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SEPTEMBER, 2021

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# 2021



## ANNUAL EVENTS

<b>NEW DATES</b> 15 <sup>TH</sup> -18 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022	NATIONAL CONVENTION – CANBERRA 2022
<b>POSTPONED</b> – DATE IS YET TO BE DETERMINED.	CMC SHANNONS SYDNEY CLASSIC- EASTERN CREEK
<b>POSTPONED</b> – 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	MEATSTOCK BBQ WARS – SYDNEY OLMPIC PARK
August - T.B.A	CLUB’S SHOW & SHINE
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> September No Updates	ALL AMERICA DAY - MACARTHUR SQUARE (ORGANISED BY MUSTANG CLUB)
Oct – 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	PORT MACQUARIE (WEEKEND)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> November	BATHURST
<b>CANCELLED</b>	CHROMEFEET – THE ENTRANCE
<b>CANCELLED</b>	JAMBEROO CAR SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY
CHANGED -Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA – ILLAWARRA AIRPORT at ALBION PARK
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# Our upcoming events

*Please attend if you possibly can*

SEP	2021	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<p><b>CURRENTLY ON HOLD</b>  <b>Club Meeting – Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek</b>            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 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.</p>	CM7/21
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> No Updates Yet	<p><b>ALL AMERICA DAY – Macarthur Square</b>  <b>(organised By Mustang Club)</b></p>	CE1/21
OCT	2021	
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## PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO COVID 19, GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWN, ALL MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD, SOME EVENTS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED OR CANCELLED, THESE HAVE BEEN UPDATED IN OUR ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR.

FOR ALL OTHER UPDATES, PLEASE CHECK FACEBOOK OR CONTACT ME ON 0409-668-341, IF NOT SURE.

# president

Hello Members from The Lockdown Cave!

I trust this edition of the magazine finds you all well and coping with the situation we all find ourselves in.

Regardless of the problems surrounding us, the club is growing in membership. Possibly people are looking for some sort of outlet in joining a club like ours - let's hope so.

I was hoping that we would all be getting back to some sort of normality in our lives by now. Unfortunately that is not the case and it looks like it will be a long time before we have any sort of resemblance of normality.

Last month we did not produce a magazine and we will likely skip next month's as well. I would like to see us produce something so we can at least keep in touch. To that effect, if you have something you would like to submit that can be used in future magazines, please get in touch.

As we all contemplate what the future has in store for us all, perhaps those of you who are under your cars of late could take a few photos and share your experience.

I was informed this week that the Bathurst weekend has been pushed into December but how likely that it will go ahead is anyone's guess, but you never know. If it does go ahead they will be looking for 30 convertible Corvettes so those of you who are interested should keep an eye on the forum, Facebook and magazine for more information.

**Bob Fitzsimmons.**



**NEW DATES:  
SATURDAY 27TH AND  
SUNDAY 28TH NOVEMBER**



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.

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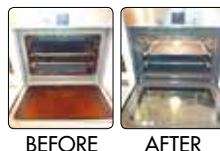
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Hello everyone,

Hope you are all well and still smiling!

At this time the lockdown still continues unfortunately. Now we are looking forward to our next possible event which could be Port Macquarie weekend coming up in October. If by any chance this goes ahead, I am sure we will be seeing many, many club members attending as a celebration!! 😊 Who knows? We may even have a Christmas get together, all going well!!

Kudos to everyone who has taken their 'vette out within the 5km of home rule; at least you can blow the cobwebs away.

Look forward to catching up in the months ahead.

Cheers **Tony**



## Secretary's Report - Belinda

*Hi Car Clubbers,*

*Spring is here and we are still in lockdown, I hope everyone is staying safe and in contact with family and friends.*

*Hoping we will be able to start back with club runs by the end of September once things ease. We have our weekend to Port Macquarie still in the schedule and hopefully it will go ahead. Memberships are still coming through; current membership stands at 191.*

### MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

**15 years August**

**Ron CAMENZULI**

**10 years August**

**Richard JAGGER**

**10 years Sept**

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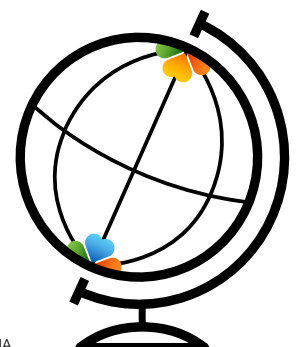


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# THE NORTH IS STILL TO THE NORTH

When I have (jokingly), said to all the Southerners in the Club that the Hawkesbury River is a barrier too hard for most of you to cross, I never thought that the government would one day be issuing permits for selected people to cross the mighty river but check the Covid regulations and it is there in black and white!

