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On The Cover:

DEI Inc. with Caravan Corvettes from NC, SC, VA. Don't miss future events. Getting ready for the 2014 NCM Caravan.

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've had some response from people interested in displaying their car at the Awards Banquet, but still have a few spots available. We definitely need a C4 and a C5, and we have enough space for a couple of duplicated generations. If you're interested, let me know this month. Talk to me at the meeting or give me a call if you have any questions about the details.

There are some people that still need to send in their pledges for the NCM One Acre Club. You can give me a check at the meeting, or handle it directly through the museum with your charge card. We plan to present a "ceremony" check to the museum at the 2013 Spring Bash.

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

Steve Pelchat
President



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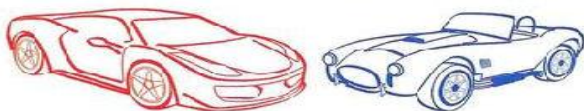
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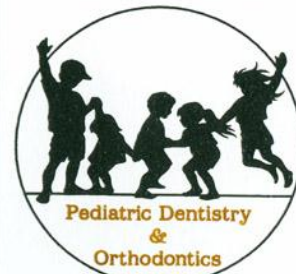
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Members interested in joining the fun should contact the following to be added to the email list:

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

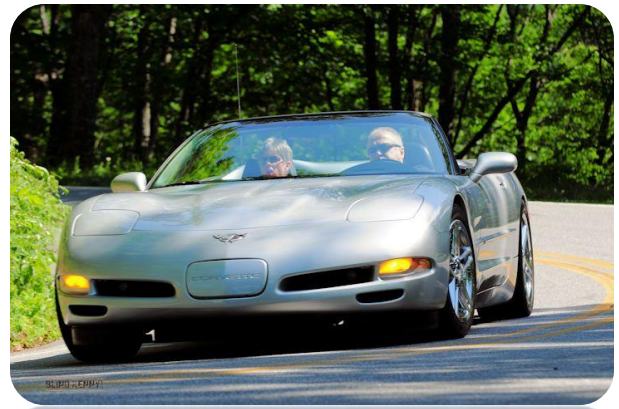
Come see what QCCC is all about and join friends, make new friends, at the dinners and lunches!!!!!!!!!!

Crossroads

With the Vice President Keith Cross

For our October Business Meeting at Streetside Classics – Charlotte, we had a great turn out and a goodtime. Everyone there enjoyed some social time and looking over some nice cars. Now for the November Business Meeting, we will be heading to Concord where we will be meeting at **AutoBarn Classic Cars**. The location is 325 McGill Ave, Ste.

500, Concord, NC 28027, Tel: 704-788-2765. If you have not been there before, the entrance is at the very rear of the complex. If you are curious about what AutoBarn is all about check out their website to learn more - <http://www.autobarnclassiccars.com/default.aspx>. Come early to view the cars in the showroom. To get all the details about our November meeting, 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”.



Now another “**Did You Know**”.



Last of the C6



Anniversaries are a top priority in the Corvette story, starting with the 25th anniversary edition in 1978 and continuing with a 35th edition in 1988, a 40th edition in 1993 and a 50th year model in 2003. So it wasn't much of a surprise when, on January 12, 2012, a 60th anniversary Chevrolet Corvette was announced. What did surprise - and delight - Corvette fans was the form that the new special edition would take: a convertible with the 427 cubic inch LS7 motor.



The new convertible featured the same 427 cubic inch engine in the much admired and respected Z06. It is similarly rated at 505 horsepower and 470 lb.-ft. of torque. It is the most powerful engine ever in a production Corvette convertible and recalls fond memories of the 1966 through 1969 model years when the exact same engine displacement was available in Corvette convertibles. Performance estimates included a 0-60 mph time of 3.8 seconds and a 1/4 mile acceleration of 11.8 seconds with lateral acceleration of 1.04g and a top speed of 190 mph. As with the Z06 and ZR1, weight saving carbon fiber was used extensively, including the raised hood (as on the 2011 Z06 carbon edition), the fenders and floor panels. The new convertible tipped the scales 3,355 lbs. slightly heavier than fixed roof Z06 @ 3,132 lbs. As with the Z06 and ZR1, the only transmission available is a six speed manual.



