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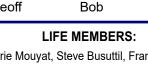
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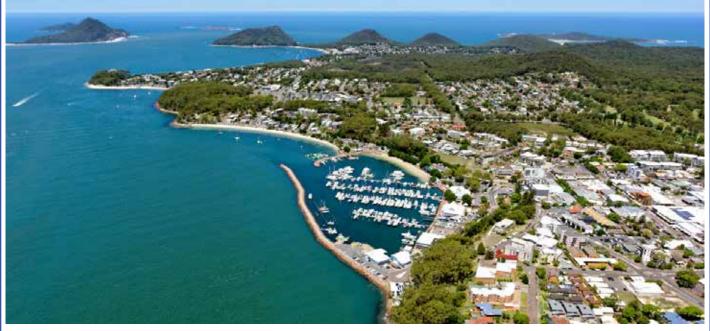






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Also please advíse Mandy on 0409-668-341, that you will be attending.

Looking forward to a great weekend.



Hello Members

Good times ahead!

We are hoping to better times in the coming months. We have had a few runs that have been well attended.

I would guess everyone is looking to get out and enjoy the so-called freedoms the government is talking about in all their media releases.

By the time you read this, our first club meet for a considerable time and the Christmas party will have come and gone. I will have more to report next magazine.

Over the next 6 months there will be some great events to look forward to. In January the All-American day and the Corvette Conventions in Canberra in April. Those of you looking to attend the Canberra convention, get in quick to lock in your place as numbers are at this point limited to 100.

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Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Bob Fitzsimmons.

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Hi everyone, hope you are well,

At this point in time, it looks like the majority of covid restrictions have been lifted and we're now free to enjoy our 'vettes again.

Thanks to Richard for organising the Port Macquarie weekend which went ahead and all had a great time.

Pete was able to organise a Codgers Run early November so things look like we are getting back to normal.

Our next event on the agenda is our annual Christmas Dinner or weekend at Mittagong, starting Saturday 6th December. Hoping to catch up with many of our members after this big hiatus.

I would like to wish all our members and families a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



See you all soon. Cheers





Secretary's Report - Belinda

Hí Car Clubbers,

Well, that's another year down and we are now out of lockdown with a lot more places to go. The club has enjoyed a couple of club runs,

Codgers were out for lunch on the 18th November

The annual Port Macquarie migration was a welcome trip and a lot of fun.

Coming up, we have our Christmas Dinner in Mittagong and planning the Nelson Bay weekend.

This year, has been one that I, personally will not forget, although we, as a club, have not done a great deal, there is still a lot that needs to be maintained in the background.

Being locked down and forced to work from home has also been hard for me, however, coming out the other end and now allowed back into the AMPOL office.

Thank you all for support in 2020 and 2021.

I would like to wish you and your families a safe and connected Christmas this year and hope to be able to catchup with some of our new members too.



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

25 years November ... Harry Turner 5 years September ... Earl Robins

New Members in the past 6 months:

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Belinda

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After two years without the annual Corvette Nationals it is time to renew and celebrate all things Corvette in the Nation's Capital. The Corvettes of Canberra Club has an exciting long weekend of events arranged including a show 'n' shine, cruise and evening social events to make it a memorable event.

All you need to do now is to register and book your accommodation, knowing that it is refundable if the event has to be cancelled because of a pandemic restriction.

Check the Corvettes of Canberra Club <u>website</u> at <u>https://corvettesofcanberra.org.au/corvette-nationals-2022/</u> for:

- the Canberra Nationals Brochure with the Weekend's Program
- the Event Registration Form
- Accommodation booking information

Book early because the event is limited to 100 Vettes!



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Supercars at Eastern Creek

Over the weekend (20th & 21st Nov), I was lucky enough to be invited to the RedBull/ Ampol Racing team Corporate Hospitality Suite on the rooftop above the PITs.

Took the hubby and our daughter.

Had a meet and greet with Jamie Whincup and Shane Van Gisbergen, had meet them before on a visit to the Ampol head office.