I note there is no mention of Corvettes so when you can move more than 5 kms and we can have a gathering of more than 5 people, Northerners will be cruising the roads again. Let's hope it will be sooner rather than later! As soon as things free up it will be time to make some plans and hit the road.

Chromefest is again a victim of the Virus and has been cancelled for 2021. Let's hope the organisers have better luck in 2022 and the weekend bounces back bigger and better than ever.

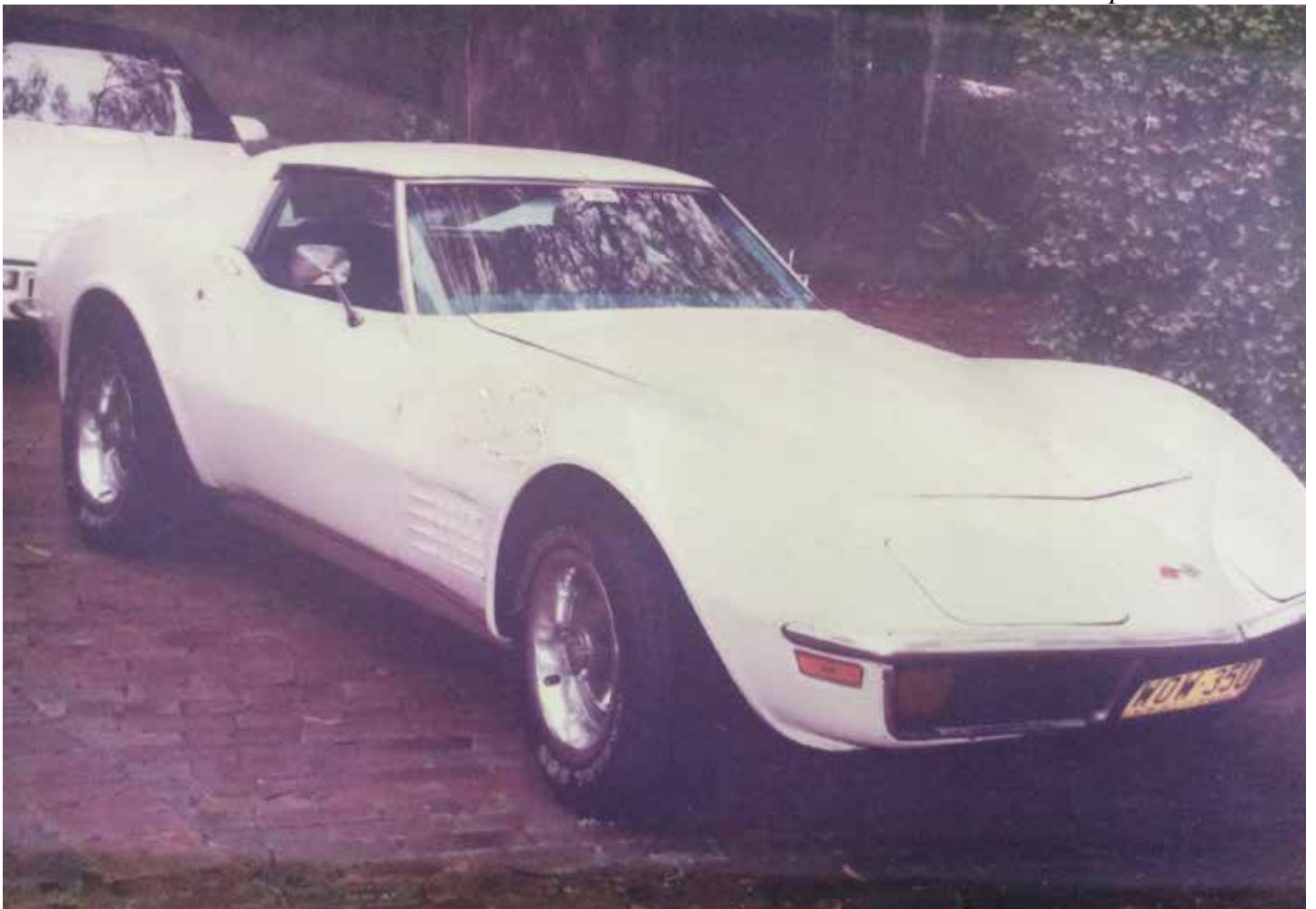
## **Here is a story from 1997...**

*Jean and I were on our way to the Corvette Convention which was being held in Canberra. Just as we reached the outskirts of the ACT, The Road Warrior began to have a boil up. On inspecting under the bonnet we found that the top radiator hose had split and was beyond help.*

*Fortunately there was a service station just down the road and they were able to sell us a length of flexihose (What? Nothing to fit a Corvette?) The problem was solved sort of. How to keep the flexihose away from the radiator fan? Use the pliers and a length of wire from the farmer's fence.*

*Later on the Show and Shine day we proudly had the Road Warrior on display. When the judges came round they were unimpressed with the state of the body work and left shaking their heads when I proudly showed them the great fencing wire modification to the cooling system. However that modification was on the car for some time and I must say worked perfectly. Sadly there isn't a photo of the engine bay to back up this story!*

*Below: An old photo*



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Dear Car Club Members,

## **LET'S CRUISE TOGETHER TO FIGHT CANCER – NOVEMBER 28 2021**

**Join us for a car cruise held on one day, Australia wide, to raise critically needed funding for the Cancer Council.**

Cancer Cruise is organised by Box Rallies in partnership with Cancer Council. We are the largest community-based fundraiser for the Cancer Council in Australia having raised \$27 million (and climbing) for cancer research in the last 12 years.

Cancer Cruise is the latest fundraising offering from Box Rallies and is being held on the last Sunday in November every year (this year the event will be November 28<sup>th</sup>). Cancer Cruise is an enjoyable, relaxed drive with family and friends with teams having raised funds for cancer research prior to the day itself. We have hosted cruises in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Devonport, Hobart, Margaret River, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney.

