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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



COVER STORY

Mr. Thiebaud Dear Ed:

In answer to your last letter I will try to give you some details on my 1954 Corvette E54S001783.

I purchased the car in May 1970, after having looked at several different ones. This car had original 37,700 miles on the odometer. All paint, chrome, upholstery, mats, engine, etc. were original, and so were the tires. (U.S. Royal Air Rides). A Chevrolet dealer in Exeter, New Hampshire, Mr. Kevin King, found me the car; it belonged to a James Austin who was at that time a Chevrolet Motor Division service

rep. Mr. Austin had purchased the car from a Mr. John Kilbourne (now deceased) who was the second owner of the car. Mr. Kilbourne bought the car in 1956 from the original owner. The original owner and original selling dealer is unknown to me, but the car came from around Groton, Massachusetts.

My son, Arthur, and I restore cars. We have an MGTD, two Model T Fords, two Model A Fords, a 1936 Ford Cabriolet, a 1967 Honda S-600 roadster, a fancy dune buggy, and of course this Corvette. We decided to drive the Corvette for the summer of 1970 and see how it performed. All other restoration had been completed on cars before

COVER STORY - Continued

using them. We drove the Corvette about 800 miles; it performed perfectly in its original state with all things such as oil pressure, generator water temp etc. in limits as new.

During 1970 we studied the Chevrolet parts manual and started ordering everything that was available for a concourse restoration. We decided to replace as much as possible on the chassis with new.

Note: The original body paint was badly blistered and needed to be all removed. The blistering I think came from the habit of the second owner, Mr. Kilbourne, who kept the car many years covered with a clear plastic cover which couldn't breathe.

The original upholstery was all whole but apart at the stitching. We used all of this material and had it restitched in the original holes. This was costly but we do have beautiful original upholstery.

The complete restoration as a hobby took us about two years. The car was completely disassembled starting December 1970. The chassis was completed and pictures taken of it January 1972. The finishing touches were put on the completed car in March 1973.

After the test drive on a sunny day all efforts were well rewarded. The finished product is just beautiful to look at and certainly a pleasure to drive and ride in.

I have a complete diary of disassembly purchases, and assembly. Time doesn't permit a complete rundown now,

but could be copies over at a later date.

I would be glad to furnish information, or photos, anytime for technical problems that might be encountered by members of the hobby.

Part of the fun in restoring this car was the meeting with and getting to know so many other Corvette fans. Some fans tried sincerely to help the hobby with authentic reproductions. These parts suppliers were usually very accommodating, they made authentic parts at fair prices. (Example: Sid Diamond, Sam Folz, and John Verdone).

On the other hand, I found some who didn't produce what they advertised, were extremely slow in sending parts after they were paid for (as long as a year) and tried to grossly overcharge their customers. However, I'm thankful that these are in a minority.

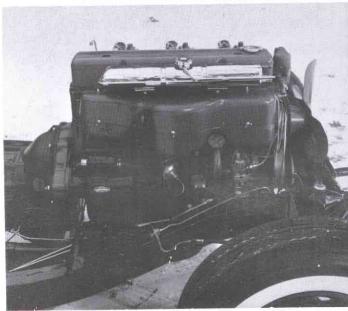
I have not yet shown the car at any meets, but would like sometime to attend a national tour with other proud owners.

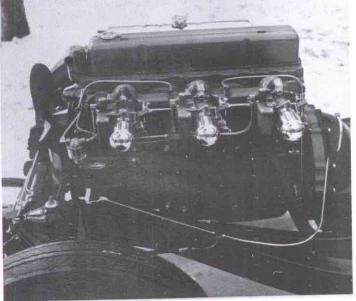
The only pictures I have of the top up are instamatic photos. I'll send a couple to you with this letter. Also I'll send you a couple of enlargements that I've had made. You may keep any or all of what I've mailed to you.

Thanks a lot for your interest and efforts on behalf of us all.

Sincerely,

Stan Brown











Special Recognition



We are running a special recognition in Vol. 5 No. 2, our Fifth Anniversary issue, for the first 100 regular charter members and the first 100 associate members. Our thanks to you and all the members for continued support through the years. Without this membership support our club would not have expanded or even continued as a club. Our thank goes out again to those who first supported the club and continued on and also to all of you members who have been patient with our tardiness on some things. Believe me, we have had many "growing pains" and I guess we all have more to come, but any growing club has these things to try to overcome in an attempt to expand. We will continue to try to do the best we can and hope that satisfies the majority of club members.

WE APOLOGIZE

Our apologies to all of you members for patiently waiting for Vol. 5 #2 and Vol. 5 #3, which you have now received. This has been a rough year here in Fresno in regards to keeping our turkey ranch operation going. We increased our annual production to 85,000 turkeys this year, so with that increase and working seven days a week combined with labor problems on the ranch, we just got behind in our club work.

REPRODUCTIONS OF '53-'55 SIX-CYLINDER CHROME BULLET AIR CLEANERS

Glad to inform you club members that Ray Willard of San Jose, California, has done it again. He borrowed one air cleaner from our E53F001003 six months ago and, believe it or not, came back with a dozen exact, mint reproductions and is planning to reproduce them on a limited quantity basis as the demand arises. As you remember, Ray is the one who made the dozen sets of '55 ignition shielding that turned out so good. These air cleaners will appear under the Blue Flame "Reproductions" list and also under "Club Items for Sale" for \$20 each air cleaner or \$60 per set. They may also be ordered direct from Ray Willard at 1358 Oakland Road #120, San Jose, CA 95112.

