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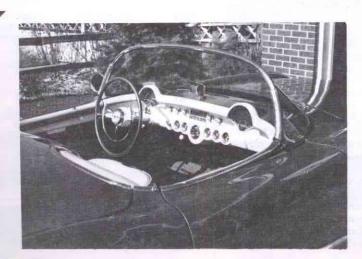
NOTICE

Permission to reproduce all or any part of this newsletter must be obtained in writing from the Vintage Corvette Club of America. Also, use of the names on the roster for any purposes other than official club business is strictly prohibited.

Our newsletter name was written in white letters on the blue-green six-cylinder engine valve cover on the early Corvette models.

-Ed Thiebaud





See Story on Sage 6



COMING AN ALL-ALUMINUM CORVETTE?

Yes, in ROAD AND TRACK May 1974, there was pictured along with an article, an aluminum Corvette.

Reynolds Aluminum built this car for Chevrolet Division

to study the idea.

Reynolds doesn't claim that the all-aluminum body car is ready for mass production immediately, improvements still must be made in certain phases of joining and forming aluminum, but building the car helped identify several areas in which research will continue.

1953-57 GRILLE SHELL FRAMES NOW AVAILABLE

If you remember we mentioned in Vol. 5 No. 3 that Don Hein 6973 Estes Dr. Arvada, Colo. and Ken Miller 6969 Estes Dr. Arvada, Colo. were yelling about not being able to find grille shell frames. Well they stopped yelling and started reproducing 53-57 grille shell frames. Let's give a big hand for Don Hein and Ken Miller!!



The shell is of high quality aluminum and is as near as possible to an exact reproduction. It is lighter than the original, and will be offered with a high polish surface which looks like chrome. You can have it chromed, but all chrome shops are not capable of plating aluminum. Some minor modification to the grille opening may be required as we find a considerable amount of variance from car to car. Shipment will be 30-45 days from receipt of payment, with freight C.O.D. We offer money back guarantee on material and workmanship but make no guarantee on plating as this varies between plating shops. Send money order or Certified check to Don Hein 6973 Estes Dr. or Ken Miller 6969 Estes Dr., Arvada, Colo. 80004. Prices: Polished and Studded \$200

Polished and Studded \$200 Polished and Unstudded \$185 Unpolished and Unstudded \$155



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.

Model Car	Car Serial No.	F.I. Serial No.	F.I. Part No.		
1956	E56S001797	1013	701-4520 Finned top Doghouse		
1959	J59S103638	1675	701-7300 Finned top Doghouse		
1960	00867S108066	1661	701-7320 Smooth top Doghouse		
1961	10867\$1053314	2633	701-7230 Smooth top Doghouse		
1963	30837S116296	2002	701-7380 Finned top Doghouse		
1957	E57S100965	1379	701-4360 Finned top Doghouse		
1957	E57S102558	1373	701-4520 Finned top Doghouse		
1957	E57S103540	1334	701-4520 Finned top Doghouse		
1957	E57S103560	1633	701-4520 Finned top Doghouse		
1957	E57S103963	1662	701-4520 Finned top Doghouse		
1957	E57S104730	2483	701-4800 Finned top Doghouse		
1957	E57S106023	1147	701-4520 Finned top Doghouse		
1958		1327	701-4900 Finned top Doghouse		
1958	J58S100992	2191	701-4900 Finned top Doghouse		
1958	J58S104652	2775	701-4900 Finned top Doghouse		
1959	J59S100561	1109	701-7300 Finned top Doghouse		
1959	J59S106597	1661	701-7300 Finned top Doghouse		
1960	00867\$105156	1356	701-7320 Smooth top Doghouse		
1960	00867\$108617	1608	701-7320 Smooth top Doghouse		
1961	10867\$105269	2382	701-7320 Smooth top Doghouse		
1961	10867S105564	2679	701-7320 Smooth top Doghouse		
1962	208675104516	1773	701-7360 Smooth top Doghouse		
1963	308375109434	2531	701-7375 Finned top Doghouse		
1964					



