

# Corvette

## GAZETTE

2023



October

# Life Member

Life Membership Awarded to Joe Younane at the AGM. Presented by Tony (President) and Life Member Greg Webster

“Thank you to the Club, it has been a pleasure!!” Ed.



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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](mailto: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:

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Well done to the Mighty Pies! (Really, I am a Richmond supporter, Cheryl told me to say that!)

I would like to let everyone know that Paula Marshall, a member of our club, unfortunately badly broke her leg at their property recently. Paula will be unable to do much for a while as she has had a few operations up until now, with more to come. The Club sent Paula a lovely bouquet of flowers. Paula and Barry were very grateful. In Barry's words, Paula will be unable to swing her leg into the Corvette for a while.

The AGM was held at our last meeting in September. We had a great turn out, that was very pleasing. I would like to thank Dan Butters for his part in the proceedings.

I thanked all the previous committee members and welcomed our continued committee members. I also welcomed Craig O'Donohue as our new Vice President as Garth has moved to Committee at large.

We had an event on 24 September 2023 at the Wolf of the Willows Brewery which

again was well attended with 30 plus people. Another great day, thank you to Cheryl and Daniel for organising the event.

Upcoming events will be in the new event calendar in the magazine.

If you want to attend the Stingray Run on Friday 27 October 2023 through to the Monday when we return home, you will need to book your accommodation. All information is in the magazine.

Do not forget to contact or see Kathy about our new apparel. Kathy's contact details are in the magazine.

Hoping to see everyone at the next meeting at the Tower Hotel on 12 October 2023.

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 October 12  
and November 9**

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

## October

ZOE

Julia Anderson  
Christine Bradbury  
Helen Cumming  
Lisa Garcia  
George Barry  
Mark Collins  
Dean Giakoumakis  
Rod Glanville  
Craig O'Donohue  
Kevin O'Rourke  
Tony Pool  
Greg Webster  
Daniel Zadnik

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.

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### 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.

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Joe Younane 0418 478 814  
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**Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M**

**Minutes of General Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Tower Hill Hotel, Hawthorn.**

Meeting Commenced 8.12pm

**Chair:** Tony Asquith, President

**Welcome**

The president welcomed all to the September 2023 meeting

**New Members:** Michael Augello (C3, dark green)

Scott Mordon - returning member

Apologies: Janice & Mark Witchard, Darrell Verdon, Garth & Christine Bradbury, Chris Bevan, Craig & Vicki O'Donohue, Andrew & Shweta Leonard, Mark Collins, John Bligh, Katherine Younane, Lloyd Perrin.

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Tania Cassidy

Seconded; Darren Pelacchi

**Minutes of the last Meeting** were tabled.

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Tania Cassidy

Seconded; Nick Bolis

**Reports:**

**Treasurers report**

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

Opening balance: \$28,570.07

Major expenses: Postage & Envelopes \$386.30, Newsletter printing \$250.25, Refunds memberships & CPS \$290.00

Major revenue: Membership CPS \$7926.12

Closing Balance: \$35,495.82

Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Dan Butters

Seconded; Greg Webster

## **Secretary's report**

Correspondence: September Queensland Club Vet letter, Corvette Club SA September newsletter

Moved that the Secretaries report be accepted: Proposer; Barry Marshall

Seconded; Kathy Bergin

## **Merchandise**

Full range of Club apparel in stock now

## **Events**

Naked Racer Café 27<sup>th</sup> August, Barry spoke about the enjoyable event.

Future Events:

Meet the Vics 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November, Mark Andre outlined the event and encouraged participation.

8th Annual Stingray run G G spoke about the event, limited numbers encouraged people to book.

Wolf of the Willows Brewery Sunday 24th September details in the magazine.

Point Nepean Car show 5<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Party 3<sup>rd</sup> December Kinglake Hotel

Cruise to Warrnambool 10-11<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Greg Webster gave a rundown of the weekend.

Colac RSL Car Show & Shine 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

## **General Business:**

Tony spoke about charity donations, Friday night school \$500, Father Bobs \$500. These donations will be given 6 months apart.

Convention Charity Donation, Garth, Joe & James on behalf of the Nationals Committee presented a donation to the Berry Street School in Ballarat.

