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The Corvettes on the Tasmanian Road Tour in front of Strahan Post Office.



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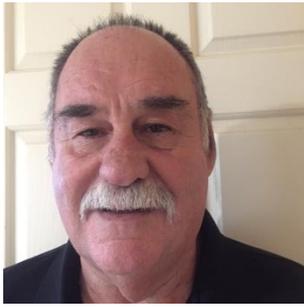
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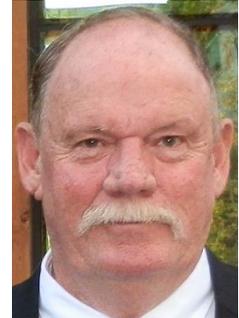
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Presidents Report - Murray Forman

Hi Everyone

Well, here we are nearly at the middle of the year. We have held a Chapter Meet and two Road Tours, the first to Australian National Convention in Ballarat, the second to Tasmania and return. We had a good turnout at the Convention, there was quite a large group of members came across from WA. Who also joined the road tour to Tasmania. Full report later in this Newsletter.

Our condolences go to Harry and family on the passing of Dianne, she will be greatly missed. Dianne was our treasurer in the past and did a fantastic job.

Wendy & I will be travelling to America again this year to French Lick Indiana where we are hoping to get another top flight award for the Chapter, Gary Cowans, as always has been doing a fantastic job on these projects.

I will be working with Rod about organizing another judging meet here in Sydney, we are also working on a judging meet in Perth. More information to follow on these events.

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Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia

Secretary's Report / Editors

We have received since our last magazines from other Australian Corvette Car Clubs their Newsletters.

Please consider doing a small editorial on your vacation this year and email it to us, so we can put it in our next newsletter.

I am sure the other members would like to experience your travels. Rather than the Newsletter being filled up with Murray & myself experiences on our travels.

Please stay safe.

Wendy Forman
Editor Secretary.



Vice Presidents Report

Nothing this month.

Treasurers Report

No report this month.

New Members

Shane Gifford	WA
Michael Delich	WA
Michael Wilberforce	NSW
Tony Bishop	WA
Andrew Brown	VIC
Fred Reid	WA
John Marsh	WA
Adrian Shreeve	WA
Doug Connell	WA
Brad Howard	WA
Andrew Jaques	WA

Welcome to NCRS Australia

Parts for sale

**Corvette Parts For Sale in WA.
Terry Martin 0448 816 067, all offers considered.**

Two Used C3, 454 Rocker Covers.



C2 Convertible White Soft top, new but been stored for last 15 years. Rear window is tinted but no marks. NB: no mounting hardware & label slightly torn edges.



1963 – 1964 Al Knoch, Interior Black Convertible Door Panels, left new excellent condition, right has quarter crank in the wrong spot, see yellow circle.





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C2 Front door glass channels, 3 from zip, 1 from long island. NOS in packets



1963 1967 3 convertible door glasses, left & right not tinted Left Hand Convertible tinted small mark n top edge of glass.

Road Tour to Ballarat & Tasmania Convention



On the Road tour to Australian National Convention in Ballarat
We had 18 participants on the tour, it included 5 American couples,
Scott & Pam Kohn, Norm & Shirley Sheer, John & Bev Legates
Jeff & Garrett Stolwell and Ron & Danell Pearlman.

Our first stop was the Temora Aircraft Museum. From there we travelled on to
Wagga where we stayed the night and enjoyed our first Gutter Party

Unfortunately, on the way, Jeff & Garrett in the 64 lost the driver's side windscreen
wiper. Fortunately, it landed on the hood and they were able to stop in time and pick
up the pieces.



Here is Murray carrying out a repair job on the wipers.
On inspection, both pins had started to fall out. So, he replaced them with a screw
and nut.





All enjoying our first night Gutter Party out of the back of the truck.



Bev & Wendy enjoying their drinks.



The next morning, we travelled to the Shepperton Car Museum which is showing one of Peter Whiston's corvette and Toe-truck.





Other vehicles at the Shepperton Car Museum.