We also offer a Do Your Own (DYO) Cruise option, a great opportunity to organise your own private cruise for the club to offer to members. The DYO Cruise will take place on the same day as the Box Rallies Hosted Cruises and you are able to invite members into your DYO Cruise once you have set up your registration. No-one outside your invitation list will be able to join your DYO Cruise, which will be named under your club's name.

We know you know how to cruise, but do you know how to fundraise and can you be sure that the money raised is going to the right place? Box Rallies will take away all the hassles of planning your entry with all of the fundraising legalities, online fundraising pages for each team taken care of plus access to over 100 proven fundraising ideas, regular newsletters and phone calls from the Box Rallies team to assist them.

We say on our website that Cancer Cruise is about fundraising, family, friends and cars but really, it's about trying to change our society from considering 'cancer' as a dirty word and a subject best avoided to something we openly talk about.

The ethos is a relaxed day out with your club mates in a supportive environment where everyone has made the effort to raise funds for cancer research and to talk about why they have done so.

Why not make November 28<sup>th</sup> your club's Fundraising Day for Cancer Research and be a part of a national fundraising project with structure taken care of!

The route for the day (in a DYO) cruise will be up to your club. We ask that you follow the same format as the other Cancer Cruises'.

### **Format of Cancer Cruise**

- **7.30am:** DYO Host arrives at the pre-booked start line to make sure there is enough time to set up any parking areas etc and greet any super early teams
- **8.00am:** Participants must be at start line by this time
- **8.30am:** Welcome message is read to participants
- **8.45am:** Teams start a leisurely departure (blend in with local traffic)
- **From around 10.15am:** Morning Tea stop (approx 1/2 hour)
- **From around 12 to 12.30pm:** Lunch stop
- **From around 2pm** teams start heading home

More information is available on the website [cancercruise.com.au](http://cancercruise.com.au).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to send me an email or give me a call.