1953-55 CLUB ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE

- 1. Carburetor kits new \$10 each p/p 1954.
- Back issues of magazines: all volumes. See page 14 for price.
- 3. New original windshields \$150 plus postage and insurance.
- 4. New windshield rubber gaskets \$13 each p/p.
- One quart of Chevrolet red upholstery paint for entire upholstery, including carpets, seats, door panels, etc. \$10 each p/p.
- One quart of Chevrolet engine blue heat resistant paint -\$10 each p/p.
- Weather stripping for trunk under top deck, doors and hood 162" long - \$12 each p/p.
- Original left and right side curtain release knobs, white -\$4.50 each p/p.
- 9. Original left and right door handle knobs, white \$5.50 each
- New original distributor with side tachometer drive \$85 each plus postage and insurance.
- 11. New rubber transmission mount (2 bolt hole) fits between trans. and cross brace unit \$10 each p/p.
- 12. Lower seating strip (rubber) used around bottom of the plastic on hardtops and any other custom-made vintage hardtops - \$3 per foot.
- Chrome ash tray with flip lid, fits into arm rest 1953-55; also fits into tunnel for 1956-62 - \$8.50 each p/p.
- Chrome ash tray ring, square pattern fits into arm rest \$4 each p/p.
- 15. Head lamp chrome rings \$12.50 each p/p.
- 16. Six-piece master cylinder brake rebuild kit \$7.50 each p/p.
- 17. 1953-54 6 cylinder new bottom radiator hose \$5 each. Take a total of 2. Elbow pipe NOT included in order.
- 18. Center of front hood deck rubber vent seal \$5 each p/p.
- 19. 1953-55 complete park light assembly with lense, chrome ring, screws, bulb socket with bulb and wire harness - \$20 each p/p.

1958-62 CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

- 1. Ignition shielding for distributor (not for F.I.) \$25 each
- Shielding passenger side from distributor shield to lower rear of engine ('57-283 — '62-327) - \$13 each p/p.
- 3. Chrome ignition shield butterfly screws .75 each.
- Complete front end and rear deck Corvette emblem; chrome ring, plastic emblem, rubber gasket, aluminum plate with 4 nuts - \$20 each p/p.
- 5. Gear shift rubber boot \$5 each p/p.
- Hard top front windshield chrome hold-down latch, right or left side - \$10 each p/p.
- 7. Inside white door knobs \$5.50 each p/p.
- 8. Gear shift knob, white \$7.50 each p/p.

1953-55 CLUB REPRODUCTIONS FOR SALE

- Original (patterned in configuration) trunk mat reproduction made out of red loop pile carpet with red leatherette sewn around perimeter for trim work - \$25 each p/p.
- 2. Owner's Manuals 1953-54 reproduction \$7.50 each p/p.
- 3. 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 - \$25 each, Red or Beige. p/p.
- New chrome reproduction head lamp screens, like original -\$45 pair p/p.
- Beautiful reproduction of original ignition shielding done in fibreglass - top \$40 — bottom - \$40 p/p.
- 6. Rear license plate covers exact duplication \$20 each p/p.
- 1953-55 Corvette rocker arm cover decals, exact reproduction, 1953 \$8 1954 \$7 each p/p.
- 8. Chrome air cleaner bullets \$20 each p/p.
- 9. Drop license plate hanger bars

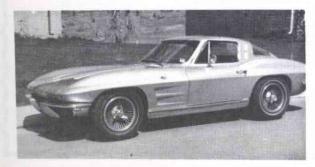
1956-57 CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

- 2. Fuel injection name plate ('57) \$6 each p/p.
- Ignition shielding for distributor (not for fuel injection) -\$25 each p/p.
- Shielding passenger side from distributor shield to lower rear of engine (1957-283 thru 1962-327) - \$13 each p/p.
- 5. Chrome ignition shielding butterfly screws .75 each.
- New weather stripping for trunk, under top deck, doors and hood - \$12 p/p.
- 7. Right and left white door handle knobs \$5.50 each p/p.
- 8. Chrome ash tray \$8.50 each p/p.
- 9. Chrome ring around ash tray \$4 each p/p.
- Hard top right or left chrome hold-down latch top windshield - \$10 each p/p.
- 11. Rubber transmission gear shift boot \$5 each p/p.
- Front end and rear deck emblems complete with chrome ring - \$13 each p/p.
- 13. Inside chrome door lock handle \$5 each p/p.
- Complete park light assembly with lense, chrome ring, screws, bulb, socket and wire harness - \$20 each p/p.
- 15. Rear window and hard top base rubber \$20 each p/p.
- 16. Windshield gasket \$13 each p/p.

1957-57 CLUB REPRODUCTIONS FOR SALE

- 1. Venitian Red upholstery dye 1 qt. liquid \$9.50 each p/p.
- Venitian Red upholstery aerosol spray cans 12.5 oz. \$10 each p/p.

OWNERS' PRIDE



Don Hein of 6973 Estes Dr., Arvada, Colo., is very proud of his 53-E53F001183, and his 63 that was just recently finished.