## **Special Presentation:**

Tony Asquith presented Joe Younane with a well-deserved Life Membership award. Greg Webster gave a speech about Joe and his contribution to the club, Joe responded talking about his time in the club and his role as treasurer.

Meeting closed 8.59 pm

Next meeting Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Minutes by Michael Brand; Secretary

# AGM - President's Report



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023

Welcome to the 2023 Corvettes of Melbourne Annual General Meeting.

Since our 2022 AGM, we have held monthly club meetings at the Tower Hotel.

In relation to events for the year, every event was special in its own way. I would like to thank the events team, Daniel & George, for organising our Club events.

### Events held:

- 1 October 2022 7th Annual Stingray run, Nagambie, Shepparton, Euroa
- 30 October 2022 Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show
- 13 November 2022 This was supposed to be the Lang Lang run but due to severe weather, this was cancelled
- 4 December 2022 Annual members' Christmas party at Glenn & Kathy's mansion
- 12 February 2023 Annual Torquay motor show
- 19 February 2023 The rescheduled Lang Lang run
- 23 March 2023 Gold Rush Nationals, Ballarat - what a great event our Nationals Committee organised
- 30 April 2023 Flinders Hotel run
- 21 May 2023 Garfield Hotel run
- June 2023 No events were held but the Committee provided a pizza night at the Tower Hotel at the Club meeting
- 16 July 2023 Christmas in July (without the Christmas), at Pier 35, Port Melbourne
- 27 August 2023 The Naked Racer Motor Museum, Cheltenham



# AGM - President's Report

## **New members since the last AGM:**

- George Barry 20 October 2022
- Andrew Farkas 10 November 2022
- Chris Bevan 10 November 2022
- Warren Dibble 24 November 2022
- Tamer Soliman 1 December 2022
- Darren Hill 27 December 2022
- Carl Schokman 4 February 2023
- Lawrie Coutts 20 February 2023
- Stuart Pitcher 20 February 2023
- Brian Croy 21 February 2023
- John Weir 24 February 2023
- Mark Witchard 25 February 2023
- Norman Clark 24 April 2023
- Larry Black 12 June 2023
- John Bligh 1 July 2023
- Hugh Lawrence 1 August 2023
- Michael Augello 8 September 2023

Welcome all. For those new members that we have not yet met, we look forward to meeting you and checking out your Corvettes in the near future.

I would like to thank all committee members for their support throughout this year.

I would also like to say a special thank you to the Nationals' Committee for putting together an amazing Nationals event at Ballarat. We took up the challenge to move the Nationals away from the Easter period, that was a great success, as was the entire event. For those not involved, you have no idea how many meetings were held and how much time was involved to put together this event. It took a team to work together to make this one of the best national events ever. These comments have been echoed by many members of other clubs nationally and also by the Americans who attended. Again, thank you to the Nationals' Committee.

I would also like to say thank you to all members of our Club, this has been another difficult year for everyone and has affected everyone in different ways. Stay safe, stay well, stay strong, support each other.

I have enjoyed this year acting as your President and thank you for your support and guidance over this time.

**Cheers Tony**

# *This Is Not a Nationals!*

## **THIS IS NOT A NATIONALS**

*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](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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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# Upcoming Events - Save the Dates!

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October 2023

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Stingray Run – Rusty Springs – Bonnie Doon.**

