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On The Cover:

Take a trip with Queen City Corvette Club and enjoy your friends and make new ones. Lunch at the Diner on our way back from Bennett's Museum

QCCC is a non-profit club (501-C7) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money for and participates with various local charities. We strive to promote exciting, safe and fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates social time. Our socials are always fun and are focused around fellowship, food & drink. We've had swimming parties, bar-b-ques, cookouts, day cruises and weekend trips. We participate in / conduct mountain tours, holiday parades and several homecoming parades at local area high schools. We also support and participate in local auto shows and hold charity Corvette shows each year. After an initiation fee of \$7.00, club dues are only \$8.00 a month, per family, and are to be paid quarterly or annually. These dues go to cover the costs of running the club, mailing newsletters, and subsidizing the costs of our meetings. Club officers and supporting staff serve as volunteers.

To become a member of the [QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB](#), you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. *Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!* Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting and be voted in, begin paying dues and having fun! If you can't join us, **please WAVE!**



The President's Vault



How time flies, it seems like I just did last month's article. That's what happens when things get busy, and we've been busy attending club events and planning club activities for the entire year. We had our first club driving event to Bennett Classics at the end of February, with 47 people and 24 cars. The museum was good with about 60 vehicles; my favorite was probably the 1913 Ford Model T. What a driving adventure it would be just to leave the driveway in that car. Lunch was downtown at the Forest City Diner. They made us feel special, reserved parking on the street in front of the restaurant, and had two people out there directing us to our spots. Really good food and we had a lot of time to talk, with 47 people being served, they did a great job.

Just a couple more things. I know it gets busy at the monthly meeting at the sign in tables, but you need to make it a point get there and look at all the sign-up sheets, so you know what's coming up, and the event planner gets the numbers they need to stage the event. Be sure to register on the attendance list, so you'll get your ticket for the drawings.

Also, in last month's article I asked you about your first cars or first Corvette experience and didn't hear from anybody. I can't believe there aren't some good stories out there in the club. Call me or e-mail. Thanks!

Remember the wave, and let's drive 'em and enjoy them!

Steve Pelchat

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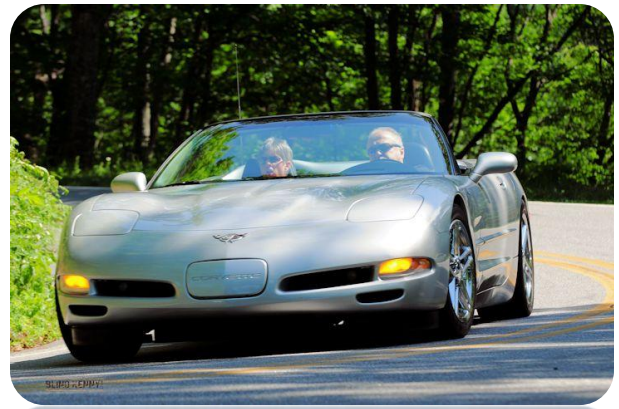
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Photos"
[OCCC website!](#)*

Crossroads

With the Vice President Keith Cross



Our March Business Meeting will be held at Victory Lanes Karting located at 2330 Tipton Dr., Suite 100, Charlotte. We are excited about returning to this **GREAT** indoor karting facility. VLK has a nice large meeting room with tables and *chairs*. For this meeting we are catering in **BBQ** from **Shane's Rib Shack**. If you are planning on eating you must **RSVP** with your choice of either Pork or Chicken BBQ plates, no later than March 2nd. If you don't **RSVP we will assume that you will not be eating with us**. There will be no extra plates provided. Please see the meeting notice on the **QCCC Website** or the flyer included in this newsletter. Dinner will start at 5:00pm. Our meeting will start at 6:00pm. And we will start karting around 7:00pm. I will give out several free race tickets as door prizes. Plus we will be collecting time sheets from those who race so we can recognize our **Club Karting Champions** at a later date. Races will be group discounted with 1 race for \$20.00, 2 races for \$30.00 and 3 races for \$35.00. Race ticket packages cannot be shared. If you are interested in seeing what VLK is all about please visit their website at: <http://victorylanekarting.com/>.

