

A 2013 National Tour Story

There doesn't seem to be many stories about this tour so here is one. It illustrates 2 things. One is you never know what surprising benefits you may incur when on a CHVA tour and second the willingness of car people to help each other out.

At the Fast Lanes old car dealer and restoration shop in St. Charles, MO I observed a 1964 Corvette with a console/armrest containing 2 cup holders between the seats. I thought, gee, I would sure like to have one of those on my 1964 Corvette. When I got home I consulted Zip Corvette, my usual Corvette parts catalog, but found no such item. I emailed them and asked if they knew of such an item and if they could find it I would sure buy one.

Then I emailed Fast Lanes and asked if they could find out who the manufacturer is of the console/armrest in their 1964 Corvette. They immediately responded with a picture of the unit showing the name of the manufacturer, Classic Consoles of Cairo, GA and a web address. I went to their web site where they showed a console with only 1 cup holder but they do not sell to the public. Then I went to Corvette Central a catalog I don't much like but by golly they had one but with only a single cup holder.

I reported what I had found to Zip Corvette and thanked Fast Lane for their help while lamenting that my memory must be failing me because I thought I saw 2 cup holders in the Fast Lane Corvette. Fast Lane immediately responded assuring me my memory is OK and that their unit does indeed have 2 cup holders.

Finally I went back to Corvette Central and lo and behold they now show a console with 2 cup holders in various colors to match the upholstery. It was a ridiculous price but I bought it anyway and I now have a white one in my Corvette.

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