Kind Regards,

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# FROM THE NORTHERN BUNKER

It has been a long time since anything of note has happened on the Northern Frontier so when there was an opportunity to take the 09 for a trip it should have been no surprise that the battery was flat.

Just as well after 30 years of getting a Corvette out after a long break, I've learnt that it pays to have a start-up the day before you plan to go anywhere so no problem by the next day - all was well and off we went to keep an appointment for both of us at the doctors for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Covid shot. This all went well and afterwards Jean decided to drive and as the car needed a run we chose a longer circuitous route for the trip home just to give the battery some extra work.

As we zipped along with me enjoying the ride, I thought Jean's going for it a bit, I wonder if she has remembered that if the battery goes down in an 09 the computer goes back to factory settings including MPH ? No wonder we were having so much fun! No harm done and we returned to the main road and rolled home safely.

As for plans, at the moment there are none to be made until there is a change in the situation and we know what limits, if any, we need to comply with.

The picnic model has worked well when we have had restrictions before so that may be trotted out again. As soon as things ease up I'll be on to it and you will hear from me, Until then, Stay Well.

Cheers Pete - 0438 323 744

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# Does anyone Remember?



*Answer is:  
2012 - Cruise from  
Portland to Beechwood  
at the Nationals that year!*



# From the Trea\$ury

## NSW Corvette Unlimited Car Club

		Jun-21						
Details	Payments/Receipts	Pmt	Bank	M'ship	Printing	Postage	Apparel	Amount
		Type	fees				Badges cards	
Opening balance		\$2,807.00						\$2,807.00
								\$0.00
Copyset	Magazine - Postage	eft			-\$975.00	-\$211.46		-\$1,186.46
	Web Acct	eft						\$0.00
Members Apparel	2x Varsity Jackets	eft					-\$660.00	-\$660.00
	Raffle Prizes	eft						\$0.00
Membership	Tags/Shirts/cards	eft						\$0.00
St George	fee's	eft	-\$20.00					-\$20.00
Total Exp.			-\$20.00	\$0.00	-\$975.00	-\$211.46	-\$660.00	-\$1,866.46
Receipts	P'Cash c/fwd	\$0.00		\$100.00				\$0.00
New M'ship								\$0.00
M'ships - Renew Twin	Wilson, Khoury	D'Dep		\$240.00				\$240.00
M'ships - Renew Single	x35 See Mag for List	D'Dep		\$2,625.00			\$5.00	\$2,630.00
M'ships - Renew 2xYrs	Mitchel	D'Dep		\$150.00				\$150.00
Apparel Special Order	2x Dep Varsity Jacket							\$0.00
Apparel Sales	Mixed shirt/polo sales							\$0.00
Interest	Interest		\$0.00					\$0.00
P'Cash banked	P'Cash banked	\$227.00						
Total Months Repts		\$227.00	\$0.00	\$3,015.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$3,247.00
Closing balance			-\$20.00	\$3,015.00	-\$975.00	-\$211.46	-\$655.00	\$4,187.54
1st Investment Acct		\$1,122.78	\$0.00					\$1,122.78
2nd Investment Acct		\$41,000.27						\$41,000.27
Total Funds								\$46,310.59

