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On The Cover:

QCCC Cars from the Pink Floyd Trip.
Photo by Norn Jungmann
Come join us on our next trip.
Winner of last month contest: Charlie Binder

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



I can't believe it's already May. Thanks to the 19 members that showed up at Auto Fair on Sunday in a driving rain. We were there for about 3 ½ hours to get the trophies. After they were awarded we took down our tents and stuffed the dripping mess into our cars and went home. All of our events so far this year have had a good turn-out. Remember to look at the web-site calendar for upcoming events. We're trying to stay 2 or 3 months ahead so you can make your plans to attend. Our next big event is our charity car show on May 5th. I'd like to see all club members come out and support our local charities.

I've been asking everyone about their first car love, whether it's a Corvette or not. Bill Cruthis provided me with this story:

One of the guys at my high school lost his parents in an automobile crash. He used the insurance money to buy a new '66 big block, silver with black and side pipes. Once I saw that car I was all in. I had to wait through college, as I had zero money. With expected graduation in May of '69, I went to the local dealer in November of '68 and ordered a green/black 350 convertible. Back then it took 6 months to get a new Corvette made. I had no job offers and no money just a new Corvette coming. Then the plant went on strike, leaving me frustrated and without a car.

In May of '69 my parents came to St. Louis for graduation, we checked the papers and found only one used Corvette, a '68 green/black convertible in Collinsville, Illinois. So with my few worldly possessions packed in Dad's Buick we headed home with a stop in Collinsville. The car had been hit hard in the front, but I was going to buy it anyway. Once I began work in Jacksonville, Illinois, the '68 was my only car. It very quickly began falling apart; the door handle broke off, the upper door hinge broke, the clutch went out, and it would always overheat after 3 red lights. Thus began my journey to find help and I joined the Central Illinois Corvette Club, of which I am a lifetime member and still see friends from home regularly. Forty-three years and 10 Corvettes later, I look back and think what would have happened if the factory did not go on strike. I might have missed all those great years with Corvette clubs and Corvette friends, but I don't miss that 68.

Keep telling your stories to me and they will be in future newsletters. I love hearing about everyone's cars.

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

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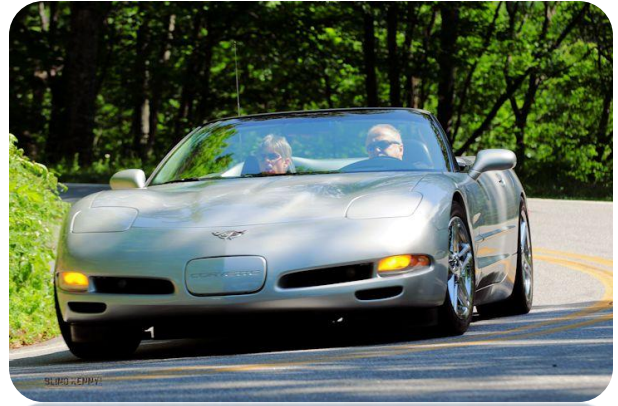
Peggy Wood (chrisowood@carolina.rr.com) – Monthly Ladies’ Luncheon

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

Come see what QCCC is all about and join friends, make new friends, at the dinners and lunches!!!!!!!!!!

Crossroads

With the Vice President Keith Cross



Well, all you could say about the April Business meeting was **QCCC!** From the **Q**uiet country drive Poker Run, the **C**harming top down weather, the **C**ompletely delicious food and the **C**hoice setting for a meeting place, the whole day was a success. Thanks to everyone that made all this happen. So after going North in April, we will be going South in May. For our May meeting we will be returning to **Harley Davidson of Charlotte**, located at 9205 East Independence Blvd, Matthews NC 28105. Tel: 704-847-4647. **BUT** that's not all. There will be an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** right before the start of the May meeting. That is right; we will be eating desert first. For more details see the flyers on the QCCC Website Calendar.

A lot of planning is being done for some exciting events this summer. There will be plenty of upcoming club opportunities from which to choose. At our business meetings, after you sign-in, make sure you look for the next events' sign-up sheets. Plus make sure you read your newsletters and emails to find out what QCCC's next event will be.

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

100 Greatest Chevrolets of All Time

There's nothing more American than Chevrolet. For 100 years, Chevy and its bowtie logo have defined American motoring, both on the street and on the racetrack. Founded by famous racecar driver Louis Chevrolet and ousted GM founder William C. Durant on November 3, 1911, the car company has now seen 10 decades of success. In 1913, its famous bowtie logo was adopted after Durant liked a wallpaper pattern with a similar design in a French hotel. At least that's how the story goes. Two years later, Louis Chevrolet had differences with Durant and sold Durant his share of the company. A year later, Chevy's profits financed Durant's repurchase of General Motors. He became President of GM, and Chevrolet was immediately merged into GM in 1918.

