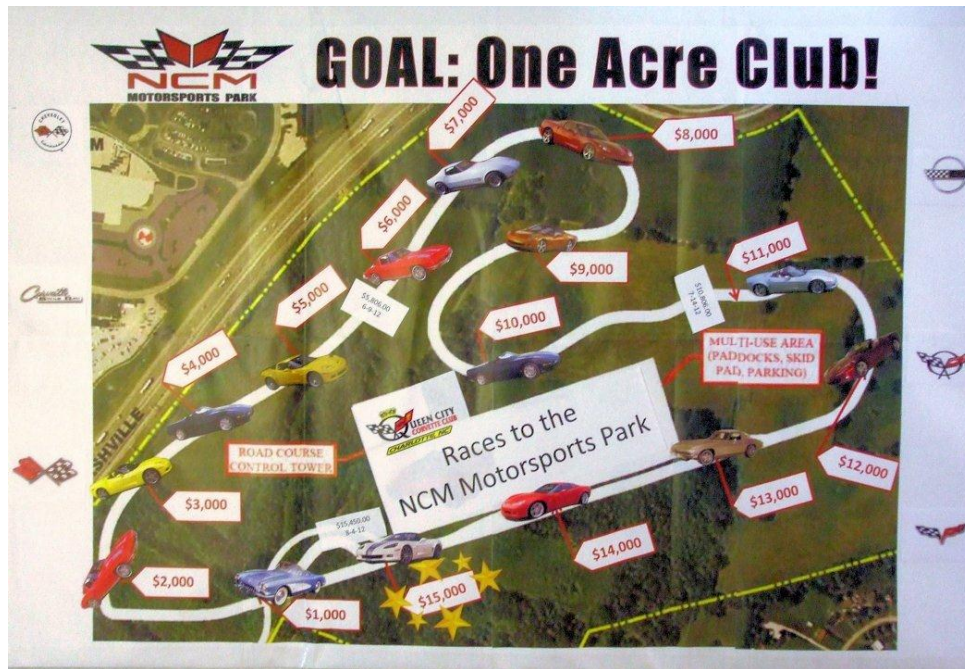




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### *On The Cover:*

**Queen City Corvette Club reaching the One Acre Club goal for the NCM Motorsports Park.**

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



QCCC members, remember the August business meeting is the club's 44<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. We're hoping to have a great turn out for our birthday cake and group pictures. See you all on August 11<sup>th</sup>, all details for the meeting are on the website. Now, here is another story about a first Corvette.

In 1964 John Walton was stationed at Edwards AFB in California. In August of '64, John and Beth had only been married a few months; when John totaled their only car, a 1960 MG Midget. John's two previous cars had been plain Jane cars like the MG (John's words) – a '49 Chevrolet with no heater and a '55 Chevrolet. John had to bum rides to work for the next two months while they waited for the insurance settlement. When they received the check, John was on the hunt for another sports car, but wanted something larger than the MG Midget.

John noticed an ad in the base paper for a '59 Corvette. John and Beth lived off base at the time and, with no car, he asked the Corvette owner to drive the car to their apartment. He arrived at dusk and parked in front of the apartment building. As the owner was showing John the car, he opened the door to see the interior. That's when the courtesy light came on and lit up the interior, and John was sold. He had never owned a car so fancy as to have courtesy lights. Finances would be a little tough; they paid \$1,200 for the Corvette, and John only made about \$2,200 per year in the Air Force.

Now, about the Corvette: It had a base engine 283ci 230HP, 3 speed manual, silver coves, heater, Wonderbar radio and those courtesy lights. The exterior was Tuxedo Black with Inca Silver coves and red interior. It also had the optional hardtop that should have been black, but some past owner had painted it red. This gave the car its nickname, "The Woodpecker". The Corvette would be John and Beth's daily driver for the next 8 years. They rebuilt the engine once and repainted the exterior twice. Before one of the repaints, John decided to change the interior to a tan color. So it was off to Tijuana, because it was so much cheaper than San Diego.

