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BERROWRA WATERS LUNCH RUN	DUE TO COVID UNFORTUNATLY THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED
PORT MACQUARIE (WEEKEND)	26 TH – 27 TH SEPTEMBER
BATHURST	THURSDAY 8 TH – SUNDAY 11 TH OCTOBER
CHROMEFEEST THE ENTRANCE	DUE TO COVID UNFORTUNATLY THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED
JAMBEROO CAR SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY	DUE TO COVID UNFORTUNATLY THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED
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AUG	2020	
Sunday 9th	Northern Run – Organised by Peter Cox Please contact Peter on 0438 323 744, Spaces are limited.	CRN12/20
Sunday 16th	Lunch Run – Organised by Mandy – Details to be Advised Please contact Mandy on 0409 668 341, Spaces are limited.	CE7/20
Thursday 20th	Codger Run – Organised by Peter Cox Please contact Peter on 0438 323 744, Spaces are limited.	CRN13/20
Sunday 30th	Breakfast Run – Bondi Beach - Organised by Jim Carruthers Please contact Jim on 0402 016 995, Spaces are limited.	CES4/20
SEP	2020	
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Thursday 17th	Codger Run – Organised by Peter Cox Please contact Peter on 0438 323 744, Spaces are limited.	CRN15/20

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Hello Members,

Covid-19

We have come to the point where we need to discuss the AGM or lack of the opportunity to hold our AGM. The proportion of not holding the AGM is not covered in our constitution, so we need to compromise to get an outcome we can use in the short to medium time-frame. Our meeting venue has not been able to give me a time-frame when they will be open to receiving members to the meeting rooms. I hesitate to move the meeting to a new venue as we have no indication of just what restrictions will be in place over the next few months. Also, I am more concerned about the health of our members, as well as our social responsibility to help minimise the possibility of Covid-19 spread within the community.

At present the NSW Government is indicating to residents that we do not undertake any unnecessary travel, and with this in mind, the possibility that more restrictions may be coming. I put to the members that we have one feasible option ... we suspend the AGM until future notice. This would necessitate the current committee being appointed as caretakers until we can have a formal AGM at a time to be agreed upon when community health restrictions allow such a gathering.

I believe the club is running well; runs are being organised when the conditions are suitable. And more importantly cancelled when there is a need to comply with governmental directions/ restrictions. All members will receive an email re this report in the near future

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Hi Members,

Hope everyone is keeping well. I don't have much to report on from this end this month, due to having spent most of the time in hospital, but I am now on the mend and looking forward to getting out and about in the months ahead.

There were 3 runs this month, the southern highlands, Brass monkey, and our Christmas in July. I believe all went off without a hitch, and our members enjoyed these events. Thank you to our members who organised these runs.

Please keep checking our Facebook page to keep yourself up to date with up and coming social gatherings.

Cheers everyone,

Tony



Secretary's Report

HI CAR CLUBBERS

Once again due to the current state of COVID 19 restrictions, the monthly meetings have been put on hold, however, we will continue to collaborate and get the magazine to you.

Brass Monkey run, which is always well organised by Wayne and Deb Rowley, was again a well-oiled machine. The weather was a bit of a worry when we started out, however, once we started climbing the mountain, it cleared to a perfect winter's day. The food, company and the driver made for a memorable club run. Looking forward to next years. Thank-you to Mandy and Paul for another well organised club "Christmas in July". The overnight stay was attended by 23 club members. There was lots of laughter, drinks and wonderful memories. Hope to see more of our members attend next year.

Just a reminder, if you haven't already renewed your membership, please do so ASAP. As of next month, if you are not a financial member, your magazine subscription will cease.

Please also start thinking about next years National Corvette Convention in Canberra.

Stay safe, wash your hands and stay connected.

Belinda



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LAKE MACQUARIE JOURNEY

Once again we had picked a good day with a nice crisp morning for a Sunday Cruise. Some of us arranged to meet at the parking lot just north of the bridge at The Entrance to head up to Blacksmiths which was the official spot for the start of the run, Michael was so keen to give his vette some work that he came south to head back north with us!

After a good smooth run we pulled into the BAKER'S DEN FOR COFFEE AND OTHER DELIGHTS and to meet up with the Northerners.

There were some old familiar faces and some new ones as Michael had invited some vette owners to join us for the cruise to see what we are all about. Soon everyone was doing the rounds and getting to know each other and of course there were the new vettes to find out about. Eventually I was able to round up all the crew and we headed off through Belmont, Warners Bay and Toronto to our lunch destination in the park at Wangi Wangi.

