

# NCRS

## AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER

### NEWSLETTER



September to December 2012

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Richard Stones (photo coming)

## STATE REPRESENTATIVES



SA: Emmanouel Gaganis



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QLD: Neil Fletcher



NSW: Murray Forman

VIC: Scott Morden (photo coming)

## AGM Presidents - Murray Forman

It is hard to believe that another year has passed so quickly, but we have achieved quite a lot in this time.

We have held 3 Chapter Meets in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne. We also held 3 Judging schools in Sydney.

At the moment, we have 111 members of which are;

Australian	87
New Zealand	1
Holland	1
Canada	1
USA	21

This is a far cry from when we first started our Chapter in 2005.

Since 2005 I have held the positions of President and Judging Chairman, which is a total of 8 years.

I believe it is now time for me to give the Chapter notice that I will stand for this position for 2013 but I will be standing down at the completion of that year.

I think it is time for the Chapter to be taken over by a new President and Judging Chairman. So I am giving you all one year notice of my intention.

I am concerned that the perception of the Chapter is that it is Murrays Baby and nobody is willing to step forward. So this is the reason for my decision to stand down and give someone else a go.

I would like to thank everybody that has assisted me in the past and I am so inspired to see how the Chapter has grown.

Wendy & I have attended the past 7 National Conventions and it is satisfying to see that our Chapter has received "Top Flight Status" for the years 2010 and 2011. There are many Chapters within the National body that have not achieved Top Flight status at all. We are the first International Chapter to receive this Award, so I would like to thank David Alder for his outstanding effort he has put in for us to achieve this Award. Thanks also go to the Chapter members who attended the Chapter Meets and assisted in all the pre-requisites for us to receive the Top Flight Chapter Awards.

At our last Sydney event, we decided to video the complete Judging system. I was able to take a rough copy over to the National Convention where I showed it to

Mark Lincoln the National Business manager and Roy Sinor the National Judging Chairman.

In both cases, they were very impressed with the result, there are some issues that we have to attend to, but otherwise the video was a great success. Through Mark, the National body has indicated that they are interested in using this video to assist Chapters in Membership recruitment. We are under negotiations at the present to try and recover some of the costs occurred in the making of the video. I will keep you all informed with our progress.

Also the other first that the Australian Chapter has is to have four cars achieve the International Mark of Excellence Award. So congratulation goes to Richard Stones, Richard Dickens, Peter Whiston and Wendy & I for this achievement.

The only other Chapter in the Organisation to achieve this award is in New Zealand and congratulations go to Greg and Dianne Haliday. This year they sent their car back to America to run through the Judging program in the USA to achieve The Duntov Award, which was given at the Nationals this year in San Diego. So this proves that the standard of cars to receive the International Mark of Excellence is equivalent to the Highest Award in America.

Also at the Nationals this year, Wendy & I received our Red Masters Caps, which is presented to Master Judges that have had their car pass and achieve the highest Award in the Organisation.

So I now look forward to 2013 where we will try to achieve the high standard we have set for the Chapter and complete Judging Meets and Judging Schools as we have done in the past. So I ask you all to support and attend all events and enjoy the judging procedures of NCRS.

Murray Forman  
President NCRS Australia Inc.

## AGM Vice Presidents Report – David Adler

2012 has been another successful year for the NCRS Australia chapter.

**Sponsorship:** The following sponsors maintained their sponsorship for the year: GM Down Under Australia, Inmaco (Morton Benjaminsen), Shannons Insurance, Paragon Corvette Reproductions, and Kwik Kopy Perth. Furthermore, Rightway Panel Beaters (Terry Martin) and Travel Managers (Deb Marvin) in Richmond have also made significant commitments of their time and money to benefit the members and all our sponsors deserve much recognition and thanks.

Please support our sponsors as without them the club cannot continue to function as it does.

The terms for all of our sponsors that provide monetary support have now expired. Whilst we could approach them once again in 2013 it is probably time to approach others to extend their support the chapter as they have done more than their fair share in the club's early years.

**Chapter Profile:** The profile of the chapter and its members has been greatly enhanced throughout the past 12 months as members have travelled to a number of American events, including the NCRS Nationals. The hospitality of our American friends continues to be better than we could ever hope for, and the opportunities this presents are excellent.

A number of events have been held by our chapter over the past 12 months including tech sessions, judging schools, flight judging, road tours, and general socialising. All of these help to expand the membership knowledge and profile of the chapter. I look forward to this continuing in 2013.

**Marketing:** Sponsorship funding provides the club with options on how to promote itself and reward the members. We continue to maintain our web site, produce stubbie holders, corporate flyers, t-shirts, hats, and jackets.

Unfortunately, due to the low level of sales we have elected not to produce a calendar for 2013.

As you may be aware Murray and Lon have recently produced a promotional video for our chapter which will shortly be placed on our web site and is a great idea to attract new members. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members with any suggestions you have to expand our marketing and promotion for the chapter.



**Top Flight Chapter Award:** The NCRS Chapter Award Program was developed to promote involvement and participation by members in their Chapter events while encouraging the sharing of knowledge in the restoration and preservation of the Corvette. The Program measures the performance of each Chapter against standard award criteria similar to the principal used in judging our Corvettes. Each Chapter is eligible to receive an award every year after submitting the required quarterly reports and fulfilling the criteria attached.