CARS WANTED & FOR SALE

WANTED:

1957 Corvette Mint original or professional restoration. May consider easy restoration.

Neil Moody, 11 Brookside Terrace, North Caldwell, N.J. 07006 Ph. (201) 226-5764, 6-10 p.m.

WANTED:

1963 Corvette Coupe, stock.

Steven Baker, Box 229, Fargo, N.D. 58102

WANTED:

1957 Corvette with original fuel injection, low mileage preferred. Will pay top dollar for right car.

Thomas Feuerherm, 11380 S.W. 93rd St., Miami, Fla. 33156 Ph. (305) 274-0168

WANTED:

1953 Corvette to restore, must have original drive train. Gary Miller, 1221 Gilson St., Madison, Wisc. 53715 Ph. (816) 358-7239

FOR SALE:

1960 Corvette, fuel injection, 283, 4-speed, hardtop, red with black interior, completely restored to better than new condition. \$7,500.

1958 Corvette, mint condition \$2,800

1965 Corvette Coupe, 365 - 327, 4-speed, air \$3,500

1972 Corvette Roadster, 454, auto., air, PS, PB, fm-stereo, new top, red - red, 22,000 miles.

Tim Meade, 1315 Canterbury Ln., Colonial Heights, Va. 23834 Ph. Home: (804) 526-9573 Office: (804) 520-1741

FOR SALE:

1956 Corvette, stock and original, complete 265 cu. in. 3-speed, posi. rear 3 tops, car is solid new front end, brakes, exhaust, etc.

Ray Willard, 1358 Oakland Rd. #120, San Jose, Ca. 95112 Ph. (209) 289-1954



- LOST AND FOUND -





This 1956 Corvette belonging to Abigail Anderson of Madera, Ca., was stollen June 5, 1974, in Madera. Serial #E568004241.

The above photo shows the car with a white inset, but the car had been painted burgundy. There was a small piece of fiberglass missing under the headlight on the drivers side, and the hood had a bubble in it from a carburetor fire. If anyone has any information of this car's where abouts please contact Abby Anderson, P. O. Box 1221, Madera, Calif. 93637.

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PARTS FOR SALE

FOR SALE:

1963 Rochester Fuel Injection complete, low mileage, original. Asking \$600 1957 passenger fuel injection unit (no distributor). Lots of new and used F.I. parts. Hurst shifter for 1960 Corvette \$25.

Vern Chymko, Apt. 202 2345 Portage Ave., Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada.

FOR SALE:

Exact reproduction 53-55 Corv. trunk rubber mats, Red only \$50 COD. Exact reproduction 53-55 Corv. carpet red and tan \$125 COD. Canvas conv. tops tan and black \$60. Pads and extra material for bows \$20 COD. 53-55 Corvette hubcap spinner exact reproduction ready to install \$10 each COD.

Jack Stepp % Art's Trim Shop, 305 E. 38th St., Anderson, Ind. 46014 Ph. (317) 644-5389. Res. 649-1953.

FOR SALE:

1962 Corvette Body, 51,650 original miles, red interior mint dash, mint original rugs, body never been wrecked, original rims and hubcaps, chrome has been taken off car (have all chrome), car is prime now was factory white. Original trunk mat and jack tools, owner's manual, have factory engine 327 — 340 hp 4-speed close ratio 456 posi., hard top mint, car under restoration. Best offer.

Lots of Corvette parts, write your needs. Have four new knockoff spinners, the knockoffs you can't buy anymore, still in factory boxes. Best offer over \$200 part #3853795.

Brian Strong, 24187 Park St., Hayward, Ca. 94544

FOR SALE:

63 Fuel Injection w/distributor-less fuel meter-\$130. 56-57 tail lights—brand new in boxes-\$65 for both. 62 black steering wheel-\$20. 56-57 fuel/water and oil/battery gauges-both \$25. 56 hubcaps—set of seven-\$35 for all. 56-57 center grill bar and seven teeth—fair shape-\$25 for all. 56-57 dual quad manifold, carburetors, air cleaner, linkage-\$50 complete. 57 240 horsepower heads with valve covers and all internal parts-\$50 both. 56 powerglide with all linkage except stick-\$75. 57 and 63 ignition shields—various parts—nine pieces in all-\$25 for all. Set of five Halibrand magnesium wheels. These are the actual wheels used on one of the Cunningham cars at LeMans in 1960. See page 100 of Karl Ludvigsens Corvette book for picture of them on car. A real collector item-\$225 for set. All prices are plus shipping and insurance. Send SASE for particulars.

