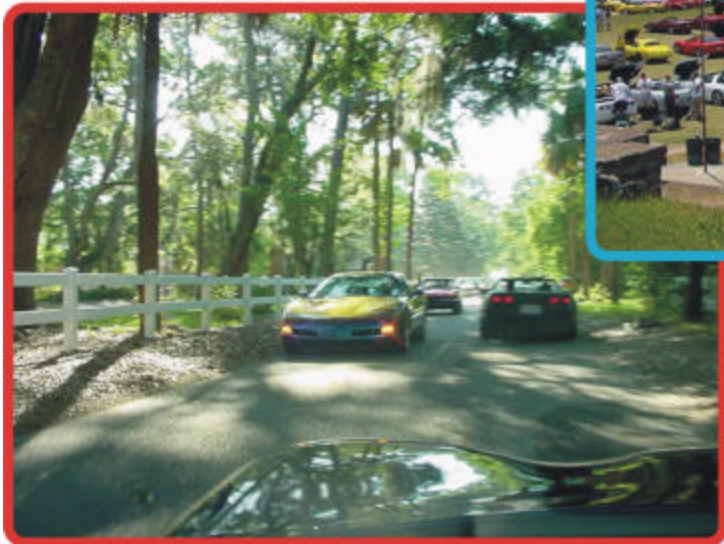




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To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least two (2) monthly business meetings within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and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



April 30, 2001

Dear Fellow QCCC Members:

First, I would like to extend my sincere thank you and congratulations to John Meadows for his extremely hard work and success at the Lowes Auto Fair. For those of you who lost out by not attending or supporting this event, John was able to ensure QCCC had their allotment of 25 Corvettes present EACH day. Actually, John was able to get 26 one day and 27 the other. This should ensure we get a larger allowance next year. Hopefully, we will be able to have many more show participants than just 25 VETTES for a club of over 100 Corvettes. Again John, a great job!!!!

In addition, the QCCC BEST of SHOW went to Bob Schillo with his black fuelly and the Ladies Choice Speedway Award went to Ben and Renee Frazier for their '58. Bob had been a QCCC member less than 24 hours when he won the QCCC Best of Show award and Bob's comments to me were "**QCCC really knows how to treat their new members**". You bet Bob! Now you can send a check to the QCCC P.O. Box. Additional QCCC trophies for their outstanding Corvettes were taken home by; Benny and Renee Frazier (two total), Jody Austin, Mark Ledford, Jim and Kay Weisberg and Mark Brackett. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS.

In addition to all the trophies won by our members, Wade Stickles won the drawing for the number 3, C5-R on Sunday and Jane Burt won the first (1st) quarter member participation drawing (\$100) at the membership meeting on Friday. Sorry Jane, no Jeep this time.

The next big event for us was the Savannah trip on April 27th & 28th. This trip was beyond description this year. All I can say is if you missed Savannah you missed the time I have had since joining this club and that is saying a whole bunch. If you hurry however, you may be able to attend the Myrtle Beach event May 4th & 5th.

The next upcoming QCCC event will be the charity car show and meeting at Fred Caldwell Chevrolet in Kings Mountain. (exit 8 off I-85, towards S. Carolina) The show is from 9am – 2pm with the meeting starting at 2:00. There is no entry fee and the show is open to other Corvette owners. The Fred Caldwell customers and employees will judge the participant's Corvettes with trophies being awarded as a "Peoples Choice Award". There is also a possible QCCC ladies trip to Gaffney during the show times. Plan on attending. It will be a blast.

I recently received an invitation to participate in the Mathews Auto Show on June 9th from 9 – 4. The entry fee is \$12 in advance and \$20 after May 25th. If we can get a minimum of 15 participants, the Matthews Chamber will supply 5 trophies to be given to the QCCC members in addition to the other trophies awarded from the overall show. If you are interested please contact John Meadows so he can start making plans and reserve your spot. Entry fees would not be due until a later date. We need commitments at this time for a head count and to guarantee.

In closing please do not forget to return your questionnaires no later than May 12th at the Fred Caldwell car show and meeting in Kings Mountain. Also, in closing, please don't forget the Gatlinburg trip June 2nd & 3rd.