Quite a tight squeeze for Brent Carr getting across this bridge



After arriving at the Convention accommodation in Ballarat, getting ready to go to the Show N Shine.



At the Show N Shine, GMSV released this right-hand drive Z06



This is the first ZO6 to be in Australia. Unfortunately, it is a proto-type and supposedly being sent back to America to be crushed. What a shame.



Here is the VIN number, as you can see, it is an XP.

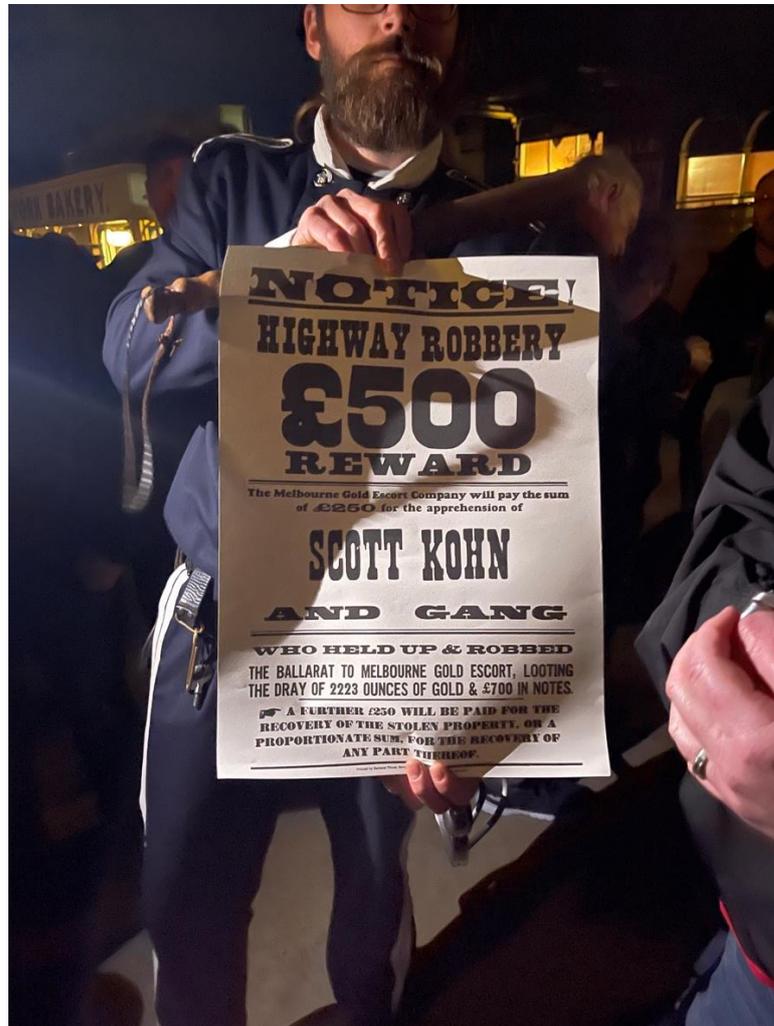


At the Show, this is the car that was chosen to be the Corvette Harvest American Spirit Award. It is owned by Wendy & Robert Stevenson
1958 Corvette resto-mod





On the Saturday night, there was a show put on at the Ballarat Old Township. It was brought to our attention that there was a reward out on Scott Kohn for Robbery, we were fortunate enough that Scott did not put up any resistance and was handcuffed, He was later released by his wife Pam consenting to control him.





Scott receiving congratulations for Corvette Central Sponsorship



The party went on, it was a great night.