As reported by Murray in our recent newsletter, during his visit to San Diego for the Nationals in 2012, our chapter was presented with the 2011 Top Flight Chapter Award. This award was a highlight of the opening night presentation and many chapter Presidents were particularly pleased to receive it on behalf of their members.

In 2012 we are close to completing the requirements to receive the award once again. Importantly in order to satisfy the program regulations all activities need to be documented with sign in sheets, and hence please ensure you all sign in at each event and for each activity, e.g. road tour, judging school, AGM, etc.

I believe the club needs to have a dedicated person appointed to run this program for our chapter each year, and am pleased to see our election of office bearers includes a Chapter Flight Officer accordingly.

**Thanks:** Thank you to all committee members, particularly Murray Forman our President, Wendy Forman the Secretary, Gary Cowans our Webmaster, Deb Mavin our Treasurer, and Lon LeMaster our enthusiastic Editor for their untiring efforts and commitment of their time to growing the profile of our chapter for benefit of you the members.

After five years in the role of Vice President I will not be standing for re-election in 2013. Due to the birth of our baby boy and the pressures of running a small business I do not have the time to commit that the role requires. It is also appropriate for the club to have some new blood take over this role to drive the club to the next level. I will however continue to attend as many events as I can and am happy to support the new Vice President with the handover if necessary.

Thank you for your support during my time as Vice President, I have greatly enjoyed working with you all and seeing the membership and activities grow.

David Alder  
8 December 2012

## NCRS Australia Stock Report as at December 8, 2012

### FLIGHT AWARD CERTIFICATES

TOP FLIGHT	39	
SECOND FLIGHT	46	
THIRD FLIGHT	50	
DASH PLAQUES	44	
APPRECIATION	26	
TABULATOR	45	
JUDGING	19	
SPECIAL INTEREST	10	
TOTAL	279	
COST .75c US\$ DIVIDE BY -1.4c AU\$ = \$.72c		\$ 200.88

### JUDGING SHEETS

53-55 x 9: 56-57 x 10: 58-62 x 2: 63-67x15: 68-72 x 3: 73-77 x 9:  
78-82 x 3: 84-86 x 10: 87-89 x 9: 90-91 x 11: 92-93 x 3:

TOTAL 84		AU\$2 ea	\$ 168.00
TROPHIES	3	COST – DONATED VALUE	\$ 30.00
TROPHIES – IOME	3	COST - \$150 EACH	\$ 450.00
BOOKS	2	COST – DONATED VALUE	\$ 50.00

### SHIRTS

BLUE DENIM	TOTAL 5 @ \$45 =	\$ 225.00
GREEN CLUB	TOTAL 6 @ \$45 =	\$ 270.00
CLUB CAPS	TOTAL 6 @ \$20 =	\$ 120.00
LADIES SHIRTS	TOTAL 16 @ \$34	\$ 544.00

### RIBBONS



TOP FLIGHT	10		
SECOND FLIGHT	18		
THIRD FLIGHT	19		
SPORTSMAN	13		
LONGEST TRAVELLED	10		
LONGEST TRAIERED	10		
LADIES CHOICE	6		
COST US\$3.58 DIVIDED BY 1.04 = AU\$3.44ea X 86			\$ 295.84
CLIP BOARDS	28	@ \$2.50 =	\$ 70.00
TORCHES	9	@ \$1.50 =	\$ 13.50
PENCILS	28	@ .50c =	\$ 14.00
JUDGING MANUALS	SET	DONATED VALUE	\$ 600.00
STORAGE CONTAINERS	7	@ \$15.00 =	\$ 105.00
PENS	6	@ \$1.00 =	\$ 6.00
CALCULATORS	2	@ \$4.00 =	\$ 8.00
CD'S P/POINT PRESENTATION	2	@ \$2.00 =	\$ 4.00
CD'S NCRS 2005	13	@ \$10.00 =	\$ 130.00
PROJECTOR & SPEAKERS			\$ 500.00
PRINTER			\$ 250.00
RETRACTABLE SIGNS	2		\$ 1024.00
STUBBIE HOLDERS	10	@ \$5.00	\$ 50.00
LAPTOP COMPUTER	1		\$ 650.00
COMPUTER SOFT WARE			\$ 265.00
COMPUTER BAG			\$ 45.00

**MERCHANDISE & EQUIPMENT HELD IN PERTH**

GREEN SHIRT	6	\$ 270.00
BLUE SHIRTS	5	\$ 225.00
STUBBIE HOLDERS	8	\$ 80.00
BOLLARDS & TAPE	24	\$ 700.00
BANNER (NCRS)	1	\$ 250.00
FREESTANDING BANNER	1	\$ 512.00
CAR DOLLY	1	\$ 300.00
PHOTOCOPIED MANUALS		
61-62 & 63-64 & 70-72 & 73-77 & 80-82 & 84-86 & 87-89 & 90-91		
8 SETS	@ \$30.00	\$ 240.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL OF STOCK</b>		<b>\$ 8665.22</b>

