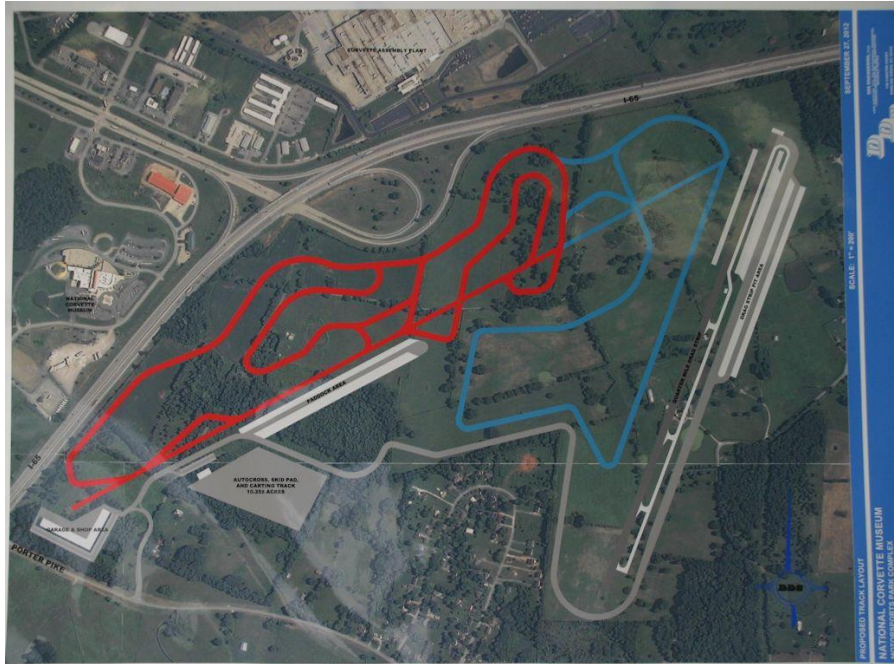




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On The Cover:

Exclusive picture of the final track drawing to the NCM Motorsport Park. Yes we are the first club to publish this picture.

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



The perfect cruising weather is finally here. Let's get some time out on the road.

Looking ahead, we will be having elections in November, which means the slate of officers will be presented at the October meeting. If you are interested in being on the board, I need to hear from you NOW. The club is only as good as the people that are willing to contribute their efforts.

We are still looking for an Automotive Director for 2013. We have posted below the duties of this job.

Director of Automotive Events.

1. The duties of this office shall be that of membership liaison between any Club Sponsors and the Club, plus advertising Club activities and promotions.
2. Coordinate member participation in events promoting the Club.
3. To organize Automotive Events, such as Auto Fair, Parades and Car Shows.

In case you missed it, we're looking for people willing to have their car on display at the Awards Banquet. Our new venue for the banquet will give us the unique opportunity to display a few cars inside the building and outside with some special lighting. It would be great to see a car from each generation on display. If you are interested please let me know.

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

Steve Pelchat
President

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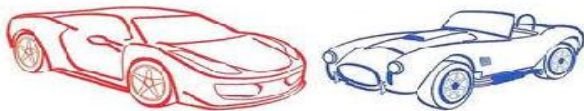
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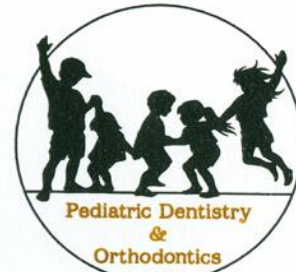
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Members interested in joining the fun should contact the following to be added to the email list:

Nelson Sprague (barnel@carolina.rr.com) – Monthly Men's Luncheon

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

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

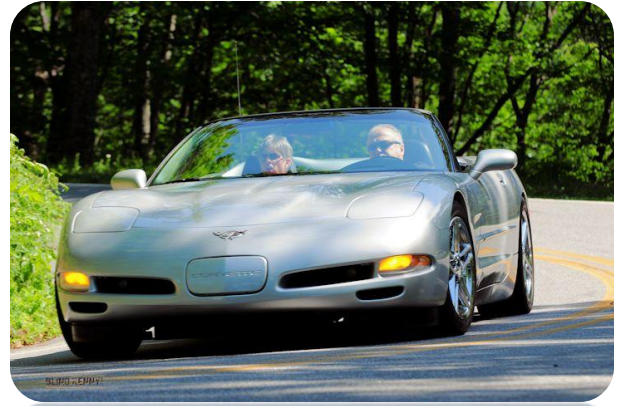
Come see what QCCC is all about and join friends, make new friends, at the dinners and lunches!!!!!!!!!!