CHROME PLATING

For those members having trouble finding someone to chrome plate "pot metal parts" without "melting" them in the acid tank, which has happened to many of our members, Bill Gilchrist of 1108 N. Crest Court, St. Joseph MO 64507, writes of a company that do a great job and give two-week service on all pieces. The company name is as follows:

Classic Motor Custom Plating Co. 1046 N. West 71 Street Oklahoma City, OK Phone: 405-848-5717

'53-'55 CORVETTE CARPETING

Our thanks to Bill Gilchrist of 1108 N. Crest Court, St. Joseph, MO 64507, who recently submitted the name of an upholstery shop in Indiana that reproduces the '53-'55 original red carpeting. The name is as follows: Jack Stepp, co Arts Trim Shop, 305 E. 38 Avenue, Anderson, IN. This name also appears under the "Reproductions" section of the Blue Flame Special.

NEW ITEMS

New sections in Blue Flame Special this issue include "Roster of Car Clubs" and magazine and book listings. These are aimed at the Corvette restorer as an aid in finding parts and information. We know there are probably upwards to 300 Corvette clubs in the USA, and we can't list them all; if anyone is interested in locating a specific club in a local area, Corvette News prints an annual roster of these clubs for reference purposes. Also if any member can contribute any club information that would help restorers, please submit same and we will try to get it in a future BFS.

20TH ANNIVERSARY

To help commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Corvette, Mid America Corvettes would like all Corvette club members, owners and enthusiasts who are interested in seeing a replica of the 1953 Corvette marketed as a decanter bottle by Avon Products write the following address with their request:

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FUEL INJECTION NOTES

To help our club members, we are continuing our section on Fuel Injection Corvettes. I thought it might be of some help to identify Fuel Injection part numbers and serial numbers to car numbers if there is proof the car came original from the factory with the Serial Numbered F.I. unit to try to help those who want to identify F.I. units to year models. Listed below are the ones I personally am acquainted with:

Year Model Car	Car Serial No.	F.I. Serial No.	F.I. Part No.
1957	E57S103540	1334	701-4520 Finned top Doghouse
1957	E57S103560	1633	701-4520 Finned top Doghouse
1958		1327	701-4900 Finned top Doghouse
1959	J59S100561	1109	701-7300 Finned top Doghouse
1960	00867\$105156	1356	701-7320 Smooth top Doghouse
1961	10867\$105564	2679	701-7320 Smooth top Doghouse
1962	20867\$104516	1773	701-7360 Smooth top Doghouse
1963			
1964			
1965			

If anyone has any numbers to add to the above list and you're sure they are from a factory original car & motor, please send them so we can expand out list.

Mickey Jones, a new club member and also a memer of the popular rock band Kenny Rodgers and the First Edition, submits the following as a source of help and information on Fuel Injected Corvettes: Doug's Corvettes, 11634 Van Owen, North Hollywood, CA 91605. Phone: 213-765-9117.

Lee Ellis of Corvette Associates, 8350 Alburtis Avenue, Whittier, CA 90606, reports that his organization can offer help for 1957-65 special ignition, Fuel Injection, and high-performance engines. Over the years, Lee has been a winner at the Winternationals many times. You can contact him by phone at home at 213-695-4920 or at work at 213-695-9966.

Al Fierke of 202 Spring Street, Willow Springs, Ill. 60480 writes he buys and sells F.I. units in Chicago area and will do

F.I. 7014360, 4520, 4800

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		YH-2066-SA		230	WCFB-2668-S or 2669-S
953 1954	145-6 Cyl. 150-6 Cyl.	YH-2066-SA	1958	245	Front WCFB-2626-S Rear WCFB-2627-S
LOFE	150-6 Cyl.	YH-2066-SA		270	Front WCFB-2613-S Rear WCFB-2614-S
1955	195	WCFB-2366-S		250	F.I. 7014800, 4900, 4960
1956 -	210	WCFB-2366-SA			F.I. 7014900R
	225	Front WCFB-2419-S Rear WCFB-2362-S		290	E ISSNOON STILL
				230	WCFB-2669-S
	220	WCFB-2355-S or 2366-SA		245	Front WCFB-2626-S Rear WCFB-2627-S
1957	245	Front WCFB-2626-S Rear WCFB-2627-S		270	Front WCFB-2613-S Rear WCFB-2614-S
	250	Fuel Injection		250	F.I. 7017200, 7300, 7310
	270	Front WCFB-2613-S Rear WCFB-2614-S		290	F.I. 7017250, 7300R, 732

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Name, address, and phone number will be counted as part of your ad. A \$5.00 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:

0- 25 words 26- 50 words 51- 75 words \$2.00 \$5.00 75-100 words \$8.00

Lanny Johnson c/o Mels Auto Parts, 871 Garden Highway, Yuba City, Calif. 95991 phone 673-1350 writes he has many F.I. units and parts with a fair amount of knowledge to work on

Let's hear from you F.I. folks out there and maybe next issue we can have a larger section on F.I.

The following table on Fuel Injection was submitted by Wil Bixler of 1725 Aberdeen Avenue S.E., Renton, WA 98055. The table specifies what F.I. units were on which year cars and H.P. ratings through 1962. Wil dug this valuable information up from an early GM servicing guide. Our thanks go out to Wil for this aid and his support of the club.

