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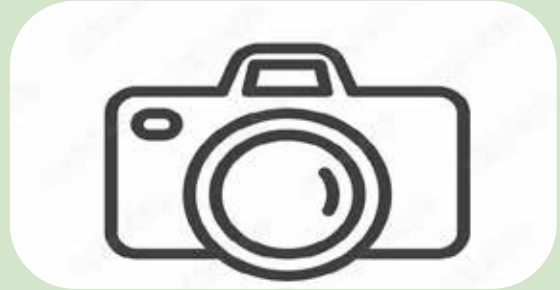


September

Seen Out and About



Member Steve Younane and son Aidan, out at the Acland Street Father's Day car show with his TR4 and Willy's Jeep. A few corvettes were at the show!



Below -

Tony, (alias Mr President) spotted at Tim's Garden Centre!



CONTACTS AND CLUB INFORMATION

Correspondence

Corvettes of Melbourne Inc
P.O Box 8052
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Victoria

Club Meeting

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm (except January)
Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthore East
Pre Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7:00pm
Members are requested to wear their nametags for the benefit of visitors.

Membership Fees

Joining fee \$20 (1 time fee)

Annual Single membership Including access to an electronic copy of the monthly club magazine, 'The Gazette'. \$80.00 per year

Annual Family membership Including access to an electronic copy of the monthly club magazine, 'The Gazette'. \$100.00 per year

All Membership subscriptions are due for renewal by September each year

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Annual Subscription 'The Gazette' hardcopy:

Opt-In subscription to receive a printed copy of the monthly club magazine mailed to your address, \$50.00

Additional Member Name Tag(s)

Your initial Joining Fee includes personalised name tags to each single member and two family members. Additional name tags are available for \$15.00 per tag.

Annual Club Permit Scheme Fee:

Opt-in administration fee applicable only to members who participate in the CPS scheme through the CoM.

NB: the existing 'CPS Year In Advance' fee payment policy will be retained unchanged.

Club Permit Scheme is available through Corvettes of Melbourne to authorised vehicles. Enquiries can be made directly to the club at CPS@corvettesofmelbourne.com. Members applying for the Corvettes of Melbourne Club Plate Scheme must request a copy of the Club Plate Scheme Policy and abide by all conditions as listed. Note fees are applicable for all club plate scheme vehicles, as set out in the club permit scheme policy. Make cheques out to:

"Corvettes of Melbourne"
P.O Box 8052
Camberwell North 3124

Pay directly into our C.O.M Account
BSB:083 323 Acc: 608852877
Use your name as a reference

Cover Photo

August Run - Naked Racer Cafe

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The purpose of Corvettes of Melbourne Incorporated is to provide a family friendly and inclusive environment that is dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of the Chevrolet Corvette sports car. A copy of the Model Rules that have been adopted by Corvettes of Melbourne as our club's standing rules can be found at: <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/library/forms/clubs-and-not-for-profits/incorporated-associations/model-rules-for-an-incorporated-association.doc>



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Spring!

If you didn't come to our latest event you missed out on a great day. The sun was shining and the Vettes were all clean, there were 25 of us which was great. I was told that we were a draw card on the day as we encouraged people going by to stop and check out the Corvettes and then come in for a drink. If you didn't know, we went to the Naked Racer & Motor Bike Museum in Cheltenham. The event was on CoM chat and we emailed everyone.

The September meeting will be followed by the AGM. We have a great raffle prize for this meeting, so make sure you all come along and maybe cheer on the committee.

I am hoping in this magazine to have a list of upcoming events so everyone can know in advance of what events are coming up.

Recently Cheryl and I went to the Kinglake Hotel to check out the venue, we were very impressed. We have booked the Kinglake Hotel for the Christmas party which will be on the Sunday 3 December 2023. We will have a private room with our own bar. Further details will be available closer to the date.

I am hoping to see everyone on 14 September 2023 at the AGM.

Cheers Tony (alias Mr President)



If you need to replace a missing nametag or would like a spare one, text or email gringo via 0419 88 1500 or gringo350@icloud.com



Next Meetings
**Thursday September 14 (AGM)
and October 12**

TOWER HOTEL HAWTHORN

Starts at 8pm or get there at
7pm for some dinner, drinks and a chat

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

All the best to our members who are having a special month

September

ZOE

Heidi Di Santo
June Gloder
Hayley Johnston-Coutts
Carmen La Bruna
Merrilyn Pagram
Angry Anderson
George Arhontogeorge
Scott Barr
Ronald Cefai

Glenn Chesser
Alex Kosutic
Leigh Morley
Wayne Radford
Murray Riggall
Colin Theodore
Paul 'Wiggo' Wiggins

Have we missed someone's Birthday ?!
Or are you having a Special one (a big 'O') ?
Let Brendan (gringo) know and we'll update the list.

CLUB PERMIT
NUMBER PLATE SCHEME AVAILABLE
VICTORIA

Notice about membership:

It is important that your membership is current during the time of you participate in the CPS.