In celebration of Chevy's 100th birthday we've drawn up this list of the greatest Chevys ever, the 100 cars that have done the most to build up Chevrolet's place in automotive culture; the cars that have inspired people to tattoo the bowtie emblem to various parts of their bodies.

Listed below is a partial list of just the Corvettes. So counting down lets start with #99.

99. **1971 Corvette ZR2:** Only 12 of these race-ready 'Vettes were built with 425-hp, LS6 454 big-block V8s under their hoods.

86. **1969 Corvette ZL-1:** Only two Corvettes were built with the all-aluminum 427-cubic-inch ZL-1 big-block V8. Output may have been as much as 585 hp. Zora Arkus-Duntov claimed 10.5-second quarter-mile times on slicks.

77. **1999 Corvette C5.R:** The Corvette that won Le Mans — three times in its class. Built by Pratt & Miller Engineering and campaigned by Corvette Racing. It's still competitive in the hands of privateers.

76. **2005 Corvette C6.R:** Successor to the C5.R, it has dominated the American Le Mans Racing series. And continued to win at Le Mans itself, taking GT1 class wins in 2005, 2006, 2009 and 2011.
71. **2001 Corvette Z06:** The notchback body version of the C5 didn't make much sense until it was fortified with a 5.7-liter LS6 V8 making 385 hp. One of the most satisfying production Vettes ever built.
69. **1965 Corvette 396:** The first big-block V8-powered Corvette had a massive 425 hp thumping from its 396-cubic-inch engine. It refocused Corvette performance and spelled the end for the Rochester mechanical fuel-injection system.
64. **2006 Corvette Z06:** With its 505-hp 7.0-liter LS7 small-block V8, this was the quickest Corvette built up to that time. It's still one of the world's great track cars.
57. **1970 Corvette LT-1:** Small-block performance returns to the Corvette with the 370-hp 350-cubic-inch LT-1. The same engine was used in the 1970 Camaro Z/28.
56. **1953 Corvette:** The first Corvette wasn't much more than a fiberglass body atop a chopped-down standard Chevy chassis. It only had a six-cylinder engine, but it started a legend.
47. **1963 Corvette Grand Sport:** Born to be Zora Arkus-Duntov's ultimate Corvette, the Grand Sport was tube framed and powered by 377-cubic-inch small-block V8. Only five were built before GM killed the program — three roadsters and two coupes.
43. **1957 Corvette Fuel Injection:** Zora Arkus-Duntov's nurturing pays off as the Rochester fuel-injected 283 small-block V8 makes 283 hp. It's the first Corvette that's truly high performance.
38. **1984 Corvette C4:** With its aluminum suspension pieces and space-age digital dash, the C4 made Corvette relevant again. Sure it rode like a rock, but it outhandled any Porsche, Ferrari or Lotus at the time.
36. **1956 Corvette SR-2:** Using chassis components proven at Sebring, this "Special Racing" was Zora Arkus-Duntov's first aero-aware Corvette. It didn't win much, but set the stage for all the specialized Corvettes to come.
34. **1957 Corvette SS:** The first Super Sport was the 1957 Corvette SS concept car that never saw production. A magnesium body kept weight down, but trapped heat in. Power came from a small-block V8 rated at 307 hp.
33. **1965 Corvette Mako Shark II:** Concept car foreshadowed the revolutionary 1968 Corvette and the body style that would remain in production until 1982.
32. **1959 Stingray Prototype:** The Stingray was officially neither a Chevrolet nor a Corvette to circumvent the GM racing ban. Dick Thompson drove it to an SCCA national title in 1961. And it led directly to the 1963 Corvette (two words) Sting Ray.
25. **1967 Corvette 427 L88:** A functional hood scoop, aluminum heads, a massive Holley 850 carburetor and a ridiculous 430-hp rating. Five-hundred fifty hp was more like it.
19. **1997 Corvette C5:** With its backbone chassis and rear-mounted transmissions, the C5 is a Corvette that competes with the world's best. Power comes from a 345-hp LS1 small-block V8.
17. **1955 Corvette:** When the Corvette got V8 power in its third year, it was suddenly a viable sports car, even though the 265-cubic-inch small-block V8 only made 195 hp.

Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

April 14, 2012

Lake Norman State Park

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Steve Pelchat, President, Keith Cross Vice President, Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary; John Walton, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Chris & Peggy Wood, Membership Directors; Boyd & Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editors, Bod & Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Paul Mariano, Corvette Museum Ambassador, Paul Pelkey, Directories.

Meeting called to order at: 5pm

Minutes from March approved and seconded.

President Steve Pelchat report: 28 people have been suspended as of April 1st. If the dues are not paid by June 30th these members will be terminated.

Still working on the donation for the Museum.

Vice President Keith Cross report:

Congratulations to those members who won gift certificates.

May 12th -- Harley Davison Charlotte Ice cream social at 5:30 pm.

June 9th-- Auto Barn with pictures

July 14th -- Hendricks Motor Sports Team Building. There will be a \$150 charge to rent the building.

August 11th -- TBD

September 8th -- Burt's BBQ

October 13th -- TBD

November 10th -- NASCAR Technical Institute

December 15th -- Christmas Party location to be determined

Reviewed club events and membership attendance.

As events occur, we need to add them to the calendar as soon as possible. Give people an opportunity to make plans.

Treasurer Florence Prather report:

Gave the bank balance. Please pay 2012 dues if you have not already done so.

Automotive Director John Walton report:

April 21st-22nd-- Auto Fair We have 25 cars signed up for Saturday and 18 on Sunday.

May 5th-- Car Show at City Chevrolet . Invited all of our advertisers to the car show.

Jane Burt for Membership Director Chris Wood report:

ACTIVE MEMBERS Voted In:

Paige Moore

All info same as Paul Mitchell's except adding Paige's email (*please add Paige to Paul's profile*)

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Corvette: 2003 50th Anniversary Coupe

| <u>Current Membership Count</u> | <u>12/31/2011</u> | <u>Joined 2012</u> | <u>Terminated 2012</u> | <u>Total 2012</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Members | 279 | 13 | 15 | 277 |
| Families | 152 | 6 | 8 | 150 |

The following were **Prospective Members** in attendance:

- **Larry & Teresa Adams** (Larry - 2nd meeting, Teresa - 1st meeting)
- **Larry & Kathy Miller** (1st Meeting)
- **Brian & Michelle Moore** (1st Meeting)

Secretary Linda Lewis report:

April birthdays: Donna Peterman, Jack Ross, Don Zimmer, Jo Graham Susie Black and Wade Stickels.

Social Director, Laura Pelchat report:

Congratulations to winners of Poker Run:

May 26th--Shelton Winery trip and dinner after at the Cody Creek Depot.

June 1st-2nd-- Myrtle Beach trip

June 16th trip to Grandfather Mountain

Newsletter Editor Boyd Kurt report:

Please send any articles or pictures you would like in the newsletter for review.

Corvette Museum Ambassador, Paul Mariano report:

Discussed upcoming 2014 Bash.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H Lewis, Secretary.

Route & Track



April showers; overrated. Special thanks to all who attended AutoFair Sunday only: Charlie, Jim, Buzz, Brian. They were rewarded with the worst AutoFair weather in recent memory. It was impossible to judge the cars on Sunday. On behalf of Mother Nature, I apologize. Winners were: 1954-62- no cars entered, 1963-73 Robert Morgan, 1974-96 Tom Rockhold, 1997-04 Keith Cross, 2005-12 Nelson Sprague, 2005-12 Special Edition Jack Brunton, Best of Show Rick Mills. The highlight of Saturday was when I got Vic Edelbrock's autograph on my supercharger cover. See photo where Vic gets

to meet me.

Indoors, on the other hand, several of our members contested the QCCC Karting Championship at Victory Lanes Karting after the April Business Meeting. 2012 QCCC Karting Champion is Paul Pelkey. Paul is trying to decline his trophy so, if we can catch him, we may have to stick it to him with duct tape. Paul earned three points in the Sportsman of the Year race. In second place, with two points, finishing 0.003 seconds behind Paul was Darrell Kirkley. In third, with one point, was Jim Nisley. Winner of the Heavyweight Division (sorry no points) was veteran race driver Boyd Kurt. Look for the second leg of the Sportsman of the Year competition in July when the big boys come out to play at the Z-Max Dragway. A signup sheet will be at the May meeting.

If you have not heard about the May 5th QCCC/City Chevrolet Classic Car Show, welcome to Earth. By the time you read this, it will be all over us. Come on out and bring ten of your closest friends.

The Shelton Winery Show is coming up May 26th. Thank goodness my role in that is minimal. See QCCC calendar for details. It's a great venue. See you there.