Crossroads

With the Vice President Keith Cross

If you missed our August Business Meeting I don't know how to explain how good Eddie's BBQ was. When you add all the great dishes the members brought...wow what a feast. Everyone had a great time. We had a great turn out with many new and longtime members coming out to join us. This was our largest turn out this year for an event. Our

October Business Meeting we will be held at the **Streetside Classics – Charlotte**. Our meeting will be held at their showroom at 5400 West WT Harris Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28269, telephone 704-598-2130. For all the details of the event on October 13th please visit the **QCCC Website** for times, directions and details. **Remember to bring your chairs**. To see the flyer just click on www.queencitycorvette.com and then click on "View Our Event Calendar". Come out and see what they have to offer. Who knows your next car might be there just waiting on you!



Now another "Did You Know".



Has It Really Been 50 Years?



2003 was a special year for the Corvette. It had been in production for 50 years, a milestone by any measure. The success of the Corvette was a tribute to the fact that it never lost sight of it's original intentions: fast affordable fun with an abundance of style and pizzazz.



Corvette owners celebrated the 50th with parties, caravans, a road tour involving conventions, Nashville KY, the Corvette Museum and the Bowling Green manufacturing facility. In 2002, Corvette was the honored marque at the [Monterey historic automobile races](#) in August.



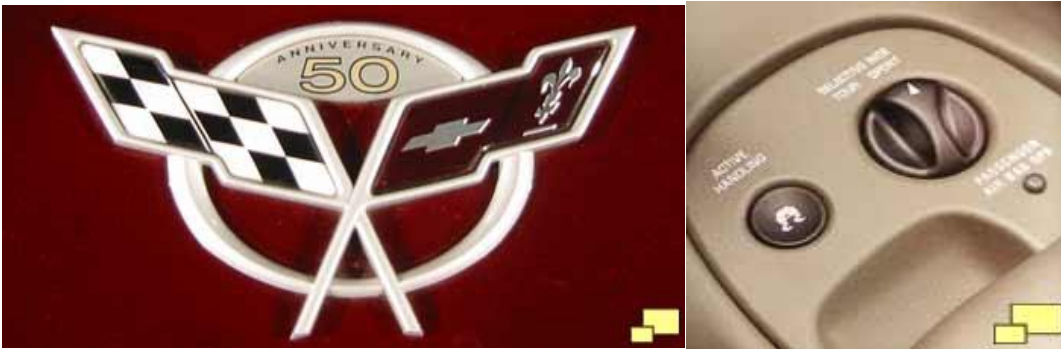
A 2003 Corvette paced the 2002 Indy 500. Although no pace car replicas were available, a Indy 500 decal package could be had for \$495.00.



A 50th Anniversary Edition Corvette (RPO 1SC; \$5,000) was available for 2003. It included an Anniversary Red exterior paint along with a Shale interior (below) and convertible top. RPO 1SC was not available with the Z06.



All 2003 Corvettes, including the Z06, were treated to 50th Anniversary emblems on the nose (below left).



Active Suspension Arrives

Corvette engineers got a lot closer to active suspension nirvana with the introduction of the Magnetic Selective Ride Control (RPO F55; \$1,695.00) introduced in 2003 (above right). It was miles ahead of the previous Selective Real Time Damping (RPO F45; \$1,695.00) which also adjusted the suspension but was slow doing so. The Magnetic Selective Ride Control (MSRC) equipped Corvettes had an advanced shock absorber system which featured a fluid with tiny iron particles. An electronically controlled magnet changed the fluid in a way that caused it to flow through the orifices at a controlled rate. This had the effect of making the shock absorbers quickly adjustable for all driving conditions. The system had two modes: Active and Sport.



Left: without MSRC; Right: with MSRC. The difference is obvious; with all tires contacting the ground handling is greatly improved. Ride quality was excellent with the MSRC, which is where the advantage of being able to quickly adjust the shocks really comes into its own. MSRC was not available with the Z06 which is probably a reflection of its pure performance intentions.