There is an overlap between when club membership subscriptions fall due and when your CPS will expire. To overcome this the Committee has decided that members on the CPS will pay a once off extra annual membership payment to ensure they are members of the club during the time they are on the CPS. Should you leave the club or no longer partake in the CPS a refund will be made to you.

Officers who can sign off on
Permit
applications and renewals:
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Joe Younane 0418 478 814
Dan Butters 0407 726 773

People who can sign Vehicle Eligibility
and Standards Declarations (Scrutineers):

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Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M

Minutes of general Meeting: 10August 2023, Tower Hill Hotel Hawthorn.

Meeting commenced: 8:00pm

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome

Prior to the meeting proper commencing Tony invited Nathan from Solid GPS Tracking to give a presentation and pitch on their new battery powered tracking devices. This was very well received by members.

The President then welcomed all to the August 2023 meeting

New Members: John Bligh, Larry Black, Hugh Lawrence

Apologies: Darren Pelacchi, Mike Schokman and Carl Schokman, GG & Tania, Darrell Verdon, Carmen & Seb La Bruna, Dean Cooper, Nick Bolis, George Arhontogorge, Colin Somerton, Chris Bradbury, Robert Jordan, Katherine Younane, Michael & Mandy

Moved apologies accepted: proposer; Kathy Bergin Seconded; Dan Butters

Minutes of the last meeting were tabled

Moved that the Minutes be accepted, Proposer; Joe Younane, Seconded; Andrew Leonard

Reports

Treasurers report

Joe Younane presented the Treasurers report. The report covers from the month of July 2023 and is summarised as follows:

Opening balance: \$30,800
Major Expenses: \$2,500 for Christmas in July
Major Revenue: Memberships
Closing balance: \$28,570

Moved that the treasurers report be accepted: proposer Mark Collins Seconded; Adrian Villanti

Secretary's report

Correspondence: newsletter from NSW Corvettes and Corvettes of SA

Moved the Secretary's report be accepted: Proposer, Kathy Bergin Seconded, Mark Collins

Merchandise: No discussion as Kathy needs to discuss with GG

Events

Pier 35, Christmas in July, was deemed a great success with 43 attendees. This event was partially sponsored by the Club.

There is no Event listed for August, Daniel and George would promote any ideas from members.

Discussion about "Meet the Vics" in November and Corvette get together in Canberra, Easter 2024.

General Business

2025 Nationals will be run by NSW Corvettes. They are seeking any views about preferences for Parkes or Port Macquarie. There were no particular views beyond cost and distance.

Muscle Car Magazine has a feature this month on the 2023 Nationals and Corvettes in Australia

Meeting closed at: 21:10pm

Next meeting: 14 September 2023 with the AGM to follow.

Minutes by: Garth Bradbury

Meet the Vics – November

MEET THE VICS 2023: 8 NOV to 13 NOV

This year's Meet the Vics Event will take place in Mildura & Echuca in the second week of November, just after the Melbourne Cup. The good news is that we should be encountering some good weather at this time of year with the local average max temperature being 26.4 degrees!

We are including both Mildura and Echuca for the event, but participants are able to attend either just one, or both locations. Rooms have been put on hold at motels in both places, but we plan to visit the Echuca motel in person before finally approving it. The motel in Mildura is the same as we used in 2021, so it can be booked now. Booking information for Echuca will be available within the next 14 days and you will need to phone the motels to secure your rooms.

Participants will arrive in Mildura on Wednesday 8th November in time for a Meet & Greet on Wednesday evening. Then, on Thursday, we'll enjoy some activities around Mildura. Those who came to Mildura back in 2021 will remember there are plenty of things to do. We haven't yet finalised the plan, but we are looking at lunch by the Murray River at the Trentham Estate Winery and a Paddle Steamer Cruise – an evening Dinner Cruise is being considered, along with other new ideas.

On Friday 10th November, after breakfast, we'll move on, taking a Corvette Run to Echuca, stopping for lunch along the way. We are on the lookout for the best route for a pleasant cruise and nice place to stop for lunch.

On arriving in Echuca on Friday afternoon, we'll hold another Meet & Greet to welcome the newly arrived Vectors. On Saturday the plan is to explore the "Port of Echuca" district with its Discovery Centre, Paddlesteamers, St Annes Winery, Echuca Chocolate Company, the National Holden Museum and plenty more. We'll also investigate the possibility of putting our cars on show in the vicinity of the Port.

For Sunday we are planning a cruise around the Echuca Moama Silo Art Trail, visiting four of Victoria's silo and water tank art installations, along with other attractions along the way. Perhaps we'll have lunch at a winery, or even at the Gilgarre Market.

There will also be a big group dinner in Echuca, most likely on Saturday night.

The event is still 3 months away and final details are still being organised, so consider right now if you plan to attend. We expect both parts of the event to be booked out, so don't delay in booking.

