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Sunday 20th June (To Be Confirmed)	GENERAL MOTORS GM DAY – PENRITH MUSEUM OF FIRE (ORGANISED BY THE CADILLAC CLUB)
Sunday 4th July	ALL AMERICA DAY - MACARTHUR SQUARE (ORGANISED BY MUSTANG CLUB)
July – T.B.A	CHRISTMAS IN JULY
July /August T.B.A	BRASS MONKEY RUN
Sunday 15th August	CMC SHANNONS SYDNEY CLASSIC- EASTERN CREEK
Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd August	MEATSTOCK BBQ WARS – SYDNEY OLMPIC PARK
August - T.B.A	CLUB’S SHOW & SHINE
Sep/Oct – T.B.A	PORT MACQUARIE (WEEKEND)
Wednesday 6th -10th October	BATHURST
Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th October	CHROMEFEFEST – THE ENTRANCE
Sunday 31st October	JAMBEROO CAR SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY
Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th November	WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA – ILLAWARRA AIRPORT-ALBION PARK
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Our upcoming events

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MAY	2021	
Thursday 20th	Codgers Run – Wyong Tavern Meet @ 9.30am leave by 9.45am from the Carpark on the Northern end of the Entrance Bridge cruising to Matt's Diner Elizabeth Bay by 10.15am, Pete will join you here. Cruising from here to Wyee and then via Hue Hue to the Wyong Tavern in the old Milk Factory for lunch. Contact Pete on 0438-323-744 if attending by Monday 17 th May.	CRN9/21
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JUNE	2021	
Tuesday 1st	Club Meeting – Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek Please enter via Gate A, Ferrers Road. Main Pit Suites (Room 3) Starting @8.00pm. If you wish to attend, please advise Belinda via text or email as there are still number restrictions, and we are required to comply with the Raceways Covid Safety regulations. You will also be required to check in at the gate using your NSW services app on your phone.	
Sunday 13th	Breakfast Run – Maldini's by the River (Jamisontown) Meet at 8:30am, leave by 8:45am from BP Leppington (221 Bringelly Road, Leppington) to travel via Bringelly Road, A9 - The Northern Road and Mulgoa to Jamisontown. If attending please contact Mandy on 0409-668-341 by 10 th June 2021.	
Sunday 20th	GM Day – Penrith Museum of Fire (Organised by Mustang Club) Details to follow.	

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ALL MAJOR EVENTS.



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Hello 'vette Members and Families,

Unfortunately I will not be in attendance at this coming months meeting, Tony Charlton, work permitting will chair the May meeting .

At next month's June 1st meeting, we will be discussing upgrades to our web page/ forum. I brought this subject up pre-Covid but unfortunately, we and all of Australia came to a halt as Covid spread through the world.

We need to update the website to allow better access to mobiles etc, so members can keep abreast of all the club's information. I'm hopeful we can have the Facebook page integrated with feeds from the forum/club site as well.

I would like to see as many of you as possible at this meeting. At time of writing we can host about 70 people at the venue, however this is subject to government direction at the time of the meeting. We'll keep you posted.

You all know we have runs being organised and the committee would appreciate your attendance. This is your club, the committee works hard on your behalf so if you're available we would like to see you there.

Bob Fitzsimmons.



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Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all doing well with restrictions now lifted. Good times approaching.

Good News - our monthly meetings are finally recommencing on the first Tuesday of every month. We are relocating to Sydney Motorsport Park at Eastern Creek. Big thanks to Bob and Doug for all their efforts in sorting this out. It is the perfect venue for our Corvette Club, now making it easier for many more members to attend due to its central location.

Not a lot more to add at this time. Please keep your eyes peeled on the Facebook page and also the Corvette Forum for new and upcoming events.

Cheers **Tony**



Secretary's Report - Belinda

Hi Car Clubbers,

A committee meeting was held on the 6th April and it was agreed to hold our first meeting since Covid on the 4th May at the Sydney Motorsports Park - Eastern Creek

We are also looking to update the Forum to make it easier for members to find club forms etc. There will be further discussion about what and how this will look.

Numbers at the meets will be restricted, so to comply with the current requirements for meeting, you will be required to advise of your attendance and check in on arrival.

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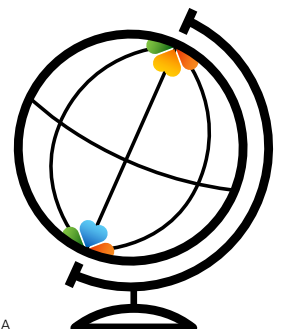


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CAR OF THE MONTH

ALAN DURES



Purchased the car in February 2001 and had some work to tidy up the car. Started enjoying it from the first weekend.