Mark Hathaway, 1005 W. Marbury Ave., West Covina, Ca. 91790

FOR SALE:

53 Corvette owner's manual. Have found original manual inside owner's service policy dated 12-9-53 from Luby Chevrolet, Denver, Colo. S/N E53F001183 originally sold to James E. Stokes.

Who has this car? Who wants the package 4 items? Make offer. I have reproduced this manual in its entirety. Exact copies of first 50 manuals, \$9 each check or money orders payable to:

Caulette Rush, 1163 Panorama Dr., Arcadia, Ca. 91006 (213) 447-7002

FOR SALE:

Many Corvette parts, including '64 F.I., '68 L88 heads and intake.

Tim Meade, 1315 Canterbury Ln., Colonial Heights, VA 23834 Ph. Home (804) 526-9573, office: (804) 520-1741.

FOR SALE:

1960 Corvette parts, Grille, horizontal bumper, and vertical bumpers with brackets, all in good condition. 1953-55 parts might reproduce 6 inch side molding if there is enough interest.

Noland Adams, 715 Talbot, Albany, Ca. 94706 (415) 525-0855

FOR SALE:

1954 grill, side curtains, chrome, rear body, chassis, etc., price list on request.

Richard Koury, 12009 E. 57, Kansas City, Mo. 64133 Ph. (816) 358-7239

FOR SALE:

1965 bucket seats, dash pad (Nassau blue; also instruments and radio/am-fm) one new L-88 magnetic pulse distributor. Vernon Chymko, 343 Ainslie St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3J 2Z7

PARTS WANTED

WANTED:

Air meter adapter from 1959-62 fuel injection—links air filter to air meter.

Steven Baker, Box 229, Fargo, ND 58102

WANTED:

For 1954 Corvette steering wheel, horn ring, emblem, shifter and linkage, hood, front down bumper bar.

Herschel Macy, 731 Neosho Blvd., Neosho, Mo. 64850

WANTED:

Four good Rochester side-draft carburetors as used in the 6-cyl. Corvette.

John Bond, 28 Harbor Island, Newport Beach, Ca. 92660

WANTED:

1954 front emblem, bullets, bumpers, kick panels, trunk mat. Richard Koury, 12009 E. 57, Kansas City, Mo. 64133 Ph. (816) 358-7239

WANTED:

For 1954 Corvette, one or two exhaust extensions (long or short), one chrome cover for dual pot air filter, pair six inch side chrome, passenger side chrome (replaces the flipper molding on late 1954 cars).

Rich Kahnberg, 5639 Yerba Buena, Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405



Our membership cards are finally being printed and will soon be available!!!!!!

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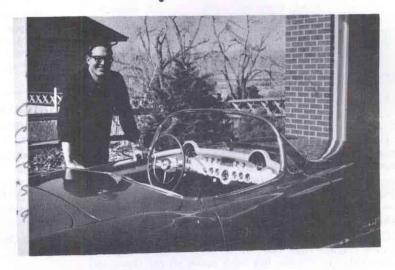
Cover Story

July 8, 1974

Dear Ed,

Thank you for selecting my 1955 VE55S001278 for the cover on Vol. 6, No. 1 issue of the Blue Flame Special, I am the third owner (I think). I regret that I cannot supply the complete history back to the selling dealer. I purchased the car from Emil Ziegler, Denver, Colo., in December of 1972. He purchased the car from Hugh Duncan of Casper, Wyoming in 1957. Mr. Duncan purchased a Used Car Business and the car was part of the stock. I talked to Mr. Duncan and he was unable to supply any of the prior history but felt that the car was purchased new from Natrona Motor Co., Casper, Wyo. This is slightly ironic since I lived in Casper at that time and was a confirmed Corvette nut. But, being 18 and usually broke, my first Corvette did not come until 1963, which was a fuel injected split window