MILDURA ACCOMODATION: City Gate Motel, 89 Seventh St, Mildura. All rooms are \$125/night. Contact Sue on - Phone (03) 50 700 952. Mention 'Corvette Event – Meet the Vics'

ECHUCA ACCOMODATION: TBA

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Dear Member,

Corvettes of Melbourne
Inc No. A0023933M
PO Box 8052, Camberwell North,
Victoria, 3124

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD CORVETTES OF MELBOURNE INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) FOR FINANCIAL YEAR AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2023-2024

Please be advised that Corvettes of Melbourne Inc. is to hold its AGM on **Thursday 14th September 2023** commencing at 8.00pm following the normal monthly club meeting (pre-meeting dinner and drinks from 7:00pm as usual). All club members are welcome! Depending on COVID restrictions and any lockdown, this meeting may be held by **zoom**.

Normal venue: The Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East, Victoria
(Members are requested to wear their nametags for the benefit of visitors)

Come along and enjoy a meal with your fellow Corvette enthusiasts, whilst getting your chance to have a say and help determine the future direction of your club. Maybe you would like to consider volunteering for a Committee position and personally participating in shaping our club.

Yours sincerely,
Corvettes of Melbourne Inc. Committee.

Yes it's time again for the club AGM! As usual all positions up for grabs and if you can spare a small amount of time per week to support the club and are interested, please come along and put your hand up, or at least to vote to determine the future direction of our club. Below you will find a brief summary of each role (more detail available from current or past position holders):

President: The President is the leader of the club and is there to ensure the club is run efficiently administratively, financially and socially to support the enjoyment of our vehicles. The club president is responsible for running club meetings and committee meetings, guiding committee members, delegating tasks as necessary. and maintaining regular open communication as the face of the club.

Vice President: The role of the Vice President can be summarized in one word - service The Vice President serves the President, other club officers, committees and the general membership. He or she is also expected to learn the duties of the President in order to fill in or take over as necessary.

Secretary & Public Officer: A good secretary is essential to the proper functioning of any club. The secretary is responsible for taking minutes, setting agenda, keeping records and maintaining all important files for the club.

Treasurer: The Treasurer controls the club's money, both its collection and disbursement. He or she collects member dues, maintains accurate financial records and reports these at meetings.

Membership Officer: The membership officer should be a welcoming face for all visitors and new members and a point of contact to guide them into the club and to meet fellow members. This involves arranging name tags and informing relevant committee members of guests and new members and is also responsible for driving membership renewals and chasing expired members.

Events Coordinator: This role organises a range of events for members and encouraging attendance. Events can be organised by members and you oversee and guide them, or they can be organised by you, but it is important to ensure a good calendar of events for the year and they are publicised. Additionally, you or a delegate you assign, needs to ensure the days are planned and managed.

Gazette Editor: The Gazette Editor is responsible for keeping the membership informed about important activities, past activities and news within the club. This involves sourcing the articles/content, creating a monthly newsletter and sending it to the club printer for printing.

Webmaster: A role which involves keeping the website up to date with event details for members to be able to check. It is also the key marketing face to the public, so it is important to ensure the website is up to date and contains content to draw in new potential members.

Archivist: Manage the historical stock of assets for the club. Ensure these are advertised to club members and made available when requested. Manage and track borrowed assets and ensure that they are returned in an appropriate manner and the same condition - ie books, etc.

Merchandise Manager: Manage the club's merchandise by promoting and selling it and managing stock quantities and when required, working with the committee and members to purchase more stock or create new merchandise.

AGM September 14, 2023



Corvettes of Melbourne
Inc. No. A0023933M

PROXY VOTING FORM

Name and Address of Member:

I, being a Voting Member of the Corvettes of Melbourne Incorporated car club appoint:

EITHER

The Chair of the Meeting, if no person is named below,

OR

Name and Address of Proxy:

to represent my voting rights, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club to be held on **THURSDAY, September 14 2023 or any adjournment of that meeting.**

Signature

Name

Date

NOTES:

1. A separate Proxy Form is required for each voting member.
2. Please ensure this form is received by Corvettes of Melbourne before 14 September.

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Corvettes of Melbourne

Inc. No. A0023933M

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

8 September 2018

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome:

The President welcomed all members to the Corvettes Of Melbourne 2022 Annual General Meeting, and remarked that it was good to have an AGM free of Covid restrictions .

Attendance:

All present completed the attached attendance sheet.

Formal apologies were received from Neil White, Mark Collins, Tania Cassidy, Richard and Robert Jordan.

Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and are attached to this document:-

Discussion: Nil

Proposer: Graham George

Seconded: Michael Brand

Unanimously accepted.

Presentation of Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report as attached to these minutes which included a commencing balance of \$21,210 and a closing balance of \$26,410.

The Treasurer advised:

- there was no need to increase the fees at present as revenue continues to exceed expenditure.
- major expenditure items were Insurance, Printing, Magazine expenses, Postage, Member functions including Christmas expenses were itemised in response to a question from Graham George.
- merchandise will need to be re-supplied, the cost of which is offset by members purchases.

Proposer: Cheryl Asquith

Seconded; Craig O'Donohue

Summary of the Year by the President

The President again remarked on our ability to meet free of Covid restrictions and spoke of the success of the year, referring specifically to the Xmas party at Glenn and Kathy's, the Living Legends cruise, Corvette SA's Rock the Bay, the Blampied Run, the Reefton Cruise and the disappointment of the Canberra nationals being cancelled.

