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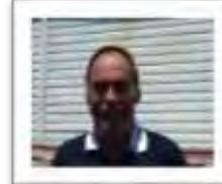
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Presidents Report- Murray Forman

PRESIDENTS REPORT MAY/JUNE 2014

It is very hard to believe but we are about to be half way through the year already. So far this year we have completed a couple of Judging Schools and also a Road Tour and a Chapter Meet.

I have completed a full report on the Road Tour and Chapter Meet to the South Australian Convention. I would like to thank everyone who participated, including our International Visitors, in this and congratulations to all the winners of trophies. It was great to see such a strong contingent from NCRS Australia Inc.

It is our intention to carry out an International Mark of Excellence Chapter Meet in Sydney and also a Chapter Meet in Brisbane later on this year, as well as our annual Chapter Meet in Melbourne. I will be releasing further information about these events in the near future.

As you can also see further in this Newsletter, NCRS Australia is in a financially reasonable position, but according to our records, there are some Chapter Members who still have not paid. Joe Caruana will be sending out a reminder later on this month to those concerned.

So if you are one of these members, please bring your fees up to date.

Wendy and I will not be attending the National Convention in Kansas this year where we will be receiving our 4th consecutive Top Flight Chapter Award, so I have asked Scott Sinclair if he would receive this Award on our behalf.

At the moment Harry Turner and myself are in the process of finding Sponsors for our Chapter, if there is anyone who can help us out in this area we would appreciate it very much, so please contact us with any information you have.

Please come along and support your Chapter by attending these upcoming events mentioned above. Without your support, the Chapter cannot run these events and we look forward to the opportunity of judging your car. As well as you will receive Judging Points by attending and participating in Judging at these Chapter Meets.

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.

Vice Presidents Report –

Hi all,
as we farewell our last remaining overseas visitors, Scott & Pam Kohn, we wish them a safe flight back to Sawyer, Michigan.
Life is getting back to normality after the NCRS Road Tour & the 2014 National Corvette Convention, along with the scenic hills of the Barossa Valley.
We had six couples/cars commencing the first stage of the RT on the Sunday prior to Easter.
Our first stop being Temora & checking out the Spitfires at the Aviation Museum.
Whilst in Temora taking our group onto a working sheep station & taking a "Ute" ride around the paddock, as well as learning about the shearing of the sheep.
From Temora travelling South through the Riverina then into Echuca.
Having afternoon tea on a working Paddle steamer along the "Murray". Then visiting the Holden Museum.
Dining here at the "Corvettes Cafe".
Departing Echuca travelling South once again towards Ballarat.
Whilst at Ballarat taking in the history at "Sovereign Hill".
At this point we met up with the Victorians before going to the "Ottway Fly" treetop walk.
Travelling along the South Coast of Victoria viewing the remaining Apostles before arriving into Portland.
The Western Australian group met up with our Eastern group for our last night out in Hahndof.
At the RT completion dinner we had 34 Corvetters attending.
On Good Friday it was only a short drive through the Adelaide Hills to the Barossa Valley.
The Convention went well with quite a few NCRS members collecting trophies.
The weather was perfect for the whole weekend. Congratulations to the South Australian Club for hosting a

wonderful event.

Next years National Corvette Convention will be held in Canberra.

'Till we meet again, happy motoring.

From Harry and Di

Vice President NCRS Australia Inc.

