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New Member - PAUL CLARKE



DECEMBER 2022



Our upcoming events

Please attend if you possibly can

DECEMBER	2022	
Saturday 10 th	CLUB SHOW & SHINE – CARRINGTON AGED CARE (90 Werombi Rd, Grasmere) Gates open @8.00am Please be advised they do have a café on the grounds.	CE14/22
Thursday 15 th	CODGERS RUN- ORGANISED BY PETE Meet 12 Noon @ The Kincumber Hotel, (There will be no cruise, we will meet directly at the venue) Please advise Pete no later than the 12 th of December, as bookings are essential, on 0438-323-744 if you wish to attend.	CRN11/22
JANUARY	2023	
Thursday 5 th	MID WEEK LUNCH RUN – ORGANISED BY BELINDA Detail - TBA	CE1/23
Sunday 22 nd	ALL AMERICAN DAY – ORGANISED BY THE MUSTANG CLUB Please contact Mandy on 0409-668-341.	CE2/23
FEBRUARY	2023	
Friday 17 th - Sunday 19 th	NELSON BAY – WEEKEND Please contact Mandy on 0409-668-341.	CE3/23
MARCH	2023	
Friday 24 th -Sunday 27 th	CORVETTE NATIONALS- BALLARAT	CE4/23

PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO COVID 19, SOME EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED, PLEASE CHECK OUR ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR, FOR ALL OUR MAJOR EVENTS.

AS MOST VENUES TAKE BOOKINGS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ADVISE THE ORGANISER IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AN EVENT BY THE RSVP DATE, OR YOU MAY MISS OUT.



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE, WE
HOPE TO SEE YOU ON ONE OF OUR
EVENTS IN 2023**

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JULY /AUGUST - T.B.A	BRASS MONKEY RUN
AUGUST / SEP T.B.A	CMC SHANNONS SYDNEY CLASSIC- EASTERN CREEK
AUGUST / SEP T.B.A	CLUB’S SHOW & SHINE
OCTOBER 13 TH - 15 TH	PORT MACQUARIE (WEEKEND)
OCTOBER	BATHURST
OCTOBER	CHROMEFEFEST – THE ENTRANCE
OCTOBER	JAMBEROO CAR SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY
NOVEMBER	WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA – ILLAWARRA AIRPORT at ALBION PARK
DECEMBER	SOAR & ROAR – EASTERN CREEK

MESSAGE FROM THE

President

Merry Christmas Corvetters,

Well it's chrissey time again and I hope you have all been good, or naughty enough to get a good present!

I have been contacted by some outer state Corvetters, who would like to meet up with any of our cars traveling to the Nationals next year. The meeting place is the Siesta Motel in Lavington (Albury). They will be staying on Thursday night, having breakfast Friday morning and all traveling down to the Nationals together.

The car show was on again last week (the one arranged by Jorge), and as usual a great variety of cars and bikes. We were also greeted by two C8's (2022 models), one white and one maroon, neither of which are in the club, but moves are afoot to rectify that. **DON'T FORGET NO MEETING NEXT MONTH.**

Just to let you know one of our new members, John Webro, was in hospital last week. He is out now, and seems to be getting better as he is giving his wife Suzzie hell.

The club Christmas dinner was last week (on writing this report it is actually on this weekend!), A job well done as per usual, good work Mandy.

The club "Show and Shine" is on the 6th December 2022, starting at 0800hrs. Please be early as we have to park all the cars, as well as judge them.

The presentation will be at 1400hrs. You can get a bacon and egg roll and a coffee for \$10 at the venue and to keep with the American theme - Hot Dogs can be purchased for lunch. There is a cafe on the premises.

The Nationals are March 24--27 2023, If you haven't been before now is the time to start. You will make new friends both in our club and interstate clubs, you will see many various Corvettes and be able to speak to GMSV about the C8's.

Well I've spoken enough, so...

**Merry Christmas
and a safe,
healthy and happy
New Year**

Jeff.

PS Thank you Karin for all your hard work in keeping our monthly newsletter going. Jeff.

... My pleasure Jeff! Karin

GOLD RUSH NATIONALS NEWS

March 24-27, 2023

18 weeks to Nationals!

CORVETTE NATIONALS GOLD RUSH

BALLARAT 2023

March 24-27, 2023

70 YEARS OF CORVETTE

GMSV ANNOUNCED AS MAJOR SPONSOR

gm SV General Motors Specialty Vehicles (GMSV) has this week been announced as the major sponsor for the 2023 Australian Corvette Nationals to be held in Ballarat, Victoria on the weekend of March 24-27, 2023.