New members included; Katrina Valentine, Paul Gunovich, David Sita, Barry Marshall, Joseph and Heidi Di Santo, Tye Oxley and Briony Rowley, Tony Poole, Russell Fogarty.

Tony spoke about **all** of the Committee members and thanked them for their participation in what has been a a challenging and successful year. Specific thanks went to the Event Coordinators George Atontogeorgio, Dean Cooper, Adrian Villante. Treasurer, Joe Younane was particularly mentioned and thanked for also taking over and running the Merchandise and

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Gazette. Cheryl Asquith and Michael Newman were especially thanked for their contributions to club administration and record keeping.

Garth thanked Tony for his great work as President through particularly difficult times.

AT THIS POINT THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS OF THE CLUB WERE STOOD DOWN FROM THEIR POSITIONS AND HANDED THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING TO DAN BUTTERS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS TO GUIDE THE CLUB THROUGH THE 2023 MEMBERSHIP YEAR.

Election of new Executive and Officers

The following were the election results in the order that they were held. All were proposed and nominated and were unopposed:-

- President Tony Asquith
- Vice President Garth Bradbury
- Secretary Michael Brand
- Treasurer Joe Younane
- Membership Officer Brendan Greene
- Event Coordinators Adrian Villante, George Atontogorgio, Dan Zadnik/
- Archivist Mark Collins
- Magazine Editor Joe Younane, until a replacement can be found
- Merchandise Kathy
- General Committee Greg Webster (Life Member) and Lloyd Perrin (previous Secretary)

Tony Asquith told the meeting he appreciated his election as President and looked forward to the challenges of the roll.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.52PM

Minutes by;
Garth Bradbury
Vice President
Corvettes of Melbourne Inc
0411 131 294

This Is Not a Nationals!

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Hi Corvette Club Presidents,

We have started putting the arrangements in place for the proposed "Vettes Get Together" in Canberra, at Easter next year.

We have arranged a special accommodation deal at the Pavilion on Northbourne.

*The hotel has already set up the rate code, "**VETTE**", for the event and it is ready, both for phone reservations or through their website, www.pavilioncanberra.com.au.*

Please note that the rate given to us for an Atrium Hotel Room (image attached) is \$174 per night, which is below their Prepaid Advance Saver rate on their website.

The hotel will be offering the Vette guests who book, a flexible cancellation policy which gives them the flexibility to amend their reservation up to 24 hours before their arrival date.

All discounted rates will be available to the Vette guests up until the 29th of February, subject to availability, and the preferred form of booking would be over the hotel website.

Can I ask you to pass this information on to your members and for those members who plan to attend, can we have their confirmations by 29 February as well (email to lyndonandmichelle@hotmail.com) so we can arrange appropriate venues.

We in Canberra are very much looking forward to hosting the members from the other Clubs at this Vette Get Together.

Regards

Terry Ruse

Club President

Corvettes of Canberra Inc

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COM – List of Forthcoming Events

September 23

Sunday 24th September 2023 Wolf of the Willows Brewery - 39 De Haviland Drive, Moordialloc (Ph 9587 2480).

Our next club run is scheduled for **Sunday 24th September 2023** to the **Wolf of The Willows Brewery located at 39 De Haviland Road Mordialloc.**



We have booked for a group of approximately 30 people. There are café blinds in the event of inclement weather, but it is wise to dress for the conditions.

Meals and drinks at standard prices. Menu can be viewed at www.wolfofthewillows.com.au

Meeting points to be determined once attendee numbers are confirmed.

We need to confirm numbers by Tuesday 19th September 2023.

The Events Team

George Arhontogeorge - 0407 527 477

Daniel Zadnik - 0430 519 073

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October 2023



This year The Stingray Run kicks off on Friday October 27th where we rendezvous at the iconic Tooborac Hotel around 11.30am for a lunchtime meet and greet. It's about 1hr 20mins from the north side of Melbourne.

After a lazy lunch we'll travel in convoy via Seymour to our home base for the duration of the event at the unique Rusty Springs B&B. Set on four acres in the sleepy township of Avenel. This is Kelly country, and this venue celebrates the heritage of bushland and iron.

Themed and decorated for the motoring enthusiast, the accommodation is simple and efficient with a large central lounge, large wood heater, communal kitchen, under cover outdoor BBQ area, pool table and outdoor fire pit. The rooms adjoining the central lounge are all themed and offer either double or twin single beds along with an ensuite shower and toilet.

Friday night is a casual evening of settling in and enjoying a catered dinner all included in your ticket price. Saturday morning you may be woken by a Kookaburra or the local gang of magpies in this serene bushland setting.

Breakfast is included and after a cuppa' we head off for the day's activities.

