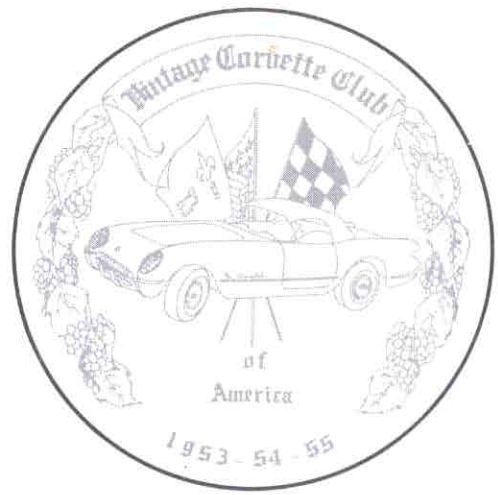
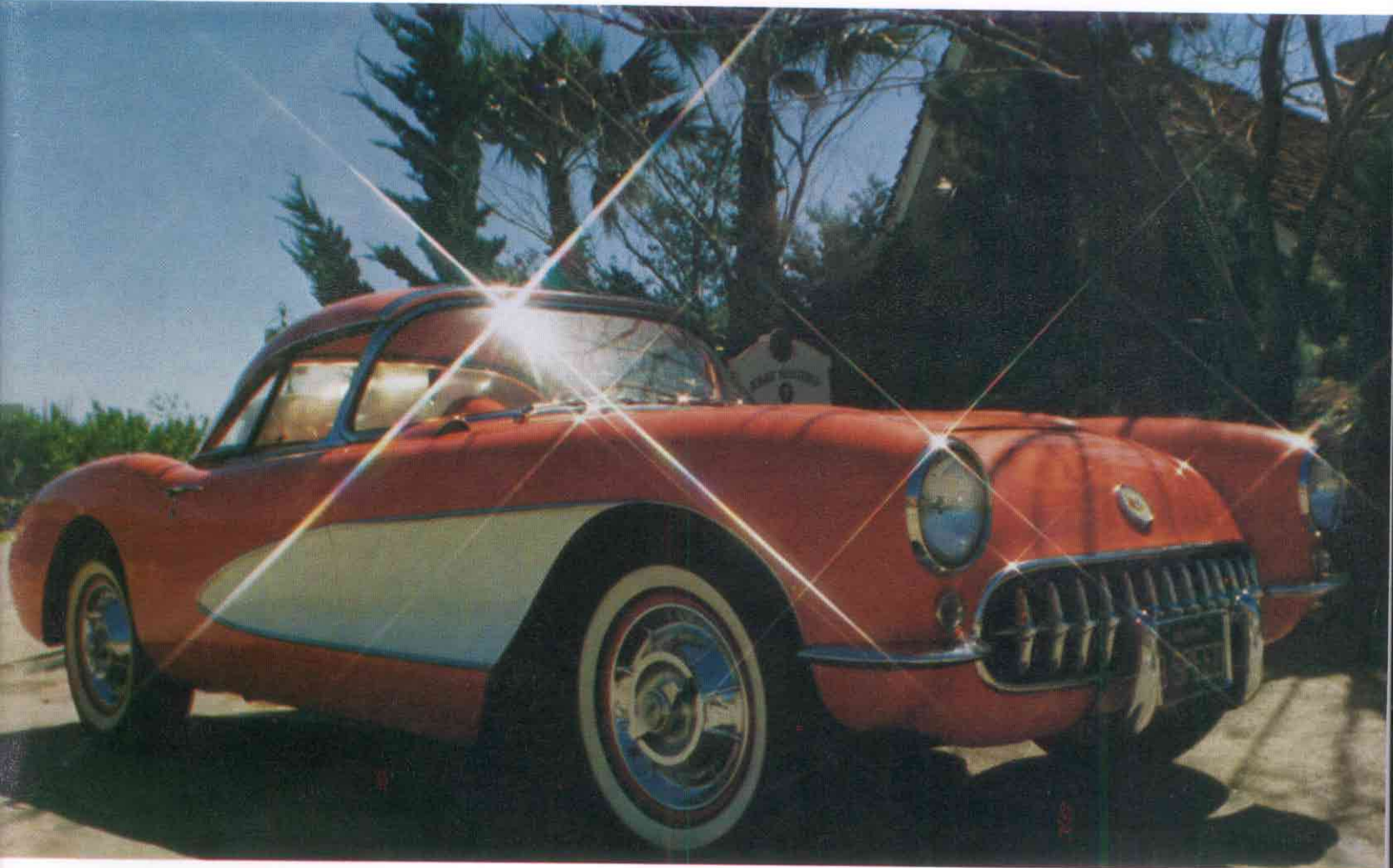


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Our newsletter name was written in white letters on the blue-green six-cylinder engine valve cover on the early Corvette models.

— Ed Thiebaud

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COVER CAR

The beautiful Venitian red 1957 Corvette serial number E57S103307-839-A was restored from the frame up by Mickey Jones of 451 N. Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California. Read the Cover Car story in this issue called, "Mickey's 57 Heaven".

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EDITOR NOTES

Well here is Vol. 7, No. 1 finally! A bit late but we finally made it! Sorry for the delay, my alibi for being late this time is to report a devastating fire at our Fresno Ranch headquarters office and residence. Everything got blackened, wet and much smoke damage, but we have finally gotten straightened out and back in business.

Fire burned walls, ceilings, carpets, etc., etc. Glad to report V.C.C.A. records were only a bit blackened and some are wet, but none of them burned — thank goodness. I just signed the final insurance check which went to the contractor for re-doing everything from carpets to new ceilings, all new paint and this totaled to approximately \$3,500.00 so you can see we had some damn damage, besides being out of occupancy for 45 days. Cause of fire . . . air conditioner failure. By the way there was NO damage to our Corvette show room thanks to my quick acting foreman, Larry Brillante and the Fire Dept.

"The Real Corvette" is a recent hardbound book written by V.C.C.A. member No. 1034-A, Ray Miller of the "Evergreen Press" Box 1711, Ocean Side, Calif. 92054, Phone (714) 757-5976. Description as follows: 320 pages, with well over 1200 photos, 16 pages in full color. The book covers all years of Corvettes from inception — 1953 through 1975 with emphasis on the 1953 - 1967 cars (about 92% is that). There are 38 pages on the 1953-54-54, 98 pages on 56-62, and 70 pages on 63-67 Corvettes. There are also substantial sections showing wheelcovers, details of trim, a thorough coverage of the Corvette miniatures, plus some other surprises. This is the first real comprehensive study of the Corvette with all the material in one place. The book will retail at \$22.50 plus 6% (\$1.35) sales tax for California residents. The table of contents is a well set table, as follows: Introduction, The 53 Corvette, 1954 The first All American Sports Car, 1955 a Cyclone of Power, 1956 Action in the Keynote, 1957 Every Inch a Champion, 1958 Sweetest Two-seater Going, 1959 Bred for Sports Car Performance, 1960 Designed for Personal Sports Car Performance, 1961 America's Sports Car Get a New Look, 1962 New Lines, New Leap for America's Sports Car, 1963 New Corvette, 1964 a Sports Car with a Dual Personality, 1965 a True All American Sports Car, 1966 Two Brand New Turbo-jet V-8's, 1967 Luxury Car or Sports Car, It's Both, 1968, 69, 1970-71-72, 1973-74-75, Wheel Covers, Special Trim Items, Miniatures, the Unreal Corvette, Engines, Appendix, and Quo Vadis, Corvette.

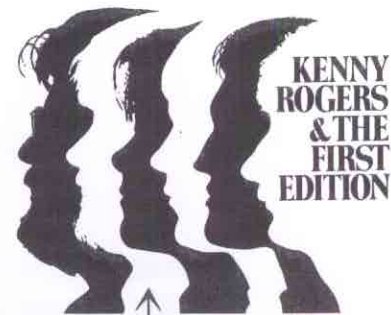
This book entitled "The Real Corvette" in my personal opinion is the most complete and comprehensive study of detailed information and photographs put together as one book I have seen yet. Ray Miller was kind enough to send a copy of V.C.C.A. for our review, and this book on Corvettes is "second to none" I have ever seen. I highly recommend it to any Corvette enthusiast. In summary I will close in saying for those of you who cannot afford a complete Corvette collection from 1953 to 1975, this book is the next best thing. Read and blow your mind!

— Ed Thiebaud, V.C.C.A.

P.S. Ray Miller has also published four other highly successful reference books pryor to "The Real Cor-

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COVER STORY



Mickey Jones

During September 1972 Mickey Jones is greeted by his son Ricky upon arriving home after just pur-



chasing E57S103307. This was a dream come true after admiring and dreaming of being a Corvette owner since the first Corvette appeared in late 1953.

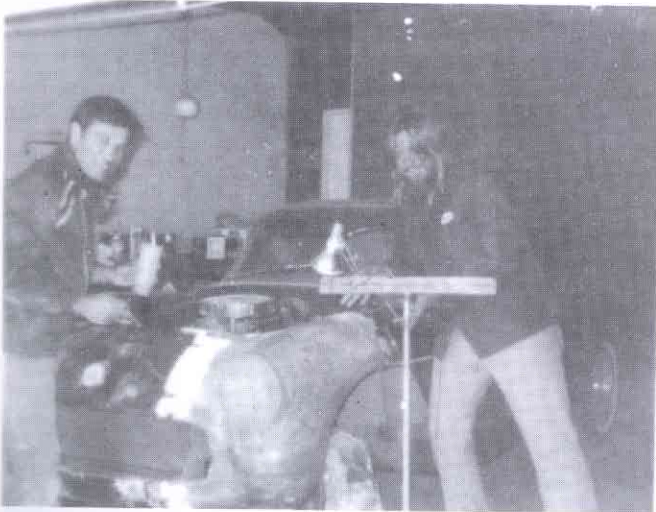
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Mickey Jones was 12 years old when the '53 Corvette came on the scene, so it was a bit early in his life to purchase his first Corvette. But he did not give up the dream and 10 years later his dream came true.

