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JACKET PATCH

The jacket patch is a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter round emblem embroidered in ten colors. The design is on the cover of this newsletter. The cost of the patch is \$12.50 each. Due to the great expense of the patch we could only order a limited supply, so please get your orders in as soon as possible. Please allow three weeks for delivery.

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CLUB JACKET

The club jackets are light weight white nylon with racing style collar, and a red, white, and blue stripe down the left front. The jackets are \$12.50 each. Please allow three weeks for delivery. The sizes are as follows:

XS	S	M	L	XL
32	34-36	38-40	42-44	46

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Because our club is expanding so rapidly, this will be the last mimeographed newsletter. Our next newsletter will be printed with pictures - we hope. To afford this, we must raise our membership dues to \$10.00 per year. However, you will not be billed for the new membership fee until your first years membership has expired.

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ADVERTISING

Because the membership fee has been raised, we are lowering the advertising rate. Name, address, and phone number will be counted as part of your add. A \$3.00 fee will be charged for each photo. Members may advertise their Vintage Corvettes or parts at the following rates:

0-25 words	free
25-50 words	\$1.00
50-75 words	\$2.00
75-100 words	\$3.00

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"CORVETTE NEWS"

For those of you who don't get "Corvette News" - we thought you might be interested in the following article in the June/July 1969 issue:

We know a bunch of 1953 Corvettes are still around. But where?

Somehere, someplace, some of you are proud owners of 1953 Corvettes.

You might be driving one right now, much to the envy of fellow enthusiasts.

Or it might belong to your grandmother. And she might be wisely protecting it with a squirrel rifle.

The '53 model, we hardly need to add, is the original Corvette-- the one that started it all. It has become a collector's item, something to have, to hold and to treasure.

What we'd like to do is determine how many are still around and running, where they are and who owns them. What's more, we have a little something for all you '53 owners who respond: an attractive facia plate, on which we'll engrave your name and the car's serial number.

And if you happen to be the owner of the oldest '53 Vette (the car's serial number will determine that) you'll get special recognition.

Here's what you do: with a soft lead pencil and a piece of white paper, make a tracing of the serial number (it's stamped on a plate attached to the left front body hinge pillar).

Send the serial number tracing and a note about the car (location, mileage, condition, history - and a glossy black and white photo or two) to Corvette News, Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Building, Room 2-129, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

Deadline for entries is September 30, 1969.

So, make a dash for your camera and pencil and put your classic Corvette in our hall of fame.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

For those of you who own a 1955 Corvette, an excellent reference book is published by Floyd Clymer Publications, 222 No. Virgil Ave., Los Angeles 4, California. The book is entitled "Corvette V-8 - 1955-1962 Complete Owners Handbook," the cost is \$5.00 each.

CONNECTICUT

We appologize to the grand and glorious state of Connecticut for inadvertently omitting them in our last membership roster!

AUTOMOBILE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

There is a very fine article on Corvettes covering their entire history with full color paintings of all model years, including a 9" by 20" painting of the 1954 in Volume 7, Number 3 issue of Automobile Quarterly Magazine. Single issues are \$5.95, yearly subscriptions are \$22.50. The magazine, a fine hard bound quarterly can be purchased from:

Automobile Quarterly  
245 West Main Street  
Kutztown, Penna. 19530

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TECHNICAL DATA

Additional technical information on the 1953-1955 Corvettes will be out in the next issue since it will be much simpler and neater for the printer to photograph the supplement sheets and data than for me to type them.

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TAIL LIGHT LENSES

The Vintage Corvette Club of America will negotiate with the Guide Company, manufacturer of the tail light lenses, if enough club members show interest. All those club members interested in procuring an extra set of original tail lights please drop us a postcard and indicate so.

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MY VINTAGE VETTE

Well, the story behind my Vette is very long as I imagine it is with all '53 Vettes. I am no writer so I will make it as short and to the point as possible.