2013 would be the last year for the C6 generation. There were strong indications that the C7 would feature lower displacement engines, partly due to more stringent fuel economy requirements. Engine technology was advancing such that the high power level outputs would still be available however.

But there was some sadness in the announcement as it was apparent that an era - that of the 427 cubic inch displacement engine - would come to an end, never to be seen again in a production Corvette.

A 60th anniversary package would also be available on the other Corvette models and would include a Arctic White exterior with a Blue Diamond leather wrapped interior with suede accents. The convertible top will be blue. An optional graphics package adds full-length racing stripes in Pearl Silver Blue, including a tonal stripe stitched into the convertible top, extending the graphic theme over the roof. All 2013 Corvettes will feature special 60th anniversary badging on the fascias and the interior waterfall area of convertibles and 60th anniversary logos on the instrument panel and sill plates.





The 60th anniversary nose emblem is the same emblem that also appears on the interior waterfall area and beneath the rear spoiler.



For a Good Cause: VIN 001



Saturday, January 21, 2012: The first 2013 Chevrolet Corvette 427 Convertible sold for \$600,000 at the [Barrett-Jackson](http://www.barrett-jackson.com) auction in Scottsdale Arizona. The lucky bidder was Ron Pratte. All proceeds going to support AARP's Drive to End Hunger food relief program, so a tax deduction can be factored into the price. Eddie Vannoy sweetened the deal by \$100,000 so a total of \$700,000 went to the very worthwhile charity.



Above left: AARP President Joanne Jenkins (left) and Hendrick Motorsports President Rick Hendrick unveil and pose with the 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition. Hendrick Motorsports along with driver Jeff Gordon assisted with the promotional efforts and worked with GM to present the special edition Corvette.

Source: The Corvette Story

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

See you at the Crossroads,

Keith Cross



Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

October 13,2013

6:00PM – 7:00PM

Meeting Held at: Street Wise Classic Cars

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 Street Wise Classic Cars for hosting our meeting.

Nominations for 2014 Board are as closed. We will vote on the following at the November meeting: Keith Cross-President, Bill Rambo-Vice President, Jim Weisberg-Treasurer, Carolyn Zimmer-Secretary, Laura Pelchat-Social Director, Automotive Director-Tommy Loftin, Membership-Chris Wood.

Membership:

Introduced the guests: Guy and Jean Bising, Neal Roselle, Bob Rossi, Jack and Linda Rossette, David Poinsdexter with daughter Zoey.

Voted in for Membership: Bob and Shelly Bernado

We have 280 Members or 151 families.

Vice President:

Introduced Christian Sales from Street Side Classics. Largest consignment dealership in the nation. They have a \$150 referral for a sale. Donated T-shirts for the membership as prizes.

They sponsor Toys for Tots in December. All are welcome.

Prize winners: Clark Belvin and Steve Laurent.

November 10th meeting is at Auto Barn in Concord. Check the website for information.

December 15th meeting is at Dilworth Neighborhood Grill for the Christmas party.

Automotive:

Auto Fair Best C1 C2 Tommy Loftin

October 26h --Oakboro Cruise-in--We will eat in Locust on the way back.

November 3rd--NASCAR Technical Institute open house. We will be parking outside.

November 10th--Auto Cross--Cost \$40.

Treasurer: Bank Balance

Social Director:

October 14th--Fall Tour Cruise ends at Shatley Springs

Winery Tour \$85 per couple and Christmas lights tour in the works.

December 15th--Christmas Party with presents. Time:5pm to 10pm Cost:\$7.50 per person.

January Banquet--Plans for a silent auction.

Secretary:

Happy Birthday October members; Barbara Sprague, Steve Ebert, Barbara Mariano, Richard Craig, Doug Wright, Bob Paynter, Robert Morgan, Paul Mariano, Donna Perry, Merrilyn Harmon and Karen St. John.

