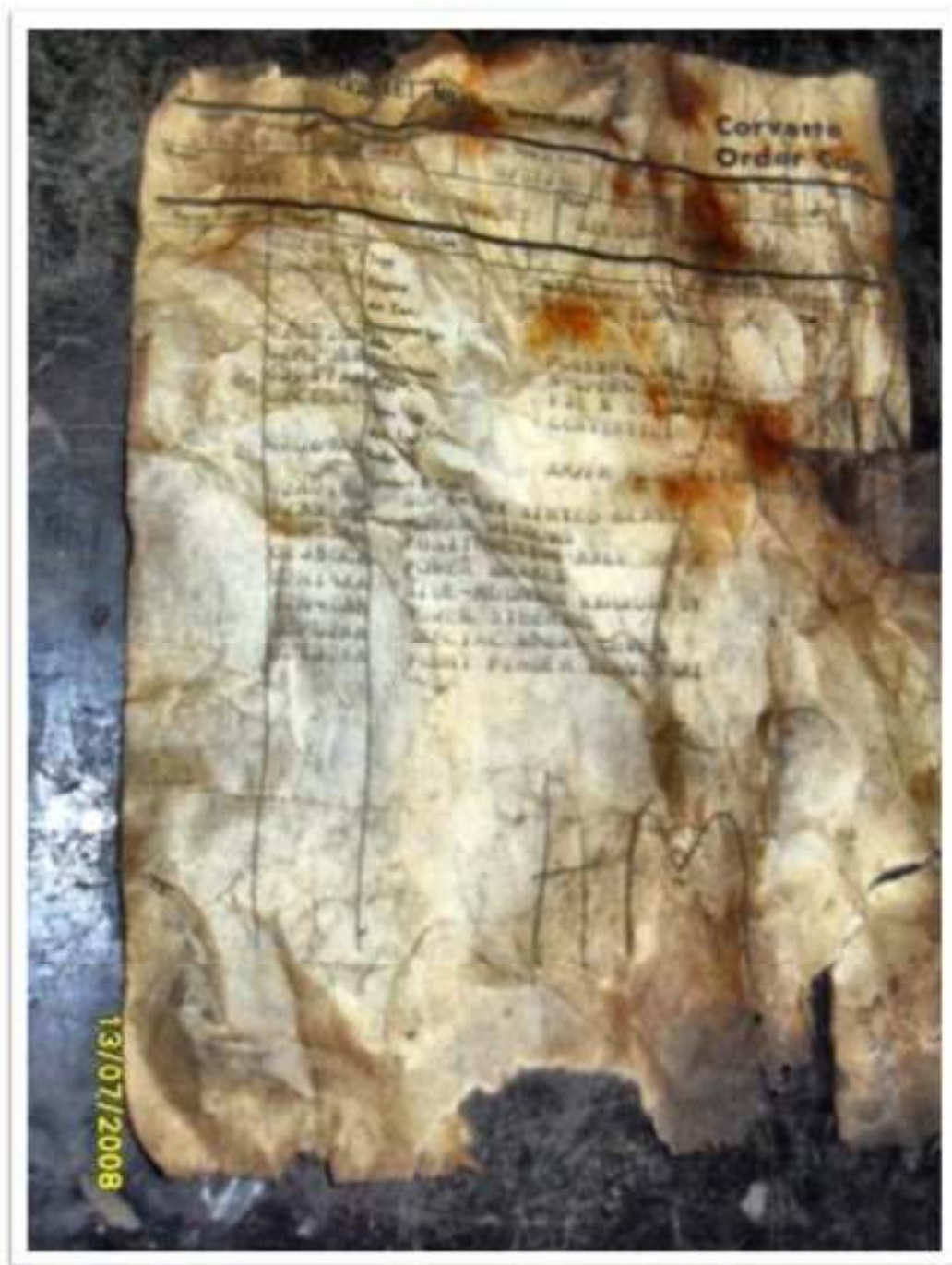
After the National Convention, Wendy & I moved on to prepare our latest acquisition to our stable, the decision was made for us to travel “light” woops, I guess we failed again, Oh well.

Below is our new car a 1967 427/435 Tri-power, Goodwood Green convertible, it is being shipped home as we write this.



1969 Vette Build Sheet, A rare find

One of our chapter members Charlie Spiteri is working on a 69, doing a body off restoration. While working on the chassis, he was working at the front and happened to look in to the large hole on the left side at the front where the steering box goes. He noticed something inside and at first he thought it was a large leaf from a tree, so he started to pull it out through the hole. Guess what he found NOT A LEAF but THE BUILD SHEET for the car as shown in photo. WHAT A FIND



Felony Charges for Man Accused of Forging the VIN of a 1966 Corvette

A Corvette dream has turned into a nightmare for an owner of a 1966 Corvette when he found out that his 427 big block had a forged vehicle identification number.