Big weekend road trip to the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club All Corvette Car Show coming up June 1 & 2. Again, see calendar for details and registration being handled by MBCC. I will set up the QCCC banner and a tent for our members entering the car show and those just stopping by.

They don't write songs about Fiats (at least not in English)

John





Location: Smith & Stevenson

Queen City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2012 Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

President Steve Pelchat report:

According to the by laws, the Board has decided to enforce the rules concerning delinquent dues. 28 people have been suspended as of April 1st. If the dues are not paid by June 30th these members will be terminated. Still working on the donation for the Musuem.

Vice President Keith Cross report:

April 14th-- Lake Norman at the Community House at the State Park and poker run.
May 12th -- Harley Davison Charlotte Ice cream social at 5:30 pm.
June 9th-- Auto Barn with pictures
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August 11th -- TBD
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October 13th -- TBD
November 10th -- NASCAR Tehnical Institute
December 15th -- Christmas Party location to be determined
Reviewed club events and membership attendance.
As events occur, we need to add them to the calendar as soon as possible. Give people an oppportunity to make plans.

Treasurer Florence Prather report:

Gave the bank balance and an update on delinquent dues.

Automotive Director John Walton report:

Upcoming events:
April 21st-22nd-- Auto Fair We have 25 cars signed up for Saturday and 18 on Sunday.
May 5th-- Car Show at City Chevrolet . Invited all of our advertisers to the car show. The Museum has provided placards for the cars and given us a one year free membership for the club.
May 26th-- Shelton WInery
June-1st-2nd --Myrtle Beach
June 16th--Grandfather Mountain
June 22nd -- Z-MAX dragway
August-- Auto Cross
August 18th--Hot Nights in Forest City
September 15th--Car Care Day at Wally and Anita Crawford's garage
October 5th-6th-- Vettes at the point in Virginia
Fall--possible car show

Membership Director Chris Wood report:

11 prospective members and 3 to vote in on Saturday.
4 current advertizers. Renewals have been sent out.
Coolers for sale at the meetings for \$15.
Invite the advertisers to the July meeting.

Secretary Linda Lewis report: no report

Social Director, Laura Pelchat report:

103 people have signed up for the April picnic with 30 cars for the poker run \$5 per hand. The top 3 hands will win a prize. We can arrive by noon but we must vacate the park by 8pm. The club will provide water and soft drinks.

Pink Floyd trip was a success.

May 26th--Shelton Winery trip and dinner after at the Cody Creek Depot.

June 1st-2nd-- Myrtle Beach trip

June 16th trip to Grandfather Mountain.

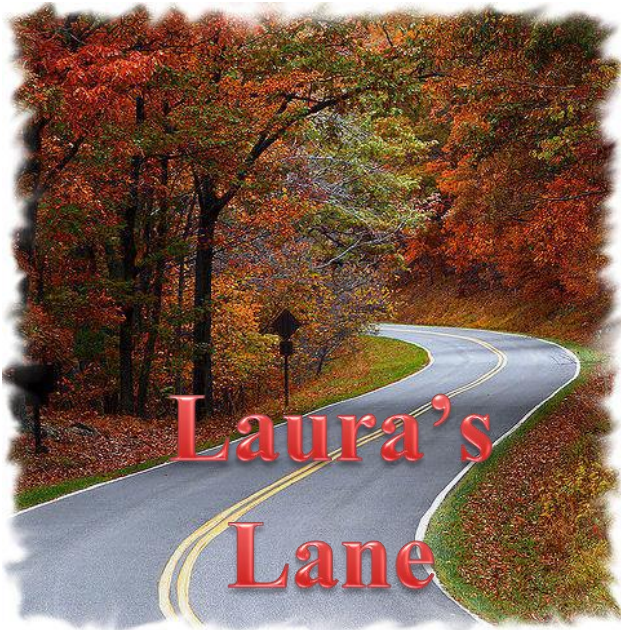
Possible events -- drive in movie, white water rafting, comedy bus tour in Ashville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H Lewis,
Secretary

| May | |
|-------------|---|
| 5 | QCCC Car Show |
| 12 | Ice Cream Social |
| 12 | QCCC Business Meeting |
| 17-19 | *National Corvette Museum - C4 Gathering* |
| 26 | Shelton Vineyards Corvette Show |
| June | |
| 2 | Corvettes at Myrtle Beach June |
| 9 | QCCC Business Meeting |
| 16 | Grandfather Mountain Drive |
| 30 | Troutman Parade |



Following the thoughts of American Writer Ernestine Ulmer, “Life is uncertain. Eat dessert first.”, we will be having an ice cream social before the May meeting. We can’t set up our meeting room until 5:00, so social time won’t start until a little after that.