Source: The Corvette Story

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

See you at the Crossroads,

Keith Cross



Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

September 8, 2012

5:30– 6:15PM

Meeting Held at: Eddie & Jane's BBQ

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

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

DISCUSSION

President:

Approved the minutes.

Thanked Eddie and Jane Burt for the BBQ we had over 160 people attend

Dues will increase to \$100 to cover cost increases.

Initiation fee is increased to \$10.

We have four Board positions open for 2013. The nominations will close in October.

Congratulations Walter Arhens he will be 98 in November.

Membership:

Introduced the guests: Eddie Burt Jr., Christopher Ham, Richard Hartsell, Adele Gower, Bob Rossi and Nancy Jones, Jack and Linda Rosette, Bob & Shelly Bernado, Nancy Jones.

Voted in for Membership: Marcia Jackson, Michael Bullard, Nichole Quackenbush, Mary Jean Maples.

We have 276 Members or 149 families.

10 advertisers--Tom Gibbs is here at the BBQ.

Vice President:

October 13th Meeting is at Street Side Classics on WT Harris Blvd. Check the website for information.

Automotive:

Matthews Alive Parade went well. The Mint Hill Madness is September 29th.

September 15th: Car Care Day.

Sept 22&23 Auto Fair --Need 5 cars for Saturday and 10 for Sunday

Quarter Mile Contest Awards: Al Kessel, Steve Pelchat, Keith Cross, Jeff Crosby, Larry Miller, Bob Becker.

Ladies Award: Laura Pelchat, Bill Davidson, Darryl Kirkley.

Treasurer: Bank Balance

Social:

Next Sunday Catawba Queen Cruise. Any Ladies interested in a Drive Vettes on the Point email Laura.

October 14th--Fall Tour Cruise.

December Meeting--Christmas Party with presents.

January Banquet-- Plans for a silent auction.

TBD -- Chili Cook-off planned

Secretary:

Birthdays for September were Becky Ross, Norm Jungmann, Judy Goodison, Pat Bales, Gloria McCoy, Sharon Meredith, Kay Cook, Phillip Lewis, Steve Bales, Paul Schultz, Vanessa Morgan, Gary St John, Fred Lentz and JC Roberts.

Corvette Museum:

You can purchase raffle tickets from Helen Jensen.
Pledges for the Motorsports Park are due November 1st.
2013 Bash --one room left 29 cars signed up. Call Paul if interested.
The QCCC Club Banner is flying at the Museum.

Prize winners: Jack and Sandy Warlick, Keith and Kelly Cross, John and Helen Jensen, Karl Bartlett and Tracey Comfort, Morris and Jo Graham, Bill & Merle Elko, Jack Ross, Walt and Wendy Krupowicz, John and Wendy Callahan, Paul Pelkey.
50/50 winner \$172 Suki Hamm.

Other Business:

Wade Stickels--20th anniversary with 5th National Caravan.
Sept 28th & 29th kickoff, Dale Earnhart Chevrolet Tour on Friday and a cruise-in on Saturday.
See the newsletter for information. Registration closes on 9-16.

Adjourned at 6:15

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lewis, Secretary





Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 4, 2012

Time: 5:50pm – 8:20

Location: Smith & Stevenson

Board Members: Steve Pelchat, President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; John Walton, Automotive Director. **Visitors:** Jane & Eddie Burt

President Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order at 5:50pm. Jane & Eddie Burt went over the details for Burt's BBQ. Picking up 150 pounds of meat Thursday, tables & porta-john have been ordered. Neighbors, police & fire have been notified. 187 people have responded, 15 tents will be there. Workers to arrive at 3:00, Members 4:00, Meal 5:00, meeting 6:30.

Automotive Director Report – John Walton

- AutoBarn car show is coming up, board decision that we will send out notice since they let us use their facility free of charge
- November 3rd NASCAR Tech openhouse.
- Sign up sheets for Auto Fair will be at the meeting.
- Car Care set for September 15th
- Mint Hill Madness Parade 29th, need 5 cars.
- Auto Cross will be a ZMax November 10th starting at 7:30am. CCR-SCCA is conducting it, John will provide details as they become available.