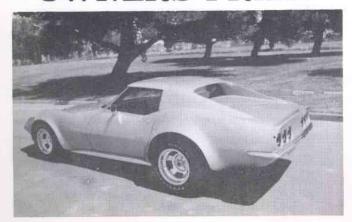
Mr. Ziegler had taken excellent care of the car and kept it original except for wheel covers, and interior which he had reupholstered in 1969 with a gold color. The original shoreline beige was still underneath. All other items were there including the original ignition shielding. I will include some in-process photos of the restoration. All paint was original and the body had the normal amount of small cracks. I wanted to seal these small cracks so I had the body sandblasted using very fine sand. Then, I re-resined the entire body. I let the resin cure for about six months while I went through the chasis and all mechanical type items with the body off. After putting the body back on the chasis, it was many hours of block sanding the resin, but was well worth the



effort. I obtained the original Copper Metallic paint from a Ditzler Distributor in Denver who is still capable of mixing vintage colors. I talked to George Campbell several times during restoration and according to his records mine is the first copper color to be verified. The dash top is copper with the lower dash, steering column, etc. Polo White. The entire interior was reupholstered with Shoreline Beige. The grille shell was cracked and after much fruitless searching for a replacement at other than an outrageous price, I decided I'd have to make one. Don Hein, another Corvette nut and my next door neighbor, and I started the lengthy and very costly process of having a mold built to make an exact duplicate. It took a year's work to perfect the mold and one of these reproductions is in the car. It is made of aluminum and given a high polish. There are not enough vintage Vettes in the general area in concourse or show condition for any kind of pure vintage Vette meet. I entered mine in the Tri-State Auto Show in Denver this spring and took home a trophy in the 1949 and later restoration class which is all makes and models. Needless to say there were many fine automobiles in this broad category so I was very pleased and proud to win. It will be entered in the International Auto Show in Denver in November, and I hope somemore vintage Vettes will show up. I am very proud of this exceptional car and I feel that there are very few 55's in this condition. It was in the restoration process for approximately 18 months.

> Thank you Ken Miller

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Frank Milne % Harry Mann Chev. Co. 5735 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, Ca., is proud of his beautiful 1972 Corvette.

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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.

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 sec-

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production 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
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car by Frank Milne, Sales Manager, Harry Mann Chevrolet Company,

L.A. - Owners pride picture page - Cal Farley's Boys Ranch Grant membership No. 1 — Harrah's Swap Meet & Car Show schedule — Corvette Radio article — 1957 Fuel Injection article — 1954 Chevrolet

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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 to membership Roster.

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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 headquarters - 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.

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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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powerglide removal - Roster.

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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.

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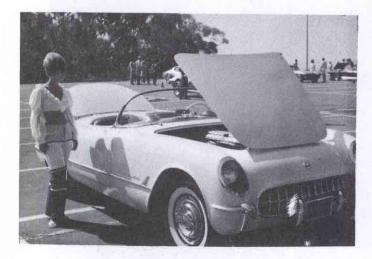
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REPORT NO. 3 IREC INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY OF EARLY CORVETTES

THE CORVETTE TRIANGLE.... The production figures for the early Corvettes, quoted in IREC Report No. 2, have produced an unresolved conflict of information among three respected authorities on the subject. According to data published by the noted Chevrolet historian and auto writer Karl Ludvigsen, the Calendar Year production of the 1953 Corvette was 314 and the Model Year production was 300. If the commonly accepted figure of 300 is valid for the production of the 1953 Corvette, then a logical assumption would be that the additional 14 cars appearing in the 1953 Calendar Year production figures would include the first fourteen of the 1954 cars, produced at Flint prior to the closing down of the original Corvette assembly line and its move to its new permanent quarters in St. Louis. This assumption was recently refuted by Joe Pike, Assistant Merchandising Manager for Chevrolet and long-time Editor of Corvette News---certainly sterling credentials to qualify as a Corvette authority.

Mr. Pike's letter states, in part: "... the 1953 production run was only 300 Corvettes, as you know, and they were all built in Flint. Therefore, the end serial number was E53F001300, indicating production at St. Louis not Flint." This causes the curious to ask what, then, happened to those 14 cars cited in the Calendar Year figures of Mr. Ludvigsen? We can add that nowhere in all of the materials which have been generated by IREC and its research effort over the past few years, has any car turned up nor has any owner claimed to have a serial number later than E53F001300, lending credence to the validity of the 300 Model Year production figure.

Further clouding the issue is this comment quoted from the 1954 edition of Ward's Automotive Yearbook, a reliable industry source of information: "Hand lay-up has the advantage of low-cost tooling when only a few pieces are to be made, as for last year's Corvette production of 315 units." This comment seems to agree with Karl Ludvigsen's understanding, except as to the precise number made. Ward's 1953 Calendar production is seconded by a 1954 issue of a popular auto magazine which states: "Only 315 Corvettes were built during 1953. Production facilities are to be moved from Flint to St. Louis, and as of presstime, output has jumped to 500 a month, which is only half the ultimate goal."

