

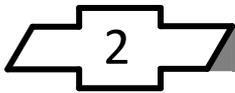
# *The Hot Ones*

DECEMBER 2020

*Glenn Rulach trying to hide!*

*Denis Barry-Murphy in full flight  
at Canberra Chev Nationals*

**Official Newsletter of the  
55-56-57 Chevrolet Club of Victoria**



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## *Membership*

**Full membership** to the 55-56-57 Chevrolet Club of Victoria requires that you own a Chevrolet vehicle (of any year or model) and attend three meetings or club outings before becoming a "Full Member".

**New membership fee** is \$85 - new members receive a club polo shirt, stubby cooler and car club sticker. Renewal fees are payable at the August meeting and are currently \$60 per year, for both metro and country.

**Associate Membership** is open to those who do not currently own a Chevrolet but would enjoy our Club and its activities.

## *Meetings*

First Wednesday of every month. (No meeting held in January) Starting time is 8:00 pm.

The Pines Learning Centre. 520 Blackburn Road, East Doncaster. Melways reference: 34 / D5

(The hall is directly behind the Pines Shopping Centre & The Pines Learning Centre is clearly sign posted)

## *Bank Details*

Bank, CBA, Branch, Clayton (Vic)

Account number: 10087066

BSB: 063 121

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# Presidents Report

## *G'day Members*

As the worst year in recent memory draws to a close we can only hope that next year will be a major improvement. It will be a while until we return to our normal lives but with a few vaccines on the way we hope that maybe it will be sooner rather than later.

Running the club through this unprecedented time has been very difficult with no face to face meetings and the committee meeting monthly online, ten months ago I thought that Zoom was a 80's hit song by Fat Larry's Band not a way of communicating on these modern devices.

I would like to thank the committee for all the work they have done to keep everything ticking along in club-land over the past months. Special thanks to John for producing a great newsletter each month as this has been the main communication to keep the members informed of the club's news, not that there has been much to report on lately mainly what events have been cancelled! He has contacted many members to tell us a bit about their Chevy's, so thanks to the members who have submitted stories about their pride and joy it has made for some great reading and to Tim for delving deep into the archives and providing us with always interesting and informative articles. Not being confined to the number of pages (and the cost) required by the restrictions of the printed copy has been a bonus for the newsletter now sent in full colour direct to your inbox.

To the members, thanks for hanging in there, having to cancel Mystery Run and our Christmas party was very disappointing and now with the Covid restrictions having eased off somewhat we are planning our first run since March. We are going to have a run to Dixon's Creek Bar and Bistro on Sunday January 31st for lunch we will meet at the Lilydale McDonald's and head off from there. See the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter for more details and don't forget to let Lois or me know that you are coming, I would love to see as many of you there as possible.

With the latest rules Manningham council are reopening the Pines rooms next year so we will be having our February meeting, as in previous years this is our only Sunday meeting and we will be providing dinner and soft drinks so we are expecting a good turnout. Free stuff – you got to love that! We will need to know if you are coming so we can organise the food, please let us know by February 1st at the latest. Also see the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter for more details.

Have a great Christmas and New Year and we will see you all next year.  
Stay safe and healthy.

*Cheers Steve*



# Meeting Minutes

Hi Members,

With the current restrictions regarding gatherings our meeting room is still closed. Consequently there will be no **December** general meeting .



# Letters From The Editor

Hi everyone,

Our front cover features, Glenn Rulach trying to hide, and Denis Barry-Murphy in full flight at Canberra Chev. Nationals.

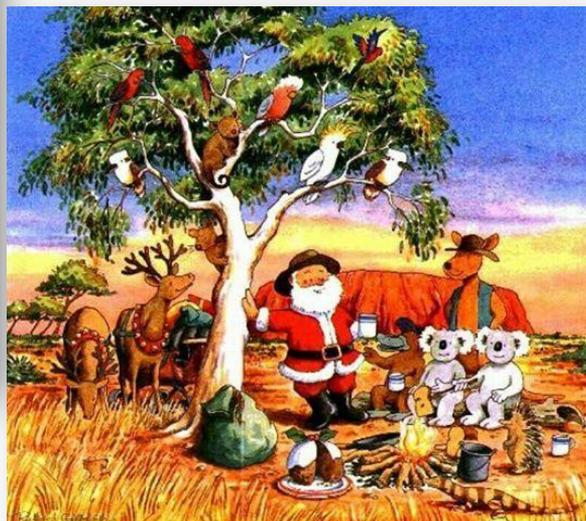
As this is our last news letter for the year, I take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions and support for our news letter throughout the year.

