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

—Ed Thiebaud



COVER STORY

For those of you who might be taking a Sunday drive through Beverly Hills, located near Hollywood, California, you may have seen the cover car, a beautifully restored 1954 Corvette, E54S002141-469 parked by the mansion, near the home of Lee K. Nicholl of 2037 N. Beverly Dr., Beverly Hills, California 90210.

Lee's love for early Corvettes began early in his life. I might say it probably began earlier than most because Lee's father came home one night from work and made him a proposition. He said, "Lee, I will give you an old Corvette, 'so old' it has an original 6 cylinder in it, IF you promise to remove all the old original paint by hand, sanding the entire car. Needless to say, Lee agreed, and that's where he began his early interest in 1954 Corvettes.

All this took place in 1969, when Lee was a sophomore in high school, and by the time he was a junior and old enough to drive, Lee had the Old Corvette repainted, interior spruced up, and he sported one of the best looking sports cars on the high school campus. I questioned Lee if the high school girls chased HIM or the CAR around campus. His modest answer was, "Yes, I guess they sort of grooved on my car a little." With the fancy bright canary yellow paint job, all chrome wheels and bright red interior, we are sure Lee was in the "in crowd".

Lee became so interested in old Corvettes he continued his search for another real fine, low mileage, 1954 Corvette, which he found and purchased late in his senior year of high school. He has been restoring the car since then and has completed restoration of E54S002141, which you see the results of as our Cover Car.

This story of Lee continues further in this issue, titled, "Even Young Men Like Old Corvettes".