Robert C. Ernst of North Tonawanda, NY found out about the problem after his Corvette was disqualified from a National Corvette Restorers Society judging event in Ontario last summer.

That revelation has led to criminal charges filed against the man who sold him the Corvette with the allegedly false VIN.

The 65 year old Ernst is no stranger to Corvettes. He says he has restored six vintage Corvettes previously, selling each for a profit.

He bought this Corvette from Ronald Ellis of Wilson, NY for \$49,700 after seeing the unrestored car at a Riverside collision shop in 2008. "All Corvettes are kind of significant, but being an older one, the '63 through '67 [models] are considered special. This had a 427 [cubic-inch] engine," Ernst told Thomas Prohaska of the Buffalo News. Ernst says he then spent an additional \$75,000 to completely restore the Corvette to its original condition. "It's some of my retirement money," he said.

On June 9, 2011, Ernst took the Corvette to the NCRS show in London, Ontario.

"There are five teams of judges that go over the areas of the car. I was in the second area when the judge asked me if they could take a picture of the VIN tag," Ernst said. A few minutes later, the judge returned and told Ernst the Corvette was disqualified because the VIN was counterfeit. The judge told Ernst that the number was right for the car, but the lettering font and die marks on the tag were different than the ones GM used originally in 1966.

Ernst said, "They looked at this thing with a jeweler's loupe," a specialized magnifying glass.

After returning from the NCRS event, Ernst told his story to an investigator for the District Attorney's Office.

"Somewhere along the line, the car might have been stolen and recovered," Ernst said. "It had this weird sticker on it, 'GA7558.?'"

The investigation showed the Corvette was originally sold in 1966 by a Chevy dealer in Georgia. It was stolen and was eventually recovered by police sometime between 1966-1969. Because the original VIN was missing when it was recovered, Georgia's Department of Motor Vehicles rebranded it with the

GA7558 sticker. That of course, pretty much ruined the Corvette for future collectors.

The history of the Corvette also turned up seven previous owners in Niagara County.

Ernst believes that Georgia sticker was on the car when Ellis purchased the Corvette from a previous owner. He believes that Ellis used the existing VIN on the transmission as the basis for forging the new tag. “Apparently, the transmission never left the car,” Ernst said.

The District Attorney’s office charged Ellis with nine felonies – second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, forgery of a VIN, illegal possession of a VIN and five counts of offering a false instrument for filing.

Ellis has pleaded not guilty and the case is pending before the North Tonawanda City Court. Herbert Greenman is an attorney representing Ellis and says that his client had nothing to do with the replacement VIN tag.

“My client’s a terrific guy. He’s got a good job and a good family. He’s never had anything to do with the law,” Greenman said and added “What was happening with the VIN took place long before my client had the car. What Mr. Ernst believes to be a Georgia VIN, my client had nothing to do with.”



Myron Scott – Photographer who named the Corvette

DETROIT — Myron E. Scott, a newspaper photographer who created the Chevrolet-sponsored All-American Soap Box Derby and later named its equally All-American sports car -- the Corvette -- died at his home on Sunday, September 4 in Kettering (outside Dayton) Ohio. He was 91.

Services will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 7 at the Tobias Funeral Home in Kettering. Entombment will be in David's Mausoleum in Kettering. (Phone of funeral home is 937-252-3122.) Surviving is his wife of 68 years, Clara Jane. (They had no children.)

"Myron Scott made a tremendous contribution to the image of Chevrolet for three decades," said John G. Middlebrook, Chevrolet general manager and a General Motors vice president. "Myron's talent and creativity will long live in the Corvettes he named, and the excitement of tens of thousands of young competitors in the Soap Box Derby, which he originated."

Born in Camden, Ohio, Scott graduated from high school in Dayton and attended the Dayton Institute of Art. He was first an artist and then a staff photographer for the Dayton Daily News. To fill a Sunday feature page in 1933, he noticed two boys with rough, soap box-type cars a few blocks apart. He told them to get friends and he'd do a photo layout of a race. From this he got the idea for the Soap Box Derby.

There was great interest and later that year the newspaper ran a race that attracted 40,000 people to watch 300 young boys coast down Burkart Hill.

In 1934, the paper again sponsored the race in Dayton. In 1935 Chevrolet assumed sponsorship and the race moved to Akron with 32 cities entering. Scott joined Chevrolet in Detroit as assistant advertising manager to run the All-American Soap Box Derby, which became one of the nation's greatest amateur racing events. Chevrolet sponsored the Derby until 1972.

