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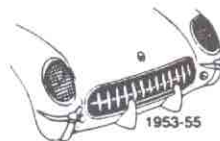
By Roy Braatz

Our next Convention will again be in Nevada City, California, July 21-24. Those that wish to attend see the information page. Hopefully our next year's event will take place somewhere back east. Persons willing to help us on this please write me. By now all members should have gotten a letter explaining membership dues. The Treasurer's page repeats the letter. As editor, I would like to include the following additions to our magazine in hopes of helping you and staff bring members different interests closer together.

- Question and answer page on parts, goals and what have you.
- Correspondence page to help owners that have the same year cars write or hear from each other (a pen pal?) I personally would like talking and writing to someone that has a 55, because I have three.
- Picture section, along with a short story about your car. Please send black and white pictures.
- Modified and Custom section. How to up-date mechanics or custom the body.
- Parts information section. If you or a company reproduce a part, send your parts pre-paid shipping to us and we will inspect it for workmanship and closeness to original. Then rate the part as: AA- right on, perfect; BB- good and passable; CC- fair, but useable. We'll include it in our next issue along with a picture, then ship the part back to you C.O.D. All comments are welcome.
- Send articles, photos and comments to me at 14521 Bears End Dr., Nevada City, CA 95959. It would be helpful to type or print in upper and lower case letters.

Muffler Heat Shields

By Roy Braatz



Over the years I've listened to owners tell about the heat problem they have coming from behind the seat area. And, upon looking under their cars, the heat shields in those cars were missing. I used to own a 57 that didn't have them, but my 55 and 57 do. It is evident that there were cars that had the shields and cars that didn't. The question that is being asked is whether or not there was some difference between those cars sold on the East Coast and those sold on the West Coast. With the mufflers directly under the gas tank it makes sense that there should be shields. This is especially true with those cars that were sold in the warmer Western states.

What I'd like to do is take a survey of owners cars so that we can get a clearer picture of what is happening. It would be greatly appreciated if those people reading this article would check their cars and send in the results to this magazine. Please include your answer of yes or no and the year of your car and send it to MUFFLER SHIELD MYSTERY, 14521 Bears End Dr., Nevada City, CA 95959. Post card would be O.K.