Vice President's Report – Keith Cross

- October meeting will be at Streetside Classics, they will be providing snacks. Club needs to bring chairs.
- Checking on NASCAR Tech for November meeting.
- Have received a couple of suggestions from members for possible meeting locations, checking them out.

Membership Director's Report – Chris Wood

- 272 members, 148 families.
- Good response on the T-shirts for sale. Will get details on flags for cars, and possibly static clings.
- Discussion of sending emails. Automotive & Social will be sending out their own.
- Chris delivered our banner from NCM display, given to John for display at automotive events.

Social Director's Report – Laura Pelchat

- Discussion of silent auction procedures at Awards Banquet
- Banquet & Christmas party on target. Details finalized after budget review.
- January meeting arranged. Hopefully Chili Cookoff & Hotdog dinner.

President Steve Pelchat finished discussion on the by-law reviews. Board voted approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes submitted by Laura Pelchat, for Linda Lewis, Secretary

Route & Track



Winner, winner, chicken dinner! Sometimes, in a quiet moment, I wonder how this phrase originated. It sounds as though it may have been uttered by an excited (as in “Beer”) NASCAR fan as he threw his used Bojangle’s box onto the track. In any event we have several winners to recognize this month. After three consecutive rainouts we finally got to contest the ¼ Mile on ZMax Dragway.

Those scoring Sportsman points were:

Ladies Class	Laura Pelchat	14.05 seconds	101.45 mph	3 points
Class II	Keith Cross	13.55	102.59	3
Under 375 HP	Steve Pelchat	13.77	102.59	2
	Al Kessel	13.99	101.63	1
Class I	Bob Becker	12.90	111.80	3
Under 500 HP	Larry Miller	12.98	112.50	2
	Jeff Crosby	13.47	110.40	1
Class Unlimited	Darrell Kirkley	10.90	129.97*	3
	John Walton	12.67	117.40	0

*Roll cage req'd

Start shopping for next year’s drag radials now.

Winners at the Fall 2012 Auto Fair were:

Best of Show	Rick Mills
Best C1/C2	Tommy Loftin
Best C3/C4	Robert Morgan
Best C5	Keith Cross
Best C6	Brian & Michelle Moore
Best Specialty	Jim & Betty Cerniglia
Best Modified	Jack & Betty Brunton

Thanks to Morris Graham, Craig Smith, and Keith Cross for swapping judging with the Ford Owner’s Association. They got the better deal as they had fifty cars at the show. We had 24 cars on Saturday and 20 on Sunday against our target of 30 cars. We should consider lowering our commitment at future Auto Fairs, if in fact they do not lower it for us.

Thanks to Jim Appleyard, Steve Ham, and Bill Rambo for driving in the Matthews Alive Festival parade. The girls and their families do appreciate it

About twenty folks attended Car Care Day. Thanks to Wally and Anita Crawford for hosting this valuable event once again. If you have a problem with your Corvette and do not discuss it with Wally and/or Michael you are missing a good bet.

At press time only Tom Cramer has committed to drive in the Mint Hill Madness Parade. Thanks Tom! We should consider our commitment to parades.

There are no automotive events scheduled for October, but the NASCAR Technical Institute Open House is scheduled for November 3rd and the final Sportsman event, the SCCA Autocross is scheduled for the 10th, so hold the date.

Still America's Sports Car
John





If you are going to Vettes on the Point and have not received information regarding driving there together, please let me know, because I evidently don't have you on the list.

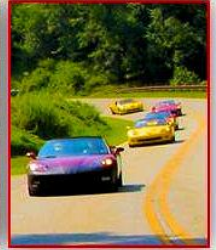
October 14, the Sunday after our business meeting, Foothills Corvette Club will be having their annual Fall Tour, which includes a stop at Shatley Springs for lunch. If you are interested in going with a group from QCCC, please let me know. They need a count by the 9th.

As mentioned at the meeting, the third annual Deck the Halls wine passport event for 13 Surry County wineries will run from Nov. 1, 2012 until Jan. 15, 2012. Passport holders will be entitled to a wine tasting in a special commemorative glass at each winery along with a 2012 handcrafted ornament from each of the participating wineries. Passports will also include wine-related recipes, special offers from area businesses, and a schedule of activities throughout the Christmas season. Entertainment at the wineries, and food and wine pairings, are a couple examples of activities. Passports are \$60 or individuals or \$95 per couple. Let me know if you are interested, I can make arrangements to purchase the passports, and we can arrange at least one group outing. You could go any many times as you want during the ten weeks. I will need your money at the October meeting.

