

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

SUPPLIED BY DALE PEARSON

Q. I just bought this all original '60 hardtop only car. Mr. B had taken very good care of the car all these years but he had placed his AAA decal on one rear quarter window, his shriners decal on the other rear quarter, and his parking lot decal on the rear window. I have removed the decals but glue remains on the correct dated plexiglas surfaces. What can I use to remove this residue and how do I get rid of a spot that is foggy in one quarter window?

A. I am not aware of any solvent which will remove the glue and not damage the window. I have used Dupont 606 polishing compound on plastic emblems. Maguires (who makes polishes and waxes) has a clear plastic polish and a scratch removing compound. It works great on foggy soft top rear windows.

Q. Paint originally red. Looks like red enamel repaint with white cone. The cone was then repainted with red lacquer. I assume the car should be stripped of paint, any repairs made to the fiberglass and then repainted (red). 1. How do I strip the paint? Chemically, or plastic media blasting (December 90 *Corvette Fever*). 2. Paint with lacquer, enamel or ?. 3. Where is a competent Corvette painters-shop?. 4. Where can I get the door posts re-chromed?.

A. 1. I have used Ditzler 505 stripper in the past. It will remove enamel and lacquer but will not remove original primer or attack the fiberglass gellcoat. I have no personal experience with blasting, but I understand it works well, is fast, and reasonably inexpensive. Chemical stripping is a tough and dirty job and expensive to have done. 2. All 62 Corvettes painted in acrylic lacquer. There were no two-tone combinations in 1962. Cars were painted solid color. 3. I don't know of any painters in your area, but you might try Doug's Custom Paint and Body, 10149 Canoga Ave., Chatsworth, California, 818-998-5595. 4. For chrome plating, I'd suggest Casa DeChrome, 6868 Farmdale Ave., North Hollywood, California, 818-764-4372.

Q. 1960 Corvette tank top radiator. What color is the top tank? What color is the rest of the radiator? How can I identify (at a flea market) the correct radiator support for the tank top radiator?

A. The tank top is unpainted. See page 1 of Noland's Vol. 1 for an excellent original picture. The rest of the radiator is black. The radiator support for a tank top radiator would have a hole in the left side of the bottom to accommodate the drain cock hose. Again see Noland's Vol. 1, page 272.

COMMENTS

Enclosed is a check for my club dues and also advance payment on the technical guide. I eagerly look forward to each issue of *Straight Talk*. There is always something new in it. For all the work it takes to make work—thanks!

Steve B. Tye

I'm the 1956-1957 NCRS judging team leader and am starting a record of engine stampings of 56-57 original motors — especially 56's. I'd like NCRS and SACE members to send tracings to me with VIN# and casting date. They need to trace to the edge of pad so we can see relation of numbers to edge of block.

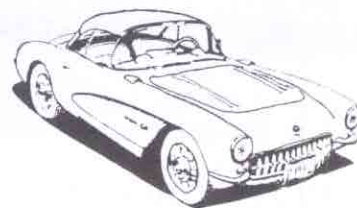
Thanks
Brent Ferguson

I noticed from the last issue of *Straight Talk* that my membership would expire 12/30/90. I am enclosing a check to cover my dues for 1991. However, I am not sure if I have enclosed the correct amount. In this day and age everything seems to be going up.

I would like to suggest that in future issues the amount of membership dues be included somewhere. If it is not too costly perhaps even a blank application form be included. This could be used not only for renewals but also recruiting new members.

Keep up the good work.

Best regards,
David R. Bartush



The magazine which Roy, Noland, you and all the others put out is worth twice the price of the dues.

By the way, check out the December issue of *Vette Vues*, pp. 128-132, for color pictures of both my cars and an article I wrote about the 56.

Thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,
John G. Morrow III, M.D.