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# Queen City Corvette Club, Inc.

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To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least two (2) monthly business meetings within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.



October 25, 2000

Dear Fellow Members,

As usual, October has been a big events month for QCCC. So far we've been to the mountains twice, had six homecoming parades, a first business meeting at Parks Chevrolet and multiple other opportunities to get together! Whew, I'm tired and the month isn't over yet. There's a couple of more homecomings and Nancy's famous Murder Mystery still to come!

This month's newsletter has got some terrific Trip Tales from Louis and Larry deMontegre, Charlie Brackett and a very special Journal written by Ken and Lois Watts (it's the story of how they *participated* in the factory build of their red 2000!) Please be sure to read through these great stories, they tell the tale of the things you may have been missing!

QCCC is in great shape! We continue to expand our membership and are attracting lots of newcomers who want to have fun with us. Even the cars belonging to members are turning up again! Last weekend at the Daniel Boone Inn we had two visitors who were driving cars that belonged to Ken and Lois Watts and Larry and Kathie Finocchi. That's a tribute to the care and grooming QCCC gives to it's favorite possessions and to the relationships of Corvette owners to their cars! Awesome.

Also in the edition are instructions about how to enroll or renew your membership in the NCCC. Eddie Burt is heading this effort, but the sign up dates are close by, so, if you intend to belong to NCCC in 2001, please be in touch with Eddie to get your name on the list.

Next weekend we're off again to the mountains and the beautiful Balsam Mountain Inn. Nancy and Joann Heron have done a yeoman's job of organizing a great time for us. We'll be doing a mountain tour (two if you count the early morning run - talk to Jody about that), a train ride, a corn maze and dinner, then gambling in Cherokee.

Until we meet again, be safe and have fun!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eddie Burt", is located below the main text.

# SOCIAL REPORT

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### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

**Nancy Runnion 841-2283 nrunnion@carolina.rr.com**

Well, can you believe we are going to the mountains soon. This year has gone by so quickly. We had a great trip on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to Boone with 30 cars participating. The weather was great and Walt and Wendy's road trip was made for Vettes.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bring us together again in the mountains of North Carolina at Waynesville and the Balsam Mountain Inn. For those wishing to go early on Friday we will be departing from Krystal's Hamburgers on Billy Graham Parkway at 9:00. It is a three-hour drive to Waynesville. This group will be eating at Whitman's Bakery in Waynesville with an afternoon of browsing or shopping. Dinner that night is on your own. However, those staying at the Inn have a guaranteed reservation. Others may make reservations if they chose.

Saturday morning is free time to enjoy the trails, scenery or for just relaxing. At approximately 12:00 p.m., Fred Lentz will lead us on a road trip to view the local scenery to arrive in Dillsboro at 1:45 p.m. for our train trip. You can pick up your lunch at 1:30-2:00 at the railroad station if you wish to eat early. The train trip leaves Dillsboro at 2:30. We will be traveling to Bryson City with an hour layover. Upon returning to Dillsboro we will be traveling to the Cherokee Indian Reservation for supper of chili, a corn maze, bon fire and hayrides. The charge for the maze and hayrides is \$5.00 and the supper charge is \$6.50 for salad, corn bread and chili. Our day is a busy one but it should be a lot of fun for everyone. Please call me with any questions. Itineraries will be available at the desk at Balsam Mountain Inn as well as emailed to those attending.

Our November meeting is going to be held at PJ's Restaurant on old Highway 51 in Matthews across from the back entrance of Presbyterian Hospital at 6:00 p.m. We will be signing up at the November meeting for our individual gifts to the Christmas families, so this is an important meeting.

December meeting will be our Christmas party held at the Country Inn in Matthews at 6:30 p.m. The meal is \$12.95. We will be having a gift exchange as in years past. There will be more details about this event in the near future.

The banquet will be held on January 20 at the Wyndham Gardens off Tyvola Road. That will be the grand finale for this year's events and we hope that everyone can attend. More details on this will also follow.

