

WCFB - To Know or Not to Know

—Roy Braatz

In the last issue (Vol. 3, No. 2), on the inside dust cover, I gave a list of WCFB's that were used on various makes and years of other cars, to help owners in locating parts to repair or complete their own Corvette carburetors.

In February, I attended the Puyallup Corvette meet in Washington. Bill Eldridge and I signed up 15 new members from the great Northern area and took turns going through the swap meet.

I came across a set of '55-'56 Chrysler Dual Carbs (Fig. 1).

Later, Bill and I discussed the possibility of using the front carb top, "which is the same as Corvette using no choke" (but the numbers are wrong). Also, the center section has the counter weight, but the base is wrong. Rear carb choke assembly and cover are right, as are various little parts. The base is also wrong, like the front carbs, but curiously enough, this carburetor has the large air screw that the '56 has.

Hopefully, in our next issue, I will have a follow-up article explaining how to use various parts from other WCFB's. You could make up a "right-on" looking Corvette dual four unit.

With a real Corvette dual four unit going between \$1,500 and \$3,000, you should know how to determine what you are buying. Bill Hayes did a wonderful article for NCRS in Restorer. If you have it, use it when buying a dual four unit at a swap meet.

I've been asked... if I give out this information, will I encourage a not-so-honest person to copy my information in order to sell a bogus unit. My response is that any person who would sell a bogus unit already knows about this.

I am trying to inform our members about this in an attempt to keep our members from being ripped off. I've had members thanking us for the articles I wrote about, like the Dump Truck Distributor, Car and Corvette Radios, and more. If anyone feels either way about my articles, a response is welcome. I'll print your letter in our next "Straight Talk." **Update:** '57-'58 Plymouth Fury also has Dual Four carbs. This came in from Gary Hodges.

Figure 1 (Right):

Diagram of the WCFB Four-Barrel Carburetor

Photos #1 and 2 (Below, left and right): Two examples of the WCFB Four-Barrel Carburetor. Models which have been originally installed in other vehicles may be adapted for use in straight-axle Corvettes. (See last issue).

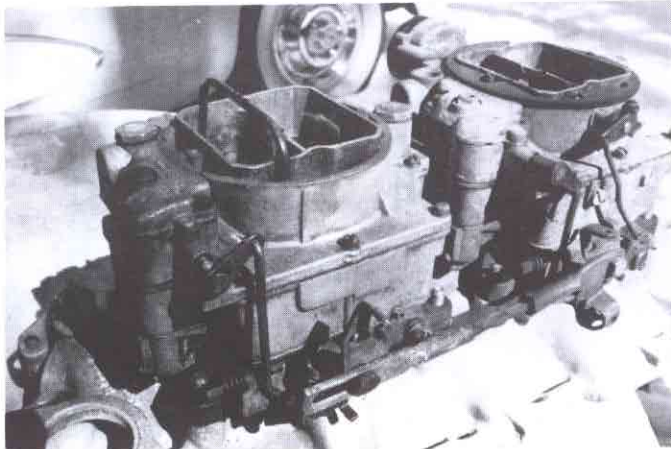
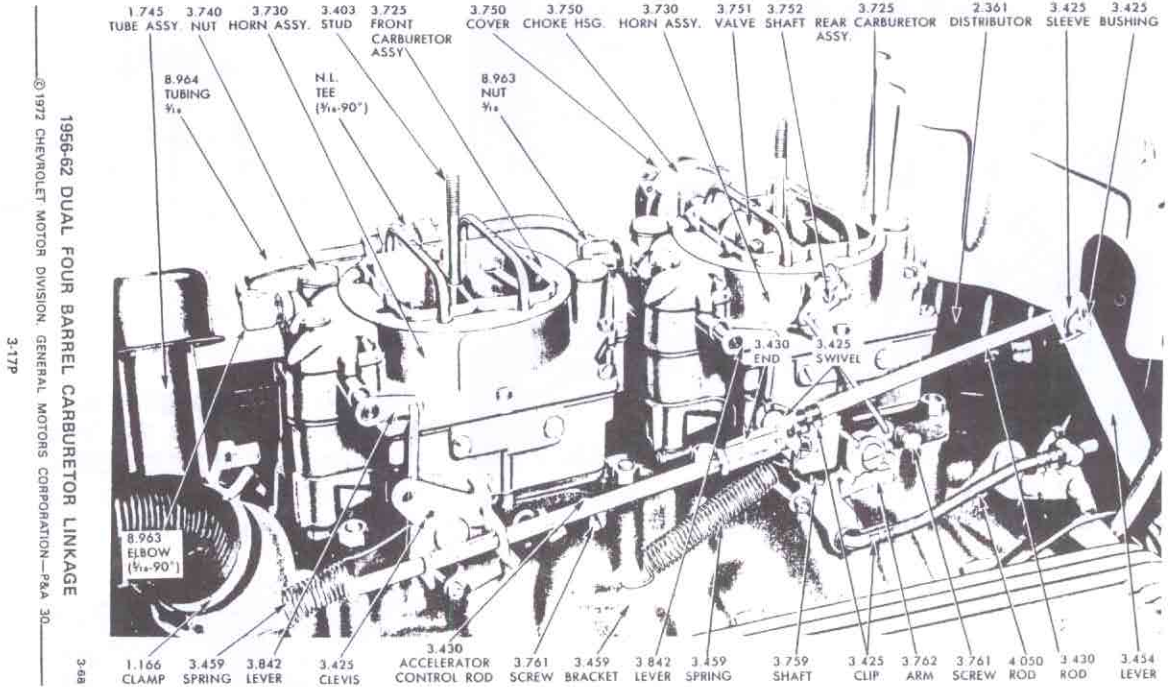


Photo 1

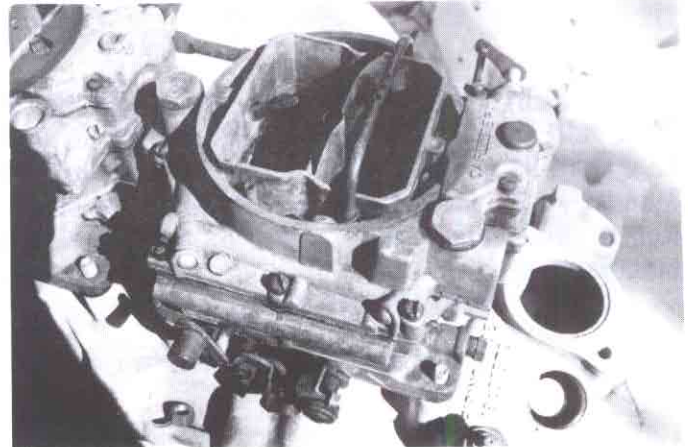


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