We muster the Corvettes in the Main Street of Avenel for an impromptu Show and Shine to give the locals a look at what all the fuss is about before we depart for a leisurely cruise to Euroa via Longwood. Then on to Bonnie Doon by way of the famous Merton Gap. Possibly one of the most iconic drives in Country Victoria, winding through the majestic Strathbogie Ranges. Arriving at the Boonie Doon Hotel we overlook the shores of Lake Eildon and enjoy a casual lunch and banter.

We travel back the same route but divert east to travel through the hilltop town of Strathbogie and the beautiful scenery at Kelvin View.

Watch out for local wildlife including Echidna and Koalas crossing the road. Time permitting, we stop for refreshments at the heritage listed White Hart Hotel in Longwood.

Saturday evening it's time to light the fire and enjoy the surroundings before we tuck into a catered dinner. As the evening ages DJ Micky Moto will have your toes tapping with some tunes before presenting the "Rusty Strings Air Guitar Championships" Audience participation essential, this should be a hoot...

Sunday morning is a catered breakfast again, time to pack up, relax in the surroundings before we depart to Fowles Winery for a gourmet lunch.
Depart home to your destination at your leisure.

Pricing for the weekend including two nights' accommodation with breakfast and dinner included is \$390 for a single person or \$500 for twin share. The venue is BYO alcohol, refrigeration amenities are onsite, BYO snacks and platters.

Parking is secure onsite but not undercover, so pack your car cover if you feel the need to tuck your vette in.

Lunch at the Tooborac Hotel, (Friday) The Bonnie Doon Hotel (Saturday) and Fowles Winery (Sunday) is not included.

Central Vic Corvettes are proud to play host to you and we think this our "8th Stingray Run" will be the best we have organised so far.

Payment in full is required once you confirm with Russell. EFT details will be forwarded on consent.

Bookings open on Saturday Sept. 3rd at midday, first in gets a ticket!

Be quick to book, numbers are very limited, contact Russell Pell by texting your request to join us on 0408292740 to secure your spot.

November 2023

1) Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show – Sunday 5th November 2023.



The Rotary Club of Sorrento is staging the **Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show** on **Sunday, 5 November 2023**, as a community activity for all to enjoy. The location of the event at the historic **Point Nepean Quarantine Station** provides a unique and great environment for staging this heritage-themed event. On the day, more than **400 cars to be exhibited** and approximately **2000 people to attend** from both the local community and from afar.

Exhibitor & Sponsors Site Entry: 8.00am – 2.00pm

General Admission: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Presentations: 2.00pm

We have at least three members who will display cars and it would be great to see if we could potentially get at least 10 vehicles to the event, noting it is Melbourne Cup Weekend.

To register vehicles can be done via the following link:-

<https://pointnepeanmotorshow.com.au>

Following the event, attendees are welcome to come to the Portsea Life Saving Club for drinks and light refreshments. Ample parking is available.

The Portsea Sea Life Saving Club is a 3 minute drive from Point Nepean and is located at Back Beach Road, Portsea.

2) Meet the Vics

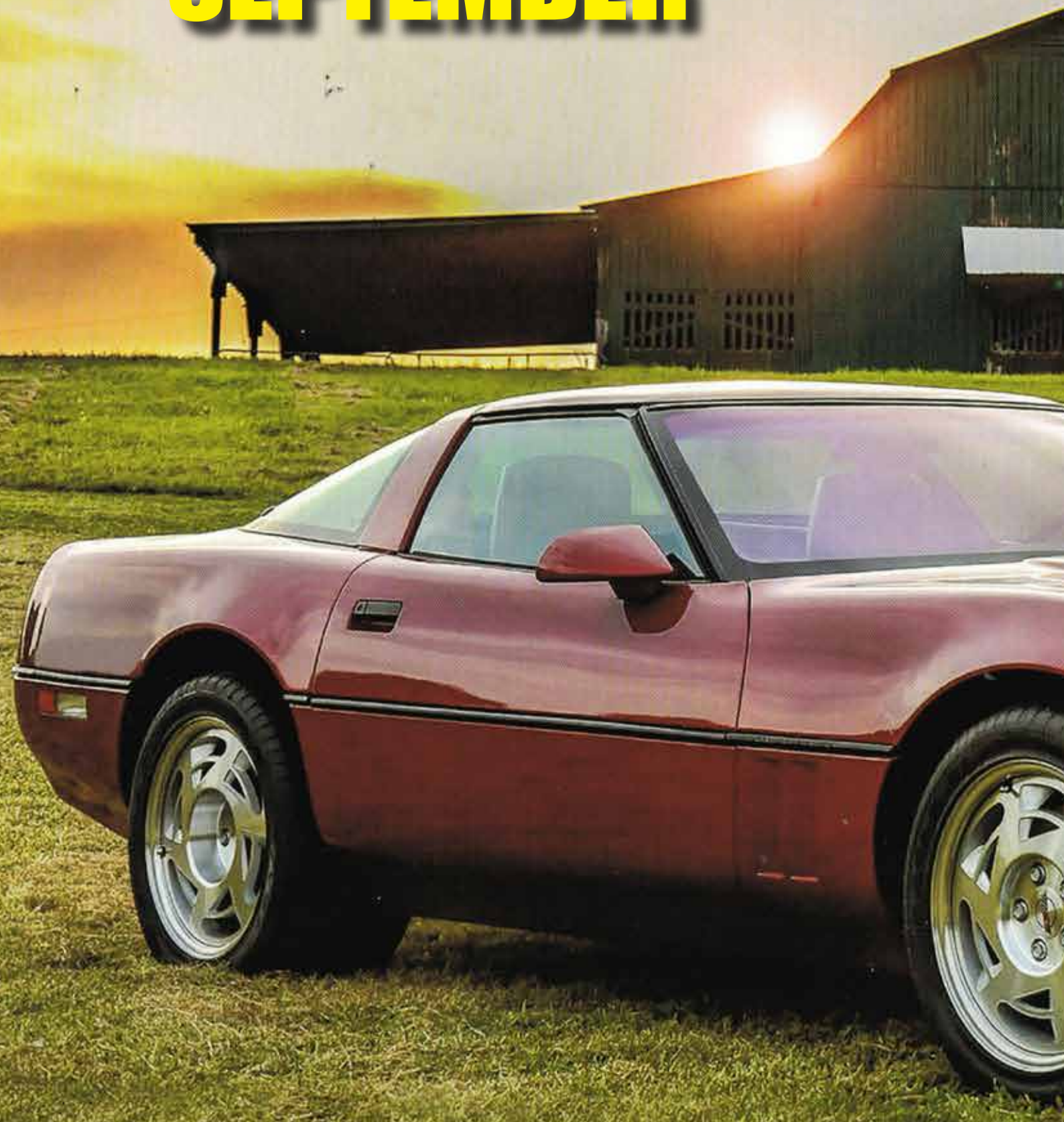
Meet the Vics – 8th to 13th November 2023. (I have no details of this event).