Mickey has always favored the '57 Corvette and finally found one to restore back to its original new condition. As you can see by the photo, Mickey reports there was a bit of the original equipment missing, such as; no left front fender, broken front left bonding strip, broken fiberglass under both doors from front wheel well to rear wheel well was broken loose and flapping in the breeze, the left rear fender was cracked from tail light to below the exhaust opening, and the fiberglass below the grill shell and inside both headlights had to be completely rebuilt.



October 1972 Mickey Jones and Tom Souza replacing front fender.



Mickey puts finishing touches to fiberglass repair between head light and grill shell — somehow one of Mickey's music stands got in the set to support the light fixture.

Mickey reports there were a few other parts missing like the horn button, radio, radio antenna, front bumper, park light assembly, head light, and headlight bucket, no soft top, soft top frame or mounting brack-



November 1972 — Mickey writes this was the young neighborhood Corvette enthusiast called, "Sandpaper gophers" who helped sand the repairs to a fine finish, Willie and Dale Lash, Rick Murphy and son, Rick Jones.

ets. These all had to be made or searched for.

After checking with some Los Angeles Corvette repair shops and receiving quotes between \$450.00 to \$500.00 to repair and replace the left front fender, Mickey and his friend (and fellow Corvette enthusiast) Tom Souza, a Los Angeles motorcycle policeman, decided to become fiberglass repairmen. For a total of \$56.00 for material and two days hard work Mickey and



November 1972 — Windshield removed, and under door and left rear fender glass work completed.

Tom finished their fiberglass repair work and ol' E57-S103307 began to resemble the original '57 Corvette configuration that it had started with 15 years ago at Chevrolet's Corvette production plant, St. Louis, Missouri.

Mickey and Tom decided at this point in restoration no repair would be done with Bondo, only fiberglass would be used.

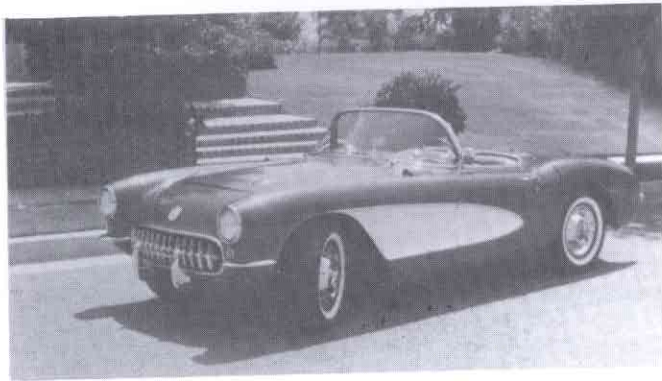
After completing all the fiberglass repair work, the following steps were used in painting: sanding, primer, sanding, primer, sanding, primer and then a special sealer called Eleminator was applied, then wet sanding.

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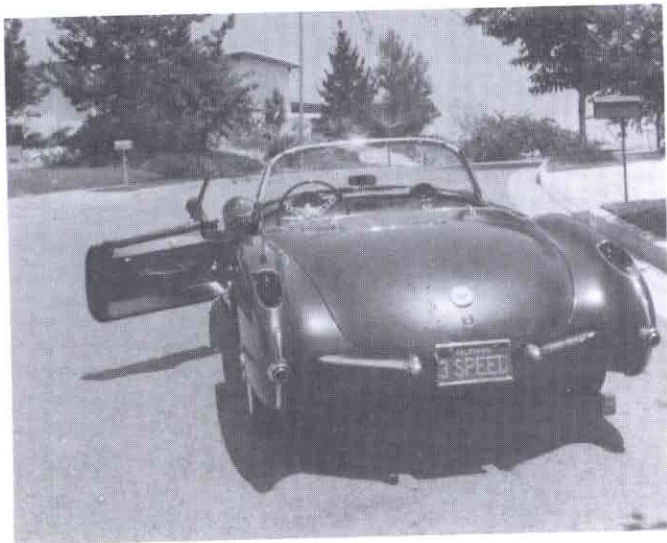
April 1973 — After completing paint job, windshield and some chrome back on.

Next, 15 coats of Venitian red paint topped off with 5 coats of clear. All paint used was laquer. Mickey reports the way they arrived at the color was by using the steering wheel color and then mixed competition orange



April 1973 — After all chrome was replated and returned to its original place.

and red for the desired finish, Venitian red. The Corvette was primered, pre-paint prepared, and painted by Mickey's friends, again two Los Angeles motorcycle policemen, John Aitken and Earl Norr. We're not sure



August 1973 — Mickey adds a new personalize license plate "3 SPEED".



August 1973 — New seat covers and hand died carpets were installed.



August 1973 — New seat covers.

where the Los Angeles motorcycle policemen gain all their *experience* with Corvettes. We think part of it could be in fast "pursuit on the job" and some must come from helping restore Corvettes *off* the job?

The next photos show what a fine interior restoration was done, using some of the first Venitian red waffle reproduction material reproduced by Walt Zoren of 1295 Talbot Road, Windsor 42, Ontario, Canada.

The entire interior and soft top installation was done by Jim Thurman of "Canoga Park Auto Tops".

In summary Mickey writes: Time for restoration took from September 1972 through June 1974 or a total

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June 1974 — Rebuilding the soft top bows, framework and straps.

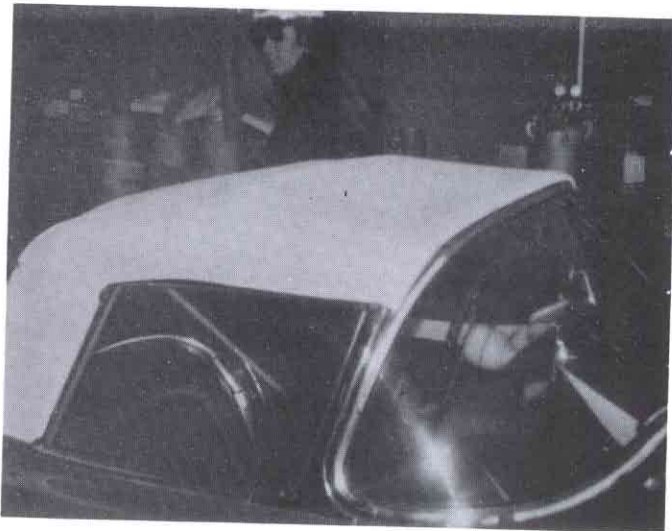


June 1974 — Mickey observes the fitting of the new top material to top frame.



June 1974 — Adjusting for final fit on soft top installation.

of 21 months of hard work. With the exception of the interior work, soft top and finished painting, all other restoration work was completed by himself and Tom Souza. His original investment to purchase of '57S1-03307 was \$340.00, spent over \$2,000.00 for parts alone and many hundreds of hours on labor. One gratification Mickey writes is he has been offered in excess of \$8,000 for his favorite '57 but adds, his plans for the car *do-not* include *ever* selling.



June 1974 — Finished product on soft top installation being admired by Tom Souza who helped on restoration since it all began in the fall of 1972.

Mickey Jones concludes by saying, "his Corvette is '57 heaven!" And by the cover car photo we can all appreciate his feelings.

EDITOR'S NOTES (Continued from page two)

vette" as follows: Vol. 1 From Here to Obscurity, an illustrated history of the model T Ford, Vol. 2 Henry's Lady an illustrated history of the model A Ford., Vol. 3 The V-8 Affair, an illustrated history of the pre-war Ford V-8. Vol. 4 Thunderbird!, an illustrated history of Ford's T-Bird.

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Arny Woker, 4904-26 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3E OR4, writes he is always hunting for Nomad N.O.S. parts and while doing so discovered a Chevrolet dealership with an abundant supply of N. O.S. Corvette parts from 1953 to 1957. Write Arny if anyone near by is interested, he would prefer to trade the Corvette parts for Nomad parts but will sell them if no trade is offered.

* * *

I received a letter in the spring of 1975 from Arlan Rusley, 1200 Viking Drive, Valley City, N.D. 58072 who writes as follows: Anyone interested in cherry old Corvettes there is a 1956 black in color with 23,000 miles on it in James Town, N. D. that is perfect. The owner is Don Alilhelm, a Olds, Fiat dealer. Arlan also says he does not know the price on the 56 but feels it will be high.

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CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

1953-55 CLUB ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE

1. Carburetor kits — \$10 each p/p
2. Back issues of magazines: all volumes.
(See page for price.)
3. New original windshields — \$150 plus postage and insurance.
4. New windshield rubber gasket — \$14.00 each p/p
5. One quart of Chevrolet red upholstery paint for entire upholstery, including carpets, seats, door panels, etc. \$12.00 each p/p
6. One quart of Chevrolet engine blue heat resistant paint \$10 each p/p
7. Weather stripping for trunk, under top deck, doors, and hood 162" long \$14.00 each p/p
8. Chrome ash tray with flip lid, fits into arm rest 1953-55; also fits into tunnel for 1956-62 \$8.50 each p/p.
9. Chrome ash tray ring, square pattern fits into arm rest \$4 each p/p
10. 1953-54 6 cylinder dist. side tach. drive \$135.00

1958-62 CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

1. Gear shift rubber boot. \$5 each p/p

1953-55 REPRODUCTIONS FOR SALE

1. Owner's Manuals 1953-55. \$7.50 each p/p
2. 1953-55 Corvette rocker arm cover decals, exact reproduction. 1953 - \$8.00 each 1954 - \$7 each p/p

1956-57 CLUB ITEMS FOR SALE

1. Chrome ignition shielding butterfly screws. \$.75 ea.
2. New weatherstripping for trunk, under top deck, doors, and hood. \$14.00 each
3. Chrome ash tray. \$8.50 each p/p
4. Rubber transmission gear shift boot. \$5 each p/p
5. Rear window and hard top base rubber. \$25.00 each p/p
6. Windshield gaskets. \$13 each p/p

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PENTHOUSE—In the spring of 1975 I wrote a letter to Penthouse International Ltd., New York asking permission to use the name "Vette Pette" for BFS magazine pin-up Bikini section. The reason for writing was to ask if this would be in conflict with their publication or titles used in any way in their International magazine. I quickly received an answer from their magazine editor, Kenneth Gouldthorpe stating: many thanks for your recent letter, and I'm happy to say that we see NO conflict problem with Penthouse in your use of the title "Vette Pette". With that V.C.C.A. will use the title of "Vette Pette" for our forth coming issues Bikini pin-up section. We thank Penthouse International, Ltd. for their prompt reply to our request.

