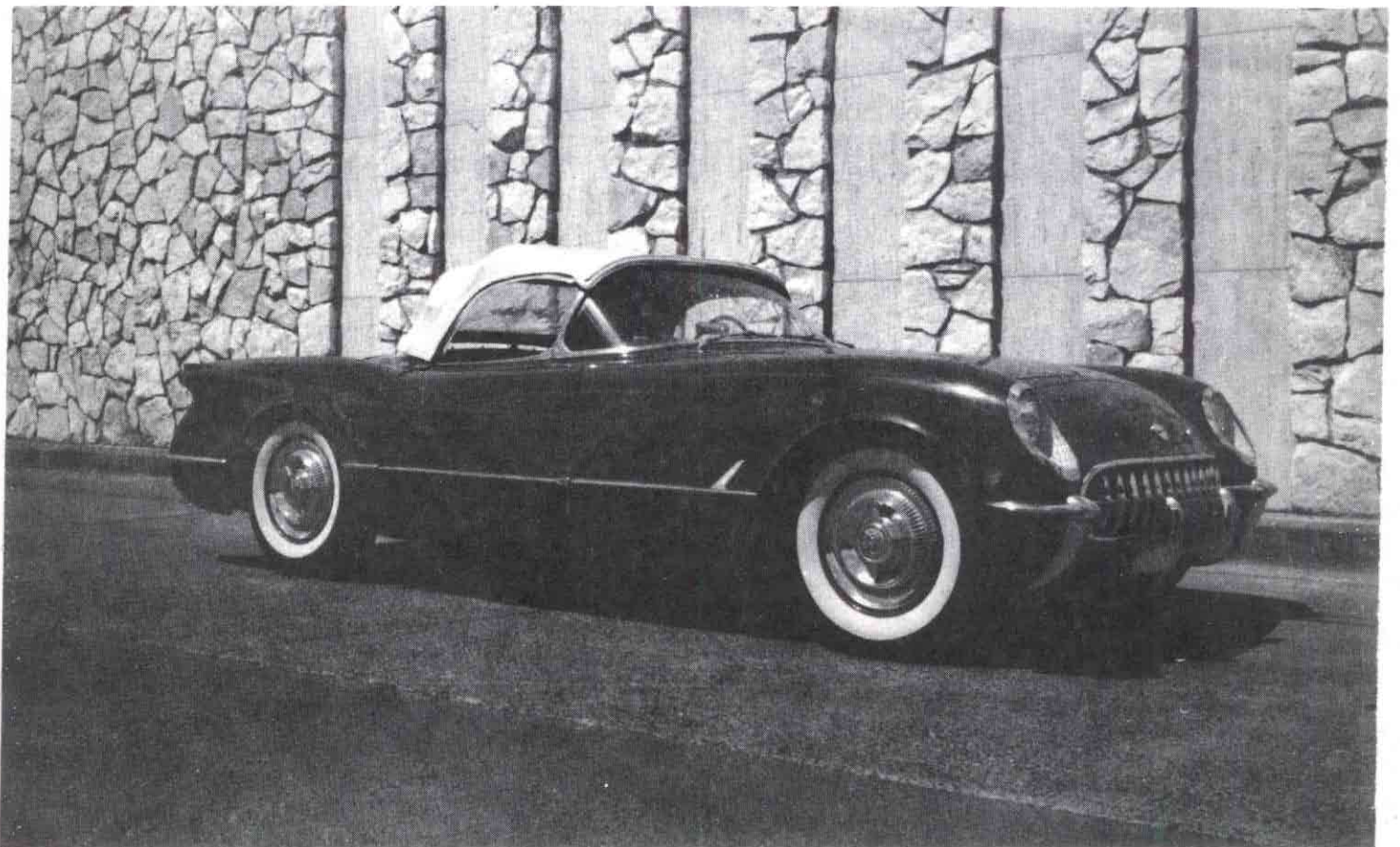


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We have a newsletter name: "Blue Flame Special," submitted by our Secretary, Jean Thiebaud. The name Blue Flame Special was written in white letters on the blue-green six-cylinder engine valve cover on the early Corvette models.

--Ed Thiebaud



Our Cover photo this issue features a 1954 Corvette E54S003681 - 228 owned by George F. Campbell, P' O' Box 666, Corvallis, Oregon, 97330. The car is completely stock with the beautiful Sportsman Red exterior and interior. George visits us at headquarters at least once a year on his way to the annual Reno swap meet held in Reno Nevada. George is one of our most enthusiastic members, he has even gone as far as to compile a card file by serial number sequence on all 53-54 and 55 Corvettes in the Vintage Corvette Club of America and any other old Corvettes he happens to locate.

Editor's Notes

MAYBE IT'S STRONGER

The drive cable of Dave Milburn's car recently gave out and left the tachometer dead in the water. My genius friend was undaunted and by cleverly using a ball point pen filler he was able to reattach the severed cable in a manner seemingly stronger than the original. Anyone interested in the details can contact him through the address shown in the March 1971 edition of "BFS". What a remarkable imagination that fellow has! Nothing stops him in the forward progress on his car.

George Campbell
Cornvallis, Oregon

RESTORATION AT BOYS RANCH

Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Box 1890 Amarillo, Texas 79105, reports progress on restoration of their 1954 Corvette. Mike Farley of Waco, Texas donated a brand new \$150 windshield, the Club donated a new set of headlamp screens, along with Ed Thiebauds donation of some used parts. The Boys Ranch recently informed me they need 2 caste headlamp pieces of the (pot-metal) casting that the screen & outer rim are screwed to. If any of you regions can come up with these it would be appreciated. If you mail them direct to the Ranch please let us know so VCCA Headquarters can give due credit to the region or individual for their efforts.

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By installing the best anti-theft device that Corvette Enterprises Inc., has found yet. This unit when activated will securely lock the entire braking system, rendering "your Corvette" immovable. It is activated by a hidden electric switch known only to you. There is absolutely no danger of accidental engagement because this unit needs power to operate. All necessary instructions, fittings, switches, and wiring are supplied in our kit. Corvette owners net price: Only \$39.95. Additional Information upon request.