It had been a very enjoyable drive with lots of views across the lake and lots of head turning as the 11 vettes in the convoy thundered past. Soon we were all spread around the park and the BBQ enjoying lunch and the company and then sneaking off to check the cars again particularly when a couple of bonnets went up. I had some back copies of our magazine which I handed out to our visitors so perhaps we will have some new members soon.

Peter



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A BIG Thank you to everyone who came to join us for our Covid Corvette's Christmas in July at the Bundanoon Country Inn Motel.

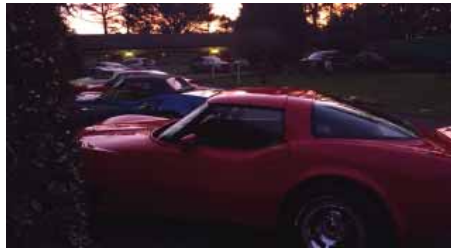
With all the recent events, it was lovely to catch up with everyone even though things were a little different, everyone had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to our lucky door prize winners: Ray, Joy, Theo, Margaret, Pauline and Lyn.

Paul and I hope everyone is staying safe in these difficult times and we hope we will be able to catch up again soon.

Take care everyone, MANDY





NSW Corvettes – Southern Run – Sunday June 28th, 2020 – Gerringong Hotel

Our second Southern run in just over a month was well received with 15 members attending.



We started out from our home club premises at Brighton Lakes and headed south on the M5 and M1 where we veered off to Campbelltown and out thru Appin. At Appin we collected Dennis who joined the convoy in his C3.

The weather was fine and great for a winter's day drive in the country. We continued on our way down the Appin road and briefly stopped at the Visitors centre at Bulli Tops where Justin and Kelly in their red C3 and Geoff and Angie in their silver C6 hopped on board. We now had a convoy of seven Vettes running all together along the M1 down the South Coast.

With the traffic on the busy side, we took the Port Kembla turn off and travelled via Warrawong, Warilla and Shellharbour before we re-joined the M1 at Dunmore. From there, we had a nice leisurely drive through the hills of Kiama before we veered off into Gerringong and our short drive stopping at Mick Cronin's Gerringong Hotel.

We parked all the cars together in the rear car park of the Hotel, but it didn't take long before we had some admirers checking out the cars on display. We then ventured into the Hotel albeit some 20 mins late, but our hosts had set up a wonderful area inside the lounge area of the Hotel.

Arriving at the Hotel and having a lovely lunch together were Doug, Belinda, Paul, Mandy, Meredith, Michael, Angie, Geoff, Justin, Kelly, Anne, Kevin, Dennis, Gayle and I.



The food was good and enjoying the company was so easy as you just felt that we all needed to get out, have a catch up, a bit of fun and the boys could enjoy running around in their toys.