They drove to Tijuana with another couple following in their VW bug. The shop could not complete the Corvette in a day, so they had to leave it overnight, and all four rode back to San Diego in the bug. The next day Beth and their friends didn't want to go back into Mexico and all the customs hassles that went along with it, so they dropped John off at the border and he had to walk to the interior shop. The Corvette looked really good, so he paid them and got ready to leave, when he discovered he didn't have the keys. They were in the VW on their way back to San Diego.

The upholstery shop didn't have any wire but were able to hotwire the Corvette with a coat hanger straight to the distributor, so the car had to have a push to start. John was on the way back to the border when the coat hanger started to heat up. That caused resistance, which caused voltage loss, and the car stalled out in an intersection. He had to wait a couple of minutes for the coat hanger to cool down before it would start again. He saw some 12 year old kids selling their wares on the corner, so he motioned them over to push the car. They started running after him, which made John nervous, since he saw a police car at the next intersection. He had a pocketful of change, so he tossed it out the window, which kept the kids busy. He safely made it across the border, even with the car hotwired. John and Beth sold the '59 Corvette in 1972 for \$600 and used that for a down payment on a new Chevrolet Vega.

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

Steve Pelchat

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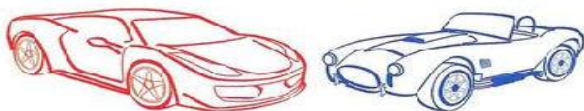
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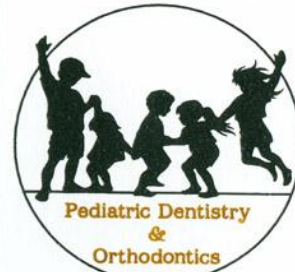
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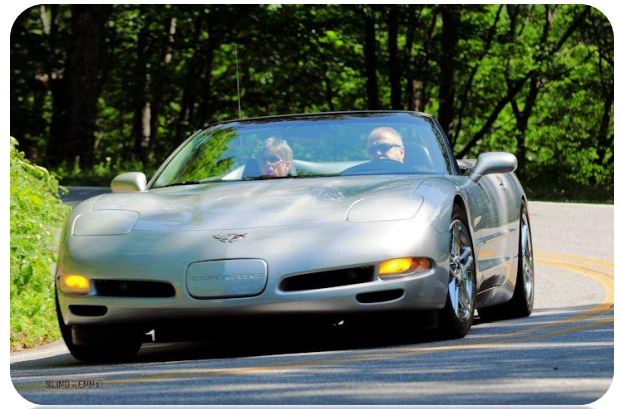
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*Come see what QCCC is all about and join friends, make new friends, at the dinners and lunches!!!!!!!!!!*

# Crossroads

With the Vice President Keith Cross

At the July Business Meeting we had a great turnout at Jocks & Jills Sports Grill, but the best is yet to come. For our August Business Meeting we will be **Celebrating QCCC's 44<sup>th</sup> Birthday**. Our meeting will be held at the **Hendrick Motorsports Team Center** located in the Hendrick Motorsports Complex near the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The address is 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28262 and the telephone number is 877-467-4890. **Plus**, earlier that same afternoon, we will gather for club pictures in the parking lot. These are to be placed on our website. We are asking, if at all possible, to have as many of our Corvettes present to be in the **QCCC's 44<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picture**. We will also be taking some member group shots. To get the details for **both events** on August 11<sup>th</sup> please visit the **QCCC Website** for times, directions, details and more. To get there just click on [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com) and then click on "View Our Event Calendar". This will be our once a year special birthday event so don't miss it.



Now another "Did You Know".



The Corvette was 25 years old in 1978 and the celebration was on. All 1978s featured a commemorative badge (right) on the front nose. A special two tone paint scheme consisting of dark silver on the lower body and light silver above separated by a dark silver stripe was offered. The production quantity was not limited and 15,283 were sold.