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SOFT RIDE

Truman Thomas, of Birmingham, Ala. sends information that putting a set of Koni shocks on a Vintage Corvette and to set them on soft adjustment makes the car ride like a new car. Although they're not original equipment.

HELP! HELP! PHOTOS!

Pictures needed for future Newsletters. VCCA members seem to be reluctant to send in photos but we need a constant supply to continue photos in our future newsletters—so do not be bashful—send in photos, preferably B & W, if not color of your outings, car shows, restoration projects etc. New Corvettes/old Corvettes, Solid Axle's, Sting Rays, etc, etc—we will use them if you send them—help! HELP!

WHAT IS NEW FOR 1972?

No change in the Corvette design whatsoever. Just the same as the 1971. Only the engine horsepower ratings have been changed. Now instead of listing them as Gross horsepower, the engines will be reclassified in Net horsepower terms. That means total horsepower to the rear wheels.

The standard engine for the 72 is again the 350 cid, with the new horsepower rating at 200 horsepower. The LT-1 option again is back with a net horsepower of 255. Only one "big block" is available this year. A 454 model with a new net horsepower rating of 270. From the information that I received, it looks like the people down in California will not be able to buy anything over 350 inches. Again for you "hard core" Corvette owners, the ZR-1 package is available. Same drive train as the LT-1 unit, but with this \$1000 option you might as well forget about ordering power windows, power steering, air conditioning, rear window defroster, special wheel covers and a radio.

All power drive trains will be maintained as in the 71 models. 4 speed wide ratio again will be standard along with positraction and tinted glass.

Prices for the new Corvettes have been raised up to about \$275 over that of the 71 editions. But with the proposed Fed. Ex. Tax decreased, Corvettes should be priced close to last years models.

What this all looks like is that General Motors is saving time and money by not adding on any fancy trim or offering special assembly line installed packages. Quite possible with all these savings we can expect something special and different in 1973. Maybe Mid-engine? President Frank Diss,
On your Marque Newsletter
Sept. 71. Corvette Marque
Club at Seattle.

OPEN INVITATION

FROM: AUTO WORLD, INCORPORATED
701 N. Keyser Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18508

CONTACT: Mike Drayer
(717) 346-7495

SPORTS CAR/RACE CAR/SWAP SALE AND FLEA MARKET MEET

Oscar Koveleski; President of the Polish Race Drivers of America has announced that a SPORTS CAR/RACE CAR/SWAP SALE and FLEA MARKET MEET will take place in Northeastern Pennsylvania, November 6th and 7th, 1971.

NEED STEERING ADAPTER?

Charles K. Krause Jr. Reg. Architect of 2033 N. 11th Ave. Phoenix, Ariz. 85007, writes: Speaking of suspension & steering chev. had a quick steering adapter available. He indicates he owned one and finally removed it because it was too rough on the center bearing, but if anyone is interested he says he could draw it up sufficiently so a good machine shop could make a duplicate.

HAVE AMPLIFIERS - WILL HELP

Mr. J. S. Granducci II of 1410 S. Yale Drive, O'Fallon, Ill., 62269, writes and offers his help to those who are having transistor ignition problems in late model Corvettes. He is offering rebuilt amplifiers at \$32.90 plus the old amplifier, if you are interested, you may drop him a note.

SIDE CURTAINS REFURBISHED

I have been told over the years the best way to get scratches out of your plexiglass is to go to an airport service center and request they buff out your scratches with their special buffer & buffing compound - it removes most of the scratches. Remember all aircraft use plexiglass and they must re-condition them from time to time.

VCCA IN THE NEWS

Bill Lloyd of Argus Publishers Corp. 131 So. Barrington Place, L.A. California, 90049, gave VCCA editorial mention in Sept. 1971 issue of Popular Hot Rodding magazine, page 96.

REPRODUCTIONS OF DASH PADS

Do not give up - we are in touch with a west coast firm who has and is doing extensive research and work on reproducing the -in constant demand- 1958 thru 62 Dash Pads. Keep your fingers crossed - maybe soon?

MORE COVERAGE

Motor Trend Magazine is tentatively doing an article for December Issue 1971 on Ed Thiebaud's stock original 1957 Fuel Injection Corvette. If the photography turns out O.K. it is planned to use it as a center page double spread.

THE CORVETTE STORY

Daniel Jedlicka of PENTHOUSE, the International Magazine for men/75¢ July Issue 1971, Editorial Offices 1560 Broadway, New York, N. Y. wrote an outstanding article called: SWEET CHARIOT (which is a complete story of Corvette) the world's top selling sports car is not made in Europe! Fellows, this magazine will blow your minds on subjects other than sports cars. It is comparable to Playboy magazine.

... *Up and Over* ...



The splitting of the atom started a great new era of achievement. About the only impossibility now is discovering something that can't be done. It's just the proper combination of perseverance and perspiration. With determination and horse-sense, all things are within reach.

America is still a land of opportunity. It is yet young. Much remains to be done. There will be rich rewards for those who have the grit and gumption to do it.

Get your initiative working. If you can't come up with something new, you can find a better way to do what has been done before.

Don't let any obstacles stop you. Remember opportunity is spelled Hopportunity. Hurdles are things to be hurdled. Winners learn to take them in stride. Up and over!

—Arnold H. Glasow.

Editor's Notes

REGIONALIZATION

Regionalization is coming along in good shape and we are hearing from some of the Region & Chapter Representatives. I would like to hear from all of the reps. as soon as possible as to when you plan your annual Concours, where and a tentative date so we can publicize it. With the Coucours rules now printed in this issue maybe you Reps can start gathering your thoughts. Hope to hear from you soon.

ED.