MAP 2012 (Membership Attendance Program) is going strong. All members are eligible. You receive points from your attendance at our meetings and events. Your goal is to attend 75% of our club sponsored events for 2012. Surprise **Bonus Points** will be given during the year at some events. All you need to do is make sure you sign when you attend.

Now another "**Did You Know**".

Five years earlier the 1963 Chevrolet Corvette would establish the Corvette name as a design tour de force. The 1968 would reinforce that reputation with an all new body style.



The new Corvette featured what became known as the "Coke Bottle" shape. It's in reference to the fenders which bulged out in comparison to the doors. Also note the emphasis on the fenders as they arched upward - a continuation of the C2 Corvette.

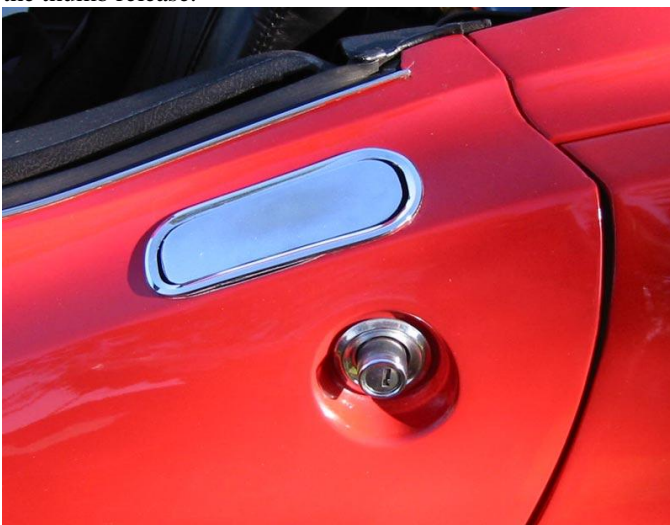
Corvette chief engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov said in interviews that the C2 'vette "had the aerodynamics of a bad airplane. The shape of the new C3 also featured improved aerodynamics when compared to the C2 Corvette. Front end lift during high speed was a problem that many racers complained about airplane".



Above: As with the C2 Corvette, the new generation featured hidden headlights. Unlike the C2 however, the new design popped up rather than rotate. They were vacuum operated (C2s used an electric motor) and they were reliable and fast. Below: Another new for 1968 feature was hide-away windshield wipers. Like the headlights, they were vacuum operated and both aesthetic and aerodynamic advantages were the goal. Unlike the headlights however, their operation was not reliable. Other changes including locating the battery behind the passengers and deletion of side vent windows.



The door release was thumb operated,, an exclusive feature in the 1968 Corvette and an easy way to identify that model year. 1969 and later designs opened the door with the depression plate with a flush mounted keyhole in the same position as the thumb release.



The 1968 coupe also featured a T-Top arrangement which was an excellent compromise. The removable roof panels offered the best of both worlds: the security, weather sealing etc. of a fixed roof and the open motoring experience of a convertible. It would not be until 1999, with the introduction of the C5 hardtop that an exclusively fixed roof Corvette would be sold.



The body style may have been all new, but the chassis was exactly the same as first introduced in 1963. The new body did allow for an increase of 1" of wheel width, so seven inch wheels were standard. Also unchanged was the engine selection, which was the same offering as 1967.

Source: The Corvette Story

<http://web-cars.com/corvette/index.php>

See you at the Crossroads,

Keith Cross



Route & Track



Ah February, we sing thy praises (to the tune of “Oklahoma”). We were given a day about as good as it gets in February for our Bennett Museum trip. The museum was interesting and the food was good at the diner although they could not quite handle the number of folks we had there for lunch, 44 people in 24 cars. My apologies to anyone who was lost on the “scenic” drive back. Hopefully none have been permanently lost.

We have three events coming up in March. The NASCAR Tech open house is the morning of the 10th before the business meeting that evening. The open house should be over around 2:00 pm, in time to

make the meeting at Victory Lanes Karting. There is still plenty of room for more cars at the open house. At Victory Lanes we will decide a QCCC karting champion and present the award at the April meeting. The plan is for this to be the first leg, along with autocross and drag race, of the QCCC Sportsman of the Year competition to be awarded at the Banquet in January, 2013.