At the end of the month, May 26th, we’ll be taking part in the Shelton Corvette Show in Dobson. We will be registering as a group, so you don’t need to sign up on line. Just sign up on the sheet at our meeting, and indicate if you want to also join us for dinner afterwards at The Depot Restaurant of Cody Creek, just a few minutes away. If you aren’t able to make it to the meeting, email or call me if you want to be added to the list. Meeting times and details will be sent to everyone interested, as the time gets closer.

June 1st & 2nd is the Corvettes at Myrtle Beach show. If you haven’t already made your hotel reservations, you need to do so; information and links are on our website. For everyone that signs up, we’ll be sending additional information for getting together as a group.

June 16th will be our drive to visit Grandfather Mountain, and then have lunch in Banner Elk. Admission for the mountain is \$16, and for seniors over 60 it’s \$15. I will need to make one payment for the group, so we will start collecting money at the May and June meetings. If you are interested, be sure to sign up so you will get any additional details.

A trip to Asheville, a Blue Ridge Parkway drive, an evening at the drive-in theater, and some other local interests are in the planning stage.

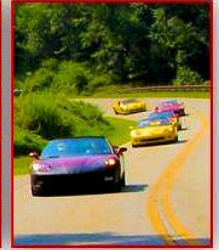
Hope to see you at the next event.

Laura

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National Corvette Museum Corner

By the time you read this newsletter, the 2012 NCM Bash will be in the history books. Now it is time to start considering the trip to the NCM in August for the Labor Day Event. Reservations have to be made early to secure rooms at the desirable hotels in Bowling Green. If I can get an early indication of how many would like to go, I can get rooms for all. If you are considering the trip or have already decided to go, let me know and I will start compiling the list to make the required reservations. If you have any questions regarding the event and/or need any help in making your plans, please contact me. Did you know that the Corvette Store at the museum has one of the largest selections of Corvette fashions, household items, books, and Corvette accessories in the country? Visit it on line at www.corvettemuseum.com and shop till your heart is content. Remember, NCM members get a 10% discount and it's 15% for lifetime members.

It was gratifying to hear from our President, Steve Pelchat, that we have received pledges over \$4,000.00 for the "purchase" of an acre at the NCM Motorsports Park. We still have a considerable distance to go and I urge everyone to contribute what you can. If you have any suggestions to raise funds, let's hear them. Any amount is welcome. Can you even imagine what it will be like having a track of our own to test out our Corvettes? I grin, just thinking about it.

Late Breaking News: On April 14th, the Museum completed closing on a 20 acre parcel that will be part of the 184 acre initial development. Total acreage under NCM ownership is now 90 acres.

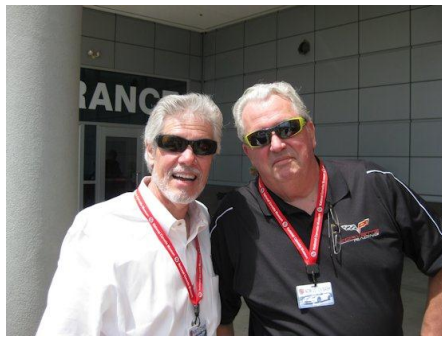
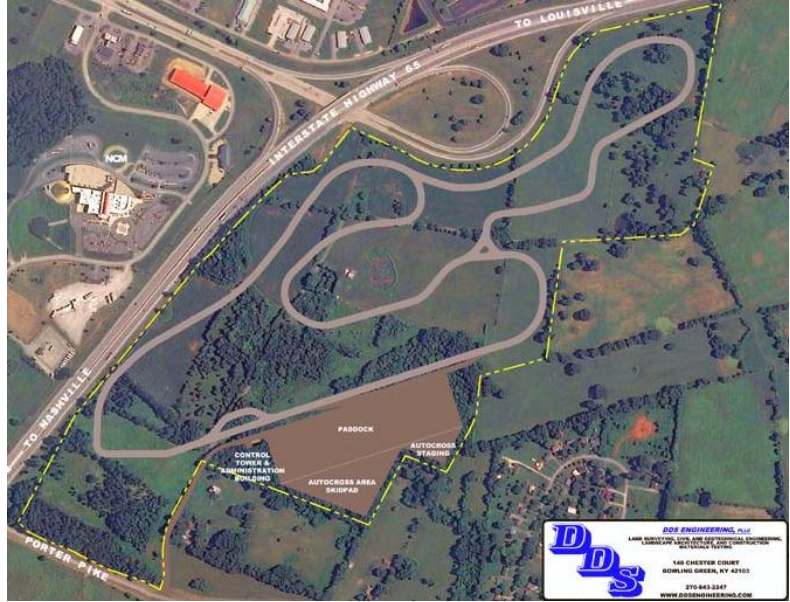
May I digress? Why do I care so much about the museum? I digress again. Why do I love the Corvette so much? First, I am a product of the sports car racing era when there were no American cars in competition, well, none you could call a sports car anyway. Then along comes the Corvette and now the US of A had a real contender, something to really cheer about. And cheer we did! Forget about comfort, mileage, and accessories, we had a tiger on the track. Now look what we have, that same tiger but with all the world class amenities. Pride in America, American cars, and most of all, pride in the Corvette is the answer to the second digression. Now, why the museum? Because it is the central point, the Mecca, and the universal foci for the Corvette and the main hope we have to keep the Corvette in the center of the automobile world's consciousness. Long live the Corvette and those who avidly promote its continued existence.