## NCRS Australia Treasures Report

<b>NCRS Treasurers Report</b>		<b>01 September-29 November 2012</b>	
<b>Amendment to Closing balance as per statement 01Jun – 29 August 2012</b>			<b>\$15476.77</b>
Opening Balance as per statement 29 November 2012			\$15476.77
<b>Cheque Deposits</b>			
27 Nov	Howard	\$ 35	
	Ryan	\$ 70	
	Morden	\$ 125	
	Whiston	\$ 220	
	Jones	\$ 245	
	Clarke	\$ 35	
	Mahboub	\$ 35	
	Caruana	\$ 90	
	Spiteri	\$ 110	
	Mavin	\$ 70	
<b>Cash Deposits</b>			
27 Nov	Stones	\$ 90	
	Forman	\$ 90	
	Lynn	\$ 35	
	Callas	\$ 35	
<b>Direct Deposits</b>			
01 Sep	Interest	\$ 0.48	
01 Oct	Interest	\$ 0.45	
22 Oct	Young	\$ 35	
01 Nov	Interest	\$ 0.46	
<b>Deposits</b>		<b>\$1321.39</b>	
<b>Less Reimbursement</b>		<b>\$ 175</b>	<b>To Forman for Melbourne Event</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$1146.39</b>	
<b>Cheque Withdrawals</b>			
24 Sep	18	\$ 530	Morten Benjaminson
02 Nov	22	\$ 150	Your IT Help
22 Nov	21	\$ 32.50	Access Plastic Cards
<b>Direct Debits</b>			
22 Nov		\$ 565.77	Insurance
<b>Total Withdrawals</b>		<b>\$1278.27</b>	
Balance as per bank statement 29 Nov 12			<b>\$15344.89</b>

## NCRS Australia Inc. AGM Meeting Sydney 2012

Meeting opened: 1-40pm

Attendants: Sydney- Joe Caruana, Bob Lynn, Harry & Dianne Turner, Richard Stones, Debora and Andrew Mavin, Peter Mahboub, Richard Dickens, Murray and Wendy Forman.

Attendants Perth - Terry Martin, Colin Morris, Gary Wilkinson, Shane Bennett and David Alder.

Apologies: Ron Barrett, Gary Cowans and Rod Grogan.

Presidents Report - read by Murray Forman

Vice Presidents Report- read by David Alder

Secretary's report - read by Wendy Forman

Editors Report- read by Murray Forman

Treasurers Report - read by Murray Forman

Murray then declared all positions vacant and vacated the chair and handed the meeting over to Bob Lyn. Bob Lyn then confirmed the appointment. Accepted the motion and accepted the second and declared the position filled in all positions as listed below.

President: Murray Forman

Vice President: Harry Turner

Secretary: Wendy Forman

Treasurer: Deborah Mavin

Editor: Gary Wilkinson

Webmaster: Gary Cowans

NSW Club Registrar: Andrew Mavin

Events Co-ordinator: Ron Barrett

Apparel Officer: Richard Dickens

Committee: Neil Fletcher, Colin Morris, Richard Stones.

Public Officer: Murray Forman

### **State Representatives:**

NSW Murray Forman

VIC Scott Morden

QLD Neil Fletcher

WA Terry Martin

SA Vacant

CMC Officer WA; Gary Cowans, Gary Wilkinson  
Club Plate Registrar: Gary Cowans  
Judging Chairman: Murray Forman  
Chapter Flight Officer: David Alder  
Membership Officer: Joe Caruana

After the completion of the Election of Office Bearers, Bob Lyn handed the chair back to The President Murray Forman.

General Business: Murray Forman

Murray Forman then asked Colin Morris to make a presentation to David Alder with an Appreciation Plaque for his services as Vice President and Chapter Flight Officer.

Notation was given from David that we need to find somebody else to take on the Chapter Flight officer position as we will be completing the next year's requirements in June for 2012.

The discussion was then raised about the Membership fee. Murray stated that from 2005 till now it has been \$35 and stated that it was time to review the Membership fee. It was an open discussion between NSW & WA and the decision was unanimous to increase it to \$50. Murray moved the motion and it was passed.

Murray then spoke on Sponsorship, as of the beginning of 2013 we do not have any sponsors at all, so everyone is keeping an eye out for new sponsors.

David put forward a proposal that the Chapter offer to sponsor C1, C2, C3 and C4 Standard Trophies at the National Convention in Toowoomba. Motion was moved by David Alder, Second by Gary Wilkinson.

Murray spoke about the Chevrolet Car Club having a permanent Judging Meet at their premises. Everyone agreed that this was a good idea and for Murray & Louis Rokas to continue communication.

A discussion was made about advertising in Club Magazines and the decision for Murray & Joe to do more advertising in this area.

Murray said that he had contacted the Down Under Car Club and asked if NCRS could carry out a Judging exhibition at the Show N Shine and that they had indicated they would be very happy for us to do this.

Murray then read out the suggestion from Peter Whiston about the conversion deductions on right hand cars and the claiming of CV being no points deducted.

After a long discussion it was decided that they look into the suggestions that Peter had made before a final decision could be made. The essence of his proposal is that if someone is going to claim CV at a Judging Meet, i.e.; headlights, seatbelts, mirrors, that they should have the original item in question to be judged at that time. The consensus of the meeting was that C1, C2, and C3, were OK but C4 really creates a major problem for us. There will be further correspondence on this matter.