REGION NEWS

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION NEWS

By Mike Farley

Mike reports the Corvette Club of Texas, P. O. Box 10251, Dallas, Texas, 75207, held a National Corvette Round-Up 3 thru 6 Sept. 1971 with a time trials, Concours and Rally at Dallas International Motor Speedway. Also next year the same Corvette Club of Texas will be hosting the N.C.C.C. Convention for 1972. More details on that at a later date, so if you are planning to attend the National Council of Corvette Clubs 1972 Annual Convention, it will be in Dallas, Texas. Mike also donated a new windshield to the Boys Ranch of Amerello Texas for use in their restoration project of their 1954 Corvette.

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HAPPY



Thanksgiving

ORIGINAL SHOWROOM BROCHURES

The club is attempting to include original showroom brochures in subsequent newsletters. Plans are projected to run brochures for every year model Corvette sold. 1953-1971. Pictured here in this issue are two brochures on the 1956 model.



Live, Lite, Luxurious Action



down convertible* and will accept nothing less than an authentic, competition-type sports car will quickly sense that *action* is the keynote of the new Corvette V8. But convenience is accented too, and you will find many luxury features seldom available in a car of this caliber.

Since its initial introduction in limited volume, the Corvette has commanded the attention of sports car enthusiasts. Now its major new design factors will be welcomed as answers to the needs expressed by this well-informed group. Drivers who scorn the "scaled

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE

*Turbo-Fire Special V8. Valve-in-head design, 265-cubic-inch displacement, 3.75" bore x 3.0" stroke, 9.25:1 compression ratio, 225 horsepower at 5200 rpm. Torque 270 foot-pounds at 3600 rpm. Special high-lift camshaft, high-speed valve mechanism, polished aluminum rocker covers, Dual four-barrel carburetion, buff aluminum racing-type air cleaners, special intake manifold. Full pressure lubrication system with full-flow oil filter. High-power exhaust headers and full dual volt electrical system. Shielded ignition, 12-volt electrical system. Engine precision balanced after assembly.

TRANSMISSION

Choice of special high-performance 3-speed close-ratio Synchro-Mesh (2.2:1 low and reverse, 1.31:1 second, 1.1 high) with high capacity 10-inch coil-spring clutch or optional Powerglide special automatic transmission. Floor mounted gear or range selector.

REAR AXLE

High torque capacity axle, 3.55:1 ratio standard, 3.27:1 ratio optional with either Synchro-Mesh or Powerglide.

CHASSIS

Extra-rigid X-member-braced box girder frame. Independent coil front suspension with ride stabilizer. Self-lubricating four-leaf rear springs, outrigger mounted. Direct double-acting shock absorbers. Full anti-friction-45:1 ratio steering gear, balanced linkage. Competition-type steering wheel with three shock absorbing spring-steel spokes. Hydraulic 11-inch self-energizing brakes with new bonded linings, pull-handle parking brake. Suspended brake pedal. Choice of black or white sidewall* standard 6.70-15.4 ply tubeless tires or optional 6.70-15.4 ply high-speed nylon racing type. Decorative wheel covers with simulated knock-off knobs. 17-gallon fuel tank with concealed side filler.

BODY FEATURES

Glass-fiber-reinforced plastic with sculptured side panels, light, strong, durable, quiet, corrosion, easy to repair. Distinctive compass hood, front hinge, with automatic support, inside release. Simulated twin tender air scoops. Two-passenger compartment, large luggage locker with spare wheel well under floor concealed top well-behind seats. Unique Corvette cross-flag emblems on hood and trunk lid. Twin exhaust ports integral with rear bumpers. Chrome-bond, one-piece, curved safety plate glass windshield. Power-operated fabric top with wide plastic rear window. Richly trimmed quick-change handles* with rear-quick-change handles* with rear window.

INTERIOR FEATURES

Form-fitting vinyl-covered seats, individually adjustable, with safety belt. Wide doors with built-in arm rest, push-button door handle, key lock, inside door release, swing-out door hinges. Choice of trunk-operated or power* window lifts. Ash tray and

COLORS

Oryx Black with Red interior and Black or White top, Vanetan Red with Red interior and Beige or White top, Cascade Green with Beige interior and Beige or White top, Aztec copper with Beige interior and Beige or White top, Arctic Blue with Beige or Red interior and Beige or White top, Polo White with Red interior and White or Black top.

DIMENSIONS

Wheelbase, 102". Length, 168.01". Overall height, top down, 43.20". Convertible top, 51.09". Hardtop, 50.38". Height at door 32.59". Road clearance 6". Width, 70.46". Tread, 57" front, 59" rear.

*Optional at extra cost.

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THE
CORVETTE
BY CHEVROLET

PARTS FOR SALE

CLUB ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE

1. Carburetor kits - new \$8.00 each p/p - 1954.
2. Carburetor kits - new \$6.50 each p/p - 1955 - 265 V-8.
3. Owner's Manuals 1953-55 - reproduction - \$7.50 each p/p.
4. Back issues of Newsletters - first three issued - \$1.00 each, Vol. 2, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, & No. 4 - \$2.00 each p/p.
5. New outside mirrors - \$11.00 each p/p.
6. Park Lights: A. Lenses - \$2.50 each p/p.
B. Doors (chrome piece) - \$2.50 each p/p.
C. Gaskets - \$.75 each p/p.
7. New original windshield - \$150.00 plus postage & insurance.
8. New windshield rubber gaskets - \$10.00 each p/p.
9. Rear license plate covers - exact duplication - \$15.00 p/p insured.
10. New front bumper (lic. plate hangs between this bumper) - \$14.00 each p/p.
11. Original large open-mouth windshield washer jar for passenger side mount of engine compartment - \$4.00 each p/p.
12. Chrome word Chevrolet for right & left front fender - \$4.00 each p/p.
13. New horn ring without horn plastic button - \$10.75 each p/p.
14. One quart of Chevrolet engine blue heat resistant paint - \$5.00 each.
15. One quart of Chevrolet red upholstery paint for entire upholstery, including carpets, seats, door panels, etc. \$7.00 each p/p.
16. New "stop light" brake switches, fits under dash - \$2.75 each p/p.
17. Reproductions of Red original side curtain bags with the passenger car headliner material used as a divider between side curtains while in bag - also two original chrome turn buckles to attach it to inside trunk area - \$17.50 each p/p.
18. Original (patterned in configuration) trunk mat reproduction made out of red loop pile carpet with red leatherette sewn around perimeter for trim work - \$22.00 each p/p.
19. Weather stripping for trunk, under top deck, doors & hood, 162" long - \$10.00 p/p.
20. Eight piece master cylinder brake rebuild kit - \$7.00 each p/p.
21. Original right & left door handle knobs - white - \$3.50 each p/p.
22. Original left & right side curtain release knobs - white - \$2.50 each p/p.
23. New original distributor with side tachometer drive - \$70.00 each plus postage & insurance.
24. New original gas feed pedals - \$3.50 each p/p.
25. New factory carburetor idle adjusting screws - \$1.50 each p/p.
26. New rubber transmission mount (2 bolt hole), fits between trans. and cross brace unit - \$6.00 each p/p.
27. Lower seating strip (rubber) used around bottom of the plastic on hardtops and any other custom made Vintage hard tops. \$1.75 per ft.
28. Chrome ash tray with flip lid, fits into arm rest 1953-55, also fits into tunnel for 1956-62 - \$5.50 each p/p.
29. Chrome ring around ash tray, square pattern fits into arm rest - \$1.00 each p/p.
30. New radiator hose - top - \$3.50 each p/p.
31. New chrome reproduction head lamp screens, like original \$27.50 postage paid.