What we are left with is a series of questions with varying authoritative answers. Whether the first fourteen 1954 Corvettes were manufactured at the end of 1953 in Flint, or whether they were the first cars made in St. Louis early in 1954 is not resolved from our current "triangular" sources of information. We don't know what references were used by Mr. Ludvigsen for his information. We suspect that the serial number plates of the 1954 cars were all made up at one time and if the first 14 cars were to originate in Flint instead of St. Louis, would Chevrolet tool up a new run of serial number plates for just 14 cars (or 15) just to reflect their change of origin? That seems doubtful. Nor do we know where Ward's and the magazine cited obtained their data. Perhaps only when the production records of the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors are opened for examination by a qualified historian, will answers to these questions be resolved. Here at IREC we hope that will happen some time prior to the 1978 silver anniversary of "America's only true production sports car."

Another interesting feedback to our Report No. 2 concerns the production expectations of Chevrolet when the St. Louis plant opened in 1954. Previously we have made reference to their anticipation to see 10,000 units a year starting in 1954. One of IREC's participants recently wrote to say he has a promotional post card produced by Chevrolet for the Brussels Auto Show January 16-27, 1954, picturing the 1953 prototype Corvette on its face. After arranging to have the text translated from the original French, it turned out that the manufacturers were estimating a 1954 production of 25,000 units! It appears the overseas publicity department was even more enthused about the car's prospects than were the conservative PR men here in the states. And how about that for a rare piece of original Corvette literature!

One other comment which might be appropriate in this era of rumors concerning the Corvettes about to be made out of steel, aluminum, pancake batter or rubber cement. . . . a 1953 issue of a prominent automotive magazine states: "Few people doubt that Fiberglas has a future in the automotive industry, but whether or not it can compete on the same plane with steel is another matter. Although Chevrolet says that as far as Fiberglas is concerned, they have 'cast the dies', they also say cautiously that when a yearly productive capacity of 15,000 cars is reached, it's cheaper to produce bodies made of steel. Make of this what you will." (That's funny. . . . I didn't realize that 1961 was the last year they made those things out of Fiberglas.)

UPDATING THE PROGRESS REPORT.....Response to the publication of these Reports of the International Registry of Early Corvettes continues to produce new entries to fill the gaps in accounting for the 1953-54-55 production of Corvettes. As of April 1, 1974, here is our condensed progress report:

	1953		1954		19	1955		1953-55	
	NO.	<u>%</u>	NO.	%	NO.	<u>%</u>	NO.	%	
Total Prod. Accounted for	166	55.0	879	24.1	177	25.3	1222	26.3	

Based on the data now available, we are convinced that at least 50% of the original production of the first three years of Corvette is still around, and the major portion of those cars will eventually find their way into the IREC data. We are appreciative of the help of those now participating and hope many more will join in the effort to make IREC as complete and as significant as possible to all owners of the early Corvettes.

THE 1954 PALETTE (RESPONSE).....IREC Report No. 2 concentrated its attention on the color choices available to the purchaser of a 1954 model. Perhaps the most surprising result of our research was the authentication of a blue vinyl interior choice, having been combined either with a Polo White or a Pennant Blue exterior. Our best substantiation of those combinations came from two original owners of such cars who still have them to this day, twenty years after delivery from their Chevrolet dealer. Other IREC registrations were also noted for further back-up evidence that a bright blue vinyl interior existed as a factory installed color choice. Since publication of that Report, two further examples have been reported in Polo White on Blue, by non-owners of the cars.

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One of them was recently seen in the Northwest, and the Corvette owner who saw that car asserts its authenticity after careful examination of it. He was, in fact, relieved to see IREC publish information concerning that color choice since he found others who thought he was "nuts" when he made reference to that car's color combination. It seems that few people have seen them and therefore they don't readily believe in them. (All references to Santa Klaus and the Loch Ness monster aside.) Another qualified observer of the Corvette scene, who specializes in the repair and restoration of the car in the Northeastern part of the country reports that the previously unregistered Corvette No. E54S004329 was in a factory Polo Whote and bright blue interior combination, owned by a party in his area. The seats are in the original blue with white stitching together with the original kick panels. Only parts of the door trim showed some evidence of having been redone at one time. And, he reports that the owner has had the car since early in the 1960s. From this additional information, we can reinterate what we said last time around: "It would appear that this is a limited but well-authenticated factory color combination."