On the 17th we have the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. We need 11 more cars, convertibles or coupes, anything with a top a Princess will fit through. There will be a sign up sheet at the business meeting.

March 24th is Car Care Day. Signing up at the business meeting will give us some idea of the number of tube steaks to blacken. There will also be a sign up sheet for the April 21 – 22 AutoFair. Details of these events are posted on the QCCC calendar on the web site.

The May 5th City Chevrolet Classic Car Show is at the stage where we need to get the word out as widely as possible. If you are going to a show or cruise-in where flyers could be passed out we will get some to you. If you have signed up to work at the show you will be contacted soon. We can use some more folks to handle the conduct of the show, that is setting up tents, directing traffic, etc. Members who work at the show get in free in the category of their choice, judged, display only, or attendance only.

They don’t write songs about Vegas (I dare anyone to admit ownership of a Vega)

John

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Queen City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 7, 2012 Time: 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

Location: Smith & Stevenson

Board Members Present: Steve Pelchat, President; Keith Cross, Vice President; Florence Prather, Treasurer; John Walton, Automotive Director; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director.

President Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, then asked for the Officer's Reports.

Vice President's Report – Keith Cross

February meeting to be held at RK Motors. Tour of restoration shop will be available, go over to other building in two groups. Area for snacks near the set up area for the meeting.
March will be at Victory Lane Karting, with BBQ dinner before the meeting.

Automotive Director's Report – John Walton

Discussion regarding the car show. Putting together a trophy list. Sign up lists for volunteers.
February 25th – drive to Bennett Classic museum in Forest City, lunch afterwards at diner. Have about 24 cars signed up, will have the sign-up sheet at meeting.
Will have sign-up sheets at the meeting for St. Patrick's Parade, Auto Fair

Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather

Proposed 2012 budget approved for distribution to the members.
Review of which members are overdue for payment. Letters need to go out at the beginning of March, warning about suspension for non-payment, if not paid by the end of March, as per the by-laws.

Membership Director's Report – Chris Wood

Chris, Paul Pelkey, and Florence have worked at getting all membership lists to match.

Social Director's Report – Laura Pelchat

March 11th – Jersey Boys, 1 set of tickets still available.
March 30th – trip to Floyd, 34 people signed up
The picnic for the April meeting has been finalized for location & caterer. Charlie Binder is working on Poker Run route, Laura making up cards.
Christmas Party is set for December 15th.
Looking at places for the banquet.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted for Linda Lewis
Laura Pelchat, Social Director

*For more photos visit the "Event Photos" section on our
[QCCC website!](#)*

Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes



Date: February 11, 2012

Time: 6:30 pm – 6:50 pm

Location: R K Motors

Board Members: Steve Pelchat, President, Keith Cross Vice President, Linda Lewis, Secretary; Florence Prather, Treasurer; John Walton, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Chris & Peggy Wood, Membership Directors. ;Staff: Boyd & Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editors, Bob & Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Paul Mariano, Corvette Museum Ambassador, Paul Pelkey, Directories. Bob and Pat Motta. Charity Committee chair.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. Thanked our host RK Motors for allowing us to meet in such a beautiful facility. We all enjoyed the cars and the tours.

Minutes from January 14th approved and seconded.

President Steve Pelchat report: Eddie Burt Member of the Year, Rookie of the Year Jack and Judi Goodison, Jerry Scienski award Nelson Sprague. Encouraged members to donate to the Museum race track. Would like 100 members to donate a monthly pledge amount. Tax deductible. If you would like a bag or blanket the cost is \$15 .

Vice President Keith Cross report:

Gift cards won by Susie Kravitz and Jeff Crosby. 121 attended the meeting tonight.

March meeting -Victory Karting with nice door prizes. Meal will be catered.

April meeting -Picnic Lake Norman

May meeting Auto Barn in Concord.

Membership rewards program is going well.