32. Beautiful reproduction of original ignition shielding done in fiberglass - top - \$27.50 bottom half - \$27.50 postage paid
33. 1953-55 Corvette rocker arm cover decals, exact reproduction. 1953 - \$6.00, 1954 - \$5.00 each p/p.
34. 1956-57 Original reproduction on Venitian Red Waffle Pattern material 20" by 60" piece \$65. Foam rubber backing - 45-60 days delivery.
35. New Plastigon Hardtops reproduced by original manufacturer - all original equipment - 350.00 F.O.B. Fresno and Crating, and Shipping.



FOR SALE

1. 61-62 Conv. fram - \$50.00
2. 2 sets doors complete 58-62 - \$45.00/set.
3. 58-62 trunk lid - \$45.00.
4. 61-62 trunk lid - \$45.00.
5. 61-62 rear bumpers with brackets - \$55.00.
6. New 58-62 emblem & bezel - \$17.00.
7. New 56-57 hood - \$95.00.
8. New 53-55 rear bullets - \$28.00 - set of two.
9. 53-55 new headlight rims - \$18.00 per set.
10. 54-62 rugs - any color, exact duplicate to G.M. rugs, ready to fit in your Corvette, pile or loop - \$39.00.

Charles F. Cartalemi, 525 Scarborough Rd. Scarborough, New York 10510

1. FOR SALE: 1958-60 Corvette vertical rear bumper bar. Have both left and right side, parts are new and never been out of box.

Dennis Hobbs, Hobbs, Chevrolet Co., Box 695, Merville, Iowa 51039 (712) 873-3133 or 873-3569.

1. FOR SALE: For 1953-55 Corvettes. Limited supply of original replacement windshields. \$150.00 each plus \$25.00 for postage, insurance, and handling. Diamond, 25 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60610

FOR SALE:

1. Air cleaner set-up complete 54-55, 6 cyl. delux type.
 2. Set of 53-55 wheel covers (4).
 3. Powerglide shift linkage - complete.
 4. Matched pair L & R chrome moulding behind doors (original.)
 5. Radio speaker grille, emblem, and chrome frame.
 6. Windshield washer jar & pump with or without bracket.
 7. 54-55 water tank.
 8. Used exhaust manifold.
 9. Complete used grille assembly.
 10. Set of door sill plates, left & right, used.
 11. Original glass courtesy light lenses (1 pair.)
 12. Gas guage/water temp guage cluster sending unit for temp. ga. inoperative.
 13. Complete choke cable assy. and knob (3 cables.)
- These parts will be sold to the person making the highest offer. You pay the postage.

Barry Baker, 29388 Hoover Rd., Warren, Mich. 48093 (313) 751-2359.

PARTS FOR SALE & WANTED

1. FOR SALE: All parts for 1953-55 Corvettes - a few 1956-57 parts. Hundreds of parts for 1958-62 Corvettes. Jerry L. Brewster, Route 2, Bastrop, La. 71220

1. FOR SALE: 1954 Hardtop.
Donavon E. Wood, 2036 - 52nd St., Moline, Ill. 61265

1. FOR SALE: CORVETTES 1954 complete hardtop orig., rebuilt eng., 4-speed good cond.; 1954 softtop, rebuilt 301, V-8, Mags, gold 3-speed good condition; 1954 parts car, no engine transmission \$275; rare 1955 6 cyl. 3-speed new chrome primed good body; many spare parts SASE your needs, best offers, consider trades.

Keith Rush, 9830 E. Rush St., E. Elmonte, Calif. (213) 442-7000, eves. 447-8889.

FOR SALE:

- 3 sets side curtains.
- 1 set side curtains for parts.
- Right & Left outside horizontal rear bumpers.
- 3 rear center bumpers.
- 2 complete sets grill teeth used.
- Front & rear chrome bullets, also horizontal front & rear.
- 2 used sets intake & exhaust manifolds with 3 carbs.
- 1 sets '56 hubcaps.
- One chrome expansion radiator tank (1954).
- Wrecked 1954 parts - windshield frame, all dash equipment, both doors, top deck, trunk, etc.
- One pair used headlight rings.
- One pair new headlight rings.
- 2 sets used tail light lense with chrome bezel.
- Used '56-62 grey steering wheel, one 1957 Venitian Red steering wheel.
- Used horizontal grill bar.
- 2 sets hubcaps 1953-55.
- One original steering wheel (no button).
- One exhaust manifold.
- One 1954 Valve cover.
- Speedometer, tach & chrome expansion tank.
- One complete set 1953-55 seats, also '59 seats.
- Seven 1954 partially complete parts cars, trunk, rear fenders, complete dash hoods, grills, tops.
- Two soft tops - 1953-55.
- One '56 & one '57 parts cars, fairly complete.
- 1 - original radiator
- 1956-1960 soft top for sale.
- 1958-1960 hard top for sale.
- 1968-1971 Corvette Hard top for sale.

