

# NCRS AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER Newsletter May June July August 2023



**At last after our long wait..We received our new C8 Awesome !!!!!**



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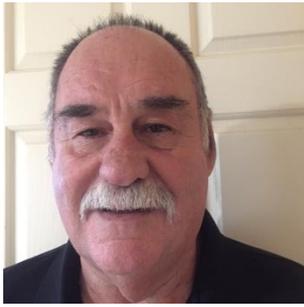
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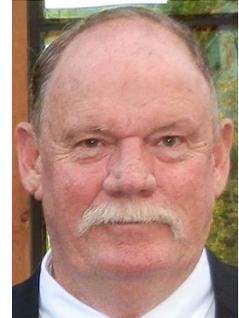
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## Presidents Report - Murray Forman

Hi Everyone

I am sorry for the delay in this Newsletter, Both Wendy and I have been very busy trying to catch up after our 5-week holiday in USA and Fiji  
At the National Convention this year, there was an excellent turnout of members and cars to be judged. At the Membership Meeting, our Chapter was Awarded a Top Flight status again, well done Gary Cowans.

As you can see in our calendar, we are now doing 2 more Chapter Meets this year. The first being on the 14<sup>th</sup> October held in the Tradewinds Hotel Freemantle. The second on 5<sup>th</sup> November held at Kurrajong Hills. This event will give the members that did not attend the earlier Chapter Meet to finally qualify for their Club Registration, so if you are one of these members, please make the effort and attend this Meet, as it is in our Constitution for you to qualify.

Also, please do not forget we will be holding our AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> November at Kurrajong Hills, at the AGM all positions will be vacated, and the new committee will be voted in, if you wish to take on one of these positions, I will be sending out the application forms in the near future, along with Proxy Forms if you wish to vote. We are also intending to do a zoom meeting, so if you wish to receive this by zoom, please contact me and I will give you the particulars.

We also had the passing of one of our WA Members Neil Bishop, our condolences go to his lovely wife Wendy and our thoughts are with her at this time.

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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

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>Michael Doble</b>  | <b>WA</b>  |
| <b>Brent Stanzel</b>  | <b>NSW</b> |
| <b>Anthony Kellie</b> | <b>NSW</b> |
| <b>Blaine Ulmer</b>   | <b>WA</b>  |
| <b>Giovanni Rossi</b> | <b>WA</b>  |

**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.





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.

## Wendy & Murray's 2023 USA Trip

The time has come around again that we embark on another American trip, to see all our friends in the States and attend the NCRS Convention in French Lick Indiana.

Leaving Sydney Airport, flying Fiji Air we flew direct to Nandi Airport.

Staying in the departure lounge for an hour, connecting with a flight direct to LA

Arriving at LA late, we then stayed for one night in the LAX Hilton, leaving the next morning early, catch a flight LAX to Dallas, then on to Huntsville AL.

Where we met up with our dear friends Jim and Shirley Hornaday, we also picked up a hire car the next day so we could join the Southern California Road Tour out of Tulsa.

After staying a couple of days with Jim & Shirley, we then departed in our hire car, taking 2 days to arrive at OWASSA Roy and Cheri Signor's home, for a few days.



Roy & Cheri took us to Branson Landing where we attended the Dolly Parton's Roundup.





The arrangement was made for us to join the Southern Californian Road tour in Tulsa. When we arrived, low and behold, here was an identical C8 only left-hand drive to our car right hand drive back in Australia. I must say, it was very hard driving a hire car knowing that we had our own C8 back at home.



After a few minutes, John and Beverley Legates arrived in their C5, Beverley & John where the Tour Leaders for the Road Tour. Also, Beverley & John did attend our Australian Convention this year along with the Tasmanian Road Tour we did after the Convention.

It was great to meet up with them again and to attend their Road Tour, which I must say did a fantastic job. Congratulations to both.



Here is a shot of some of the participants in the road tour, our vehicle was the little white chevy SUV.



Another one of the Road Tour attendants decided to glad-wrap his C3 completely so he wouldn't have to clean it when he got to the Convention. I spoke to him after the Convention was over and asked if he was going to glad wrap it going home he said Definitely Not, not one of his better decisions.



Like all Conventions, the last night on the Road Tours, this is where all the Road Tours come together and compare their experiences on their road tours. This is also great to meet up with all our friends that we have met over all these years we have been going to these events.

They also have what is called The Flat Tyre Award, this is where entrants who have run into problems, i.e.: breakdowns, crashers, flat tyres etc.

There was no-one in our road tour who qualified for this award. We did hear about a few breakdowns of other vehicles.

The award was given to a gentleman that was not at the event, as he had to arrange transport for the car to go back to his home.

The food was OK, normally it is very sparse, but this year it was only OK.

Very noisy as you could appreciate, and one of the surprising things of the night is that the organiser called out Wendy & My name and asked us to stand up and thanked us for our attendance. This was our 11<sup>th</sup> year of attending these, Road Tours.



One of the display's they had was a collection of 10 L88 cars, outside the entrance of the main Judging Hall. They were 2 x C2's and 8 x C3's.

It is awesome to see these cars in the flesh. Also, hard to imagine the cost of this row of cars is in the very high million-dollar area.



This C3 ZL1 L88 is one of two ever produced, it changed hands at a cost of \$13.3 million.