Any questions or suggestions, please call.
Hope to see you at the meeting.

Laura
704-806-1113
LSPelchat@yahoo.com





National Corvette Museum Corner

. Wow, what a response to the trip to the NCM for the 2013 Bash. So far, we have 37 cars on the attendance list. I have gone to the Hilton Garden Inn three times for rooms. I still have three rooms available if anyone else is interested in joining in on the excitement. I double checked with the NCM to re-confirm the C7 would indeed be there. I was more than a little concerned that I could be in danger if I enticed everyone to make the trek and come up empty on the new Corvette. It promises to be worth the trip.

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/corvettemuseum> to get a virtual tour of the museum on line. There are several videos giving you a great preview of the NCM.

The NCM has kicked off a new drive to increase membership. It is called the One + One Campaign and gets all members involved. If you are presently a member of the museum and sign up a new member, then both you and the new recruit will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes. One of them is a two day Z06 driving school at the Bondurant facility in Arizona. So, start going after your friends that have put off joining the museum. The contest remains open until the Bash next year.

If you are signed up to receive the NCM e-News (and why aren't you?), you saw that Rick Hendrick has donated \$100,000.00 to the Motorsports Park fund drive. This donation goes a long way to getting the asphalt on the dirt by the 2014 caravan. Be sure and get your pledges to Steve Pelchat before the first of December so we can make our presentation and be present at the Winners Circle banquet at the Bash. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder: Helen Jensen still has raffle tickets for the 2013 Red Corvette coupe. It's only \$10.00 for a chance to win one of the last C6's.

Save the Wave!

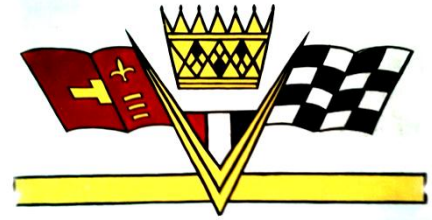
Paul Mariano,
NCM Ambassador



Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith



More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past

Spotlight on one of our early contributors

It is past time we salute one of our own. You will find guys who get excited about some Corvettes, but rarely do you find someone who is hyper about every Corvette. You can be driving, and in a good conversation, and suddenly he will shout out, "Look a C-5". Travis says the first time he met Richard Craig was at the staging motel on Hwy 49 for the first Corvette --Porsche challenge. Trav says Richard came up and introduced himself and 2 hours later he was still talking Corvettes. You probably don't know, but he started with a 59, then a 61, followed by a 64, then 2 x 1967's. A short gap followed while other things in life took the front burner, then a beautiful 77 black over saddle that he bought from Dollar Bill Ingram. Next was a brand new 85, which he still has, and then a 2000 that he traded for his current atomic orange 08 Z06. You can see his Corvette passion in the shine of that atomic orange. We don't know how he gets it that bright.

Richard spent most of his youth in Florida and he tells us about the day he was working on his 55 Chevy in the driveway of his family home. As is usually the case with shade tree mechanics, there was a stuck bolt. In his youthful enthusiasm the car was up on a jack. While Dicky Doo was lying under the front end and tugging on the bolt, you guessed it, the car slid off the jack and on his chest. He immediately cried out for help from his father inside the home. One thing saved him that day; it was pre-air conditioned home days so his father heard him thru the open window. He ran to his aid, jacking the car up off his chest. Obviously his father was not happy about all this, so Richard went at once to buy some jack stands. If you know Richard, you might be thankful that you have had that opportunity, as it was quite a close call.

Also you should know one more thing about Richard from those days. What might have really saved his life that day was his passion for gymnastics. You see he was quite the gymnast and weighed about 110 pounds soaking wet. Had he been normal size like his vintage beer drinking buddies he would probably have been squashed. This might also explain the success he found later in QCCC racing. Anyone who can jump around like that and land on a 4 inch beam must have great hand eye co-ordination.

