

BARN CARS

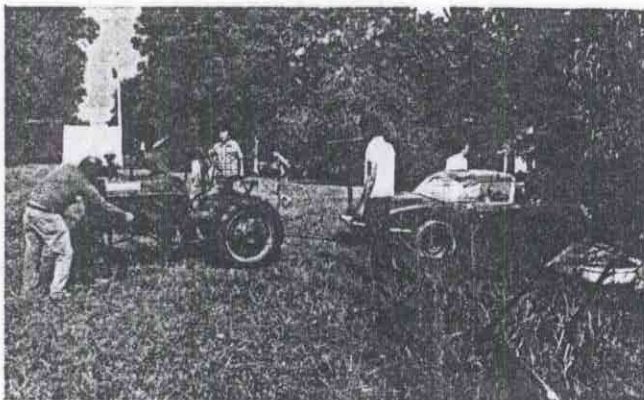
They Do Exist

By Joe Trybulez

How many times have you dreamed of locating that long forgotten Corvette that was stuffed away in a barn? Well folks, they are out there. Here is an example of what you might find.

Dick Ferrando, who owns D.A. Corvette in Gillespie, Illinois (former owner of the famous White 2L1), is always looking for Corvettes and drives any amount of miles to pursue good leads. This time Dick, along with friends Bill Lacy and Ron Archibald, set out to Southern Missouri to find this pictured 1960 Corvette. Located on a farm off the beaten path, this 1960 Corvette was stuffed in no more than a shed crammed with junk and miscellaneous parts.

The owner of the car had moved to Kansas City, another 300 miles away, and was having a relative sell the car for him. The owner had accumulated many N.O.S. parts awaiting the day that he could restore the car. Having decided to sell the car, the buyer would have to drive to Southern Missouri to pick up the car and then to Kansas City to get the treasure of N.O.S. parts.



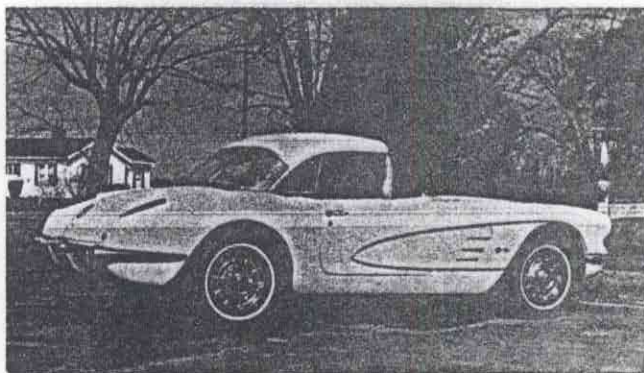
After Dick, Bill and Archie gave the car a good initial look, it was necessary to pull the tired old hunk out of the shed. Well how about using an old hand crank to start farm tractors to pull it out? After several turns of the crank the old tractor spit fire and out came the Corvette. Rough, dirty, old and tired, but ready for the nationally acclaimed expertise of long-time restorer Dick Ferrando.

The deal is struck, the car is packed into the car hauler and off to Kansas City to get the title and remaining parts.

Some deals get better and some worse. In this case the extra N.O.S. parts made a mighty sweet deal for a car that needed major surgery. After returning to Gillespie, the car was stripped and dismantled. Life breathed back into this old 1960 Corvette as needed body panels were replaced, paint added, carpet, trim, interior and motor were installed.

This long forgotten 1960 Corvette was alive again and awaiting it's new owner for many more enjoyable hours of Corvetting. Dreams do come true.

P.S. I have located a 1968 L-88 convertible in England with U.S. and European race history.



ORIGINAL 1956-57 CORVETTE RADIO KNOBS

By Roy Braatz, Jr.

In a previous issue, Vol. 1, number 4, we printed an article called Radio Hour. We received letters from members who were wondering how to locate the original radio knobs for their '56-'57 Corvette. Their reason being that they had bought a car radio and it had flat type knobs, where as the Corvette had cone type knobs. This is the reason that radios at swap meets often are missing the knobs - because Corvette knobs are rare.

Here's what can be done. Next time you're at a swap meet, find a person selling '56 Chevy parts and buy two headlight pull knobs (NO. 1990817). Using a butane torch, heat the metal rod until it heats up enough to pull the plastic knob loose. Do this with both headlight

knobs and now you have two 1956-57 Corvette radio knobs. They will be missing the metal inserts, but will work fine.

If you have car radio knobs, you can remove the metal inserts and transport them into your new '56-'57 Corvette knobs.

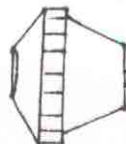
P.S. The headlight knob, with a little work, can also be used as a cigarette knob for '56-'57 Corvette.



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