To all our members and their families, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy and safe new year.

Cheers

John

Drive carefully, stay safe and look forward to seeing everyone soon.



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## LOIS'S LINES

Well, here we are at the end of an unbelievable year. Let's all hope 2021 will be a year of back to normal once again.

It was disappointing that our Christmas party had to be cancelled. I think poor Santa was really sooking about missing out on his annual visit to us. I must say the weather was not the best so sitting in a cold wind in the park would not have been too much fun. Steve & I had fun with friends at the Western Port Hotel celebrating my birthday.

To all members & families I wish you the very best wishes for Christmas & a safe, happy & healthy 2021

*Cheers Lois*



New Years day run '21



Fri, 1st January  
10am - 2pm  
High st Hastings

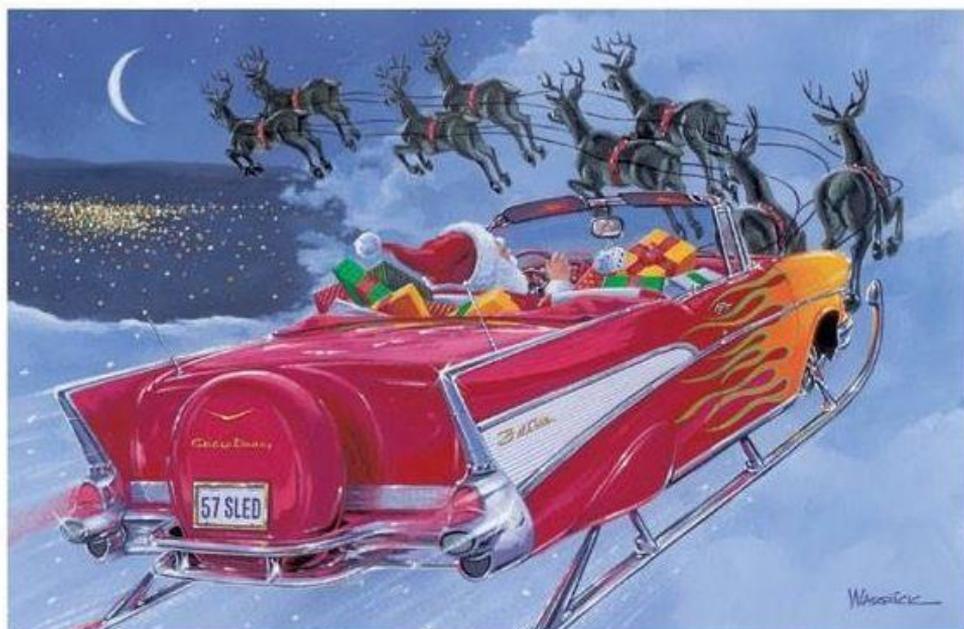
**2021 NEW YEARS DAY RUN - HIGH ST HASTINGS**

**FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY 10AM-2PM.**

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## **CLUB RUN TO DIXON'S CREEK BAR & GRILL**

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LAST YEAR  
TO THE HEART OF THE YARRA VALLEY.

MEET AT McDONALD'S LILYDALE by 10:30am TO LEAVE  
AT 11.15am  
FOR LUNCH AT THE BAR & GRILL.

Please let STEVE or LOIS know by **SUNDAY JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
if you are attending as we need to confirm numbers with the venue.  
SEND AN EMAIL to [speterson@bigpond.com](mailto:speterson@bigpond.com) or CALL 0417 017 990.

**WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR FIRST MEETING FOR THE YEAR  
(& MOST OF LAST YEAR!) ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT THE PINES LEARNING CENTRE,**

520 BLACKBURN ROAD, EAST DONCASTER.

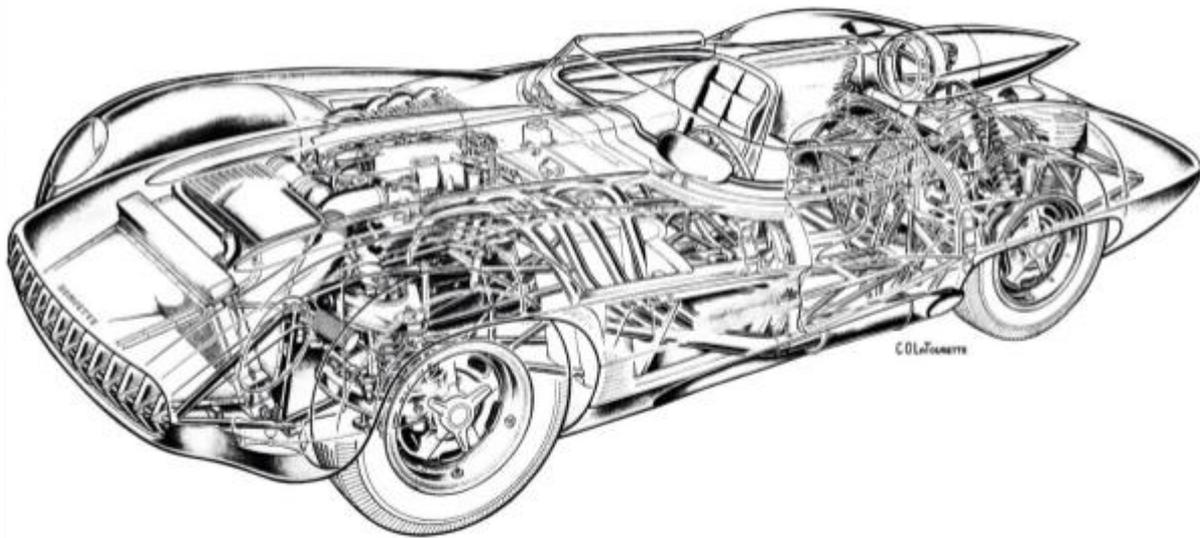
**5:30pm start - meeting at 7:00pm**

**Meals and soft drinks will be provided by the club.  
So come along and help us kick off the new year.**

**If you are attending please email [speterson@bigpond.com](mailto:speterson@bigpond.com)  
or call Lois on 0417 017 990 by February 1st**

# 1957 CHEVROLET CORVETTE SS

Interesting article from PRIMOTIPO sent in by  
Tim Perrin



*Clarence La Tourette's superb cutaway drawing of the iconic, important Chev Corvette SS...*

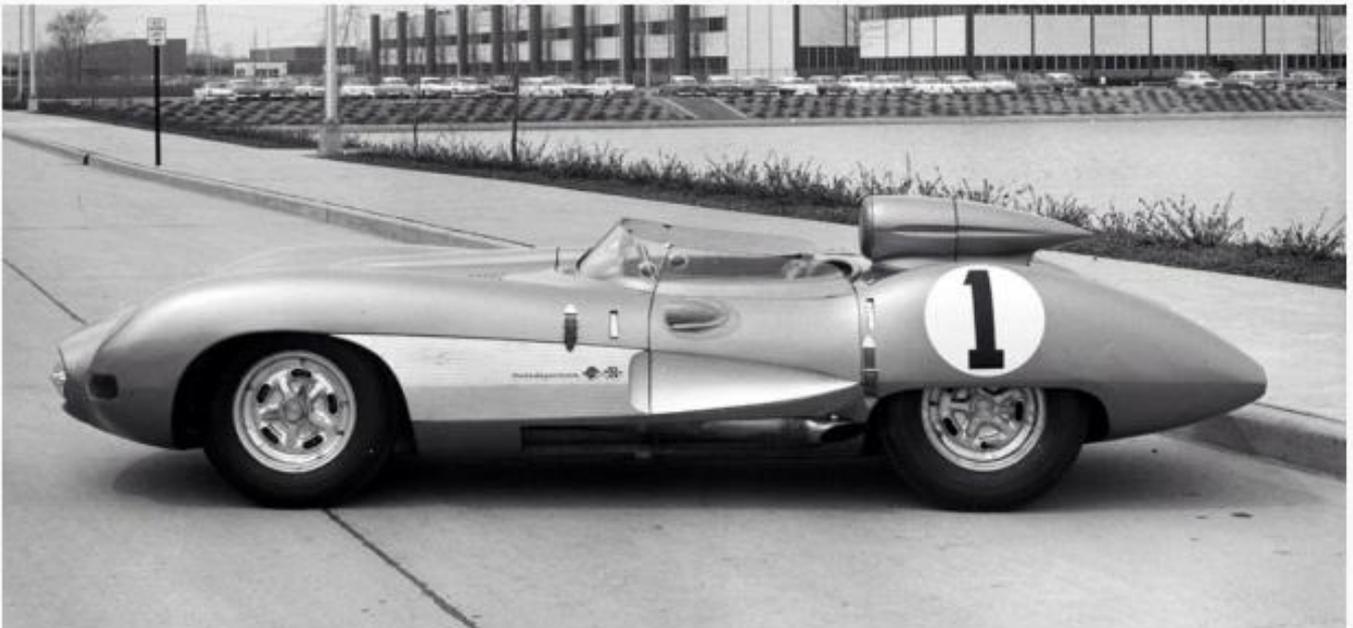
Regular readers will know I am a cutaway fan.