In 1953, Chevrolet introduced an all-new fiberglass sports car, and there was much indecision about a name. Many hundreds were rejected. Scott submitted "Corvette" because he said "it began with a `C'...rolled well off the tongue...and reflected the excitement of a fast World War II war ship named Corvette."

While he was honoured by Corvette owners for many decades, Scott downplayed his role in the car's success. "The name didn't sell the car," he said. "It was the designer's efforts. I was just another team player trying to do a job."

In 1955 Scott moved to the newly-formed Chevrolet Public Relations department as assistant director, responsible for photography of new cars, plus design of press kits, graphics and special events. He retired from Chevrolet in 1971.



C7 Chevrolet Corvette

Animation firm brings C7 Chevrolet Corvette conjectures to life



There have been some exciting versions of the current C6 Corvette, including the Z06, ZR1, and for us regular working' Joes, the Grand Sport. But anticipation for the next-generation C7 Corvette has been running high, as evidenced by the off-the-charts page views we got from some spy shots of a mule testing a few months ago. Well, Trinity Animation, a graphical animation firm based in Lee's Summit, Missouri, did one better by combining all the publicly-available knowledge, photos and renderings of the upcoming C7 and synthesizing all the information into a two and a half minute video giving us an idea of what it might look like "in..the..flesh".

Among some of the noteworthy details show in the video are rectangular taillights similar to those on the Camaro, center-mounted quad tailpipe tips, LED accent lighting in the headlamps, and aggressive front fender vents. Another cool feature, if it makes it to production, is the LED lights on the outer rear edge of the rear wheel wells. Also, rather than the domed glass hatch on the current C6 Corvette, this rendering of the C7 shows side rear-quarter windows, and a flat glass rear hatch.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=PfFyZ3aaiQg

NCRS Australia Inc. 2012 events and proposal for 2013 Itinerary

9th–11th November 2012 in Melbourne

We have been offered the use of the Chevrolet Car Club in conjunction with Vic Vets, the use of their Club House where we can carry out a Chapter Meet. We are giving you plenty of “heads up” so you can keep these dates free and support your Chapter by coming along.

We will be doing a "Road Tour" from NSW to VIC, so if you wish to join us, please let me know by email or phone 0402-917-400. I will be sending out the entry form for this event in the very near future.

The second event is going to be in Sydney.

Briefly this is an expression of interest for everybody, especially our International Members. This is prior to the National Convention being held in Toowoomba Qld 2013 on the Easter weekend.

March 22- 23: We will be holding a 2- day Chapter Meet at Kurrajong Hills.

March 24–29: The Road Tour for the Australian National Corvette Convention.

March 30–April 1: The Australian National Convention.

April 2–5: Road Tour back to Sydney. Toowoomba Qld

As stated in the attachments, for our International Chapter Members, there is the opportunity for you to drive a Corvette or "shopping cart" (which will have to be returned back to Sydney) by you. OR - If you do decide only to do the first section and fly from Brisbane back home, this will be OK as well, as we will be able to find transportation for you on the Road Tour to Brisbane.

Because of the length of time this event covers, there is a lot of organising to be done, so please, at this stage we would like you to only give us a commitment that you are interested. Once we get closer to the event we will then need a financial commitment in the form of deposits.

As you can imagine, we have accommodation, meals and venues to book and confirm, so again please let us know ASAP of your interests.

Also there will be another Chapter Meet in Perth towards the end of this year. The dates have not been confirmed at this stage, but you will be informed as soon as they are set.

We are intending to do a Judging School in Sydney on "the installation of a wiring harness on a C2". I am working on this at the moment, but as soon as I have confirmed the dates I will inform you.

NCRS Australia invites you all to attend the following proposed itinerary for the 2013 Corvette Extravaganza.

This is an expression of interest for all Chapter Members and for our International Members we suggest that we give you a window to fly into Sydney to see the Sydney sites prior to the NCRS Australia Chapter Meet

March 16th - 21st:

You will be picked up at the airport by Chapter members and accommodated by them in their homes to exclude any accommodation charges.

March 22nd / 23rd:

NCRS Australia will hold a 2-day Chapter Meet at Murray & Wendy's home Kurrajong Hills Sydney.

March 24th:

We will commence a road tour from Sydney to Toowoomba in Queensland where the Australian National Corvette Convention will be held in 2013 over the Easter period.

For our International visitors you will be able to drive either a corvette or another of our cars, you will not have to hire any vehicle.

The first day will be approximately a 3-hour drive to the Hunter Valley, which is the premium wine growing area in NSW. We will have half a day and the following day touring the wineries.

The Hunter Valley is recognised as the birthplace of the multi-billion dollar-a-year wine making industry. The Hunter is renowned for its full-bodied white wines, 'medium weight reds' and some excellent ports.