Please call or email me with any questions you have. Nancy Runnion

## **Minutes of the QCCC Officers Meeting October 19, 2000**

Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Jeff Estridge's house. Other officers in attendance were John Meadows and Eddie Burt. Visitor: Jane Burt.

The Board accepted Candy Lake's resignation as Secretary of QCCC.

A few suggestions about our charitable giving were made at the last business meeting. The Board discussed:

- separating charitable donations from Treasury funds
- giving \$1,500 to the Children's Attention Home
- creating an endowment fund

Funds raised at events held specifically for raising money for charity are listed as a separate item in the Treasury Report. We will present a check to a representative from the Children's Attention Home at the November meeting at PJ's. An endowment fund is beyond the scope of the QCCC and would be difficult to administer. NCCC currently has scholarships available to anyone.

Our Treasury balance is healthy. It is recommended that a budgetary meeting be held with the old and newly elected Officers to review projected membership, income, operating expenses, and member benefits aiding in the establishment of next year's budget.

Jon Elliott of the Sponsorship Committee is talking with the Zone about sponsoring us.

Sunday 10/22 will be the cruise to the Daniel Boone Inn. Saturday 10/28 will be the Murder Mystery. The November meeting will be at PJ's. The December meeting will be at the Country Inn followed by dinner at \$12.95 per person. Ken Watts' quartet will provide entertainment. Due to the large number of members, the gift exchange will be among the people at each table, using another table's gifts.

Jeff reported that we have been invited to participate in several parades. The Board felt that because of the many invitations, we must limit our commitments. Saturday 10/27 is South Meck's Homecoming needing 18 cars. Good Ol' Days Restaurant will serve dinner to orphans at 5:00 on Christmas Day and we can help serve again.

John handed out the latest points chart. Members must sign the waiver to receive points.

Fred Fischer will cast QCCC's vote for NCCC officers.

Eddie will pursue insurance coverage for QCCC as previously authorized.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jane R Burt

## **Minutes from October 14, 2000 QCCC Meeting**

The October QCCC business meeting was held at Parks Chevrolet beginning at 6:45 p.m. All officers were in attendance with the exception of John Meadows. Thanks were given to Lee Whitten and Parks Chevrolet for hosting the meeting. Members in need of parts can call J.R. at Parks Chevrolet. Parks Chevrolet is setting up an account for the club.

Kim and David Lindsay from Vector Shirts were introduced and are now working with the club to produce clothing and various items with the club logo and hope to produce shirts for special events. There will be a link on the club website to Vector Shirts' online catalog. Vector only sells top-quality shirts. Unique items are also available, such as aprons and canvas bags. Chuck Sollard won the raffle for a tote bag.

Judy Austin has been hospitalized with a malignant tumor but has had corrective surgery and the prognosis is good. Don Yost has been diagnosed with cancer in his lymph nodes. Ann Oakley's mother passed away last month. Cards and flowers were sent to all. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Several guests and visitors were introduced, including Jim and Donna Littlejohn from Columbia, SC, who drove their custom-painted C5. Prospective members were introduced and voted in as new members of Queen City Corvette Club: Karen Saiers, Lynn Hansen, Lee Fancher, Beverly and Dennis Guessford, Bill and Mary Jayne Szyper, and Greg and Liz Welliver.

Eddie Burt states there is plenty of money in the treasury and it is now time to renew NCCC memberships. Dues remain the same as last year. Next year's NCCC convention is in Bowling Green, KY. Club is limited to spending \$2,000.00 per year, of which \$500 has already been donated to charity. Suggestions included donating to the cancer fund in honor of Judy Austin and Don Yost, using as an endowment fund, and donating to the Children's Attention Home in the form of monetary donations, goodie bags which would include toiletries for the children, or suitcases. Charlie Brackett made motion to include information in November newsletter to enable members to individually donate to DSS recipients. Nancy Runion reiterated that the club already has three families assigned to it. Bob Denney suggested working with any members who work for the airlines to donate toiletry items normally given out to first-class passengers. Diane who works at Children's Attention Home will make a submission in the next club newsletter. Motion to donate \$1,500.00 from club to Children's Attention Home made, seconded, and carried. Fred Lentz suggested a possible scholarship fund for mechanics.