Murray then asked about Chapter Meets next year, the next Chapter Meet will be in Sydney prior to the Road Tour to the Nationals in Toowoomba in Easter, also the Melbourne judging event at Chevrolet Car Club. The proposal was put forward from Terry Martin that we try and do something the following year at the South Australian Convention, further correspondence to be done on this matter.

A motion was moved by Murray Forman and seconded by David Alder that we carry out one IMoE Chapter Award Meet in the east states and also one in the west state in that year. Motion was passed.

Murray spoke about the road tour to Toowoomba and back to Sydney. Harry Turner and Murray will forward on booking phone numbers and places of interest so that members can do their own accommodation reservations.

Murray spoke about the video that was made at the last Sydney Chapter Meet and how the NCRS National Board was interested in using the video. He also spoke about the fact that there needed to be more work done on the video and submit it to the Board to see if they can use it as there may be a chance our Chapter receiving some reimbursement. The decision to go ahead was unanimous.

Murray then moved a motion, seconded by Richard Stones that we make a donation to the Royal Flying Doctor Service for \$500 as it is our nominated charity and it was passed unanimously.

Terry Martin made a suggestion to contact Gasoline Alley in SA; this may be a good venue to do a Chapter Judging Meet at the 2014 Nationals. Further correspondence will follow.

Murray then asked the new Editor could we do a Newsletter every two months rather than the three months at the moment. Gary Wilkinson indicated that it would be fine to do that.

Discussion was opened about Murray & Joe concentrating on new membership. All agreed.

There was no further general business; the meeting was closed at 3pm.

Murray Forman: President NCRS Australia Inc.

## NCRS Australia Inc. Proposal for 2013 Itinerary

Hi everyone,

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 16<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> :

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

### March 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup>;

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

### March 24<sup>th</sup>:

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 25<sup>th</sup>:**

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

### **March 26<sup>th</sup>:**

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.

### **March 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Travel from Coonabarabran to Narrabri stay the night here. Stop along the way to see the Warrumbungle National Park and Siding Springs Observatory and the CSIRO 6 Dish's Australian Telescope Region and "The Sawn Rocks"

### **March 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Travel from Narrabri to Goondiwindi and stay the night, via Moree stopping at the Pecan Nut Farm.

### **March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Travel from Goondiwindi 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 approximately 300 people and approximately 150 corvettes. On arrival at Toowoomba, we will book in to the Convention.

### **March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>:**

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

### **April 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Travel from Toowoomba to GYMPIE staying in the area.

### **April 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Travel from 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 which we travel on to Kingscliff and stay the night there.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Travel from Kingscliff 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.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>:**

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.

**April 5<sup>th</sup>:**

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.

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. We will be 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@bigpond.com](mailto:eagleviews@bigpond.com) or mobile phone 0402-917-400 with your response.

Thank you,

Murray Forman  
President NCRS Australia Inc.

## NCRS Road Trip 2013 Accommodation numbers and Costs. Sydney to Toowoomba and return

Sunday March 24-25: Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin  
Phone: 02-4998-2000 Cost \$ \*\*\*\*\*

Tuesday March 26th: All Travellers Motor Inn, Coonabarabran.  
Phone: 02-6842-1133 Cost \$130/night

Wednesday March 27th: Club Motor Inn, Narrabri  
Phone: 02-6792-3191 Cost \$120/night

Thursday March 28th: The Jolly Swagman Motor Inn, Goondiwindi  
Phone: 07-4671-4560 Cost \$105/night

Friday- Sunday March 31st: National Convention Toowoomba. Burke & Wills  
Hotel Phone: 07-4632-2433 Cost \$\*\*\*\*\*

Monday April 1st: The Mary River Motor Inn, Gympie.  
Phone: 07-5482-9977 Cost \$165/night

Tuesday April 2nd: Blue Waters Motel, Kingscliff  
Phone: 02-6674-2999 Cost \$99/night

Wednesday April 3rd: Riverview Boutique Motel, Nambucca Heads  
Phone: 02-6568-6386 Cost \$135/night

Thursday April 4th: Salamanda Shores, Port Stephens  
Phone 02-4982-7210 Cost \$129/night

**NOTE: \*\*\*\*\*NCRS has 8 rooms booked at Pokolbin, call Harry Turner for these reserved rooms on 0409-409-599. Once they have gone, please ring direct.**

**NOTE\*\*\*\*\*NCRS has 10 rooms booked for International visitors at Burke & Wills Toowoomba.**

If we do not fill those rooms, they will be available.

Call Murray Forman 0402-917-400

## **NCRS Chapter Meet – 9th to the 11th November 2012 Melbourne**

Our life member, Louis Rokas, was able to make arrangements for us to carry out a Judging exhibition at the Chevrolet Car Club of Victoria. So firstly a very big thanks to Louis for this effort.

We started in Sydney and drove to Melbourne in my new Silverado 2500HD. The crew consisted of Wendy, Mum, Richard Stones and I. We cruised down the highway and our first major stop was at Gundagai for diesel. As this was our first stop, everyone disembarked the vehicle while I filled the tank. As the last person got out and closed the door, I heard the sound of a beep from the horn telling me the truck had just been locked. OH OH NO.... I had thrown the keys on my seat thinking no-one was hopping out. After about an hour and a half we were able to get the NRMA to attend, he took approximately 30 seconds to break into my truck without any damage whatsoever. The worst part of this situation is that I was not an NRMA member so I had to join on the spot, so \$277 later we were on our way to Melbourne.

