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Paul Caprin



August/September 2023



Our upcoming events

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AUG	2023	
Sunday 13 th	RUN THRU THE PARK – ROYAL NATIONAL PARK Meet @ Loftus Oval, Princes Highway Loftus @9.30am leave 9.45am traveling towards Audley, stopping at Stanwell Palms Café for coffee, then via the Sea Cliff Bridge to Thirroul Bowling Club for Lunch. Bookings are essential, if you are interested, please contact or Text Jim on 0402-016-995 or Gayle on 0414-696-562 by 6/8/23.	CES1/23
Thursday 17 th	CODGERS RUN - Please contact Pete, on 0438-323-744	CRN8/23
Sunday 20 th	CMC SHANNONS SYDNEY CLASSIC – EASTERN CREEK	CE15/23
Sunday 27 th	WHEELS'N'WINGS FESTIVAL – THE SHERWOOD ESTATE	CRMN2/23
SEP	2023	
Tuesday 5 th	CLUB MEETING – THE CROSSROADS HOTEL CASULA General Meeting starts @7.30pm, All Welcome, Bistro opens from 5pm if you wish to have some dinner before the meeting	CM8/23
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Sunday 24 th	CLUB SHOW N SHINE – DETAILS T.B.A	CE19/23
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Thurs. 5 th - Sun. 8 th	BATHURST – T.B.A	CE20/23
Fri. 13 th - Sun. 15 th	PORT MACQURIE WEEKEND – ORGANISED BY RICHARD JAGGER Please contact Richard on 0409-815-503 for more details.	CRMN3/23
Thur. 19 th	CODGERS RUN - Please contact Pete, on 0438-323-744	CRN10/23
Friday 27 th - Sun. 29 th	CHROME FEST – THE ENTRANCE Go to chromefest.org, car registrations, Zone D Marine Parade, select a day, arrival times are between 7am-9am, entry is \$28.00	CRN11/23
Sun. 29 th	JAMBEROO CAR SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY	CES2/23

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- TUFF STREET CAR SHOW -FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
- CARS UNDER THE STARS – THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

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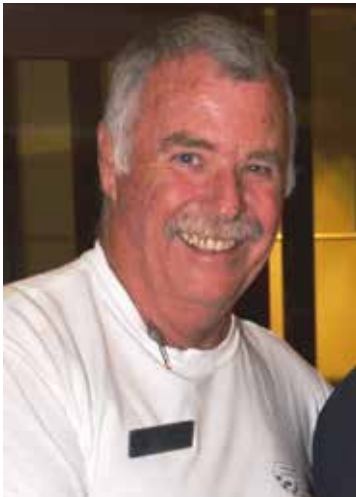


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MESSAGE FROM THE

President



G'day Corvetters,

Well much has happened since my last report ... let me start: I wrote a letter to all the Corvette presidents stating that I did not think that the overriding of a decision made at the Presidents' meeting was just. I also informed the Presidents that the New South Wales club was going ahead with the 2025 convention. This met with mixed feelings, some were happy with our decision and some not so. After some discussions with a couple of presidents and some club committee members, the outcome was clear - as per the attached letter.

We will hold the next convention, at a time (date), place of our choosing. This decision will be made by your convention committee, i.e. Jeff & Rhonda, Bronwen & Peter, Belinda & Doug, Cathy & Paul, Brent Stanzel, Ray & Joy, Mandy & Paul, as supported by you - the members. If you have any suggestions, please make it known to any of the committee members and they will convey your thoughts to the committee. With your support this will be another great convention put together by your club.

I would like to thank the Presidents and Committees of the Corvette clubs for their understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Once again I attended The 'Cars under the Stars', car show and what a great show it is. I attended with my wife and with all the other wives, they sat, chatted, and had dinner, and I may add, had a good time.

The trophy was once again won by Jorge. (Who does do some great selling of our club to the public - we also added a few new members on the night.)

Brass Monkey was held on 25/06/2023. This run is the brainchild of Wayne and Deb, and as per usual was a fabulous time. We had 30 members and partners attend, and some lovely 'vettes, one very nice Commodore, and a Merc. We had a great time but unfortunately, one 'vette had clutch problems and was escorted to my place, where we left the 'vettes and jumped in my '64 Ford Thunderbird and met up with everyone at our lunch spot at Camden Inn. A mystery guest chose Robyn's car driven by Simon, as the winner for the day.