NCRS Australia Treasurers Report

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26 Nov 13- 29 May 14

Closing Balance as per Bank Statement 25 Nov 13

\$16,976.46

Cheque/Cash Deposits \$2077.70

Direct Deposits

\$1015

\$1056

\$ 2.73

Memberships/events

Return payment – Principal Security

Interest

Total Deposits \$4151.43

Cheque Withdrawals- presented

23 Oct 35 \$ 139.97

20 Nov 38 \$ 898

17 Dec 39 \$2163.80

27 Dec 40 \$ 150

41 cancelled

27 Jan 42 \$ 19.90

20 Mar 43 \$ 150

24 Mar 44 \$ 112

07 Apr 45 \$ 14

Murray Forman Rouse Hill BBQ Expenses reimbursed

Joondalup Party Hire

Murray Forman Expenses

Your IT Help

Receipt books

Your IT Help

Australia Post – Post Box

Australia Post- Stamps

Direct Debits

12 Dec Transfer \$1056

16 Dec Reject Fee \$ 2.50

10 Jan Transfer \$1056

17 Feb Transfer \$ 300

Principal Security

return incorrect account

bank Transfer – other Netbank

bank Transfer – other Netbank

Total Withdrawals \$6062.17

Balance as per Bank Statement 29 May 14

\$15065.72

Editors Report – Jenny McMillan

Editors report June 2014

Hello to all NCRS members,

We'll half the year is almost over , a lot has taken place since the last e-mag issue.

As I mentioned in the previous issue you can forward (e-mail) any articles,stories etc that would be of interest to the members .

My e-mail is jennymcmillan@hotmail.com

This months articles cover,

The recent road trip to the National Corvette Convention held at the Barossa Valley, South Australia.

NCRS Seminar WA- Soft top weather strip.

Several articles from NCRS-USA.

Hoping to hear from you all with stories,photos etc.

Until next edition

Jenny.



In the News

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AND ROAD TOUR TO THE BAROSSA VALLEY CONVENTION AND CHAPTER MEET 2014

Finally the day has arrived for our two international couples, Scott and Kay from Canada and Scott and Pam Kohn from USA.

Up early and off to the airport to pick them up, we then took them home via the Featherdale Wildlife Park and they really were excited to see and pet all our beautiful animals. We all had lots of photos with koalas etc.



Next morning up early, Wendy and I with Scott and Pam off into town to meet Harry and Di Turner with Scott and Kay.

We had booked a Harbour Bridge Walk for Myself, Harry, Di, Kay and Scott K. Wendy, Scott S and Pam decided to do the touristy thing in the Rocks area then meet up with the rest for lunch. We booked the Captain Cook Top Deck luncheon, which was absolutely fabulous, and the day was perfect as well.

Here we are (above) we were the first group to climb this morning.



Kay Sinclair taking in our Harbour views

The Motley Crew on the Captain Cook Top Deck Luncheon Cruise.

Today is the first day of our Road Tour, Scott and Pam in our 1990 convertible. Scott and Kay drove Wendy's 1964 coupe, Murray & Wendy in Silverado with 1967 in car trailer, Harry and Di the Tour Leader in his VW Touareg. We drove to Pheasants Nest to meet Bob and Jenny in their C6 Grand Sports with Ross and Christine in their 1993 Anniversary.

Our first stop was at Temora Aviation Museum where we had a guided tour around the museum.



What a fantastic exhibition of planes and memorabilia, very enjoyable and worth the visit. We then travelled to Harrys cousins sheep farm to show our guests how the farm works. So we all climbed into the back of the ute and chased sheep around the farm. Stay the night at The Koreela Park Motor Inn in Temora. Bob and Jenny returned back home at this point, thank you for joining us on the Road Tour, glad you had a great time.



Day two we travel to Echuca where we jumped on the Emmylou paddle steamer for a cruise on the Murray River. Then the some of the group went to the Holden Museum in town while the others went shopping. Stay the night at Cadelle on the Murray, very nice and relaxing place.





Day three, we travel to Ballarat where we met up with four corvettes from Victoria, bringing the total of seven corvettes in our Road Tour. Barry and Shane in a Grand Sports C6, Peter and Gayle in their C6 ZR1 and Craig in his 1959 and Graham and Tania in ZO6. Some of the party decided to travel to Sovereign Hill to inspect the Gold Mining village, once again, another fantastic attraction. Stayed at The Begonia Motor Inn.



Day four, on the road to Ottoway Fly Tree Too Walk, where you can walk through the tops of the trees in suspended walkway.



What a great view from the Tower



At last...NO MORE STEPS.