Treasurer Florence Prather report:

Gave the bank balance. Please pay 2012 dues if you have not already done so. You can mail your dues to Florence or to the post office box. Membership approved the 2012 budget.

Automotive Director John Walton report:

February 25th-- Car museum in Forest City

March 17th--St Patricks Day Parade

March 24th --Car Care Day

April 21 -- 22nd --Auto Fair

May 5th--Car Show. City Chevrolet

New program-- emphasizes driving. Drive car on Z max drive way. Will give trophies. Sportsman of the Year award.

Membership Director Chris Wood report:

Total Membership. 281and 153 families.

Visitors: Marguerite Meehan, Rosalie Chriss, Jim Nisley, Curtis and Nicole Quakenbush, Joanie Cramer.

New members voted in Tom Cramer- 2007 Monterey red coupe

We are planning a trip from Sept 17th --19th to Ron Fellows driving school. Six confirmed. If you are interested let Chris know.

Secretary Linda Lewis report: February birthdays: Steve Bonino, Carolyn Zimmerman, Tom Loftin, Karl Slavetsky, Eddie Burt, Bill Davidson, Linda Lewis , Charlie Binder, Marilyn Becker, Keith Cross and Patty Hamrick, Bob Motta, Susie Kravitz. Email lhlewis@comporium.net if you would like to be added to the birthday list.

Social Director, Laura Pelchat report: Thanked everyone for completing the surveys.

April meeting poker run and picnic. Will need volunteers for desserts.

Pink Floyd trip is almost sold out. So please sign up quickly.

March 11th. Jersey boys. Sunday matinee.

Grandfather Mountain trip in June.

Christmas party will be December 15th.

If you would like to volunteer to help with social let Laura know.

Newsletter Editor Boyd Kurt report: would like a paragraph about events. Send him articles and photographs.
Corvette Museum Ambassador, Paul Mariano report: April 25th C-5 C -6 Bash. Up until February 29th you can buy a family membership for an individual rate.

Museum is planning to build a road course across the street from the Museum. They are raising money. Would like to have the track paid for by the 2014 bash. 2,000 Raises 1/2 k. You can buy an acre. Would like club members to join in with donation. 15,000 per acre.

New Business: Wade Stickels talked about the 2014 Caravan 20th anniversary trip to the Museum. If you are interested see Wade.

Meeting adjourned at. 6:50pm

Next meeting at Victory Lane Karting

Respectfully submitted,


Linda H. Lewis



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Peggy Wood (chrisowood@carolina.rr.com) – Monthly Ladies’ Luncheon

Eddie & Jane Burt (eddieburt@carolina.rr.com) – Monthly “Up Yonder” Dinner & Weekly Wednesday



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I've been listening to my Four Seasons CD, getting geared up for Jersey Boys – it should be a fun time. Dinner details will be sent to everyone that has signed up.

There are still a couple of spaces available for the Pink Floyd Tour. If you're interested, let me know. I'll be sending out final information & meeting instructions for everyone that has signed up.

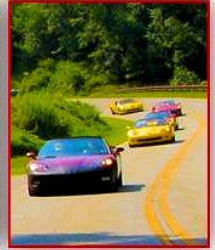
I'll have a sign-up sheet at our March meeting for the April meeting picnic dinner and poker run. The poker run will be held before the meeting, ending up at the picnic location. Details are on the website for both. Proceeds will go to the charity committee, after payout to the top three hands.

Keep checking the calendar on the QCCC website, we'll be adding events as we get dates determined. When the weather warms up, we'll be looking at some ice cream runs. If you have a favorite spot, let me know and we'll see what we can set up.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next event.

Laura





National Corvette Museum Corner

If you haven't already signed up to receive the NCM eNews, you are heartily encouraged to do so. Just go to www.corvettemuseum.com and put your pointer on the "Newsletter" pull-down. Click on "NCM eNews" and fill out the form. You will be kept updated on all the happenings at the museum and the Corvette world.

If you would like to attend the C4/ZR-1 Fest with Jeff Crosby, you had best hurry as time is running out. Jeff will be glad to help you with the process.