Corvette Museum:

Join the Museum-- Contact Paul Mariano.

Pledges for the Motorsports Park are due November 1st.

2013-- Bash in April Still has a few hotel rooms left.

Helen Jensen is selling raffle tickets to win a new Corvette.

2014--20th Anniversary Caravan at the Museum.

Other Business:

Changes in By-Laws--Approved by 2/3 of the Membership.

The following were the major changes.

Membership dues are due on January 15th and July 15th

Reminders will be sent beginning in October.

January 15th if you have not paid your dues, you are delinquent and

Last day of February -- You are out of the club if you have not paid your dues.

John Meadows-- Thanks for helping with the Homecoming Parades. Please sign up.

Carolyn and Don Zimmer are handling the club jackets. If you are a new member email her at carolynz77@yahoo.com.

Meeting adjourned at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lewis, Secretary

November

3	NASCAR Technical Institute Open House	Details & Information
10	QCCC Business Meeting	Details & Information
10	Autocross at Z-Max	
17	Concord Parade	
18	Monroe Parade	

December

1	Indian Trail Parade	
15	QCCC Christmas Party & Business Meeting	

Route & Track



The times they are a' changin'. After several years of displaying our cars at the NASCAR Technical Institute Open House we will skip the November 3rd. event. The folks at NASCAR Tech can no longer accommodate our cars inside the building. The November weather being what it is around here only three cars signed up for the display making our participation not viable. The SCCA folks say the November 10th Autocross event at ZMax dragway is still on,

although at this writing it is not on their calendar. Darrell Kirkley and I ran our cars at the Metrolina Expo SCCA autocross on October 28th so there will be a winner. But if you really don't want it to be Darrell or me, plan to come out at ZMax and get a time for your class. (Hint: Darrell ran about twice as fast as I did even counting the time he was going sideways). I will post a link to the SCCA calendar when it is updated.

Holiday parades are scheduled for Concord on November 17th., Monroe on November 18th., and Indian Trail on December 1st. Preliminary estimates are that only 2 to 3 cars will be needed for each parade. Signup sheets will be available at the November business meeting.

Still America's Sports Car

John





The holidays will be here before you know it. Two important dates to put on your calendar:

1. Saturday, December 15th is our December meeting and Christmas party.
2. Saturday, February 2nd will be our Awards Banquet.

Based on the survey we did at the beginning of the year, we are making some changes to both of these events.

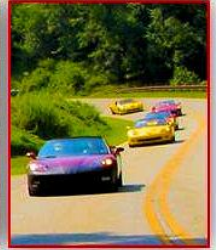
The Christmas Party is at a restaurant this year, The Dilworth Neighborhood Grill, at the corner of East Morehead and McDowell. We are catering the party, so you won't have to bring any food, but there will be a slight charge to cover some of your meal. You can pay at the November meeting, or send me a check made out to QCCC by December 1st. The cost will be \$7.50 a person and covers appetizer, dessert, non-alcoholic beverages, and a meal of Penne pasta, grilled chicken skewers, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed green salad, sautéed mixed vegetables. We will be having a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange, so if you want to take part, bring a gift costing between \$10.00-\$15.00.

I'm looking into a few possibilities for a Christmas Lights tour. If you have a suggestion, please let me know.

Laura
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*1st Picture:
Wendy & daughter
2nd Picture: Wendy's
Daughter and Daughter
In Walt & Wendy's
1969 Corvette*



National Corvette Museum Corner

Well that didn't take long. So what am I talking about? It was announced on Thursday that the NCM would place 150 tickets on sale for the C7 Corvette Reveal in Detroit on January 13, 2013. It was first come, first serve starting on-line at 10:00AM EST on Monday. Ten minutes later all 150 tickets were gone. This event is part of the NCM's Museum In Motion (MIM) promotions and will be one of the most exciting. Included in the trip is attendance at the private first C7 showing on Sunday 1/13/13, attendance to the Press Preview showing on Monday 1/14/13, and a tour of the GM Heritage Center. Those QCCC members getting in under the wire were Bob & Marilyn Becker, Chris Wood & Peggy Marlowe and Paul & Barbara Mariano. It should be a blast.