Aside from this small diversion, the rest of the trip was uneventful along with the return trip home. The moral of this story is ....hide a second key somewhere under your vehicle. I can now report that this has been done.

Moving onto the Chapter Meet as stated above, the venue was at the Chevrolet Car Club of Victoria. I would now like to thank them for their generosity for being able to use their facilities. Being a small Meet we only had 2 cars to judge, a 1959 of Trevor and Joy Jones and a 1963 split window of Peter Whistons.

Big thanks goes to Trevor & Joy who had trailered their car from Queensland for the Concourse de elegance in Melbourne the week prior to our Chapter Meet, so they waited and attended our Meet on the weekend. Thanks again for your attendance.

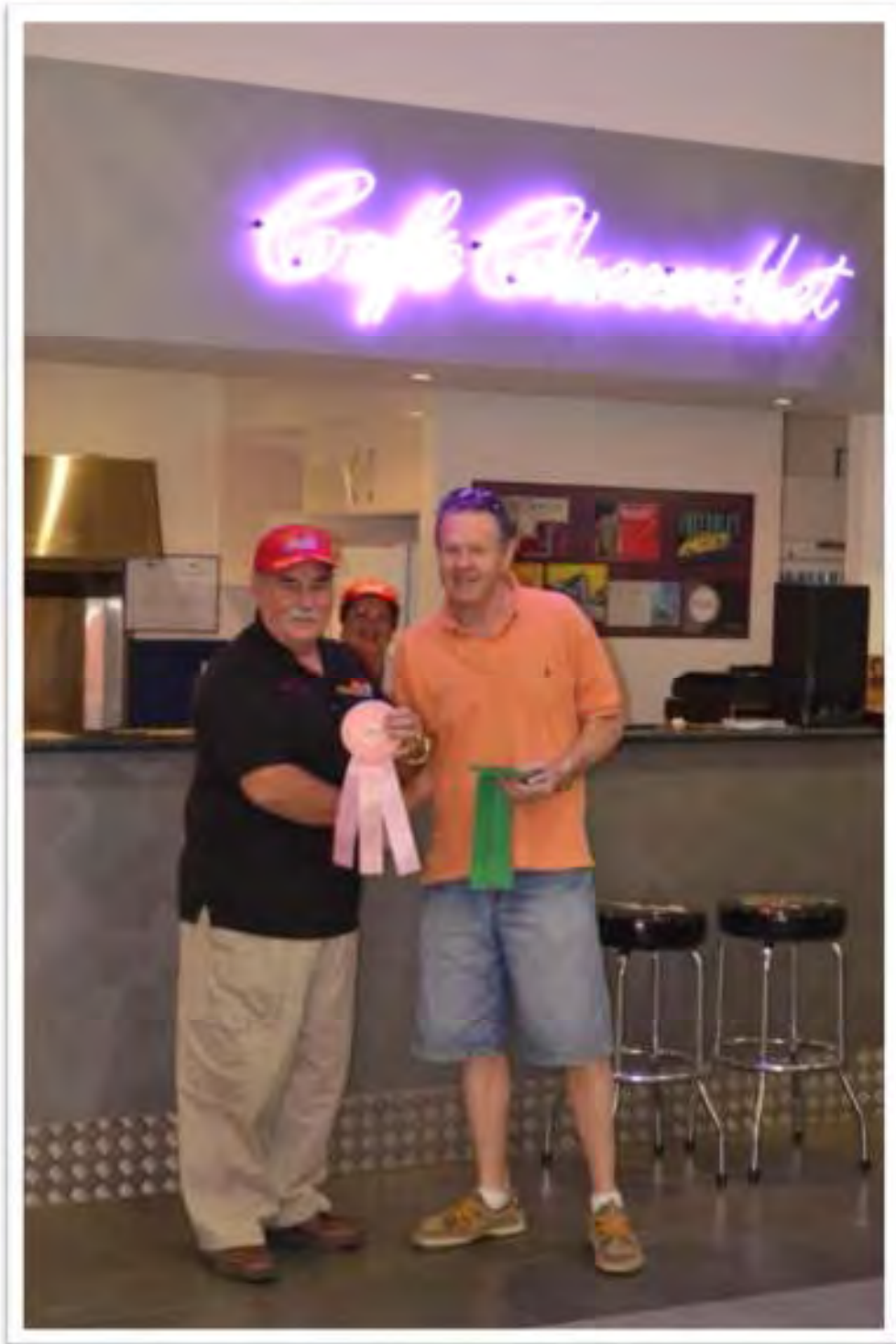
Peter Whiston was completing his International Mark of Excellence with his magnificent 1963. Thank you Peter for your attendance as well.

On the Saturday we had approximately 25 Chevrolet car club members turn up to watch us judge the cars and on Sunday we had 10 members there. So it was great that we got the exposure to their members.

I am able to report that Trevor and Joy were able to achieve their goal of 97% Top Flight and Peter achieved his IMoE which required 97% and above for this award. So congratulations to both these members, job well done.

NCRS Australia presented the Chevrolet Car Club and Vic Vets with an Appreciation Certificate giving our gratitude for their support and use of facilities. They have now indicated to us that they would like to make this an annual event.