Officers for 2001 will be elected at the November business meeting. Turn in your ballots to Eddie Burt. If anyone is elected by write-in ballot, Fred will call to verify willingness of person to serve as officer.

There will be a Corvette lover's cruise in February 2001. A cruise-in and car display will be held in Greensboro at Corvettes at Uno Day. The road trip to Boone is next Sunday. Lunch is \$12.95. Meet at 10 a.m. at old Shoney's parking lot at Exit 28. The murder mystery at Birkdale is on the 28th. November business meeting will be at P.J.'s in Matthews. An agenda will be mailed to everyone going on the mountain trip. Club has three families selected to donate to at Christmas. Savannah trip will be April 27-29, 2001. Website address for Savannah will be in next month's newsletter.

Jeff Estridge gave thanks for those who participated in homecoming parades. South Meck parade is the 27th and 18 cars are needed. One car is needed for Piedmont High School in Monroe. November 18 is the Marshville Christmas parade and the Cabarrus County Christmas parade. The Belmont and Lake Wylie Christmas parades are also scheduled. Breakfast is Sunday mornings at P.J.'s at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday night dinner will be at Carrabba's on Independence Blvd.

Rick Witcher invited members who live on the north and West Side who want to get together to let him know. Scott Hamilton, Renee Frazier, James Foreman, Greg Beavers, and Lois Watts won Parks Chevrolet shirts. Eddie Burt won a Jeep Wrangler at AutoFair. Benny Frazier is selling pumpkins. Al and Kay Herold bought a 2001.

Motion from floor to accept minutes from September meeting, seconded and passed. Motion to close October meeting made, seconded, and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Candy Lake

# Public Relations Report



Happy Upcoming Turkey Day everyone! ...Let me start this month by saying HUGE THANK YOU'S to all those that helped out during Oct. for the Homecoming Parades at the various High Schools this year.

We had more requests this year than ever before. Sadly, we also had fewer cars participating than ever before too. We had 2 weeks that we did 3 parades per night and had quite a few folks that did 2 parades per night and I greatly appreciate your help. We've also got quite a few requests for upcoming Thanksgiving & Christmas Parades from communities around our area and I'm afraid to commit to most of them because of the lack of participation. I need to know as soon as possible who wants to participate in any of these upcoming events before I commit to any of these folks that we will be a part of these parades.

It's a sad state that a club this size can't come up with a dozen or so cars to be a part of these high profile events. I know for a fact how greatly appreciated we are by the homecoming queens, teachers, advisors, and other parade participants. We usually try to make a fun night out of these ...collecting a pool that pays off to the driver of the winner ...going to dinner afterwards as a group...we need to get some some community spirit back into this club ...any suggestions? I'm open to anything ...i've tried asking nicely, begging ..pleading ....even was accused of threatening ...but still very few volunteers are forthcoming (and it's the same group every time ...again thank you !)

DON'T FORGET TO READ YOUR E-MAILS .....we're using this means more & more to let you know about upcoming events, details, times...etc

Also remember ...Weds. Nights dinners at 6:30 locations announced usually on Sunday afternoons .....breakfast on Sunday at 9am Pj's in Matthews .....Sunday nights ...ice cream at 6:30 Baskin Robbins in Carmel Commons weather permitting (still looking for a coffee / desert place for the winter months ....idea's ??? let me or Nancy know )

Rick Witcher is trying to get the north end of the club involved in the dinner / breakfast thing also....if you're interested ...let Rick know .

Till next month ~~~~~ save the wave !