# 1969

## FACTORY L88 SEE-THRU CORVETTE



The 1969 L88 that was destined to become Corvette Repair Inc. 3-D business card known as "The See-Thru Corvette" was originally sold through Bay Chevrolet in Douglaston, Queens NY, to a gentleman who simply wanted to own the baddest car available. He did own just that, purchasing the L88 Corvette Coupe draped in Tuxedo Black, with black standard interior and black wall tires. He also ordered a set of factory installed side pipes (option no. N14). 1969 was the only year these side pipes were available on the Stingray. However the L88's we're talking about is believed to be the only black on black car that came from the factory wearing a set of the pipes below the doors. After owning the car for just 3 years, the original owner placed an ad in a NJ paper known as the Newark Star Ledger. The ad was seen by Andrew Deckhut, Jr. and he purchased the car in the spring of 1972. After being owned by Deckhut, it went on to two more owners from NJ before coming to rest in a machine shop in Piscataway. It languished there until a former employee of Corvette Repair informed Kevin of its existence. Kevin went to see the car and knew immediately he had to have it. It had all its original body panels; side mounted racing headers, and all the original dated window glass. Except for a homemade carpet that was installed by its second owner, whose name was found written underneath, the car also had its original interior. Even the original tank sheet was intact verifying the rare L88 Corvettes but he felt a special connection with this one. Like the interesting and rare car, he too had come from Bay Chevrolet. Kevin worked there for some time as a line mechanic before opening Corvette Repair, Inc. Having found what he knew to be a very special L88, he quickly bought the car and brought her back to his shop in Valley Stream, NY. Kevin has owned quite a few famous L88's that were all restored to perfection at his shop. The six that he still owns continue to be cared for by his dedicated crew. Kevin was ready to try something new with this L88 that would blow away the Corvette world. With two main goals in mind, Kevin and his crew came up with a unique over the top idea. First they wanted to set this car apart from the other L88s that were out there. Second, they wanted to do a project that would showcase their work in the Corvette restoration and repair business. They are very much into attention to detail and wanted a project that would highlight that. The plan was to create a completely functional, street legal L88 with no body. Creating it this way would allow them to show the world what they never get to see, everything that is underneath the body, the heart and soul of one of Chevrolet's most famous cars. The project was given the name "The See-Thru Corvette" and the painstaking work began. The staff of Corvette Repair are proud of their teamwork, their shared talent and their equal desire to produce great workmanship. See-Thru Corvette history for all to see!

**OWNER**  
**KEVIN J. MACKAY**  
VALLEY STREAM, NY



Both Wendy & I have also seen this L88 at other events, but I don't think I have ever done a close-up report on this vehicle. It is a complete cut-away driveable 1969 L88. He does have the complete body at home, but decided to develop this car so everyone could see how it was produced. The workmanship on this is outstanding, so please enjoy the editorial in this photo.

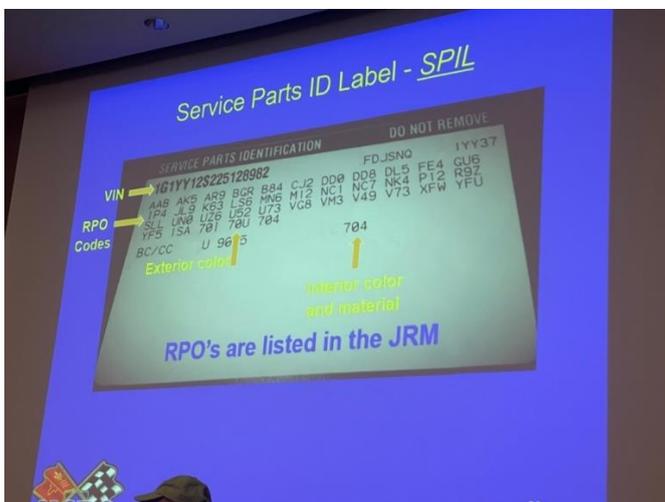
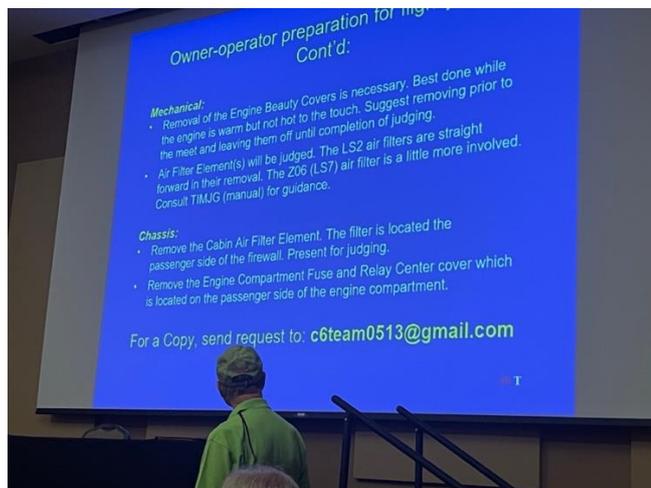