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JACKET PATCH

The jacket patch is a 9½" 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.



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 \$15.00 each. The sizes are as follows:

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

ADDRESS CHANGE — PLEASE — THANKS Please keep V.C.C.A. posted of your address changes. So many complaints come in that someone did not get their B.F.S., etc. and after lengthy correspondence, wasted time and motion we find out they moved and forgot to let us know at V.C.C.A. So their B.F.S. goes back and fourth two or three times looking for the new address.

ADVERTISING

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 the 15 of the month prior to publication, i.e., March 15, 1974, June 15, 1974, September 15, 1974, December 15, 1974. Members may advertise their vintage Corvettes or parts at the following rates:

1— 25 words	free
26— 50 words	\$2.00
51— 75 words	\$5.00
75—100 words	\$8.00

Back Issues Of Blue Flame For Sale Include The Following Articles:

Vol. 1 No. 1 January 15, 1969 \$1.00

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.

Vol. 1 No. 2 April 1969 \$1.00

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 \$1.00

Corvette News search for 1953 Corvette. 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 — \$2.75

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. — Owner's pride picture page — Classified section — Reproduced Body Parts of Sale — Addendum to Roster — Club Facts and Figures.

Vol. 2 No. 2 April 1970 — \$2.75

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 missing — Removing 15 years of paint, by Don Majestic, Yuccaipa, California — 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.

Vol. 2 No. 3 July 1970 24 pages — \$2.75

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 — owner's 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 Huntington, N.Y. — Attempt for hub cap reproductions — 4th annual all Corvette drag meet dates — Collection of complete Corvette literature on file VCCA headquarters — Photos of 53 prototype — Additional 1955 Corvette information — Begin reproduction of original showroom brochures — Classified section — Cal Farley's Boys Ranch — Owner's 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 36 pages — \$3.50

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 your Luck" 30 years of progress + 17 more — America's No. 1 sports car by Frank Milne, Sales Manager, Harry Mann Chevrolet Company, L.A. — Owner's pride picture page — Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch Grant membership No. 1 — Harrah's Swap Meet & Car Show schedule — Corvette Radio article — 1957 Fuel Injection article — 1954 Chevrolet powerglide removal — Roster.

Vol. 3 No. 2 June-August 1971 36 pages — \$3.50

Cover Car E56001461 owned by James and Pat Lindamood of Cuyahoga 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 28 pages — \$3.00

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Vol. 4 No. 2 April-June 1972 40 pages — \$3.75

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KENNY ROGERS and THE FIRST EDITION

Mickey Jones "From Music to Corvettes"

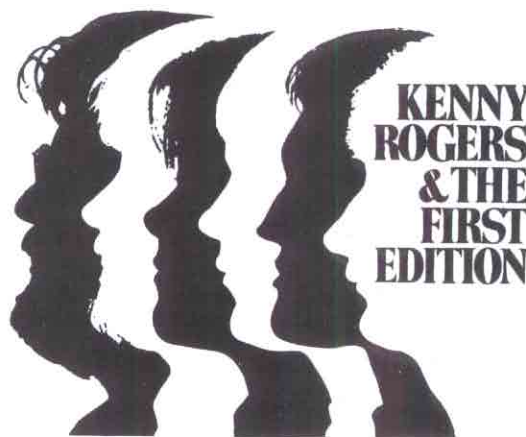
When it comes to "keeping time to the music" Mickey Jones gets it all together. He is the drummer with "Kenny Rogers and the Fifth Edition."

This musical group has appeared on every major T.V. show from Ed Sullivan to Johnny Carson. They have traveled extensively spreading fine tones westerly to New Zealand and back to U.S.A., north to Canada and east to Europe. I am sure many of you members will recall their national TV show named "Rolling On the River" which ran for two years in the U.S. and Canada.

Mickey Jones' drumming goes back 21 years ago with Trini Lopez when both of them were virtually unknown. Their first single, "If I had a Hammer", earned them a "gold record".

After eight years with Trini Lopez, Mickey Jones drummed on to join Rivers for three years. It was at this time in his career, while doing a stint at the Whiskey-A-Go-Go, Bob Dylan caught Mickey's performance and asked him to join his group, "The Band". Mickey drummed for this group for almost two years until the

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Kenny Rogers & The First Edition from left to right: Kenny Rogers, Mickey Jones, Mary Arnold, Terry Williams, Jimmy Hassell and Gene Lorenzo.



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V.C.C.A. member in the spotlight — For those of you members who were curious about whos 1954 Corvette was pictured in Chevrolets' 1975 Corvette showroom brochure, last page (reproduced as part of V.C.C.A.'s Vol. 6 No. 3, pages 3, 4, 5 and 6) It was E54S002660-707 pictured between two later model Corvette stingrays a 68 or newer on the drivers side and a 63-67 sport coupe on the passenger side. It is an excellent photograph. The proud owner of the 54 Corvette is Attorney Eugene L. Freeland, V.C.C.A. regular member No. 707 from Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. (San Diego area.)

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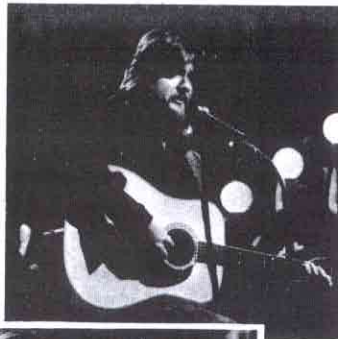
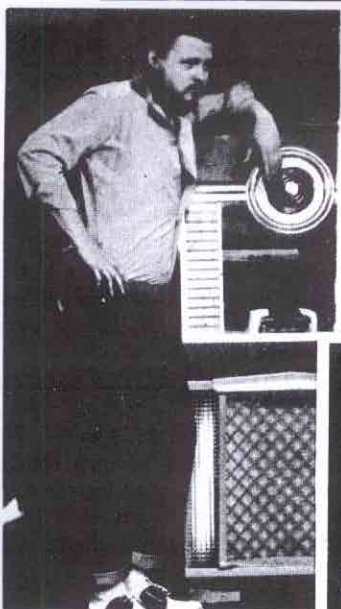
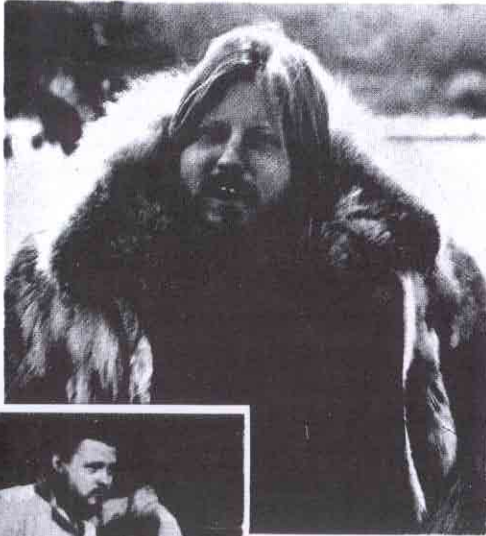
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group broke up when Bob Dylan had his bad motorcycle accident. However, Mickey was not without drumming for long because Tommy Smothers of the "Smothers Brothers" introduced him quickly to Kenny Rogers who was at this time, 1967, putting together The First Edition.

Unquestionably Mickey Jones is one of the top drummers in the country, who, according to a critic, "no matter how lively the party becomes it was Mickey's percussion work that brought the music together in each song".



Mickey is also a television and movie actor. He has appeared on the television series, "High Chapparel" and "Daniel Boone", a number of times. His movie credits include "Wild In the Streets", "Finian's Rainbow", "Star", and "Camelot".

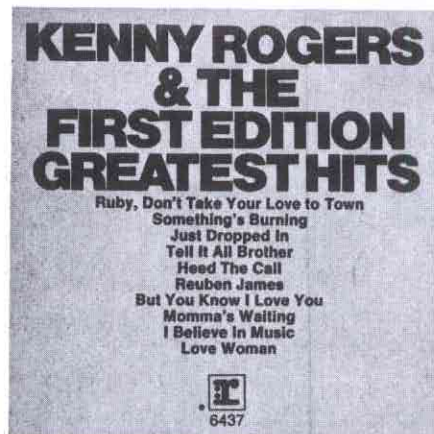
Not only an excellent drummer and proficient actor, Mickey has also ventured into the singing field with his newly released solo single. "She's Sweet, She's Kind, and Shes Mine", on the Jolly Rogers label.

For those V.C.C.A. members who look close you may observe Mickey Jones '57 Corvette Cover Car parked by a sign that reads "Jolly Rogers".

This name Jolly Rogers is also the chosen name for Kenny Rogers Ranch. Our thanks to Kenny Rogers for taking the excellent photo of our "Cover Car" at Jolly Rogers Ranch headquarters.