If you didn't get to make the Detroit Auto Show and see the public reveal of the C7, you can still see it in the "Fiberglass" during the NCM Bash in April. I still have a few rooms available at the Hilton Garden Inn for the event. The dates for the event, including travel, are April 24-28. Please join us for this special outing.

Just a little insight into the Corvette raffles which are conducted by the NCM. Contrary to the belief of many, GM does not give these cars to the museum but they are purchased, at invoice price, from a local dealer. These Corvettes are provided on an allocated basis and just recently the NCM was allowed to be eligible for any rebates or promotional discounts. Without the income generated by these raffles, the museum would have to close its doors. So, when Helen Jensen asks you to buy a raffle ticket, don't just look at it as a chance to win a new Corvette but that you are keeping the NCM on a sound financial footing. Thank you.

Time is rapidly winding down to the 2014 National Corvette Caravan so start making your plans for that Labor Day event. If you don't have your window decal and window flag yet, see Wade Stickels or Chris Wood for them. The proceeds from their sale will ensure another outstanding Carolina caravan. If you're not sure about going along, talk to someone on the 2009 Caravan to see how much fun you can have.

I encourage everyone, member and non-member, to sign up for all the free information the museum distributes electronically. The most informative media format is the e-News. Signing up is easy. Just go to www.corvettemuseum.com and on the opening page pull down "Newsletter" and click on "Subscribe to NCM e-News". Check all the notices you would like to receive on the form. If you are also interested in the 2014 Caravan, go to www.corvettecaravan.com and sign up for the Caravan Chat. Don't be left in the dark for all the upcoming events.



NCM Ambassador



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Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano,

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith



More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past

Pads New Pad

Summer of 74 B\Brillo Pad had had enough of Illinois snow, that fell white in October but was very yellow in March. At his annual New Year's Eve party (12 below zero, ice and snow on streets), he announced to the Central Illinois Corvette attendees that this would be his last New Year's in Illinois. He then proceeded to look at places he had been, Texas, California, Arkansas, looking for warm weather, beaches and mountains. In August, while at his 10 year high school reunion, a conversation ensued with a classmate who was then living in Winston-Salem. What followed in November was a 7 day tour of North Carolina and an interview with Revco Drug. Three days after returning home, the phone rang with a job offer to manage Revco's new store at Lawyers and Albemarle roads, opening December 3. Yikes, a house to put on the market, a ranchero, a pristine, rarely driven 70 coupe, a 63 split window coupe and a Schnauser puppy all had to be in North Carolina in 10 days. Corvette friends to the rescue: Butch Southwell located a trailer (very used and able to carry an I-9 dozer). He installed brakes, lights, and all wiring to make it passable. Dale Lael agreed to drive the 70 if he could get a ticket to fly back. The Schnauser had no choice. Now for the biggest mistake he made. You see in the Midwest, towns always grew to the west with people pursuing their fortunes. I.e. the west side of town was always the new and nicest part of the community. So Brillo knew, after two days of driving, he would need a motel until he could secure a rental residence. He also decided not to go for a Days Inn or similar place as his beloved 63 would be in the lot for several days. So he did the research on small family owned one story motels of the day and secured a room for him and Lael on Wilkinson Boulevard (the growing nice west side of Charlotte.) The trip was uneventful until they arrived at the motel. After checking in and parking the trailer along with the 63, things changed. It seems you could rent by the hour, and, had drive-by shootings been invented in 74, we would have known why there were bullet holes in the door. The next day Lael was put on a plane and Brillo frantically searched and found a rental home on Valley Grove Road off Idlewild. However for 2 nights the 63 and 70 were really at risk. Brillo aged about a decade in 2 days. On the 3rd day, he made two trips down Wilkinson to Independence to Idlewild to Valley Grove with first one then the other Corvette. On the journey with the 63 at Independence and Hawthorne stoplight he came up next to a yellow 71 roadster. The gentlemen inside was Shad Alberty (senior member of QCCC) Shad downed the window and said where you goin' with that great corvette. Brillo said just moved to town and didn't know a soul. Shad in his ever gracious way said the local corvette club had a clubhouse just down Independence on the left and he should stop by for a beer. This being Sunday, Brillo waited until Monday and found the clubhouse with cars in the yard and knocked on the door. To his surprise a young lady answered and there were about a dozen women inside having a baby shower. He was told to come back on beer drinking night, which was Wednesday, and he did and he met some of the best people you could ever hope to make friends with. So Brillo's journey began 38 years ago this December, what great fun QCCC and all its members have brought into his life and he only hopes he has made their lives more fun also. Sadly the 70 and 63 and Schnauser are gone but not their memories. Now new friends and two new C6's have kept the passion going. Thanks to all in QCCC for making life great for a young 27 year old 860 miles away from family and old friends.