I know many people are reluctant to ask questions during our meetings in fear of appearing less knowledgeable than other members and that just shouldn't be, but it is. So if you have any questions about the National Corvette Museum, please, let's have a conversation so I can relay my passion for "all things Corvette" to you. We will both enjoy the time, I promise.

During the NCM Bash, Tommy and Brenda Loftin and Paul Mitchell became life members of the museum. Their continued support and commitment is gratefully appreciated and helps to ensure a strong and viable museum. Thanks to all of you for the contribution

Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano,
NCM Ambassador



Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith



More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past

"A LITTLE DAB WILL DO YA"

When, in 1975, QCCC anointed Brillo Pad with the title of Clubhouse Chairman, they were unaware of his most recent endeavor. He moved to Charlotte in December of 74 and, being single, it seemed natural to seek out some of Charlotte's fine young females. So he enrolled in CPCC in an interior decorating class thinking what a great spot for gals. One single lady, 25 married women and a gay guy who worked in a flower shop was pretty slim pickings. Brillo did learn a lot about interior decorating but forgot the part about not hanging all your corvette pictures all over everywhere. So in the spring of 75, fresh with an A in interior decorating, he gladly took over the clubhouse which to say was drab would be an understatement. The front room had only a vinyl sofa and a juke box and the dining room was totally empty. Since Brillo was single, he felt this pad needed some spicing up. I think the idea started with the John Greenwood Corvettes of the mid 70,s. If you remember they were all red white and blue with stripes and flags and glorious USA. shout outs. So in March Brillo had a visit from Dale (Butch) Southwell from Central Illinois Corvettes, and they headed to the decorating shop at Southpark for paint and tools. First both rooms were painted entirely white. Then from behind the sofa, starting at the floor up the wall over the ceiling, down to the door then curving into and thru the arch to the dining room, across that ceiling then down to the floor went the stripes. There was a 9 inch deep blue stripe then a 7 inch white stripe, then a 9 inch bright red stripe. Down one wall were the letters CORVETTE written in block form taken from the back of a C3. The letters were either in the red or blue stripe so they were left white. The idea was the stripes represented a road course. All this was done in 2 days and unknown to anyone at QCCC. The following Sat night was the Club Meeting and it was a great surprise to see the reaction of the membership. The rooms met with great approval so much that Peggy Walter volunteered to repaint the kitchen and put up curtains.

Brillo liked it so much he put the



same application on the wall in addition of a life size Playboy

will surely remember that. (When he sold that house the realtor said he had to cover it up. So a piece of drywall and some screws and then paint and it was done. We know someday somebody will see those screws and wonder enough to remove that drywall. We would like to be a fly on the wall to see that.) As far as we know the clubhouse had the paint scheme when it was torn down. A sad ending for such a happy place. After we spruced it all up, we think everyone took more pride in the clubhouse and really had a ball. Sometimes simple things bring lots of pleasure. As Brillo's latest house in Denver was under construction, once again out came the paint and he still has the letter pattern from 75 which he used in his new garage, which was causing great curiosity among the neighbors wanting to see what was going in that garage. (Pictures of both are included) We are looking for pictures of the old clubhouse. Our old times will never be forgotten and, hopefully, today's QCCC events will join them as equally memorable. QCCC, what a great corvette club.



his garage in Mint Hill with the Playmate puzzle. The old gang

QCCC Newest Members April 2012

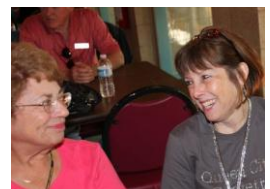
Paige Moore
(Paul Mitchell)



Curt Quakenbush
2003 50TH Anniversary Coupe



QCCC Members caught on Film:







From Track to Street

Next race Monterey at Mazda Raceway May 12th. Check your local listings for times.