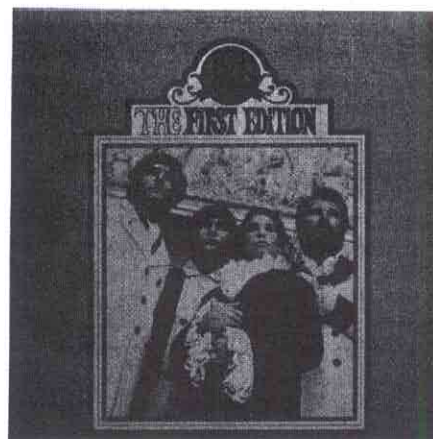
From all indications, Mickey has a very promising career in that field as well. In his spare time when he is not restoring old '57 Corvettes, spending time with his wife and children, Rickey Wayne and Vickey Renee, scuba diving to 100 year old sunken trading ships off the coast of Tahiti, or practicing and keeping up his coordination as a fast-draw expert, this multi-faceted talented drummer is now writing a book tentatively entitled, "Drummer Boy." Good luck to Mickey Jones from all of us at V.C.C.A. to a very active and enthusiastic member who has gone to a lot of extra troubles to help make Vol. 7, No. 1 a Mickey Jones "First Edition."

Editors Note: I requested help from Mickey Jones to launch our first V.C.C.A. "Vette Pette" section and he replied he would do what he could to help. I then said, "come on Mickey, lets have a 'Grand Finale' as they say in your business." Well, you will see when you get to our first "Vette Pette" section he came through with a "Grand Finale". Thanks again Mickey Jones!



GREATEST HITS

- Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town
- Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)
- Momma's Waiting
- Reuben James
- But You Know I Love You
- Momma's Waiting
- I Believe in Music
- Love Woman
- Tell It All Brother



THE FIRST EDITION

- I Found a Reason
- Just Dropped In (To See What Condition My Condition Was In)
- Shadow in the Corner of Your Mind
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- Ticket To Nowhere
- I Get a Funny Feeling
- I Was the Loser
- Dream On
- Home Made Lies
- Marcia: 2 A.M.
- Hurry Up Love
- Church Without a Name

MARY ARNOLD



Edition. When Mary's roommate, Thelma Camacho, left the group to strike out on her own, Mary proved to be just the girl to fill her spot.

Self-possessed, level-headed and career-minded, Mary is a very solid and "together" girl. Her feet are firmly planted on the ground. Kenny Rogers says of her, "Mary is the most professional and consistent person I have ever met; she is always up."

V.C.C.A. wants to extend our thanks to the prettiest member of "Kenny Rogers and The First Edition", for helping make our first "Vette Pette" section of BLUE FLAME SPECIAL a successful one. Mickey Jones Writes, "sorry Ed but we couldn't use a Bikini because it was too cold in Southern California the day of photographing." Mary Arnold reports Corvettes have always been a favorite car of hers. Her uncle owns a Chevrolet dealership in Southern California and she had plans on getting a Corvette when she moved from Carroll, Iowa to Southern California. Those plans worked out easier than Mary had planned because her boyfriend bought a Corvette. Our thanks again to Mary Arnold for taking the time out of her busy schedule to pose for over 36 picture, and on a cold winter day.

EDITOR'S NOTES (Continued from page ten)

SURPRISE! Those of you members who keep looking in old barns and under hay stacks for 1953 Corvettes, here is a *new area for search, try under 1954 Corvettes*. I recently received a letter from James B. Kochy, Point Breeze, Bordentown, N. J. 08505 reads as follows: In July 1973 I purchased a 1954 Corvette from a local newspaper add. The car did not have a serial number tag and the owner did not know the number. After sustaining a minor (?) accident I dismantled the entire Corvette and from the frame numbers found it to be E53F001017. This has since been authenticated by Corvette News and should appear in their next issue.

James went on to request information on joining V.C.C.A. etc. and needs help in resoration etc. Thought I would share this information with V.C.C.A. members as James did with me. Its the sort of thing that makes the search and restoration of old Corvettes the entire club efforts, B.F.S. and just "Corvette people", communications, and Corvette enthusiasm all worth while.

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FLORIDA GARAGE SURPRISE! Received a letter in July 1975 from James A. Stavros of 1591 South Lane Ave., Apt 18H, Jacksonville, Florida 32-210 as follows: I have recently purchased a 1955 Corvette from its second owner. Particulars as follows: Serial No. VE55S001272 with optional 265 C.I.D. factory engine w/P.G. transmission. Its yellow in color (original color although I find no mention of offering a yellow, unless its the harvest gold "faded".) Dash board top is green and original seats are a light yellow? All chrome, hub caps, gauges, radio (wonder bar) side windows and curtains, headlight grills and all original engine components and chrome are in original condition and intact. The car had been stored in a garage (not barn!) for the past 12 years (since 1963) and was running well except for the need of an exhaust system. Although it is not running now it almost cranks over and all lights including directional, in-

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The prettiest member of the group comes from the heartland of America — Audibon, Iowa. At Drake University Mary majored in psychology and minored in music, two vital specialties when you're the only girl in a rock group.

Having her own TV show at Drake convinced Mary that music could be even more interesting than Freud and she transferred to the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music and, eventually, membership in The Young Americans. Following a stint with The Kids Next Door, Mary finally found her home with The First

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terior, and license plate lights are in working order. I plan to restore my 55 but know very little about mechanical and body restoration. Possibly you could provide me information where I could obtain literature, manuals, mechanical parts, and chrome so I may start restoration. Please send particulars on joining V.C.C.A.

That is the letter from James A. Stavros! Another vintage Corvette emerges from behind locked doors! Well, needless to say I sent James a list of objectives, application etc. from V.C.C.A. and we welcomed him aboard as V.C.C.A. Regular member No. 921

Received a recent letter from James who has moved to 188 Clarmount Ave., Montclair, New Jersey 07042. Anyone in that area might get in touch with James if time prevails as he writes he is going on with restoration etc. and could probably use some help. I feel to find one of the only 700 1955 Corvettes produced in 1955 in this original condition and also in my book is a very rare color combination. Congratulations James Stavros and we hope to do a feature article on James' 1955 Corvette at a later date.

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V.C.C.A. WELCOMES AN ORIGINAL VINTAGE CORVETTE OWNER

Welcome aboard! Mr. and Mrs. Victor F. Christensen, II from Southern California recently joined V.C.C.A. with VE55S001077-923 white with red interior. Their letter states Victor purchased the Corvette "Brand New" in 1955 and it was their "Courtin' Car". Congratulations and welcome to V.C.C.A.

Do not believe there are many V.C.C.A. members who can say they purchased their vintage Corvettes, 1953-54-55 when they were brand new — are there? Let's hear from those of you who did and we will print the names and serial numbers under a special interest column in a future issue of B.F.S.

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A rare N.Y. 63 sport coupe F.I. for sale (and 62). Michael K. Raczkowski of 214 Baldwin St., Elmira, N. Y. 14901, Phone (607) 734-3042 writes: I was reading one of my old Corvette News and learned of your passion for unusual Corvettes. I have just purchased this car after four years of teasing the owner. Its a 1963 Corvette sport coupe serial number 30837S108-689, optional silver, F.I., special performance package and saddle leather trim. It cost \$5,949.25 new and has only 5281 miles and is so absolutely perfect in every respect it could not be told from new. Has not been licensed since 1965 and has been stored in a heated, carpeted, draped garage since then with a custom made cover on blocks. All the original decals are on the motor and valve covers (360 h.p.).

I also have a 1962 that is mint-restored with 11 miles on new motor. It's all factory with exception of mint knock-offs, color is black with red interior. All chrome is new. Both of my cars must go. I will send pictures on request. Thank you.

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"VETTE PETTE" SECTION —

I have not received much response to this idea. I am hoping it's a wait and see attitude? I am sure it's

not because you fellows out there are *bashful* — I have not seen many bashful Corvette owners in my time. Maybe no one has any film for their cameras? Let me know, I will pay for the film.

It can't be that "you all" are out of cameras or girls? Maybe Bikinis, huh? Now that you have read through all that BULL you can see I need pictures for "Vette Pette" section. Appreciate any help from you members along these lines and curves! Muster those camera's huh! Thanks Ed

COMING EVENTS

First North American Bicentennial Rally, P. O. Box 7539, Phoenix, Arizona 85011, Date July 1976.

Fabig, a former race car driver, is putting together the First North American Bicentennial Rally 6000, a 6,000 mile run from Phoenix, Arizona to Montreal, Canada and back.

It will take place in July, 1976 and will be coordinated unofficially with the Bicentennial and the Canadian Olympic Games, said the cherub-faced native of West Berlin. Race is limited to 100 cars.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Real McCoy E53F001252. This 53 Corvette body has been removed from the frame, the frame sandblasted, repainted black and the body returned to the frame. All chrome has been removed and body is ready for painting. The restoration on this 53 was started early in the 1960's and any parts that needed replacing were purchased new then when you could still get all new parts from G.M. The Corvette parts (many still in the boxes) are complete. It has the side windows, original hub caps, new hood emblem, 6-cylinder with 3 side draft carbs. The car is on a new 4 wheel tandem trailer ready to be towed anywhere for completion of restoration. Would like to sell the Corvette and trailer as one unit. Send offers over \$5,000.00 to Ed Thiebaud, 2359 W. Adams, Fresno, Calif. 93706. No phone calls please, all letters answered.

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1954-74 Carpeting kits. Fred Kanter, Box 33R, Morris Plains, N. J. 07950, 866-4605.

1958-62 hardtop side windows. Middletown Plexiglas Products, 4968 Eck Road, Middletown, Ohio 46042.