Until next time, enjoy your Corvettes, each other and please stay safe !!!!

Minutes from April 6, 2001 QCCC Business Meeting

The April 6, 2001 business meeting was held Friday at Auto Fair at Lowes Motor Speedway. Officers in attendance were Fred Fischer, Priscilla Pelkey, John Meadows, and Eddie Burt. Greg and Kim Beavers were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Fred Fischer at 6:45 pm.

Fred reviewed upcoming events:

Sat. April 14 – Nancy Runion is taking a group to Seagrove Pottery. Meet at WalMart on Albemarle Rd at 8:30 am.

Friday April 27 – The Savannah trip has 60 people & 30 cars signed up so far. Two groups will leave the SC Welcome Center on I-77: one at 7:00 am and one at 9:00 am. Benny & Renee Frazier will leave at 3:00 pm. Greg has arranged for QCCC to sit together Sat. night at the Low Country Boil at the Fort. Caroline Lentz reminded everyone to bring mosquito spray. Al Herrod recommends Elizabeth's restaurant.

Sat. May 12 – Car Show at Fred Caldwell Chevrolet in Kings Mountain begins at 9:00 am. Our Business Meeting will be held there at 2:00 pm. Linda Meadows will take shoppers to the Outlet Mall at Gaffney. The Rain Date is the following Sat. May 19.

Sat. May 19 – Randy Sherman is leading a 100-mile-each-way road trip to Lake Lure. Bring chairs & a picnic lunch.

Sat. June 2 – Jody Austin is leading a group to Gatlinburg, TN (stay overnight).

Fred asked visitors to stand & introduce themselves:

David & Elissa Farmer
Stanley Norris
Dave, Sharon, & Ben Sanders
Ed Massey
Dan & Beth Dowden
David Mashburn

Bob Shillo was voted in as a new member!

Last month's business meeting minutes were approved.

Priscilla Pelkey, VP Social reported on upcoming events:

June 16 BBQ at the Burt's. There'll be a sign-up list at the next meeting for side dishes.

July meeting at Matthews Tennis Club

July 21 Jody Austin is leading a road trip to Mt Mitchell

August meeting at Parks Chevrolet

Aug 19 Jody Austin is leading a road trip to Hungry Mother State Park in VA. There's a lake & buffet lunch.

Sept meeting might be at Hendrick Motor Sports

October meeting at Northcross Bowling

Nov weekend trip to Highland Lakes Inn in Flat Rock

Nov meeting at Alpine Clubhouse

Dec Christmas Party at Country Inn in Matthews

Caroline Lentz asked about a beach trip. Jon Elliott is working on a trip to Charleston instead.

John Meadows, VP Public Relations mentioned upcoming events:

Auto Fair this weekend. We have 25 cars each day on Pit Row that need to be parked by 9:am. We'll be selling Community Service Books, raffling off a C5R model, & providing information about the club.

We'll be in the Parade of Lights Wednesday May 16.

We need at least 30 cars at Fred Caldwell's Car Show. Fred Caldwell will contribute \$500 to a charity of our choice & provide 4 trophies to be awarded by popular vote.

Thursday June 28 Providence High School is hosting a 5 day event for students from all 50 states. An event will be held at the Speedway where 25 cars are needed to take the students around the Legends track.

John & Eddie unfurled 2 new QCCC banners. Steve Branche suggested that they could be carried in parades.

Fred reported on our point system.

He depends on members telling him of their attendance at meetings and events. Members with the most points each quarter will be eligible for a choice of prizes (dinner for 2 at the Speedway Club, pre-paid QCCC dues, \$100 gift certificate to Ecklers or Mid America, \$100 toward Savannah trip, 2 oil changes, \$100 gift certificate to Vector Shirts, one night at Park Vista hotel in Gatlinburg, \$100 toward room at Highland Lakes Inn, or \$100 gift certificate to Corvette Museum). The first quarter 2001 had 8 members attending all 7 events: Greg & Kim Beavers, Eddie & Jane Burt, Paul & Priscilla Pelkey, Wade & Sue Stickles. Their names were put into a hat & guest Stanley Norris drew Jane Burt's name.

Eddie reported that we have funds in the Treasury. For last year's BBQ, he cooked 85 pounds of meat & it all was eaten. This year, he's cooking 125 pounds.