All the best

Jim Carruthers -

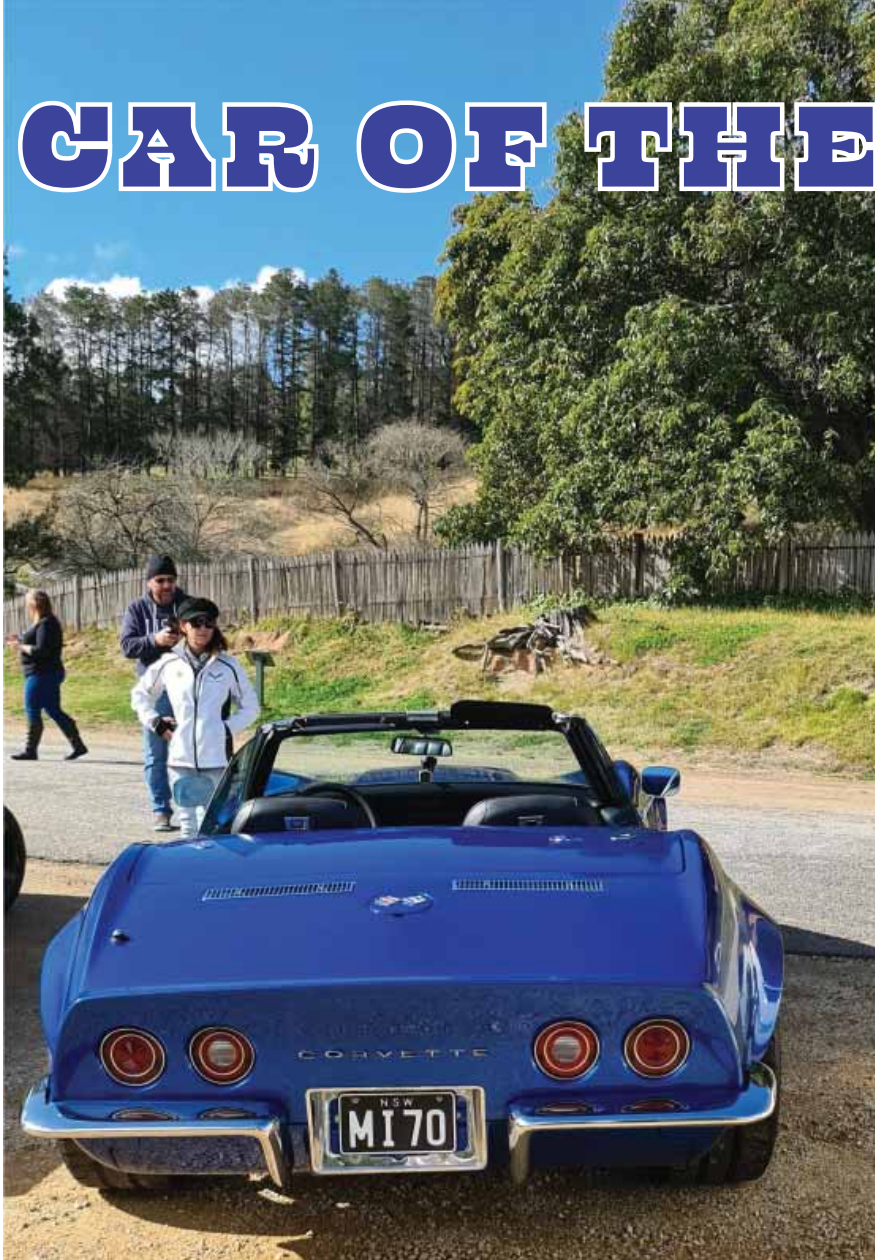
Southern Delegate



Some other photos from the day.



CAR OF THE MONTH



Thank you for choosing my 1970 454 4sp roadster for this month's Corvette of the month. As with all Corvettes she does have a story to tell. This year two months ago on the 20th May, 1970 she rolled off the production line at Bowling Green Kentucky, so she is officially 50 years old. I don't have much history from the States but it was brought over by GM Down Under in 2009 and sent out for auction at Shannons with a reserve of \$80,000.00. There was an article in the Sydney Morning Herald referring to it.

A Doctor in Edgecliff bought it - not sure of price, but didn't like it as it was too noisy to drive and he didn't enjoy it, so it stayed in storage till Dec 2013 when I purchased her. Funny I was after a later model 1992 but when I saw and heard her I was hooked.

She was a bit rough around the edges and had over-heating issues so much so that on our runs, Georgie and I went to Palm beach for a run and lunch, just sat down and someone came over and said your car is on fire. It was a split radiator and it was spraying onto block causing steam to come out of the bonnet looking like it was on fire.

Since then I've replaced the motor, gave me nothing but grief at every club run finished with us limping her home and was not enjoyable. I have slowly fixed all the things that need doing so today the almost finished product is what you see. It's a bit like my match box toy as a kid I never had, flared guards big wheels shiny new paint job, side pipes and roadster to boot. She is not finished and needs some cosmetics done but she is as strong as an ox and goes hard when asked as long as there are plenty of fuel stations along the way.

She is affectingly referred to as the Thumper! I love her, Georgie does too, except after a long run on a highway for hours (Port Macquarie); she has a great sound system but we have never heard it due to side pipes but hey that's the mystic of the Vette.

**Kind Regards,
Theo Patsalides**





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Special needs or Dietary Requirements													
Bringing your Vette (Yes/No)				How many			Trailing (Yes/No)						
ADDITIONAL PERSON													
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Type (Coupe, Roadster)				Year			Color						
Registration Number						Is your Vette to be judged (yes/no)							
Category (please tick)	Original (0-3 Modifications)			Personal (4-8 Modifications)			Modified (9 or more Modifications)						
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From the Treas\$ury

Once again this month (June) there is little to report, the outgoing of \$2915.06 was made up of: Mag print \$1000.00, Post \$216.86, Labels \$71, Accountant \$528.00, Acct Fee \$20.00 and a re-imbursement of \$1080.00 to member Mr S.Rice – yes Member Rice was in a donation mood or was it a gerfingapoken and his deposit of \$1200 was easy to see. Now because the everyday account was getting low I transferred \$4000 from our second account as a “just in case” we ran into the usual dilemma of late incoming subs, but this year we have thru June received a host of renewals, and I’m glad to say most of which were via direct deposit. To those who rang/texted to complain about cheques not being banked – well I fall into the COVID19 susceptible age group and a visit to the Covid19 Mall was very low on my priority list.