The next \$10.00 raffle is coming up in April. The Jensen's have the tickets and will be glad to get you in the running for a new Corvette. Since we had a close winner in the last raffle, John and Helen feel like a club member is coming due. Who knows, John or Helen may even guarantee a winner.

We have a good group signed up for the NCM Bash in April. Please note the new name for this event. With the coming C7 Corvette, the old title of C5/C6 Bash is getting a little long. My records show that a few of you intending to go have not made your hotel reservations yet or have failed to let me know. I will be releasing the remaining rooms I have blocked the end of March so don't tarry. I will send out all the directions and info you need for the trip in early April.

A special attraction available for the Bash this year is a display called "Calloway Corvettes and 50th Anniversary of the Z06". You read right, the first Z06 option was available on the 1963 Corvette. The first four cars with that option raced in the LA Times Grand Prix at Riverside Raceway in California. A Corvette eked out the win when the lone Cobra broke but the handwriting was on the wall.

Take a look at www.edmunds.com/car-reviews/top-10/top-10-automobile-museums.html and see where The National Corvette Museum ranks in the world of automobile museums.

Save the Wave!



Paul Mariano,
NCM Ambassador



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More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past

"You can never go home again"

Many times we have reference the old clubhouse on Independence Blvd. It may have been what saved the organization in the early to mid- 1970s. It gave us such a great place to gather and learn about each other, share our excitement for our cars and attract new members. Let's go back to March 77. QCCC was getting prepared for the Corvette Porsche challenge in April at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Our bank balance was \$755.00 thanks mostly to challenge prepaid entry fees. (Dec 76 balance was \$208.00). Let's do the math, 30 members at \$5.00 a month for base income \$150.00. Clubhouse rent was \$175.00. Next leading income was bar revenue from the clubhouse. We had to drink a lot to make ends meet. It was an old house, poorly insulated and heated with fuel oil. In March of 77, on a Wednesday night, we arrived and found the house cold in spite of the fact that we had just had the oil tank filled (an expense we could not afford). Investigation by Travis Meredith and others uncovered a line buried in the side yard running to the neighbor's tank. They had tapped into our tank and were using our fuel oil. We assumed, since we were only there on Wednesday nights, that he thought he could get away with it. We're not sure he knew how close he came to an armed conflict. This was almost the last straw, for keeping the clubhouse was about to tip off the edge of the cliff. We had struggled to get volunteers to run the bar, the house cleanup committee assigned duties to members on a rotating basis but when it was their turn to clean they had other life demanding projects. But the bottom line was financially we just could not raise the funds to keep it going. At this time, it was put upon Brillo Pad to seek out a scheme for a better and cheaper clubhouse (sounds political does it not). We are attaching a letter from the March 77 QCCC newsletter submitted by Brillo with the results. Of course it was not good and soon after we had to let the place go. We had to start meeting at apartment complex club houses, and member's homes and only then realized what we had lost. If we look back now we can see that, eventually, we would have outgrown any clubhouse. (Can you imagine the parking now for 200 Corvettes.) As we look back, as the vintage gang, we remain extra close with all the memories and wild times. What a great place it was, pulling into the side yard on a Wednesday night with the QCCC logo mounted on the front eave of the house (Trav still has it at his body shop 4' x5'), 10 to 15 mid- year and newer corvettes in the yard, and inside was your extended family. Help was always there no matter what you needed. Some things never change; we wish you could all have experienced the old clubhouse. If it had not existed QCCC might not be here today. More memories will follow.