Now off to The Great Ocean Road, stopping at the Information centre, then a short walk out to the breathtaking views of the Twelve Apostles with lots of pics.



Travel on to Portland where we met up with two more corvettes, Colin and Sue in their 1999 and Garth and Chris their 1979.

Totaling our Road Tour entourage to nine corvettes.



Day Five, today we head off to Harndorf (a quaint little German village) for our "Last Night Out" dinner on the Road Tour, meeting up with the Western Australian Road Tour which were, Colin and Terry C6ZR1, David and Patrick C6ZR1, Glen and Aiden 1989, Allan and Harriett towing their C3 Collector and Garry, Tania, Glen and Judy towing Garry's 1965. A special thanks goes to our Western Australian Chapter Members for participating in this joint Road Tour to Barossa Valley.



This led to our traditional "Gutter Party" in the car park followed by a beautiful dinner in the Haus Restaurant across the street from the Motel.



Day six, this is our last day of the Road Tour and all travelling in convoy to the Convention, the 1964 led the convoy being the 50th Anniversary of the 1964 corvette.
Our convoy was a total of 12 corvettes driven plus (three being trailered) which was quite an impressive display for NCRS Australia Inc.



After totally blocking the entrance to the Novotel at Barossa Valley, we all settled into our rooms and proceeded to Registration to complete our registration for the event.

This year there was a change with the Convention, normally the Show N Shine is on Saturday and the Motoring events are on Sunday, but because the SA Corvette Club could not get the availability of the Show N Shine arena until Sunday, this process was reversed.

There was to be a Hill Climb event, but due to lack of numbers, this event was cancelled, so the only option left was the super cruises they had arranged.

Wendy & I decided not to participate in the cruise, so we both enjoyed a rest day at the Novotel. Saturday night was a bus trip to the Wolf Blass winery, which was a very impressive facility. Mr Wolf Blass himself attended which thrilled all of us.

The SA Corvette Club had arranged for a demonstration of C1 through to C7, the C1 was a 1955 of A.J.Martin and the C2 was Gary Wilkinson both members of NCRS. Congratulations to you both, both cars were displayed at their best.

Sunday morning, head off to the Show N Shine venue, just a 15 min drive from the motel. The cars were displayed on the field and were a very impressive sight. The SA Corvette Car Club had also asked NCRS Australia Inc to carry out a judging demonstration while the other cars were being judged. I decided to register this Judging Meet with NCRS America in order for members to earn judging points and also to fulfill the requirements for my 1967 for the International Mark of Excellence Award.

This procedure requires a car to be judged three times and to have a roar score over 97% finishing off with a 200km drive and have the Operations judged at another Chapter Meet, with only ONE failure allowed. I would like to report that I have now completed the three Chapter Meets and all I have left to do is the drive section at an upcoming Chapter Meet. Oh by the way, I did score a 98-9% at this Convention.



Sunday night was the Presentation Night for the Trophies, where I would like to report that NCRS received 9 trophies, so congratulations to all our Chapter Members, well done everyone.

One of the trophies is the American Spirit Award, which is presented each year from Jim and Shirley Hornaday from Alabama. This year they were unable to attend, so they presented their Award via Video which was awarded to Myself for my 1966 which is known as ROKY2

I must say, I was absolutely blown away by their presentation and I am so proud that Wendy and I have been awarded this prestigious Award, thank you Jim and Shirley, we are honoured.



Monday morning, up early and prepare for the drive back to Sydney, but first we all attended the farewell BBQ to say goodbye to all our corvette friends until next year.

We are now back in the hands of our Tour Directors Harry & Dianne Turner who had arranged accommodation at Hay. While driving to Hay and all doing the speed limit and passed a truck stopping area and then all of a sudden a police car screams out of there with its siren and lights flashing up behind us, then overtook all corvettes until it got behind the 1964 being driven by Scott and Kay Sinclair, then they were pulled over and questioned, (all he really wanted to do is check out the car....) what a relief for Scott and Kay. The remaining trip was uneventful.