December 2023

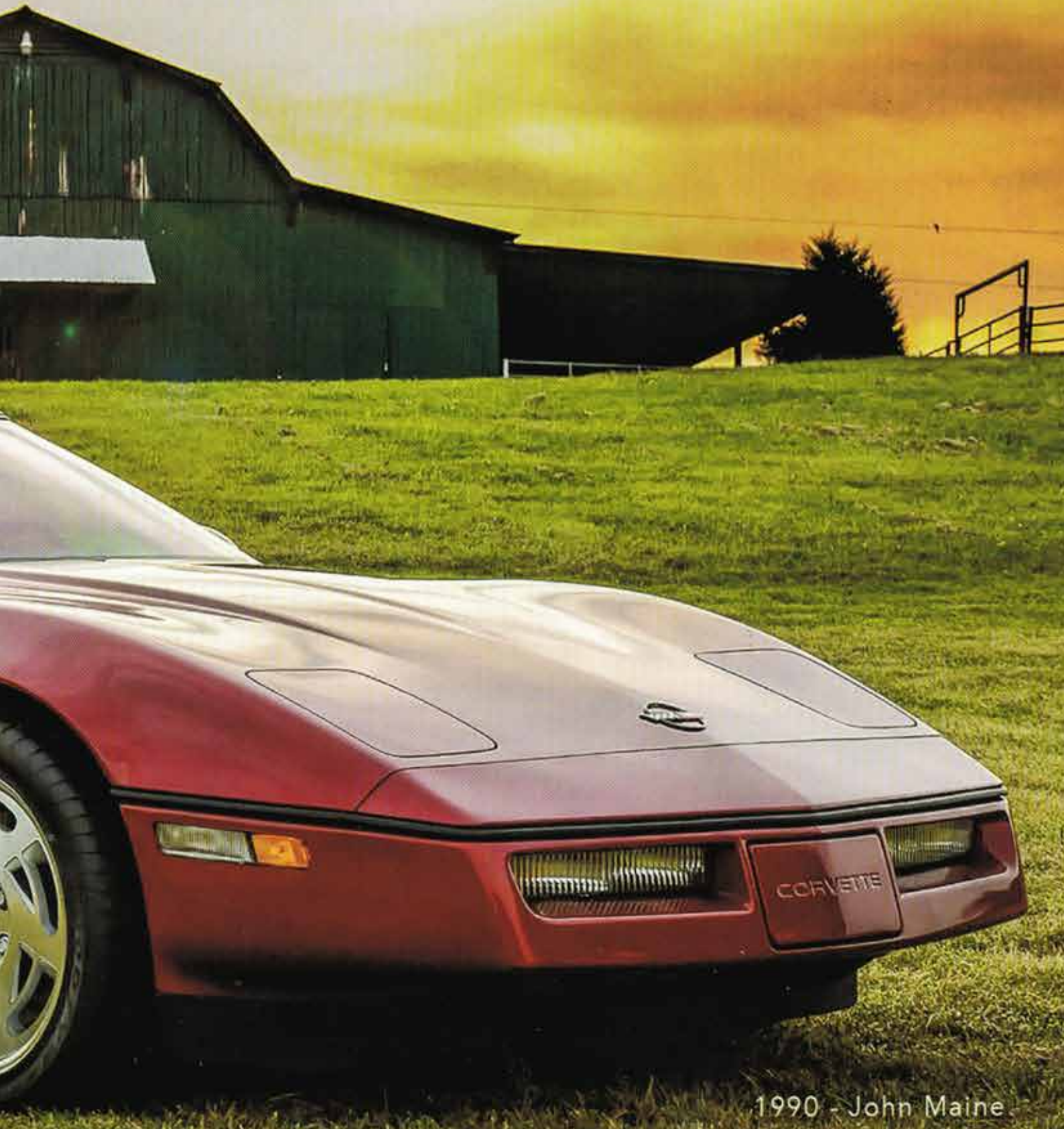
Save the date - COM Xmas Function Sunday 3rd December 2023.

