

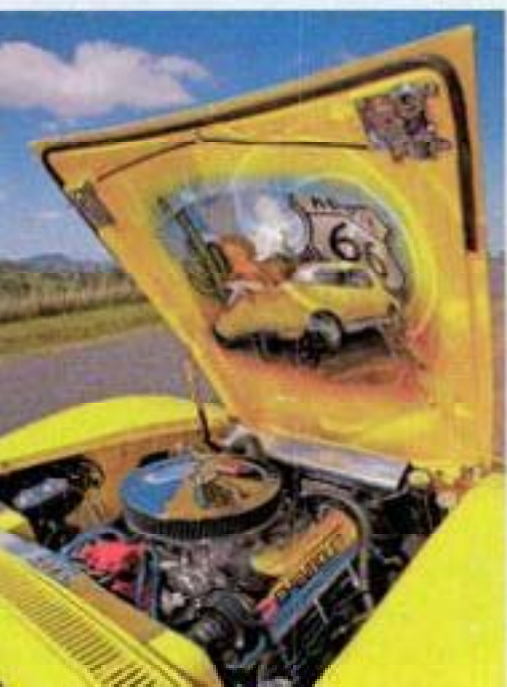



One other interesting cue on this Corvette is its complement of 427 emblems. They pay homage to the Stingray's original engine, and although the '67 is long gone, James felt it important for the Corvette to retain original-style badges.

After two years of restoration, the Corvette was completed just two days before its first national show, the '06 NSW Corvettes Unlimited convention in Penrith. Its final, striking detail was an underhood mural designed and sprayed by Street Art Arts of Wollongong. The subject: The Yellow Tail Stingray itself, the Las Vegas desert, Betty's Hot Rod, and Route 66—an homage to the America that created the Corvette, and the message that the Stingray still carries its American memories close to its heart.

That message apparently resonated with the other Corvette enthusiasts gathered in Penrith. There, in front of its peers, Matt James' spectacular '68 Stingray won the National Roads & Motorists' Association (NRMA) Car of Show Award. James was there to accept the award not only for himself, but also for his family and the men who helped him restore the Corvette to show-class condition.

Currently, James enjoys attending club events and cruises in the Yellow Tail Corvette Corvette. A



GM ZZ502 crate motor, a Tremec TKO five-speed, power steering, and Wilwood rear brakes are all on his future-mods list. "I'll take any chance I can to get in the Stingray and go for a ride," he tells us, "because I know my car is one-of-a-kind, and that's the way I've always wanted my Corvette to be." 



Spec Sheet

Car	'68 Cor
Owner	Matt Jar
Block	GMPP 454 H
Displacement	45
Compression Ratio	8.7
Heads	GM cast-iron with rectangular p
Valves	Stainless 2.19/1.88
Camshaft	GM roller; 211/230-deg duration, 0.510/0.540-in
Rocker Arms	GM stamped steel, 1.7-r
Pistons	GM forged alumin
Crankshaft	GM forged s
Rods	GM forged s
Intake Manifold	GM dual-plane alumin
Carburetor	Rochester 650-
Fuel Pump	Mallory elec
Ignition	AC Delco
Exhaust System	Hooker headers and sidepi
Transmission	Muncie M21 close-ratio, four-sp
Clutch	RPM super-heavy-c
Driveshaft	St
Front Suspension	Grand Touring springs, Koni Sho
Rear Suspension	Fiberglass leaf springs, Koni sho
Rear End	3.08 R
Front Brakes	
Rear Brakes	St
Wheels	American Racing Torque Thrust II, 17x
Front Tires	Nankang 245/45
Rear Tires	Falken 255/45
Fuel Octane	
Weight	3,080
Current Mileage	61