YEAR		VER CARBURETION
1960	230	WCFB-2669-S
	245	Front WCFB-2626-S Rear WCFB-2627-S
	270	Front WCFB-2613-S Rear WCFB-2614-S
	275	F.I. 7017200, 7310
	315	F.I. 7017250, 7320
1961	230	WCFB-3059-S or 2818-S
	245	Front WCFB-3181-S Rear WCFB-2627-S
	270	Front WCFB-3182-S Rear WCFB-2614-S
	275	F.I. 7017200, 7310
	315	F.I. 7017250, 7320
1962	250	WCFB-3191-S
	300	AFB-3269-S
	340	AFB-3269-S
	360	F.I. 7017355, 7360

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CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

1953-55 CLUB ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE

Carburator kits — new \$8.00 each p/p — 1954.

2. Owner's Manuals 1953-54 - reproduction - \$7.50 each

3. Back issues of magazines: All Volumes. See page 14 for price.

Park Lights: A. Lenses—\$3.00 each p/p.

B. Doors (chrome piece)-\$2.50 each p/p. 5. New original windshield - \$150 plus postage and

insurance.

6. New windshield rubber gaskets - \$12 each p/p.

7. One quart of Chevrolet engine blue heat resistant paint -\$8.50 each p/p.

8. One quart of Chevrolet red upholstery paint for entire upholstery, including carpets, seats, door panels, etc. - \$8.50

9. Weather stripping for trunk under top deck, doors & hood, 162" long — \$10 p/p.
10. Original right & left door handle knobs, white — \$4.50 each p/p.

 Original left & right side curtain release knobs, white — \$3.50 each p/p.

 New original distributor with side tachometer drive — \$70 each plus postage and insurance. 90-120 days.

13. New rubber transmission mount (2 bolt hole) fits between trans. and cross brace unit - \$7.50 each p/p.

14. Lower seating strip (rubber) used around bottom of the plastic on hardtops and any other custom-made vintage hard tops - \$2 per foot.

15. Chrome ash tray with flip lid, fits into arm rest 1953-55. also fits into tunnel for 1956-62 - \$6.50 each p/p.

16. Chrome ring around ash tray, square pattern fits into arm rest - \$2 each p/p.

17. Head lamp chrome rings - \$10.50 each p/p.

18. Six-piece master cylinder brake rebuild kit - \$5.50 each

 19. 1955 Corvette V-8 carburator kits — \$9.50 each. 1955 Corvette V-8 265 new orig. carburetor - \$62.50 each p/p. 1953-54 6 cylinder new bottom radiator hose — \$3.50 each.

Take a total of 2. Elbow pipe NOT included in order.

 Center of front hood deck rubber vent seal — \$4 each p/p. 22. 1953-55 complete park light assembly with lense, chrome ring, screws, bulb socket with bulb and wire harness - \$17.50 each p/p.

1958-62 CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

 Ignition shielding for distributor (not for F.I.) — \$18.50 each p/p.

3. Fuel injection name plate (1958-61) - \$5 each p/p.

4. Shielding passenger side from distributor shield to lower rear of engine ('57-283 thru '62-327) - \$9.95 each p/p. 5. Chrome ignition shield butterfly screws - 50¢ each.

6. Complete front end and rear deck Corvette emblem; chrome ring, plastic emblem, rubber gasket, aluminum plate with 4 nuts — \$17.50 each p/p.

7. Gear shift rubber boot — \$3.50 each p/p.

8. Hard top front windshield chrome hold-down latch, right or left side - \$7.50 each p/p.

9. Park Lights: A. Lense - \$7 each p/p.

B. Chrome piece — \$2.50 each p/p.

10. Inside white door knobs - \$4.50 each p/p. 11. Gear Shift knob, white - \$4.50 each p/p.

1953-55 CLUB REPRODUCTIONS FOR SALE

1. Original (patterned in configuration) trunk mat reproduction made out of red loop pile carpet with red leatherette sewn around perimeter for trim work — \$23 each

p/p.2. Reproduction 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 — \$23 each p/p. Red or beige.

3. New chrome reproduction head lamp screens, like original \$32.50 per pair p/p.

4. Beautiful reproduction of original ignition shielding done in fibreglass - top \$30, bottom \$30 p/p.

 Rear license plate covers — exact duplication — \$17.50 each p/p.

6. 1953-55 Corvette rocker arm cover decals, exact reproduction, 1953 - \$7; 1954 - \$6 each p/p.

7. License plate hanger - stainless steel. Front end license plate is mounted to the two bumpers with this channel - \$5

8. Complete set of ignition shielding for 1955 Corvette V-8; includes distributor cover and wires, chrome coil cover and wires - \$97.50. Only a few left.

9. Chrome air cleaner bullets - \$20 each p/p.

1956-57 CLUB ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE

1. Chrome headlite ring - \$10 each p/p.

2. Fuel injection name plate ('57) - \$4 each p/p.

3. Ignition shielding for distributor (not for fuel injection) — \$20 each p/p.

4. Shielding passenger side from distributor shield to lower rear of engine (1957-283 thru 1962-327) - \$11.50 each p/p.

5. Chrome ignition shielding butterfly screws - 50€ each.

6. Park Lights: A. Lenses - \$7 each p/p. B. Chrome piece - \$2.50 each p/p.

New weather stripping for trunk, under top deck, doors and hood - \$10 p/p.

Right & left white door handle knobs - \$4.50 each p/p.

Chrome ash tray - \$6.50 each p/p.

Chrome ring around ash tray - \$2.50 each p/p.