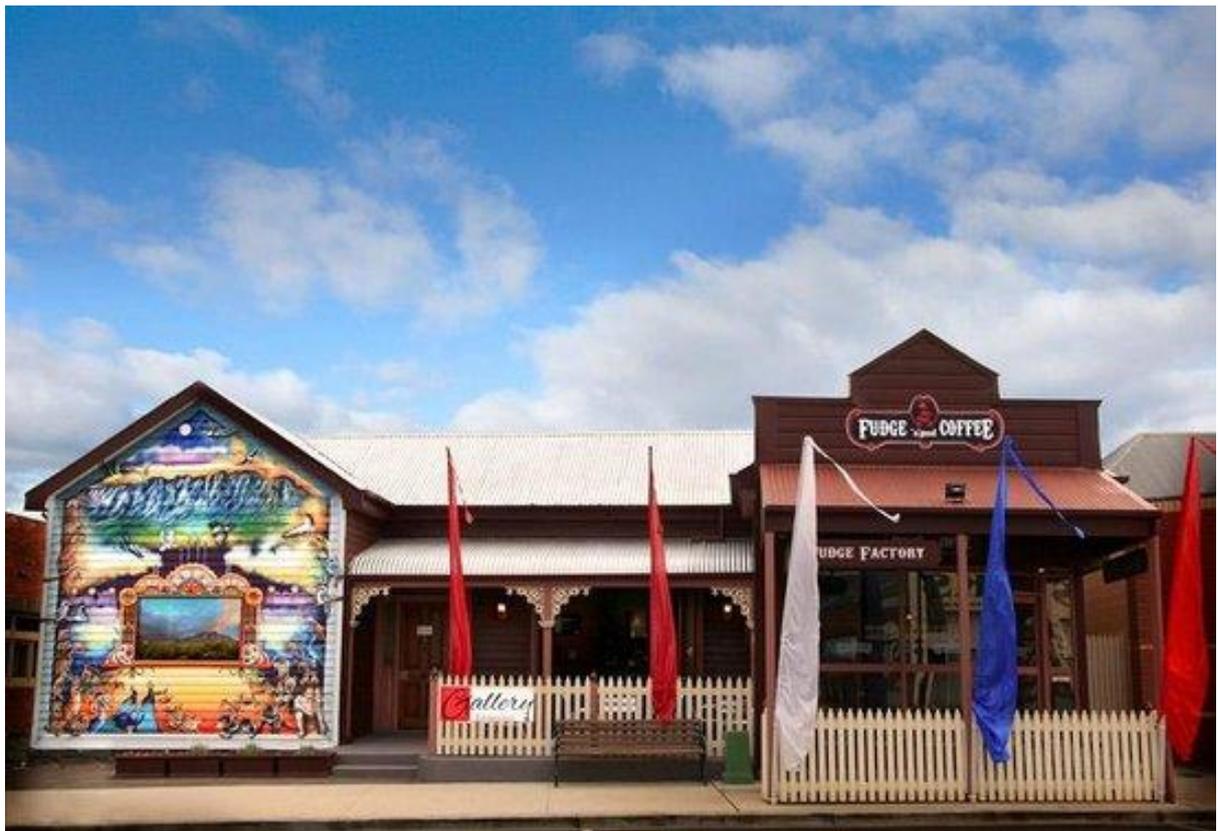
Murray presenting the American Spirit Award to Wendy & Robert



After driving to Geelong, all the cars are in line to board the Spirit of Tasmania
We had 26 participants on this Road Tour, being 8 Corvettes and 3 shopping trolleys.
(i.e.: 2 Silverado trucks and a Mitsubishi Pagero)



Our first stop was Sheffield for morning tea, this beautiful little town is covered in fantastic murals.



After morning tea, we then travelled on to Strahan where we set up camp for 3 days. On the first night, we went to a play that has been running forever and a day. It is called The Ship that Never Was, about a group of convicts that stole a ship that had been constructed in Strahan, then sailed it back to England. Only to be captured and then resent back to Strahan.

Once again, Scott Kohn was able to get himself into the play, where he played one of the convicts. Once again, he was in trouble again.





Here is the motely group all waiting for the play to start.
The next day we all boarded the World Heritage Cruise, here the intriguing story of Macquarie Harbour and its settlement; Passage through Hells Gates the narrow



Entrance to Macquarie Harbour named by the convicts on their way to Sarah Island;
See high-tech aquaculture where hundreds of thousands of Tasmania's famous Atlantic Salmon and Ocean Trout are farmed;
Cruise past the majesty of the rugged mountain ranges in Tasmania's World Heritage listed South West Wilderness National Park; and up the Gordon River.