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

PARTS WANTED

WANTED:

- Taillight.
- Headlight bucket.
- Two hubcaps.
- Yoke for 1954 automatic.

Donavon E. Wood, 2036 - 52nd St., Moline, Ill. 61265

1. WANTED: Complete ignition shielding for '54, have various hard to find parts that would be willing to trade. Dennis Hobbs, Hobbs Chevrolet Co., Box 695, Merville, Iowa 51039 (712) 873-3133 or 873-3569.

Wanted for 1960 Corvette:

- Complete ignition shielding system - A-1 shape.
- Spare tire cover and fastening brackets.
- Owners manual.
- Radio antenna.

David Mays, 564 Columbus St., Grove City, Ohio 43123

Wanted for 1957 Corvette:

- Upholstry parts.
- Radio.
- Washer bag.
- Hubcaps.
- Beige steering wheel.
- Side view mirror.
- Fan shroud.
- Ignition shielding.
- Tachometer.

Jerry Schmidt, 5354 Easterby Dr. No., Fresno, Calif. 93727 (209) 251-3350

Wanted for 1954 Corvette:

- Rear vertical bumper bars (2).
- Complete ignition shielding.

Dick Hellman, 901 Chestnut St., Atlantic, Iowa 50022.

Wanted for 1954 Corvette: Good used or new grill shell oval - also 24" piece behind gull wing. Reginald Russel, 5100 Hawthorne, Eaco, Texas 76710

Wanted for 1956-67 Corvette: Horizontal front bumper bar, new or used in re-chrome conditon.

Blair Northern, Jr., Box 18686, Atlanta, Ga. 30326

1. WANTED: 1956-57 Corvette rear vertical bumperette/exhaust Bezels.

Craig B. Donath, 545 So. Fairfield, Lombard, Ill. 60148. (312) 629-1381.

CARS FOR SALE

1. FOR SALE: 1956 Corvette, E56S001389, original 265 w/3 speed, original radio & gauges all working, power windows, all original chrome, drive anywhere - \$1,995.00. Charles F. Cartalemi, 525 Scarborough Rd., Scarborough, New York, 10510, (914) 762-3798.

1. FOR SALE: 1954 Corvette from "Far Away Places" New pistons, rings, top overhaul, new big end bearings. Right-hand-drive version. \$2,300.00 U.S.

Bryan V. Allart, P. O. Box 105, Rose Bay, New South Wales 2029.

1. FOR SALE: 1954 Corvette: Trophy winner. Marina Blue, white top, original 6 cyl., 3-speed, like new inside and out, custom upholstery in trunk. Keystone mags, asking \$2,200.00.

Ronald Sell, 430 Oleander Ln., Eau Gallie, Fla. 32935 (305) 254-1651.

FOR SALE

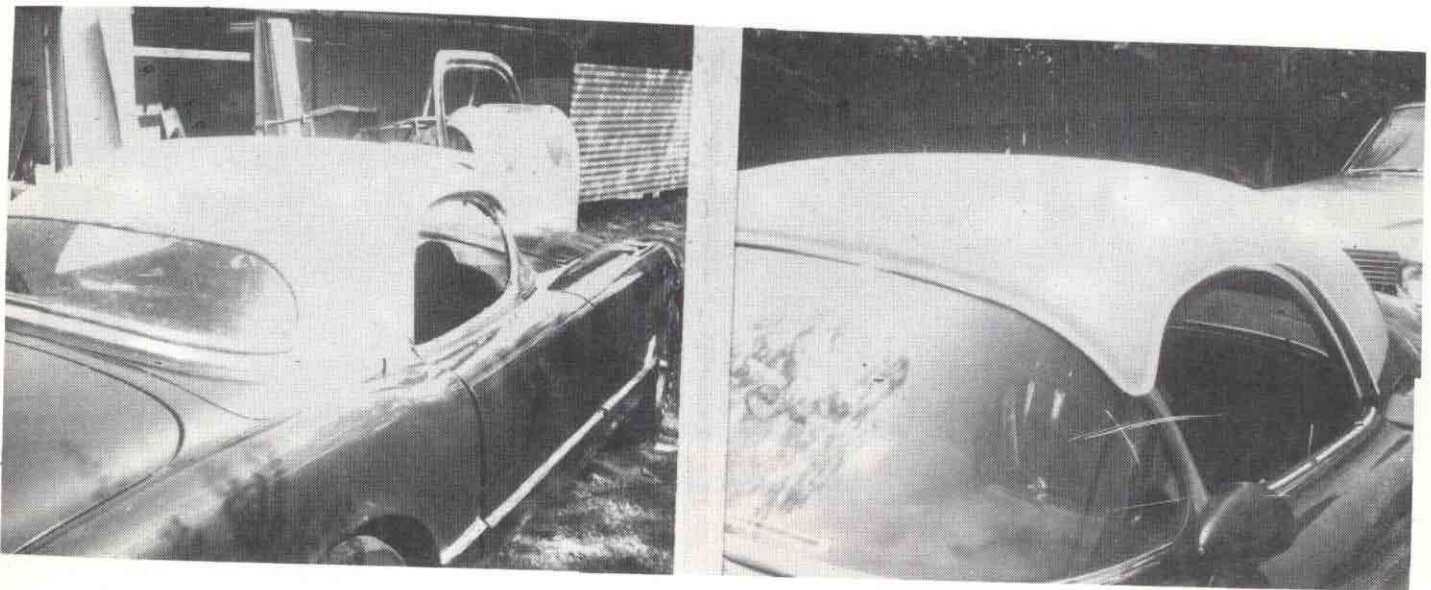
CARS FOR SALE:

1. 1953 Serial #157 needs restoring - \$995.00,
2. 1953 Serial #286 needs restoring - \$1500.00
3. 1954 Original, new Polo white paint, mechanically good - \$1850.00
4. 1954, no motor or trans., Venitian Red - \$500.00
5. 1954, no motor or trans., red, perfect body - \$600.00.
6. 1954, new tires, all original, 6 cyl., powerglide, 3 carbs., soft top, black exterior, red interior with black seats - \$1700.00
7. 1954 Corvette, red exterior, all original, 6 cyl. 3 carbs., powerglide, needs full restoration - \$750.00.
8. 1954, partially complete, black with black interior, orig. 6 cyl. engine with 3 carbs., powerglide (motor has been removed from car), original side curtains, needs some body chrome - \$950.00.
9. 1955 Corvette. Original Venitian Red exterior with the original creme white interior. V-8 motor with 3-speed trans. Car complete and original, price \$1,750.