THE 1955 PALETTE.... They may have manufactured only 700 of them, but the 1955 Corvette seems to have a reputation for having come out in a veritable rainbow of color combinations compared to its predecessors. We refer to its "reputation" for variety, since the selection apparently grew only from five to seven that following year---unless another two colors might be better substantiated than they are now. The 1955 contributions to the Corvette color chart include these entries:

Polo White/Sportsman Red — Carried forward once again, this was the most prevalent color for the third year, but with color variety otherwise gaining ground, for the first time the majority of the cars for this production year were not in Polo White with the red interior. Current IREC research data indicates 47.2% of the 1955s carried on this traditional combination.

Gypsy Red/White with Red Stitching — Displacing the 1954 second place volume holder came this striking mixture. Chevrolet made a slight change from the Sportsman Red exterior of the previous year and opted for what they christened Gypsy Red. They then endowed the interior with a reverse of the standard red interior—choosing red stitching running through white vinyl. That this was the second most prevalent combination in 1955 should be another surprise to many, but our current sampling indicates that 20.8% of the reliably reported cars came in it. The earliest reliable entry with this combination was VE55S001297. Following that one an otherwise very original VE55S001348 reported in this way with just 51,000 miles on the odometer and was purchased from the original owner in 1962. Obviously, Gypsy Red on White began early in the model year and was popular with the production planners.

Harvest Gold/Green — Harvest Gold made its appearance late in the 1955 Corvette manufacturing process, and came with either one of two interior color choices. It appears about 11.3% of them received a medium-toned green vinyl interior, representing the third most often registered IREC entry. Number VE55S001617 is the earliest registered car of this persuasion. In restored condition, it is assumed to have been left in the original color configuration when the work was done. Three cars later in the production line, number 1620 was reported in as a "restored yellow (Harvest Gold?) on Black" with approximately 76,000 miles. The next car, No. 1621, was reported in as customized now but Harvest Gold on Green originally. While none of these are stock original cars untouched by owners, the logic of several of them having been produced so close together at that late date in the 1955 model year run forms convincing evidence of the likelihood of their contemporaneous manufacture in that grouping and speaks strongly for the authenticity of the combination.

Harvest Gold/Yellow — The alternative color choice with the Harvest Gold exterior color was a pale yellow vinyl interior. IREC data reveals 9.4% of the cars in certifiable color combinations came in Harvest Gold on a Yellow interior. The earliest one reported was number VE55S001220, purchased from a Ford dealer as a used car in 1964 when it was nine years old. None of the cars in this group are of an assured original configuration, but most of them present enough data to confirm the combination as authentic. The only area of confusion now centers around sorting out the Harvest Gold group between the interiors of green and yellow. Some of the cars were reported as "Green and Yellow" and some as "Yellow and Green" and it has been difficult in some cases to make the distinction between what color refers to vinyl interior materials and what color is paint oriented. We hope to further study the Harvest Gold group for a clearer picture of what was happening back 19 years ago.

Gypsy Red/Red with White Stitching — The Sportsman Red on Red interior combination of 1954 was carried forward into 1955 as Gypsy Red on Red, in an era when all sports cars sold best when they were painted red. About 5.7% of the accepted 1955 car color combinations were reported in this mixture. Number VE55S001291 is the earliest reported, and white it has been repainted, the original color is claimed to be red on red and the odometer reading of 52,000 helps to substantiate the claim. A stock original VE55S001407 with 50,000 miles on it also helps to fix this claim to authenticity.

Pennant Blue/Shoreline Beige — One of the carry-over color combinations from 1954, Pennant Blue on Shoreline Beige fell from second highest volume of production to sixth in 1955, based on our IREC sample. The Registry shows VE55S001050 in this combination, and the information indicates a fairly original car purchased from the second owner in 1972 and showing 34,000 miles on the odometer. Four cars later number VE55S001054 was manufactured in the same configuration. Once again, the car is restored to its original arrangement, shows 97,000 miles of use, and was purchased in 1971 from its second owner. There can be little question about the claim to authenticity made by the 1955 Pennant Blue on Shoreline Beige cars.

Coppertone Bronze/Shoreline Beige — The rarest color combination we can certify for 1955 is this blending of the Bronze on Beige. Just 1.9% of the seven accepted combinations reported in with this choice. Our best reference for authenticating it is VE55S001278, a third owner car with history known right back to the delivery point. It is reported as a stock original car with 66,000 miles. Your IREC Registrar has seen three additional examples of this combination, one of which is probably spurious, and the other two convincingly authentic. Drawing a few assumptions from our reference data now available, it might be proper to assume a range of between ten and twenty of these cars were produced in 1955. How many of those remain today is now known, but we hope to narrow the scope of probability as more information is accumulated in the future.