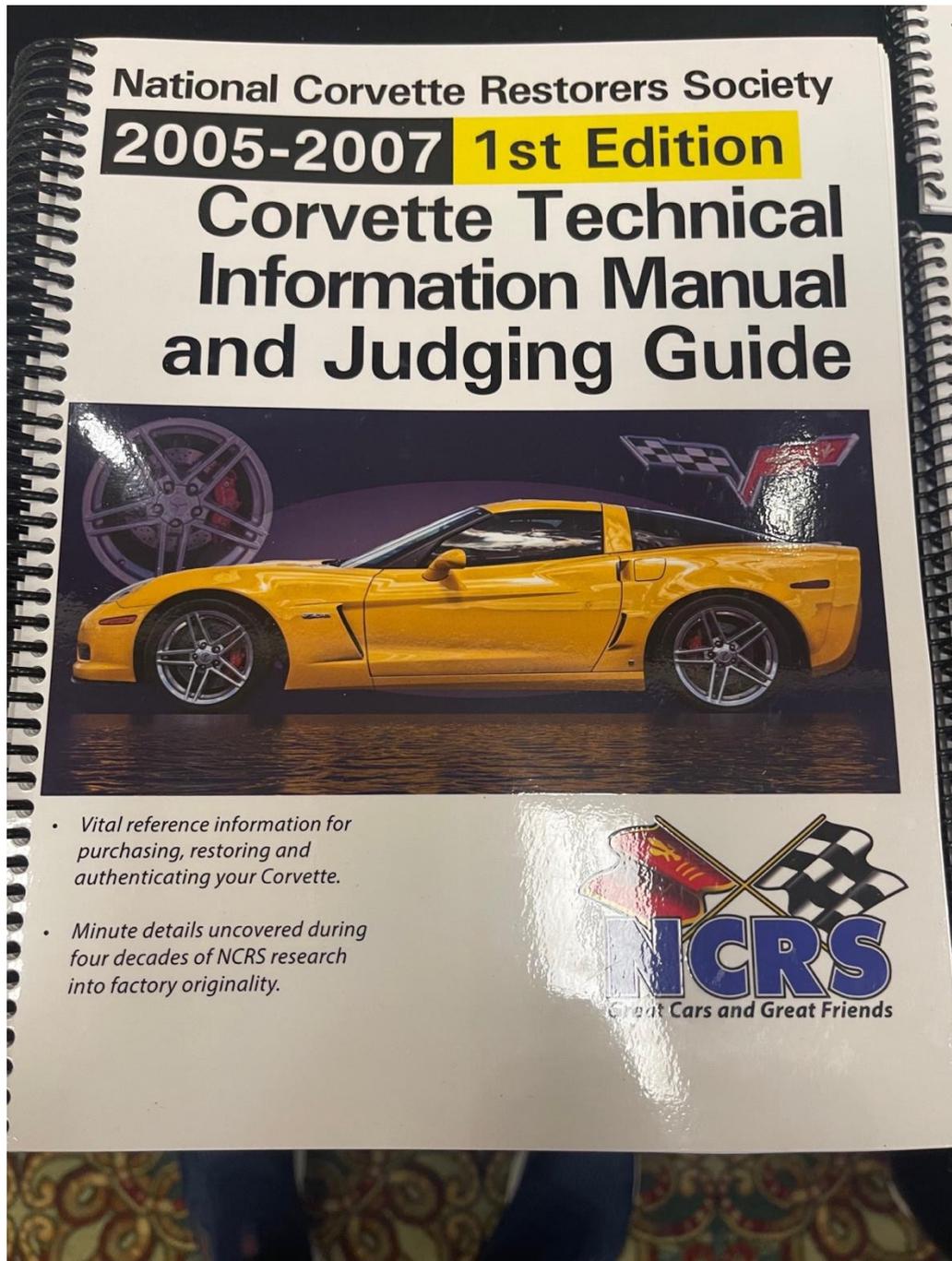


As you can see by the above photos, it is a complete driveable car.



One of the things we both enjoy is attending the seminars. This one was the release of the Judging Manual on the 2005 to the 2007 C6 Corvettes





Here is a photo of our judging manual that I picked up at the Convention for our Chapter.



The judging halls there were 2 areas downstairs as shown in these 3 photos, and another larger hall upstairs.



### NCRS Concours Judging Awards

#### Stock Division

- Blue Ribbon Award
  - >=94%
- Red Ribbon Award
  - 85% to <94%
- Modified Division
  - 427 Concours Award
    - >=94%
  - 327 Concours Award
    - 85% to <94%
- Driving Points (>=85%)
- 10pts (sticker, extinguisher, cutoff)

All model years available for Flight Judging are eligible for Concours Judging (1953-2007)

#### Modified Division

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### NCRS CONCOURS JUDGING STANDARD

- All cars are to be judged on Functionality and Appearance only
- Originality and CDCIF are not factors
- Trim Tags and Service Parts Identification Labels
  - Not required or evaluated
- Cars previously branded Counterfeit by NCRS **are** eligible
  - **Except** for cars branded due to VIN Tag issues

The car must have been born as a Corvette, have an original VIN Tag (or state issued replacement), and have a title/vehicle registration that states the car is a Corvette (i.e. no kit cars)

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### Concours Appearance Scoring

- Superior to TFP Deduct 0%
- Consistent with TFP Deduct 0-10%
- Slightly Inferior to TFP Deduct 10-30%
- Grossly Inferior to TFP Deduct 30-75%
- Missing Deduct 100%

A Component or Assembly that is simply missing shall receive a 100% deduction

However, a Component or Assembly properly and skillfully removed will not be treated as a missing item