This being our last day and only 559 klm to go, we all decided to go through in one trip, this was uneventful and arrived home safely.

At this point in time, I would like to thank Harry & Di Turner for the outstanding job they did with organizing and booking the Motels on this Road Tour, they also did a tremendous job on guiding us to all the tourist attractions, what a great job you did, well appreciated by all of us.

Also I would like to thank our International visitors, Scott and Kay Sinclair from Canada and Scott and Pam Kohn from USA. We really hope you all enjoyed the Road Tour, events, Convention here in Australia, we were able to show you just a small amount of our magnificent country and “hope you awl come back now ya here”.

Murray & Wendy Forman.

TECHNICAL SEMINAR – C2 SOFT TOP REAR BOW WEATHER STRIP REPLACEMENT.

On Saturday 15th March 2014 Terry Martin conducted a seminar for NCRS Australia chapter members in his Perth workshop on the replacement of the rear weather strip on Gary Cowan's '66 soft top.

The weather strip needed replacing because it was cut too short by the previous installer, who shall remain nameless.



*Group ready to start (L to R: Patrick, Richard, Col, Alan, Terry, Shane, Gary, Gary)
One corner of the hood was coming apart from the bow frame so this was reglued and held in place with clamp.*



Terry purchased a new insertion tool from the local hardware store for \$8.



The old weather strip & bonding cord was removed and the mating surface on the rear bow was cleaned. Terry noticed the old bonding cord was slightly thinner than the new bonding cord. We decided to use the older, thinner cord as this was hard enough to insert without using the thicker cord.



The weather strip was fastened to the bow with all members' participating in using the insertion tool.







Then it was beer o'clock.

The Great Eight

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — As many of you know by now on Wednesday February 12, 2014 a sinkhole formed under the National Corvette Museum, swallowing eight cars. The devastating news came to me as I was at work that morning with a phone call

Sometime before 5:30 a.m. CT, the sinkhole started to form underneath the Sky Dome. By 5:45 a.m., motion detectors were going off and police were called. As the world has seen by now security cameras at the museum caught the destruction. It was surreal as we look on and saw the floor open up taking the eight Corvettes into the sink hole

Of the eight cars that fell into the hole, the museum owned six and General Motors owned two. None of the cars affected were on loan from individuals.

GM's Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant has offered to help with the restoration of the damaged vehicles.

The 8 Corvettes are now being known affectionately as "The Great Eight".

Cars involved in the incident, which occurred inside the museum's the Sky Dome, are listed below:

- 1962 black Corvette
- 1984 PPG pace car for the Indy 500
- 1992 white 1 millionth-built Corvette
- 1993 ruby red 40th anniversary Corvette
- 1993 ZR1 Spyder on loan from General Motors, a design study that was never built.
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette, a one-off tuner model.
- 2009 white 1.5 millionth-built Corvette.
- 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" on loan from General Motors, the show car for the re-introduction of the ZR1, last built in the early 1990s.

That day the staff at the museum moved over 20 vehicles from the rotunda. The Sky Dome exhibit area of the Museum is a separate structure connected to the main Museum. The Museum was closed to the public for the day to allow crews to carefully assess the situation. We will keep everyone informed as we know more.

To help the NCM defer some of the unexpected expense of the repairs to the floor and displays, the NCRS Foundation has made a five thousand dollar donation to the NCM. The NCRS Foundation will also match up to an additional five thousand dollar more for any NCRS Chapter donation to help with the sinkhole efforts. This could bring the total donation up and hopefully over \$15,000, with a total of \$10,000 from The Foundation plus Chapter donations. I would encourage all of the NCRS Chapters to participate in these efforts.

2014 NCRS National Convention

As you receive your Driveline please take some time a checkout all the events happening at our National Convention to be held at Overland Park Convention Center July 13-17. This year's convention will be hosted by the Kansas City and Saint Louis Chapters. The show field will be a 60,000 square feet indoor convention center, the event will offer many events that are easily assessable from the host hotel.