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SALE OR TRADE: 3-year restoration 1934 Chev DA Cabriolet beautiful and top mechanical, \$3500 firm or trade for mint 53-54-55 six Corvette. Courtney E. Cook, 5240 W. Brown Pl., Denver, 80227, (303) 985-4946.



Original Plasticon hardtop reproductions for sale. Original configuration, roll over windshield, front with additional 1" band for better sealing, wide sweeping rear plexiglass window mounted with rubber seating strip under rear edge to fit to top deck. Side windows same configuration as side curtain opening with rubber and metal striped edge to deflect rain or moisture. Built of sturdy fibreglass with inside attaching hardware. Upper inside heater is of 1/4" foam rubber for insulation and to keep noise to a minimum. The top will be sold through the Club here in Fresno for \$350.00 plus crating and shipping. The top was made available to the Club thru the efforts of AVT Industries, 9380 Rush St., So. El Monte, Calif., 91733, which is owned by Keith Rush, E54S001178-391. Our thanks goes to Keith for his efforts in making this top available to the Vintage Corvette Club.





E53F001300 BEING RESTORED BY DAVID R. FREEMAN A RECENT MEMBER OF V.C.C.A. RESIDING AT 382 E. 18th ST. COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA 92627. DAVID SENDS THAT HE IS RESTORING IT FOR A FRIEND AND THE CAR IS FOR SALE. THE VINTAGE CORVETTE CLUB KNOWS WHERE THE OLDEST 53 CORVETTE IS, NOW IT LOOKS LIKE IF ONLY 300 53'S WERE MADE, THIS ONE WOULD BE THE LAST ONE OF THE FLINT ASSEMBLY LINE? HOW ABOUT THAT! ONE BY ONE THESE FIRST CORVETTES CONTINUE TO EMERGE FROM GARAGES, BARNs, and BACK YARDS.



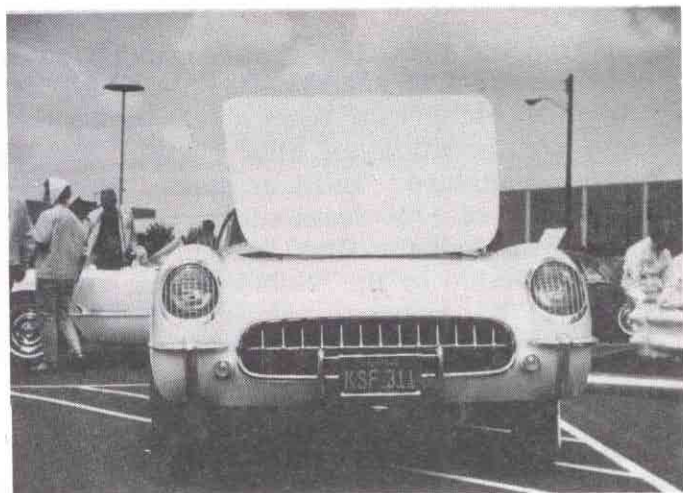
HOW'S THAT FOR A PATRIOTIC '55 CORVETTE? TAKEN BY ED THIEBAUD IN OAKLAND, CALIF.



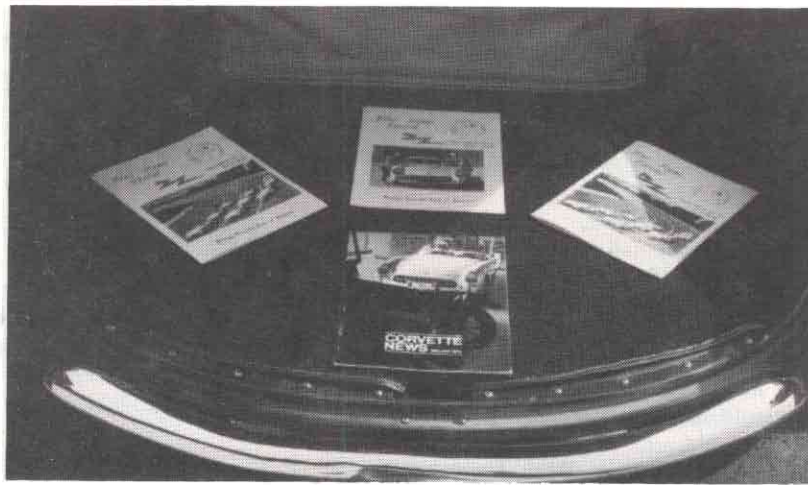
E57S101561 OWNED BY CRAIG DONATA, A RECENT MEMBER OF VCCA WHO PURCHASED THIS 57 ON A CAR LOT IN THE RESORT TOWN OF SANTA BARBARA CALIF. DROVE IT TO LOMBARD ILL. WHERE HE IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF RESTORING IT.