This 40th running of the Nationals marks the first opportunity for entrants to celebrate General Motors officially commencing sales of Corvette in Australia, due to postponement of events in 2021 and 2022 as a result of COVID related considerations.

"This is an exciting opportunity for GMSV to stand alongside Corvette fans and celebrate this iconic sports car," said Jodie Lennon, General Manager Marketing & Communications at GM Specialty Vehicles.

"We've been waiting to do this ever since the launch of GMSV in November 2020 and are looking forward to introducing the C8 Stingray, as well as examples from the Chevrolet Silverado range, to everyone attending the Gold Rush Nationals."

The C8 Stingray is an eighth-generation Corvette which is manufactured at GM's famed Bowling Green Assembly plant in Kentucky and, of particular significance for performance car enthusiasts Down Under, is that this is the first time a Corvette is available as a factory-built right-hand drive vehicle.

Also unique to the all-new C8 is that it is the first Corvette to feature a mid-mounted engine configuration, with the 6.2-litre V8 capable of creating 369kW of power and 637Nm of torque.

Considerations such as heritage, performance and unparalleled desirability will help ensure the nameplate, first established in 1953, continues to attract new and adoring fans to the legendary machine.

Ballarat, with its rich history and well-preserved colonial-era heritage presented an ideal location for the 2023 Nationals, offering all the facilities required for a dazzling weekend.

The event is appropriately branded the 'Corvette Gold Rush Nationals,' to honour the city's history as the epicentre of Australia's first goldrush. Ballarat's magnificent Sovereign Hill tourist attraction will provide a unique gold rush experience for the entrants on Saturday night.

The event's highlight, taking place on Saturday March 25, will be the Show 'n' Shine at scenic Lake Wendouree which will be open to the general public. Some 200 stunning Corvettes will be on display vying for a range of awards. GMSV will present their latest C8 Corvettes and Silverados in a comprehensive display at the show, with GMSV personnel available to provide information.

The Nationals Organising Committee is thrilled to have GMSV as their major sponsor.

"With GM's participation in the Nationals, including both their sponsorship and their very visible involvement, we anticipate this will be the best Nationals ever", Committee Chairman Garth Bradbury stated.

The Corvette Nationals are open to all Corvette Club Members. For more information go to <https://corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals>



Hello Everyone,

It's that time again when December is upon us enabling us to attend our Christmas Function which is to be held at Panania House Bulli Tops, I will add more regarding this event on my next report early next year, looking forward to catching up with everyone.

We also attended a Breakfast run at Camden Valley Inn, and what a roll up, it was fabulous to see old and new members. Thankyou Mandy for organising our brekky run, looking forward to more next year.

Our Show and Shine is a bit late this year December 10th at Camden, I am sure we will have lots of pics to show you in the next mag.

Also on the Agenda was a Car Show at Wetherill Park, a few of our members took their Corvettes which added to very packed venue where other car clubs and vintage cars attended.

On a Personal note, I would like to Congratulate my Husband Paul on achieving 30 years membership with our Club and he is still loving it.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and we will see you all in 2023.**

Cheers everyone,

Cathy



Secretary's Report - Belinda

HI CAR CLUBBERS,

2022 is coming to a close; I would like to say Thankyou to everyone for your support throughout this year.



We as a club have come out of the COVID pandemic quite well, membership is currently at 200 and we have had quite a few social events that have been attended by many of our members.

2023 brings new experiences and fun. We will have our usual annual events happening such as:

- All American Day – January
- Nelson's Bay Weekend – February
- National Convention – March
- Shannon's - August
- Port Macquarie Weekend – October

**Anniversaries
25 years
Tom Zizovski**

Congratulations



**I would like to wish
you all a safe and
happy festive season
and look
forward to catching
up in 2023.**

Belinda



Merry Birthday to our December Members



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Jean and I arrived at the Waterfall Café at Kariang for the November Codgers cruise and found there was already a lively group gathered for the morning coffee and by the time we were ready to go there were 9 vettes in the parking lot waiting to cruise down the escarpment and through Woy Woy and on towards Patonga.

The cruise proved uneventful except for a few monster potholes here and there after all the rain and most of us enjoyed the chance to enjoy some of the sharp curves during the descent. Even though we lost sight of some of the fleet, no one was lost along the way.

Parking at the pub is becoming quite difficult as a lot of commuters leave their cars close to the wharf opposite and so we had to scatter around the back streets but our photographer Col managed to find most of them for some shots for the magazine.