The weather on Saturday was not the best, however, it was mostly dry, and the races went ahead. I have never been that close to a racetrack before, so was an amazing experience for me and LOUD!

Sunday was an early start, and the weather made a mess of it. The spray coming off the cars as they passed on Brabham Straight was ridiculous. I wouldn't want to be the driver at the back of the pack.

Before the final Supercars Race of the day, we were able to do the Grid walk, although it was cut short due to the weather; the cars did five laps around the track behind the safety car and then were brought into the pits. Race cancelled!

We now have 4 Corvettes representing the club in the Bathurst drivers' parade on Sunday 5th December.

Cheers, Belinda

















ON THE ROAD AGAIN

There were a few hardy Codgers who were keen to get rolling once the Covid restrictions were lifted and so we met at Bateau Bay and then cruised to The Water's Edge for outdoor coffee beside the Lake.... A very pleasant outlook.

Wayne and Wilma arrived to give us our first time inspection of the 1956 that he has restored. We were all most impressed as the car is looking fantastic and drew lots of looks all along the way.

From The Entrance we cruised through the red gum forest to Budgewoi to the picnic area where a group of the Red Hat Ladies were having lunch in the big shed. They gave the convoy a great welcome. Soon the BBQ was going and we had a great lunch together.

While we were there it was agreed that next month would be time to use our phones and vax certificates to book in for lunch at a hotel. The plan will be have coffee along the way and to have lunch at the hotel at Patonga on Thursday, 18th November. Save the date!

Look for an email with the details as soon as the arrangements have been made.

Cheers

Pete 0438 323 744



PATONGA REVISITED

With all the dodgy weather we have had this spring, luck was on our side again as it was a sparkling day for the Codgers to wheel the Vettes out for some great cruising.

Doug put the seat back in his C4 and was the first to arrive at our Bateau Bay starting point.

Setting a new record for punctuality, we were joined by photographer Col and Day, Stu joined us as keen as ever and finally Wayne and Wilma who had picked up the C6 after having some niggly electric bits sorted out and a sparkling polish up for the yellow machine.

It was a timely day for Jean to make a special presentation to Wayne of a Corvette cap to go with the car (a bit like getting a baggy green in the Aussie cricket team!) It was a yellow Convention hat from a gathering on the Gold Coast quite a few years back so both car and driver were looking very smick for our day out.

We cruised down the coast taking in the many ocean and lagoon views along the way before we pulled into the surf club at Copacabana for a coffee stop and the usual chat. From here we managed to lose Stu and Col who had frantically signalled with lights and horn that Pete had turned left - Stu had his own route in mind but we were all united again as we parked outside The Boat House Hotel at Patonga. Here we were joined by Dave and Sandy and Ed and Ree who came straight for the lunch and our booking was filled. I noticed that the seafood dishes were the most popular.

Finally after a long lunch it was time for us to make our way home to all points of the compass, after another great day out.









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FRANK REJTANO 1964 CHEVY CORVETTE

You KNOW you've built an impressive car when street machining legends like Owen Webb and Ron Barclay call it one of the best cars they've seen. Such was the case for Frank Rejtano's '64 Corvette Sting Ray.

Built at home by Frank and his mates over 20 months, the exquisitely detailed 'Vette coupe was the first American car to win Street Machine of the Year. While crazy pro street-style body mods and graphics-laden paint were still popular in the early 90s, Frank went for something



sleeker. He refined the awesome stock lines of the C2 Corvette by smoothing the notoriously rough GM fibreglass shell, along with the chassis and floors, to make the car appear seamless. It was powered by a late-model

Tuned Port Injection 350 Chev backed by a four-speed auto, and Frank also

went to the trouble of moving all the fluid lines and wiring out of sight. Way ahead of its time in terms of early retrotech stuff.

Frank still owns the Corvette, which looks just as good today. Why mess with perfection?



About 20 years ago I was flicking through a Unique Cars magazine when a white 82 Corvette caught my eye.

It was way out of my price range, but I called him anyway and after a long chat I asked him if he was in the market for a JetSki.

Well, it turned out it was just what he was after and that was enough to get me across the line.