John Meadows welcomed long-time-not-seen members Labe & Linda Abernathy to our meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Dinner followed at Pizzeria Uno at Concord Mills Mall.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Burt

Minutes From April 13, 2001 QCCC Officers Meeting

The April officers' meeting was held at the home of Fred Fischer. All Board members were in attendance. In addition, Paul Pelkey and father were in attendance as guests. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Greg handed out wording for the plaques, to be awarded at the Fred Caldwell car show in May. Perry Mishoe of American Trophy will be creating the plaques.

Greg stated that he had received only 13 responses from club members to the QCCC questionnaire emailed / mailed to all members last month. So far comments range from "club too big, not enough car related functions, and people would like to see monthly meetings at members homes." Once all the responses are in Greg will prepare a summary to go over with the membership.

The directory is still in progress. Greg has the Access database that Paul Pelkey set up. Greg to email the database to John Meadows.

The club discussed purchasing a canopy for future events. Greg to purchase a 9½ x 9½ at a club cost of \$170.00±. This size canopy should be small enough for any member to be able to carry in their Corvette.

Greg received an email from John Elliott regarding participating at the Johnsonville grill at the May race and during Speed Week. If we do participate, we will need a lot of volunteers since it runs about 4 days during the week and on Sunday at the NASCAR race. Eddie thought it would be great if we could hang QCCC banners at the Johnsonville grill so QCCC could receive some recognition as well. The board agreed since in the past QCCC has had no real identification with this activity within the community. Greg will notify Jon of the QCCC banner requirement. John Elliott will be the point person for this event.

At the monthly meeting on Friday, April 6, 2001, Jane Burt won the \$100 gift certificate for the 1st quarter membership participation.

Fred spoke about the new point system. First Quarter points are now on the website including AutoFair points. Fred received some responses from members who participated in AutoFair but not many. The board agreed the \$100 gift certificate seems to be a good idea.

Fred will also be getting with Kim Lindsey of Vector Shirts to place an order for koozies, which will be handed out at different club events for participants. The cost to the club would be minimal.

Everyone agreed that the AutoFair was a huge success with at least 25 to 26 cars in attendance for Saturday and Sunday. The club sold a total of \$680 worth of Community Books. The C5-R, #3 Dale Earnhardt car cost \$100 so the club netted \$580 to the Club Charity Account. John Meadows feels like more people should be participating in club events.

John – pertaining to the Fred Caldwell car show – we need to discuss with Fred Caldwell the QCCC charity of choice for his donation. We can discuss with Fred the day of the car show. John has someone that is preparing the banners for the Fred Caldwell car show.

John mentioned that the proposed car show at Parks Chevrolet would probably not happen. Parks does not want to donate money to charity since they are raffling off a Tahoe for charity and would like us to help them with the Tahoe raffle. The board agreed this is not a venue we will participate in since is not a Corvette related function. A meeting may be okay here but not a car show. The charity donation is the main reason for the car show and publicity for the dealership.

John to check with City Chevrolet for a car show in October as well as our monthly business meeting.

John also mentioned the Parade of Lights this year will be May 22nd at approx. 8:00 p.m. Detailed information to follow when more information is available.

Eddie believes we could discuss a possible split of our meetings – 1 business meeting only (no social) per month and 1 social event per month (without the meeting). This will be considered.

Paul Pelkey mentioned the manager at Uno Pizzeria at Concord Mills, would like us to come for dinner/meeting on Sunday's – this being a slow day for them. This would be a great opportunity for those on the north side of town to get together once a week or once a month like those members that live on the south side do for dinner on Wednesday's.

Priscilla will email John Elliott about Charleston trip and give him a discuss the deadline for completion. Seems a lot of members are requesting a beach trip this year like the one in previous years. Priscilla will ask Nancy Runnion for help on this trip since Nancy planned it last year.

Priscilla needs to a get menu of side dishes for the June club BBQ at Eddie Burt's house. Last year we had too many of one item and not enough of other items. Priscilla will put together a list of items and have about 5 people sign up for each item. This way everyone will know what to bring.