Jeff





October 18, 2000

Queen City Corvette Club  
Charlotte, NC 29732

Dear Members,

Last year 109 children who had unfortunately suffered through abuse, neglect and abandonment found a safe haven at the Children's Attention Home, Inc. These children were able to have a safe and loving environment to live in when their home environment placed them in danger of being harmed or was unsuitable.

The Children's Attention Home, Inc. is a private, non-profit temporary emergency shelter for children ages birth through 17 who have been victims of abuse, neglect or abandonment. The home is licensed for 12 children who are allowed to stay a maximum of 90 days. The home's mission focuses on providing residential and supportive services to these children in need.

The Home was established in 1970 by the Rock Hill Ministerial Association. In 1969, one of the local ministers was visiting one of his parishioners that had gotten into a bit of trouble at the county jail. While there, he noticed a young teenage boy in a cell. After hearing that the boy was in a jail cell not because of a crime, but, because there was no where to house the child, the minister realized a home was needed.

Our children know what it is like to live in fear. Fear of being touched, hit or being alone - not knowing when mom or dad will return. Our children know what it is like to be hungry and cold. Fortunately, children in York and Chester Counties as well as from across the state are able to find refuge at our home.

While the children are with us, they thrive. Babies gain weight and learn to play. Our older children learn to trust again and get help with school. All of our children receive the necessary medical and psychological help that they need as well as clothing, shoes and haircuts. Our licensed social worker facilitates group counseling to help our children deal with their feelings about being removed from their homes. Our children enter scared and confused, but quickly find comfort and security at our home.

The Children's Attention Home, Inc. P.O. Box 2912 Rock Hill, SC 29732-2912 Phone 803-328-8871



The clinical services that the Children's Attention Home staff provides the children not only with skills needed to deal with their present emotions about their abuse, neglect or abandonment but to assist them after they leave the home. Our licensed social worker provides individual and group counseling at least 5 days a week to our children. The staff also focuses on helping the children learn social skills, hygiene skills and anger management. But most importantly, they make our children feel safe and loved.

Our home is a safe house in which we stress the confidentiality of our children. However, the community is truly generous in providing much needed supplies, clothing and monetary donations throughout the year to children that they may never meet.

Our year round needs include:

- Medical supplies including over the counter medicine, Band-Aids, etc.
- Toiletries including deodorant, combs, brushes etc.
- socks of all sizes
- underwear, boxers of all sizes
- paper products - not Charmin toilet paper
- pillows
- school supplies in August
- baby supplies
- diapers, pull-ups (mostly large but all sizes are needed)
- cleaning supplies - especially detergent

Thank you so much for showing an interest in the Children's Attention Home, Inc. Your gifts will allow this agency to continue providing services to children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect or abandonment.

Sincerely,



Libby Sweatt-Lambert  
Executive Director

## North and West Members - Let's get Together!

To all QCCC members who live on the North or West side of Charlotte. I am putting together a list of Members who would like to be contacted for spur of the moment get togethers, like Ice cream, coffee at Starbucks, or maybe breakfast or dinner. at a local convenient location to who that respond. Please contact me at RWitch1 @ aol.com. I will forward the list once created to all that respond so if get an ideal you can send out a notice yourself. Thanks and save the Wave!!!!!!!!!!

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# Up at 60 back at 70 - Our Trip to Ohio

by Larry and Lois deMontegre



The Ohio trip had finally arrived. Those of us who work know how great it is to look forward to a weekend that allows us the opportunity to forget the week that we are in. To those who are retired - we're right behind you!

At any rate, the main group composed of Walt and Wendy Krupowicz, Stan and Janet Reiber, Wade and Sue Stickels, Karl and Jackie Slavetsky, Jim and Kay Herold, Joann Heron, Al and Kay Weisberg and, finally Bob and Nancy Runnion. Lois and I left after work and joined the group in Ohio. The '59 got 17 miles per gallon at 60 miles per hour. That's 3000 RPMs and a lot of work for the 283!