My favourite practitioners of the art are Vic Berris, Theo Page, Paolo D'Alessio, Tony Matthews, Bill Bennett, Bruno Betti, Giuseppe Cavara, Yoshihiro Inomoto and Clarence La Tourette- who I assumed was based in France.

In fact he was working as a Technical Artist at Lockheed in the US when the newly appointed editor of Sports Cars Illustrated/Car and Driver, John Christy, brought him into the mix together with writers Griff Borgeson and Karl Ludvigsen in 1956.

La Tourette drew the magazines cutaway centrespreads in his spare time. And absolutely marvellous they are.

## 1957 CHEVROLET CORVETTE SS



One writes about such well known cars as these Corvettes with trepidation, but La Tourette's beautiful drawing was too good not to publish. The article is a quickie to support the photographs, it offers Chevy hardcore no new insights but 'newbees' to this car like me an introduction.

GM famously rushed the first Corvette to market, it sold well in 1953 despite poor quality, its wheezy 'Blue Flame' in-line six cylinder engine and very limited availability. Only 700 were sold in 1954 and Chevy die-hards have it that only a 1955 memo from Zora Arkus-Duntov to Chev Chief Engineer Ed Cole, guaranteeing the commercial success of the car, saved it from the production axe.

## 1957 CHEVROLET CORVETTE SS

Arkus-Duntov was hired by Cole in Autumn 1953 after he saw and was excited by Harley Earl's '53 Corvette Prototype at the 1953 Motorama in New York. At the time the Belgian born American former racer was running a family business selling souped up Flathead Ford V8's. A-D famously improved the cylinder head of the 265 cid small-block Chev V8- the first in a phenomenally successful run of cast iron, push-rod, relatively light and powerful road and race engines.

A-D presented a paper to the Society of Automotive Engineers extolling the virtues of a sportscar marketing approach in which such cars were 'endowed with a racing halo provided by a few specialist machines of the same make'.

Putting into practice what he preached, Zora took a pre-production updated '56 model to Pikes Peak early that year and won his class. Cole, by then GM of Chevrolet, approved a production speed record attempt at Daytona and the car set a speed of 150.583 mph in a car sans windscreen and with the 'Duntov-cam'.

Chevrolet entered a Corvette fitted with an experimental 307 cid V8 at Sebring in 1956, the John Fitch/Walt Hansgen driven car finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the race won by the Fangio/Castellotti Ferrari 860 Monza.

Cole spoke to A-D about fitting a Chev engine to a Jaguar XKD Bill Mitchell bought but Zora argued for a racing version of the Corvette to be built instead and to be entered at Sebring in 1957.



Superb, posed shot of one of the two cars being built. Light tubular steel chassis, 283 cid, injected V8 and rear suspension in all of its detailed glory- de Dion tube, coil spring/shocks and huge finned drum brakes. Design very much the paradigm of the day, build quality and detail marvellous (GM)

## 1957 CHEVROLET CORVETTE SS

Nonetheless Fangio tested the car and lapped quicker than his previous years record lap-time. When the racer arrived all the 'sorted bits' were transferred from the mule to it, the car driven by the vastly experienced Piero Taruffi and John Fitch. It retired after only 23 laps with 'electrical gremlins, bad brakes and terminal rear end problems', sad really as the car dominated the early laps and achieved a top speed of 183 mph.