All in all a fab day was had by all, thanks to Wayne and Deb.

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Jeff Wilson NSW Corvettes Unlimited Car Club Inc

Hi all,

it is with regret that I need to let you know Corvettes of Western Australia will not be hosting the 2025 Corvette Nationals .

There seems to have been a lack of communication from the President meeting in Ballarat, that NSW Corvettes Unlimited were not going to be able to do 2024 but would do 2025.

I have had many phone calls to the Presidents of Corvette clubs today and the COWA organising committee and we have decided not to proceed with the 2025 Corvette Nationals.

There are talks going ahead with the other clubs as to when we might have an opportunity to host the Corvette nationals and at the moment the rotation is,

2024 - get together in Canberra

2025 - NSW

2027 - SA

2029 - WA

2026 - QLD

2028 - ACT

2030 - VIC

Regards, Andy Weatherburn

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Hi Everyone and hope you are well.

How nice to see lots of new members attending our meetings at the Crossroads Pub in Casula.

On the 15th July Paul & I went to the Cars under the Stars. There were roughly 400 cars on show including 9 Corvettes.

Congratulations to Charlie Micallef on winning a trophy with his beautiful C2.

We attended Christmas in July on the 22nd onboard the Nepean Paddle Steamer for a Lunch Cruise. I will report more on this event in my next report.

Happy Corvetting, till next time

Cheers

Cathy



Secretary's Report - Belinda

HI CAR CLUBBERS,



Just a reminder that memberships are due. Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership.

Currently writing my report from the Adriatic Sea in Croatia! As soon as I am advised of the location for the Show & Shine I will update and send out the registration forms for the Show.

Weather is very hot and muggy so have planted myself in the aircon with my laptop.

You would have seen the Port Macquarie weekend information on Facebook. This is a fun weekend away and Richard and Lyn put in a lot of work to organise, so please support this annual event.

We have moved to bi-monthly magazines as per breakdown below:

Feb / March - April / May - June / July - Aug / September - Oct/ Nov - Dec / Jan

Please make welcome our New Members:

Simon Nohra
Brendan and Margaret Young

Belinda



hello *August*

Birthday Members

Justin MILLS
Peter DELANEY
Les DOBROWOLSKI
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JUNE CODGERS

It was a blue sky day and lots of blue 'vettes.

We meet at Ourimbah and I was on my own in the blue Road Warrior. Mark brought his blue C3 and Peter and Julie also came in their blue C3.

Then Debbie arrived in the gorgeous blue C8 with Niel confined to the passenger seat.

Stuart came in his champagne bronze C4 but I bet he was wishing that he had a blue car too!

We set off for our coffee stop at the Chocolate Factory at West Gosford which is a favourite spot for Pete who is a bit of a chocoholic.

Rob came for a coffee and to say hello even though he didn't have time for the whole run.

The main part of the cruise took us through Gosford and on to Wamberal to the Country Club for lunch. This concluded a great day out for us all

Pete

JULY CODGERS

On another beautiful winter's day we had a great roll up for our monthly cruise.

C3's ruled with 4 cars, then came 2 C4's and 1 C6 and 1 C8. What a great looking convoy it made, turning lots of heads along the way.

First stop was at The Pantry at Forresters Beach for our coffee stop. Dave and Sandy called by for a coffee with us and after we had ordered the manager appeared and offered to buy everyone a coffee if we came again!.

From there our cruise took us over The Ridgeway to Lisarow and Mardi Dam to the Royal Hotel in Wyong which was our lunch venue.

Everyone said how much they enjoyed the run with some climbing and twisty roads and not too much traffic.

As usual there was plenty of talk about 'Vettes and other things over a delicious lunch before another happy day came to a close.

Next month we are planning to go to the pub at Wollombi so mark that 3rd Thursday in August. Details in the usual way soon.

Cheers

Peter. 0438 323 744

From the Trea\$ury

A bit of variation - I attended the recent Codgers Run last Thu 20th, we had a NEW C8, C5, 2xC4's and a number of C3's to a total of 8 or 9 vehicles. A good run thru Wyong's hidden places, winding roads and good places to imbibe in some good food and beverage. Another big thankyou to Peter & Jean and of course their helpers who step in from time to time, every little bit helps in the overall equation.