Corvette Racing Wins Long Beach ALMS

Corvette Racing drivers Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin won a hard-fought battle in the streets of Long Beach today, claiming a GT class victory in the second round of the American Le Mans Series. The pair completed 84 laps on the 1.968-mile temporary circuit in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R, finishing 4.26 seconds ahead of the runner-up No. 56 BMW. Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen brought their No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R home in fourth place after a first-lap accident left their car battered and bruised.

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American Le Mans Series at Long Beach GT Results (Top 10)

Pos./Car No./Drivers/Car/Laps

- 1. 4 Gavin/Milner, Corvette C6.R, 84**
2. 56 Mueller/Hand, BMW E92 M3, 84
3. 01 Sharp/van Overbeek, Ferrari 458 Italia, 84
- 4. 3 Magnussen/Garcia, Corvette C6.R, 84**
5. 007 Fernandez/Turner, Aston Martin Vantage 83
6. 17 Henzler/Sellers, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 83
7. 45 Bergmeister/Long, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 83
8. 48 Miller/Maassen, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 83
9. 44 Neiman/Holzer, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 81
10. 02 Brown/Cosmo, Ferrari F458 Italia, 80

Other Corvette Related Items of interest.

Corvette finishes 1st & 3rd :http://www.grand-am.com/News/GA_News/tabid/141/Article/50130/grand-am-rolex-series-grand-prix-of-miami-cooldown-lap.aspx?cid=6383&sid=1

New Color and Options for 2013 Chevrolet Corvette
<http://www.carbuzz.com/news/2012/4/16/New-Color-and-Options-for-2013-Chevrolet-Corvette-7708410>



2012 City Chevrolet Classic Car Show



Saturday, May 5, 2012 RAIN OR SHINE!

Hendrick Motorsports Complex
4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd., Concord, NC
www.hendrickmotorsports.com

32 Classes, 92 Awards

| Corvette | Camaro/Firebird | Other Chevy | Trucks |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1953-1962 | 1967-1969 | 1912-1948 | 1946 & earlier |
| 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 | | | |




Best of Show People's Choice Dealer's Choice
Best Corvette Best Camaro Best Chevy Best Truck
Best Paint Best Engine Best Interior Best in Class

PLUS Top 50

This is a "Shine & Show" event. Cars will be judged on apparent upkeep, cleanliness, & preparation for display



Centennial Corvette & ZL1 Camaro  Cars of the Carolina Vintage Chevy Club

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”

Next Meeting

Saturday May 12th

Harley Davidson of Charlotte



9205 East Independence Blvd, Matthews, NC 28105-4501

Directions:

Harley-Davidson of Charlotte
(704) 847-4647

Note: Located in Matthews right behind the Hooters in the West bound lane of US 74.

Social Gathering 6:00 PM
Business Meeting 6:30 PM

From the North:

I-77 South to Brookshire Freeway / I-277 South to Hwy-74 East / Independence Blvd. Approximately 10 miles on left just past Crown Pointe area. Take the first left after the Crown Pointe Shopping Center. You will turn into the Shopping Area with Hooters, International House of Pancakes(IHOP), Midas, Infiniti, Krispy-Kreme and the Suburban Lodge.

From the South:

I-77 North to I-485 East. Take Hwy-74 West exit and head towards uptown Charlotte for approximately 2 miles. We'll be on the right just behind the International House of Pancakes.



Please check our [QCCC website](#) for more details!

“PINK” FLOYD TOUR”

On a beautiful Friday morning the weekend before Easter, 18 QCCC Corvettes met just east of Statesville for an overnight trip to Floyd, VA. There was excitement in the air as we all prepared to hit the back roads heading north. There was also relief in the air as many used the facilities in the neighboring Food Lion before departing.



We enjoyed a nice 30 minute drive along Hwy 64 to Mocksville, where the coffee laden group took another break (yes, there is a pattern developing here), and grabbed a snack. Eating was another pattern developing, although not as obvious as the other. We then headed through Yadkinville, on our way to Mt. Airy. Yes, we were on our way to the real world shrine of Andy Griffith, Barney, and all the sidekicks. We stopped for lunch at West Pine Kitchen Drive-In – an old fashioned drive-in that looks just like a Sonic, except it was built before there was even a hint of a Sonic in this country. Seeing those 18 Corvettes taking up 99% of the parking spaces at this glorious landmark was quite a sight. Many others thought so too, as people stopped by to look and talk with us. After a photo shoot of all the Vettes in the adjacent parking lot, we were off to downtown to see what awaited us in Mayberry. We saw all the usual spots, but we spent most of our time at and in the county jail – no reason, maybe just a habit of some of the traveling party. Don't know for sure. More photo ops of the group, then time to saddle up and head across the border to Virginia, the land of illegal radar detectors.