Above and below: 1978 Corvette, Official GM Photos.



1978 was a year of significant changes to the C3 Corvette. A new "fastback" design which made for a smoother silhouette and answered criticisms of limited luggage space; owners now had storage similar to the mid-years Corvette coupes. Also like the mid-years coupes, access to the area was through the seats and inconvenient. A hatchback opening would be available in 1982. A retractable cover provided sun protection and security. One drawback to the new design was that the interior would heat up on sunny days, placing increased demands on the air conditioning.

A new temporary space saving spare tire enabled the installation of a new 24 gallon (previously 17 gallon) fuel tank, increasing the driving range between fill-ups, a previous Corvette complaint.



The interior, which was starting to look dated, was upgraded for 1978. The gauges, while still round, were set in a more squared off area. A glove box replaced the map pockets located in front of the passenger. CB (Citizens Band) radios were a booming fad in 1978 and a AM-FM stereo with CB (RPO UP6; \$638.00 - ouch!) was available. One antenna was called on to provide for the AM-FM and CB functions, so its performance was compromised.





A Corvette paced the Indy 500 race and a special edition paint consisting of light silver on the lower body and black above, separated by a red stripe and special seats marked the occasion. Originally production was to be limited to 300, a nod to the production quantity of the 1953 'vette. But demand increased and soon Chevrolet had a problem: which dealers would be allocated one of these special Corvettes? The problem was solved by producing 6,502 Indianapolis 500 pace car replicas, enough so that each dealer would get one and a few promotional extras.

Despite the fact that a production quantity of 6,502 removes any potential for a "rare" designation, a buying frenzy ensued and the sticker price of \$13,653.21 was often doubled. The Wall Street Journal entered the fray with a prominent article outlining the situation and hints that prices would be higher in the future. The result was that the general public entered the market, making buying decisions that were illogical.

Purchasers who thought that profitability was part of the special edition Corvette ownership were disappointed. This often happens when the public gets interested in collector cars as investments. One problem was the high production quantity of 6,502. The other was that the option was only a badge, paint job and decal exercise. There wasn't a special engine or even suspension in the story, so future enthusiasts passed in favor of Corvettes with something worthwhile to offer.



Above and below are two of the decals commemorating the event that were shipped with all 6,502 replicas, and it was up to the buyer to make the installation decision. The pace car replicas had their own VIN number sequence.



Source: The Corvette Story

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

Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Birthday QCCC! And here is to having many more.

*Keith Cross*

### 24 Hours of Booty:



## Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

July 14, 2012

6:00 – 7:30PM

Meeting Held at: Jock & Jill's

### BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

Board Members: Steve Pelchat, President; Keith Cross, Vice President; John Walton, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Boyd and Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editor; Bob and Marilyn Becker, Webmaster; Bob Denny, Club Photographer; Paul Pelkey, Database Manager; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador. Absent: Florence Prather, Treasurer

### DISCUSSION

- **President – Steve Pelchat** – called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- Approved and seconded the minutes.
- Introduced the Board:
- Raffle tickets are \$10 for a 2013 Black Convertible see Helen Jensen.
- We are collecting donations for the Museum Motor Sports Park. Our goal is to raise \$15K. As of today, we have raised \$12K. See Steve if you are interested in donating.
  
- **Membership Report – Chris Wood**
- We have 261 members or 142 families.
- Introduced the visitors and guests: Michael Bullard, Mary Jean Maples, Dave Richards from Springfield IL, Bill and Darlene Loos, Dave and Melissa Morris, Steve Laurent, Madison Kurt, Jaden Moore
- Tommy Hocutt was voted in as a new member.
- New advertiser Johnson Modern Insurance Agency
  
- **Vice President Report – Keith Cross**
- Update on the points.
- We are still accepting member pictures of our corvettes for the website. Please send your pictures directly to Bob Denny.
- The August meeting will be held at the Hendricks Motor Sports Complex. Check the website for details. We will be celebrating our 44th anniversary and will take a group picture. Come early about 4pm. There will be group pictures for each class of cars. Social is at 5:30.
- Door prizes won by: Bob Motta, Rita Schultz.
  