11. Hard top right or left chrome hold-down latch top windshield - \$7.50 each p/p.

Rubber transmission gear shift boot — \$3.50 each p/p.

13. Front end and rear deck emblems complete with chrome ring - \$10 each p/p.

14. Inside chrome door lock handle - \$4 each p/p.

15. Complete park light assembly with lense, chrome ring, screws, bulb, socket and wire harness - \$17.50 each p/p.

Rear window and hard top base rubber — \$17.50 each p/p.

Windshield gasket — \$11 each.

1956-57 CLUB REPRODUCTIONS FOR SALE

Venitian Red upholstery dye - 1 qt. liquid - \$9.50 each

p/p. **2.** Venitian Red upholstery aerosol spray cans — 12.5 oz. —

\$7.50 each p/p.

PARTS WANTED

WANTED for 1954 Corvette:

- 1. Front emblem
- Outer front bumpers complete or parts
- 3. Ignition shielding

Mitchell Stephens, 3907 No. Union, Sugar Creek, MO 64050 816-254-1230

WANTED for 1954 Corvette:

- 1. One windshield wiper assembly cable
- Two male hood latch assemblies
- Two hood release cables
- 4. Two rear taillight fiberglass fins

Will pay reasonable price.

H. C. Campbell, 423 Woodland Circle, Lynchburg, VA 24502

WANTED for 1962 Corvette:

- 16.3:1 Quick steering adapter
- 3:08.1 Positraction
- Rochester FI with air cleaner near mint
- Hardtop near new
- Beige sun visors new 5.
- Beige driver's seat or insert
- Original carpets beige 1/25 model kit of 1962 Corvette
- Beige seat belts new

Howard Mohl, 119B North Chevy Chase, Glendale, CA 91206 213-243-6876 eves.

WANTED FOR 1954. Corvette:

Side draft, manifold, and carburetors - price and condition. Herschel D. Macy, 731 S. Neosho Blvd., Neosho MO 64850

WANTED for 1957 Corvette:

- Hardtop
- SS radio ('56 for trade)
- Owner's manual
- One exhaust bezel
- One upper bar
- Front fenderwell chrome 6.
- License bracket front
- 8. Perfect taillight chrome

Dave Poole, 10531 W. 92 Place, Overland Park, KS 66214 913-888-2144

Looking for someone to restore '54. If interested or know someone who is, contact Jack Cochran, 853 Medina Line Road, Akron, Ohio 44313

WANTED for 1955 Corvette:

- 1. Shifter assembly
- 2. Steering wheel

Jerry Visek, Box 5145, Inglewood, CA 90310

1957 Corvette original and perfect, preferred for show. Bob Green, 618 Meridian N., Puyallup, WA 98371 Call collect: 206-845-2232

WANTED for 1957 Corvette:

Radio plate: top dollar paid for original plate to fill dash holes. Jonathan Chase, 695 Kingsbridge, LA, Ridgewood, NJ 07450 201-445-0456

WANTED:

All parts to complete a stripped 1954 Corvette. Need all chrome, gauges, carbs, steering wheel, hubcaps, side curtains, dash parts, hardtop, interior, etc. Would consider whole car. Tom Black, 6063 Manning Road, Indianapolis, IN 46208 1-317-291-7094

WANTED for 1953 or 1954 Corvette:

- 1953 or early 1954 soft top
- 2. 1953 rocker cover
- Hood
- One taillight
- Windshield Posts and frames 5.
- Any outside chrome any condition
- 7. Bullet air cleaners
- Hubcaps
- 9. Also see parts wanted in Vol. 5 No. 1

John Kershlis, 1730 South East Street, Amherst, MA 01002

WANTED for 1954 Corvette:

- One hood emblem
- Two top door chrome L & R side
- Chrome ring for door release and side curtain release driver's side
- One passenger side complete chrome slotted flipperpiece the top comes up through
- One horn ring

John J. Foster, 234 President Ave. 2nd Floor, Rutledge, PA 19010 215-544-8046

WANTED:

Help! Looking for '54 Corvette exhaust system (2), also need front emblems (2), gear shift knobs (2), door knobs and lock knobs, bumper guards and plate holder for front, good side chrome, one taillight lens, and good windshield.

Jerry Rickard, 1330 Florencedale Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44505 216-744-0437

PARTS FOR TRADE

FOR TRADE:

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R.K. Braungart, R.R. #2, Syracuse, IN 46567

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All original 1964 Corvette coupe. Power steering, power brakes, factory air conditioning, four-speed, 327 cu. inch 250 HP

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FOR SALE OR TRADE:

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1953-1954 Corvette parts for sale:

- 1. Expansion tank
- 2. Upholstery
- 3. Grill bar & teeth

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- 2. Upholstery/hardtop
- Other parts too numerous to mention: SSAE for list Jerry Schmidt, 5354 Easterby Dr. N., Fresno, CA 93727 209-251-3350

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7. 1959-73 literature — write

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1959 parts: hubcaps, radio

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CARS WANTED & FOR SALE



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CARS FOR SALE

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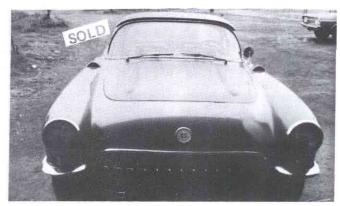
1963 Convertible serial #30867S1212.0, original 327-250 powerglide, hubcaps, hard top, soft ph, black interior, a real stocker and pleasure to drive. Ed & Dean's personal car — \$1750 Blue with black interior. Sold to: Ken Hamel, Fresno, Calif.