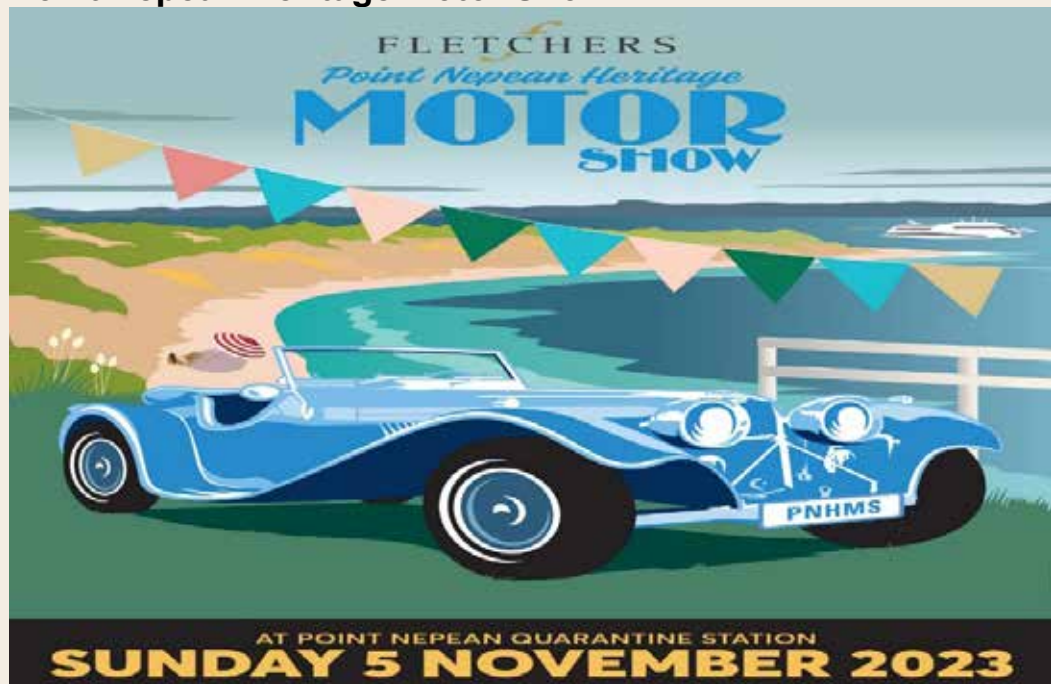
Hosted by Central Vic Corvette Owners Group



Contact Russell Pell on 0408 292 740 to secure your spot.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2023

**Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show -**



**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.

# Upcoming Events - Save the Dates!

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|   | <p>Exhibitor &amp; Sponsors Site Entry: 8.00am – 2.00pm<br/>           General Admission: 10.00am – 2.00pm<br/>           Presentations: 2.00pm</p> <p><b>To register vehicles can be done via the following link:-</b><br/> <a href="https://pointnepeanmotorshow.com.au">https://pointnepeanmotorshow.com.au</a></p> <p>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.</p> |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2023           | <b>Meet The Vics</b> – Refer Corvettes of Melbourne September / October Gazette for full details.  |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup><br>November<br>2023                   | <b>Yarra Glen Race Course</b><br>Refer within the Gazette for further details  |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup><br>December<br>2023                      | <p><b>Corvettes Of Melbourne Christmas Party</b></p>  <p>28 Whittlesea Kinglake Road, Kinglake Victoria<br/> <a href="http://www.kinglakepub.com.au">www.kinglakepub.com.au</a></p> <p>Lunch will be from 12pm. We have a private room with bar, fireplace, and amenities. Meals will be covered by Corvettes of Melbourne. Drinks can be purchased at bar prices.</p> <p>Meeting to the venue will be finalised prior to the event.</p>  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup><br>February 2024            | <b>Great Ocean Road</b> to Warrnambool weekend run.<br>Further details to come.  |
| Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>March 2024                          | <b>Colac Show “n” Shine</b><br>Further details to come.  |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March -1 <sup>st</sup><br>April 2024<br>Easter | <b>Not The Nationals</b> – Canberra ACT<br>Details In this Gazette   |



***This year the VICS are joining the S.As somewhere warm! We're taking a trip to the Mighty Murray River in Northern Vic. We'll actually be visiting two towns, BUT NOTE - you can either do both, or maybe choose to do just one.***

## **THE MILDURA GATHERING**

**WED 8th NOV - THU 10th NOV:**

**Wednesday:** We'll all meet up at our Motel on Wednesday arvo for a Meet 'n' Greet around the cars (with a glass and a snack). This will morph into a take-away type meal at the Motel - with indoor facilities available if required.



**Thursday:** This morning we'll take a cruise to Wentworth for some morning tea, then onwards to a quirky little school (~20 students) in Ellerslie to show the kids our Corvettes. From there we cruise along some twisty black-top road to the *Trentham Winery* for lunch, on the banks of the Murray. The evening sees us joining the Mildura Paddle Steamers Dinner Cruise for a Spit Roast Carvery (7:00 to 10:00 pm).