It was also great to have and Meet up with our other Melbourne Chapter members, Frank Breekveldt, Scott Morden, Charlie Spitteri, Peter Hoff and Bill Ryan. Joe Caruana flew in from Sydney to attend this Meet as well. Thank you everyone for your support and making this Chapter Meet a success.



Peter Whiston's Lady Choice Award





Rod from “The Chevrolet Car Club of Victoria”. NCRS Australia presented the club with a framed appreciation certificate for the use of their premises. Thanks Again Guys





Trevor Jones receives his 97% Top Flight Award



Peter Whiston's receives his Mark of Excellence Award



Things get underway



A few of the folk attending on the day





Peter Whiston's Mark of Excellence 1963 Fuelie  
Check out Peter's Great Barn Find 64, later in the Newsletter



Trevor Jones 1959 Engine Compartment (2 X 4 barrels under that air cleaner)



Lou Rokas 66 on Sportsman Display along with the other cars being NCRS judged

### **Whiteman Park Motor Museum annual Brockwell Memorial Run**

In its 11th year this classic car event was bigger than ever with over 200 entries of all marques and eras – with a good selection ranging from early '30's Ford roadsters right thru to Terry Martin's 2010 ZR1. A solid turn-out of Corvettes proved very popular with the public, with 5 NCRS members enjoying the day: Tim & Caroline's unrestored '62; Shanes original '64 roadster; Gary W's black/silver '6T5' coupe; Gary C's '65 silver/silver big block and Terry's incredibly popular ZR1. Several other non-NCRS 'vette owners also enjoyed the perfect weather which suited the slow-speed cruise from South Fremantle's Wilson Park along the coast and up to Whiteman Park approximately 45km north. This annual event is quickly becoming "THE" event on the classic car calendar with all donations going towards up-keep of the not-for-profit Whiteman Park Motor Museum, which has an amazing car and memorabilia collection aimed at educating the general public and encouraging the ownership and restoration of classic cars. This year the event was included in the annual Fremantle Festival



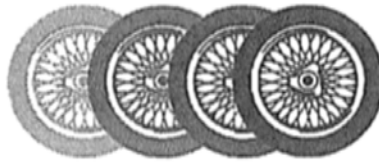
which ensured a large public attendance – future events are sure to grow in popularity with both owners and the general public – this is of great benefit for the “old car hobby” including of course our awesome ‘vettes!  
We all had a great day and are looking forward to another fantastic event next year.



Above Gary Cowans grandson Henry, 2 years, is learning to drive the big block 65

This next article on the next pages was submitted by Gary Cowans for a bit of “light ready. Sorry about the quality. It came to me as a PDF file which does not allow me to edit.

The Tariff concession for imported car parts over 30 years old has been revoked by customs! See attached Combined Car Clubs of WA minutes under Tariff Concession. The AHMF is also sending a letter (attached) to customs. Means we now pay a 5% duty on parts. I am not sure if it does not apply for shipments under \$1k.



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**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
HELD IN THE BASSENDEAN COMMUNITY LESSER HALL ON  
15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

**Meeting opened at:** 8pm with President Fred Belford in the Chair.

**Attending:** delegates representing clubs as per the attendance register.  
(See attached annex for list of clubs represented at this meeting)

**Apologies:** Bob Senn (Citroen), Georgie Bennett & Rowland Palmer (Riley), Dave Batger (Caddy), Peter Gilborthorpe (Model A), Laurie Doncon (Trachmac), Dave Churn (WA Omnibus), Gary Thirlwell (GT Falcon), Kelvin Ferris (Museum), Terry Snelgar (Holden)

**Visitors:** Gene Schneider (TECCWA) yet to be approved.

**Minutes of Previous General Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

**Moved,** by Geoff Moor & **Seconded** by Sue Churn that "they be taken as read", **Carried.**

**Matters arising –**

- The Model A Restorers have since advised that they cannot hold the Quiz Night in 2014. The event is now open to another club.
- All clubs have returned their Code 404 inspection details and the master list has been sent to Transport. There were 179 non conforming vehicles. A registrar requested notification of receipt of report by CMC (if the CMC collates the report in future years)
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**Correspondence:** All matters were of a routine nature and handled by the committee

**Finance:**

The Treasurer went on Holidays within days of the last meeting and so no figures are available other than what was reported at the AGM.

Closing balances were:

Term Deposit:	\$21454.55
General Account:	\$11384.39
Classic Car Show:	\$8682.81

The Term Deposit includes the Tax Levy of \$6587.

**Moved** by Peter Taylor and **Seconded** by Barry Ebedes that the above be accepted, **Carried.**

**REPORTS:** AHMF REPORT TO THE CMC: Monday 15<sup>TH</sup> October 2012 (Fred Belford)

At the last meeting I gave a brief outline of some of the events from the AHMF AGM which I attended on behalf of the Council.

Since that meeting a number of actions have commenced which I felt you may find of interest.

**Tax Liability of Clubs –** In recent weeks I have had a query from a Club as to exactly what actions are being taken by the AHMF in this matter. I did mention this last month however to bring you up to date it was decided to proceed as follows:



One of our Victorian Delegates, who is a Taxation Accountant, has been driving this enquiry for a number of years now. You may recall that we raised a levy on all Club members to fund a formal approach to the Government. This was, at the time, estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$50,000.00. We raised a little over \$6000.00 in WA and this is still held by the Council.

