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Hello to you all,

I trust you are all keeping well and of course dealing with the pandemic restrictions.

There is a strong indication from governments that the restrictions will soon start to be lifted. Indeed, most likely will be already started by the time you read this magazine. It's going to be interesting to see just how our society has changed permanently after this Covid-19 break out!

Returning to the so-called 'normality' we had is not going to be a quick transition. We all still need to be aware of the environment we are in and keep that 1.5 metres separation for the foreseeable future.

Plans are being presented to start the club opening, so we will be prepared for the time we can get back on the road.

H Plate Regos.

Those members who have vehicles on H plates that are due for rego in the next few months, when you have your pink slip contact us to complete your paperwork.

BOB FITZSIMMONS

From the TreaSury Department ...

	NSW Corvette Unlimited Car Club								
		March 2020							
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2nd Invest Acct		\$40,579.10							\$40,579.10
Total Funds									\$48,245.02



Hello Everyone,

Not much to report as there are no events at this stage.

I would like to ask members to email me for the next month's magazine to give us a brief run down and maybe a pic of anything that you have done to your vette whilst we have been in lockdown. As we all know it is very hard to just admire your vette no matter how good it looks in your garage, unfortunately there is no substitute for getting your vette out on the road.

This is what I have been doing to my vette as well as cleaning it.

- 1. Make sure it starts every time ...
- 2. Open up the throttle to annoy any close neighbours.
- 3. Drive said Vette round the block with window open waving at any one that cares to look.
- 4. When returning home slowly approach the garage with accelerator slightly activated more than usual (this works really well when neutral is selected!)

Seriously, if anyone has done anything to their vette (doesn't matter how small), whilst in lock down and would like to share it with fellow club members and for us to post in the magazine next month, please contact me at my email address.

Cheers everyone, Keep smiling, it won't be long now.







Secretary's Report

Hi Car Clubbers

Once again due to the current state of COVID 19 restrictions, the monthly meetings have been put on hold, however, we will continue to collaborate and get the magazine to you.

I was recently advised of changes to the QCC Committee as below:

QCC Committee:

President: Brad Stumer Secretary: Nick Ladell Vice President/Events Co-ordinator: Don Campbell Treasurer: Lorna Mihill

If you would like a copy of the official notification let me know.

Stay safe, wash your hands and stay connected.

BELINDA.



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Whilst having breakfast one morning at the Convention, I met this bird!





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Hi Northerners,

The news from the north is that there is absolutely nothing happening! I have heard from some that their vettes have been polished almost back to the gel coat but that was not me!

Girls and Boys,

I'm here to tell you there has to be more to life and if you get those machines too shiney, you won't want to take them out if they are too clean and sparkling when the word comes to 'release the beasts!'

All the people I have heard from are in good order and managing all those things that Codgers, young and old, have to face up to like: Putting in new body parts; keeping ahead of the bits not working properly; keeping all the bits moving and generally getting ready to launch when there are some social distancing rules that allow us to get our machines cruising up the road.

Did I say 'cruising'????? Not a very popular word at the moment; maybe we should be thinking of some new words to use! Pete is open to suggestions.

I have been searching back in the files as far back as 2012 for a few old photos. There may be a special prize for the first to name the spots and extra surprises if you can nominate the years!

Cheers, Octe 0438 323 744

Do you know where these photos were taken? Name event and year for special prizes!

Fine Print: (judge's decision is final!)











NAME THAT PHOTO: Place and year (cont'd)



Please email me your 'guesses' for a chance to win something special!

Pete



IN AND OUTS OF C3 AND C4 ODOMETERS (ODs)

The C3 and early C4 (1984-1989) have similar odometers and despite what people advertise in a for sale advert as a 60,000 kilometer odometer car - it is in fact 60,000 MILES. These ODs only display miles and not kilometers. People confuse the fact that 84-89 dash displays can be switched from English to Metric and whilst this converts the display from one to the other, the odometer remains always in miles.

The actual ODs look very similar from C3 through C4. If you have removed the instruments and found the odometer wheels loose at one end, then you can rest assured it has had the readout wound back to display a more appealing figure.