Wine tasting in the Hunter is now an institution and an excellent introduction to the variety and quality of Australian wine.



March 25th:

We will arrange transportation in a mini bus and tour around some wineries and see the sights of the Hunter Region.

March 26th:

Then continue on with the road tour. Travel from the Hunter Valley to Coonabarabran and stay the night there. On the way, we will stop and sight-see some aboriginal hand stencil's on rock surfaces. Also see the Coolah Tops National Parks giant grass trees and huge snow gums.

Total of 386klm = 240 miles.

March 27th:

Travel from Coonabarabran to Narrabri. Stop along the way to see the Warrumbungle National Park and Siding Springs Observatory and the CSIRO 6 Dish's Australian Telescope Region and a quaint museum near Wee Waa.

Total 250klm = 155 miles.

March 28th:

Travel from Narrabri to St George

Total 335klm = 208 miles.

March 29th:

Travel from St George to Toowoomba, where the National Convention is held by all Corvette car clubs in Australia. Each year it rotates to different states. The normal attendance is approx. 300 people and approx. 150 corvettes.

On arrival at Toowoomba, we will book in to the Convention.

March 30th to April 1st:

Attend and participate in the Australian National Corvette Convention for 2013. I have attached the complete itinerary and information for this event.

April 1st:

Travel from Toowoomba to Noosa staying in Noosa area.

Total 363klm = 225 miles.

April 2nd:

Travel from Noosa to Gympie. Today we have more car stuff!! Firstly meeting at Roadside Relics with some great Aussie motoring history on offer i.e.; petrol bowsers, enamel signs, oil cans/jars and much more.

A short distance away, we move on to Performax International who are Australia's leading and most trusted RHD converter and retailer of American late model vehicles, specializing in Corvettes, Camaro's, Silverado's, Mustangs, Prowlers and Toyota Tundra, where we have been invited to have an open house inspection of their facilities.

After the inspection some members of the Road Tour will return to Noosa and staying there for a few days. If you wish to join them, this can be arranged. Otherwise the remainder will be travelling down through the Sunshine Coast visiting the Big Pineapple and looking at the Bowden Family motor sport collection with no fewer than 40 motor sport vehicles from the Australian Motor Sport History. After which we travel on to Coolangatta. Stay the night here.
Total 353kml = 219 miles.

April 3rd:

Travel from Coolangatta to Nambucca Heads sightseeing on the way. We travel south along the Pacific Highway with short stops at coastal regions along the way, Cape Byron, Yamba for lunch; stay the night at Nambucca Heads.
Total 336 Km = 208 miles.

April 4th:

Travel from Nambucca Heads to Nelsons Bay sightseeing on the way, time permitting this afternoon to take a whale & dolphin spotting cruise, stay here the night.
Total 364 Km = 226 miles.

April 5th:

If the whale & dolphin spotting did not take place yesterday, this will happen today in the morning. After lunch we head back to Kurrajong Hills Sydney.
Total 283 Km = 175 miles.

We are sending you this information to get an indication of an Expression of Interest from you to experience our Chapter Meet at Kurrajong Hills, a Road Tour to Toowoomba

Enjoying the wineries in the Hunter Valley, travelling through inner NSW regions to QLD, experiencing the Australian National Corvette Convention, seeing one of Australia's RHD conversion companies, seeing the coastal region from QLD to Sydney enjoying whale and dolphin watching cruise at Nelsons Bay.

So all I ask at this time is your interest in joining us on this experience. As you can appreciate, there is still a lot of organizing to be done and without having any indicated numbers; it is hard to organize the trip. Please contact me by email eagleviews@bigpons.com or mobile phone 0402-917400 with your response.

Thank you,

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.

How many of you remember the trams of Sydney? Thanks to Col Harrison



→ The through tram to Balmoral leaves first, followed by two toastracks which will make the short run up the hill. A sign advises patrons to take the tram to the top gate. Many follow this advice, but some prefer to walk.