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OWNERS' PRIDE



Vintage Corvette Club Fly-In Fresno, Calif. Left to right Jerry Visek, by h is Cherokee 150, new member and a 55 Corvette owner; Ken Stoggsdill, new member; Ron and Carol Obser, 58 F.I. Corvette Owners; and Rich Garrison with their Cessna 175 (Navy Jet Pilot) Lt. Ward's original 59 Corvette from Sacramento rolled into the picture for part of the action.



Preston & Anna Dulaney of Muncie, Ind., proudly display their VE55S001508-163 at Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 73. Color gypsy red w/white interior.

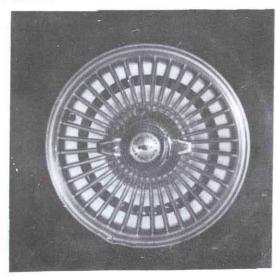


Photo of early 1963 Corvette Alum. knockoff wheel with the 2-ear spinner knock off center hub — Later 63 came out with the 3-ear center knock off for more secure tightening—Remember when mounting knockoffs the arrow on the hub must be in a forward pointing direction or towards the front of the car. If not they will unscrew and your wheels will come off!

Steve McCain of Greensboro, N.C., wrote in June 1971 while on a Sunday afternoon drive he saw an old Corvette sitting behind a farmer's garage and had hoped to discover it either a 53 or 54 but upon his inspection was disappointed to find it a 55 Corvette. He didn't hardly give it a second look and did not ask if it was for sale.





A few days later a friend who owns a Corvette shop asks Steve to accompany him to look at a 55 Corvette for sale and guess where the 55 was? Same old car behind the farmer's garage. This time Steve opened the driver's door and read the I.D. number VE55S001001. It was at this point Steve became interested.



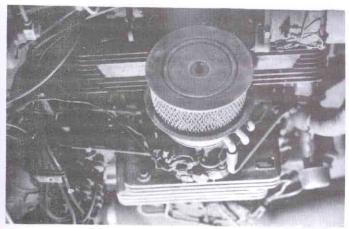
We recently received the above photo from Steve 2½ years later. Steve McCain and his friends lower the body onto the frame of ole "VE55S001001." Hope to have a complete story & photo from Steve' in a later issue of BFS when he puts the finishing touches on the first 55 off the St. Louis Corvette assembly line.

OWNERS' PRIDE



1964 Roadster owned by A.E. Paltzik of Melbourne, Fla. Allen writes this little beauty is white w/black int. 64,000 original miles, 327-4 spd. both tops, with 17 m.p.g. and an original window sticker of \$4,541.00.





E56S001797 owned by **Stan Slade** of Rochester, N.Y. In process of restoration. We have had some rare cars come to the surface in this club and I believe this might be another rare one. **Stan** writes as follows: The car was sold new to **William R. Hurst.** A 1956 Fuel Injected orig. motor #037831-2F56FG, F.I. Serial #1013 and F.I. part #4520 — Nine finned alum. valve covers which are found on 265 C.I. engines. So for all of us folks who have been in the habit of saying "F.I. came first in 57 may have to change that to 1956? Hope to have complete story on this car for future issue of B.F.S.

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to Tucumcari, New Mexico; northeast to Daheart, Texas, where we dodged some tornadoes and hurricane winds; northeast to Wichita, Kansas for a quick tour of the Cessna Aircraft plant; and on for the final leg and delivery of the car to St. Joseph, Missouri; a 4,000 mile plus round trip. The return trip story will appear in a future issue of BFS and includes a piggy-back ride of one 1961 all-original fuel injected Corvette with actual 19,000 miles on the speedometer aboard the same 1967 Chevrolet truck.



Before loading, Calif.



Brief tour of Cessna Aircraft Plant, Wichita



Almost "snowed-in", Flagstaff, Arizona



Crossing from Arizona to New Mexico



est stop at 4:00 a.m. morning below Wichita, ensas, awakened at dawn by buffalo noises?



Arrival & unloading of ole #13 to the Gilchrist stable where the entire Gilchrist family turned

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How It All Began — Plans to reproduce 53-55 parts catalogue — Classified — Corvette Serial Numbers — '54 Corvette engine serial numbers, 7 associate members and 2 honorary members.

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Articles — Corvette News — Jacket Patch — Owners Manual — Reproduction — Western States Corvette Council — National Council Corvette Convention, Daytona Florida — Corvette Service Manuals — Corvette Serial Numbers and Production figures 1953 thru 1967 — Corvette Colors — WSCC Corvette Convention, San Diego 1969 — Membership Roster.

Vol. 1 No. 3 July 1969

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Corvette News search for 1953 Corvettes. Corvettes appear in Automobile Quarterly — My Vintage Vette by Don Peers, Omaha, Nebraska — My Vintage Vette by John Goslin, Yardley, Pennsylvania — Paint colors of 1955 Chevrolet Corvettes — Classified section — Addendum to Roster.

Vol. 2 No. 1 First Club Magazine printed January 1970

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New Name: "BLUE FLAME SPECIAL" — Cover Car E54S003988-55, owned by Eric Daly, Ontario, Canada — Reproduction of 53-55 Parts Catalogue — The Evolution of A Sports Car — The Chevrolet Corvette by Maurice Olley G.M. — 1954 Corvette — Y H Carter Carburetors, adjustment photos, etc. — Owners pride picture page — Classified section — Reproduced Body Parts for Sale — Addendum to Roster — Club Facts and Figures.