A close look will reveal that one end of the number wheels is not secured within the body of the OD and is only held in place by the interference fit into the body of the instruments once re-installed.





A close look at a dis-assembled OD shows a plastic or metal ladder shaped item that locks the wheels together. These wheels have internal gears which drive the next wheel one position every ten rotations, and locks them together preventing them turning by vibration, etc.

If the ladder is lifted off the wheels, they will free-wheel into any desired position and therefore a lower readout.

The OD has a pulsed motor (see figure 3 below) which is driven by pulses of

voltage which drive the number wheels via a suitably designed internal gear train, for example ten revolutions of the miles wheel will click the Ten's mile wheel one position or number and so on up the chain.

If you own a C3 or C4 then you are interested in the marque, and not necessarily the car's value which at 30-40 years old will have at least 80+ thousand K's on the clock.

At any rate, most of us spend far more than the value of car in keeping it roadworthy, looking good and even customised.







Well, J'm delighted to tell you that J received not just one special car of the month, but two!!! Well done guys. Let's keep that going for the next magazine.

Please send me photos of your car (one large and/or a number of photos) and the car's history, details and anything else you'd like the class to know about your car.

Deadline is COB Monday prior to Club Meeting night, so for June deadline is 25th May (no later)

First Submission for Car of the Month is Doug Ford's C4







Specs of Doug's Car: Chev Corvette C4 1990 Coupé; SBC 350 L98 4 speed Auto Steel Blue Metalic with Black Interior

Third Corvette bought recently on a whim as an everyday drive whilst I put my 87 back into working order. Whilst it goes like a rocket sled, it did need shocks and a new set of 275x40xZR 17's. Now it's glued to the road, very quiet and eats utes for breakfast!

This model marks the mid C4 change from full electronic dash to the analog/digital dash with the new contoured dash/cockpit.

The car is a real pleasure to drive.

- Vettech

I loved this pic of Doug's car with 'Corona Virus Protection' and thought it just had to go on the front cover! Ed.

Second Car of the Month is Dennis Scremin's 1972 Stingray









Dennis bought this 1972 Stingray out of Modesto, California back in May 2018 after parting with his previous 1979 Corvette. A long 7 months went by before it reached Australia on 31st December of that year and then sat at home for almost another 9 months before it was sent off to have the Maroon paint taken back to be painted in the original factory colour of Ontario Orange.

The car is a small block 350 ZZ4 crate engine with alloy heads pumping out some 360hp mated to a 4-speed manual. Other additions to the car are factory side pipes, power windows, power brakes, power steering and yet to be hooked up again is factory air conditioning. Dennis also added the American Racing wheels to give it the nostalgic look.

All in all, Dennis has owned Corvettes for about 11 years as the love of the cars firstly came from watching ... you guessed it - 'Corvette Summer' as well as the Aussie flick - 'High Rollin'.



"Getting older, I'm not sure about the side pipes as they are bloody loud!!! however I love the look so I'll have to live with it", Dennis said.



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Everything you Need to Know about Headlight Motors

I have noticed on the forum and Facebook, including over commercial Facebook sites, people puzzling over the C4 head light motors. Whilst at a general glance the C4 headlights look alike, in fact during the C4 production run the motor/electrics etc were changed; this change starts in late 87 and continues to the end of the C4.

A look at the pics will allow you to quickly identify the early from the late or even if someone has changed/upgraded to the newer system on any earlier C4. GM went from a relay controlled system to an electronic control box system. A look at Pic.1 shows the area in front of the LH wheel, just behind the headlight, the three relays have been replaced by one black plastic module containing the control electronics. Also a quick look at the headlight motor (pic.2) and you will see two (2) wires coming from the base of the headlight motor, in this case white and green.

However on the early headlight with relays, there will be three (3) wires, often encased in a plastic sheath, but close inspection will reveal the three wires.

The new electronic system relies on "current sensing" - that means when they drive either way, the motors draw say one amp (1A), but when it hits the end of travel, the motor current will jump instantly to say five amps (5A), the electronics sensing sees this sudden rise and immediately cuts the drive voltage and switches off. It then resets ready for its next operation.

Pic.3 is a close up of the module, you can clearly see the green and white wires for the LH motor as shown in Pic.2. Be aware that wire colours can change from model to model to year.