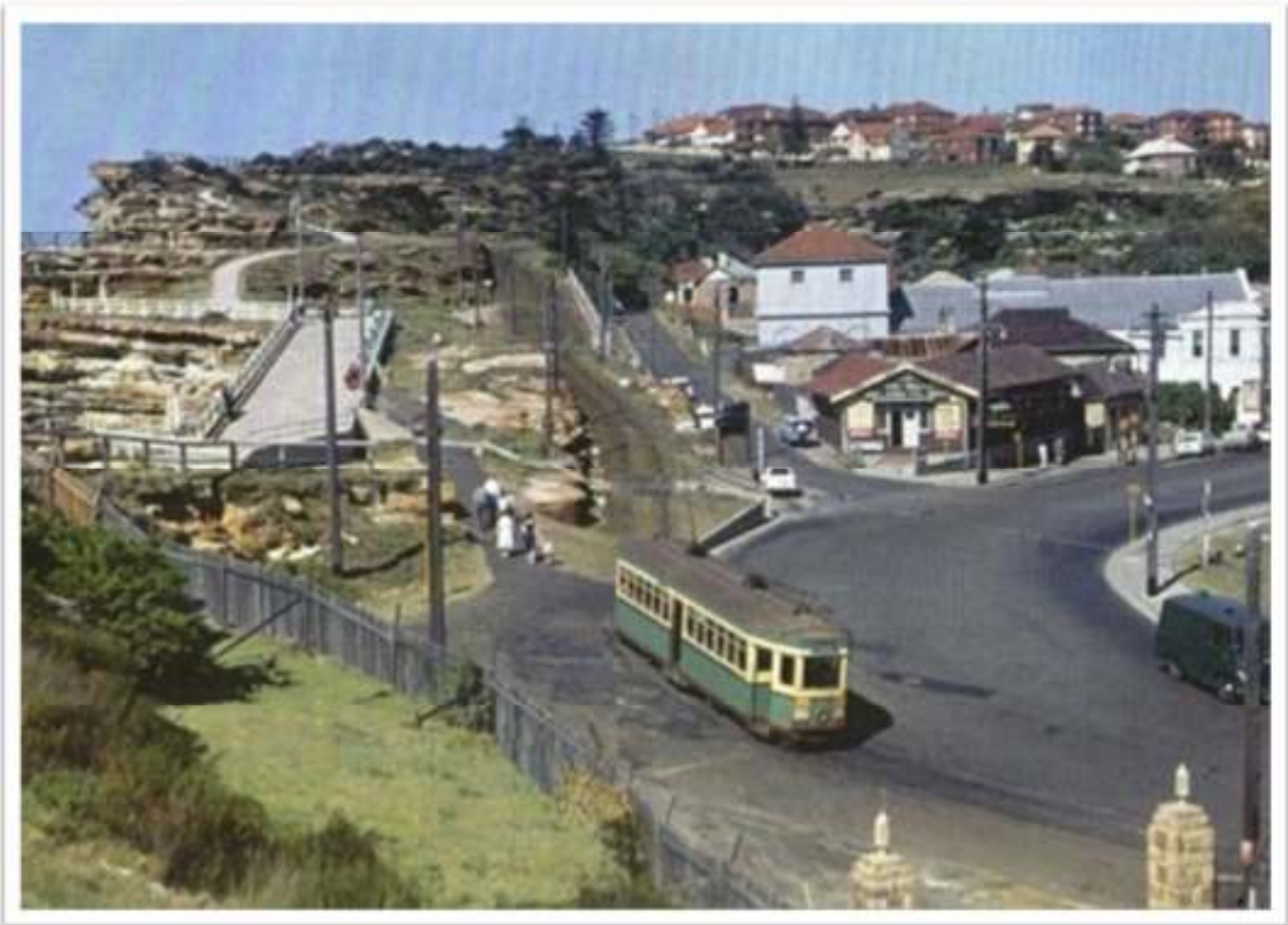
↑ A trip to the zoo in 1957: the steam ferry *Kanangra* provides a pleasant journey from Circular Quay to Athol wharf. *Kanangra* served from 1912 until 1985 and could carry over a thousand passengers.



↑ The descent to Watsons Bay took trams on a large S curve, through parkland and cuttings to ease the grade. The cutting behind the tram in this picture has been filled in but the footpath visible close to the bottom of the picture is unchanged today.