## NSW Corvette Unlimited Car Club

Jul-21

Details	Payments/Receipts	Pmt	Bank	M'ship	Printing	Envelopes	Postage	Apparel	Amount
		Type	fees					Badges cards	
Opening balance		\$4,187.54							\$4,187.54
Copyset	Magazine - Post	eft			-\$975.00	-\$180.00	-\$146.50		-\$1,301.50
St George	fee's	eft	-\$20.00						-\$20.00
Total Exp.			-\$20.00	\$0.00	-\$975.00	-\$180.00	-\$146.50	\$0.00	-\$1,321.50
Receipts	P'Cash c/fwd	\$0.00							\$0.00
New M'ship	A.Leonard, Davies	D'Dep		\$200.00					\$200.00
Renew Twin	Bfitz, Theo, Herbst	D'Dep		\$360.00					\$360.00
Renew Single	x12 See Mag	D'Dep		\$900.00				\$5.00	\$905.00
Renew 2xYrs	J.Stevens	D'Dep		\$150.00					\$150.00
Unknown 2/7/21	Dual Mship ??	D'Dep		\$120.00					\$120.00
Cheques + Cash		Bank		\$1,370.00					\$1,370.00
Interest	Interest			\$0.00					\$0.00
P'Cash banked	P'Cash banked								
Total Months Repts		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$3,105.00
Closing balance			-\$20.00	\$3,100.00	-\$975.00	-\$180.00	-\$146.50	\$5.00	\$5,971.04
1st Invest Acct		\$1,122.78							\$1,122.78
2nd Invest Acct		\$41,000.27							\$41,000.27
Total Funds									\$48,094.09



# From the Treas\$ury

The following is a list of new members and renewals etc, which picks up from my last report back in the July Mag - as you know we cancelled the August Magazine. This acknowledges your payment, please peruse the list especially if you are on "H" Plates. If you believe I have missed you then do not hesitate in contacting me ASAP. Please remember for Direct Deposit from your personal account or via a Bank Branch – YOU MUST put your Surname in the "reference" field "FIRST" otherwise you could contribute to my Lobster Dinner account!

## NEW MEMBERS

Adrian Leonard, Bill Young, Mark Davies, Wendy & Robert Stevenson. (5)

## RENEWALS

Sammour, Rob Lynn, A.Dures, Ed Maszluch, Gobbo, Brookes, Thomset, Carson, Murkovski, Hawkins, Taylor, Robins, Cokinas, Herbst, McDougall, Rosco Reynolds, Bob Sauers, Tremellen, Smith R, Mills, Stevens, Kernya, OB1 Kenobe, Millikin, J.MacRae, Stu Essex. Truman, Scremin, Ian Eddleston, S.Munter, Zipevski, Radmanovic, M.Turner, Moubarak, Magyar. (35)

## RENEWALS DUAL

Patsalides. Herbst, Mr & Mrs Unknown Paid D'Dep 2nd July into Doug's Lobster Dinner fund. (3/6)

Please see the attached spreadsheets for June & July, and of course August is not yet over when writing this report, however, needless to say, there is little or no activity except for print/post or the last stragglers with renewals.

*Regards, Doug, Treasurer.*

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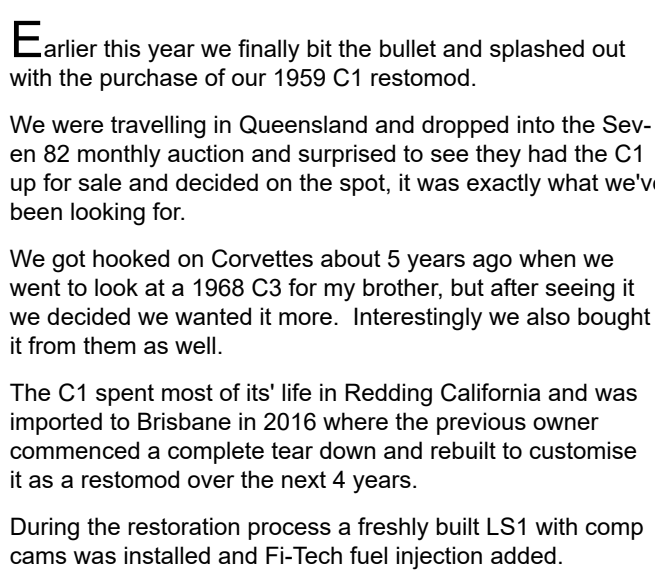




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# CORVETTE RACING AT WATKINS GLEN:

## *Garcia, Taylor Take Glen Sweep*

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No. 3 Corvette takes GTLM victory over teammates Milner, Tandy in No. 4 C8.R

WATKINS GLEN, NY (June 27, 2021) – Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor won for Corvette Racing in the IMSA WeatherTech 240 on Friday, their second GT Le Mans (GTLM) victory in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R at Watkins Glen International in five days.