Vol. 2 No. 2 April 1970

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Articles: Cover Car Ed and Jean Thiebaud pictured with Grand Daddy E53F001003 — Chevrolet "Parts Mart" — Editor's notes — Beginning of Corvette Radio shop manual — Members cars picture page — Classified Section — Blue Flame Blues by Eric Daly, Ontario, Canada — How to tell the difference between a 1953-54-55 Corvette if the serial I.D. tag is missing — Removing 15 years of paint, by Don Majestic, Yucaipa, Calif. — First of 2 articles by Corvette News on Project Restoration of Corvette serial no. E53F00255 — Corvette paint chart interior and exterior 1953 thru 1960 — Addendum membership Roster — WSCC Convention dates for 1970 Vancouver B.C. Canada.

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Cover photo reproduction of cover of June 1954 issue of Road & Track Magazine 9-1954 Corvettes racing around corner of G.M.s proving ground track. — Rare 1955 Corvette color combination — Assignment of membership numbers — Corvette Radio Article — Classified section — owners pride picture page — Road & Track story, The Chevrolet Corvette June 1954 — 2nd article: Project Restoration of Corvette serial no. E53F001255 by Corvette News — Addendum to membership Roster.

Vol. 2 No. 4 December 1970

32 pages - \$3.25

Cover Car E54S003479 owner John E. Harmon Hunnington, N.Y. — Attempt for hub cap reproductions — 4th annual all Corvette drag meet dates — Collection of complete Corvette literature on file VCCA head-quarters — Photos 53 prototype — Additional 1955 Corvette information — Begin reproduction of original showroom brochures — Classified section — Cal Farley's Boys Ranch — Owners pride picture page — Road testing the 1954 Corvette from Road & Track Magazine — Corvette Radio article — First continuation article on 1957 Fuel Injection Repair — First continuation article on 1954 Chevrolet powerglide transmission adjustments, etc. — Regionalization.

Vol. 3 No. 1 March 1971

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Cover Car E54S001834-214 owner Glenn Hinz, Wisconsin. 1960 Corvette original tires description — Original showroom brochure reproduction 1953 — Classified section — Informative Notes on a Late 55 Corvette, VE55S001696 — Cover Car story with rare "see thru bubble plastic top" — Tips from our Fiberglass body parts manufacturer — "Change

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Vol. 3 No. 2 June-August 1971

Cover Car E56001461 owned by James and Pat Lindamood of Cuyohoga Falls, Ohio — Region News — 1954-55 Drive replacement — 1953 Corvette engine colors — Cool the cockpit of a 68 or newer Corvette — Reproduction of 1954 and 1955 V-8 Corvette showroom brochures — Classified section — S.C.C.A. Racing in the Real McCoy 1953 Corvette — True story of the clear plastic bubble top — Engine Type Designations 1956-1965 — Cover car complete set photos — Owners pride picture page — First of continuation articles taken from "The 1956 Corvette Engineering Achievements" 24 page booklet — Covering exterior & convertible top operation — Corvette Radio article — 1957 Fuel Injection Repair — 1954 Chevrolet powerglide installation — Roster.

Vol. 3 No. 3 Sept.-Oct. 1971

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Vol. 3 No. 4 Nov.-Dec. 1971

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Cover Car E575105310-191 — Wally Thompson's Trophy winner St. Helens, Oregon — Editor's notes — Motor Trend Notes — Cen-Tex Corvette Club "Bash" Banquet — Ski Racks for Corvettes — Original showroom brochures 1957 Corvette — Classified — Region News — Tech Tips — Lost & Found — 1954 Corvette Christmas Card by Mike Merrit, Paducah, Ky. — Chevrolet's Dream Cars pictured 4 cars, (3 prototypes and 1953 Corvette) — Cover Story "The Making of a Winner" — Owners pride picture page — Roster — Corvette Radio article — 1957 Fuel Injection Repair — 1956 Corvette Engine, Cylinder Heads — Rocker covers, intake manifolds, carburetor, exhaust manifolds and distributor — First of continuation articles taken from A.M.A. Spec. Questionnaire 1953-54-55 six cylinder and 1955 V-8 — General specification, engine and electrical, fuel — lubrication, valves, cooling & starting system.

Vol. 4 No. 1 Jan.-March 1972

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Cover Car E545002700-79 owned by Leonard & Sharon Brabson of Memphis, Tenn. — VCCA in the news — Exhaust parts available Reproduced Jack Instructions - Cover story original owner sells 1954 Corvette to Leonard & Sharon Brabson — Zora Arkus Duntov new honorary member - New Airplane route into V.C.C.A. headquarters Airport – Complete Duco Paintchart – Classified – Leonard Goodale's Brush & Ink Corvette Drawings - Owners pride picture page - Addendum to Roster - Regional News - 1958 original showroom brochure -First article on Corvette Collectors, Bill Davis "sportscars" Prestonburg, Ky. – Corvette Radio Repair article – Fuel Injection – 1956 Corvette: Ignition shielding, clutch, transmission, chassis, accessories, standard equipment, optional equipment, body color, cloth top cloor, interior, exterior - Interior color combinations and interior colors and fabrics -A.M.A. Consolidated Specifications Questionnaire 1953-54-55 six cylinder and switches, lampbulbs, fuse and circuit breaker data — Drive units — National Council of Corvette Clubs, Dallas Texas schedule.

