

# Wise Guy Wednesday

## Wise 30 - I Think I Found a SURVIVOR® !

**Q:** Hi! I just found and purchased a 1965 Corvette Convertible in great condition. It is really loaded with factory a/c, power windows, power steering, power brakes, painted hardtop, teakwood steering wheel, power antenna and leather seats. It has new knock off wheels and red line tires! It has the matching numbers 327 motor with a powerglide automatic transmission. The car has 62,000 miles on it and seems to be all original. I don't think it would be a candidate for Bloomington Gold Certification®, but it may be a potential SURVIVOR. Can you tell me the requirements for the getting a SURVIVOR award?  
-Samantha

Answer

**A:** SURVIVOR Sam - Congratulation on finding a great 1965 roadster! Sounds like a very cool car with lots of options.

Here is a link to the SURVIVOR Corvette Guidelines:

[http://www.bloomingtongold.com/images/Indy/BlmGold\\_BWSurvGuidelines.pdf](http://www.bloomingtongold.com/images/Indy/BlmGold_BWSurvGuidelines.pdf).

Essentially, the judging process for SURVIVOR determines how much of each of four sections of the car is *unrestored*. The judges review the Interior, Exterior, Engine Compartment, and the Chassis. Each section must be at least 50% unrestored to get a SURVIVOR Certificate. And there are levels of the award from Bronze to Silver to Gold; more than 50% unrestored qualifies for Bronze SURVIVOR, more than 66% unrestored qualifies for Silver SURVIVOR, and more than 80% unrestored qualifies for Gold SURVIVOR award. Also, the car must have the original engine, VIN tag, and Trim tag. If the majority of the paint has been redone or the engine fingerprints have been removed, the car cannot receive any award.

A couple things you mentioned that the car has; 1) the power antenna was a standard component, not an option in 1965, 2) new knock off wheels and red line tires are obviously not original or unrestored components of the car. You need to assess how much of each of the sections has new or non-original parts and what percentage remaining is *unrestored*. You can come up with a rough quantity of how much is unrestored in each section and then see if the car would be a good candidate for SURVIVOR. If you have any questions or we can be of any help, send me a message!

-Wise Guy

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