John Fitch said 'That car had so much potential, but we never had time to make it race ready. We didn't get the car to the track until the very last minute and so we transferred the parts that worked, and everything we refined on the mule to the racing car when it arrived.

The brakes were absolutely terrible and they never got that resolved. For some reason Zora Duntov made the decision not to use disc brakes on the car and it was a bad one. We had absolutely no time to sort that car out. If we had we might have made a real impact on that race'.

None of the problems were any less than could have been expected of a car at the commencement of its development curve but aspirations for Le Mans and other blue-riband events were scuttled with the American Automobile Manufacturers Association ban an manufacturer supported motor racing off the back of the 1955 Le Mans disaster.

Both cars survive of course, the Mule was sold to Bill Mitchell, then GM Vice President of Styling for a dollar who turned it into the Stingray Racer...



Piero Taruffi, Corvette SS, JM Fangio alongside in the winning Maser 450S and #20 Stirling Moss Maser 300S 2nd (G Bussian)

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

Dearest Redneck Son,

I'm writing this slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your Dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 miles of your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last North Carolina family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so they wouldn't have to change their address.

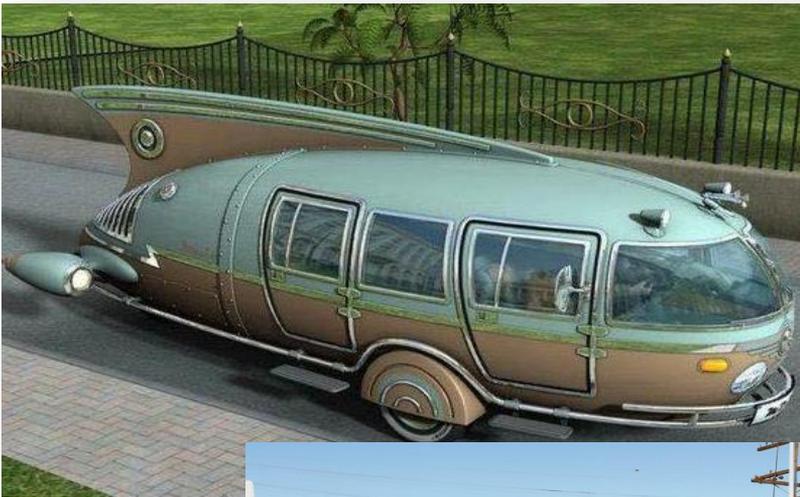
This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well, though. Last week, I put a load of clothes in and pulled the chain. We haven't seen them since. The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week: the first time for three days and the second time for four days.

About that coat you wanted me to send: your Uncle Billy Bob said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. Bubba locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out.

Your sister had a baby this morning, but I haven't found out what it is yet so I don't know if you are an aunt or uncle. Uncle Bobby Ray fell into a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out, but he fought them off and drowned. We had him cremated. He burned for three days.

Three of your friends went off a bridge in a Chevy pickup truck. Butch was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in the back. They drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down. There isn't much more news at this time. Nothing much out of the normal has happened.

Your Favorite Aunt,  
Mom



## *ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH TRIVIA QUESTIONS*

**Q1,** In what year did the 409ci "Turbo Fire" V8 engine get introduced.

A1, 1961.

**Q2,** In what year did the 409ci engine win a NHRA drag racing title.

A2, 1961 NHRA stock Eliminator title.

**Q3,** The "Corvaair 95" ramp side truck was first produced in what year.

A3, 1961

**Q4,** The first Chevy Nova was first produced in which year.

A4, 1962

**Q5,** What were the two engine options offered in the first model Nova's.

A5, An inline 4 Cylinder & 194ci six Cylinder.

**Q6,** In what year was the legendary Corvette "split window" first produced and how many engine HP ratings were offered.

A6, 1963 with 4 HP options, 250, 300, 340 and 360HP.

**Q7,** In 1966 the Corvette was introduced with the new 427 ci big block engine, offering two HP ratings 390 & 425 HP. How many Corvette's were produced in this year, it was a record number.

A7, 27,720 Ragtops & Coupes.

**Q8,** In 1967 the first Camaro Z28's were produced, how many engine capacity options were available.

A8, Four engine options, 302, 327, 350 & 396ci.