- **Automotive report – John Walton**
- Friday July 20th we will meet at the ZMax Raceway to run the cars. Sign-up sheet is available. The caravan will start at the Starlight Theatre parking lot at 5:30. The event will run until about 9:00pm. Cost is \$15 per ticket. Linda Meadows is challenging all wives. You must wear a helmet.
- 24 hours of Booty Parade. Please sign up if interested. See Steve Kravitz.
- For those members participating in Auto Fair, we will have a parade lap on July 31st. Be sure to sign up for Auto Fair.
- We have a sign-up sheet for a Parade Committee. Anyone interested let John know. We have nine parades this year.

- The criteria for the “Sportsman of the Year Award” was discussed.
- If you are interested in a QCCC flag contact Chris Wood.
  - **Treasurer’s Report – Steve Pelchat for Florence Prather**
  - On Budget
  - **Secretary’s Report – Linda Lewis**
  - Congratulations to Bill and Merle Elko for the birth of their first grandchild.
  - June birthdays were Margo Gross, Iris Binder, Darlene Loos, Nelson Sprague, Joan Murray, Kelly Cross and Deborah Kelly.
  - July birthdays are Debbie and Tom Rockhold, Larry Prather, Priscilla Pelkey, Tom Cramer, Jane Burt, Carl Bartlett, Sylvia Stallings and Al Kessel.
  - **Social Director’s Report - Laura Pelchat**
  - First ice cream social of the year was a success.
  - Next month we will have a QCCC birthday party at the meeting.
  - Contact Laura if you are interested in helping to plan the next banquet.
  - “Corvettes at Carlisle” is scheduled for next month.
  - August 17th we are participating in Hot Nights in Forrest City. The largest club participating will win \$500.
  - We are planning winery tours in the future. Passports go on sale in September for November, December and January. 12 different wineries, music and entertainment will be available. We are considering renting a van for the event.
  - **Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano**
  - The detail session was a great success.
  - See Paul if you are interested in joining the Museum.
  - **Other Business**
  - Pat Motta Charity Committee: We are collecting school supplies for homeless children for A Child’s Place. Bring your supplies to the next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda H. Lewis, Secretary*

# Route & Track



Dawg Daze. In July, in Charlotte, we have variable weather. It varies between scorching hot and humid, and warm and raining with thunder and lightning. We had two from column A and one from column B. At the Indian Trail July 4<sup>th</sup> parade it was, not surprisingly, hot. But, like true Charlotteans we sweated it out. Eleven drivers carried pageant queens successfully through uptown Indian Trail, much to the delight of the

withering throng, especially the girls' mothers. But seriously, thanks to all who drove. The girls do appreciate it and the Club gets some good exposure.

For the ¼ Mile Z-Max Dragway contest we had rain. Bummer. The Dragway officially threw in the towel about 5:15 pm and closed for the day. Only Bob Becker, who is early for everything, got in two runs just after 4:00 pm when the track opened. His time of 12.95 sec. can serve as a foundation for the rest of us. In case you missed it, check out his video in the events section of the QCCC website. Our makeup date is August 10<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 9 pm. See Club Calendar for details. The long range weather forecast looks better for the 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone will try again. It still looks like a potentially great event.

Speaking of great events, we caught a break when storms went around us on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and allowed 16 of our cars to carry cancer survivors in a parade lap to kick off the "24 Hours of Booty". Fittingly, after the lap, the most spectacular horizon to horizon rainbow, with half being a double, arced over the Myers Park location. Sally, my rider, said it was the most fun she had ever had. Made me feel pretty good about it. Thanks to Steve Kravitz for envisioning this event and then making it happen. Great job Steve! Thanks to all who drove and especially those who volunteered to withdraw when we turned up with more drivers than CMPD could accommodate. Best of all, it looks like this might turn into an annual event for QCCC.