I purchased my car in October of 1962. It was purchased from a young man by the name of Curtis Rule, who had purchased it about one year before from a service man stationed here at Offutt Air Force Base. It had sat outside for one year at a trailer park where the service man lived. Mr. Rule bought the car, but never did anything to it. It was in his garage covered from top to bottom with junk.

I purchased the car for \$300.00. When I brought it home and my father saw it sitting in the garage, he gave me twenty-four hours to get it out of his yard. The next day I rented a garage and wheels

started to roll. About fourteen months later it was complete. My brother and I did all the work ourselves. It was necessary to rebuild the engine and transmission. There were no gauges or radio. The left rear fender was torn off completely, and there was other damage on all the other fenders. I guess you could call it a 100% restoration job. Now the car is complete, it is looked up to by everyone. Even Dad likes to sneak off in it for a Sunday ride. I have entered it in six auto shows, and it has come home with four first and two second places. The fact that it is the 99th Corvette built makes it a very talked about car.

Like I put on the sign I use in auto shows: "This car is owned, built, loved, and cared for by the Peera brothers of Omaha."

--Don Peera  
4913 So. 42nd St.  
Omaha, Nebraska 68107  
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#### MY VINTAGE VETTE

The car was purchased twenty months ago from a private owner in Trenton, New Jersey. The car was driven on the street daily for about six months when an accident tore off the complete right side of the car. At this time I decided to fully restore the car because of other minor damage that had been "patched" over the years. I put on one new front fender and the upper and lower front pieces. The rest of the car was stripped to bare plastic and refinished in Polo White. Because of hair-line cracks throughout the body, I cleaned the under side of every panel and put a coat of fibre glass mat and polyester resin.

The motor was pulled out and completely rebuilt to stock specifications. The transmission is powerglide which seems to be OK so far. I have ordered as many new chrome parts as possible from a local Chevy dealer and the rest I'll have to have rechromed. The upholstery is completely done over in red vinyl.

Still to be completed is the undercarriage which needs to be rebuilt - such as springs, king pins, etc. I am starting on that project this week and that should complete the car.

All the work on this car, except the upholstery and machine work on the engine was done by myself and my brother, Robert.

--John M. Goslin  
79 No. Delaware Ave.  
Yardley, Penna.  
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1955 CHEVROLET CORVETTE COLORS

Refinish "Duco" matches to the colors being used in the very limited production finishing of the 1955 model Chevrolet "Corvette" at the St. Louis Plant are as follows:

<u>"Duco" Stock, Order and Code Number</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Comb. No.</u>
1785-H* 246-57758-H	-Polo White	567
1975-H* 246-57955-H	--Gypsy Red	596
2004-H* 246-58456-H	--Harvest Gold	632
2187-H 260-59158-H (Bleeder)	Bronze "Metalli-Chrome"	573

-Repeat from 1954 production.

--Same color as used on 1955 Chevrolet passenger car.

\*A Du Pont mixing machine formula for "DULUX" Enamel is available.

In addition to usage of exterior body colors on interior parts and trim, Black, Sportsman Red (Stock No. 1905-H, 246-57586-H), and two colors previously used in regular Chevrolet passenger car production will be used on the 1955 Corvette as follows:

1556-H 260-57333-H Woodland Green "Metalli-Chrome" - on Upper Instrument Panel, folding top lid and top compartment where exterior body color is Harvest Gold.

1772 246-57602 Shoreline Beige - on Lower Instrument Panel and door trim moulding where exterior body color is Gypsy Red.

(Note: Where subdued lustre is required in the refinishing of any interior surfaces, it is recommended that 4528 "Duco" Flattening Compound be added to the Refinish "Duco" color in accordance with label directions.)

As production will be limited you are cautioned to be careful in stocking the colors used only on the "Corvette" model.