When I got off work Friday afternoon, the weather in Charlotte was extremely poor. As I drove down Hwy 29 toward the Speedway, the weather worsened. Lightening struck everywhere; cars pulled to the side of the road, and I crept along at 30 miles an hour. Really rough. I remember thinking that I would just have to get used to the idea of driving to Ohio in the rain. As soon as I got home I said a brief hello to Lois and we jumped into the Vette. Lois had taken the day off and had packed everything. She probably worked as hard as if she had worked at her regular job. As we left the driveway, we said that this was to be an adventure and that this was really what life was all about, taking those calculated risks. Of course, we drove through little if any rain all of the way.

Let's go back to that main group. An accident at Troutman caused a detour almost to Winston-Salem. Still, they left at 7:00 and drove in at 2:30. I believe that's around seven and a half hours. Lois and I left Charlotte at 3:00 p.m. and breezed in at 11:30 p.m. I believe that's around eight and a half hours. Of course, we stopped for nothing.

Evidently the Weisberg's, driving their Cadillac (Corvette prototype?), made the trip two hours faster than the others. How can it be that a Cadillac could beat out a fast moving pack of Vettes? Well, it happened and they were just a little too smug about it.

The Ohio Chevy dealership, Pioneer, not only gave us a place to wash our cars, but arranged to have our motel bills reduced to a reasonable rate. The free t-shirts were a nice plus.

The sternwheeler to Blennerhassett Island was very interesting. The chicken lunch hit the spot and the history of the plantation was captivating. How could an individual inherit so much money and lose it all?

Friday at the Fenton Glass Factory, a quick refreshment stop at the A & W, and dinner at the Levell House all seemed to pass by too swiftly. Dinner at DiVinci's Restaurant was very good.

Let's go back to that main group again. Apparently, while they stood in line at the A&W, they quickly learned that a free meal was given to anyone with a ticket stamped six times. That's right, the folks in front got their ticket stamped and handed it back down the line...I suspect Bob distracted the stamp person...

The most enjoyable part of the driving was our trip home. The group asked us to join them and said they would keep the speed to 65. After the first 100 miles, we decided that the solid axle could do 70. The new tires were great. We still float down the road but we recover much more quickly. (3500 rpm to maintain 70) What fun to travel with the group!

We understand the Jody and Judy have a trip planned to the mountains soon. Now...if we could just change our 4.11 rear end to something that would let us lope along at 1,700...We would love to pass that prototype Corvette!

# Homecoming - West Meck & Sun Valley

by Charlie Brackett

Friends, what a great evening! We had a terrific time.

For "Event Fridays", Ginna and I meet for dinner and swap cars on Thursday evenings. Then, when I finish my office work Friday I can clean up the Vette, and be ready for parades, etc. This week was no exception. (If you haven't eaten at the Open Kitchen in a while, it IS still GOOD - especially the Greek Salad and Lasagna DeStafano!). Friday, into the afternoon I headed into Charlotte to fill the tank, wash the car, et al. As I was leaving the gas station, I had an experience that was at once exhilarating and terrifying. Have you ever experienced the feeling caused by pressing on the brake pedal only to discover that the Master Cylinder has just failed? Well, it happened to me. For a moment, I thought I was about to leave a very warm, soft, sort of squishy feeling in the seat of my pants. There's now a small indentation in the Vette's floorboard where I exerted, let's say, more than normal pressure on the pedal! Needless to say, this sidelined the Vette for the weekend (into the shop on Monday) but left us with a major problem of **another** car short for the West Mecklenburg parade.