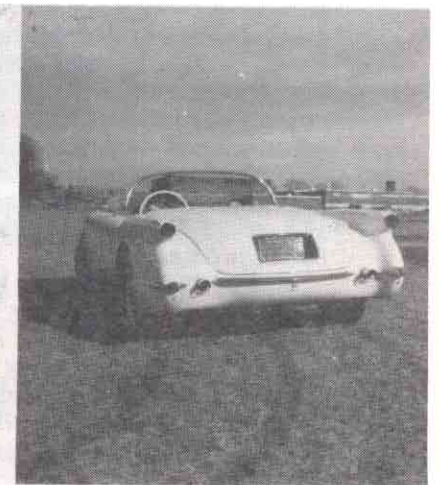
MIKE FARLEY SHOW 54 OF WACO, TEXAS PREPARING FOR A CAR SHOW — A LITE WASH JOB—



HISTORY CATEGORY PICTURE — PORTLAND, ORE. WSCC CONVENTION CONCOURS — ED AND JEAN'S SHOW 54 FLANKED BY WALLY THOMPSON'S PLUM COLOR SWEEPSTAKE PRIZE WINNING 57 ON RIGHT AND JOE BRIDGEMAN'S 53 NUMBER 027 ON LEFT REAR — VCCA AT THIS TIME HAD 1 MEMBER.



ONE WAY TO DECORATE THE INSIDE OF A VINTAGE TRUNK DURING A CAR SHOW — PICTURED IS ED AND JEAN'S 55, DURING THE VINTAGE DE ELIGONE AT NAPA, CALIF. 1970



JOHN HARMON OF HUNNINGTON N.Y. SENDS PICTURES OF HIS RESTORATION PRODUCTION LINE



TIM NOVAK AND ANDY OF SPILLVILLE, IOWA ON A VISIT TO VCCA HEADQUARTERS IN FRESNO 1969.



MISS SIMLICK OF LEDFORD, CONN. AWAITING DRIVING LESSONS.

JUDGING FORM

Vintage Corvette Club Of America Concours Instruction

1. Judges should not judge their own cars.
2. It is recommended a team of 2 judges judge a specific section of all classes, example: 2 judges score separately all classes on GENERAL APPEARANCE, another 2 judges score separately all classes on BODY AND RUNNING GEAR therefore in the final analysis, a more fairer shake is given to the better entrants. In other words if a club lets certain teams of judges, judge Class A-B-C and another team judge D, E, and F, all cars are not judged on an equal basis because the team on A-B-C Class did not get to see an outstanding car in let's say D, E or F. In other words, if a team of 2 judges judge general appearance in all Classes A-B-C-D-E-F-G, that team sees all cars in the entire show and therefore should be able to judge more evenly throughout. The 2 judge team or 3 if you prefer will add their scores together and total, then divide by 2 and get an average total score. Let's say for example, in General appearance one judge has 18 and another has 15, so 18 plus 15 equals 33 divided by 2 equals 16.5 or 16 1/2 points in General Appearance on Car #1 in Class A.
SWEEPSTAKES car is high point car of the show.
3. Another example in a show with 20 entrants the top 5 cars should be rejudged for sweepstakes, let's say going over them with a finer tooth comb or white gloves. I've seen headlight switches pulled out and wiped with white towel for dirt, grease fittings wiped with cotton and the crank pulley wiped with a white towel for grease for final run off sweepstakes car.
4. One of the most important factors is waiver's MUST be signed by all entrants, judges and spectators and or all persons entering the roped off area where the concours is held. The waivers will relieve the Region and National Headquarters of any liability caused by some accident or injury - otherwise we will have to purchase expensive insurance to cover the Concours and ALL will have to pay for this.
5. The decisions of the judges will be final.
6. Regions should charge a reasonable entry fee per car \$3, \$4, or \$5 and more for non-members to help pay for the Class trophy's. The VCCA Headquarters here in Fresno will donate one sweepstake trophy per region per year for their annual meet.
7. A. Trunks will be open on pre-1963 Corvettes
B. Spare tire should be visible, this does not mean it has to be fully displayed but suggested a 6" prop be placed between the spare tire cover

board and the spare tire so it is visible to view a portion of the spare tire.

8. TIME AND PLACE should be publicized so owners can plan where to be at a given time - example, check-in-time 8:30 on the motel parking lot Saturday morning - 8:30 to 10:00 final cleaning and preparation. 10:00 judging starts etc.

TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded by the Region putting on the concours on whatever basis they feel is fair for their Region. Example: 1 trophy per 3 cars in class, so if 9 cars entered you would award 3 trophies in that class. Or 1:2 ration or 1:4 ration, etc. Whatever the Region feels they can best afford. Also, ribbons could be used like 3 trophies deep in a class and a 4th, 5th, 6th, etc., place ribbon is very effective and appreciated by the entrants.

CLASSES

- Class A
1953, 1954, 1955 Classic
- Class B
1956-57
- Class C
1958-62
- Class D
1963-67 Fastback
- Class E
1963-67 Roadster
- Class F
1968-1972
- Class G
1953-1971 Customized, Paint, interior and body modifications

1. GENERAL APPEARANCE

- A. Paint (consider finish & color authenticity) 3
- B. Under carriage (excessive dirt, grease) 4
- C. Wheels (painted correct color) 3
- D. Hubcaps (original) 3
- E. Tires - must match including spare 4
- F. All exterior chrome condition (Rust, dents, etc.) 4

JUDGING INSTRUCTIONS

2. BODY AND RUNNING GEAR
- A. Body work (sign of uneven repair work, etc.) 4
 - B. Correct Body accessories & owner's manual 3
 - C. Steering Gear (place 0 if excessive wear.) 2
 - D. Top material and rubber parts 3
 - E. Side curtains – condition of chrome and plexiglass 3
 - F. Windshield glass and rubber place 0 if considered dangerous. 3

3. INTERIOR
- A. Correct dash board, steering wheel, & instruments & color 4
 - B. Combination Radio and clock & horn functioning 2
 - C. Top bows, color & condition 2
 - D. Upholstry, seats, color & original configuration. 3
 - E. Upholstry carpets, color & original pattern configuration. 3
 - F. Transmission, original 4

4. ENGINE COMPARTMENT
- A. Original factory engine, color blue 3
 - B. Ignition shielding, air cleaners, distributor & window washer bottle, accessories, original. 4
 - C. Overall engine compartment cleanliness (Grease, excessive dirt, etc.) 4

5. LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT
- A. Tire changing tools, tire wrench, jack & jack instructions 3
 - B. Side curtain bag on 53-54-55 models and trunk mat original or reproduction and trunk lock working 3
 - C. Original paint & color, (or original upholstery and color on Sting Ray models. 3
 - D. License plate area clean 3
 - E. Overall cleanliness luggage compartment. 4

6. MECHANICAL
- A. Differential & exhaust system (place 0 if not as catalogued) 3
 - B. Fuel system (electric fuel pumps acceptable as a safety feature) 3
 - C. Cooling system, original radiator, expansion water tank, etc. 4
 - D. Electrical, (lights, head lamps, park, tail lights, dome lights & dash lights and license plate lights working.) 6

7. JUDGING
- A. Cars will be checked for cleanliness
 - B. Cars will be ready for inspection and judging by a pre-determined time.