1956-57 seats complete, also waffle pattern material. Lloyd Pelton, 27816 Kendalwood/Farmington, Mich. 48024, (313) 476-2365.

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DuKane musical horn, "See the U.S.A. in your Chevrolet." (a collectors item). Write V.C.C.A. member Rodney Gage, DuKane Ultrasonics, c/o R. E. Gage & Associates, 9815 Lemon Ave, Sepulveda, Calif. 91343.

Elektron digital stop watch offer. Dunlap Instrument Corp., P. O. Box 521, Cap Girardeau, Mo. 63701.

Kustom Vette Works introduces Formula L7 headlamp conversion kits, fits all 1968-75 Corvettes. Thompson & Slatton, Inc., Box 2002, Florence, Al. 35630, phone (205) 383-7965.

Seel-Cote with UV-7 is used to re-vitalize upholstery, leather and imitations. Write: The Clausen Company, 1055 King George Rd, Fords, N. J. 08863.

Corvette carpet 1956-74 front, 1963-74 coupe rear, 1963-74 conv. rear. Designate with or without rear power vent for coupe. Most colors in stock for immediate shipping. Risk free, each carries a 10 day money back guarantee. Corvette Carpet King, P. O. Box 37, Fowler, Ill. 62338, Phone (217) 699-8609.

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Re-produced hard tops, 1953-55 Corvette, 1956-62 Corvette, 1955-57 Thunderbird. Write Sales Department, Regal Fibreglas, 2314 Potrero Avenue, South El Monte, Calif. 91733, Phone (213) 443-5906.

Corvette carpet kits, 1954-62 Corvette, 1963-64 Corvette, 1965 to date Corvette, 1955-57 T-Bird, 1958-68 T-Bird. Toro Automotive Enterprises, P. O. Box 173, Lake Grove, New York 11755, Phone (516) 981-5472.

Chrome, Re-chroming, External Body Parts, Tail Lights, Grills, Bras, Emblems, License Cover —

- * 1953-55 short (6") side moulding. Noland Adams, 715 Talbot Ave., Albany, Calif. 94706.
- 1958 trunk chrome. Al Fierke, 810 Cedar St., Willow Springs, Ill. 60480.
- * Reproduction 1953-57 grill shell frame. Don Hein, 6973 Estes Drive, and Ken Miller, 6969 Estes Drive, Arvada, CO 80002.
- Rechroming "pot metal parts." Classic Motor Custom Plating, 1046 N. West 71 Street, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Reproduction "Chevrolet" side script and large gold V's for 1955 Corvette models. Write for details: Richard Moser, 129 E. Glenside Ave., Glenside, Pa. 19038.
- * 1953-55 plastic tail light lens (without chrome bezel), head lamp buckets (in fiberblast), 1953-55 front emblem, door pulls. David Freeman, 2177 Maple, Costa Mesa, Calif. 92617.
- Gullwings (both sides), any of 16 pieces of chrome at 4 corners of car, 6" piece back of doors, jack instructions, folding top instructions. Dick Campbell, 4021 Chamberlain, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506.
- Flat script, V-8's for 1955's, top lid hold downs. Richard Moser, 129 E. Glenside Ave., Glenside, Pa. 19038.
- 1956-57 air scoop mouldings (left or right), plated metal, 1962 F.I. emblems, plated metal, 1953-55 wheelcover spinner, cast zinc, chrome plated, two drilled and tapped holes (mounting bolts and washers included), with a fiberglass template for correct location of holes to be drilled in GM's reissued wheelcovers. Jim Neuffer Automotive, 3196 Latta Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14612.
- 1958-72 front end mask (bra), Howard Mohl Enterprises, 119 B. North Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, Calif. 91206.
- 1956-57 tail light, cast aluminum, polished or triple chrome plated. Louis O. Melchoir, 6 Danebury Downs, Upper Saddle River, N.J. 07458.
- 1953-55 fender gullwing. David Logosz, 3312 N. Walnut Grove, Rosemead, Calif. 91770.
- 1961 nose emblem, 1953-60 grille teeth, 9 fin valve cover. Gerald E. Kohn, 2827 Crownpoint Road, Stevensville, Mi. 49127.
- 1953-55 front emblem with bezel, 1953-55 horn button cap. B. Kelso Sales, RD 2, Box 435, Altoona, Pa. 16601.
- Corvette "bras" are being manufactured by Colgan Custom Manufacturing, 1733-R Monrovia Ave., Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627, phone (714) 645-7447. These are the same "bras" you see Porsche, V.W., Ferrari, Healy, M.G. and other sports car driving around with covering partial front end for protection of rocks etc. Any one interested owning a 1968 Corvette or later model contact above address.
- 1956-57 tail light housings, stainless steel. Vet Chrome, Box 765, Bryan, Ohio 43506.
- 1962 F.I. emblems, chrome plated die cast, 1953-55 wheelcover spinners, chrome plated die cast. G. L. Tate, P.O. Box 1322, Canoga Park, Calif. 91304.
- 1956 front fender well trim. M. Sharp, 6509 Fawn Canyon Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.
- 1953-55 plexiglass license plate cover. Tom Schay, 10360 Warner Ave., Apt. 4A, Fountain Valley, Calif. 92708.
- 1957-65 fuel injection data plate. Robert Bornstein, 1644 S. Bedford St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90036, phone (213) 271-7745.
- 1953-57 front license bar. Gordon Bie, 156-08 71st Avenue, Ken Gardens Hills, N. Y. 11367.
- 1956-57 exhaust bezel. 1956-57 front wheel opening mouldings. Roger Brower, 924 S.E. 17th Ave., Portland, Ore. 97214, phone (503) 235-5890.
- 1953-55 front fender spear (gullwing), 1953-55 rear vertical bumper bar (both cast in brass), 1954-? folding top instruction decal, 1953-62 jack instructions decal. Dick Campbell, 4021 Chamberlain S.E., Grand Rapids, Mi. 49508.
- 1953-55 windshield wiper bracket extension. Ken Hooley, 404 Colorado Drive, Goshen, Ind. 46526.
- 1956-57 exhaust bezels. Richard Robinson, 1155 Goodman Drive, Fort Washington, Pa. 19034, phone (215) 646-4495.
- * 1953-55 headlight screen. William Kluss, 1368 Morrow Circle, Thousand Oaks 91360, Phone (805) 497-2120.
- 1953-57 front license bar. Mel's Auto Parts, 871 Garden Hwy., Yuba City, Calif. 95991, phone (916) 673-1350.
- 1953-60 grille teeth (aluminum w/triple chrome plating), 53-57 grille horizontal bar 40" long (polished aluminum), 56-57 front crescent bumper (alum. w/triple chrome), 56-57 front upright bumper (alum w/triple chrome), 56-57 fender scoop (hi-impact ABS with triple chrome plating), 56-57 rear bumper-driver's or passenger side (alum. w/triple chrome), 56-57 exhaust bezel w/long and short spears (alum w/triple chrome), 56-57 rear license plate light lens and lamp ass'y (alum. w/triple chrome). Vet-Chrome, Box 765, Bryan, Ohio 43506.

1953-55 "6" tailpipe, 55 "8" tailpipe, 53-55 "6" exhaust pipe, 55 "8" exhaust pipe, 53-57 folding top and trim. John Hutchins, 9417 N. Rich Road, Alma, Mi. 48801, phone (517) 463-1512.

Aluminum wheel maintenance and installation chart, exact duplicate of original chart which came in plastic cover with owner's manual, 1953-55 Corvette lower front end grille panel (fits lower front end, extends left to right under grille shell, from fender well) exact reproduction with park light pods and lower grille opening. Gene Tucker, Rt. 1, Forsyth Road, Macon, GA 31204, Phone (912) 477-8000.

A new concept in automotive pot metal restoration and other forms of antique auto plating. For the ultimate in chrome plating. Richard Scott Metal Finishers, Inc., 150-28 Hillside Ave., Jamaica, N.Y. 11432, phone (212) RE9-5843.

Corvette Anti-theft Systems —

* Ultra-lock for 1963-74 Corvettes, tamper-proof under-hood steering column lock system with key. Write: Bruce Bennet, Auto Security Systems, P. O. Box 65, Larkspur, Calif. 94939, Phone (415) 457-0566.

An anti-car-theft device that make sense. The fuel-loc offers many advantages which other anti-theft devices do not have. The most important feature is that is cannot be "hot wired". It is a fuel shut-off. It is easily installed on any make of car from 12-30 minutes. A hidden toggle switch is used as opposed to visible key locks or push buttons. The Fuel-loc is not visible. Cahs Pacific, Ltd., P.O. Box 6842, Torrance, Calif. 90504, phone (213) 677-4866.

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Corvette jewelry, key cases, charms, wallets, belts, shift knobs, drinking cups, decals, ash trays, belt buckle, books, service repair 63-73, 1956-57 service operations, 1966-74 shop owners manuals, showroom brochures, etc. etc. Write: Mid America Enterprises, P. O. Box 54, Effingham, Illinois, Phone (217) 857-3881.

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1956-57 wiring harnesses. David W. Braun, Sierra-Pacific Products Co., 5290 Minerva Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95819.

1953-55 windshield channel, 1959-60 soft top rear weather strip, 1961-62 soft top rear weather strip, 1958-62 windshield washer harness, 1958-62 two hole firewall grommet. Corvette Rubber Company, Inc. 915 Stimson, Cadillac, Mi. 49601.

Reproduction chrome wheels (not original from GM, were a dealer-sold option). Richard Baskin, 729 Broadway, Fresno, Calif. 93721.
1958-62 heater-defroster air distribution assembly. Dhyse Mfg., 7805 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Md. 20014.

1953-55 wheelcover spinners (polished aluminum), 1953-55 rear license frame (polished aluminum), 1953-55 fiberglass rear exhaust ports. Ed Dworak, Jr., 23903 Fernmead Lane, Harbor City, Calif. 90710.