Coming up on July 31<sup>st</sup> we will have an opportunity to drive our cars on the CMS oval under the lights. Should be fun.

On August 10<sup>th</sup> we hope to get in our ¼ Mile Shootout so that we can crown (as in whack) a club champion. See above.

The Forest City Hot Nights/ Cool Rides Car Show is on the 18<sup>th</sup> with pre-registration on the 17<sup>th</sup>. See club calendar.

As far as I know there is no organized trip to Corvettes at Carlisle this year; after having gone the last two years.

Hang in there, dog days will end, and September is booked solid.

John



## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 10, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:30

**Location:** Smith & Stevenson

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

President Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### Automotive Director Report – John Walton

- 11 cars participated in 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Discussion of participation in 9 local parades. John to have a sign up sheet at meeting for parade committee
- ZMax details; approved helmet, convertible top up, no riders, pass tech inspection, street legal, brakes & tires okay. Group rate of \$15 for car & driver, \$5 for spectators. 15 drivers signed up.
- 24 Hours of Booty – Steve Kravitz to have information at the July meeting.

### Vice President's Report – Keith Cross

- August meeting at Hendrick Motorsports. Photo shoot lineup 4:10. Building open 5:00
- Keith & John discussing October meeting location and possibly car show

### Membership Director's Report – Chris Wood

- Cards being sent to people we haven't seen lately, getting some response.
- 24 people (13 families) dropped from membership
- New advertiser – Johnson & Motta Insurance, members Bob & Pat Motta. 2 more potential advertisers.
- Looking at some recommendations for by-law revisions.

### Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather

- Reviewed yearly fees that are still due
- Budget report to go out to membership before next meeting

### Social Director's Report – Laura Pelchat

- NCM Motorsports Park – pledge cards, certificate to present after purchase.
- Board gave approval for purchase of new banner to display at NCM. Laura to place order Current banner to be raffled off
- Banquet & Christmas party on target. Details finalized after budget review.

President Steve Pelchat asks everyone to review bylaws, and the car show notes provided by Automotive Director, for review at next month's board meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes submitted by Laura Pelchat, for Linda Lewis, Secretary



Tune up your singing voice; it's time for a party.

This month is Queen City Corvette Club's 44<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we want to celebrate. We've invited people that were members in the early years, to share their stories about the club and help us celebrate. If you know anyone that's interested, pass the word. Birthday cake and party favors for everyone! We'll hear more about the Corvette Caravan Kickoff and the Blue Ridge Parkway drive to the Historic Orchard at Altapass.

It's warm out there, time for another Sunday ice cream outing. Let's go Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to Mooresville Ice Cream, 172 North Broad Street, Mooresville 28115. We'll be there between 2 and 3:00. They have their Front Porch Carolina Churned Ice Cream with flavors like Banana Pudding, Sweetie Tea, and Red Velvet Cake.

We finally have details on the Hot Nights / Cool Rides Car Show in Forest City. It is Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, registration starts at 9:00. There is a \$500 award to the club with the largest attendance. If we have enough people, we can get a reserved parking area for just the club. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.

Looking ahead, if you are interested in attending "Vettes on the Point", let me know so I can add you to the list. You can make your room reservations now, and if we know how many are going, we can get special club parking at the show. It's more than a car show, preliminary details are on our website, and I'll have registration forms at the meeting. It's a beautiful location on Smith Mountain Lake, VA, and is put on by the Virginia Corvette Club. Check their website [www.virginiacorvetteclub.com](http://www.virginiacorvetteclub.com) to see the highlights from last year's event. Make sure your speaker is turned up, the music will get you in the mood to cruise.

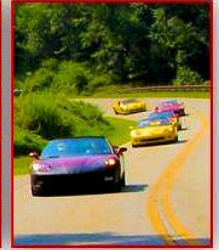
I hope to see you at the QCCC birthday party.