Unfortunately he has been stymied in a number of ways. First we had an election, and then a Prime Minister was "dumped", then another election which as you know resulted in a hung parliament. Contacts that our Delegate had, both politically and in the bureaucracy kept changing.

The next election is due no later than this time next year (and given recent events in parliament could be earlier).

A recommendation was made, which was accepted by the Delegates, that a fresh approach be made. This time it would be by way of a "personal" approach to all MPs, in both houses as well as intending candidates. If you consider that in WA alone our Clubs have some 14,000 members and Australia-wide would be in the 100s of thousands that is a large number of votes. That is a way to get to a politician's heart!

I am in touch with our Delegate in Victoria and a "pro-forma" letter should be received shortly. Our intention is to supply all our Member Clubs with a copy and we recommend that all Clubs **AND** their members (**individually**) sign and despatch the letters to their local MP (from both Houses), as well as any endorsed candidates who are standing for the first time at the next election.

As this letter is still to be received, the CMC will send out after these minutes are distributed.

**Constitution:** Fred advised that there are moves afoot to update and change the constitution of the AHMF. These changes are only administrative and have no bearing to members at club level.

**Tariff Concessions:** Tariff Concession on Old Car Parts is being Revoked and this Affects Veteran, Vintage, Classic & Historic Cars

For many years the old car hobby has had the benefit of a Tariff Concession on parts imported into Australia for vehicles over 30 years old BUT as of May 2012 this Concession was revoked and the relevant car parts will now attract a minimum 5% duty, plus the GST.

The cost of the imported parts needed to maintain or restore historic cars will therefore rise, especially if those parts are from the UK, Europe or Asia.

For some enthusiasts a 5% increase on parts may affect their ability to complete a restoration to the standard desired, or perhaps to complete it at all. For some it may also make the difference between keeping their historic car running and on the road, especially if a major and expensive component is required from overseas.

The revoking of the Tariff Concession Order will also affect the sellers of car parts to the hobby, many being small specialist businesses who largely rely on the support of motor enthusiasts. Exception: if the vehicle parts are made in the US from US materials it has been suggested that they should be covered under the US-AUS Free Trade Agreement. If bringing parts in from the US it is recommended that the supplier identify US manufactured goods on the invoice and supply the Free Trade Agreement Declaration .

Why has the Concession been Revoked?

Mr Andrew Mumberson, Manager Tariff Operations, Tariff Concessions, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service in response to a query from Jeff Mills of MustangTech.com.au commented:

"The Tariff Concession Orders (TCOs) were listed for revocation as all of them are legally invalid." [May 14 2012] Apparently Customs identified this problem during a review of Australian Tariff Classifications against internationally used Tariff Classifications and so decided to revoke TCOs in their entirety because of incorrect wording or where multiple items were listed on one Tariff Concession Order.

As a consequence Enthusiasts will have to accept a 5% rise in the cost of imported parts, that is if Customs receives no substantial opposing comments or encouragement to re-endorse an appropriate set of Tariff Concession Orders for old car parts.

This has sort of happened before, so the government can indeed fix it:

On 18 October 1994 changes were implemented to regulation 185 of the Regulations (Statutory Rules 1994 No. 351 refers).... One unintended result of the amendment was the revocation of existing TCOs for parts for vehicles at least 30 years of age which also have a general rate of 15%.

These TCOs had allowed importers of replacement parts for cars such as vintage, classic and veteran cars duty free entry on those products.

The Government approved amendments to the Regulations to restore eligibility for parts of passenger motor vehicles where such vehicles are at least 30 years of age. What can be done about it this time?

Unfortunately the 'intention to revoke' the TCO seems to have largely gone 'under the radar' of the old car movement with little publicity enabling comment by June 13th.

Without direct and vocal communication from the state and national car club councils, car clubs and individual enthusiasts it would seem that Australian Customs will allow the Concessional Tariff for old car parts to simply fade away.

The AHMF has agreed to make a formal submission to the Director of Tariff Operations in Canberra on this matter and a copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.

Delegates were advised that the CMC Committee had endorsed the sending out of separate letters to their federal members;

1. the copy of the proforma letter as well as the clubs' or members' comments on the tax liability issue and,
2. The copy of the Tariff concessions letter from the AHMF also endorsing the AHMF stance on this subject.

**Classic Car Show:** Sue Churn advised that the theme for the next show on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013 will be "Picnic in the Park"

Clubs will be asked to further support the committee by providing members to attend the entry points during the day to collect the entry fee. Full details will be provided on the information sheet attached to these minutes.

**Motor Museum:** In the absence of Kelvin Ferris, John McLean advised that the museum continues to enjoy a good turn over with increased patronage. The Museum had seven vehicles at the recent Wesley Rotary Charity Classic Car Show. The Australian Motor Museum Association annual meeting is on in Melbourne this year and again Kelvin will represent the Motor Museum. One of the benefits has been that through his contacts the Museum now owns the cutaway Falcon that was on loan from the recently disbanded Ford Discovery Centre.

John advised that after promotional activity with the newly formed COV's, Aussie Invader III, Australia's Land Speed Record Vehicle will be placed in the Museum for all to see.

Plans are moving forward for an extension to the Museum and further information will be provided in due course.

