

The Year Was 1959...

- Krushchev visits the United States
- Castro rises to power in Cuba
- NASA selects the first Mercury Astronauts
- IBM sells its first transistorized mainframe computer
- Etch a Sketch was invented
- Remember these prices: Gallon of gas was \$0.28, eggs were \$0.58 per dozen, a postage stamp was \$0.04 and an ounce of gold was \$35.10
- Movie of the year was Ben Hur; Record of the year was Mac the Knife by Bobby Darin
- TV: Candid Camera, Bandstand, Lassie, Real McCoy's and Wagon Train

In 1959...

- The Corvette cost \$3875 It weighed 2912 lbs and 9670 Corvettes were produced
- A tachometer, outside rearview mirror, seat belts, dual exhaust and electric clock were among the standard features.
- Sun visors became optional
- A 250-hp fuel injected 1959 Corvette with the 3.70:1 rear axle could go from 0-to-60 mph in 7.8 seconds.
- It did the quarter mile in 15.7 seconds at 90 mph and had a top speed of 120 mph
- A 290-hp fuel-injected Corvette with the 4.11 rear axle could go from 0-to-60 mph in 6.8 seconds; from 0-to-100 mph in 15.5 seconds
- It did the quarter mile in 14.9 seconds at 96 mph and had a top speed of 124 mph.
- *Road & Track* described the 1959 Corvette as "a pretty package with all the speed you need and then some."
- Some Options Included: Signal-seeking AM radio cost \$149.80
- 6.70 x 15 White sidewall tires would be an extra \$31.55
- Electric power windows were listed for \$59.20

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