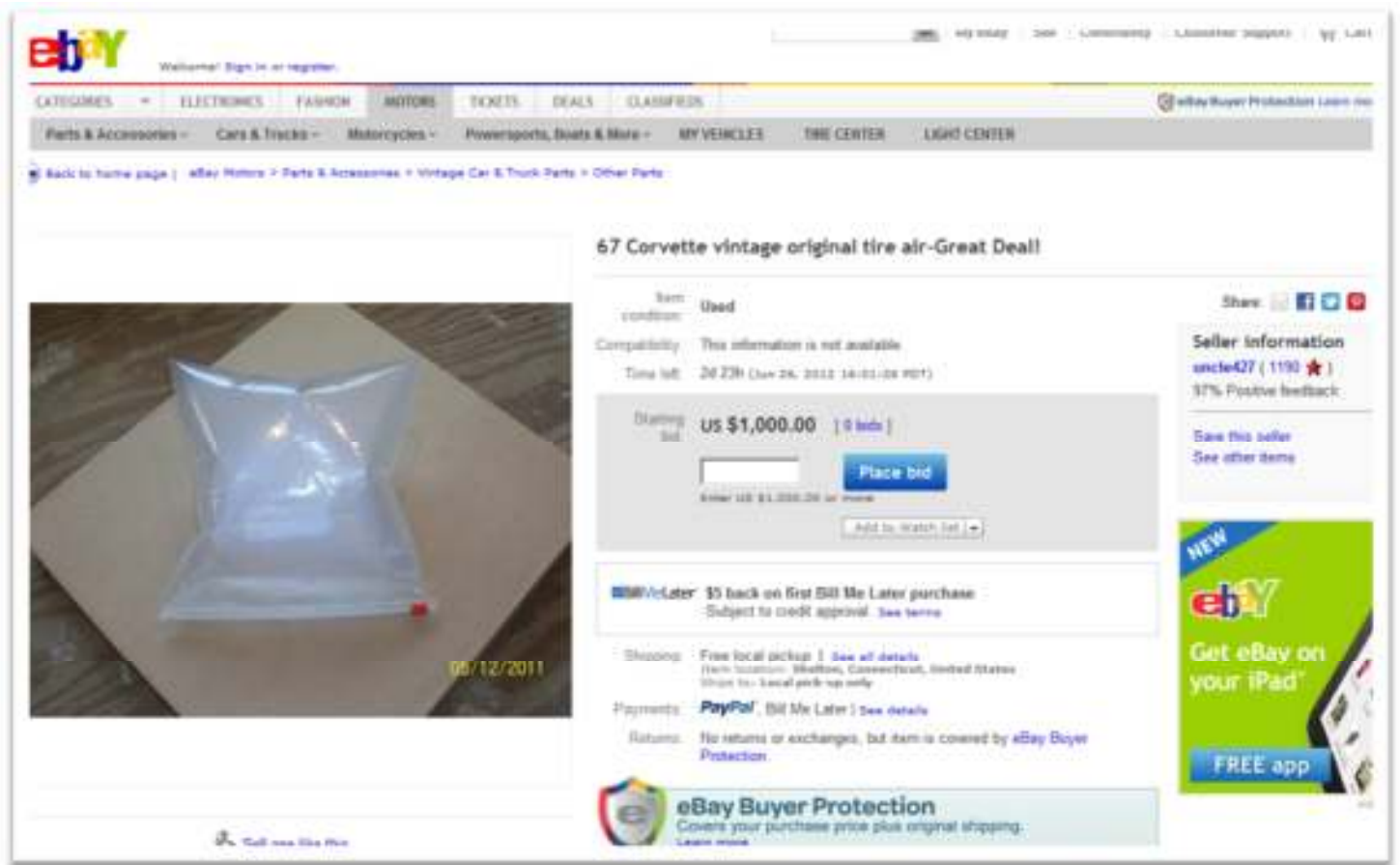






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When is matching molecule air going to be in the judging guide?



The image shows a screenshot of an eBay listing page. The main title is "67 Corvette vintage original tire air-Great Deal". The item is listed as "Used" with a "Time left" of "2d 23h (Jun 26, 2012 14:01:08 PDT)". The current bid is "US \$1,000.00" with "0 bids" and a "Place bid" button. The listing includes a photo of a clear plastic bag containing a small red object, dated "05/12/2011". The seller's information is "sncle427 (1190)" with a "37% Positive feedback". The listing also features a "Buy It Now" price of "\$5 back on first Bill Me Later purchase" and a "FREE app" promotion for the eBay mobile app. The eBay Buyer Protection logo is visible at the bottom.

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&item=140779178372>

Have we all gone completely MAD?

Editors Report – Lon LeMaster

Welcome to the NCRS Australia June to August 2012 newsletter.

Well, if you have gotten this far in the Newsletter, you have at least hopefully read a few really fine articles sent in by our members. You guys make me look good because it just becomes an exercise of cut and paste and a bit of formatting and away we go. Thank you all and keep the suggestions coming in.

I would like to encourage everyone to submit articles, photos and information that would be relevant to our members to be included in this newsletter. Please forward information to Lon LeMaster lemaster@bigpond.net.au.

Com'on guys, send me some photos of your cars, kids, restorations and events you have been attending.

RE: The NCRS video that was shot at the Sydney Rooty Hill Chapter Meet. The video is finished and has been submitted to NCRS US. We are still in the process of negotiation to see how we can help NCRS world-Wide use what we have done as a marketing tool to increase the global membership.

This is a link to the video that will only be published for 1 week. Please have a look and let me know your thoughts.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZAnvMpVtzQ>

I have a lot of people to thank for this video, but a very special thanks to David Poland for his time and expertise to bring this to life. Below is a link to a video Dave and I did with my corvette.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDmzx-egwPI>

Dave is a very talented guy and I would encourage that you consider his services for any video or stills work you might need. Below I have included a few photos Dave and I did this week of my car using some new innovative lighting, camera and lens techniques. Please give Dave a bell on 0411-024-777 if you are in the market for any video or still photography work.