This month I had enquiries from new and prospective members, one Lee from NCLE asked about C4 Sport Seats, which I thought I knew all about, but his was a 94 model and as you would suspect the uniform C4's never vary, "BS", 94-96 have different seats (forerunners for the C5) and totally different seat motors, pumps, wiring and controls/switches. I had to go into DEEP Learning mode, in the end Lee ascertained the problem & ordered parts ex US. I hope I was of some help.

The investment account as previously reported is still locked in @ 40K until later this year. Whilst monies have come in for the Xmas Cruise of \$2,077 and accordingly paid straight back out to Bennet Cruises.

Closing balance (20th) \$4734.87 after payments over June/June period of: Apparel \$2772. Caps \$574. Raffle \$115.25. B'Monkey \$69.00. B'Monkey \$424.01. June/July Mag \$975. Plastic cards \$53.60. Badges \$337.75. Postage \$164.66.

A more complete analysis will be forthcoming when I can get a print of the complete month's transactions. Oh! and a big thankyou to those who are still sending cheques and (believe it or not) Postal Notes, I just love going off to the big, Big Shopping Centre to bank them! Treas.

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Do you have C4 12way electric Sport Seats in your 84 thru maybe to 93 - I think the 94 to 96 differ in wiring equipment, circuits, switches etc.

Quick analysis is - if the seat fails to move and gives a wherring sound, usually indicates the motor is OK, and 9 out of 10 have no issues with the wire cable drives from motor to transmission (trans). The fault is usually within the actual trans. Within the silver housing are gears etc held in place by a White Plastic (possibly nylon) framework, this plastic assembly splits, cracks and fails normally at the point where the gear for forward and reverse seat travel are located. If you have up/down seat height issues, then the cause are the small plastic end alignment pieces cracked or broken. Hopefully my pics are below - pic1 is the drive side - the three plastic points are where the drive wires plug in (covered in a clear plastic sheath) The black square drive is the output that transfers forward & reverse to the other side of the seat base. Both sides must drive fore & aft else the seat warps out of square. The 2nd Pic is the side that interconnects with the seat rack, you can see three drive gears, the two end gears drive the seat up and down at front and at rear independantly, ergo you can adjust front up down whilst the back stays put. The centre gear (usually the faulty gear) drives fore and aft.

Pic 3 clearly shows the while plastic gear holder broken in several places. There are three plastic drive gears within the trans, I've not encountered these broken, but they are plastic - enough said. The main White Plastic gear holder once broken allows the gears to spread apart, ergo - no drive. Note the lower offset gear has a broken plastic end cap.

At first glance this is an easy fix, take out broken plastic bit - re-install new bit - easy peasy. BUT no replacement parts are available - esp from G.M.

The above has been the situation for some some years now, but lately its come to my attention that an industrious person has reverse engineered this part and is now offering a repair kit, which includes the three plastic gears, the three endcaps, three clear pastic drive sheaths and the main centre carrier. Ive only seen these on the net, but some users are attesting to there quality. The kit comes I believe with a concise instruction sheet. This job is fairly easy as long as you can follow instructions and can drill out 10 or so rivets. Doug.



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...and the WINNERS are...

Tuff Street Car Show 3rd June 2023 - Paul Caprin
Cars Under The stars 17th June 2023 - Jorge Vazquez
Tuff Street Car Show 1st July, 2023 - Jorge Vazquez
Cars Under The Stars 15th July, 2023 - Charlie Micallef



We have had a great turnout at Greenway Plaza over the last 2 months. This event is on every first & third Saturday. If you haven't been before, come along, it's a great night with some amazing cars and great places to grab a bite to eat.

Details are in the magazine. This event is organised by Jorge.

You may even pick up a trophy!

Congratulations to all.

Mandy Caprin



2023 Corvette Nats Highlight – Restomod C2



Grand Sport tribute combines heritage styling with modern drivetrain and passenger comforts.