Vette Tech







Dog says: I wonder why so many humans are wearing masks? Have they been biting a lot of other humans?

HAGERTY OUTLINES THE ENTIRE FUTURE OF THE C8 MODEL LINEUP FROM LEAKED DOCUMENTS, 22 April 2020



In a document that was "dropped in Hagerty Media's editorial laps," General Motors' executive director in charge of program management, Michelle Braun issued a blanket order to suppliers that effectively pauses all future car and truck development in response to the <u>COVID-19 pandemic</u>. This document is of particular interest around here as it tips off what GM has up their collective sleeve regarding the future of the mid-engine Corvette program.

Using these hints, other leaks, and some of their own speculations, Hagerty was able to surmise upcoming Corvette engines along with their estimated power and torque outputs, the most likely landing place for each engine, and the model year that GM had planned to put each one onto the road before the shutdown occurred. Here is what they came up with:

Year	Engine	Power (est.)	Torque (est.)	Likely Application		
2021	LT2 6.2L 16- Valve OHV	490-495 HP	465-470 lb-ft	RHD Corvettes For Export		
2022	LT6 5.5L 32- Valve DOHC	650 HP	600 lb-ft	Corvette Z06		
2023	LT2 6.2L 16- Valve OHV Hybrid	600 HP	500 lb-ft	Corvette Grand Sport		
2024	LT7 5.5L Twin- Turbo DOHC	850 HP	825 lb-ft	Corvette ZR1		
2025	LT7HP1 5.5L Twin-Turbo DOHC Hybrid	1,000 HP	975 lb-ft	Corvette ZORA		

Read the full article at:

https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2020/04/22/hagerty-outlines-the-entire-future-of-the-c8-model-lineupfrom-leaked-documents/

PRESIDENTS REPORT APRIL 2020

Hi all,

I hope you are coping well with the COVID19 restrictions. I'm back supporting the Club and leading a new Committee. Hopefully we can support the Club to move forward in these hard times.

Together with Secretary, Nick Ladell and other members of your new management committee, Vice President, Don Campbel and Treasurer, Lorna Mihill, we will be working hard to rebuild and move the club forward.



Due to the current restrictions, the Committee is keeping in

contact via emails and phone calls, and as per our COVID19 Club Statement that was sent out last week, we will keep the club members informed, and advise of any future changes. Also, we are in the process of bringing our Constitution and Model Rules up to date. We are working on a Code of Conduct ,which all members will receive once completed.

I was sorry to hear that Adelaide has had to cancel the National Convention, I know how much effort goes into organising this event, and realise how disappointed they would be. They have been in contact with me, advising that over the Easter weekend they will be doing up the 'goodies' bags for all the entrants. I will then be in contact with our club entrants once these arrive.

If any club member has any concerns and/or bright ideas or information for the Vetteletter, please let me know. If you want to discuss anything generally, or want to chat about club matters, ring me or email me.

I trust all our members and their families keep safe, and I hope to see you all soon.

Till next month Drive your Dream (when you can)

Brad Stumer

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FUTURE RUNS

Covid-19

- The scene: applicant being interviewed for a job. Manager: "There is a gap in your resume, what were you doing in 2020?" Applicant: "I was washing my hands!"
- 2. "If I get quarantined with my husband, rest assured it won't be the virus that kills him."
- 3. "Does anyone know how long toilet paper will last in the fridge?"
- 4. 9pm is the time to remove your day pyjamas and put on your night pyjamas.
- 5. Latest Coronavirus advice:

Couples, no touching, no kissing and definitely no sex.

Married couples, continue on as normal.

- 6. Decided where to go for Easter? The Living Room or the Bedroom?
- 7. Half of us are going to come out of this Quarantine as amazing cooks. The other half will come out with a drinking problem.
- 8. I am so excited it is time to take out the garbage. "I wonder what I should wear?"





"Maybe if I gained 2,000 pounds and painted myself red, he'd actually spend some time with me."





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Construction began on the prototype Corvette, designated EX-122, late in 1952; the goal was to show it off during General Motors' traveling Motorama show, which opened in New York in January, 1953.