So, as Paul Harvey used to say, "Now you know the rest of the story".

Be sure and tell Richard you are glad you had a chance to know him. He's a QCCC keeper---top shelf.

QCCC Newest Members July 2012



Michael Bullard
1987 Red Metallic Coupe



Nicole Quakenbush
2010 Black Grand Sport Conv



Marcia Jackson

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





From Track to Street

NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing's next event is the 10-hour/1,000-mile Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta in Braselton, Ga., on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Corvette Racing Sweeps ALMS GT Championships with VIR 240 Victory

Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner won the American Le Mans Series GT Drivers Championship with a victory today in the VIR 240 at Virginia International Raceway. Their fourth victory in nine races clinched the GT Manufacturer Championship for Chevrolet and wrapped up the GT Team Championship for Corvette Racing.

"This is the kind of day you hope for - a perfect race, a great race car, the right pit calls, and no drama," said Milner. "I got my start in professional sports car racing at VIR, so to get my first championship here in my home state of Virginia is very special. I can't say enough for Oliver and the Corvette Racing crew; they've been best friends from the day that I arrived. Just a great day!"



Gavin avoided trouble in a chaotic start and took the lead at 42 minutes into the four-hour race. A well-timed pit stop at the one-hour mark put the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R in control with Milner taking the two middle stints. Gavin then drove the final hour and crossed the finish line with a 19.5-second margin of victory over the second-place No. 45 Porsche.

Other Corvette Related Items of interest.

http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.smh.com.au/executive-style/motors/stolen-corvette-found-in-container-20120918-263ut.html&ct=ga&cad=CACQAhgAIAAoATACOAJAmKjigqVIAVAAWABiBWVuLVVT&cd=5QxGb6SMi_k&usg=AFQjCNFXH8Rmwey17ZtjMlq1GcaGeFIQsA Interesting Article about a stolen Corvette.

Ken Watts wants club members to know that the **AutoBarn Classic Car Show** is scheduled for Saturday, October 6th at the AutoBarn location in Concord. Ken & Tommy Loftin are planning on attending and ask that anyone interested in attending contact them. Contact Ken at ken-lois@carolina.rr.com or 704-785-9196. Ken has spoken with Tom at AutoBarn and he said he would reserve however many spots QCCC needs so that we can show together. This is usually a fun little show and proceeds going to a good cause.

“Heads-Up”

October 13,

2012 Business Meeting

Announcement

****Notice to Bring Chairs****

Streetside Classics - Charlotte

Streetside Classics is an automotive company that offers purchasing and selling of Classic and Muscle Cars. They have graciously agreed to host our October meeting at their Charlotte Showroom. So come early as you like and take some time to look over the cars. Who knows, your next dream car could be in their showroom right now. Chairs will **NOT** be provided, so **bring your own folding chair**. If you are curious about what Streetside Classics is all about check out their website to learn more. Plus to get directions to their Charlotte location visit them at – <http://www.streetsideclassics.com/>

The address for Streetside Classics - Charlotte is as follows:

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Look forward to seeing everyone there!!

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Spotting a Corvette in Ireland

By Charlie Binder

Earlier this month Iris and I traveled through Ireland; renting a right hand drive Renault 5 speed diesel and experiencing driving on the left side for the first time. We were fortunate in that diesel fuel is less expensive than gasoline in Ireland (only about \$8.25 per gallon versus \$9 for gas) and that this trusty Renault was getting us between 35 and 40 mpg.

Of course most of the cars in Ireland are small fuel efficient vehicles. However, in the town of Kilkenny, we had the opportunity to catch the end of a "Cannon Ball" rally. It involved over a hundred high end (and not necessarily fuel efficient) European cars bearing the nameplates of Aston Martin, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Bentley, etc, that were involved in a three day rally across different areas of Ireland.

The finishing line was adjacent to the famed Kilkenny Castle and the entire area was crowded with Irish enthusiasts who had come to see the event and the slick looking cars. The drivers finished the rally by driving through a two hundred yard roadway lined with onlookers on each side. They thrilled the crowd with burning rubber and showing off their loud exhausts (sound familiar?).

Scattered among the group were a few American cars: left hand drive Camaros and Mustangs. But leading the rally was a lone black C6 coupe and it was getting lots of attention from the locals!