Our ferry for the day's cruise



This is the entrance to Hells Gate



We decided to have a photo shoot in front of the Strahan Post Office





From Strahan we travelled to Derwent Bridge to the exhibition called The Wall
This has been a 30 year project for the carver as pictured below.





Unfortunately, the truck with all the bags decided to break down. It blew the top out of the steering box, which caused me to lose power steering and power brakes. We then flat towed it to Hobart to have the repairs carried out.

This happened on the 31st March After having the steering box removed and sent to Melbourne for repairs, Wendy & I are flying back to Hobart on the 9th May. To bring the truck home.



Our last dinner out in a corner pub in Hobart.



Wendy & I spent the day at Mona Museum in Hobart, it was incredible.



One of the exhibitions of a cement truck on a low loader, all made from wrought iron.



This was one of the exhibits called 5030 due to using 30,000 liters of 50/30 engine oil. Which gives you a mirror reflection, and the appearance of a very deep cavern.



A friend of Gary Wilkinson's lives in Hobart, and he hand built this vehicle from a holden 1-tonner body & chassis.



From Hobart we travelled to Swansea then on to the animal sanctuary.





Stopped for morning tea .



On our drive to Davenport, the 64 decided to drop the gear lever linkage locking it in 2nd gear, so we were able to use a trench to reconnect the linkage.



On arrival at Davenport, we all lined up to get onto the ferry, to return overnight to Melbourne.





On the ferry we had our last get together meeting to say goodbyes to our American traveler's, the WA group presented Wendy & Murray with appreciation of the work we both put in to the Tasmanian Road Tour.



Northern Steel Car Show

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NCRS WA Members attended the Northern Steel Car Show at Perry Lakes reserve on Sunday 15 January.



John Neskudlia was the organiser and as he said there would be a long line up of cars to enter the event, he organised everyone to arrive in a group early. So, we congregated at City Beach car park at 7AM!

We arrived early and it was surprise to see that we were the first ones there!





John lined the Corvettes up and Morten gave a lecture on how to mount the signs. Others rested, waiting for the coffee and breakfast vendors to open.





The show proved very popular with the public and we possibly picked up 3 potential new members.



John was promoting the people's choice voting for Brads custom 71.





Morten discussing fitting air conditioning with Andrew.



A few members stopped off at the beach on the way home for a swim.

It was great day out and thanks John for organising.

Harry Turner report 2023 Gold Rush



Corvette Nationals.

After 4 years of delays & missing out on the Corvette Nationals it was time for many to head to Ballarat.

On the evening of the Friday (registration day) the meet & greet was jammed packed with fellow Corvette enthusiasts catching up after not seeing each other for a long time.

Several announcements were made regarding what to expect over the next couple of days. Even the Ballarat Mayor was present & gave a warm welcome to all. He was very privileged to have a ride in a C8.





On the Saturday morning the rain had eased & the sun was out shining again. The Show & Shine was only a few k's away from the host resort. With 125 entries there were many more Corvettes that came along to lift the numbers. The quality of the cars displayed was excellent.

Major sponsors GMSV had the first RHD ZO6 C8 on display.





John Randell C5



Geoff & Angie Cooper C6

On the evening it was a short trip to Sovereign Hill. After pre dinner drinks we were able to have some more finger food, followed by a couple of live shows.



Harry's Memorabilia Shop at the 2023 Nationals

On the Sunday the 50-minute cruise to the not so far away restaurant for lunch was interesting. I was fortunate to hitch a ride with Bryan Wharton in his new C8. At the luncheon trophies were given out for the trophy hunters who attended the Show & Shine. John Randell collected another trophy for our C5.

The Gala Dinner was easily the best meal over the weekend. Further presentations during the evening with Murray Forman presenting Jim & Shirley Hornaday's, "AMERICAN SPIRIT" trophy to Wendy & Robert Stevenson.

Overall it was a fabulous event. Everyone that attended had a good time. The events team did an excellent job.

Fortunately the weather was kind when it was meant to be. Unfortunately NSW Corvettes have declined to host the Corvette Nationals next year & will host the event in 2025.