Eddie mentioned that next year he would like to see the club take a trip to Pensacola/Panama City Beach, FL. There is a rally in Panama City each year and sounds like this would be a great trip. Everyone agreed!

Eddie also mentioned that Jane's company has recently done some business with Vector Shirts and they did a great job. They've also done John Meadows company shirts as well. Let's remember Vector Shirts can do your company clothing as well as QCCC.

Greg reminded everyone that there will be a car show in Matthews on June 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for those that are interested. There is a \$15 registration fee. Contact Greg if you are interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectively submitted, Kim Beavers

C5 CRUZER



REPORT

I hope all that went down to Savannah had as great time as we did. It was a terrific weekend! Congratulations to Dave Sanders for winning best C5 and all others who won door prizes.

We are all set for our car show/meeting at Fred Caldwell Chevrolet. on May 12. We have promised Fred that we will have at least 30 cars there for the show. The show will began at 9AM and last till 4PM. Our Meeting will be held at 2PM. Awards and prizes will be given out at that time. Please Email me at jmeadows@cmgsales.com if you will be in the car show. Some of the wives are going down to Gaffney for a short shopping trip during the day. Contact Linda Meadows for more information. Remember Fred is willing to donate \$500 to a charity of our choice and to pay for our trophies. Let's fill Fred's lot with Corvette's.

Speed week is almost here and again we have been asked to provide cars for various celebrities for the 2001 UAW-GM Teamwork Parade. This parade will be held on Tuesday May 22 at 8 PM in Uptown Charlotte. We will probably be meeting at about 6:30 PM. We have already been asked to supply at least 15 cars and the number is growing. I will be sending out an Email to advise where we will meet for this event.

Please Email me if you would like to participate in this parade.

The town of Matthews will be holding its 10th Annual Auto Reunion on June 9th. From 8Am to 5PM. Again this is a fun show. The have agreed to give out 5 trophies to our club if we can sign up a least 15 cars for this show. Greg has said that many of you have shown an interest in this show. Please Email me if you would like to attend.

In June we will need cars for high schools students that will be honored at the Legends Track located at the Lowe's Motor Speedway. This will also be a week night event.

TILL NEXT MONTH, SAVE the WAVE



Social Report

May 2001

The pollen and warm weather is back and that can mean only one thing; more car related events. In the next few months we have a car show, three “day road trips”, our annual Eddie Burt BBQ meeting, and parades. Also in the works for September is a beach trip

Ocean Isle, NC (September 28-29)

We will be staying at The Winds, 910-579-6275 (ask for Myra). The room cost is \$99.28 per night, which includes tax and breakfast. Cancellation can be made 14 days prior to arrival date. Five four-bedroom homes and two six-bedroom homes have been reserved. Individual rooms are also available. The deadline for reservations is August 31. After that the rooms will be turned over to the public at large. Nancy is planning some other activities among which will include dinner on Saturday night with the SC club. Please let Nancy know ASAP if you plan on going. This information will be important for planning the rest of the activities.



Caldwell Chevrolet Corvette Show May 12th

Caldwell Chevrolet in Kings Mountain is going to put on a corvette car show and award prizes. The event is going to be from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. so clean up your cars and get ready for the show. Also, for the ladies if they choose not to participate in the exciting car show, there will be a shopping trip to the outlet stores in nearby Gaffney. **Note that the official meeting for May will be at 2:00. Also there will be a food sign up sheet for the June BBQ/meeting.**



Lake Lure road trip May 19th (rain date May 20th)

Randy Sherman will be the tour guide to Lake Lure on Saturday, May 19th. This will be a “bring your own” picnic lunch. Please remember your radios and chairs. We will **leave** Krystal Burger on Billy Graham at **8 a.m.** sharp so plan on getting there at 7:30. Please gas up prior to 8 a.m. Sunday, May 20th, will be used as a rain date for the 19th. The trip will be approximately 100 miles each way. Lunch will be on the park commons, and there is ample safe parking. We should get back around 5.