Kinglake Hotel – Details to be provided closer to the event.

Miss
SEPTEMBER



Thanks to Corvette Central!



1990 - John Maine

Nick's Pace Car

Hi Veters.

Recently picked up my 1998 C5 Pace Car that I purchased in December 2002 from the USA.

Question that comes up all the time. "When are you going to sell it?"

For those who know me I rarely keep a car for more than 5 minutes. That's not technically true. I owned my first C4 Corvette for 3 years, only to sell it to buy a C5 which we kept for over 5 year, and we owned a 1961 Cadillac for well over 8 years.

Having been a member of Corvettes of Melbourne since 1994??? and not owning a Corvette is a bit like being a runner having no legs.

So I started thinking that the time has come to buy a keeper. But why a Corvette and not a Mustang or a Thunderbird or another Cadillac? Well the answer is simple, no other American Car drives like a Corvette. Plus I really enjoyed my last C5 and I do like convertibles (Still cannot work out why I sold my C5). As much as I like the new C8 would have been very expensive exercise for me. Would have cost me the sticker price, plus half a house, and half of everything else. So that was clearly out of the question. Another 25 year old C5 Corvette made a lot of sense and requires no conversion to RHD. Just a little engineering to get it on the road.



Nick's Pace Car

I have been buying cars in the USA over 20 years, I always try and buy a bargain. So I will let you into a little secret. Just before Christmas, and just after Christmas, and early into the new year car sales are slow, and I find that you can always negotiate a good deal. That time of year is a good time to buy as Americans are getting their heads around paying their taxes. So if you are thinking about buying and importing your own car I suggest that's a good time to bargain hard, and get the car you want at the right price.

If I told you that I paid \$10,000 US under original Dealers sticker price most people would not believe me. Well its true. After talking to the owner we figured that the Dealer actually lost money. Guess he must have been desperate.

If you are buying a car Say between \$20-40K US. Expect to fork out around double in AU Dollars. Inland transport, plus shipping cost have soared during covid, and are slowly starting to come down. Fees at this end, been your consigners fees, Quarantine fees, steam cleaning fees, stink bug fumigation fees etc, all add up.

1998 Indianapolis 500 Pace Car.

82nd running of the Indianapolis 500 was held on May 24, 1998. The Corvette Pace Car was piloted by Parnelli Jones, winner of the 1963 Indianapolis 500.

Before 1998, Corvette had served as the official pace car of the Indianapolis 500 a total of 3 times – in 1978, 1986 and 1995. Each time the Corvette made an appearance, Chevrolet would commemorate the occasion by building a limited-edition replica. It seemed only fitting therefore that, when it was announced that the 1998 Corvette would once more lead the field at the Indianapolis 500, that GM would inevitably build a replica to commemorate the event. It was fitting given that 1998 also marked the brand's 20th anniversary as "Official Pace Car" of this momentous race.

While it was not the rarest Corvette Pace Car Replica ever manufactured by GM, the 1998 Chevrolet Corvette Pace Car Replica was – and remains – one of the most desirable pace car replicas ever made. This is primarily due to the fact that this replica is nearly identical to the actual pace cars that were used during the 1998 Indianapolis 500.

There were 1163 Commemorative models made and only 547 with the 6 speed Manual Transmission. This one is a 6 speed manual one owner car. Owned by a Corvette Enthusiast who kept it in mint condition and only sold it to make room for another Callaway.

Nick Bolis

August Run - Naked Racer Cafe



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Berry Street School



After making a modest surplus at the Gold Rush Nationals, the Convention Committee voted to make a small donation to the Ballarat Community.

Berry Street School was chosen for its efforts in supporting severely disadvantaged children.

<https://www.berrystreetschool.vic.edu.au/campuses/ballarat>

Garth, James and Joe met with Damien and Sarah from Berry Street where Garth presented them with a cheque.

It was gratefully received and we expect to hear from them in the future describing what they have been able to do with the funds.