**Technical Committee:** John Mclean advised that he and the Secretary had a very informative meeting with directors and deputy directors of Policy and Driver Vehicle Services at Transport a few weeks ago. They are committed to working with the CMC to ensure the continuation of code 404 and are well on the way to producing a concession handbook for all codes. They particularly asked for an electronic copy of our code 404 handbook so as to incorporate our requirements into the official handbook. AIS Inspection stations may well be rationalized and we believe the PLI issue will be covered by the introduction of charging the standard inspection fee. Details are yet to be finalized.

## The Great Barn Find – 1964 Fuelie Coupe in Japan by Peter Whiston



In 2008 I received an email from a broker I have purchased cars from in Japan.

He had 3 Corvettes he was selling. For Sale were a red 54, a black 64 and a bronze 56. Conditions described a needing some work and none were running. I decided to buy the 56 and the 64.

After a few weeks the cars arrived. The condition of both was that they both had rusty bumpers and paintwork that reflected they were not stored in the best environment.

The 56 was a very original car but missing master cylinder and carburetor and front brake shoes. I opened the trunk & there was a Top Flight rosette from 1988.

The 64 to my amazement was a fuelie, with 32,900 miles on the odometer, and also missing the master cylinder and front brake shoes. In the left door opening was a lube sticker from a Corvette shop in Honolulu with 32,100 miles & dated 1988.



I was keen to see if the car would start. The fuel tank was bone dry, with no corrosion. I have no idea how long it had been since it was started, but having travelled 800 miles in twenty years I figured it was quite a while.

After charging the battery it cranked but wouldn't fire, I removed the mechanical pump from the fuel unit & it was full of what looked like maple syrup. A quick clean out re assemble & wouldn't you know it fired and ran just like it was started yesterday.

I must add after it was turned off, the battery failed to fire it up again, wonder why.

The car sat in the same condition for the next 2 years until I had the time to work on it.





My original intention was to replace the badly faded carpet, replace the bumpers and paint the car and drive it. The interior was in remarkable condition apart from the carpet.

The frame had surface rust and under the hood the moisture had attacked the chromed fuel lines, it didn't look pretty. I just couldn't leave the car in that condition so I started a complete body off restoration 2 years down the track and I am weeks away from it being finished.

This has been a breeze to restore as everything worked and nothing was missing apart from the brake cylinder & shoes. I keep wondering why somebody would remove the brakes off both cars. It was apparent both cars were stable mates, maybe it was a theft deterrent.

On the right side vent window was a decal from the Corvette dealer in Honolulu and a few months ago when I was re assembling the door I noticed it had a phone number and so as a form of amusement, I decided to give them a call and ask if they remembered selling the car back in 1988

I rang the number and spoke to a gentleman and asked him had he been working for the company very long and if he remembered the car? About 40 years was the answer and yes, he sold 4 cars to a Japanese businessman who had come to Honolulu to play golf. It rained the whole time he was there, and didn't get to play golf, so he went car shopping instead. He bought a black 57 fuelie, a red 54 a bronze 56 and a 64.

I hear the comments regarding cars are only original once, however I couldn't see myself leaving the car in the condition in which it was found, so now it is just another restored Vette with a travelled history.





Peter Whiston NCRS Australian Member 43522

Editors Comments Now I don't know how you folks feel, but all I can say is, "Some Guys have all the luck". Well done Peter



## Editors Report – Lon LeMaster

Welcome to the NCRS Australia September to December 2012 newsletter.

My apologies to everyone for the delay with this Newsletter. I was hoping to have this out before the end of the year, but Deb and I had an opportunity to house sit on the Central Coast for some friends, so we took to the time over Christmas and New Years to relax. Back in the swing now.

As you might have read in the AGM meeting minutes, this will be my last Newsletter for NCRS Australia. I have had a great time over the past few years and it was all helped by some of the great articles and photos that have been submitted by our club members. I'll be handing over the reins to Gary Wilkinson.

Please continue to send in those articles, pictures and ideas to Gary on [Gary.Wilkinson@woodside.com.au](mailto:Gary.Wilkinson@woodside.com.au)

I have actually sold my 63 Corvette Roadster to club member Rod Grogan. Rod now has what I would call "The Perfect Pair" A Sebring Silver with Red interior Top Flight 63 Split Window and Sebring Silver with Red interior Top Flight 63 Roadster, my old car. The two together should make for a great future article. I'm now switching gears and on the lookout for a 1956 Chevy Nomad. A car I have wanted since I was a kid.

Remember the NCRS video that was shot at the Sydney Rooty Hill Chapter Meet? It has gone through another version after getting some great feedback from our friend in the states. It should be well finished by the end of this month (January 2013). Hopefully, Murray can make this available to everyone

Readers please take note of our sponsors at the end of this issue. These folks with their support help to keep our club alive. Let's show them our appreciation by supporting them as much as possible when we can. If you are planning any future travel, be sure to give Debra Mavin from TravelManagers a call.

Thank you all for your support over the years. I'll be around and hope to see all of you in the future. And finally a VERY Special thanks goes to Murray Foreman for his friendship and complete dedication to this club since its inception in 2005.

Cheers

Lon LeMaster

Editor NCRS Australia Lifetime Member # 002

BTW, Deb and I are getting married in 2013. First time for both of us!!!!

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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 2 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
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Murray Forman  
President NCRS Australia Inc.

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