Gatlinburg, TN and Deals Gap road trip June 2nd and 3rd

Jody Austin has put together an over night road trip to Gatlinburg and Deals Gap. Call the Park Vista hotel to get your reservations **800-421-7275** or **865-436-9211**. When you make your reservations tell them you're with the **Queen City Corvette Club** and the rate will be \$83 plus tax, per night. If you want to go early or stay an extra night, they will honor the \$83. Check out the link below for more information: <http://www.corvetteforum.net/c4/gs687/index.shtml>



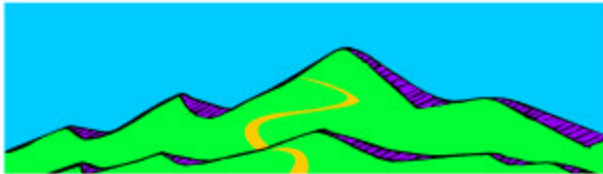
Annual Eddie Burt BBQ and club meeting June 16th, 6:00 p.m.

Club BBQ will be held at Eddie Burt's home in Matthews. This is always a very popular event and once you taste the food you'll know why. Bring your chairs and favorite beverage. **This is also our official meeting for June.**



Matthew's Tennis Club July 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Monthly meeting will be held at the Matthew's Tennis Club



Mount Mitchell road trip July 21st (rain date 22nd)

Randy Sherman will be the tour guide to Mount Mitchell. This will be a "bring your own" picnic lunch. Please remember your radios and chairs.

We will **leave** Krystal Burger on Billy Graham at **8 a.m.** sharp so plan on getting there at 7:30. Please gas up prior to 8 a.m. Sunday, July 22nd, will be used as a rain date for the 21st. The trip will be approximately 125 miles each way. The trip is very scenic. Some of the roads are twisty so take it for what its worth. We should get back around 6 p.m.

If you have questions, comments, suggestions, or would like to volunteer for an activity, please contact me at PPelkey@carolina.rr.com

Queen City Corvette Club Social Calendar for 2001

M= monthly meeting

E= event for the month

T= tentative plans

May

M= Caldwell Chevrolet - 12th @ 2:00 p.m.

E= Caldwell Chevrolet Corvette Show - 12th @ 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

E= Lake Lure road trip - 19th (rain date 20th)

June

E= Gatlinburg - 2nd through 3rd

M= Eddie Burt's BBQ - 16th @ 6:00 p.m.

July

M= Matthew's Tennis Club - 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

E= Mount Mitchell road trip - 21st (rain date 22nd)

August

M= Parks Chevrolet - 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

E= Hungry Mother - 19th **Sunday**

E= Scavenger/ Poker Run/ Andrew Jackson Park T

September

M= Hendrick Motor Sports - 8th **Saturday, @ 12:00 p.m.**

E= Ocean Isle, North Carolina - 28th through 29th

October

M= Northcross Bowling Alley - 13th @ 6:00 p.m.

E= Daniel Boone Restaurant T

November

M= Alpine Club House - 10th @ 6:30 p.m.

E= Highland Lake Inn - 2nd through 3rd

December

M/E= Country Inn in Matthews / Christmas Party - 8th @ 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE

Light Pewter Metallic
Heads- Up display
Dual Zone Air Conditioning
Cargo protector
Cargo Screen
Borla Exhaust System

Light gray leather interior
Twilight Sentinel
Memory Package
Front Mask
Car Cover
Chrome Exhaust Plate



The car is BEAUTIFUL and FAST. It has 360 HP but gets 31 MPG on the highway and 24 in the city! Never abused, meticulously cared for. It has 19,000 miles on it. I bought the car new in Oct. 1999 so it was one of the early releases. The only reason I am selling it is because I now have a 2001 Z06. Kelly Blue Book Trade-In value is \$37,650. Asking \$36,500! *Vette Finders Price Guide* lists the average value for a 2000 Coupe at \$39,500.00!