Opening for June \$934.42, Credits \$9325.03, Debits \$2915.06 with a close at \$7343.59. Our 2nd account has \$1122.51 and our BIG investment acct has \$40,837.65, which to the ever vigilant will look a little bigger than last month – that’s because one of our valued members deposited their renewal into this account – which because it is supposed to be locked, means I can’t get that money out, at least at the moment, anyway not to worry, possession is 9/10ths of law. I want to really thank all who paid early and especially via direct deposit. The goal this year was to get all renewals in early then wack a big chunk in the term investment account, that way our money earns what my daughter used to call “free bank money” i.e interest. In fact, if you do the sums, it COULD be possible in the future to invest all subs rec’d in June in a high earning account with the resultant interest used to discount the following years subs – maybe by as much as \$5.00, anyway that’s just food for future thought and depends on subs being received by 30th June. This of course would be dependant of the reining financial conditions – which now, is not good with very low interest rates.

I will once again re-iterate that if you are on Historic Plates, you have till end July to renew your subs, else your vehicle might fall foul of Police or Inspectors, which could be expensive to say the least especially if your vehicle is involved in an accident. As you know we keep an active listing of members versus historic rego on hand so the club can instantly support our members who may fall foul of the law. Next month I will do a series of spreadsheets covering Jan thru June and a summary of the financial year. We are always looking for companies etc who wish to advertise their services, our current advertisers are very much appreciated, but if you have a business you wish to advertise or know of someone, then please encourage them to get in touch with the Secretary or President.

Also a big thankyou to Mandy for the Xmas in July! We had a great time, good people. Also I posted on the Forum that any members who would like a colour glossy copy of the CANB Nationals brochure and entry form – then please text or email me as I only have 20 copies – first in first served, but do not despair all the CANB Nat’s info is available on their website. After missing out on Adelaide, I’m really looking forward to Canberra.

Regards,

DOUG, Treasurer.

BRASS MONKEY RUN 2020

Fortunately the weather forecast predicting rain for Sunday was delayed and we drove through the mist and foggy plains towards our meeting point at Glenbrook where we were welcomed by a glorious blue sky winter’s morning.

After the Meet & Greet, and Wayne T clutch-starting the VL Commodore in attendance, we headed west arriving in Katoomba for our morning coffee break at The Gingerbread House Café. The muffins and scones were popular this morning.

Next stop was Little Hartley for a photo shoot. The warm sunshine caused us to linger a little longer, and we were all pleased to have made the effort to venture out.

Continuing up the highway we turned off onto Jenolan Caves Road for the scenic drive through the countryside. Breathtaking views greeted us around every bend.

Descending from the highlands we crossed Lake Lyell and the Cox’s River where we made our way back onto the highway and then to Lithgow. I’m quite sure that everybody was wondering where on earth we were going, because the Secret Creek Café is quite secretly hidden away, nestled into the mountainside at the end of an inconspicuous street. Some were surprised to learn that it was a Vegan and BYO restaurant. Pay attention folks! Luckily we brought along some wine just in case!

The venue was welcoming and cosie, and the food delicious. We gave the privilege of choosing the winner of the Brass Monkey trophy to the waitress, who was escorted out under an umbrella (it was now raining) to view the cars and choose her favourite. And the lucky winner is . . .

Wayne & Wilma in their yellow/black soft top C6. CONGRATULATIONS!

The lucky door prize winners were Tina, Belinda and Doug ... Congratulations guys. Hope you enjoyed chomping on cookies and drinking hot chocolate out of your very special 2020 brass monkey mugs!

Thankfully, the rain stopped just before we departed. We had a great day out that ticked all the boxes. It was wonderful that most of us had never been to any of the places we visited today. It’s all about trying something new.

Thank you to all who joined us. See you next year.