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Thousands of dollars of Factory extras have been fitted. The paint colour is Magnetic Red with Tint and is impeccable. Roof and lining are as brand new and interior is potless. Only 90K on the speedo and 4 speed automatic drives perfectly with the LS1 motor and is an absolute pleasure to drive.

Health reasons have forced the sale of the car and I'll certainly miss it.

This is a <u>RARE CHANCE</u> to own arguably the <u>BEST</u> <u>C5 CORVERTIBLE in Australia</u>. Competitively priced at \$59,500. For all information and inspection contact Dave Jarrett 0438 167 609.

Car is situated at The Entrance on the Central Coast of NSW.

Please only genuine buyers need reply. Thanks.











This great example of the 2001 hardtop Corvette Z06 is offered for sale, as I am now enjoying retirement and doing the inevitable downsizing of my toys. Always garaged and continuously registered since being imported and converted to RH drive by Performax in 2002. Kept by them as a director's vehicle for three years then sold to its 2nd Australian owner who moved abroad two years later, when he sold it to the current owner. I am a former president and current member of NSW Corvettes Club.

Affectionately known as the "Yella Terra", this Z06 has been in my care from 2007 till now. Purchased to participate in club level motorsport including supersprints, hillclimbs and motorkhanas, it has won multiple club and class championships with HSV Owners Club of NSW, NSW Corvettes, interstate Corvette challenges, and Corvette Nationals events. It has also claimed two NSW CAMS State Supersprint class titles, and third at Australian national level. It has never been involved in any collisions that I am aware of, either on or off the track.

Lap times: SMSP Gardner 1.43.5, North 1.10.3, South 1.02.2, Wakefield 1.05.8, Phillip Island 1.47. This Z06 has also won "best Corvette" and class trophies at various car shows over the years, proving it also presents well cosmetically.

Throughout its time in motorsport, various suspension, brake system, cooling systems and engine refreshing changes have been made, not only improving the performance package, but also resulting in a car that is stronger, more robust and reliable and by far better handling than the factory original.

Not driven on the track since early 2017, it is used as a weekend road cruiser, and has only travelled some 2,000 klms since then. A few months before its last track outing, the engine received an overhaul and refreshing, with some strengthening built in to the upper cylinder area. Upgraded valve springs, Hypatech Chev pistons, Crow rocker trunion and bush kit, and mild streetable camshaft (Lunati VDLS-272). Otherwise factory spec original LS6 5.7Ltr Corvette engine tuned to 460 BHP at flywheel, in February 2016. Cooling systems fitted to engine oil, power steering, and transaxle with oversized power steer reservoir. Vented crankcase. Battery relocated to boot. Upgraded air

intake, LG long tube headers and 4 x 75mm Borla Big Four exhausts. Stoptech 6 piston monoblock front brakes and 4 piston rears with 350mm rotors all round. Braided hoses. Cobalt Friction street pads and race pads included. Yokohama AO50 R-Spec race tyres fitted to spare set of wheels. Michelin road tyres fitted to vehicle. Hotchkis upgraded front and rear sway bars. LG motorsports Camber/caster kit, bump steer kit. Front brake ducting. Coilovers with Bilstein shocks and Eibach springs all round, supplied by LG Motorsports of Texas. 250Kg downforce rear wing mounted to chassis. Front and rear tow hooks. Race seat and harness included but not fitted. Harness bar with camera mounts and extinguisher installed.

Genuine buyers only (no tyre kickers please) can contact Gary Nelson on 0409 098699 or email me at gnel4300@bigpond.net.au. I also have available a tilting car trailer which was purpose built for the Z06's transport. Recently repainted black and in excellent condition, the "Holiday" brand trailer is for sale at \$4,000. Photos available on request. The car and trailer are located at Forster NSW, a little over 3 hours north of Sydney.

Blue with Black interior, 350 290hp crate motor, turbo 700 auto Right hand drive, rally wheels, full NSW rego till 2019 New calipers and rotors, front suspension rebuilt, poly bushes, ball joints 2014; Rear suspension rebuilt 2013, new bushes and bearings. Multiple trophy winning club car, well sorted and reliable. Same owner last 10 years - \$32,000.

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