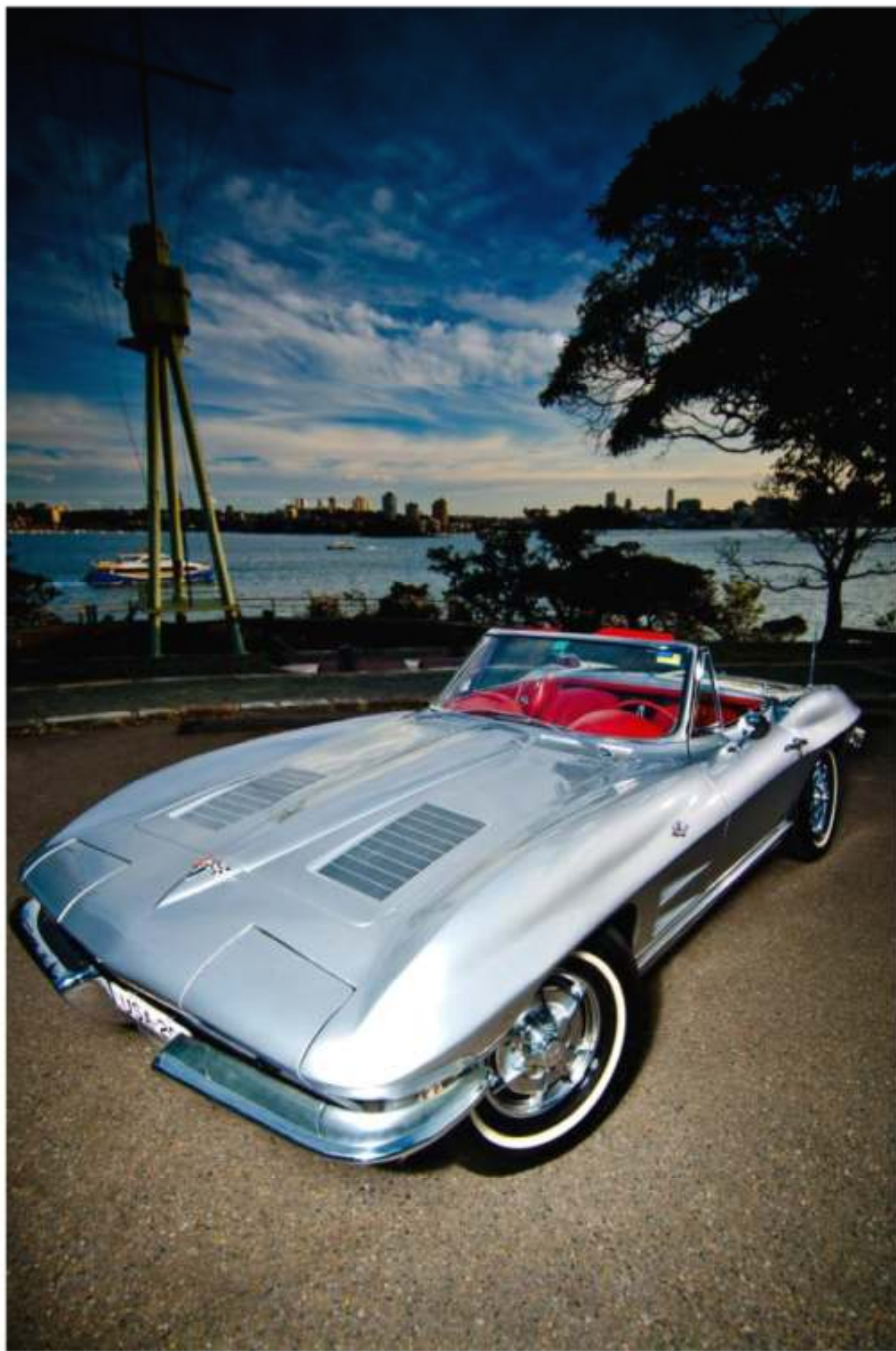


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The NCRS Clothing and accessories on the page below, if you don't have one, buy one, like every non-profit chapter, we could use the extra dosh. PLEASE