By getting there a bit early we were able to get a couple of large tables close together for our group. Dining with the wildlife proved to be quite exciting and Ree lost a nicely battered piece of fish to one of the local kookaburras.

The outdoor seating was fairly cool in the breeze and so we broke up early to get in the warm Corvettes and head for home.

The Codgers will be having one last fling for the year and it will be lunch only with everyone going directly to the hotel at Kincumber for lunch, gathering at 12 noon. We need to book for this one so let me know by Monday 12th if you are going to be there on Thursday 15th December.

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for a great Corvette year in 2023!

And Of course CHEERS
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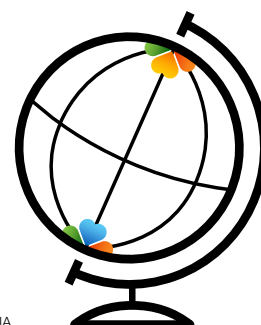


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Hi Everyone,

Photos from our Christmas Lunch at Panorama House on Saturday 26th November.

We had a great turnout with beautiful weather. Thank you to everyone who came and made the day a wonderful success.

Congratulations to those who won one of our lucky door prizes. I hope everyone had a great time.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2023.

***From my Family to Yours -
Have a wonderful Christmas and
Happy New Year.***

Regards, Mandy.





Breakfast Run to Camden Valley Inn

on 30 October 2022

We had another beautiful day for our Breakfast run to Camden Valley Inn and decided to take our new toy - our Trike Motorcycle instead of the Corvette.

We met at Carnes Hill McDonalds travelling via Camden Valley Way and Camden Bypass to the Camden Valley Inn. Always great to get together and catch up.

Thank you to everyone who came along. It was especially nice to welcome our new member Paul and his daughter Tayla.

Hope to see you all again soon.

Mandy.





"Fuses ain't Fuses"

As many will know the electrical components in our cars are protected by fuses - mostly mounted in a convenient fuse distribution centre (fuse box). These are rated with reference to the component and wiring size utilized in the particular cct being protected and the current draw down. The fuses can be small plug in units made from glass or plastic casings, or you could have "self resetting" cct breakers (little oblong metal cans), these are used on high current ccts like electric windows, where there is the possibility of a temporary obstruction (a stupid arm out the window) which could overload the cct for a brief second, replacing fuses would be a tedium, but a cct breaker would open, save the cct and after it cools down - reset.

However, there is a third type, the "Fusible Wire Link" these are designed to protect a wiring loom from overload meltdown and the resultant fire - fires in a Corvette are not good, in fact on the miss a heartbeat and the Sphinctor scales, they are terrifying. Now over the years, ratings, wire and fuse sizes have changed, also a lot of components draw far less current, but as far as C4's are concerned from 84 thru 96 a lot more electronic's and electrically driven components have been designed into our cars for a better driving experience. But still early days, ergo some units like cooling fans draw heaps of juice on start up and maybe 25Amps on run. Whilst the wiring knitted into covered looms is rated to handle the current, it is also rated to handle a lot more, right up to the red hot stage followed by the "smoke" stage, then the burning car inferno stage.

To alleviate this issue the wiring looms are divided up and loom wiring sizes rated to the required specs, but to protect each smaller loom or cct, a "Fusible wire Link" is connected between power source and the start of the loom circuit. Now as the name suggests a Fusible wire Link is just a piece wire, but it's sealed in a non flammable covering and as a rule of thumb the Fuse is always "4" wire sizes smaller than the cct it protects.

Therefore a loom of 16ga wiring is protected by a fuse 4 sizes smaller - which is 20ga - YES not a misprint, the larger the number wire guage, the smaller the wire diameter ergo 14ga loom requires 18ga fuse.

There is also other magic at play, the length of the fuse, but we wont go into the complicated maths required to determine that figure, but rule of thumb states that links are not to exceed 8".

Basically the link can carry all the required current used by each component on the feed, in the "all on" case scenario there maybe a chance of heating up a little. However, upon a short cct or a fan melt down, the loom current will peak rapidly, the link which is smaller represents a series impedance (ie. a bottle neck to current) and it will reach fusion temperature much quicker and melt, severing the cct, but because it is in a nonflammable covering, there are no fires, in fact it is sometimes very hard to even see the link has fused as there is no visible burning or discoloration on the link.