Laura

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## National Corvette Museum Corner

When we first started talking about QCCC becoming a member of the “One Acre Club” for the NCM Motorsports Park, most of us involved really had our doubts about reaching that goal; shame on us for not believing in our club. The fund raising did seem to stall out at about the one-third point but the idea of using pledge cards, promoted by our board, really pushed us over the top. To all of you who contributed, many thanks. You are helping to make QCCC a nationally recognized Corvette club.

The latest status on the Motorsports Park is that all the land needed for the initially planned development has been purchased. The total cost for the 184 acres was almost \$3.0 million. Thanks to all who have contributed and some cash from museum operations, set aside for this purpose, it’s all been paid for. A contract has been signed with a civil engineering firm to do the topographical survey and to select a track designer. If anyone knows of someone or some company that may be willing to contribute to the park, please let the NCM know so they can see if a partnership can be put together. We can all help without having to contribute monetarily.

I know many of you received the e-News announcing QCCC had joined the One Acre Club and I want everyone to know I’m a little, well maybe a lot, embarrassed about the accompanying photo. That photo is about three years old and showed John Jensen and me presenting to Wendell Strode a check for a QCCC donation. There were a lot of other photos more appropriate but the Museum dug this one up for some reason. My apologies to the board as I was not trying to be a publicity hog. Others were far more deserving to be in that photo.

Your North Carolina organizing team for the 2014 Caravan, headed up by Frank and Laura Sancineto, is working very hard to put together another terrific event. Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet in Newton has signed on as the exclusive dealer sponsor and is working closely with the team to produce a truly memorable experience. We want to give a big thank you to DE Chevrolet for coming on board so early and allowing the team to begin advanced preparations.

The group heading to the museum for the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and Hall of Fame inductions are getting all revved up for the journey. If you decide at the last minute you would like to join us, I’m sure we can accommodate you.

Save the Wave!

*Paul Mariano,*  
NCM Ambassador



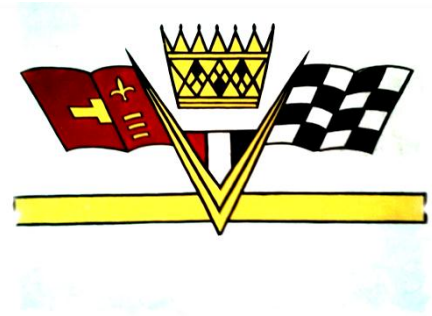
### *More 24 Hours of Booty:*



# Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

*Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith*



*More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past*

## ONE OF NINE LIVES LOST

This month's story comes from Travis. It would be best told by him, as he is the champion of such tales and could have been the president of the Spit and Whittle club down at McBees gas station on North Davidson Street.

In the late 60's, as the club was in its infancy, Trav was driving a 64 Coupe, 375 hp, 4spd, with air (which he still owns). Before that he was known around the street scene in North Charlotte for his Comet. He soon discovered the Corvette was a little too quiet for his liking and he acquired a set of side pipes. The Meredith's were living on Tipperary off Shamrock Drive where, today, such a car left alone would not last long. Back then QCCC rules requirements for a project like installing side exhaust were a minimum of two cases of beer, one friend to help and one friend to supervise. As usual working on a C-2 project meant at least one stuck bolt, so the clocked ticked on. The job was done at 2 a.m. on a weeknight and, as usual, you must sample your work when done. Now at 2 a.m. 375 hp side-exhaust does draw attention. We will change the friends' names to protect the innocent and appropriately call them Moe and Larry. So as the car sat at idle in the driveway, Moe says let's take her for a spin. Larry climbed in behind the seats while Moe claimed shotgun and somehow a few more brewskies went along for the ride. After circling a few blocks it was apparent to Trav that more throttle meant more good sounds; they were soon joined by the flashing blue lights of one of Charlotte's finest. Officer Fred approached, and shining his light into the back of the car, asked Trav what the heck he thought he was doing. Larry, hearing Officer Fred's voice, said "Fred is that you". Fred lit up Larry's face and said "What are you doing crunched up back there?" Turns out Fred and Larry served in the war together. Officer Fred bellowed "#\$%@\$\$, Larry you got me in a spot here, my boss is riding with me tonight, let me see what I can do." After a painfully long delay, Fred returned and lighting up Trav's face said, "Son you get this hotrod home, and I mean straight home, and I don't want to hear it above idle, do you understand me?" Yes Sir, was the reply and Trav says that was the longest 4 block trip of his life. He never knew how Officer Fred saved his hide that night.