Harry Turner

Vale Dianne Maree Turner



October 9th, 1953 – March 10 2023

Di was born in Ballarat Vic, being the only child to VI and Ivan Callcott. The family moved to Wentworthville in the mid 1950\ s she attended the Greystanes High School. Di chose a career in nursing and trained at RPA after becoming a registered nurse, she continued further studies in midwifery.

Di was married in 1973 then adopted Melissa in 1977, she became a single mum in 1980.

Di & I met in November 1984, we spoke in depth about our lives and ambitions for what seemed like hours. By the end of the evening, I knew then she was a genuine and caring lady.

Things then progressed rapidly whilst Christmas shopping on the 13th December 1984, we by chance walked into a diamond traders store in Parramatta, Di tried on an impressive ring, which needed downsizing, which was made within an hour, we are now engaged.



1985 came we sold our individual homes bought land at Castle Hill Bought wedding rings and married on April 6th honeymooned in Fiji. Then had our first home built and we moved in in December,

Emily came along in 1987.

Apart from her work, Di's favourite hobby would have been cutting fabric up to sew back together, or better known as quilting.

For many years she perfected her craft, with local ladies and patchwork tours of the USA.

Together we had built two new homes, owner built one renovated one and no fewer than 10 trips to our second favourite, the USA.

In 2010, we nearly bought a condo in mid-Ohio to use as a USA summer home, but we bought a caravan instead and travelled Australia.

Dianne was NCRS Australia's treasurer from November 2014 to November 2016. Where she looked after our finances and submitted all relevant reports.

NCRS Australia and all Members will dearly miss her beautiful smile and dedication to the Chapter and her job as a midwife.

Our commiseration's go to Harry Melissa and Emily.

May you rest in peace, our thoughts are with you.

53rd Shannon's Classic Car Show

The NCRS WA Members attended the 53rd Shannon's Classic Car Show, Ascot Racecourse on the 26th March, 2023 to encourage membership for our club. This is Western Australia's biggest classic motoring event in its 53rd year and brings together over 100 of WA's finest motoring clubs for a display of classic cars, trucks, buses, and motorcycles.





The public were very interested in our Corvettes, and it was pleasing to see the younger generation taking a keen interest.



The event was organised once again by Morten Benjaminsen and as usual he did a top job. Thanks Morten



Attendance was down this year as the Ballarat Convention was on at the same time. The free raffle was won by Matt alexander with Wendy Bishop winning runner up



Members attending; Matt Alexander, Ian Gibbings, Wendy & Neil Bishop, Gary Cowans, Terry Martin, Morten Benjaminsen and Brad Watkins.

WA Road Tour Hillary's Marina

On Sunday, March 23rd WA Members went on a road tour from Hillary's Marina, through the Darling Range to Mt Helena and enjoyed a fantastic lunch.



We started at the Hillary's Marina carpark along with the Perth Steel Bumper club who were going on a separate run.



At the bottom of Green Mount Hill, we stopped to refuel and met up with Ian, Andrew & Sharon, Peter & Jenny, Glen Wendy & Neil



Then on through the hills to Mt Helena for lunch.



On arrival at Mt Helena Ian noticed there was 3 extra horsepower available, but he didn't need it!





Members attending; Ian Gibbings, Jenny & Peter Graham, Matt Alexander & Bronwyn, Terry Martin, Mick Delich, John Neskudla, Allen Grime, Sharon & Andrew Ridge, Wendy & Neil Bishop, Glen Veza, Louis Lange & Richard Geiger, Nic Falcone and Gary Cowans.

2023 Calendar

At Terry Martins new workshop,
The Address **Unit 1 101 Motivation Drive WANGARA WA**

We are working on Chapter Meet in WA and also Sydney later this year.

NSW Members and partners welcome to the eastern states Club

Breakfast Runs held every 3rd Sunday of the month NSW
QLD members meet on third Saturday morning of every second month
at Cars & Coffee Jindalee Depart, 7-30 to drive to the venue.

