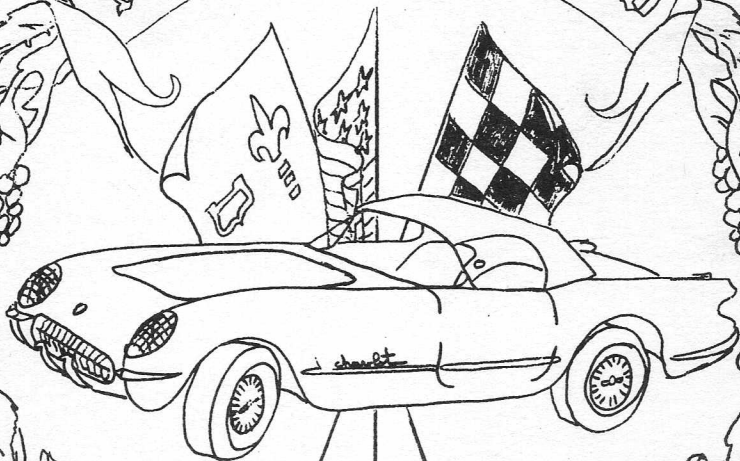


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## CORVETTE NEWS

Last week we received a phone call from Mr. Maxwell, who is associated with Campbell-Ewald Advertising Company, publishers of Corvette News. Mr. Maxwell is going to run a small story with details on how to join the club on the inside cover of the June-July issue. He also requested that we send him pictures of the 1953 Corvettes in the club. So - - John Goalin, Barry Baker, Don Peers, Forrest McDaniel and Bruce Hansen, if you will, please send us a 7/8 side view of your car in color with an uncluttered background. It might also be helpful if you all included a short resume on when, where, and how you acquired your car and to what extent you had to restore it. We're not sure what type article Mr. Maxwell is going to do on the 1953, but your story may be beneficial to him. Hang in there '54's and '55's, we're next!

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## JACKET PATCH

The jacket patch, emblems, etc. have been sent to three different companies for bid. A bulletin will be sent to all members as soon as the bids are received and have an exact price. The jackets themselves are light-weight white nylon with racing style collar, and a red, white, and blue stripe down the front. Sorry, you'll have to sew on your own patch. The jacket and patch are coming from two different companies.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

1. The General Motors Restoration project of a 1953 Corvette will be available when the next newsletter comes out.
  2. General Motors parts Catalogue for 1953 through 1955. We have decided to reproduce the nine pages of detailed pictures in the catalogue only. These pictures show every part of the car in detail with the part name and catalogue number. There are pictures of it assembled and disassembled as well as complete breakdown on soft top frame, indicating bows and latches; lid hinges, striker assembly; trim and moulding; instrument panel; underbody assembly; complete carburetor assembly and accelerator assembly. If anyone is interested in reproducing the complete parts catalogue, please let us know.
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## ADVERTISING

We will list three sections: (1) For Sale; (2) For Sale or Trade; (3) Items Wanted. Adds up to and including twenty-five words will cost members \$1.00, non-members \$5.00. Any additional words will cost 4¢ per word for members and 10¢ per word for non-members. All adds for the next newsletter must be received by June 15, 1969.

Any member who wishes a quick sale on a car or item may send the "for sale information" photos, etc. (enough for each member to receive one photo) to the club address. Upon receipt of the add, the club will immediately print a "Flash" add and send it to all members. The cost of the "Flash" add will be \$10.00 up to fifty words and 4¢ for each additional word.

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## CORVETTE OWNERS MANUAL - 1953-1955

Our printer has just finished photographing the Owners Manual which covers the 1953 through 1955 Corvette. It is an exact reproduction and has over eighty pages in it. It has some excellent information in it and should be helpful to most members. The price is \$5.50 each, which includes postage and handling. If you are interested in purchasing a Manual, please make your check out to Vintage Corvette Club of America and state the number of copies you wish to purchase.