Trav still says most of what we did back then would be a felony today. The early days of QCCC were a good time to be young and get all our wildness over with as today it just would not work. So such was the night that Trav burned up one of his nine lives.

# QCCC Newest Members July 2012

**Tommy Hocutt**  
2003 Silver Z06



QCCC Members Caught on Film. See QCCC Website for more photos.





## *From Track to Street*

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### **NEXT EVENT**

Corvette Racing's next event is the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, Ohio, on Saturday, August 4. The two-hour, 45-minute Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge, the sixth round of the 2012 American Le Mans Series, will start at 1:05 p.m. ET on Saturday, August 4, and will be broadcast on ABC at 2 p.m. ET.

Corvette Racing at Mid-Ohio: Midterm Report and a Rivalry Renewed



**2011 Mid-Ohio: Racing in the rain** With five races completed and five to go, Corvette Racing will be halfway home at its home track. Saturday's Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course signals the start of the second half of the 2012 American Le Mans Series. At the season's midpoint, Corvette Racing and Chevrolet stand atop the driver, team, and manufacturer championship standings. The fierce competition that has been the hallmark of the GT category is about to become more intense with the return of one of Corvette's longstanding rivals to ALMS competition.

In the first five races, Corvette Racing scored back-to-back wins with Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R in Long Beach and Laguna Seca. Third-place finishes in Sebring and Lime Rock put the pair in the championship lead after the first four rounds. Then a setback in Mosport, combined with the No. 3 Compuware Corvette's fourth runner-up finish in five starts, saw Corvette aces Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen take the lead in the championship chase by seven points over their teammates.

**Other Corvette Related Items of interest.**

# “Heads-Up”

## August 11, 2012 Business Meeting & Celebration of QCCC’s 44<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

### \*\*Hendrick Motorsports Team Center\*\*

For August we will be returning to Hendrick Motorsports Team Center. The Team Center is located in the Hendrick Motorsports Complex not far from the Charlotte Motor Speedway. If you would like to learn more about Hendrick Motorsports or just looking for directions check out their website to learn more - <http://www.hendrickmotorsports.com/about/visit>. Once on the complex location page at the bottom click on “View of Facility Map” to see the Team Center location within the complex. The address for the Hendricks Motorsports Team Center is as follows:

**Hendrick Motorsports  
4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
877-467-4890**

Please utilize navigation systems or <http://www.mapquest.com> for exact directions from where you are coming from.

**\*\*\* PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF TIMES.\*\*\***

**Social Time: 5:30pm – 6:00pm**

**Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!



**August 11, 2012**  
**2012 QCCC Group Photograph Celebrating**  
**QCCC's 44<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**  
**Location: Hendricks Motorsports Team Center**

It has been a while since we tried to get a picture of all QCCC Cars. Well for our 44<sup>th</sup> birthday we are going to take a group picture. For convenience the picture will take place before our August Business Meeting. We would love to have as many of our Corvettes there as possible. The group photograph will take place at 4:45pm. Please arrive no later than 4:30 to get lined up. After we take the group photograph then we will take owner photographs by class (no cars, just owners). Example: all C1 owners, then all C2 owners, then C3, C4, C5 and C6. And yes you are wanted in every photograph of which you currently own a car. The owner photographs will start at 5:00pm. If we have to cancel the group photograph due to bad weather that day an email will be sent out no later than 12:00 noon. But the owner photographs will take place rain or shine that day.