Some of the many attractions include The National World War I Museum, The Steamboat Arabia Museum, we also we will host an evening event at the Armacost Automotive Museum. I would invite all of our members to come and enjoy Midwestern hospitality hope to see everyone there.

Vito

Open Letter to the NCRS

Dear Murray

In life it is not often that one gets an opportunity to do something that he or she absolutely loves to do. I am one of the fortunate who got that chance. For the past 7 years it has been my fortune and absolute pleasure to serve as NCRS President. There have been few things that I've enjoyed more than serving as president of this great organization.

I have also had the extreme pleasure of working with some of the most talented people, several of them are employees but most of them are volunteers. These folks have dedicated a large portion of their time to help make and keep the NCRS the premiere automobile organization that it has become. For this I need to thank them for their enthusiasm, commitment and continued dedication that gave me the drive over the past decade while serving on the board of directors.

Looking back over my tenure as this organization's president I am truly proud of the accomplishments we have made as a Board in serving the membership. A few of those accomplishments are the new web-site, TDB, online ads, full color Driveline and Restorer magazines, Historical Documentation Service which we have recently added Camaro, Chevelle and Nova! One of the items I am most proud of is the awarding of our scholarships from the NCRS Foundation.

There comes a time when new drive and enthusiasm is needed to keep an organization fresh and moving forward. I have decided not to run for the office of president at the upcoming National Board of Directors meeting, I do plan to stay on as Region III Director.

I would like to thank my fellow board members and employees for their support over the years and the overwhelming encouragement and support I have received from the membership. I can truly say that I have enjoyed the journey and the friendships made along the way.

All the best...

Vito

NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri
March 28, 2014

NCRS Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 7:00 AM CDT

Present were Directors Vito Cimilluca, Bill Baker, Bill Braun, Joan Burnett, Dick Capello, Carl Davidson, Marilyn Heitzman, Mike Ingham, and Mike Sams. Also present were Dave Brigham, Carlton Colclough, Larry Colvin, Jeff Cook, Dana Forrester, Mark Lincoln, Eric Mortimer, Gary Mortimer, Vinnie Peters, Roy Sinor, and John Waggoner

One general member was present in the audience.

Marilyn moved, and Joan seconded, that the minutes from the July, 2013 Board Meeting be accepted.

1. Election/Appointment of Officers, Managers and Editors

- a. Mike Ingham moved, and Bill Braun seconded, the election of Dick Capello as President of the Board. Passed unanimously.
- b. Dick made the following appointments:
 - i. Mike Ingham as Vice President.
 - ii. Vito moved, and Marilyn seconded, the election of Jeff Cook as Finance Officer. Passed unanimously.
 - iii. Larry Colvin as Secretary.
 - iv. Mark Lincoln as Business Manager.
 - v. Dave Brigham as National Judging Chairman.
 - vi. Gary Mortimer as Membership Manager.
 - vii. Eric Mortimer as Editor of the Driveline.
 - viii. Vinnie Peters as Editor of the Restorer.
 - ix. Dana Forrester as National Corvette Museum liaison.
 - x. Joan Burnett as NCRS Foundation Chair.
 - xi. Carlton Colclough as Public Relations Chair.
 - xii. Roy Sinor as Historic Document Services Manager (This will be discussed further during the Executive Board Meeting.).
 - xiii. Mike Ingham as Publications Committee Chair.
 - xiv. Bill Sangrey as Archives Director.
- c. Vito congratulated Dick on his election as NCRS President and thanked Marilyn for her service as Vice President. Dick thanked both Vito and Marilyn for their service.