Garcia got the jump on Corvette Racing teammate Tommy Milner – sharing the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette with Nick Tandy– on a traffic-filled restart with 28 minutes remaining in a storm-interrupted race.

Taylor led from pole position before Tandy moved ahead in the No. 4 Corvette about 15 minutes into the race. The gap between the teammates constantly ebbed and flowed with traffic – from slower GTD and LMP3 cars and the quicker DPi and LMP2 runners.

Taylor was the first Corvette driver to hit pitlane at 51 minutes running. He came in from second place in class and handed over to Garcia, who left with a full tank of fuel and fresh Michelin tires. Tandy carried on for another two laps before stopping just before the pits closed for the race's full-course caution period.

Milner got in the 4 Corvette and returned to the lead behind the safety car. Heavy rain started to pelt parts of the circuit with the field under yellow. Two laps later, race officials halted the race due to a lightning strike in the immediate area of Watkins Glen.

The field began rolling again with 50 minutes to go behind the safety car. Another full-course caution period with 36 minutes left forced another reset before the race went green the rest of the way.

ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SIRIUSXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C8.R – GTLM RACE-WINNER: "We can't complain, for sure. The main thing is the C8.R is really, really strong and kind of easy to drive in those conditions. Somehow that red flag was kind of a relief. It was going to be a nightmare out there between Turn Six and Turn Eight. Luckily there was a red flag, which made things still interesting because we had to stay on slicks. I knew that was the main thing but I had to take chances there. I knew it was wet, but I had to be a little more aggressive than Tommy. He got caught out in the last corner with some of the P cars, so I had to take advantage. The grip was very, very good. I opened the gap and then just maintained because you never know... there might have been another yellow and I had to have good tires for the end. I'm very happy with the No. 3 C8.R, but obviously Team Chevy and Corvette Racing are doing a great job. I'm looking forward to the next race and especially Le Mans which is coming soon.

"It was very challenging for sure. We pitted just before the red flag, and so did the 4 car. That would have been a key part of the race without the red because it would have been interesting to know how Tommy would have dealt with the damp track on cold tires. Those one or two laps of green before the red let me switch on the tires a little bit, at least. Even if we had to wait for a half-hour, somehow I heated up the tires pretty quickly before the start. Tommy was the one who had to take the risks. The first restart after yellow, I knew I could switch on the tire a little bit better than him. So on the second one I was all-out and he got caught up on the last corner with some P cars. I just took advantage. After that, you had to close your eyes. From the Carousel onward, you had to believe the grip would be there. I knew the first two laps would be the main thing in the race. I could pull out those two seconds and kept the gap from that point. From that point, Tommy was the one who had to take the risks to close in. I didn't want to push so hard because you never know if you'll go yellow again and I'd need good tires. It was a good battle with our teammates, which is difficult because they have the same car and same tools as you. I'm very happy for Corvette to go 1-2. We're looking forward to the next few races, and Le Mans is coming closer. We're looking forward to that too."

### THE PASS FOR THE LEAD.

"It was green for us but I made the pass basically coming out of the last corner. We weren't side-by-side into Turn One. I knew after the Bus Stop that it would be a little wet so I took a little more risk than Tommy did to open the gap and hold it. I was lucky that I could keep the car on the track. It can go either way. You can pull out a second or put it in the wall. I was glad for the first option."

### WERE THERE OTHER DIFFICULT MOMENTS AFTER THAT?

"Oh yeah, but there were for Tommy as well. We were both flat out. The car was really good in those conditions. We realized that all last year with all the wet races we had. The C8.R looks very strong in all conditions."





# CORVETTE RACING AT LE MANS:

## Runner-Up in C8.R Le Mans Debut

AUG 22 2021 RANDALL SHINN,

### ***Garcia, Taylor, Catsburg second in GTE Pro; No. 64 Corvette endures hard-luck race***

LE MANS, France (Aug. 22, 2021) – The mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette C8.R finished on the class podium in its 24 Hours of Le Mans debut Sunday with the trio of Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Nicky Catsburg placing second in the No. 63 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette C8.R.