(Taken from Du Pont Advance Automotive Color Information, advance Bulletin No. 23, April 13, 1955)

## Wanted:

1. Left Hand door lock.
2. Door Hinge - left hand or right hand will do.
3. 1 set side curtains.

Bennie D. Barfield, 805 Vann St., Vidalia, Georgia 30474

## Wanted: like new or undamaged and replatable

1. Lower rear bumper.
2. One or two exhaust extensions with baffles.
3. Gear shift knob.
4. Ash tray.
5. Turnsignal lever.

Donald Wenrick, 25 E. Rock Rd., Allentown, Penna. 18103  
Phone 215-797-1684

## Wanted:

1. Four hub cap "Flippers" or knock-offs for Vintage Corvettes.  
Must be unpitted and in good condition to replat.

Bill McDonald, Box 158, Nashville, Indiana 47448

## Wanted:

1. Three single carburetor air cleaners.
2. Hood release cable - single type preferred but double type will do.

Joe R. Bridgeman, 2838 W. Lk. Samm. Pkwy., N.E., Redmond, Wash. 98052

## Wanted:

1. Original carpeting material, preferably in red.
2. Side curtain case.
3. Exhaust tip extensions.

John A. Ferro, 22 Elmhurst Lane, Oakville, Conn. 06779

For Sale

1. 1968 Corvette Coupe, Lemans Blue, metallic inter, 4-speed, close ratio, 350 H.P., Pb, Ps, Pw, speed alarm, Koni's, 3.70 Posi., stereo Am-Fm radio, 7 Pirellis, 2 snow, Tale, Wheel, standard wheel covers - \$4,700.00.

Jeff Cramer, 280 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167

FOR SALE

1. 1 set original hub caps - good condition.
2. 2 sets side curtains (1 set good condition - 1 set fair condition.)
3. 1 hart top - good condition.
4. 1 soft top - good condition.
5. 1 steering wheel - complete.
6. 1 trunk license plate chrome.
7. 1 drive shaft.
8. Right and left rear bumper chrome.
9. 2 used wooden spare tire covers.
10. Orig. 2-chrome pot air cleaners - 3-way hook up.
11. New orig. radiator.
12. Used orig. radio with speaker.
13. Orig. hood.
14. Engine.
15. Powerglide transmission.
16. 1 orig. side curtain bag.
17. 6 used vertical grille teeth.
18. 2 front and 2 rear chrome bullets.
19. 1 set ignition shielding - top and bottom.
20. 2 bottom ignition shieldings.
21. used intake manifold - 3 carburetors complete with linkage.
22. 1 set '56 hubcaps.
23. 2 chrome radiator expansion tanks.
24. Wrecked 54 parts for sale - windshield and frame, all dash equip., trunk lid, complete all chrome trim, both doors with hardware, 2 door hinges.

Ed Thiebaud, 2359 W. Adams, Fresno, Calif. 93706. 209-266-2153.

CLUB ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE

The club is offering the following items for sale. The club is taking a small mark-up on these items to cover ordering, transporting, packaging, storage, postage and inventory, in order to build up the club treasury for our jacket patches which are costing over \$600.00.

1. Carburetor kits - new - \$6.00 each - post paid.
2. New gear shift knobs - exact duplications - \$6.50 each post paid.
3. Rear license plate covers - exact duplication - \$15.00 each post paid
4. Owners Manuals '53-'55 - reproduction - \$5.50 each post paid.
5. Back issues of Newsletter (there were 2) - \$1.00 each post paid.
6. 3 new orig. outside mirrors - \$12.00 each post paid.
7. Park Lights - A. 3 lenses - \$2.00 each post paid.  
B. 3 doors (chrome piece) - \$2.00 each post paid.  
C. 3 gaskets - \$.50 each post paid.
8. 2 new left door & 2 new right door striker plates - \$12.50 each p/p/
9. 3 new front end Corvette emblems - \$10.00 each post paid.
10. 1 new windshield - \$125.00 plus postage.
11. 2 new windshield rubber gaskets - \$10.00 postpaid.
12. 1 new front swaybar - \$7.00 post paid.