Contact Dave Sanders at: 704-333-8176 or Email:davesanders@Carolina.rr.com



Wanted good home for 1995 Corvette Convertible. White with Oak top and interior. 37K miles. Automatic, cd & cass, power seats, garaged. EXCELLENT CONDITION. Asking \$26,500 Call Pauline Gray at 704 708-5073 or 704 893-0623. Email: grayusa.aol.com

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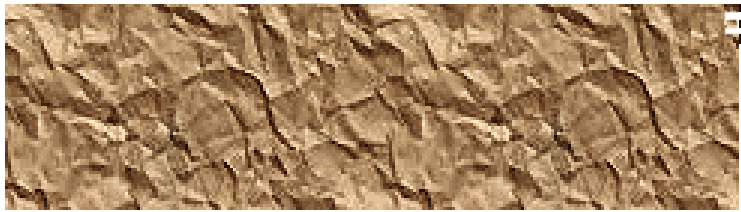
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By Jody Austin and Jack Warlick

For those of you all who didn't go to the Corvette's Only Poker Run on Sat. April 21, in Greenville, SC, you missed a fabulous time. A few of us from the QCCC went down to enjoy the day and, folks, I have to say that is one of the most fun-filled Corvette days I've had in quite a while. Jack and Sandy Warlick, Bob Denney and his best friend Lassie, some guy I didn't know, and I left Saturday morning at 7:30 and got there at 9'ish, in time for the start. The start of the run was at Corvette's Only, a Corvette Dealer, in Easley, SC. They were fantastic hosts and gave us the run of their place. I'm guessing 150 Corvettes from all over NC, SC, GA, FL, and AL showed up to participate. Driving directions were given out at the start and people left as they wanted, in small groups. Everyone's directions were the same, but since we left at staggered times, we all arrived at the checkpoints at different times.

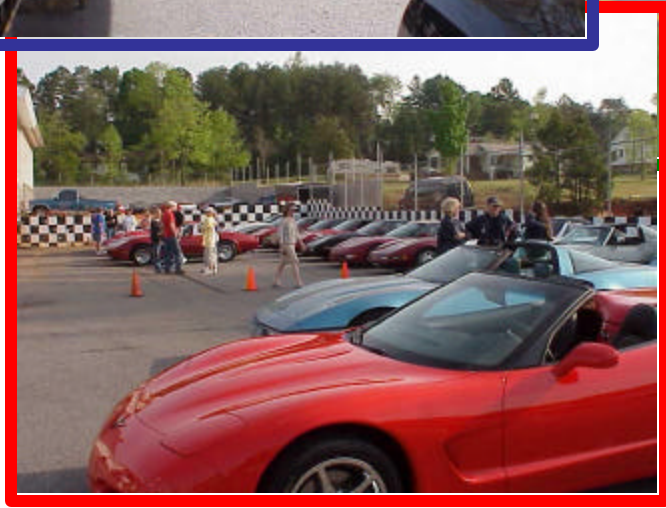
The people from Corvettes Only a super job on the route picked for the run. My guess is that it was about 130 miles. The route went through some of the most scenic views in the south. We went through Greenville on the first leg and on the outskirts of town drew our first card. This leg was probably 20 miles and not very memorable. The next leg, on the other hand, was through some spectacular mountain roads to Caesar's Head Mountain. Bob and I stuck together and linked up with a native of the area and put the pedal to the metal. My GrandSport was breathing hard, to say nothing of the driver. But we found out this was just the preliminaries, it only got better!

The next leg was from Caesar's Head through mountain roads to almost Cashiers and then back to Easley. Bob and I followed our native to a gas stop where he said he was going to an aunt's house to eat and left us to our own devices. Oh, boy, was that a mistake. For some reason I took the lead and we were meandering through some pretty scenery behind a Suburban. I knew Bob was thinking the same as me about how slow the Suburban was. Right at this moment the Suburban pulled over and gave us a clear road. Just like someone lit a rocket, with a Hi Ho Silver, off we went. The roads were absolutely fantastic. Bob said we saw triple digits, but I was too busy twisting the steering wheel and shifting gears to notice the speedometer. Bob has Head's Up Display, so for him it was no problem. Boy, were we in seventh heaven. After about 10 miles or so of all out driving, we finally encountered our first traffic, a red C5 convertible just cruising. We came up on him pretty fast and he could see he had to press hard on the loud pedal or get passed by us. He took the challenge and sped on, with us in hot pursuit. It was an exhilarating experience for all of us. Bob and I ended up at a country club restaurant for a very good lunch and much needed rest.

From here on the trip settled down a little and we arrived back at the starting place around 4 o'clock. We got something to drink and admired all the Corvettes that were there, saddled back up and came on home.