With the 2023 Corvette Nationals being the first of its type held since 2019, it was always going to be a big show. Held in Ballarat and co-inciding with this year's 70th Anniversary of the Corvette, the 2023 Nationals attracted 136 registered entrants, while approximately 100 more Corvettes turned up for the event's public Show 'n' Shine day.

There were highlights aplenty amongst the display cars, including this C2 (second-generation) coupe that had been transformed into a replica of Chevrolet's short-lived factory racer.



When the C2 Corvette was losing its competitive edge against the Shelby Cobra in US racing in the early 1960s, GM authorised the development of a 'lightweight' version of the Z06 Corvette, incorporating a space-frame chassis, thinner fiberglass body, disc brakes and stripped-out interior, amongst other changes from the standard Z06. The result was called the 'Grand Sport'.

To homologate the Grand Sport for GT Production racing, 125 needed to be built (all race-spec cars and not street legal), but only five were completed before GM instituted a ban on factory involvement in racing. Ultimately, those five did the job they were designed to do – beat the Cobras – in the hands of privateers, but as the minimum number wasn't built, they were regarded as prototypes, so ineligible for class wins in GT Production.

Attending the Corvette Nationals from NSW, this Grand Sport restomod started as a stock C2 coupe, before extensive bodywork modifications were made, accentuated with replica parts imported from the USA. Details taken from the original Grand Sport racers

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include multiple cooling vents and air scoops, as well as fixed headlights and items like a flap on the offside front guard that allowed the brake master cylinder to be filled without opening the bonnet.

While the V8 in this car is of the same 377ci capacity as a C1963 Grand Sport may have had, it's a modern LS3 small block, matched to a Tremec five-speed manual, while an after-market Hammerhead diff housing uses an Eaton centre with 3.42:1 ratio.

Brakes are discs out of a C7 Corvette Z06 and the suspension comes from a C7, too, while the wheels are modern Forgeline alloys, in a 19x10 front and 20x12 rear combination, fitted with Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tyres.

Inside this detailed and stunningly finished Grand Sport tribute, there's 1963-style analogue gauges (including a 200mph speedo), a woodrim steering wheel and race-style touches like drilled pedals, toggle switches and push-button starting.

Against this, modern additions include C7 Corvette seats with ostrich hide accents, while the headlining with Route 66 imagery is a quirky touch.

- with thanks to Just Cars



This Grand Sport Owner's Tiger is too big to fit in the tank, he normally travels in the back behind the seats!

May 17, 2023

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Let's Celebrate a Very Special Day with:

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Cathy TULLOCK

Mick RAVESE

Ian CHARKER

Frank NASHATY

Antoinette SULTANA

Paul SHENOUDA

I am sad to advise that Tom Carsons from Taree passed away earlier in the week.

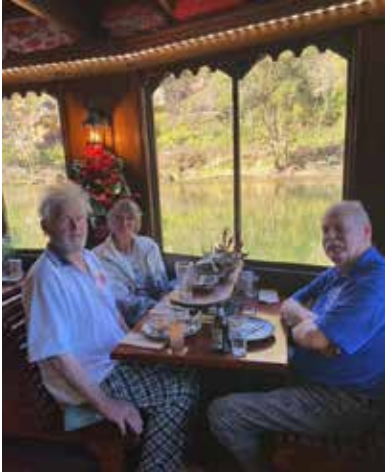
Tom just turned 80 years old 2 weeks ago.

Tom was a passionate Corvette owner for many years and his mid 90s ZR1 is a stunning car.

He was also a very nice fella.

*Tom's funeral is Thursday 3rd August, 2pm at Manning Great Lakes Memorial Gardens,
183 Pampoolah Road, Pampoolah*

Richard Jagger 0409 815





Hi Everyone, Here are the photos of our Christmas in July event held on Saturday 22nd on the Nepean Belle paddlewheeler. We were very lucky to have gorgeous weather and a fantastic turnout. Thank you everyone who came along to make this a great event. Congratulations to our lucky door prize winners - Ed, John and Theo. Hope to see you all again soon.

Regards, Mandy.

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RUN THRU THE PARK



Sunday August 13th

Loftus – Royal National Park – Stanwell Park – Thirroul

A cruise in the Vette down thru the Royal National Park.

You are all invited on a club run thru the Royal National Park on Sunday August 13th.