Stingrak, a precision custom-made ski rack for 1968 through 1974 Corvettes. Two point mount from rear ventgrill and bumper (no holes or suction cups). For brochure write: Stingrak, Inc., P. O. Box 537, Blaine, WA 98230.

* Automotive accessories and parts (some Corvette parts), write for catalog: J. C. Whitney and Co., 1917-19 Archer Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60616.

1953-55 wheelcover spinners, cast aluminum, contour machined to fit GM's reissued wheelcovers, polished finish. Mel's Auto Parts, 871 Garden Hiway, Yuba City, Calif. 95991.

1953-62 spare tire bolt, 1965-62 hardtop side windows, 1953-62 quick steering adaptor, 1958-62 plywood spare tire cover, 1962 and 1963-65 F.I. air cleaner elements, 1956-62 convertible top lid end straps. Ed Wolfe, 1011 Mountain Road, Martinsville, Va. 23112.

1953-62 fast steering adaptor. Wayne Walker, Rt. 1, Box 447C, Mechanicsville, Va. 23111.

1953-55 wheelcover spinners, cast brass, polished. Mike Stafford, 406 star, Rockwell, Texas 75087.

1953-55 wheelcover spinners, cast zinc, chrome plated, guide enclosed for placement on reissued GM covers. This spinner is an exact reproduction. George Prentice, 22864 Poplar Beach, St. Clair Shores, Mi. 48081.

1953-55 red vinyl hub cap decal, 1953 22 page reprint "Evolution of a Sports Car", 1953-55 door hinge rebuilding service. Jahn Filak, Box 87 Shadyside, Ohio 43947, Phone (614) 676-5176.

"One or a thousand". Penn Ball Bearing Co., 3511 N. American St., Philadelphia 40, Penn., Phone GA3-3105.

Manufacturing "Snooper" a low cost radar detector that really works. Snooper's extra long detection range gives the driver time to reduce speed before being detected by radar unit. International Broadcast Equipment, Inc., 1401 S. Floyd Road, Suite E, Richardson, Texas 75080, Phone (214) 238-9772.

Racing Star International announces brake linings and pads are now available for every car. Antique, historical, veteran, vintage, and special interest cars given special attention. Racing Star International, 1298 Birch Street, Uniondale, N. Y. 11553.

Literature Reproductions —

Owners manuals, showroom brochures etc., Automotive literature bought and sold. Howard L. and Shelby C. Applegate, 1410 Stallion Lane, Westchester, Penn. 19380.

Reprint of prototype Corvette postcard from 1953 Brussels Auto Show. Lee Baker, 3011 Kenilworth, Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001.

* Reprints literature: 1953-57 sales brochures, 54, 57, 59, 64 and 65 owner's manuals, 57 SS brochure, 53-62 wiring diagrams, quick steering adaptor blueprint. Jerry L. Brewster, Rt. 2, Old Monroe Road, Bastrop, La. 7122.

Lots of reprinted literature: Owners manuals, etc., and many reproduced parts. T. Michaelis Corvette, 424 East, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.
Reprint of 1957 fuel injection shop manual. Dick Jepson, Box 373, Hatchville, Ma. 02551.

Corvette literature: Service guides and owner's handbooks. Helm, Inc., P. O. Box 07130, Detroit, Mich. 48207.

1953-62 literature reprints, 53-55 parts book, 54-55 owner's manual, 57 body service manual, 53-55 radio manual, Chevrolet Service News on YH carbs, Corvette plastic body manual, jack instructions, clock instructions, breaking-in and tire information card. John Amgwert, 3600 L St., Lincoln, Nebr. 68510.

NOTE: Original publications, not reprints. 1953-73 color 25"x38" poster, hard bound book "Corvette, America's Star-Spangled Sports Car". Automobile Quarterly, 245 W. Main St., Kutztown, Pa. 19530.

* "The Real Corvette", 320 pages, 1100 photos, 16 pages full color, covers Corvettes from 1953 through 1975, emphasis on the 1953 through 1967 cars, 38 pages on 53-55 Corvettes, 98 pages on 56-62, and 70 pages on 63-67. Price \$22.50. Calif. buyers add \$1.35 6% Calif. Sales Tax). Ray Miller, The Evergreen Press, Box 1711, Oceanside, Calif. 92054, Phone (714) 757-5976. V.C.C.A. member No. 1034-A.

* Mid-Engine Technical Drawing, Chilton 1953-62 repair manual, road test reprints, binder boxes for holding road test sets. Road and Track, Mail Order Dept., P. O. Box 2280, Newport Beach, Calif. 92660. 1953 owner's manual. Caulette Rush, 1163 Panorama Dr., Arcadia, Calif. 91006, Phone (213) 447-7002.

Engine Parts, Fan Shrouds, Fuel Injection, Air Cleaners, Waterpump Exhaust, Radiators, Decals Paint, Fiberglass Body Parts —

1956-57 fan shrouds, 56-57 splash pans (metal repros). Tom Genesis, 2420 Stagner Avenue, Warrington, Pa. 18976.

1957-65 F.I. fuel meter shield, die stamped and cad-plated \$5.00, 57-65 F.I. data plate. Robert Bornstein, 1644 S. Bedford St., Los Angeles, California 90035.

* Reproduction of 1953-55 six cylinder chrome bullet air cleaners, reproduction parts for 1955 V-8 ignition shielding. Ray Willard, 1358 Oakland Road, San Jose, Calif. 95112.

* Corvette "6" water pump rebuilding service. Noland Adams, 715 Talbot Ave., Albany, Calif. 94706.

Complete exhaust systems (no chrome extensions). Talemade, Inc., P. O. Box 94, Whitman, Mass. 02382.

1958-61 F.I. air cleaner, fiberglass reproduction. Steve Hackel, 9244 S. Springfield Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill. 60642.

F.I. original and repro parts, also service and information. R & D Fuel Injections, Inc., P. O. Box 275, Niwot, Co. 80554.

1957-61 F.I. fuel lines, pump to filter, and filter to meter. Gary Pronesti, 220 Durston Avenue, Syracuse, N.Y. 13203.

Electronicon, the solid state ignition conversion system, and high-performance spark plug cable sets. Write: Inner Parts Automotive Mfg., Inc., 4840 Delemer, Royal Oak, Mi. 48073, Phone (313) 576-4770.

1953-55 6-cylinder fiberglass ignition shielding, 53-55 door pulls, without holes, diagram included shows hole location, for either 3 or 4 hole pulls. Tom Armstrong, 407 N. Adams, Knightstown, Ind. 46148, Phone (317) 346-2495.

1955-62 radiator assemblies (brass and copper). Automotive Cooling Products, Rt. 2, Box 12, Grand Rapids, Minn. 55744.

Decals: 1958-61 F.I. Air Cleaner, 63-65 F.I. air cleaner, 57 fuelie valve cover, 58-59 fuelie valve cover. Al Fierke, 202 Spring St. Willow Springs, Ill. 60480, Phone (312) 839-0993.

* 1953 valve cover decal, 54 valve cover decal, 53-55 rear license cover (plexiglas). Sam Folz, 3824 Coventry Ave., Kalamazoo, Mi. 49007 Phone (616) 345-2880.

1953-55 headlight screen, 53-55 6-cylinder muffler, steel or stainless steel. Ken Frenchak, 104 W. McQuiston, Butler, Pa. 16001, Phone (412) 287-8863.

1953-55 ignition shielding, fiberglass. Clark Simonds, 41 Heatherwood Road, Fairport, N. Y. 14450.

* 1955 parts for V-8 ignition shielding (no complete shielding), 53-54 air cleaners (bullet type). Ray Willard, 1358 Oakland Road, San Jose, Calif. 95112, Phone (408) 289-1954.

They have sent to V.C.C.A. a type written five page letter of the following Corvette parts for sale: oil filters, gas caps, chrome breather and filler caps, tune up parts, distributor parts, shift lever, dimmer switches, headlight switches, ignition switches, back up lights, horn relays, carb kits and carbs., many of these parts are for 1953 to 1975 Corvettes. L & S Antique Auto Parts Co., 645 S. Crawford St., Detroit, Mich. 48209.

* Paint for all year model Corvettes. Thompson Lacquer Co., 2324 So. Grande Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90007, Phone (213) 746-1421.

Fiberglass replacement panels to fit many years, write for details. Paint Pit Custom Enterprise, P. O. Box 6164, Wolcott, Conn. 06716.

1956-62 outer door skins, 58-62 center console side panel and tray support, 53-55 full width front splash panel, 56-57 center splash panel-grille width. Joe Orrison, 10 Nunnery Lane, Baltimore, Md. 21228.

* All fiberglass replacement panel parts from 1953-75 Corvettes. Acme Fabricating Co., Corvette Corner, 2409 17th St., San Francisco, Calif. 94102, Phone (415) 861-1120.

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PARTS WANTED: 1956-57 Corvette — Black and red trunk mats for power top. Roger Brower, 924 S.E. 17th St., Portland Oregon 97214, Phone (503) 235-5890.

PARTS WANTED: Set of fuel injection tuning gauges. James L. Brown, Box 154, R.F.D. 1, Matawan, N. J. 07747.

WANTED: Wanted for 1955 Corvette, front chrome, emblem and powerglide shifter. 1955 or 1956 Corvette 265V-8 right and left splash pans. Bruce L. Lamont, 75 West 34th Ave., Eugene, Oregon 97405, Phone (503) 343-6644.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Exact reproduction 1956-57 front wheel opening moundings — \$16.00 pr. Roger Brower, 924 S.E. 17th, Portland, Oregon, Phone (503) 235-5890.