Vol. 4 No. 2 April-June 1972

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Cover Story E545002525-463 owned by Russell L. Watson, Yokohama, Japan — Editor's notes — First listing of Corvette Collectors — Region News — Classified — First listing of Corvette parts reproduction vendors — Original showroom brochure 1958 and 1959 — Coming Events — Owners pride picture page — First article on reproducing Corvette News articles Vol. 1 No. 1 — Corvette Radio Repair — 1957 Fuel Injection — A.M.A. consolidated specification & questionnaire 1953-54-55 six cylinder & 1955 V-8 Corvette, rear axle, wheels, tires, brakes, frame, front suspension & height dimensions — Addendum to Roster.

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Cover Car owned by Lee K. Nicholl, Beverly Hills, Calif. Editor's Notes 1955 ignition shielding reproduced for first time - all Corvette poster offered for sale — restoring a 1960 Corvette to original — Region News. Parts Wanted, Parts for Sale, Cars for Sale - E53F001013 offered for sale — Corvette Collectors — 1960 showroom brochure reproduced — 2nd 2nd half of Vol. 1 No. 1 1957 Corvette News 1957 Reproduction -Completion of 1954 Corvette Radio Repair article which started with Vol. 2 No. 2 April 1970. Completion of AMA Specifications Questionnaire 1953-54-55 six cylinder and 1955 V-8. Photo coverage of N.C.C.C. Dallas Convention, July 22 and W.S.C.C. Fresno Convention May 1972. Even young men like old Corvettes! and What's New for "73" Corvettes.

Vol. 4 No. 4 November-December 1972

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Cover Story E57S104672 owned by George Neiman, York, Pa. - Editor's Notes - Regional News - "Automobile Quarterly" Poster - Classified "Chiltons Repair & Tune-up Guide for the Corvette" - Corvette Collectors List - Original Showroom Brochure for the 1961 Corvette -Owner's Pride (Pictures) - Reproduction Vendor's List - "Corvette News" Vol. 1, No. 2 first half - First half of the 1956 Corvette Owner's Manual - Addendum to Roster.

Vol. 5 No. 1 January-March 1973

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Cover Story: 1959 Frost Blue Corvette Roadster owned by Jim and Pam Lafferty of Carterville, III. Editor's Notes - Regional News - New Grant Membership Boy's Town Nebraska - Parts Wanted - Classified - 1962 Showroom Brochure - Owner's Pride Picture Page - Bryan & Bev Hill, China Lake, Cal. Feature Story - Second Half Corvette News Vol. 1 #2 - Second Half 1956 Corvette Owner's Manual - Standard & Optional R.P.O. Equipment 1960 Corvettes - Available 1/25 Scale Model 53-54-55 Corvette - Addendum to Roster.

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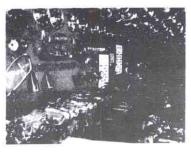
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COMPARISON OF 1963 BROCHURES

In comparing the first 1963 Corvette brochure with the red car on the cover to the second 1963 brochure with the black car on the cover, we find that there are very few differences between the two. As we are only printing the earlier one with the red car on the front, we shall attempt to list the changes that appeared in the second brochure when it came out later that same year.

Under the section entitled, "Inside A Luxurious New Measure of Corvette Comfort," there appears a minor change in the third sentence.

Red car cover brochure: "You're surrounded by a color-keyed interior (black, red, dark blue or saddle) with leather-grained vinyl upholstery on seats and the instrument panel."

Black car cover brochure: "You're surrounded by a color-keyed interior (black, red, dark blue or saddle) with leather-grained vinyl upholstery on seats and hooded areas of the instrument panel."

Under the section headed "Power Teams Tailor-Made for Sports Car Fun," the last sentence of the first paragraph contains a change.

Red car cover brochure: "The 360-hp Fuel Injection engine' provides a larger volume aluminum manifold with improved ram pipes."

Black car cover brochure: "The 360-hp Fuel Injection

Black car cover brochure: "The 360-hp Fuel Injection engine" provides a larger volume aluminum manifold with improved ram pipes and warning buzzer for the tach."

In that same section near the end of the last paragraph, the two again read differently.

Red car cover brochure: "The automatic Powerglide" transmission with floor-mounted shift lever, available with two engines, gives really effortless driving."

Black car cover brochure: "The automatic Powerglide" transmission, available with two engines, gives really effortless driving."

The major change between the two brochures occurs in the aluminum wheels with knock-off hubs. The earlier brochure with red car cover shows two-ear hubs while the later brochure with black car cover features three-ear hubs. There is no written change, but the differences between the pictures are obvious.

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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 is the 1963 model.