**Avoid using ANY Personal Bias**

P – Typical Factory Production

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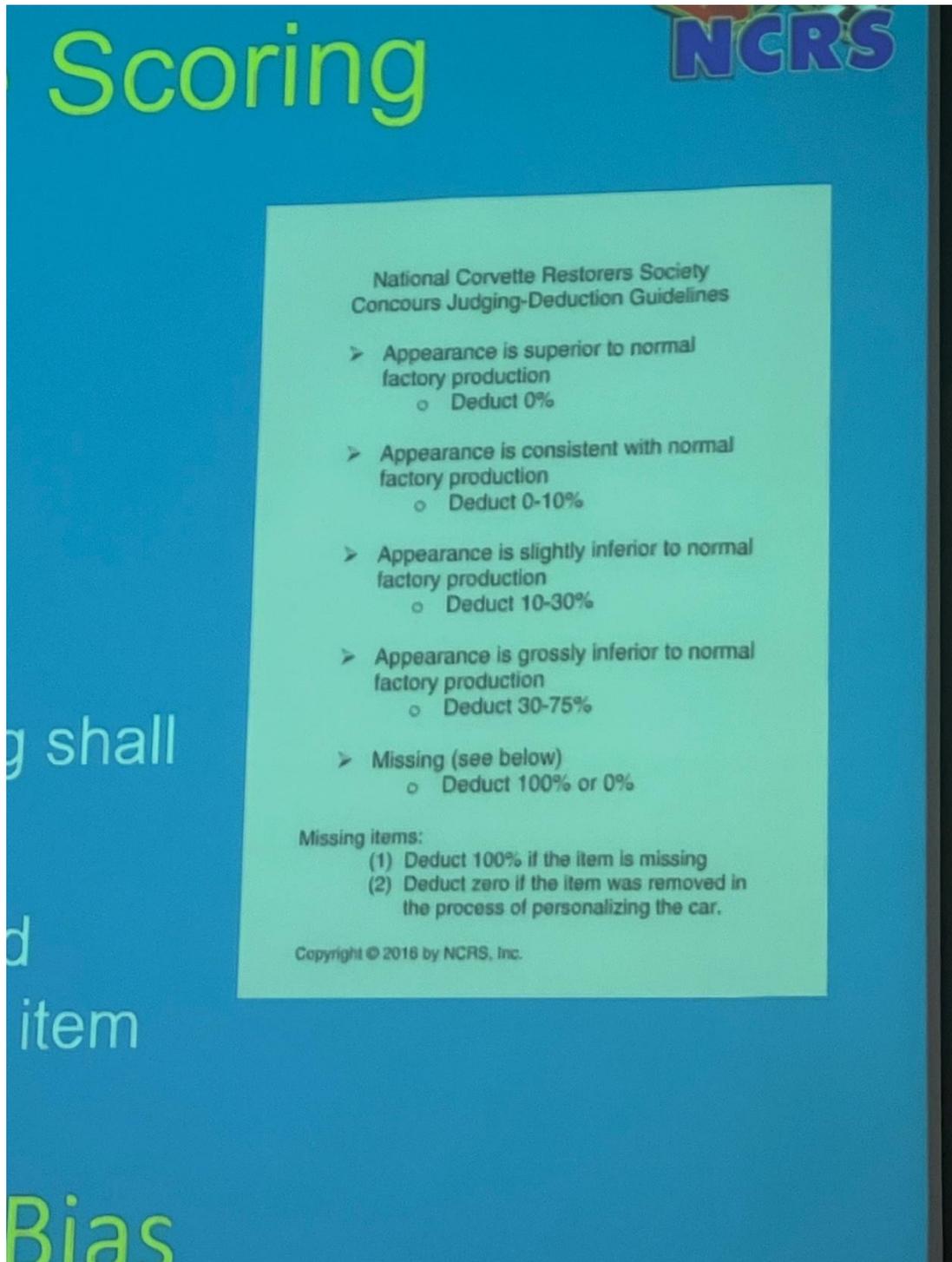
National Corvette Restorers Society  
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  - Deduct 0-10%
- Appearance is slightly inferior to normal factory production
  - Deduct 10-30%
- Appearance is grossly inferior to normal factory production
  - Deduct 30-75%
- Missing (see below)
  - Deduct 100% or 0%

Missing items:  
(1) Deduct 100% if the item is missing  
(2) Deduct zero if the item was removed in the process of personalizing the car.

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This was another seminar on a different day that we attended about the Concourse Judging Procedure. And some of the changed they have made.

A presentation slide titled "Scoring" with the NCRS logo in the top right corner. The slide content is as follows:

**Scoring** **NCRS**

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This is the latest deduction points in the judging of the Concourse procedure.



Once again, our Chapter received a Top Flight recognition award for 2022, thank you to Gary Cowans for the fantastic work he does on achieving this Award for our Chapter.



Upstairs was the second Judging Field,



Wendy & I were very honoured to meet up with our best friend Dave Hill, last Convention we stayed with Karen and Dave at their home, unfortunately we weren't able to do it this year.



At the Convention, was Dave McLellan who also is a retired corvette engineer like Dave Hill. Great to see both at the Convention, they did a seminar of questions and answers on their Past experiences with the production years they produced,



More of the cars in the top judging room.





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At the end of judging and on the last night prior to departure, they have the banquet presentation dinner, this is where all the awards are handed out and also the certificates for the judging meet.



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Here are all the Top Flight ribbons and certificates, the plaques both Dave Hill and Dave McLellan awards



After the convention, Wendy & I drove to Bowling Green Kentucky to the Corvette Museum I had communicated with the Museum about our delivery of our new C8, stated that it would be awesome to do the Corvette Museum delivery. After communicating with them, they offered to do 101 delivery instructions on a C8 corvette for us.



Some of the new cars waiting for their owners to turn up and to do the Corvette Museum Delivery.





The Museum supplied this brand new C8 for Murray & the Museum instructor to do the Full Museum delivery. This took 45 minutes, and we were able to video the procedure, so Wendy & I, on our return can sit in our car and understand all the controls.





Wendy sitting in left hand drive C8 in Denver.



After all the years of hiring cars on these Conventions, we decided to purchase our own car and leave it in the States and drive it on our visits. We must have spent, in hiring charges, that would outweigh the purchase of this car.



2000 C5 silver convertible with red interior, stunning.



While in Colorado, Ralph Ridge asked would we like to go to a place called Dragon Man



This is a privately owned museum with a gun shop out the front. It also has shooting ranges outside and a motor cross track. It is owned by Dragon Man who is a Vietnamese veteran. It is inconceivable how one person can accumulate all the memorabilia that is in this museum. Hop onto the internet and have a look at Dragon Man in Colorado



Wendy looking at what gun she would like to purchase. Hee hee hee



This is a picture of Dragon Man with one of his machine guns from the war.