I hired a trailer and drove to Melbourne with the JetSki and brought home my first Corvette. I'll never forget the feeling of excitement looking in the mirror at that 'vet on the trailer!

I had no idea I had just been bitten by the Corvette bug and would find myself at Corvette at Carlisle two years later looking for a big block C3 convertible.

Well, I found one and shipped home my yellow '72 convertible with a 502ci - Definitely a story for another day!



Warryn Stenning.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Karin,

I have noticed that this esteemed publication has never (to my knowledge) had a letter to the Editor. So if there is room, now might be the time to start.

During lockdown some of us have had too much time to think and my thoughts have drifted towards the future of this great Club.



Jean and I have had much pleasure over almost three decades from meeting Corvette owners and driving to the many events that have taken place over that time. What fun we have had and what characters we have met!

Now as life returns to normal ????? whatever that is, I have to contemplate the fact that time is trying to overtake me even though I'm hanging on in front but going to meetings at night is getting somewhat more difficult.

So I want to appeal to the younger and newer members to think about stepping up to take over some of the roles within the Club (e.g. Northern Rep); to add new ideas and energy to our programmes. As J.F.K. almost said "Ask not what your Club can do for you but what you can do for your Club."

Getting involved brings many rewards. Think about ways you can contribute to keep the Club powering on.

Make 2022 the start of a great decade.

Cheers Pete





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Corvette Racing confirms C8.R program for 2022 IMSA and WEC

Corvette Racing will turn its two-car IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship program into a twopronged assault next season with the No. 3 Corvette C8.R and drivers Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor moving to the series' new GTD Pro class while the sister No. 4 car and line-up of Tommy Milner and Nick Tandy head to the FIA World Endurance Championship's GTE Pro category.

"I'm super excited to be coming back to IMSA," Taylor said. "Obviously going to a new class with more cars and more competition will be exciting. There is a lot to learn for us at Corvette Racing to help with the transition, but the team has so much experience over the years in GT racing that I'm confident we can adapt well.

"We've done some testing behind the scenes already with the car to understand where we are and what we need to work on. So far, so good. It'll be great to be back with Antonio and Nicky. We've had two great years in a row, and hopefully we can make it three in IMSA."



CORVETTE RACING AT PETIT LE MANS:

Big Heartbreak in 2021 Finale

GT Le Mans championship sweep takes sting out of tough finishes

BRASELTON, Ga. (Nov. 13, 2021) – Corvette Racing had hopes of going out of the GT Le Mans (GTLM) era in winning style, but fortune had other ideas at the 10-hour Petit Le Mans. Despite setbacks to both Chevrolet Corvette C8.Rs in the final race of this year's IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, the program still celebrated a second straight sweep of the full-season GTLM titles.

Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor wrapped up their second straight class Drivers Championship as the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R took the green flag for the race start. It also locked up consecutive Manufacturers championships for Chevrolet and the Team title for the No. 3 Corvette squad.

A mid-race accident, however, forced the No. 3 C8.R's retirement just before the halfway point. Taylor was part of a long train of cars coming to a restart over a blind crest and crashed heavily into another GT car that had spun and stopped only seconds before. He was evaluated and released from the infield care center.

Corvette Racing still had hopes of a ninth Petit Le Mans victory with the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette C8.R of Tommy Milner, Nick Tandy and Alexander Sims.

The trio led a race-high 313 laps with all three drivers taking turns at the front of the field. While lacking overall performance, clever strategy and pit work kept the No. 4 C8.R at or near the lead for the first three-quarters of the race. Fuel savings by the Corvette drivers meant shorter fuel fill times, and the No. 4 pit crew helped capitalize by gaining 11 spots during the first six pit stops in the race.

In a fight for track position late and running second in class, Tandy was hit and pushed off-track by the eventual race-winning prototype. The impact broke the left-front suspension of the Corvette with 10 minutes left.

Corvette Racing will return to IMSA in January for the season-opening Rolex 24 At Daytona in the new GTD PRO category. That effort will go along with a single-car entry in the FIA World Endurance Championship.











To all our Members and families, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (



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