The debut of the mid-engine racing Corvette came a year later than originally planned due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. But the wait proved worth it with Corvette Racing showing its usual competitive spirit during its 21st race at Le Mans since 2000.

“Today’s second-place result in GTE Pro for the No. 63 Corvette C8.R and drivers Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Nicky Catsburg is a significant achievement as we debuted the mid-engine Corvette C8.R at Le Mans,” said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President, Performance and Motorsports. “To be on the podium at Le Mans with the C8.R is very gratifying. It’s a testament to the hard work and determination of our Corvette production and racing teams.

“The support of Corvette owners and fans from around the world has been incredible,” Campbell added. “This race result is dedicated to our customers and supporters.”

While the No. 63 Corvette ran in contention for the entire race, the No. 64 C8.R of Tommy Milner, Nick Tandy and Alexander Sims seemingly ran into nothing but bad luck. It began on the roll-off from the grid when Milner was hit from behind by the eventual class-winning Ferrari at the beginning of the formation lap.

The contact broke part of the diffuser, but the No. 64 Corvette ran well early and even led in a wet start with Milner going to the fore. He and Tandy cycled through and kept the No. 64 C8.R in contention before the diffuser finally broke in the fifth hour shortly after Sims’ first stint.

It was the first of three visits to the garage for the No. 64 team, which also had to repair part of the gearbox, clutch and the alternator. Milner, Tandy and Sims – who set a GTE Pro record race lap of 3:47.501 – finished sixth in class.

On the No. 63 Corvette side of the garage, all three drivers drove double stints to open the race. Each of the trio led for a time as well as the race began to evolve into primarily a battle between Corvette and Ferrari, although five cars remained on the lead lap in GTE Pro at the halfway point.

Things began evolve into a two-car race into the final six hours between the No. 63 C8.R and No. 51 Ferrari. The Corvette team kept it close and was able to triple-stint its Michelin tires in the late going but couldn’t make up the necessary ground.

The No. 63 Corvette did, however, complete the entire 24 hours without a change of brakes.







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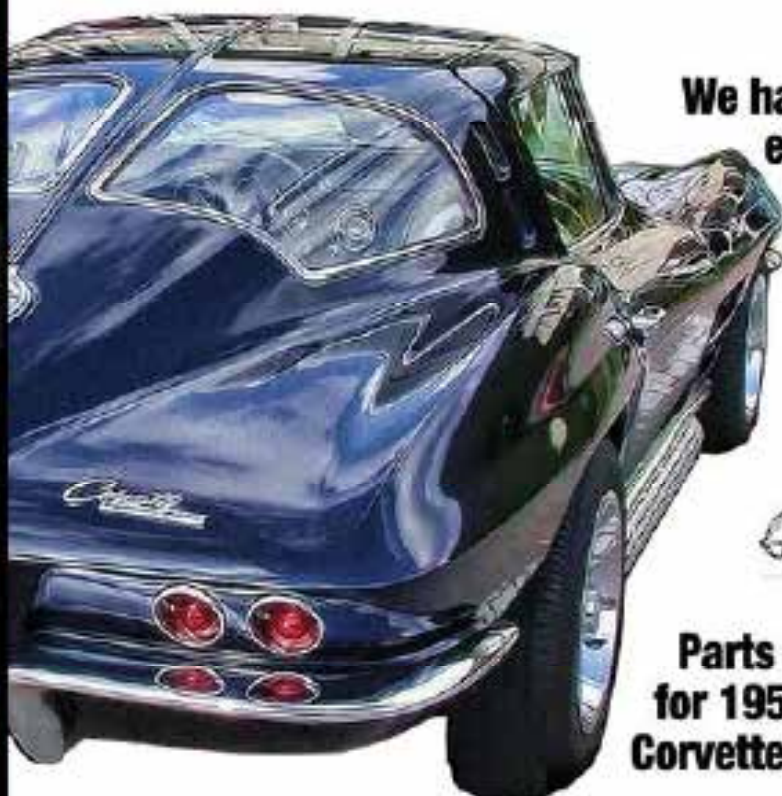
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