Cheers, Wayne & Debra - *‘Keeping the Dream Alive’*

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CODGERS CHECK THE VIEWS FROM RUMBULARA RESERVE

We met at Bateau Bay and from the start a few were missing from the list. Jane went to work as she was working on the wrong date and Belinda rang to let us know that Doug had slept in and it was too late for him to leave Sydney. On the good side Wayne and Wilma decided to join the Codgers while on their way up north with the caravan. They arrived in the Silverado which is a monster beside any Corvette. Stuart reckoned that the Gold bowtie on the front grill would weigh about 20 kilo. Rob and Kim arrived in Kim's shopping trolley and Rob clearly said I love those heated seats! Ross and Chris came in the shopping trolley too. Was that something to do with heated seats too or was the vette too cold to start? So there were only 3 Corvettes out for the day. Pete in the Road Warrior, Stuart in his C4 and Grahame and Trish in the white C3 with those big side pipes.

Coffee at The Entrance was the first stop and we met Dave and Sandy who were on some grandchildren minding for part of the holidays. Dave is feeling much healthier now which is good news. His vette has gone to the Canberra club so we may see it at the Convention next year. Dave says he will be polishing the shopping trolley for a tag along when the Codgers take to the road again.

The cruise to Erina and Springfield went well before the climb up the ridge to the Rumbalara Lookout. Even though the weather was blustery the views over Brisbane Waters towards Woy Woy and beyond were great, and we were able to take some shelter behind some trees for lunch.

The Codgers are getting noticeably tougher under Pete's regime of fresh air and spacing and we are getting out and staying well. There will be more of the same in August.

Pete 0438 323 744



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Tasmania	21-22 November
Sydney Supersprint	12-13 December

*Correct at
30 July 2020*



2020

Silverstone	7-9th August
Spanish Grand Prix	14-16th August
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FOR SALE 2001 Corvette Z06

\$50,000



This great example of the 2001 hardtop Corvette Z06 is offered for sale, as I am now enjoying retirement and doing the inevitable downsizing of my toys. Always garaged and continuously registered since being imported and converted to RH drive by Performax in 2002. Kept by them as a director's vehicle for three years then sold to its 2nd Australian owner who moved abroad two years later, when he sold it to the current owner. I am a former president and current member of NSW Corvettes Club.

Affectionately known as the "Yella Terra", this Z06 has been in my care from 2007 till now. Purchased to participate in club level motorsport including supersprints, hillclimbs and motorkhanas, it has won multiple club and class championships with HSV Owners Club of NSW, NSW Corvettes, interstate Corvette challenges, and Corvette Nationals events. It has also claimed two NSW CAMS State Supersprint class titles, and third at Australian national level. It has never been involved in any collisions that I am aware of, either on or off the track.

Lap times: SMSP Gardner 1.43.5, North 1.10.3, South 1.02.2, Wakefield 1.05.8, Phillip Island 1.47.

This Z06 has also won "best Corvette" and class trophies at various car shows over the years, proving it also presents well cosmetically.

Throughout its time in motorsport, various suspension, brake system, cooling systems and engine refreshing changes have been made, not only improving the performance package, but also resulting in a car that is stronger, more robust and reliable and by far better handling than the factory original.

Not driven on the track since early 2017, it is used as a weekend road cruiser, and has only travelled some 2,000 kms since then. A few months before its last track outing, the engine received an overhaul and refreshing, with some strengthening built in to the upper cylinder area. Upgraded valve springs, Hypatech Chev pistons, Crow rocker trunion and bush kit, and mild streetable camshaft (Lunati VDLS-272). Otherwise factory spec original LS6 5.7Ltr Corvette engine tuned to 460 BHP at flywheel, in February 2016. Cooling systems fitted to engine oil, power steering, and transaxle with oversized power steer reservoir. Vented crankcase. Battery relocated to boot.

Upgraded air intake, LG long tube headers and 4 x 75mm Borla Big Four exhausts. Stoptech 6 piston monoblock front brakes and 4 piston rears with 350mm rotors all round. Braided hoses. Cobalt Friction street pads and race pads included. Yokohama AO50 R-Spec race tyres fitted to spare set of wheels. Michelin road tyres fitted to vehicle. Hotchkis upgraded front and rear sway bars. LG motorsports Camber/caster kit, bump steer kit. Front brake ducting. Coilovers with Bilstein shocks and Eibach springs all round, supplied by LG Motorsports of Texas. 250Kg downforce rear wing mounted to chassis.

Front and rear tow hooks. Race seat and harness included but not fitted. Harness bar with camera mounts and extinguisher installed.

Genuine buyers only (no tyre kickers please) can contact Gary Nelson on 0409 098699 or email me at gnel4300@bigpond.net.au.

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