The car has been a previous multiple trophy-winning car.

Over the earlier years during its life with us, it would go out every weekend. The drives were enjoyable.

I wanted a C3 for a while before I purchased this one. I looked at two cars, two years earlier before this one which I knew had potential with a brand new motor.

I have spent some money over the early years but paintwork I have been able to do myself. These cars are worth it to make them drive and look great.

Alan.



Plan B: Easter Get-A-Way 2021 From the Sea to the Mountains



The Sun was shining as we headed off from Ulladulla, first stop Bodalla dairy shed for a coffee then onto Narooma, meeting up with Corvette members Steve, Brent and their partners.

The four Corvettes leaving Narooma and taking the coast road through Bermagui and Tathra then leaving the coast and busy holiday traffic behind, headed off through the scenic roads to Candelo then up the winding mountain road and across the top to Bombala. Then onto the flowing backroads to Dalgety and onto Jindabyne to meet up with Tom from Taree in his ZR1.

After breakfast on Saturday we all took off under clear skies for a spirited drive to Adaminaby and the Easter Fair with a short stop on the way at Berridale for markets and the Cooma Car Club display including a nice C2 Roadster.

Saturday afternoon was spent enjoying sculptures by the lake and Saturday night all the sculptures were lit up and music in the park.

On Sunday we had a run up to Thredbo to ride on the new Gondola then onto Charlotte Pass and back to Jindabyne.

Sun still shining on Monday for 'goodbyes' as we all headed home.

Robert & Lyn Williamson





Breakfast Run to Headlands Hotel

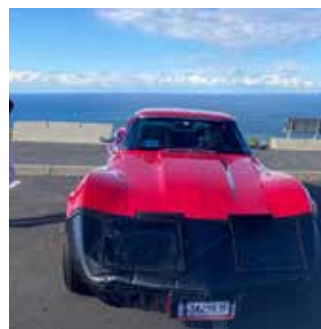


On Sunday 11th April a few club members met up for a breakfast run. The day started at 8am at Heathcote Caltex, travelling via Lawrence Hargrave Drive. We had a brief stop at Stanwell Tops to enjoy the scenic views and take a few quick pictures then continued onto the Seacliff Bridge to Headlands Hotel Austinmer where we met with a few more of our club members and had breakfast. Members from the Sydney Corvette Club were also attending the venue for breakfast and we were able to join them and catch up.

It was a lovely day and thank you to all who attended. We hope to see you all at the next breakfast run.

Mandy.





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THIRD TIME LUCKY

After bad weather and Covid interference it was third time lucky for the codgers who gathered at Ourimbah for our latest outing.

A perfect Autumn day put everyone in a good mood and soon we were parking at Lee Rowans nursery and the garden café. The girls discovered the shop and had fun checking out lots of unusual stuff for sale and spending a bit of cash. The coffee was good and Rob enjoyed his breakfast roll.

On the way out we had to run the gauntlet of the shop again but before long the convoy formed up and we set out for Avoca.

The route we took involved some back roads through plenty of bushland over the Ridgeway and the acreages at Matchham. We even survived a couple of road wash-aways left over from the big wet.

Ed and Ree caught up with us at the lunch venue and added another Vette to the collection parked in the parking lot with Stuart, Jean, Wayne, Bo and Rob impressing the locals.

Soon there was lots of conversations going on around the table while lunch was being served.

Finally it was time to hit the road for home and the Vettes scattered in all directions as usual. Col did the job of getting the photos recording the day and Dave and Sandy came along too.