It's a shame that more of our membership didn't go to enjoy the ride. Many of the participants took a leisurely pace and enjoyed the scenery. Others, to the contrary, wanted to do the trip quickly with gusto, so, obviously, this trip has something for everyone. I can't recommend strongly enough for everyone to schedule the 3rd Saturday of April next year as a trip to the Corvette's Only Poker Run. We could easily bring enough people to win the club participation award. It's only 1-1/2 hours away from Charlotte.

May all your apexes be precise and Happy Motoring!



Now for the whole story as told by Jack Warlick:

While the above event, held in Easley, SC was extremely fun, there was very little participation from QCCC. I did meet Jody Austin to caravan to the one day event on a Saturday morning and wanted to bring a couple of matters to your attention for a possible mention at the may business meeting.

1. Getting a ticket while on the way to a Corvette is probably so common that it deserves very little notice and no mention except for Jody's ticket. As we entered into South Carolina on I-85, I signaled our small group that I could use a "rest" stop. We pulled into the South Carolina Welcome Center and parked. Upon returning to our cars what did we find but a South Carolina State Trooper waiting to see who was driving the Grand Sport parked across two spots. That's right, Jody got a ticket on the way to the Corvette Only Poker Run. **"A PARKING TICKET"!!**
2. Then, in his rush to get home, Jody left the event early. In fact, he left so early that he didn't hang around long enough to learn that he took the trophy for the highest hand in his class. If I had drawn aces at the first three stops I would have been sure to wait around long enough to see if I won or what kind of hand had beaten me. I collected his trophy for him and will be bringing it to the May meeting to present to him.



Auto Fair, Another Perspective

By T .Prior

Two things came to mind as I made the trip up to Auto Fair in my soon to be gone '69. Traffic and Hot. Well the Traffic really wasn't that bad in the *going to* direction and the SUN did show up big time. Trying to avoid it all day while just sort of sitting around was the typical normal deal, except this time we had a couple of highlights, at least from where I was sitting. Traffic in the *going back* direction was another thing.

First off, I did bring my 69 to sell, came close but went home with my name still on the title. The car is currently in process of being sold to a fellow from Detroit. Now the good stuff.

I pretty much spent the day hanging close to the QCCC Club area as there was plenty of people traffic, actually more than when we were in the Winners Circle. Sitting and talking with both John Baynes and David Carleton turned out to be where the action was. John had his Green Conv. parked between my 69 and Davids 60. All of the cars were getting a good deal of attention, Davids 60 and my 69 both receiving their fair share. All of a sudden this airplane started to land right there in the speedway infield. People everywhere (including me) are looking up wondering if running for cover would be a good thing. John and David are laughing but trying to hide the laugh. Turns out John Baynes has this Airplane flying CD and it is turned up full blast in his C5 Roadster, 100 feet in any direction, folks are looking up , blinded by the sun, looking for this airplane which is about to land right on top of us. Now maybe you had to be there , but watching the expressions on their faces and listening to the conversations was very funny. " Where is it, I don't see it, do you ?" And when they all realized that it was a CD in John's car it was like they all said " I knew that " Some really never knew. John proceeded to play this Airplane Hoax all afternoon.

Now moving on, this older gentleman comes over to Davids car, spends a few minutes admiring it, and then starts talking to David . David shares some small talk about the car , some of things he's done to it and somewhere in there he makes the statement that he had a 61 before this 60 . Well the guy looks at David and says, " This is not a "60 it's a 63" or something like that. David gently corrects him and says, " No Sir , this is a 1960 Corvette" The guy again looks at David and with a little more aggression says, ' You don't know what the F (insert real word here) you're talking about , I know my Corvettes and this ain't no 1960 it's a 1963" Then he really got into it, claiming all these things and body styles of the 60's Corvettes , he didn't want to let it go, just shy of yelling at David he once again states that Davids car is like a 63 or something. What does David do ? , nothing, totally ignored the guy , didn't say another word to him. Here's this guy just shy of yelling at David, almost right in his face , won't let it go and here's David just sitting there fuming, not even looking at him in the full ignore mode. Finally the guy did leave but not without a full verbal assault on David and his lack of knowledge on his own car. Gee David, are you sure it's a '60 ? What were you thinking ? Did you hit your head on the Ice when you fell and broke your leg ?