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For Sale - 1995 C4 Corvette ZR1

\$124,500 (ONO)



For Sale is this historic and rare 1995 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1, original LHD located in Melbourne Australia 27 years ago, it was the fastest production sports car in the world !! GM owned Lotus at the time and were asked to develop this very special engine, the legendary LT5 all alloy V8 Just under 7,000 units made form 1990 – 1995, cars from 1993 - 1995 had a power upgrade to 405hp (90-92 cars had 375hp), the 1995 is the most sort after year. Only 39,500kms in 27 years, the car is in beautiful condition inside and out, is mechanically clean & strong, and goes really hard. This 1995 ZR1 with 405 HP all aluminium 32 valve double overhead cam V8, beautiful ZF 6 speed manual transmission, 0-60mph in 4.4 sec Only 448 ZR1's built for 1995 and was the last year of production for the C4 ZR1, arguably the most sort after and hardest to find. As per the vin 404, would have been one of the very last off the production line. Own a piece of history with a collectible super car that was labelled "King of the Hill" by automotive journalists and is increasing in value every day!. Car exterior and interior are both in excellent original condition, a testament to the two previous owners in the USA Comes with original dealer sales document, service manual, brochures and other important documentation that could be used for car shows. inquires..... Call Joe on 0411 479 017

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Please email this and a couple of photos to : gazette@corvettesofmelbourne.com

Thanks a lot, we look forward to seeing your car in the Gazette !

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Hi Members.

Details for my 76 Corvette. Right hand drive, 350 motor. Asking price is \$35,000 ONO. Has been registered as right hand drive in Victoria previously.

98 per cent finished needs bonnet strut and catch. All electrics done,brakes all done,new exhaust done tyres new.

I have driven it to all mechanics for all repairs. I start it and drive it around my property every week.

Contact Phil Chandler 0417337848 (Non-Member)

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Craig O'Donohue has had good results from Bayswater Carburettor & Fuel Injection Service
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In the Press - Nationals

Hi All

The Nationals were feature in **Just Cars Magazine**. A couple of links below ...

<https://www.justcars.com.au/news-and-reviews/2023-corvette-nats-highlight-malibu-corvette-z06-ski-boat/961542>

<https://www.justcars.com.au/news-and-reviews/report-2023-corvette-nationals/961458>

Also Check out the 13 page spread in **Australian Muscle Car Magazine** - Cover photo
- Issue 138

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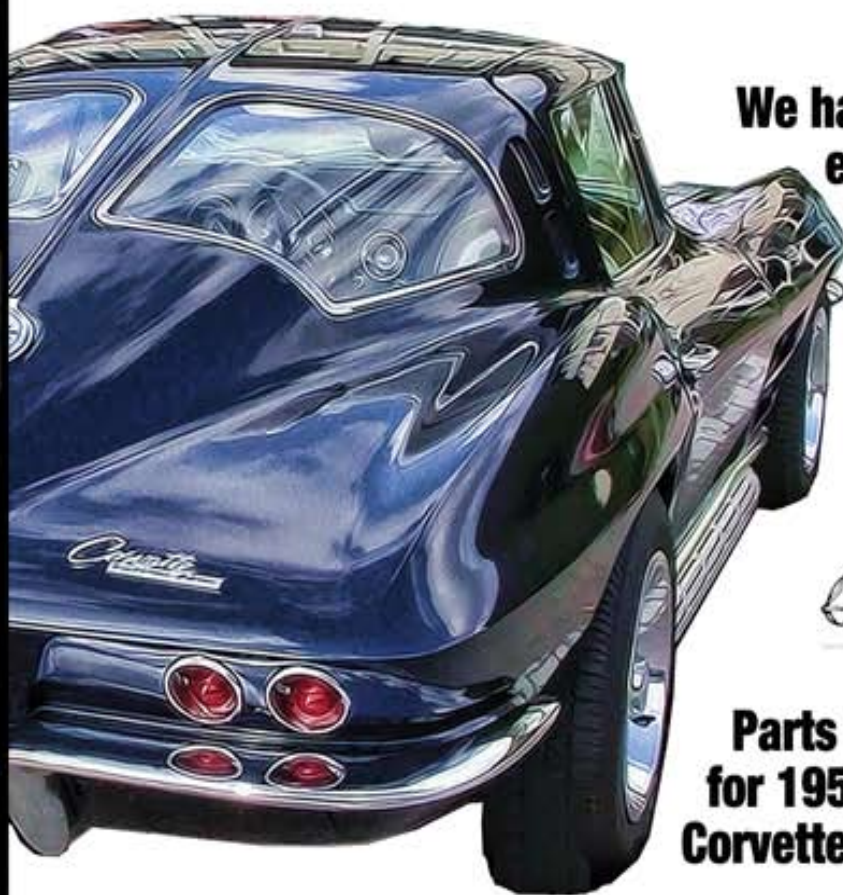
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Many years ago it happened to me in my Austin Healey Sprite. The truck's bumper/bull bar got as far as the rollbar – right behind my head.

Ever since I have put rollbars in my convertible road cars.

I had this one in my RHD C4 but took it out when I sold it.

It has curved backstay bars so that it doesn't interfere with the decklid or roof.

Best offer will buy this – happy if it gets an appreciative owner.

David Langmead 0418 389 212.



Hi Com Members,

I'm selling black and white plates to suit C 8 Corvette new still in the packaging from Vic Roads

\$5000 Ono

George - 0407 527 477



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