CHECKLIST FOR 1953/1954 CORVETTES

CHECKLIST FOR 1953 Form created by: George F. Campbell, F	E. Top Deck Compartment Fiberglass bottom panel Bottom panel felt pad Webbed belts w/buckles		
Exterior	E. Bottom	Hinges	
	Exhaust headers	Deck underside rubber cushions	
A. Front	Mufflers	Weatherstripping Release mechanism striker	
Drivers Side Wire basket weave	Tailpipes White sidewall tires	Chrome trim	
Basket housing	Wheels	Gas tank	
Chrome basket frame	Wheel covers	F. Engine Compartment	
Turn signal assembly Turn signal chrome	II. Interior	—Horns	
Turn signal lens	A. Passenger Compartment	Radiator w/hoses Chrome radiator top tank	
Front bumper bullet Lower bumper chrome	Kick panels	Chrome AC top tank cap	
Inside horiz, bumper chrome	Door trim panels Ashtrays & Escutcheons	Water pump Fan	
Outside horiz, bumper chrome	Door compartment lids	Fan hub	
Windshield washer head Windshield wiper and arm	Door release knobs	Fuel pump	
	Side curtain knobs Door release knob escutcheons	Fuel filter (optional) Starter & solenoid	
2, Passengers Side Wire basket weave	St. steel step plates	Generator	
Basket housing	Door latches	Coll	
Chrome basket frame	Door stops Drivers seat track	Distributor Two part ignition shield	
Turn signal assembly Turn signal chrome	Passengers seat hooks	Fiberglass hood stops	
Turn signal lens	Seat cushions Seat backs	Radiator hood springs Hood latches w/springs	
Front bumper bullet Lower bumper chrome	Drivers seat frame	Hood latch rubber stops	
Inside horiz, bumper chrome	Center console chrome trim	Hood brace	
Outside horiz, bumper chrome	Top deck release w/chrome button Carpeting	Hood latch receiver assemblies Windshield washer bottle bracket	
Windshield washer head Windshield wiper and arm	Drivers foot wear pad	Windshield washer jar w/lid	
3. Center	Door/window rubber pads	Windshield washer hoses	
Medallion	B. Dashboard	Battery & cables Battery bottom plate	
Grill ring	Courtesy light assemblies Courtesy light chrome w/lenses	Battery hold-down bracket	
Grill (13 teeth & 3 braces) Chrome bumperettes	Courtesy light switches	Wiring harnesses Intake manifold	
Bumperette extension bars	Hood release assemblies w/knobs	Exhaust manifold	
Cowl vent	Emergency brake assy, w/T-	Heater hoses	
Lic. plate bracket	Emergency brake light assembly	Electrical relay boxes Valve cover	
	Emergency brake light lens unit Emergency brake light flasher	Valve cover decals	
B. Sides 1. Drivers Side	— unit	Six cylinder engine 53: "LAY" 54: "F54YG"	
Chrome bird	Cowl vent handle w/knob Headlight switch w/knob	Carter Carburetors	
Front fender st. steel trim Door st. steel trim	Speedometer lens	Carburetor inspection tags	
Rear fender st. steel trim (6")	Chrome speedometer frame	Carburetor linkage Chrome carburetor "bullets"	
Chrome door top molding	Steering column Turn signal lever	Duo intake air filter assembly	
Gas filler door (w/2 rubber	Turn signal switch & housing	Chrome discs for duo assembly	
bumpers)	Chrome horn ring	G. Other Items Checked	
Original gas cap	Plastic steering wheel medallion Heater switch w/knob		
2. Passengers Side Chrome bird	Signal seeking radio w/knobs		
Front fender st. steel trim	Radio speaker unit (w/trans- former)	III. General Impression of Car	
Door st. steel trim	Lighter unit w/knob	A. Appearance:	
Rear fender st. steel trim (6") Chrome door top molding	Gas gauge		
	Battery gauge Tachometer		
C. Rear	Oil pressure gauge		
1. Drivers Side Chrome tailpipe extension	Clock with knob	B. Mechanical:	
St. steel tailpipe bezel	Temperature gauge Inside r.v. mirror	B. Woodlander	
Tail light housing Rear bumper bullet	Chrome defroster ports		
Lower bumper chrome	Three part radio grill Chrome radio grill trim w/"bow"		
Rear side chrome (16")	Vinyl dash facia trim	a faw	
Inside horiz, bumper chrome	C. Misc. Interior Items	C. Mileage: D. Original or Restored:	
2. Passengers Side Chrome tailpipe extension	Brake pedal		
St. steel tailpipe bezel	Accelerator pedal Heater	E. Interior Color: F. Exterior Color:	
Tail light housing	Chrome gear shift lever	G. Ownership history:	
Rear bumper bullet Lower bumper chrome	Gear shift knob Chrome gear shift cap	The second secon	
Rear side chrome (16")	Windshield glass		
Inside horiz, bumper chrome	Chrome windshield frame		
3. Center	Owners manual		
Curved chrome bumper (60") Trunk lid	D. Trunk Compartment Spare white sidewall tire		
Chrome lic. plate frame	Retainer bolt		
Plexiglass lic. plate cover	Plywood tire cover w/escutcheon		
Lic. plate frame weatherstrip Trunk lock w/escutcheon	Printed jacking instructions Jack, handle, wrench		
D. Top	Rubber mat	IV. Cost Factors	
Top deck latch guides	Radio antenna cable & hook-up Side curtain vinyl bag	A. Purchase price: \$	
Soft top bows	Side curtains	B. Fiberglass repair est. C. Paint est.	
Soft top fabric	Rear fiberboard panel	D. Upholstery repair est.	
Soft top rear latches Soft top front latches	Vinyl bag turn buckles Jack handle clips	E. Mechanical repair est. F. Parts cost est.	
Hardtop	Tail light assemblies	G. Tires, etc.	
Hardtop lower rear molding Hardtop rear latches	Rubber weatherstripping Lic. plate light assemblies	H. Other costs:	
Hardtop front latches	Lic. plate light power cable		
Hardtop rear window w/molding Hardtop rubber door molding	Trunk hinges Male/Female trunk lock units	I. Total cost factors:	
Hardtop rubber door molding Hardtop mfgs. ID plate	Moisture absorbant bags	Con't on page 21	
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Dick Campbell, 4021 Chamberlin, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.
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XS M L XL 34-36 38-40 42-44 32

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