QCCC Newest Members February 2012

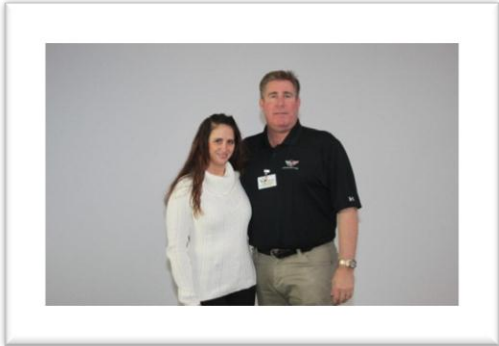
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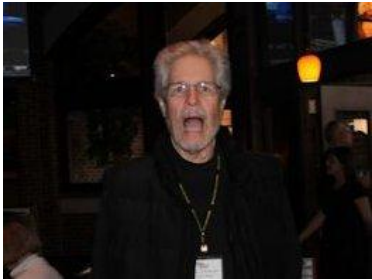
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February Up Yonder Dinner and the Thursday Men's and Ladies Luncheon





From Track to Street

ALMS. Be sure to watch the race on ESPN3 March 17th 10:15AM and ABC March 18th, 2012 3:15PM

Corvette Racing Completes Successful Two-Day Test in Sebring

SEBRING, Fla. -This was only a test - but as the final shakedown before the season-opening 60th Anniversary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, the two-day ALMS Winter Test at Sebring International Raceway was crucial for Corvette Racing. The Chevrolet team continued to develop its new Compuware Corvette C6.R race cars and integrate its new driver lineups. The team also unveiled its 2012 livery that features Jake, the team mascot, in the striking yellow and black graphics.



Corvette Racing participated in the series' official preseason test with two new chassis, one new driver, and a revised lineup. Twenty-year-old Jordan Taylor of Apopka, Fla., made his public debut as a Corvette Racing driver, sharing the No. 3 Corvette C6.R with co-drivers Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia. Tommy Milner settled in with the No. 4 Corvette C6.R that he now shares with teammates Oliver Gavin and Richard Westbrook.

Other Corvette Related Items of interest.

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Car Show June 2nd, 2012 Hosted by the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club: www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com

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2012 City Chevrolet Classic Car Show



Saturday, May 5, 2012 RAIN OR SHINE!

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1963-1967	1970-1981	1949-1954	1947-1966
1968-1973	1982-1992	1955-1959	1967-1990
1974-1982	1993-2002	1960-1969	1991-present
1984-1990	2010-present	1970-1984	
1991-1996		1985-2000	
1997-2004		2001-present	
2005-present			




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Best Corvette Best Camaro Best Chevy Best Truck
Best Paint Best Engine Best Interior Best in Class

PLUS Top 50

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Admission for judged cars \$20 day of show, \$15 in advance.
Display Only (Not Judged) \$10, Show-only Admission is Free.
Proceeds in excess of show costs will go to QCCC sponsored charities.

SHOW HOURS 8:00 am-3:00 pm, Registration 8:00-11:00, Judging 9:00-noon, Awards 2:00 pm

Detach and mail with check to: Queen City Corvette Club, P.O. Box 77153, Charlotte, NC 28271

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Car Year _____ Make _____ Model _____
 Signed: _____ Date _____

Mailed registration form and check for \$15 must be received on or before Monday, April 30.

"Heads-Up"

"All roads lead to Bowling Green!"
August 28-30, 2014

What started out in 1994 as an impromptu gathering of Museum enthusiasts has grown into a five-year anniversary tradition drawing thousands of participants from all over the world to celebrate the Corvette lifestyle where Corvettes are born. 2014 will bring the 5th National Corvette Caravan and will mark the 20th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum. Leading the spectacle is Paul Mariano of Huntersville, NC., National Chair of the 2014 NCM Caravan. (vettltd@hotmail.com)

Volunteer Captains around the country are arranging routes, organizing caravans, and planning stops and activities along their chosen routes. For more information on how you can join the Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, Kentucky, visit our website: www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com

Registration will be open to all and the fee will include the Caravan as well as the 20th Anniversary Celebration. (Keep checking the website for further details.) While 2014 seems like it's a ways off, an event of this magnitude takes lots of early planning, so don't wait, connect with your Caravan and join in the fun today!