**Q9,** In 1965 Chevrolet car sales hit a new sales record, what was the number of sales, hint it's well over a million

A9, 2.4 million sales

**Q10,** What size V8 engine replaced the 283ci engine.

A10, The 307ci engine.





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## **Recent changes to the Club Permit Scheme**

October 2020

The Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 will be replaced by the Road Safety (Vehicles) Interim Regulations 2020, which will take effect from 4 October 2020.

The new Regulations include the following changes that apply to the Club Permit Scheme.

### **Use of Club Permit vehicles**

The vehicle operated under the Club Permit must not be used for hire or reward for the carriage of goods or freight or to provide a commercial passenger vehicle service as defined by the *Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017*.

### **Club conditions**

VicRoads may, from time to time, vary or remove a condition that an approved vehicle club must comply with. Internal review rights apply.

### **Club Permit number plates**

When applying for a Club Permit, the applicant will now be required to pay a fee for the issue of standard Club Permit number plates (\$38 for two number plates, or \$19 for one number plate).



## MORE TRIP TO THE USA 2019

Following on from last month we expand on the sights of the California Hot Rod Reunion at Famoso Raceway. It's my favourite drag meeting (if you hadn't guessed!) great cars, great people & laid-back. Short wheel base, 3000 horsepower, nitro burning Altered's are wild and always on the edge of control. Gassers, wheels-up launches, swap meet & car show make it a bucket list event.

Hopefully we will be able to do it all again – one day! The way America is going lately I don't think I'll be in too much of a hurry to get back there just yet.



How low can you go!



Nice '55 in 'The Grove' at Famoso Raceway



'Gas Chamber' 55 gasser



# MORE TRIP TO THE USA 2019



Awesome in the day



Even more 'awesomer' at night



Hi-riding Hemi



Rowie onboard the 'Holey Hell' gasser



# MORE TRIP TO THE USA 2019



The most popular people at Bakersfield  
\*\*\* The beer girls \*\*\*



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Older resto, rust free. 283 & 'glide - \$30,000



Full resto required - \$11,000



The end of a great day at the drags



Gunna need a new hat!



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**Wanted:** 5,6,7 RHD steering column & steering box.  
Contact: Ross Anderson 0438 557 704.

**Wanted:** tall deck (10.2" deck height). Big Block  
Chev engine. 502 cubic inch or bigger.  
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### WANTED

Gear linkages for a 1957 L/H drive column to power glide auto.  
If parts are available I will arrange pick up.  
Contact: Dennis 0416264070

**For Sale:** Set of extractors suit SBC, new not used, 1-3/4 primaries into 2. \$250 the set.  
Jeff Wilson, 0475 609 961.

**Buy:** 5,6,7 Bench seat, any condition. Contact Ian Barnes 0402 082 685

**For Sale:** 1957 Nomad project. Complete car, all stainless good, have import papers, ring for more info Ed 0418 395 452

**WANTED TO BUY:**  
327CI Large Journal crankshaft (1968-69)  
Contact Sean 0425 828 333

### 567 CHEV CLUB METAL MAN-CAVE SIGNS \$25.00

Benalla based member Jeff Wilson has designed this cool sign for your man-cave or shed.

The sign is 530mm x 230mm x 2mm thick (heavy duty!)

They are bare metal so you can let it rust for the ratrod look or paint it in your favourite colours and designs.

**These are for sale at \$25 each.**

If you want to order one of these exclusive and unique signs contact Steve on 0407 831 017 or [speterson@bigpond.com](mailto:speterson@bigpond.com)



# Merchandise

**Base Ball Jackets:** Black with dark grey stripe around collar and sleeves- \$140

**Layer Jackets:** Black with front embroidered - \$80  
 Black with front and back embroidered - \$95 >New!!!

**Rugby tops: Adults** - Navy (red for ladies) with Denim Collar - \$55  
 " " **Kids** - Navy or Red with Denim Collar - \$40

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**Stubby Holders** - \$5.00  
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**Hats** - \$15



**Left:** Emblem

**Right:** Stubby Holder



**Below:** Ladies Shirt (cherry red and Mid Blue)



**Right and above:** Front and back Baseball Jacket



**Above:** Polo shirts (all members receive one when they first become members)

**Below:** Rugby Shirt



**Above:** Layer Jacket >New!



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