2. Reports to the Board

- a. **President's Report** – Dick Capello
 - i. Dick expressed his hope that he will be able to successfully follow in the footsteps of previous NCRS Presidents.
- b. **Vice President's Report** – Marilyn Heitzman
 - i. National Convention Report.
 1. Dana Forrester presented a summary of preparations for the 2014 Overland Park, Kansas, Convention.
 2. Marilyn gave a summary of the 2014 Road Tour status. There are 57 Road Tour registrants so far.
 3. Marilyn gave a report on the status of the 2015 Denver Convention and the 2016 Rhode Island Convention. Plans are moving along for both.
 4. The Texas Chapter was awarded the 2017 Convention, to be held in San Antonio.
- c. **Business Manager Report** – Mark Lincoln
 - i. Chevelle/Nova/Camaro Program.
 1. Fee for shipping data report will be \$50 per report.
 2. A high activity level is expected.
 3. Customers do not have to be NCRS members.
 4. Program is expected to start in Q2 of 2014.
 - ii. Barrett Jackson Financial History
 1. Mark handed out a financial analysis of NCRS attendance at Barrett Jackson events from 2008 to 2014. Each year was profitable for the NCRS.
- d. **Financial Report** – Jeff Cook
 - i. Income on NCRS investments continues to decline due to declining interest rates.
- e. **Sales and Membership** – Gary Mortimer

- i. Road sales are steady.
 - ii. Shipping costs continue to increase, especially international shipping.
 - iii. Mark noted that auto-membership renewal is ready to go live.
 - 1. Members must check the appropriate box to be on auto-renewal. Regional Directors will notify the Chapter Chairmen when the system is ready for member election.
 - f. Judging Report – Dave Brigham
 - i. **Greg Picconi took over from Dave as '53-'55 team leader.**
 - ii. **The Board approved Dave's proposal to move forward with C5 judging. The first judging manual (97-99) is expected to be available in late 2015.**
 - iii. Several new C1-C4 manuals are expected to be available at Carlisle this year.
 - iv. The Board approved sending unbound copies of new judging manuals to Chapter Judging Chairs to facilitate dividing them into the five sections.
 - g. National Corvette Museum Report – Dana Forrester
 - i. Dana reported that the museum was very appreciative of the NCRS National and Chapter donations for the sinkhole repair. These donations were taken out of the NCRS general fund, not Foundation funds as previously reported.
 - ii. NCM attendance after the sinkhole event increased by 700%.
 - h. Driveline – Eric Mortimer
 - i. The Driveline was awarded another Golden Quill award.
 - ii. Driveline revenue is stable.
 - i. Restorer Report – Vinnie Peters
 - i. Vinnie will arrange for Chapter newsletter editors to be able to download content from the Restorer.
 - ii. The 40th Anniversary issue will be 84 pages and will be released in early July 2014.
 - j. Public Relations Report – Carlton Colclough
 - i. The majority of Chapters participate in the NCRS charity program.
 - ii. Carlton will send the charity guidelines to Directors and John Waggoner.
3. Old Business
- a. Puerto Rico Chapter – Marilyn
 - i. The Puerto Rico Chapter was approved for full Chapter status.
 - b. Hold Harmless Agreement - Marilyn
 - i. A new version of the NCRS Hold Harmless agreement will be sent to all Chapter Chairmen.
 - c. Florida Online Regional Registration – Marilyn
 - i. The NCRS online registration system was used for the 2014 Florida Regional and will be used for all future Regionals.
 - d. Chapter Top Flight Banners – Bill Braun
 - i. Bill was approved to order new banners for all participating Chapters. The new banners have room for ten annual add-ons.
4. New Business
- a. 2016 Regional Proposals - Marilyn
 - i. Five Regionals were approved by the Board:
 - ii. Kissimmee, FL, January 20-23;
 - iii. Auburn, IN, April 21-23;
 - iv. Rochester, MN, May 12-14
 - v. Bend, OR, June 2-4;
 - vi. Frisco, TX, October 20-22;
 - vii. A sixth proposal would be welcomed and considered for the September timeframe. Regional Directors were encouraged to contact their Chapters.
 - b. Web Site – John Waggoner
 - i. John and the IT team will undertake a redesign of the NCRS store site.
 - c. Membership - Eric
 - i. Current membership is 15,754 families.
 - d. Historic Document Services – Roy Sinor
 - i. Roy reviewed the history of Historic Document Services since 2007.
 - e. Bylaws
 - i. The NCRS Bylaws will be updated to include 1953 to 1999 as cars subject to judging. **The Bylaws will also be updated to reflect the Board's decision to move ahead with C5 judging.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM CDT