GAUGES/DIAMETERS			
Gauge	Diameter mm	Diameter Inch	Relative Size
10	2.6	0.100	██████████
12	2.1	0.080	██████████
14	1.6	0.060	██████████
16	1.3	0.051	██████████
18	1.0	0.040	██████████
20	0.81	0.032	██████████
22	0.64	0.025	██████████
24	0.51	0.020	██████████
26	0.41	0.016	██████████
28	0.32	0.013	██████████
30	0.26	0.010	██████████
32	0.20	0.007	██████████
34	0.16	0.006	██████████

Most links in C4's are 2.5"~ 5" in length, for instance links "D & E" are ~ 3" whilst "H" is ~ 4.5" and most are rated 20ga, NOW in the advent you blow one, best of luck getting any 20ga - there are plenty of 14, 16, 18 gauge fuses available, I had to get some recently from the US, I could find no 20ga here.

And before you suggest putting two in parallel, there is a raft of science that says "your car is now doomed".

Basically you're safe if you fix the cause of the fault and replace like fuse for like fuse, ALSO some links have numbers stamped or moulded into them - mine had a "20" on them - first thoughts were "easy peasy" this is a 20 Amp fuse, but alas it's not 20 Amps but 20 gauge.

It would be safe to say that unless interfered with, most owners would never be confronted with issues around fusible links and if in doubt see a quality Auto Electrician. A blown link is indicative of a major component or cable fault, always fix the "Cause" first before just changing links or even small fuses, these components don't blow for no reason.

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Looking forward to a great weekend.

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March 24th - 27th 2023



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Meeting Minutes

First Tuesday every month



I. Call to order 7.30pm

Roll call – 36 members present

Apologies – Brian Mitchell, Rhonda Wilson and Bob & Maureen Fitzsimmons.

Matters arising from the Previous Minutes: Nil

a) **Presidents Report: - Jeff Wilson**

At today's meeting we have no new members in attendance.

10th Dec – Carrington Age Care is where our 2022 Show & Shine will be held, the venue has hard parking for up to 80 cars. Volunteers Required, contact Jeff Wilson: 0478 228 899. The day will only be successful if we get support from you all. There is a room available for the presentation of Trophies. This will be a more relaxed event.

New documentation from the CMC, are on the website:

- CVS Signed Letter
- CVS Requirements with Club Signature

Please put forward any suggestions or feedback that can be taken to the Presidents' meeting at the National Convention next year, eg: do we have the Convention every 2 years, move it away from Easter etc.

b) **Vice Presidents Report: - Cathy Tullock**

Had a lovely time on the Breaky run. Would like to see more members attend as the weather heats up.

c) **Secretary's Report: - Belinda Ford** - Nothing to report.

d) **Treasurer's Report: - Doug Ford**

The club now has only two accounts:

Everyday Account Balance: \$6522.72 this is due to membership payments coming in.

Investment Account: \$41,411.04, we received a little interest.

Investment is due to roll-over, will reinvest, terms for a better return, we now have an interest rate of 2.37%.

NSW is set to hold the National Convention in 2025, so the question to you all, is;

- Where can we hold the convention? ideas please

e) **Historic Registration: - Jorge Vazquez**

- Car show at Greenway Park
- Cards under the stars

f) **Stock Controller: - Vicki Micallef**

I have stock of the items below tonight:

- Sloppy Joe's - \$40
- Polo's: - \$35
- Ladies Tops: - \$20
- Caps: - \$15

g) **Technical Adviser – No**

h) **Events – Mandy Caprin**

Past Events

- Breakfast run to Camden Valley in Weather was brilliant and the company was pretty good too.
- Port Macquarie weekend was so good, again the weather was great.
- Codgers Run – quite a few cars, nice little run, down to Brooklyn.

Coming Events

- National Convention in March 2023, this brings clubs from all over the country together. Its great to catch up with other car enthusiasts. Vicky asked if anyone was interested doing a bit of a road trip coming back from the Convention.

BREAK 8.05 PM

General Business

The show and Shine will only have 2 Categories in each Model.

- Standard
- Modified

Is the Soar and Roar on in 2022??

RAFFLE – \$137.00. Mandy Caprin, Bill Crealy,

From the Trea\$ury

Hi Members,

Short report this month. The Investment account is still locked at \$41,411.04 and will mature next year. Hopefully it can be re-invested at a higher, more worthwhile interest rate. Indications from the Fed is that interest rates will continue to rise for at least the next 12 months.

The Everyday account has been boosted with members payments for the Christmas Function. These monies have now been paid for the function (\$2430.00).

The usual print (\$880), Postage (\$163.58), Labels (\$41.98), Raffles (\$95.45) and a batch of new members plastic membership cards (\$178.50).

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Styling changes to the Corvette for 1960 were negligible as Chevrolet was working to release the Corvair.

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