FOR SALE: Corvette 1953-55 exhaust bezel reproduction \$15.00 each, two for \$25.00, three or more \$11.00 each, satisfaction guaranteed. Noland Adams, 715 Talbot, Albany, Calif. 94706.

FOR SALE: 1953-55 horn buttons, hand painted reproductions — \$10.00 each for Club members — Satisfaction or money back. Scott Leon, 2832 W. Granada, Phoenix, Arizona 85009, Phone (602) 278-2760.

FOR SALE: Three 1954 hub caps — best offer. Don Woodward, 143 Beekman St., Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901.

FOR SALE: 1953, 1954, 1957, 1962, 1964 and 1965 owner's manuals (exact reproductions). V.C.C.A. members \$8.00 each. Jerry L. Brewster, Rt. 2, Bastrop, La. 71220.

FOR SALE: "Delcotronic transistor-controlled magnetic pulse-type ignition system", a Delco-Remy publication, \$6.00 postpaid. "AMA Consolidated Specification Questionnaire", approximately twenty-five pages of detailed specifications, including virtually all components of the Corvette, an invaluable reference, available for all Corvettes 1953-75, \$15.00 postpaid (please specify year). "The General Motors Fuel Injection System", a development history, \$10.00 postpaid. "The ABC's of Fuel Injection", a Rochester service training text, \$8.00 postpaid. All are xeroxed from originals. Roger Kruger, 26074 Hope, Redford, Mi. 48239.

FOR SALE: All parts original. Robert J. Goodman, 10205 Avenida Miravilla, Cherry Valley, Calif. 92223, Phone (714) 845-3998.

Fiberglass epoxy patch kit, for stress cracks, pits and bonding fiberglass, price \$4.50 per kit. Write: J & E Auto Salvage, RD 1, Box G276, Lock Haven, Pa. 17745.

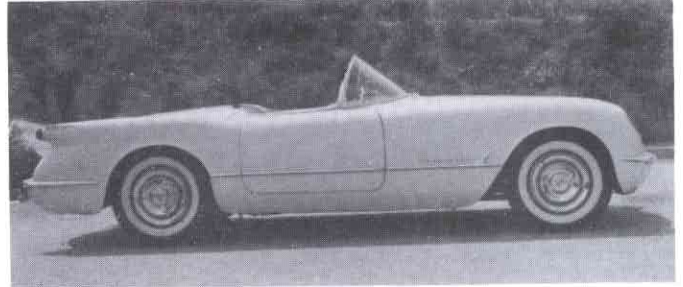
"Wildest custom Corvette parts". Custom Vettes Unlimited, 4919 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, Indiana 46312, Phone (219) 398-5200. Manufacturing 2+1 custom fastback for 1974-75 Corvettes, Home of Pecrlac paints. Custom Enterprises, 1015e Wellwood Avenue, N. Lindenhurst, New York 11757, Phone (516) 888-8783.

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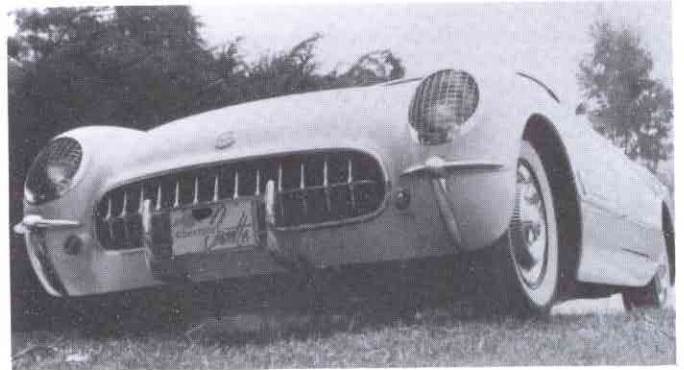
Sandblasting catalog. World-wide distributors and manufacturers of TIP equipment. Truman's Industrial Products, Inc., 1330 Market St., Youngstown, Ohio 44507, Phone (216) 743-9733.

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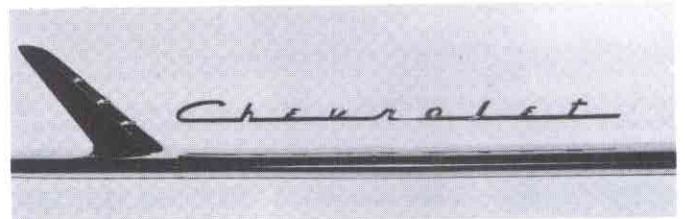
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Passenger side view — some 1953-54-55 with exception of gold V's added over word Chevrolet to denote V-8's in 1955 — The gold V was placed directly over the "V" in the word Chevrolet.



Front view — hood emblem, recessed headlights behind (rock guard) chromed curved wire screen, dual center bumpers support license plate. Oval grille shell plus 13 teeth remained thru 1957 models. Grille teeth numbered in back, C (for center), then 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Grille teeth continue to get smaller in size from center to outside. Also dual park lights and center outer left and right bumper bullets with inside, outside horizontal and vertical front bumperettes.



Same on both front fenders 1953-54-55, other than gold V-s over "V" in word Chevrolet 1955 for V-8 potmetal chromed gullwing 24" chrome stainless steel strip and flat script word Chevrolet.

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Corvette wrecking Yards —

- * Zinn Auto Parts, San Bruno, California
- Ed Lincoln, Lincoln's Auto Salvage, Inc., 12220 Aurora Ave., N. Seattle, Washington 98133, V.C.C.A. member No. 752, Phone EM 4200.
- * T. Michaelis Corvettes, 424 E. Napoleon, Ohio 43545, Phones (419) 592-7881 and 599-0771.
- * J & D Corvettes, Bell Flower, California (L. A. area).

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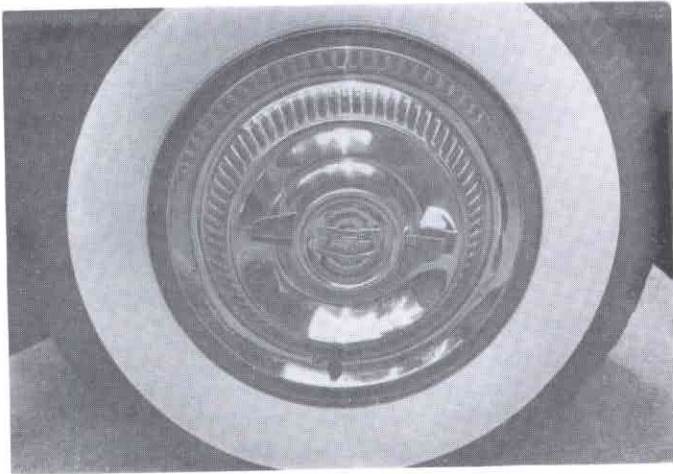
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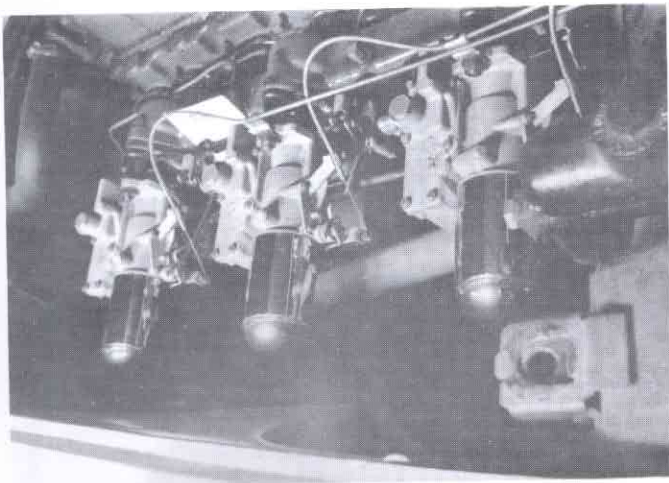
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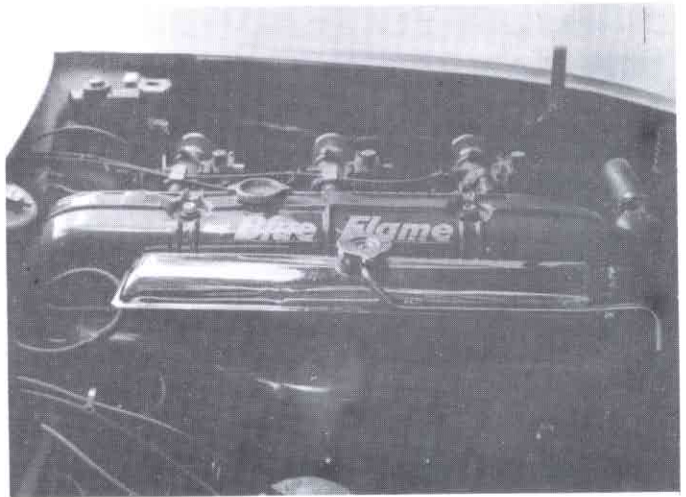
Front hood emblem, appeared in 1953-54-55. One of only two places the car was identified as "Corvette", only other place the word "Corvette" is to be found is on the horn button. Reason for the "frequent now asked question", "what kind a of car is it?"



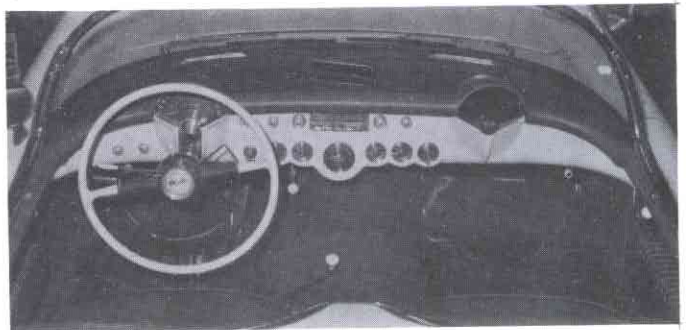
Original hub cap 1953-54-55. Tires 6.70x15, wide white wall tires mounted on sportsman red 15" rims. Sportsman red paint on perimeter slots and blue offsets Chevrolet emblem in hub cap centered.