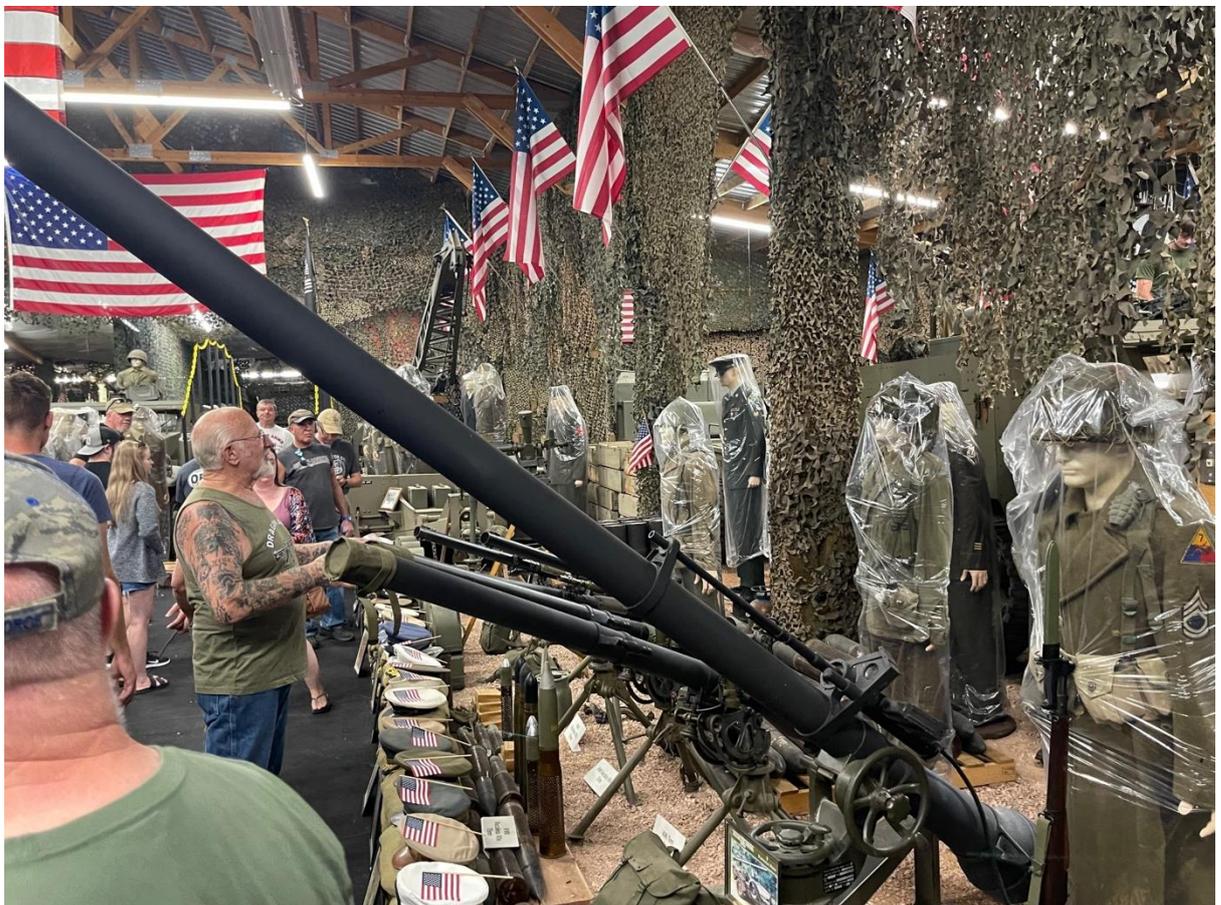
In the Museum, he has exhibitions showing war memorabilia, he also has the Museum divided up into different rooms. I.e.: the war in Vietnam, Iraq, Japan, Germany, Korea also early fights with the British. You just cannot believe some of the stuff he has on show.



Here is a picture of Saddam Hossain and his personal sword.



Here are personal effects of Hitler also, equipment that was in the detention centres.



Here is Dragon Man explaining to us all about these cannons that were mounted on jeeps and half-tracks, I never counted them, but he must have in excess of 200 halftracks.



He also has hundreds and hundreds of mannequins in uniforms, he has every uniform used in all wars that America has participated in





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Then, to top it off, you go into 3 more rooms that designated to Elvis, as this is also his other passion, along with Coca Cola memorabilia.



We left Australia with 2 purple bags, came home with 6 bags, lucky we were travelling light...those damn car parts take up a lot of room.



From Denver, we flew to LAX to meet up with our friends Bev and John Legate.



They took us to Coronado, what an awesome motel on the water.





Murray decided he wanted to have some ice-cream; I must say this is the most expensive ice cream we have ever bought anywhere. It was US\$15 (AU\$24) for this small cup.



After it was time to have some lunch, at the Fish Grotto in La Mesa great time with Bev and John.



The next day we went to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park



They had this tethered balloon ride that would take you up so you could oversee the whole park.



A couple of the female residents.



Along with Flamingo's



After staying with Bev and John, they drove us to Norm and Shirley Sheer's place in Desert Hot Springs



If you look closely, there are hundreds of wind turbines in the distance.



We decided to have lunch at Agua Caliente in Baristo. Murray just felt like a light sandwich this is what arrived aaahhh!!!!!!! How in the hell do they expect anyone to be able to eat this huge sandwich.....



From there, we went to see Marilyn Munroe in Palm Springs, I am not sure, but I think this is bigger than the one we have in Australia.