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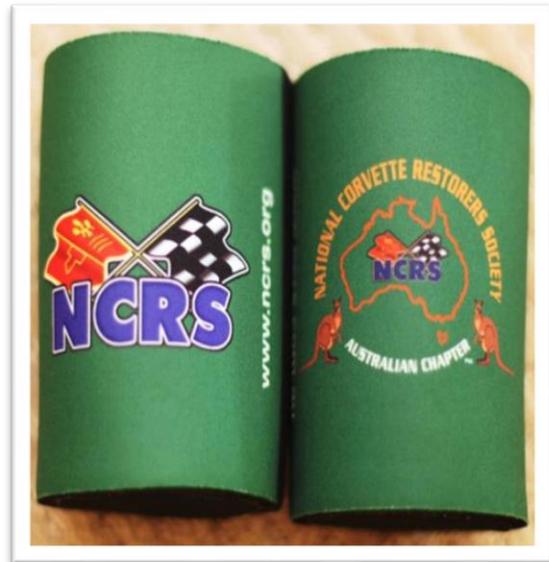
WOOLLEN VEST \$45.00.00



CAP \$ 25.00



DRINK HOLDERS \$10





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Some new merchandise has been added to our range, including (very comfy) T-Shirts, Mugs, Pens and Tote bags. See photos of merchandise and samples of new Polo shirts below.

T-SHIRTS \$35.00



CUPS \$10-00



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**BLACK & GREEN POLO
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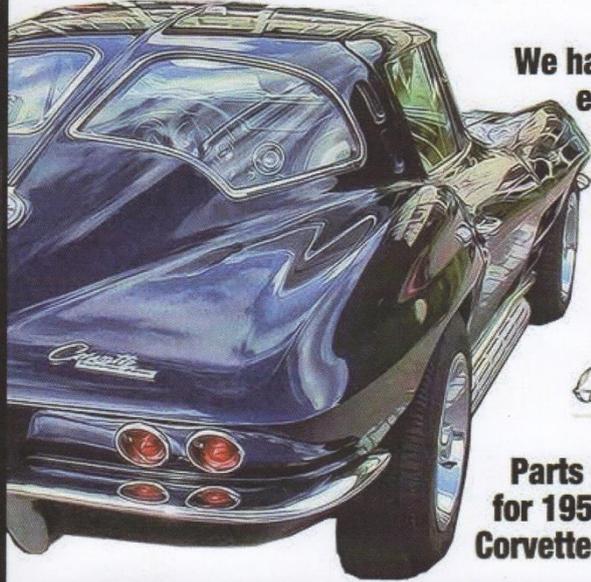


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Bloomington Gold Corvettes	www.bloomingtongold.com
Chevy Vettefest	www.chevyvettefest.net

Membership Officers Report

NCRS Austral Inc. Club Membership - RENEWALS

- The 12 month period runs from 1ST February to 31ST January of each year.
- Renewals are therefore due each February, reminder notices will be sent.
- Membership fee is \$50.00 per annum.
- Payments can be made by either:
 - EFT to NCRS Australia Inc, A/C No.10245414 BSB no. 062:595

Please note your membership numbers with all payments to ensure confirmation receipt by email.

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USA NCRS Membership No: _____ (if member)
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 Address: _____
 Post/Zip Code: _____ State _____ Country _____
 H/ Phone: _____ W/ Phone: _____ M/ Phone: _____
 Email: _____ Occupation: _____
 Spouse /Partner Preferred Name: _____

CURRENT VEHICLE(S) OWNED (for publication in the **Members Directory**) Please use the following code to denote condition: **(R)** Restored, **(UR)** UN Restoration, **(EO)** Excellent Original, **(GO)** Good Original, **(PO)** Poor Original, **(LH)** Left hand Drive. (If insufficient space – please attach a further, separate listing).

Year	Body Style	Registration No.	Colour	Condition	VIN ID Plate No.
		(indicate if not reg.)		(Code as above)	

I wish to join the NCRS Australia Inc. I agree to be bound by the current rules.
Please delete whichever is not applicable:

I DO NOT / I DO have any objection in having my vehicle details being included in the **Members Directory** circulated to all financial members.

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