

PETER WISH'S

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1964 CORVETTE STINGRAY



What's the history of your car?

The car was originally bought at a car auction in 2019 by Modern Muscle. Many of the options had already been added. The LS7 engine and new 5 speed manual transmission were added by the previous owner.

How did you acquire it, and how long have you owned it?

I purchased the car in December 2021 at MODERN MUSCLE (now 'BURNYZZ') in Ocala.

Have you restored or customized the car, and if so, can you tell us about the process?

Other than a new water pump and new front rugs, I have not done anything to the car since I purchased it. The car is garage kept and is only driven when the weather is nice.

Tell us about your car.

It's a 1964 C2 Stingray 'Restomod' (Restored & Modified), the third Corvette I've owned. I have always loved the lines of the 1963-1967 C2 style. I previously had a 2000 C5 and a 2016 C7. I had been looking for a while and even flew down to New Orleans to look at a 1967 Corvette, which I passed on. I kept looking. By sheer luck, I found this one online in Ocala. I fell in love with the car at first sight and it exceeded everything I was looking for in a C2.



What do you do to maintain it and keep it running well?

The car came with a 2 year warranty on the engine and transmission. If I hear anything out of the ordinary, I contact BURNYZZ and have the car picked up and checked out. I have also taken it to Tuners, Inc. on College to have the engine checked out to make sure it's running well. I have had the car checked out several times on their Dyno to make sure it's running at optimum levels.



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How often do you drive your 'Vette, and where do you take it for drives?

I try to drive the car at least once or twice a week weather permitting. Mostly, I drive the car around town or to work at NAS JAX. I have also driven the car to St. Augustine on occasion.

Are you in any car clubs, and have you participated in any events or shows?

Not at this time. Now that I am retired, I am thinking about joining a classic car club. I did take the car to a car show at Moosehaven a while back. We had a lot of fun and there were quite a few classic corvettes among many other classic cars at the show.

Are there any unique features or quirks about the car that you enjoy? And ones you don't?

The car came with: power steering, power brakes,



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power windows, bluetooth and A/C. The car also came with a great stereo system with some great speakers. The engine is decked out in chrome and has a light switch, which when turned on, a red light comes on, lighting the entire engine compartment, especially at night. I do have to be careful when I gas up since it has no cutoff like new models. If I fill it up too much, gas drips over the custom exhaust and forms puddles



underneath the back of the car. The car is also exceptionally light, so when driving it and accelerating, you have to be careful. The car has 540 hp and can fly.

What is your favorite memory or experience with your car, and what do you love most about owning it?

I thoroughly enjoy the car every time I drive it, because it's like going back in time. I get numerous compliments almost every time I drive it no matter where I go.



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