Date of the next Board meeting: July 19, 2014 in Overland Park, Kansas

FINALLY, ICONIC AMERICAN SPORTSCAR, THE CORVETTE, SET FOR AUSTRALIAN SHOWROOMS

- by: *Joshua Dowling, Motoring Editor*
- From: *News Limited Network*
- January 14, 2013 12:34PM

The 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray's provocative exterior styling is as functional as it is elegant. *Source: Supplied*



- **Right-hand-drive Corvette will be built**
- **Expect Corvettes in Australia 'by 2016'**
- **All your latest motoring news**

THE heartbeat of America – the iconic Chevrolet Corvette unveiled in Detroit this morning – is coming to Australia for the first time in the sportscar's 60-year history.

General Motors has been promising a right-hand-drive version of the Corvette for decades but this time it's serious, albeit "a few years away".



At the media preview in Detroit this morning Australian time, News Limited asked the chairman and CEO of General Motors, Dan Akerson, if the new, seventh-generation Corvette would be made in right-hand-drive. He answered "yes". Asked when, he said "soon".

But "soon" in the car industry is expected to mean a 2015 or 2016 introduction in Australia. The chief engineer of the new Corvette, Tadge Juechter, told News Limited: "We want the Corvette to come to Australia. I get letters from Australia all the time.

The 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray won't be on sale in Australia, but we can expect them on showroom floors here "soon". "Our primary competition sells left- and right-hand-drive, so that's what we want to do. Our plan is to make this a truly global car. "But I would say Mr Akerson's timetable is a little faster than what you're probably thinking. It'll be years away rather than soon." A new Corvette comes along once every 10 years but Juechter said Australians would not have to wait "a decade" for the new model. In the US it costs about \$80,000 but in Australia it would likely be priced about \$100,000. Privately imported and converted Corvettes sell for in excess of \$250,000.

Holden boss Mike Devereux told News Limited the company had no public comment to make about the new Corvette's sales potential in Australia.

The new Corvette, which adopts the Stingray name for the first time since the 1970s, is faster and lighter than its predecessors, even though it is bigger. The 6.2-litre V8 engine has been upgraded with direct injection and the manual gearbox has a mode that pre-empts the correct revs required to engage the next gear.



The all-new 2014 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray interior blends fine materials and craftsmanship.

The Corvette has been seen as a working-class icon in recent years but the company has overhauled the new model and used more exotic materials such as carbon fibre and aluminium to enable it to stand scrutiny against Europe's finest.

It was even developed on Germany's Nurburgring test track, the home base for Porsche, BMW and Mercedes-Benz vehicle development test teams.

The new Corvette will be unveiled to the public at the Detroit motor show later this week before going on sale in the US later this year.

Merchandise

Blue Denim \$35.00



Green Polo \$ 40.00



Ladies Shirts \$ 35.00



Leather Jacket \$300.00



Windcheater Jacket \$45.00



Woollen Vest \$38.00



Cap \$ 15.00



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NCRS AUSTRALIA INC. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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 is due in January this year, but we still have not received some payments.

At the AGM it was decided to increase the present membership to \$50.00

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.

There are 3 ways to pay this membership

1. Post a Cheque or Money Order made out to NCRS Australia Inc. to our postal address: P.O. Box 207 Kurmond NSW 2757
2. PayPal Account name: **eagleviews@bigpond.com** (please use your surname and membership number as reference)
3. Direct bank transfer to our account:
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Acc#10245414
Name: NCRS Australia Inc

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

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.



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Address: _____
Post/Zip Code: _____ State _____ Country _____
H/ Phone: _____ W/ Phone: _____ M/ Phone: _____
Email: _____ Occupation: _____
Spouse /Partner Preferred Name: _____

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I wish to renew my membership of NCRS Australia Inc. I agree to be bound by the current rules.

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