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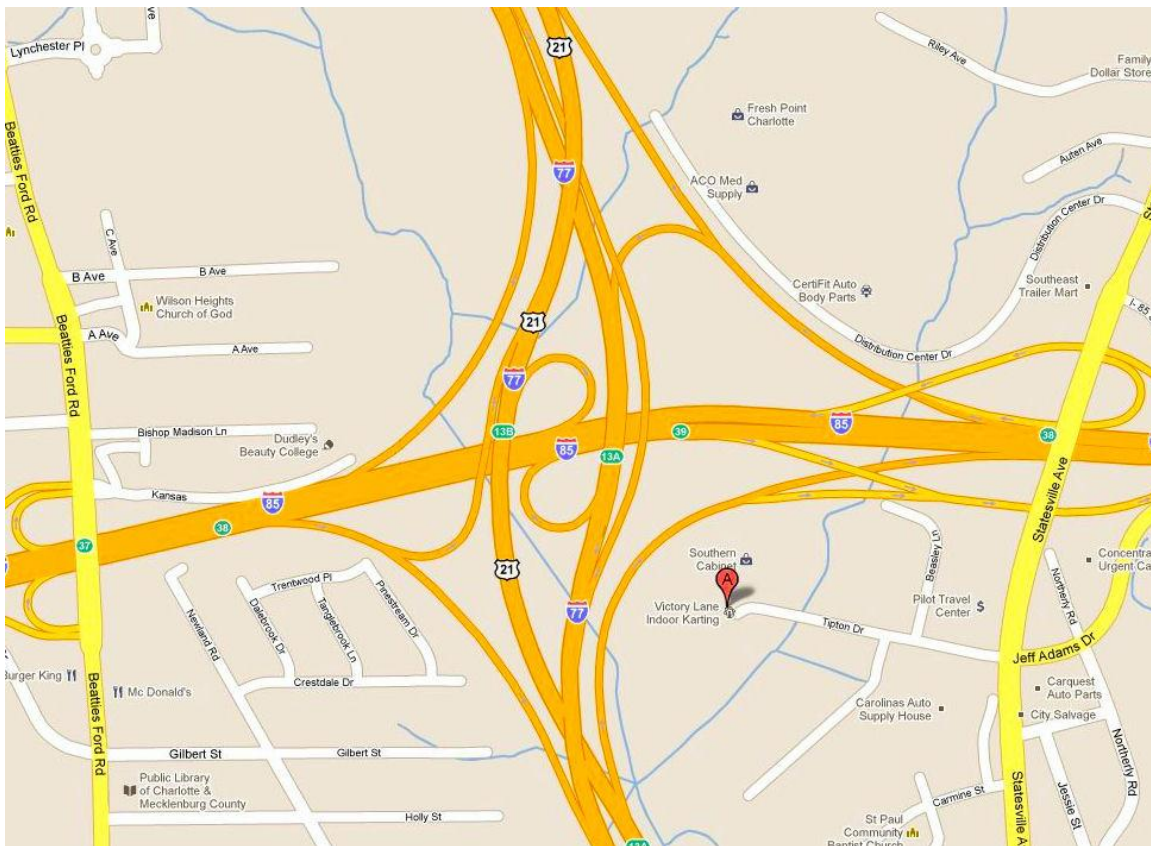
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Special Announcement to Hampton Inn.com

Announcement:



If you plan on attending the 2014 NCM Corvette Caravan and also plan to visit the National Corvette Museum anytime during 2011, 2012, and/or 2013, check out the special offer from the Hampton Inn to Caravan participants. Any stay prior to the Caravan will result in a savings off the room rate during the Caravan. Example: Stay during 2011, receive \$10 off per night during the Caravan, stay another night during 2012, receive another \$10 off the room rate during the caravan. A stay during 2011, 2012, and 2013 gets you \$30 off the normal room rate per night at the 2014 caravan. Visit www.bowlinggreen.ky.hamptoninn.com or see Chris Wood or Wade Stickle for details.



March 10, 2012 QCCC Meeting: Victory Carting - Dinner 5:00PM Meeting 6:00PM



March 10, 2012 Business Meeting and Club Dinner **Announcement**

****Notice the time changes and Dinner RSVP****

Victory Lane Karting - Charlotte

Victory Lane Karting offers a premiere indoor karting center experience. They have graciously agreed to host our March meeting. Dinner will begin at 5:00pm and our business meeting will start at 6:00pm. After our meeting kart racing will be offered to QCCC members at a discounted rate. So come dressed for racing and revved up for an evening of excitement. If you are curious about what Victory Lane Karting is all about check out their website to learn more – <http://victorylanekarting.com/>.