Over 30 years ago, Wendy and I tried to see Hurst Castle. So, when Norm and Shirley asked what we would like to do I said, we'd like to see Hurst Castle.



This is incredible, what one man could do back in that time.



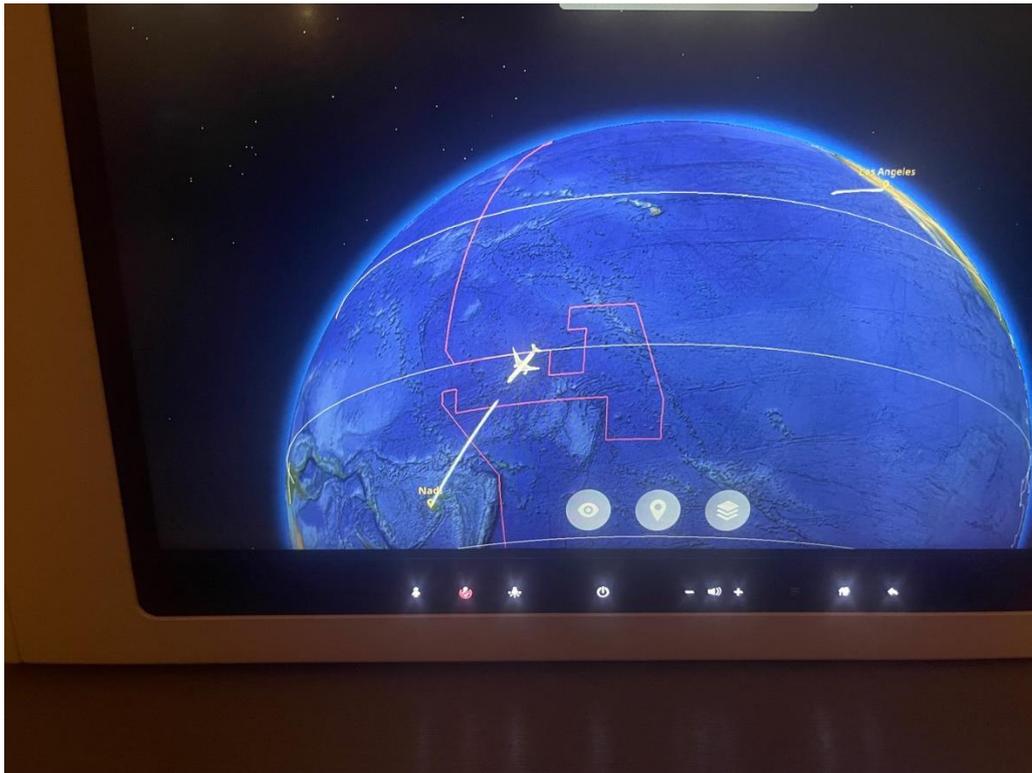
This Castle is on top of a mountain with approximately a 5 miles winding road from the base to the Castle, The Castle is unbelievable, the only downside of the day is that we had an absolute moron bus driver driving us down the hill... He was driving way too fast to stay in safety, we were lucky to survive so on arrival, I was at the back of the bus and as I stood up to go down and give him my mind. He jumped out of the seat and ran into the bus terminal, Unable to hear our complaints. Everyone on the bus commented on his stupidity.



After spending three lovely days with Norm and Shirley in their home and, also at San Simeon it was time to drive our hire car back to LA. Down Highway 101.



Here is a view from our Motel room at LAX.



The next day, we hopped onto a flight from LA to Nadi, I thought I would show you what the International Dateline looks like in that area. One would think it was just a straight line, this is not so.



On arrival at the Fiji Marriot Momi Bay Resort



We had this lovely bungalow over the water, just to unwind after our 5 week venture





One afternoon, while sitting on our balcony, this lovely lady turned up and delivered our complimentary cocktail. I must the cocktail was very nice.





Here we are on our last day, we are standing on a very small sandy island, approx 10klm out to sea from the Marriot Motel, we hired a jet ski which was a great experience. We hope you have enjoyed our editorial on our USA holiday.

Murray & Wendy



## Southern California Route 66 Road Tour 2023

Get ready we are getting our kicks on Route 66!

Meeting us at Chiriaca Summit Bob and Liz Brown and Jim and Robin Truffa and Dana Richard.



Joining our group in Kingman AZ for lunch Don and Carol Troyer and Mason McNay.

On we went to Hackberry General Store on the original Route 66. Everything Route 66 is there.



Hackberry General Store. A little sad seeing the boarded up old buildings.

Next stop the Canyon Lodge in Seligman, Arizona the birthplace of Route 66. Dinner out with more folks joining us. Arthur McNay Glorie McNay Karen Alban Mion and Garry Mion. Connie Inman and Jerry and Patricia Propst Louer so ten families came together today. So far so good with the weather too! Only 120 degrees F in Arizona.

Thank you, ARIZONA CHAPTER CHAIRMAN Garry Mion & Karen Mion, for kicking us off.



Dinner at the Roadkill Cafe

Seligman AZ was our first night out at the Canyon Lodge.



Tuesday finds us driving from Seligman, AZ to Gallup, NM.

Angel Delgadillo's Snow Cap Cafe. Angel was responsible for the saving of the Route 66 signage and its history in the 60s. I believe he is 96 years old. He was coming to work that day to work but we were too early to see him.





Standing on the Corner in Winslow Az., one by one we drove thru.



All the cars were photographed on the corner. It was such a fine sight to see. Loved the photo ops today.



We also saw the Jack Rabbit Trading Post for a shopping break Wigwam teepee photo op Hollbrook, AZ



Bruce Fosdike of Central California Chapter and Jim Vranich and Keith & Shary Kolerus of the Arizona Chapter joining us today in Gallup, NM. Another Route 66 Motel the El Rancho Hotel and Restaurant for the night.