## **THE ECHUCA GATHERING**

**FRI 10th NOV - MON 13th NOV:**

**Friday:** Today we hop in the Vettes to cruise to Echuca, stopping for a light lunch along the way. In the evening we'll hold another Meet 'n' Greet to welcome the new arrivals to the team! We have a function room available to us, where we'll again organise some take-away and drinks for a casual get-together.

**Saturday:** The morning sees us at the Port of Echuca complex, where our Vettes can go safely on display. This is a great place to visit, with heaps to see. We will give you a comprehensive list of things to do so you can organise your day to your liking (*check the link below*).

Later in the day, we'll all take to the Vettes and drive to the Great Aussie Beer Shed, *Tripadvisor's* #1 attraction in the area. **Not To Be Missed!!**

On Saturday evening we're booked at a Pub near our Motel. Walk or drive - it's up to you!



**Sunday:** Today we take a cruise around the "Echuca Silo Art Trail". These silos look fabulous and provide great photo opportunities for our Vettes. We'll also stop for some lunch along the way.

In the evening we'll eat at the Moama RSL, with a courtesy bus on hand to transport us to and from the venue.

**Monday:** It's time to hit the road and make our way back home. We'll bid farewell to another year of reviving old friendships with our cross-border buddies.

## **FULL EVENT & BOOKING DETAILS:**

<https://corvettesaustralia.com/2023-meet-the-vics/>

In VIC you can also call Mark Andre on 0413 387 977 or in SA, AJ Martin on 0422 355 973, for more info.





*Miss*

**OCTOBER**





**New wheels and tyres for the Vette. 18 x 8's all around and 245/50/R18 Continental Contact 5's.**

**These are an SUV tyre with big grooves for a nice quiet ride.**

**Boyd Coddington's from American Wheel Warehouse in Hallam and great service from Motorsport Wheels and Tyres in Dandenong.**

**Gringo 1972**

# Wolf of the Willows - Sept. 24

What a crackin day for a drive!

We met at the Village Green Hotel with a few other club members for the short drive over to Wolf of the Willows brewery in Moorabbin.

Along with the 2 other meeting points we had around 30 of us in total at the brewery for some refreshing beverages and some tasty food.

In all a great day had by all.  
Andrew and Shweta Leonard.



# Wolf of the Willows - Sept. 24



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# Yarra Glen - 25 November



**SATURDAY NOV 25TH**

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# Classifieds

## For Sale - 1995 C4 Corvette ZR1

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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



## Craig's 1979 C3 Corvette '79 VET'

*Many club members are familiar with Craig & Vicki O'Donohue's Red 1959 C1 but many are probably unaware that we have also owned a Black on Black 1979 C3 for some 29 years, since 1994.*

*It was originally a Corvettes of Melbourne car (Dave DeAngelo) and when we purchased, it was a typical C3 RHD with a 350 Auto configuration, but truly was a 'Batmobile' when we bought it home. Gloss black painted Alloys, no badges, full black out exterior and interior. It was, however, relatively easy to bring it back to the way you see it today.*



*Over the years, the car has attended numerous National Conventions with the first in Adelaide (1995?), Carlton, Canberra twice, Sydney twice, Adelaide again and Docklands. (Inset photo)*

*It was purchased for \$22,000 and has been on Full Rego/Ins. since. (29 years @say \$1,200 pa) = another \$34,000 (Ouch!!)*

*It has been a great car and a relatively modern Corvette at 15 years young when purchased. I remember driving to Adelaide with those new and modern fuel injected C4's (expensive cars then) that were 'topping up' at Murray Bridge whilst I was on my 3<sup>rd</sup> tank of fuel! It's now a 44-year-old classic and finally starting to appreciate although it could never have been regarded as a wise investment but rather a passion that has lasted almost 30 years.*

*A 'regular' driver up until 2011 when the C1 was purchased. That unfortunately relegated '79 Vet' to the upper levels of 'hoist car storage' and where this story begins.*

*Corvettes like all classic cars simply don't like sitting idle. It sat, rarely driven and developed numerous leaks extending from the rocker cover gaskets, power steering ram, transmission*

*seals, brake master cylinder and brake callipers. Not to mention the 'droopy' headlight and a really nice set of Yokohama's that had only travelled some 500 miles to develop 'cracks' due to old age. All through lack of use and insufficient maintenance!! I used to give this car a bit of a hard time in its early life, and it ended up with a L.H. Rear wheel that 'strangely' would slide in and out when up on the jack.*