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## WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL

Because of the evergrowing number of Corvette Clubs West of the Mississippi, WSCC was formed in January, 1966. Its purpose is to coordinate the activities of its member clubs, provide an interchange of ideas, and work together toward common goals. Individual members have the opportunity to participate in Council events, make new friends and exchange new thoughts on their basic interest, the Corvette.

Each Council club selects a representative to the Board of Governors which guides the policies of the Council. Throughout the year the Council holds monthly meetings in locations designed to service the greatest number of clubs. Each club member may vote on Council activities, important decisions and Council Officers.

The first convention was held in Denver in 1966, the second in Las Vegas, the third in Portland and the fourth will be held in San Diego, California, August 14 thru 17, 1969.

As a member of the Vintage Corvette Club of America, which is in turn a member of the Western States Corvette Council, you are eligible to attend any WSCC sanctioned event. Please note the attached schedule of events and entry blank for this year's WSCC Convention.

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS

This year all WSCC members are eligible to attend the NCCC Convention in July, 1969 at Daytona, Florida. Please note the schedule of events and entry blank in the WSCC Newsletter. Also please note the instructions for obtaining the WSCC seal. The seal must be presented to the NCCC officials in order to run any events at the convention.

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WSCC PRE-CONVENTION - BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. 5/17-18/69

We were delighted to have three members of the Vintage Corvette Club attend the Pre-Convention this year; Ed Thiebaud, Fresno, Calif.; Don Majestic, Yucaipa, Calif; and Dave Koller, Lemon Grove, Calif. Don and Ed entered the Concours. After working Saturday afternoon and evening, and the wee hours of Sunday morning cleaning their cars, Don won first in his class - '53 through '55 street class, and Ed won first in his class - '53 through '55 trailered class. Dave and his wife, Jeanette, had a better time watching everyone work so hard.

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SERVICE MANUALS

If you need a service manual for your Corvette, they may be obtained through Helm, Inc., Chevrolet Manual Distribution, Department, P. O. Box 7706, Detroit, Michigan 48207.

Form No.	Year	Price
RS-34	1949-54	\$4.00
RS-57	1955	\$4.00
RS-60	1957	\$4.00

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PARTS LIST

Through a Chevrolet dealer in California, we are trying to obtain a complete list of all parts still available for the 1953-55 Corvette.

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FLASHES

Back issues of the Newsletter may be obtained for \$1.00 each.

Please save the new Membership Roster. A new one will not come out until September, 1969. However, a list of new members will be sent out with each Newsletter.

## SERIAL NUMBERS AND YEAR PRODUCTION FIGURES

As far as we can ascertain the 1953, 1954 and 1955 Corvette car serial numbers all started with 1001. For instance E53F001001, E54S001001, and VE55S001001. The year production numbers are:

1953 - 300	1961 - 10,939
1954 - 3,840	1962 - 14,531
1955 - 700	1963 - 21,513
1956 - 3,467	1964 - 22,229
1957 - 6,339	1965 - 23,562
1958 - 9,168	1966 - 27,720
1959 - 9,670	1967 - 22,940
1960 - 10,261	

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FACTS AND FIGURES

Of the applications received, we have noted the following colors on the Vintage Corvettes.

White - 40	Yellow - 3
Red - 10	Beige - 1
Blue - 8	Maroon - 1
Green - 5	Undecided - 3
Grey - 3	

We also noticed from the membership applications that David Huerta of Porterville, California and H. R. Wahlmann of Kirkwood, Missouri have owned their cars the longest. Both members purchased their cars in 1958.

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## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

If anyone wishes to submit an article on how he restored his car in 100,000 words or less (Ha! Ha!) we will be happy to print it. Or, for that matter, any article of interest to club members.

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FOR SALE

1. Parts car - no motor or transmission - parts available:

rear end	bumpers all around
trunk lid	all upholstery complete
right rear fender	some grille work
both doors complete	hood
complete rag top	wooden spare tire cover
hard top	side curtains with orig. case
windshield frame	complete set hub caps
all dash equipment	radio

- A. 1953 Corvette - no motor or transmission - needs restoring - \$600.00.
- B. 1954 Corvette - excellent running condition - 3 carburetors with 3-speed - \$995.00.
- C. 1955 Corvette - good running condition - body in good condition \$950.00.