8. SWEEPSTAKE JUDGING (overall award)
- A. Sweepstake cars will be allowed a maximum of 30 minutes cleaning time before judging.
 - B. Pre-requisite for sweepstake judging requires each car to have received a minimum of 80 points on a total of 100 point base.

C. SCORING AGE

In scoring sweepstakes points some consideration should be made to AGE on the following basis:

- 1953 to 55 - 5 points
- 1956 to 57 - 4 points
- 1958 to 62 - 3 points
- 1963 to 67 - 2 points
- 1968 to DATE - 1 point

Reason for this is in sweepstakes judging for quality a new Corvette may get into sweepstake judging with a 1953 Corvette. The 1953 Corvette being 18 years plus older than the new Corvette should be given some extra consideration (points) to compensate for the fact that the new Corvette has everything brand new from the factory and the 53 owner is not so fortunate. Reason for no consideration at this time for MILEAGE is because it is always a point that can be disputed, AGE cannot.

9. POINTS PER CLASS

- 1. General Appearance 21
 - 2. Body and running gear 18
 - 3. Interior 18
 - 4. Engine Compartment 11
 - 5. Luggage Compartment 16
 - 6. Mechanical 16
 - 7. Plus sweepstakes points for AGE. 0-5.
- In other words, total points for a perfect 53 Corvette would be 105 and total points for a perfect 1971 Corvette would be 101.

10. PROTEST (which we hope there will be none.)
- 1. Any protest must be in writing supported by a \$10.00 fee prior to the sweepstake judging.
 - 2. The protest fee will be returned to the protestor if the protest is upheld.
 - 3. The protest fee will be paid to the local region or chapter if the protest is denied.
 - 4. Decision of the Concours officials will be final.

11. DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Any car having obscene pictures, writing or gestures will be disqualified.
- 2. Any car being cleaned after stop clean time announced by the officials will be disqualified.
- 3. Any contestant willfully interfering with or trying to influence the decision of the judges will be disqualified.

12. SUGGESTED CHECK POINTS

14.1 Engine:

- a. Crank pulley
- b. Face & back of fan
- c. Fan clutch
- d. Top of Bell housing
- e. Valve cover gasket area
- f. Base of carburetor
- g. Top of battery
- h. Base of distributor
- i. Fuel pump
- j. Clutch linkage
- k. Underside of fenders
- l. Underside of hood
- m. All hood hinges
- n. All hood hold downs
- o. Brake master cylinder
- p. Smog devices
- q. Over spray
- r. Paint
- s. Water spots
- t. Fuel leaks
- u. Oil leaks
- v. Fire Wall
- w. Behind windshield washer bottle

14.2 Exterior:

- a. Headlights
- b. Parking lights
- c. Tail lights
- d. Wheels & Tires
- e. Grille area
- f. Paint
- g. Wax or cleaner buildup
- h. Windows
- i. License plate
- j. Radio antenna
- k. Chrome work
- l. Inside fenderwells
- m. Door handles
- n. Moisture inside tail light lenses
- o. Water spots
- p. Detailing of tires.

14.3 Interior:

- a. Glass
- b. Seats
- c. Rugs
- d. Glove compartment
- e. Visor
- f. Door jambs
- g. Door panels
- h. Ash tray
- i. Dash area
- j. Steering column & wheel
- k. Weather stripping
- l. Jack storage area

14.4 Undercarriage:

- a. Ball joints
- b. Steering Linkage
- c. Paint
- d. Water Spots
- e. Tires & Wheels
- f. Tire detail
- g. Rear End
- h. Rear spring
- i. Tie rod ends
- j. Transmission

SUMMARY

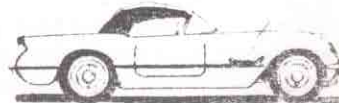
Let me say each class has only one winner and each Concours sweepstake car so do your best, and always remember, these events are stimulated and run on ENTHUSIASM and do not feel because you did not win the top award or 1st place in your class that you should curse, or find fault with the judges, region or chapter officials, etc. Just keep one thing in mind though you may be disappointed. Go home and work hard on your car and you can bet in the next show you should do better. So I repeat again in closing the entirety of all Corvette ownership clubs, Regions and Chapters will survive only on Corvette ENTHUSIASM. That's what it's all about!

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JACKET PATCH

The jacket patch is a 9 1/2" diameter round emblem embroidered in ten colors. The design is pictured below. 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 one week for delivery.



CORVETTE SIGNAL SEEKER RADIO 3706551 FOR 1953-54

This is Article Number 6 in a continuation of the whole article.

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 one week for delivery. The sizes are as follows:

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

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Name, address, and phone number will be counted as part of your ad. A \$3.00 fee will be charged for each photograph. Also all ads must be received by 15th of the month prior to publication, i.e., March 15, 1970, June 15, 1970, September 15, 1970, December 15, 1970. Members may advertise their vintage Corvettes or parts at the following rates:

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NOTICE

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The first article deals with 'fuel injection' and should be a help to those who find it hard to get service on their system.

The second article is taken from the "1956 Corvette Engineering Achievements".

These articles will continue in following issues, so be sure and save each issue to have a complete manual on each.