Thank you David Carleton, to the rescue! After a flurry of phone calls, David called to say, "I'll just pull out both Vettes, let's meet at my house, and you drive one of mine to cover the parades!" David most graciously pulled out his ZR1, handed me the keys, and said, **'Don't turn that key on the dashboard.'** Trying to look cool and confident, I gazed down at the little key:

## Engine Power: *Normal - Full*

OK, we do the West Mecklenburg parade, and head (across time zones I think) for Sun Valley. This was the fun part. Our route was back to I-85, Billy Graham Parkway, I-77, I-485, where the heck ever Eddie Burt led us through the backwaters of Matthews, to Sun Valley High. Well, pulling out, and getting on I-85 was the first major step. And after the warning about "The Little Switch," and that first burst of acceleration onto I-85, I weren't quite sure I needed to find out 'bout that switch. This puppy has some giddy-up! Driving someone else's Vette, and a ZR1 at that, well, my sphincter was somewhat constricted. What a great ride to Sun Valley, learning more about the handling and acceleration of a ZR1! (David, I'll give you handling, but, I believe my old (long gone) '67 GTO, on a straight line... but then we'll never know.)

Another great parade, and then, from the people came a great calling for...**FOOD!** Another trek through the wilderness of Matthews and, **THEN THERE WAS HOP'S!** Great dinner, some lies told, & lot's of half baked truths, placed in the oven for later use, wonderful grilled grouper.

And now the ride back home. As we're leaving Hop's, David tells me to "Turn The Little Key, and at about 40 or 45, kick it." David, it was a wonderful drive home.

For those of you who weren't there, you missed a great evening of fun, camaraderie, very excited young ladies, equally excited homecoming Moms and Dads, and a great showing for the Queen City Corvette Club. Wish more of you had shared the fun.

PS: David, I didn't have the testicular fortitude to "Turn The Little Key and, KICK IT." I look forward to another opportunity though. Thanks!



***Ken and Lois Watts' new Corvette  
....they went to Bowling Green and helped build it!***

- On February 23, 2000 we left for Bowling Green at 12:15PM. We were headed to the Corvette Assembly Plant to watch and participate in the "First Start" of our new car. On the way, in Nashville we saw our first trailer load of Vettes and got all bent out of shape.
- At 8:00PM we arrived in Bowling Green and called our Corvette host, Mantle Losson. Mantle told us the line had been down two hours the day before and it was a good possibility that our car had not yet been "married" (body to frame). We were told to be at the plant at 6:00AM on the 24<sup>th</sup> to find out the status of our car.
- We arrived at the plant at 6:00 the next day and were told by the guard that Mantle had called with "GREAT NEWS!" The car had not yet been married! The guard told us to come back 7:30. We headed to Hardee's for breakfast and tried to read the paper but couldn't concentrate at all. At 7:15 we arrived back at the plant not wanting to miss anything or take the chance of being late.  
Mantle was paged, came to meet us and arranged for our ID badges. The excitement was enormous!
- First stop was the marriage station where we were told our car was nine stations back at the chassis area. There it was coming down the line. The robot took a short "nap" but, fortunately, things were up and running in no time. We followed the frame as it was being assembled - motor placement, mufflers, etc! On the route we met many of the workers who all were unbelievably nice and very excited for us!
- Finally job #668 arrived at the marriage station! Ken personally aligned the pin for the chassis to meet the body! This was such a memorable event and, by far, one of the prettiest weddings we had ever seen.  
After the marriage, Mantle suggested we take a break and come back again at 11:30 for the "First Start". Ken and I were torn up like a soup sandwich! Thank goodness we didn't go back to Hardee's. I convinced him to go to the Mall to make our next wait go faster.
- At 11:30 we were back at the security desk and met by Walt Gilliam and "Woody" as Mantle was working on the line. Our car was easy to spot at the line, it was the last of the reds. We