We will gather at Loftus Oval, Princes Hwy, Loftus, meeting time will be 930am for a 945am start.

Our journey will see us venture out from Loftus oval car park then turn left into Farnell avenue towards Audley. We will travel thru the entire park until we reach Stanwell Park where we will be having a coffee and cake pit stop at the Stanwell Palms cafe.

After a short break, we will be back on the road over the Sea Cliff bridge before progressing to Thirroul and ending our journey with lunch at the Thirroul Bowling Club.

Bookings are essential (for food/table etc).

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1. Call to order: 7.24pm

Meeting Date: 4th July - Roll call – 36.

Apologies – Pauline Psaila, Mandy caprin, Ed Maszluch, Rhonda Wilson, Brian Mitchell, and Cooper Smith.

Matters arising from the Previous Minutes: NIL Previous minutes Passed: Jeff Wilson and Joe Farrugia

Presidents Report: - Jeff Wilson

I have been investigating locations for the Show and Shine. Currently looking at Macarthur Square and Narellan Shopping Centre. We looked at Bankstown (airport area), however, there was not a lot for anyone not really wanting to look at cars all day.

2025 National Convention.

John, Secretary (Corvette Rep) National Pres Meeting Coordinator has resigned.

The National Convention will be held in NSW in 2025.

- Harry Turner has been investigating holding the Convention in Parks
- Richard Jagger has been investigating holding the Convention in Port Macquarie
- Brett and Bronwyn Jones have been investigating holding the Convention in Sydney.
- Waiting on Information from Tamworth, they are holding the MG Club Nationals in April 2024.
- Peter and Jean Cox have been investigating the Central Coast.

Vice Presidents Report: - Cathy Tullock

Not a lot to add, however, we need to add to the Social Calendar with maybe some lunch and Dinner runs to enjoy.

We used to do a lot of these, we need our club members to suggest locations. Would like to see the Tuesday night BBQ's return.

Secretary's Report: - Belinda Ford

After the Brass Monkey run, it has been put to the members, that when selecting restaurants for Breakfast, lunch or dinner, these locations must be able to take payment at time of order, so we don't have a balance owing and are unable to confirm if we have been billed correctly or not.

Treasurer's Report: - Doug Ford

In the investment account we have \$40K (towards Nationals) and in the Everyday account we currently have \$7215.92 as we have seen membership renewals coming in.

Historic Registration: - Jorge Vazquez

Has been busy with H-Plate club renewals. Cars under the Stars – Jorge received the sponsors choice trophy.

A new member has received their car from Melbourne.

Stock Controller: - Vicki Micallef

Stock of the items below:

• Sloppy Joes	-	\$50	• Polos:	-	\$35
• Ladies Tops:	-	\$20	• Caps:	-	\$15
• Jumpers -		\$28			

Technical Adviser - NIL

Events – Mandy Caprin (Sick)

Past Events

Brass Monkey run, was again a well-organized event by Wayne and Deb Rowley. It was all going well until a group of cars went off in the wrong direction, however, ended up at the right point for photos. Following the car of the organizer is the best way to NOT get off track.

Coming Events - As per the Magazine. Trying to get tickets for CMC Shannon's day @ Eastern Creek.

BREAK 8.16 PM

General Business

Departure address for Christmas in July has been put up on Facebook.

The discussion moved to the topic of Corvettes of Australia and their web site. When it first was being developed, we were approached to pay money for the website. Currently on their web site there are logos of all the clubs with links to their individual sites, all except NSW Corvette Car Club. In its original development, this website was only to be a landing page to assist enquiries getting to the correct state Car club.

A motion was put forward and passed at this meeting on the 4th July 2023, to withdrawn any association to Corvettes of Australia. Pass unanimously by all in attendance.

For our convention, we are quite capable of organizing our own sponsorship. As the largest member base of all other clubs. Jeff has also spoken to GM about sponsorship.

There was a question around the \$500 that is expected to be passed to each club holding the Convention from all the clubs as a sponsorship.

Show and Shine - Date has been set for the Show and Shine – 24th September 2023.

Raffles - \$97.00 - Brent, Simon

Meeting Closed – 9.00pm

CLUB APPAREL

Contact Vicki Micallef - 02 9636 7294



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