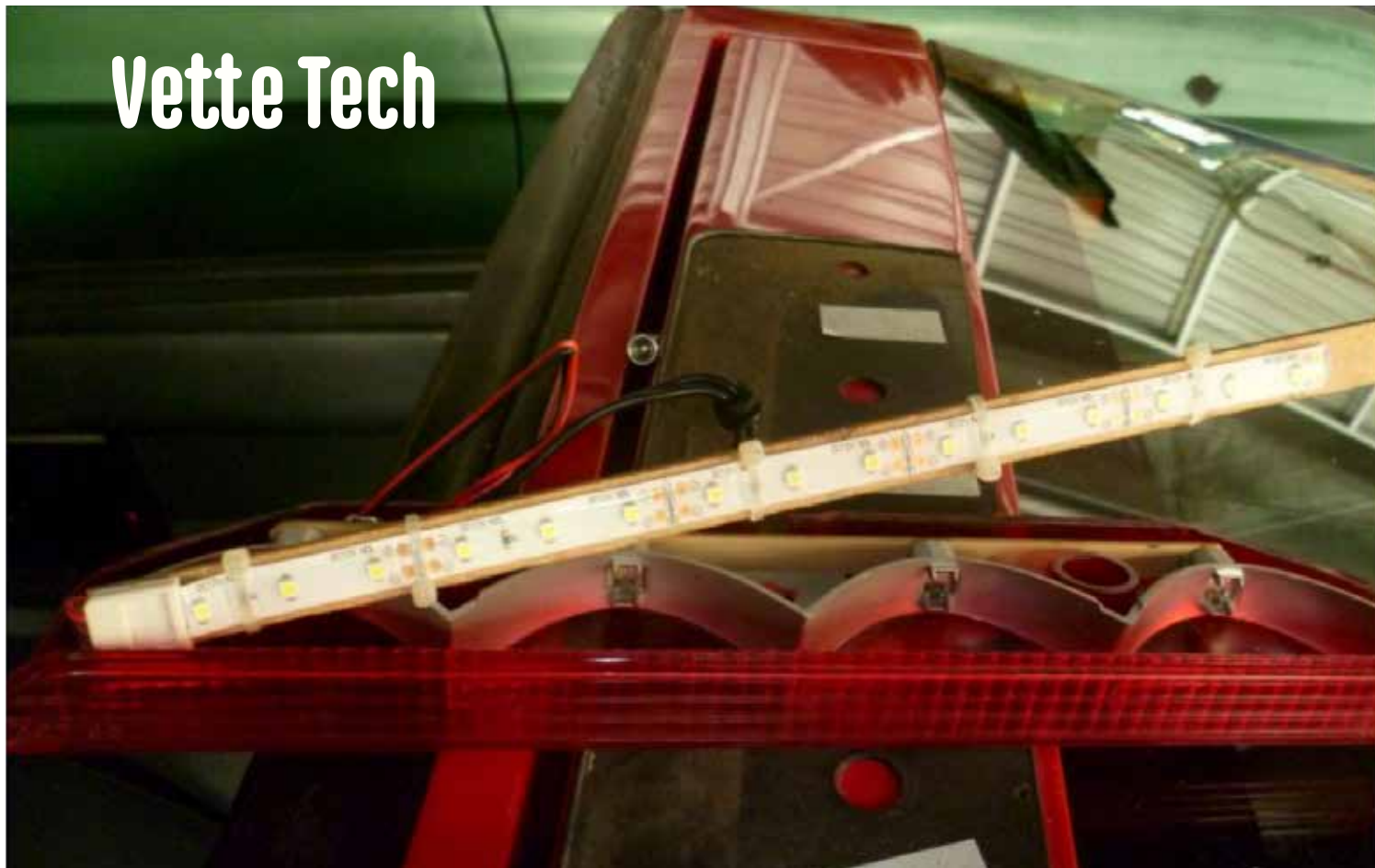
The next Codgers will be on the 20th May. It will run from the parking lot at North Entrance meeting at 9-15am for a 9-30 start to Elizabeth Bay (10-15am) for Coffee at Matts Diner and then cruising on to Wyong Tavern for lunch @ the Old Milk Factory site.

Please advise Pete if attending and where you are joining in by Monday 17th May - 0438 323 744

Cheers **Pete**

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Vette Tech



The Coupé in the C4 range has an additional high level brake light at the top of the rear glass hatch. Unfortunately it is prone to several conditions which can render it ineffective, but since it's an OEM fitting on the vehicle it is required by law to be operative especially at 'Pink Slip' time.

There are four (4) high intensity halogen globes, each rated at 5 watts, that's 20 watts of heat within the fitting. This heat, over time causes the breakdown of the plastics within or burn-out of the sockets and/or melt down, assisted by the ingress of water.

The globes are easy to change - two (2) torx screws and plug and play.

The globes can be obtained from Bunnings or John R Turk Electrical. Order Osram HaloStar Starlight 2700K 12V G4 5W or you may try going to an LED type setup.

One of our members up Newcastle way has (please see his pic above). This is a semi flexible cct strip containing many leds and requires the use of a soldering iron (completed a while back).

I decided since some time has elapsed to re-Google and look for newer alternatives. I found a G4 style LED globe which plugs in - (see pic). This will suffice in the short term, since my real problem is the ingress of water, the rubber/foam gasket is all but non-existent and unavailable.

I'd be interested in seeing how other members have overcome this issue.

HOWEVER, if all lamps are out, it could also be a result of the brake switch located on the top of the brake pedal. Once you find it, depress brake pedal, push all switches (could be 2) inwards. They will click as you push, then release the pedal and it will push the switches out to the required position. This adjusts the brake lights, TCC Torque Converter lockup and the Cruise Control override to their correct positions.



Have fun - I'm off to make up a new gasket!

Doug.