Lon LeMaster
NCRS Australia Member # 002
Editor

More of David Poland's work below



Corvettes For Sale



- 1959**, 2x4, 270 hp, exceptional condition, frost blue, white cove W/blue interior, both tops, 4-spd, radio, positraction, NCRS Top Flight, Performance Verification, Duntov, Bloomington Gold, Triple Crown. \$135,000
- 1960 CONVERTIBLE**, 2x4, 270 hp, exceptional condition, cascade green, white cove w/black interior in excellent condition, 4-spd, radio, positraction, NCRS 98 plus vehicle, Performance Verification, Duntov. \$140,000
- 1961 CONVERTIBLE**, fuel-injected, 315 hp, tuxedo black with blue interior, hardtop, the best of the best, NCRS Top Flight, in exceptional condition, 4-spd, positraction. \$145,000
- 1961 CONVERTIBLE**, fuel injected, 315 hp, big brakes, heavy duty suspension, fawn w/fawn interior, hardtop, the best of the best, complete original documentation, multiple NCRS 99.6 Top Flights, Performance Verification, Duntov, in exceptional condition, 4-spd, positraction. \$225,000

- 1962 CONVERTIBLE**, both tops, 340 hp, in exceptional condition, Honduras maroon w/black interior, 4-spd, radio, positraction, several NCRS 96.0 plus Top Flight awards. \$90,000
- 1962 CONVERTIBLE**, both tops, 360 hp, unrestored original in exceptional condition, fawn beige w/fawn interior, factory hardtop only, 4-spd, radio, positraction, complete owner history includes the late Chip Miller, four-time NCRS Top Flight, Bloomington Survivor, Bloomington certified. \$125,000
- 1963 Coupe** 360hp FI, silver/ red interior, original drive train, real trim tag, good owner history NCRS Top Flight, \$148,000
- 1964 Coupe** 375hp FI, Black/silver, original drive train, real trim tag, great owner history, NCRS Top Flight over restored perfect car. \$135,000
- 1965 CONVERTIBLE**, 365hp A/C, black/silver interior, two tops, original motor, NVRS performance Verification, Top Flight and Duntov awards, extremely rare colour and option package, \$165,000
- 1965 CONVERTIBLE**, 375 hp FI, 2 tops, Nassau blue with white/blue interior, 4-spd, F41, knock-offs, teak, telescopic steering, disc brake delete, radio, tint, possibly the nicest FI convertible on the market, cover car NCRS Corvette Restorer, NCRS Duntov award with a final score of 99 percent, an original motor car with judging records. \$160,000
- 1965 CONVERTIBLE**, 396/425 hp, 2 tops, Nassau blue w/blue interior, 4-spd, p brakes, off-road exhaust, original knock-offs, telescopic steering, an original motor car w/original dealer invoice and original window sticker with NCRS Top Flight judging records. \$168,000
- 1965 COUPE**, 396/425 hp, Nassau blue with blue leather interior, 4-spd, 4.11:1 p brakes, p windows, side exhaust, original knock-offs, teak, telescopic steering, an original motor car with original dealer invoice, window sticker and Protect-o-plate with NCRS Top Flight judging records. \$168,000

1965 BIG TANK COUPE, 327/365 hp Glenn Green, 4-speed, good owner history, real car, NCRS Duntov award with judging records. \$185,000

1966 BIG TANK COUPE, 427/450 hp Nassau Blue with black interior, 7,000 actual miles, 4-spd, real car, NCRS Duntov award w/judging records. *Original owner believed to be Roger Penske.* \$225,000

1967 CONVERTIBLE, 435 hp, marina blue w/blue interior, 2 tops, close ratio 4-spd, transistor ignition, tint, radio, original order copy (tank sheet), NCRS Top Flight. \$200,000

1967 CONVERTIBLE, 400 hp, 19,000 mi, unrestored original in Exceptional condition, 2 tops, black soft top, black vinyl hardtop, Goodwood green w/black vinyl interior, close ratio 4-spd, 3.08 positraction, N14 side dual exhaust, transistor ignition, tint, radio, original bill of sale, Protect-o-plate, Corvette order copy (on tank), one of the best documented original motor 400 hp convertibles in existence, have you been looking for a real car, with real paper, this car has no peers, NCRS Chevrolet Bow Tie, NCRS performance Verification, NCRS Duntov, Bloomington Gold, Bloomington Survivor, Bloomington Benchmark. \$255,000

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Hi Everyone,

There are still some of our members who have not yet paid their renewals. I am not going to chase them, if they wish to remain members please renew your membership. It was due in January this year, but we still have not received some payments.

At the AGM it was decided to maintain the present membership of \$35.00 as it has been since we started our Chapter in Australia. The Chapter would appreciate your assistance with this renewal by paying it ASAP and also fill out the attached membership form below with your information so we can check that our records are all correct.

There will be no membership cards sent out this time as the last card you received is good for the next few years.

We will send you a receipt of your payment. Please don't forget if you have a BUDDY please pay their membership with yours at the same time. I will inform your BUDDY that you have paid their membership, and to make sure they have paid your membership in there Chapter in USA.

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Please fill in the form and pay for your membership ASAP.

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.



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