The address for the Victory Lane Karting is as follows:

Victory Lane Karting
2330 Tipton Dr. Suite 100
Charlotte, NC 28206
704-373-9740

Please utilize navigation systems or <http://www.mapquest.com> for exact directions.

We will be offering a dinner catered from Shane's Rib Shack before our meeting since we have access to a room large enough that will allow us all to sit down and socialize over dinner. You can choose between chopped **BBQ Pork** or chopped **BBQ Chicken**. Our sides will be Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Bread and Peach Cobbler. Sweet & Unsweet Tea will be provided. Dinner is offered for \$12.00 per person. If you plan to eat you must **RSVP** to kcross19@bellsouth.net with your meat choice **before 3/2/2012**. Since this is catered **dinner will only be available for those who RSVP**.

If you are not interested in joining us for dinner the March Business Meeting will start at 6:00pm. Karting will follow our business meeting. VLK is giving us a discount on our races. You can race once for \$20, twice for \$30 or three times for \$35. Race packages can not be shared. A couple FREE Race Coupons will be given out as door prizes during the business meeting. Plus for those racing we will be tracking the best race times of the night for proper QCCC recognition at a later date.

**** PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF TIMES AND REMEMBER TO RSVP BEFORE MARCH 2nd IF YOU WANT TO DINE WITH US. ****

DINNER TIME: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

MEETING TIME: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

KARTING TIME: 7:00pm - until

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!

Going Forward With Our 1954 Corvette

"Garage Find "

Looking back at the QCCC's April newsletter and a follow-up in our October issue you will find articles about our 1954 Corvette "Garage Find" and our quest to take it as far in the NCRS judging to the highest award deserving of the car. In October we received a NCRS Top Flight award from the Carolina's Chapter of the NCRS with a total score of 96.6 % correct. Our next step was to achieve a 97% or higher at a NCRS Regional meet, which is required to be able to go the next step which is Performance Verification or PV.

On January 25TH we loaded the 54 into the trailer and started the 575 mile drive to Kissimmee, Florida for the 34TH annual NCRS Florida Chapter's Winter Regional Meet at Old Town. The car had to be on the field by Thursday afternoon no later than 5:00PM and the judging would start Friday morning at 8:00AM. On Friday morning the judges started their routine examination of the 54 and in just a few minutes they were all over the car, checking bolts, screws, numbers, paint, tires and everything you could imagine. Five teams of two judges per team spent over four hours on the car or a total of forty man hours. By the time they were finished Brenda and I were both a nervous wreck. At the end of the judging each team leader went over the score sheets and their findings with us and what was needed to correct each one.

According to NCRS rules the car had to stay on the field until all judging had been completed, which would be the next day, and as you might know it rained that night and the next morning. NCRS also does not allow any car to be covered if any judging is being performed on the field, so we wiped and dried the car off all morning long.

The awards banquet Saturday night was extremely nice with a fabulous meal and guest speakers from NCRS and the production manager from Boling Green Factory who went over the 2013 production and the 60TH anniversary Corvette as well as the C-7 production. Finally it was awards time with over thirty Top Flight Awards, a dozen Second Flight and eight PV's. First up was a beautiful 1953 Corvette fresh out of restoration, then came the 54's and soon I had received our second Top Flight Award, this time a Regional with a score of 97.8% correct. This exceeded our goal of 97% which will allow us to go the next level. We plan on attending the NCRS Pennsylvania Regional Meet sponsored by the Pittsburg Tri-State Chapter in Altoona, Pennsylvania on September 6-8, 2012.

I would like to send a special thank you to all of our QCCC friends who have supported us in this venture. You are our inspirations to go forward with the 54 Vette and be able to share it with you. A special thanks to the seven QCCC members that joined us in Florida and helped calm our nerves and all the best wishes to each of you.

And The Quest Goes On
Till next time,
Tommy Loftin

