

It's a hard life! *By Terry Brim*

Vettes are like people, some of them have a harder life than others. Such was the case with this 73 big block.



This one owner Green/Saddle T-Top vette came with the 454 big block engine, A/C, and a 4-speed gear box.

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we do. A few skeletons along with a mummified mouse proved our point. The weather also was not kind to the vette as iron ox-



ide was a plenty!

Fortunately and almost unbelievably however the frame was still solid with only surface rust.

body all ready for lift off, or so we thought. As we began to lift the body, the right rear just wouldn't part from



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the frame. The problem was soon diagnosed. Although

Pete Tank has undertaken the task of bringing this baby back to life! The original owner had left the car sitting in a barn for 20 years...ouch! Needless to say, many furry 4 legged

friends had enjoyed the companionship of the vette over the years.

There was plenty of evidence that indicated they did not value the vette as



It was a cold Sunday afternoon when we all meet at Pete's place to separate the good from the bad. Pete

was all prepared for the separation. He had built a special jig to hold the body, borrowed Al Kato's lift straps, and had the



Pete assured us that he had removed all the body bolts, a quick check indicated that he had indeed overlooked the right rear bolt. Notwithstanding that minor setback once the bolt was cut, the body came off the car relatively

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easily after 30+ years.

Pete's challenge is to restore the car to NCRS standards. Quite an undertaking from what I saw however, I'm sure he will have this big boy back on the road good as new!

Stay tuned for future articles on Pete's progress.

