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ally brought a suitable candidate his way. "A
of years ago, I was introduced to a group of
owners in my town," James says. "The fire in
ly for a Corvette got stronger and stronger. It
me to find one. After a few months of hope-
arching, I came across this '68 Stingray. It
a horrible state of disrepair, but that didn't
me as I wanted to build a Vette the way I

took on the disassembly duties himself. He stripped
the Vette's body to bare fiberglass and was taken
aback when he found LeMans Blue was the first
color sprayed over the original primer. "I had no
idea it was a factory blue car," James reveals. "But
when I checked the cowl tag, my suspicion was
confirmed. My Corvette left the factory with Code
976 LeMans Blue paint and Code 411 Dark Blue
vinyl interior. How it ended up in Australia I'll

"Because the cockpit was shabby, too, I strip
it with the mission of replacing every panel ins
After all, the only point in having a great paint
is if the interior can match it," he says.

Next on this weekend restorer's to-do
was the engine. "It didn't look any better t
the shabby body, and that meant it had to
James recalls. "When we pulled the motor out
discovered two things: It had been better de