## Grants Arch in Grants NM



John LeGate driving thru the Arch in our 2002, the oldest car on the road tour.

Each car and our metal and trailered cars all went thru. Jim Vranich trailering his 1978 Anniversary.



Then onto LUNCH at Sadie's in Albuquerque. Joining our group for lunch was Mike and Judy Johnson of New Mexico Chapter and a huge surprise was four NEW MEXICO CHAPTER members joining us for lunch as we travel thru New Mexico. Steve Walker, Mike Zamora, Marty Zimberoff, Jay Goacher. What a treat and support of the NEW MEXICO CHAPTER thank you all!

## Sadie's Mexican Restaurant





Michael Johnson suggested stopping at the Bozos Garage and Rod Shop in Santa Rosa NM. Very nice collection for some tire kicking before we arrive at the Blue Swallow Motel on Route 66.



The Blue Swallow was very unique and so Americana. We could park our cars in little attached carports.



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Thursday morning found us at Russell's Travel Spot for breakfast recommended by Bob Brown. A wonderful suggestion enjoyed by all.



MIDPOINT WE MADE IT!

Midpoint is halfway between Chicago and Los Angeles. 1138 Miles.

Dana Richard spray painted NCRS on a Cadillac



Not to be outdone, VW Slug Bug Ranch

OKLAHOMA Route 66 Museum



Thursday evening a wonderful surprise, two members of the OKLAHOMA CHAPTER joined us at the hotel for a pizza and beer party. Thank you both for coming Gene Holtz Judging Chairman and Ray Von Schlagter. And for the beer you brought. Today was a full day of Kodak moments.



Friday morning, we drove to the town of Arcadia which is the home of the 66 feet tall soda bottle. With 660 flavors to choose from. Of course.



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We traveled all of Route 66 from Edmond MO to Tulsa OK it was beautiful.

Then off to a very unique tour of Corvettes and hot rods and trains. Thank you, Paul Slaven for hosting our group.



Paul was presented with an NCRS Certificate of Appreciation.

Joining our group, a very special NCRS member and his beautiful wife Roy Sinor and Cheri Sinor thank you for joining us. Also joining our tour Murray & Wendy Forman from Australia. Thanks for traveling all this way.

Rob Wilson The Chairman of the OKLAHOMA CHAPTER also joined our group.

Thank you, OKLAHOMA CHAPTER for your support!



Our SoCal chapter member, Allen Morris was on the tour, and it was great to see him!



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Finally, a chocolate fix at Uranus Fudge Factory.

We didn't stop at the Blue Whale OH NO! Next day is our final day driving to French Lick Indiana.

We are attending the last night out celebration. We are very happy to report no one in our group is receiving the FLAT TIRE AWARD!

Thank you to all for your patience as we navigated 14 cars thru two lanes with trucks in both. I usually do not swear. I came close.

If you would like to see more photos, they are on our Southern California NCRS Facebook page. Please join our Facebook page and enjoy the cars. Thank you, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma Chapters for your support!, Thank you, Roy & Cheri Sinor for joining us! Great to see you both.

Thank you to all our fourteen families for helping well me get my kicks on Route 66.

You are all the best!

Beverly & John LeGate

NCRS #10983

## Vale Neil Bishop



Sadly, longtime Member Neil Bishop passed away on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August after a brief battle with cancer. Neil was a loving husband to Wendy, father to Aaron and Fiona, Father-in-law to Nicole and Grandfather to Mikayla and Daniel and Stepfather to Alison.

Neil was passionate about Corvettes and was a long-time member of both NCRS US and NCRS Australia. He participated at judging events in both countries. We will miss his devotion to helping Members with their Corvettes, his passion for the Judging Meets and his work on our behalf at the CMC.

**Rest in Peace Mate, you will be missed!**

Just before Neil was moved into Hospice care Wendy arranged for Members to attend a visit with him at his house with his family to talk about his Corvettes. After this event Neil said this was the happiest day of his life and he thoroughly enjoyed it, arguing with Patrick as to which yellow Z06 Corvette was best.





On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August we celebrated the life of Neil Bishop with family, and friends at the Whiteman Park Shelter, next to the Motor Museum of Western Australia. Neils son Aaron arranged to drive Neils Corvettes and trailer the Escort to Whiteman Park and here are his thoughts on the day.

I awoke to a brisk August morning hoping for fine weather and clear skies as the forecast for the day had been a chance of rain for the week prior. Thankfully, the air was cool, but the sun was shining, and it stayed that way for the remainder of the day. "Perfect day for racing" my father Neil used to say to me when we were racing karts, and as it turns out a perfect day to honour his memory too.

I headed over Dad's early to assist with the cars expecting at least one major headache due to their vintage, however most of the morning went without a hitch. Hearing the Escort roar into life and watching it slither its way around on the wet grass on its 13" wide slicks was very much something to behold, there will always be something immensely cool about a car that is almost as wide as it is long.

Expecting the Escort to be the problem and being pleasantly surprised when it wasn't I headed towards the house from the workshop to assist with the Corvettes. I was confident the C6 Z06 would start without issue, but the C3? Could be cantankerous if it wanted to be, and I certainly wouldn't blame her given her age and lack of miles recently.

After a group effort to bring the C6 down and off the storage hoist, I was given the keys to the C3 and a refresher on how to start a car with a carburettor. Luckily for me, the C3 is not as agricultural as you would expect for a car of this age. 2 pumps of the throttle to set the choke, make sure the Muncie is in neutral and turn the key. Success! The 350 starts and purrs away like it isn't 50 years old, and she is keen to hit the road again.