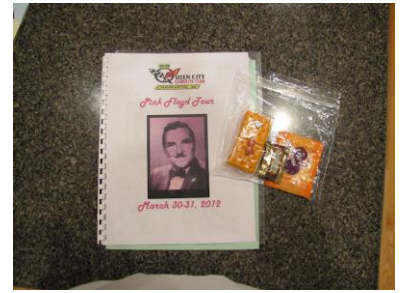
We picked up Hwy 52 north out of Mayberry, and started a beautiful ride through our unmatched Western NC (and VA) roads, going under the Parkway at Fancy Gap, then on to Hillsville. It was typical hilly, curvy, scenic and FUN driving all the way to Floyd. We did have one spot near Floyd where a water main was being installed, and dirt/mud was all over the road. However, we were able to drive on the left side of the road, so no harm done. More on this later in the article.

At Floyd, the groups split into the 2 hotel groups – one group to the country Oak Haven hotel, the other to the downtown luxury Hotel Floyd. Both very nice, although the luxury one did have water and electricity. Both groups then brought out the coolers and each hotel witnessed a real live QCCC social hour (or two).

After the social time and a shower (or hosing off, depending which hotel you were staying in) the group caravanned to the Historic Pine Tavern for dinner. Oh, what a dinner. Real old time family style. Chicken, roast beef, ham, biscuits, several veggies, and a couple of desserts that were so good and bound to make you miserable. This place also had beer & wine, unusual for this style of restaurant. But no one in our group complained – we just participated.

After dinner, and after waddling to our cars, most of the group gathered at the fancy hotel, as it was located just a short walk from center city Floyd. On Friday nights, the streets fill up with musicians that get together in impromptu groups and play blue grass, mountain style music. Places like the Floyd Country Store have a jamboree, but we enjoyed just listening to the many musicians out on the street playing whatever struck their fancy. Very entertaining. Now, back to that water main issue driving to Floyd earlier in the day. I struck up a conversation with a man on the sidewalk, as he asked where the club was from. It turned out that he was the supervisor of the crew doing the install of that water main, and he said how much he enjoyed watching all our cars drive by. He then apologized for the dirt and mud on the road! What a testament to how our cars affect the people that see them driving by on the roads.

The music on the street was lots of fun, but many of the group migrated to the one establishment that did not have mountain music, but did have a bar. So we listened to some type of alternate, more modern, loud, non mountain music for a while. The last stop of the night was a gathering outside on the veranda of the fancy hotel. There we swapped lies, laughed a lot, some drank a mystical liquid out of thimbles, and we even heard some “numbing” stories. Lots of fun, but eventually all turned in to their respective resting spots for the night.



Saturday morning we awoke to early showers and damp roads, but it eventually cleared up and the roads dried. One third of our group went in another direction to visit some wineries, obviously intent on continuing their buzz from the night before. The remaining dozen cars enjoyed a beautiful and leisurely drive on the Parkway as we made our way towards Galax. We stopped at Mabry Mills, a rustic grist mill and old homestead right on the Parkway. A nice walk and more photo ops was on the agenda here, but to the dismay of many, the restrooms were closed. That pattern was still a factor in this trip!

We arrived in Galax ready for lunch, in spite of the gorging we had enjoyed the night before. The Smokehouse was waiting for us, and we all enjoyed some good BBQ. We then motored to Old Cranks Motorcar Museum in Galax, a treasure trove of old cars and automobilia. In addition to the cars in the actual museum, we were able to go in the back to see about 30 additional cars that were in various states of repair. Many of us saw cars that took us back to that first car, high school, drive-in movies, or many other strong feelings of yesteryear. Quite a place.

At that point, it was time to head for home. Some hit the interstate to get back quickly, some got back on the Parkway or other mountain roads to continue to enjoy the day, and the cars. Overall, it was another fun, extremely memorable trip with great friends and great cars. If you have not yet been on a trip like this with the club, it must be immediately put on your bucket list. It will be a great experience, I promise!

Special thanks to Steve and Laura Pelchat for putting this together, and providing an excellent trip guide with maps and details. Come join us next time!

Paul Mitchell

QCCC Ex-officio Reporter of Good Times and Rowdy Behavior