In the mass of other color combinations reported for the 1953 production year, two emerge with a potential for authentication, but are not yet both likely and verifiable. In the past we have been asked whether we have ever heard of a 1955 Corvette with an *original* black vinyl interior. While there are many customized and altered cars with that favored interior color, only one is in the running for possible authentication at this time, but the combination seems unlikely. A car has been reported on an Inquiry Sheet as Polo White with a Black interior with white stitching. The other data about the car does strongly suggest that this should be the eighth accepted authentic color.

The car was purchased from the second owner in 1968 with 32,500 actual miles on its odometer. Its previous owner said that the car had been in storage for seven of the ten years he had owned it after purchase in 1958, and had only been driven on short trips. However, the strength of argument for this car is diminished by the fact that the interior and drive train have been redone, the chrome is only in fair condition, and several decorative pieces are missing. Further, the original engine has been replaced. This information casts the shadow of doubt over the car's mileage accuracy and expressed history. In view of the fact that the color combination is the sole known example of Polo White on Black vinyl (the only suspected use of that color, through 1955) we tend to exclude it at this time, and hope for a stronger case to be made through more information about the car or through a second car of this combination which presents unimpeachable credentials.

One more combination is reported which is possible, but is also unlikely and not quite convincing enough at this time to be included in the basic group of seven accepted 1955 Corvette colors. A car with 112,000 miles of road experience, which is reported as Maroon on Red and Tan today, is claimed to have been a Harvest Gold on Red and Tan originally. It is the only example of this combination reported, and would certainly represent one of the strangest scrambling of color concepts in the history of Corvette production. Speaking in its favor is the fact that it seems to be a stock original car otherwise and has been owned by the present owner since 1959---15 years! If anyone else has ever come across a Harvest Gold on Red and Tan (Beige) we would like to hear from them as to when and where the car was encountered. Inclusion of color pictures would certainly help as well.

Until production data is available from the manufacturer, the color choices of the early Corvettes will obviously be tainted with doubt and mystery. Only careful inspection of a car can give a clue whether it is in its original production dress or whether over the period of years since its manufacture it has been altered from the original. Inclusion of other data about the mileage, condition, prior ownership, originality vs. restoration configuration, missing parts, rebuilt parts---all these things help draw the picture to substantiate the color combination indicated. There is a procedure that can be followed in the careful inspection of the car to help confirm the original color selection. It is not infallible, but may help inconnection with the examination of specific cars. Any of those owners who desire more information about this procedure can write IREC for it.

With the enthusiastic help of countless early Corvette owners, progress has been made in determining the palette of colors selected for the cars in those fascinating early days of the establishment of the great tradition of the Corvette. From the earliest days of its life the brilliant color choices matched the design sophistication and mechanical excellence which fostered and sustained the nearly legendary status of the honored Corvette Marque. And the wide participation of the 1953-55 ownership through completion of the Inquiry Sheets of the International Registry of Early Corvettes, has hopefully brought to their fellow early owners as well as to the ownership of all years of the Corvette auto, a broader dimension of understanding about their car and a greater pleasure in sharing the experience of being one of the prideful owners of "America's only true production sports car."

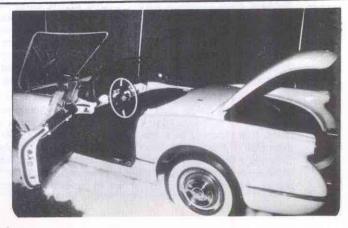
IREC EPILOGUE.... Comments regarding this IREC data are welcome. Participation by all previously unregistered 1953-55 Corvette Owners is solicited. We extend our thanks to the many who have already become a part of this effort. We are particularly grateful for the cooperation and encouragement received from Corvette Clubs and publications, including: the Vintage Corvette Club of America, the Classic Corvette Club 53-55, Vette Vues Magazine, Corvette News, and the newly formed National Corvette Restorer's Society. Also making valuable contributions to the IREC effort have been a group of enthusiastic owners, some of whom have gone above and beyond the call of dedication to provide leads on unregistered cars or to complete Inquiry Sheets on cars encountered as early Corvette owners gather to break conversational "bread."

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- Literature reproductions: Prototype 1953 Corvette brochure; 1953, 1954, 1955 V-8, 1957 SS Corvette sales brochures; 1957 owner's manuals; 1953 through 1962 wiring diagrams.
 *Jerry L. Brewster, Rt. 2 Box 108-A, Bastrop, LA 71220.
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