- met up with the car at the wheel station where Ken and I each installed a wheel. (We're now ready for the Dale Earnhardt lug team!)
- At the next station I was asked to get into the car. I turned on the headlights, popped the hood and blew the horn. Ken put on a headlight lid (and later I noticed one of the ladies in the station went back to check his work!) We both installed a hatch gas spring.
- The car moved to the fluid station, and Ken was instructed on how to put fuel in the car (again by a lady instructor). Next was The Big Moment!
- Time for the First Start! I got into the driver's seat feeling anxious and excited. I told myself our car was one of a kind, First Start or not. I remembered how Jon Elliott had told me how things don't always go as we've dreamed, but I just barely turned the key and my Vette started like a charm! Dreams do come true sometimes!
- Next, my Vette arrives at the alignment station There it was checked for fit, spacing, etc.. Our guide Walt told us that this was known as the "Tweaking Station" but, from the looks of the hammer they were using, it was clear that wasn't Ken's idea of "tweaking". After the operator was satisfied with the fit and form she turned to us and said "Sorry you had to see this" and then gave a "thumbs up"...
- A bezel was the last piece to be installed and then it was Window Sticker time. The operator asked if it was our car, congratulated and said she hoped we'd enjoy it.
- My Corvette then touched the ground for the first time. It was next off to the paint inspection area. It scored near perfect by the operator and, with minimal rubs, it was off the line and moved to an area for minor adjustments (where a shift linkage problem was corrected).

While on a short break we visited with the operators. They seemed really excited for us!

- Then, after alignment, I was asked to co-pilot in the speed booth. I was told to put on my seat belt and then we tested all the gauges, the transmission and speed up to 75 MPH, then brakes and the rest of the operational testing...
- I was allowed to stay in the car for the water pressure booth test as long as I agreed not to be too upset if a leak was found. The test began with a downpour. The operator shined a light into every nook and cranny of the interior, under the carpet everything! She did a finger sweep of the passenger window and found a small leak, but it was "no problem" she said. The booth door opened and my Vette saw the light of day for the first time!
- Next was the final road test. I was still in the car! As we headed for the track, there were speed bumps, all kinds of holes in the road, and all kinds of bumpy situations all while we were moving at pretty good speed! At the end, in the final stage lot, I got a lesson on the remote key opener, on replacing batteries for it and on the heads up display (which I couldn't even see from the passenger's seat).
- Ken and Woody met me and it was back to the security desk to turn in our badges.

What a day! We were so excited to have taken such a personal part in the building of My Vette. Now we were left to dream for a few more days until the arrival of the new addition to our family...

# Embroidered Items

by Vector Shirts

[www.vectorshirts.com/QCCC.html](http://www.vectorshirts.com/QCCC.html)