Ed Thiebaud, 2359 West Adams, Fresno, Calif. 93706. 266-2153.

2. 1954 Corvette - three-speed - new white top - needs minor body repairs - \$1,100.00 or best offer.

Jerry Brewster, 1109 David, Bastrop, Louisiana 71220. 281-6592.

## CORVETTE COLORS

from a.c. 1957 Corvette  
Body Service Manual

## EXTERIOR

## REGULAR LACQUER

YEAR	COMB. #	COLOR	DITZLER #	DUCO	
				DUPONT	R-M STOCK #
55	596	Gypsy Red	DAL 70575	1973-H	443R
55	632	Harvest Gold	DAL 80739	2004-H	491-G
54	573	Corvette Copper	DAL 21207	2187-H	55V84
54	570	Pennant Blue	DAL 11238	1927	----
53-57	718	Polo White	DAL 8011	1783-H	54V91
53-54	569	Sportsman Red	DAL 70418	1905-H	----

## INTERIOR

YEAR	COLOR	DUPONT	DUCO	R-M STOCK #	DITZLER #
55	Autumn Bronze	2002		56V84	DAL 21151
55	Harvest Gold	2004-H		55V71	DAL 80739
54-57	Shoreline Beige	1726		356	DAL 21054
54	Corvette Copper	1925-H		----	DAL 21207
54	Pennant Blue	1927		----	DAL 11238
53-55	Polo White	1783-H		54V91	DAL 8011
53-55	Sportsman Red	1905-H		----	DAL 70418

(The above list was sent to us by Michael Voris of Seattle, Washington.  
We hope it will help some of you with your color combinations.)

WSSC Convention 1969

Aug. 15-17 San Diego

Thursday, August 14

12:00 Noon - 6:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

Registration at the El Cortez Hotel  
Convention Kick-Off Party  
Cocktails, Dinner & Show - Mickie Finn's  
not included in package price

Friday, August 15

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

Autocross - San Diego Stadium  
NOTE: Legal street exhaust required  
Cocktail Party (No Host)  
Convention welcome banquet - followed  
by dancing

Saturday - August 16

7:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

Board of Governors meeting  
Halley  
Beach Party - beer, snacks, sports & game  
Cocktail Party  
GM Banquet - followed by dancing

Sunday, August 17

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
1:30 p.m.

Concours de Elegance - Balboa Park  
Awards luncheon

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Registration Form For WSSC Convention San Diego 8/69

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Member WSSC \_\_\_\_\_ or NCCC \_\_\_\_\_

Guest or Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_  
(Baby sitters available at nominal fee)

I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS (put no. 1 in the blank  
if only you plan to participate, 2 if both)

Autocross - August 15 \_\_\_\_\_  
Halley - August 16 \_\_\_\_\_  
Concours - August 17 \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose registration fee of \$65.00 per married couple or \$49.00  
for single, (includes all events plus lodging for Friday, Aug. 15 and  
Saturday, Aug. 16)

\$34.00 per married couple, or \$23.00 single (includes events only.)  
DOES NOT INCLUDE LODGING. Make check payable to WSSC Convention 1969.

Note: We cannot guarantee a room for any entry received later than  
July 15, 1969.

Mail to Dianne Hildebrand, P. O. Box 3163, Anaheim, Calif. 92803.



HONORARY MEMBERS

Mr. J. P. Pike, Assistant Manager  
Merchandising - New Car Department  
Chevrolet Motor Division  
General Motors Building  
Detroit, Michigan 48202  
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Bob Wingate, Past President, Western States Corvette Council  
Corvette/Camaro Specialist  
High Performance Department  
Clippinger Chevrolet  
Citrus at San Bernardino Rd.  
Covina, California  
2H