MEMBERS PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT RENEWAL TIME HAS ONCE AGAIN ROLLED AROUND - RENEWAL IS DUE ON 1ST JUNE THROUGH TO 30TH JUNE FOR THE 2021/2022 FINANCIAL YEAR.

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Regards, Doug, Treasurer.

Wings Over Illawarra

After the postponement and then cancellation of Wings Over Illawarra 2020 due to the global health crisis, we are now forging ahead with Wings Over Illawarra 2021 and the dates have been set for the 13th and 14th November 2021.

With Australia doing so much better than most countries in stamping out the Coronavirus threat, and vaccines available in the first half of 2021, we are extremely confident that we will be able to stage a great event in November 2021.

2021 is also the centenary year for the Royal Australian Air Force and Wings Over Illawarra 2021 will be celebrating that milestone with the Australian Defence Force, and we are looking forward to presenting a magnificent flying display to mark the occasion.

Along with a flying display second to none, Wings Over Illawarra 2021 will also feature some great new attractions which will include:

– Friday 12th November.

A major aim of Wings Over Illawarra has always been to inspire younger Australians to consider careers in the aviation industry, and the STEM Day will provide a unique opportunity for students from across NSW and Australia to access information on aviation career opportunities from a plethora of aviation exhibitors, from commercial and defence aviation, government regulators and industry organisations.

Wings Over Illawarra, has partnered with the Australian Association for Unmanned Systems (AAUS), to present the inaugural NSW Drone Expo. The expo will be an annual showcase of the latest and greatest in drone UAV technology along with some amazing flying demonstrations, including the Australian Defence Force drone racing teams.

The annual expo is now part of the Wings Over Illawarra Airshow. The Oz Flight Sim Expo is the only flight simulation event in Australia, and offers flight simulation enthusiasts of all ages the perfect opportunity to get up close with some of the most impressive displays and product





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Nearly 70% of 2021 Corvette Buyers are Selecting the Z51 Performance Package



Keith Cornett, 25th April 2021

As we continue our deep dive into the 2021 Corvette order statistics as presented last Friday by the Corvette Team at the National Corvette Museum's Bash Event, we have the breakdown of the four different chassis options that customers are choosing for the 2021 model year.

According to the Corvette Team, there are a total of 19,362 Corvettes in GM's Order Bank for 2021 which represent pending orders and those that have already been completed.

The results so far are very surprising and I actually did a double-take as I saw that both the non-Z51 base car (FE1) and the (FE3) Z51 performance package had been ordered by the same percentage numbers (23% each). But what puts the Z51 package far and ahead out front are the 46% of customers ordering the FE4 suspension which includes both Z51 and Magnetic Ride Control. Only 8% of non-Z51 customers are taking advantage of the standalone FE2 Magnetic ride control which was a new option for the 2021 models.

2021 Corvette Chassis Selection

FE1 – 23% (Base)
FE2 – 08% (Base with Magnetic Ride Control)
FE3 – 23% (Z51)
FE4 – 46% (Z51 with Magnetic Ride Control)
Z51 Corvette Brakes



The Z51 Performance Package is the track-capable option and recommended by GM if you are planning to track your Corvette. The package features additional engine cooling, a beefier suspension and larger brakes, Michelin's summer-rated Pilot

Sport 4s tyres, and an aerodynamic front splitter and rear spoiler. The Electronic Limited Slip Differential and Performance Rear Axle Ratio are also included. By default, when you check the Z51 box, you also get the NPP Performance Exhaust. The Z51 package isn't cheap with Chevrolet increasing the cost of it for the 2021 model year by \$995 to \$5,995.

The FE4 suspension Magnetic Ride Control option adds \$1,895 on top of the Z51 package price for a total of \$7,890. The fact that the FE4 is on nearly half of all 2021 Corvettes shows the importance that customers put in these two key options.

Tenneco C8 Exhaust System



In addition to the four different chassis options, GM also tells us

that 87% of all 2021 Corvettes are equipped with the NPP performance exhaust system. While only 8% of non-Z51 base Corvettes are selecting the FE2 Magnetic Ride Control, a total of 18% of base cars are equipped with the NPP. So what does that tell you? One take would be that Corvette owners care more about the sound of their cars, than they do with enhancing the ride, but the other part of it is that the NPP offers the additional 5 horsepower. Base customers may be passing on the cost of the Z51, but they still want that 495-hp and yes, they want the tunable sound that comes with it.

Lastly, the E60 Front Lift Option was selected by 58.4% of 2020 Corvette buyers at a cost of \$1,495. For the 2021 model year, Chevrolet increased it to \$1,995. Instead of the price increase being a deterrent, the E60 option penetration has increased to 61%. That will show 'em!

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