As the C3 warmed up and I got familiar with the instruments and controls, my 8yr old son Daniel arrives and promptly hops into the passenger seat. Daniel isn't into cars like Dad, and I are, but he really was when he was in that passenger seat.

There's something about cars like this that can never be replaced or recreated, and it's what turns non-car people *into* car people. The sound of the engine and the smell of



unburnt fuel, the analogue gauges, and the vinyl. The vacuum operated flip up headlights and the front wings that look outrageously massive from the driver's seat. It's something you can only experience in a car like this, and I can see why Dad loved this car, and we haven't even left the driveway yet.

As we depart and I turn out onto Armadale Road, I immediately regret my decision to pursue a career in an office chair as I realise, I do not have the arms to drive this thing. But we're moving now, and I have to keep going, not just for myself and Daniel but for Dad too.

I'm glad to say we had an uneventful trip to Whiteman Park where the memorial was being held, as it gave my son and I time to appreciate what Dad had built and what it must have meant to him. He drove that car along much of Route 66 and won trophies with it at NCRS events. He showed it on the deck of an Aircraft Carrier and brought it back to Australia where he continued to drive and enjoy it.

The event itself was great, and I know Dad would've been over the moon with the turnout. He had his favourite things and his favourite people all gathered to celebrate his life on a cool sunny day. The NCRS is where Dad felt he belonged, and from the bottom of my heart I'd like to thank you all for the support.

At the end of the event, I got to share the same experience of driving the C3 with my 10yr old daughter, Mikayla. And the experience was just as special even though we were crawling through traffic. Truth be told it was the first time I'd been happy to be stuck in traffic as it meant we got to spend a little longer talking about Grandad and enjoying the moment





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## Romeo Run to Seabird Tavern

ROMEIO RUN TO SEABIRD.

Wed 23 Aug, 2023.

West Australian members enjoyed another mid-week ROMEIO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) cruise, to the Seabird Tavern on Indian Ocean Drive 85 km north of Perth.

Johns Lambo led the way followed by Pat in his C8, Andrews 60 Caddy, Richards 61, Peters C8, Nicks 74, Terrys ZRI with Garys 65 at the end.



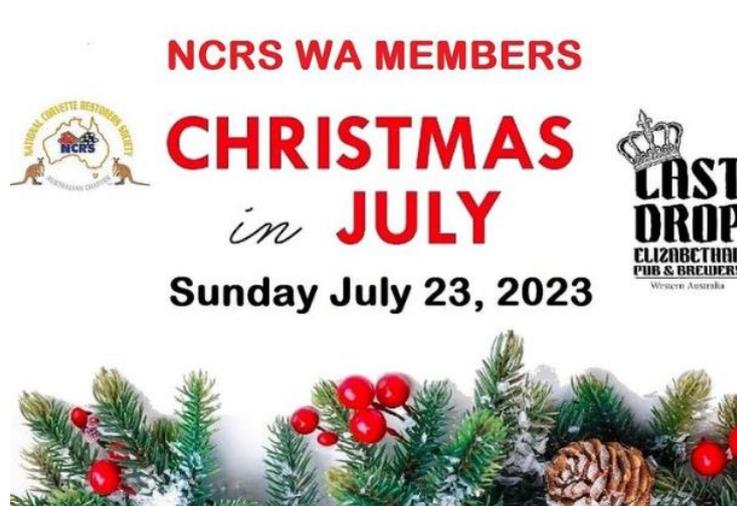
The company was great, and the food was excellent!



We had a few issues with one of the modern (No Chrome) Corvettes on the way back, but this was quickly sorted out with spare parts from Nick's Vette.



## WA Members Christmas In July



Morten Benjaminsen organised a fantastic WA Members cruise through the Darling Ranges to the Last Drop Elizabethan Pub to celebrate Christmas in July.



Morten conducting a drives Meeting prior to the cruise.



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## Andrews 69 convertible



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, we judged Andrew Christophoulos 1969 400 tripower. We had 10 members attend with 6 of their vets



Here are the Members doing the mechanical & interior,



Murray presenting Andrew with his Top Flight Award Congratulations goes to him on a superb vet.



## 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.

**14<sup>th</sup> October Trade Winds Fremantle Chapter Meet**

**5<sup>th</sup> November Kurrajong Hills Chapter Meet**

**12<sup>th</sup> November Kurrajong Hills AGM**

**Christmas Parties TBA**

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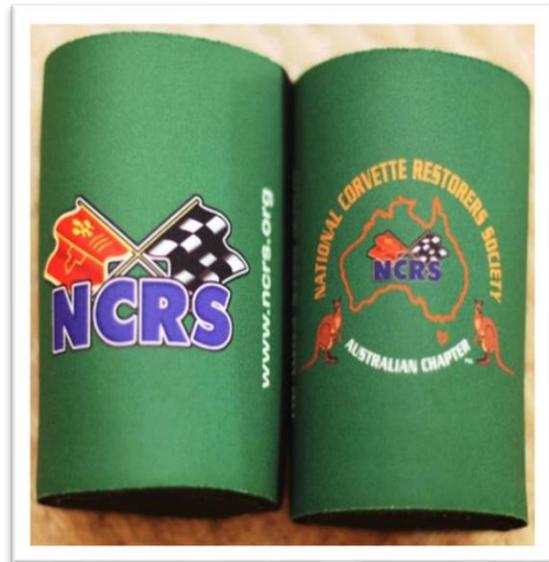
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**DRINK HOLDERS \$10**





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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**



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## Membership Officers Report

### **NCRS Austral Inc. Club Membership - RENEWALS**

- The 12 month period runs from 1<sup>ST</sup> February to 31<sup>ST</sup> 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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