*It is shameful as it really is a nice car but what to do with so many issues??? This is where Glenn Pellegrino and his 'second to none' knowledge & expertise in the earlier Corvettes came to the rescue and the mechanical restoration of the '79 begun.*





# **& Glenn Pellegrino's Mechanical Restoration**

**Glenn offered to take the car and 'fix it up. His experience with these vehicles quickly became evident however, there was a couple of 'big shocks' with the state of the car when he got it up on the hoist.**



**The fuel tank was rusting out along the line of the support straps probably through condensation build up and the lack of use and just about everything in the 'expensive' C3 rear end was, well... stuffed (Early life abuse!).**



**A half shaft worn down at the end by over half an inch (that Glenn had never seen before), it needed new callipers, both**

**trailing arms needed replacing, the traverse spring mount was broken (physically collapsed when Glenn was reinstalling the rear end), it needed circlips, bearings, seals etc. etc.**

**With all credit to Glenn, he completely went over the entire car, and after many hours (and 'a few dollars more') it now drives like new and everything from the power steering pump pulley to head lights, to transmission seals, to manifold blanking plugs, to new master cylinder to new brakes, new fuel tank, the refurbished rear end and more... all fixed.**



**Not to mention replacement of one 24volt indicator globe and metric wheel nuts some 'fruitcake' owner (Yes...Me!!!) had incorrectly installed some time earlier.**

**Glenn is of course a busy man, but his knowledge of these cars is the reason he is in such demand, and I would recommend his work any day! And... a special thanks to Kathy is warranted for 'pumping the brake pedal' late at night and washing '79 Vet' before returning to another very satisfied customer.**



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**Craig O'Donohue**

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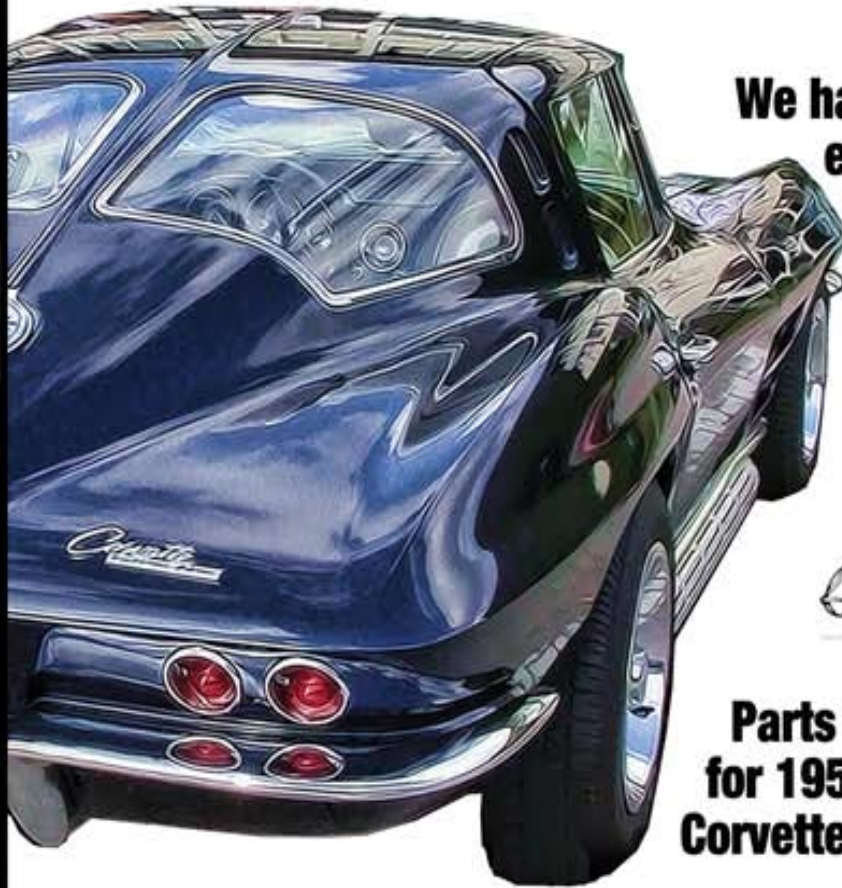
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