|  |                                  |
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| <b>Ladies Solid Golf Shirt #2400</b><br><i>Colors: White, Butter, Lt. Blue, Spruce, Sapphire</i>   | M-XL \$26 / XXL \$28             |
| <b>Ladies Sleeveless Golf Shirt #517</b><br><i>Colors: White, Natural, Navy</i>  | M-XL \$26 / XXL \$28             |
| <b>Ladies Long Sleeve Denim Shirt #211</b><br><i>Colors: Lt. Blue</i>  | M-XL \$31                        |
| <b>Ladies Scoop Neck T-Shirt #5680</b><br><i>Colors: White, Black, Natural, Daffodil</i>   | M-XL \$16                        |
| <b>Solid Golf Shirt #7001</b> *available in small & 3XL<br><i>Colors: Ash*, Black, Dark Green*, Navy*, Purple, Putty, Royal*, White*</i>             | S-XL \$27 / XXL \$29<br>3XL \$32 |
| <b>Solid Golf Shirt with Pocket #7002</b><br><i>Colors: White, Black, Royal, Navy, Dark Green</i>  | M-XL \$28 / XXL \$30             |
| <b>Long Sleeve Solid Golf Shirt #7015</b><br><i>Colors: Ash, Black, Navy, Royal, Dark Green, White</i>   | M-XL \$28 / XXL \$30             |
| <b>Vertical Block Pique Golf Shirt #8007</b><br><i>Colors: Left/Center/Right Panels:Red/Black/White, Red/Royal/White</i>                             | M-XL \$29 / XXL \$31             |
| <b>7.25 oz Heavyweight Long Sleeve Denim Shirt #101</b><br><i>Colors: White, Black, Forest Green, Khaki, Lt. Denim, Natural, Dark Denim, Rhubarb</i> | S-XL \$32 / XXL \$34             |
| <b>7.25 oz Short Sleeve Denim Shirt #106</b><br><i>Colors: Lt. Denim, Natural, Forest Green, Khaki</i>   | M-XL \$30 / XXL \$32             |
| <b>Long Sleeve Chambray Shirt #131</b><br><i>Color: Lt. Blue</i>   | M-XL \$32 / XXL \$34             |
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| <b>Long Sleeve Solid Henley Tee #1402</b><br><i>Colors: Ash, Black, Ivy Green, Natural, Navy, White</i>  | M-XL \$23 / XXL \$25             |
| <b>Long Sleeve Solid Mock Turtleneck #12479</b><br><i>Colors: Ash, Black, Heather Grey, Ivy Green, Natural, Navy, White</i>                          | M-XL \$20 / XXL \$22             |
| <b>Heavyweight T-Shirt (100% cotton) #8410</b><br><i>Colors: Ash, Black, Dark Green, Natural, Navy, Royal, White</i>                                 | S-XL \$16 / XXL \$18<br>3XL \$20 |
| <b>Heavyweight Long Sleeve 9 oz. Crew Neck Sweatshirt #73195</b><br><i>Colors: Ash, Black, Hunter Green, Natural, Navy, White</i>                    | M-XL \$24 / XXL \$26<br>3XL \$32 |
| <b>Nylon Windshirt #32</b><br><i>Colors: Navy, Forest Green, Black</i>   | M-XL \$33 / XXL \$35             |
| <b>Denim Jacket #300</b>   | M-XL \$47 / XXL \$51             |
| <b>Solid Lined Nylon Coaches Jacket #201AJ</b><br><i>Colors: Navy, Royal, Silver, Black</i>  | S-XL \$28 / XXL \$30             |
| <b>Solid Satin Baseball Jacket #600</b><br><i>Colors: Navy, Royal, Silver, Black</i>   | S-XL \$33 / XXL \$35 / 3XL \$39  |
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| <b>Polarfleece Full Zip Jacket #744</b>  | M-XL \$42 / XXL \$44             |
| <b>Solid Brushed Twill Cap #BT313</b><br><i>Colors: Navy, Dark Green</i>   | \$16                             |
| <b>Zippered Canvas Tote Bag #611</b> 20" x 15" x 5"<br><i>Colors: Natural, Black, Navy, Red</i>  | \$18                             |
| <b>Gusset Tote Bag #750</b> 15" x 12" x 4"<br><i>Colors: Natural, Black, Navy, Red</i>   | \$16                             |

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All existing NCCC members can renew their memberships for 2001 simply by sending me a check payable to QCCC for either \$30.00 or \$20.00 as follows:

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| Family membership | = | \$30.00 |
| Single membership | = | \$20.00 |

If anyone has any questions as to which category they belong, either call or e-mail me and I will be happy to discuss.

Any current QCCC club member that has never joined the National Council of Corvette Clubs and is interested in joining, should get in touch with me and I will be happy to go over the many advantages of membership and procedure for joining.

I have been asked to send all funds and renewal information to our Regional Membership Director no later than November 15, therefore, would appreciate everyone acting upon this as soon as possible.

**All checks should be payable to QCCC and sent to me.**

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## **Bonus Page !!**

By Tony Prior

Here is a photo of a 1964 Grand Sport Model which I have just completed. I have been commissioned to build one of these by a friend and in the process have built 3 models.

This one here, the #50 car, is one of the Mecom cars driven by Roger Penske . Although this model is painted in the Dark Blue paint scheme, the original Nassau Blue color actually was derived from John Mecom's paint selection of 1963 Cadillac Blue which he requested GM to paint on 3 cars going to Nassau in 1964. GM painted the 3 cars in the Cadillac blue color and the famous Nassau Blue was born. Now we all need to decide which of the Nassau Blue's is the correct one !!!