If you need directions the website is - <http://www.hendrickmotorsports.com/about/visit>. Once on the complex location page at the bottom click on "**View of Facility Map**" to see the Team Center location within the complex. The address for the Hendricks Motorsports Team Center is as follows:

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**Photograph Lineup:** 4:10pm – 4:30pm  
**Group Photograph Time:** 4:45pm – 5:00pm  
**Owner Photograph Time:** 5:00pm – 5:30pm

We hope to see as many members and cars there as possible!!

## ***QCCC Upcoming Events***

### **August**

10	QCCC ¼ Mile Shootout - Makeup Date	<a href="#">Details &amp; Information</a>
11	QCCC Group Photograph Celebrating QCCC's 44th Birthday	<a href="#">Details &amp; Information</a>
11	QCCC Business Meeting	<a href="#">Details &amp; Information</a>
17	Forest City Car Show	<a href="#">Details &amp; Information</a>
18	Hot Nights / Cool Rides - Forest City NC	
24-26	*Corvettes at Carlisle*	
30-1	*National Corvette Museum - Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction*	<a href="#">Details &amp; Information</a>

### **September**

1	Matthews Alive Parade	
8	Annual Eddie Burt BBQ & QCCC Business Meeting	
15	Car Care Day	
20-23	Food Lion AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway	
28-29	Corvette Caravan Kick-Off Weekend	
29	The Historic ORCHARD at Altapass	<a href="#">Details &amp; Information</a>
29	Mint Hill Madness Parade	

## ***QCCC & 24 hrs of Booty***

As many of you know, approximately 16 Queen City Corvette Club Corvettes will have the honor of participating in the 24 Hours of Booty this afternoon. This will be a first for QCCC to carry survivors, ride in memory of or in honor of those who have touched our lives and were victims of cancer. What you may not know about is the determination of one of our QCCC members to work raising money and awareness in hopes of someday finding a cure for the cancer he dealt just with a few years ago and the many others whose life has been forever changed by cancer.

When last we checked Thursday afternoon, Steve Kravitz was #1 in individual fundraisers for Charlotte's 2012 24 Hrs of Booty with over \$43,000 raised by his team, the Charlotte Sharks. Read Steve's story on the Booty website by clicking the link below.

[http://www.24hoursofbooty.org/site/TR/Bike/General/765211236?px=1310164&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1170](http://www.24hoursofbooty.org/site/TR/Bike/General/765211236?px=1310164&pg=personal&fr_id=1170)

In today's Charlotte Observer more of Steve's story is told. He explains how he had the idea to this year include those cancer survivors who are unable to ride bikes by recruiting Queen City Corvette Club to carry them. This allows even more survivors to participate and QCCC to help in this very important cause. Steve said:



"The survivor's lap will be different this year: Some cancer survivors will be cruising the Booty Loop in 16 Corvette convertibles, while those who are able will ride bikes behind them. The Corvettes will be borrowed from the Queen City Corvette Club, which has about 275 members, said Steve Kravitz, who is a member. He came up with the idea. The two-time cancer survivor always dreamed of having a Corvette, and when he beat cancer in 2009, he bought a 1980 red coupe. He had a relapse in 2011, and after a second victory, bought a 2008 black convertible. Kravitz said the club loved his idea. "We're always in parades carrying beauty queens, and I thought, how cool would it be to carry cancer survivors that can't bike?" he said. Jenni Walker, a spokeswoman for the 24 Hours of Booty, said she's excited that all 150 survivors will get to participate. "Seeing that tangible aspect of it is so powerful," Walker said. "It makes me feel so proud to be here in Charlotte and say we have this event."

Read the article here: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/07/26/3408141/1200-bikers-to-descend-on-myers.html#storylink=cpy>

Please keep the many survivors and participants in this year's 24 Hrs of Booty in your thoughts today. Remember especially our QCCC friends and family who are currently fighting this disease, have family members fighting it or are survivors and pray we can someday learn that cancer was defeated in our lifetime.