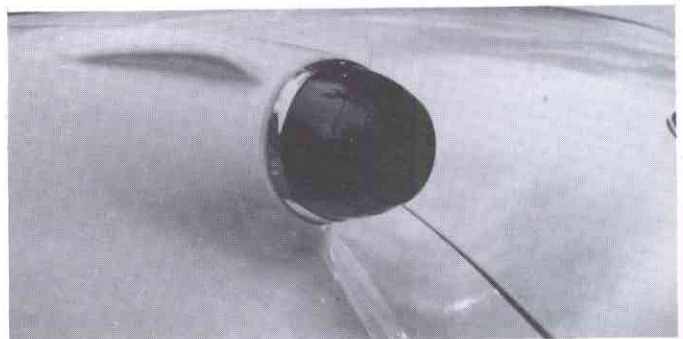
6 cylinder '53 engine compartment — driver's side — female hood latch — master brake cylinder — 3 cartel YH carb set-up — notice the flat curved linkage on '53 carb linkage — contrast to different in 1954, also 3 chrome "bullet" air cleaners, and 3 way choke cable set-up — sportsman red continuation of steering column — all alum. 3 way intake manifold coupled to a "truck" dual cast exhaust manifold.



Passenger view of engine compartment. Chrome radiator water reserve tank is smooth in configuration, where as 1954 had 2 moulded indentations (check Vol. 7 No. 2) barely visible is top of "foot pump" vacuum 2 quart window washing glass jar. Lower left corner of picture shows tachometer drive cable exit thru fire wall, below water tank is visible both blue color top and bottom ignition shielding covering spark plugs and distributor, used to shield or suppress the spark noise in the radio. Fiberglass cars have this problem versus all metal cars. Ignition shielding has been used on all Corvettes produced to date. Also visible is the "Famed" white decal letters, "Blue Flame" ("Special", visible from the other side), with small red pin striping running thru the letters. To identify original engine serial number it will be on the passenger side of car, below ignition shielding, stamped on engine block. Example E53F001003 Corvette has the following factory engine serial number LAY303666. Factory serial number on Corvettes is located on drivers side door post.



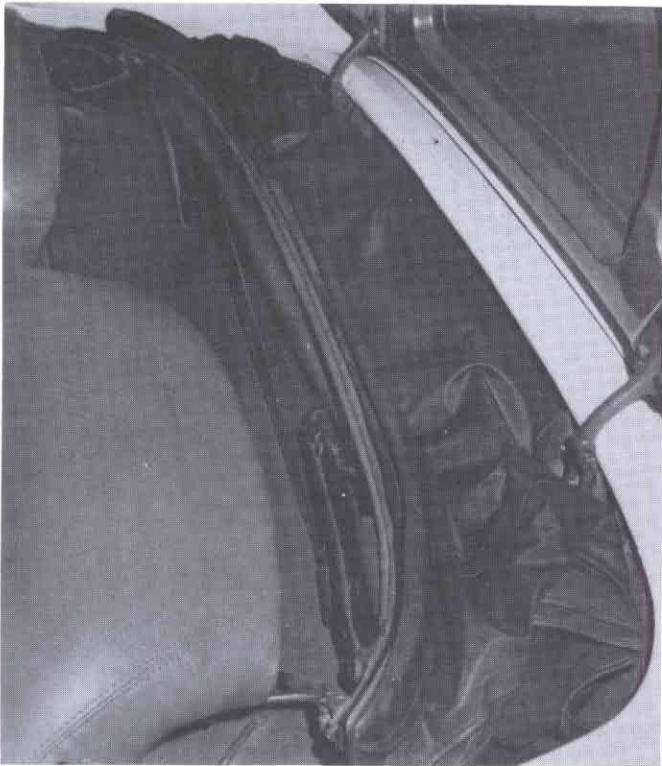
1953 driver and passenger compartment — basically the same 1953-54-55 with few minor changes in location of knobs etc. 53 and early 54's had 2 single inside hood cables. Gauges left to right, fuel level, temp., tachometer 0 to 5000 rpm with a digital 6 number dial, recording engine rpm's per 1000. If your Corvette is driven under normal conditions (not all town or all freeway driving) this digital reading should be approximately 3 times that of your mileage reading — example: a 50,000 original mile Corvette should have a tachometer digital reading of 150,0000.



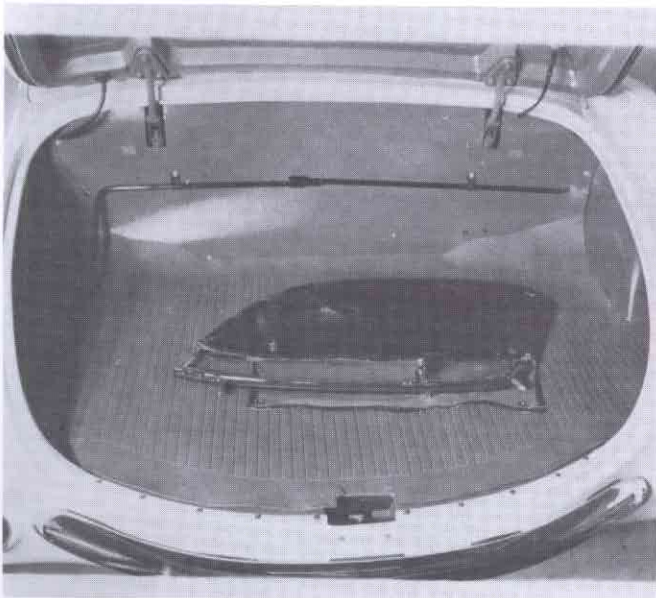
As the '53 showroom brochure said, "Jet Styled Tail Lights" appeared in 1953-54-55 were a red plastic lense moulded into a chrome bezel, with the 2 fiberglass fins above and forward of the tail light lense.

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Top deck storage compartment — all 53's came with black canvas Convertible tops — Folding top (decal) instructions not pictured here were found center, beneath top deck lid. Also 2 black straps not visible here are found to secure folded top down securely inside storage compartment.



Rear luggage compartment area shows long chrome horizontal rear bumper between dual exhaust outlets. Left upper corner of picture shows license plate light electrical wire and right upper corner shows the radio antenna lead-in wire which was hidden from view by moulding it into the trunk lid fiberglass. Also shown is folding jack crank handle. Side curtains and (black contoured to windows) side curtain bag. Interesting note: E53F001003 side curtain bag was a large square cut bag where as all other 53's had the contour cut black bags (not attached) and 54's had the square "attached" window bags. The luggage compartment is sportsman red inside with a contour cut red rubber mat. Spare tire and jack storage is found under the rubber mat bolted under the black round wooden tire cover.

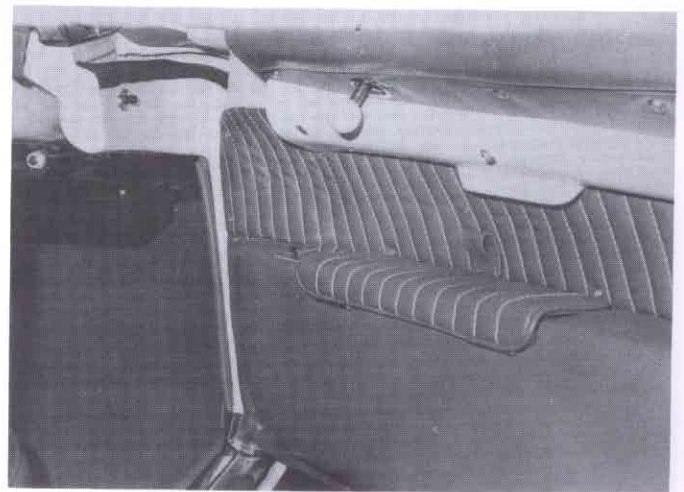
OWNER'S PRIDE



This fine factory original dark green 1966 Corvette roadster, 1946-76S125827-1140-A finds its home with Richard and Joanne Conover of Meridian, Mississippi. Richard flies as a U. S. Navy helicopter pilot air-borne and flies this fine 66 roadster down the highways and bi-ways of Mississippi while off duty.



Dan Speed's E57S101569-1108-A red original Corvette pauses on a drive in Shawnee, Kansas. One thing for sure, Dan's last name identifies with his car marquee.



1953-54-55 passenger inside door, sportsman red vinyl upholstery with saddle stitching, also glove compartment fiberglass (upper) door pull while knob indicates door release knob. Side curtain to rear (not visible) hood release cable knob upper left, heater under dash and courtesy light switch.

OWNER'S PRIDE



Robert P. Gardella of Concord, California sends this photo of a "dream come true". After being a member of V.C.C.A. for six months before fining this beauty. Specifications as follows: Blue, 1965 sport coupe No. 194375S117998-1093-A, 327, 365 hp, with only 67,000 original miles, and the factory original spare tire still in the tire well. Congratulations from V.C.C.A.



Ron and Peggy Niebur of Lakewood, Colorado, are the proud owners of this red 1954 Corvette, one of the oldest 54's in V.C.C.A. serial numbers E54S001066-917.



Roger Brussee of Kalamazoo, Michigan sends a photo of his straight looking, original, green 1960 Corvette No. 00867S10454-1117-A.



Rick Stiles one of V.C.C.A.'s younger Corvette enthusiasts (18 years old) sends this photo of his mint 64 roadster, serial number 40867S107721-1118-A. Rick says "he looked a long time to find this one". Specifications as follows: Dark blue, 327-4 speed with only 60,000 original miles on the speedometer. Rick also notes the only thing not original are the hub caps.

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