QCCC Newest Members October 2012



Mary Jane (MJ) Maples (September)

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







Editors Notes: Are you enjoying the pictures? There are many more on our web site. Be sure to visit our site as it is one of the best in the country. Bob and Marilyn Becker do a great job for QCCC as our Web Site Directors. Be sure to let them know. We now have a Mobile Link to the QCCC website.

www.queencycorvette.com/m/qccmobile.html



From Track to Street

NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing's next event is the 12-hour at Sebring, FL March 16th, 2013. Come see Boyd & John at the start finish line.

The Year in Review: Corvette Racing's Championship Season

As Chevrolet celebrated the 60th year of Corvette production, Chevrolet's Corvette Racing team reigned in the production-based GT class in the 2012 American Le Mans Series. In 10 ALMS races, the twin Compuware Corvette C6.Rs posted four victories, six runner-up finishes, 12 podium appearances, two poles, and five fastest race laps.

That performance propelled Corvette Racing to a sweep of the GT class championships. Corvette Racing won the team title and Chevrolet captured the manufacturer championship. Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner won the GT drivers championship in the No. 4 Corvette C6.R, while Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia finished third in the driver standings in the No. 3 Corvette C6.R. Magnussen and Garcia won the Michelin Green X Challenge four times, securing the Green X GT manufacturer championship for Chevrolet. Corvette Racing also won the ALMS From the Fans award in popular voting

Other Corvette Related Items of interest.

John Fitch Race car driver dies at 95.

http://www.autoweek.com/article/20121031/ALMS/121019873?utm_source=DailyDrive20121031&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_term=article1&utm_content=20121031-Racing-legend-John-Fitch-dies-at-95&utm_campaign=awdailydrive

2014 C7 Corvette Engine Specs:

<http://corvetteactioncenter.com/specs/c7-corvette/2014-c7-corvette/2014-c7-corvette-powertrain.html>

Sad News for QCCC: Death of long time member Phil McGwier

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charlotte/obituary.aspx?pid=160735616#fbLoggedOut>



While we were traveling it became a 'game' with Ben and a fellow passenger/Corvette enthusiast from Wisconsin to try and spot a Corvette during excursions in our ports of call. In all of our excursion ports over 10 countries we only spotted one – in Helsinki, Finland. Ben & Jamie Stamey

“Heads-Up”

**November 10, 2012 Business Meeting &
QCCC 2013 Officer Elections**

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

AutoBarn Classic Cars – Concord, NC

AutoBarn Classic Cars is an automotive company who offers marketing, selling and storage services for classic cars in their 60,000 square feet of showroom. They have invited us back and agreed to host our November meeting at their Concord Showroom. So come a little early and take time to look over the cars. Chairs will **NOT** be provided, so bring your own folding chair. If you are curious about what AutoBarn is all about check out their website and learn more - <http://www.autobarnclassiccars.com/>. The address for the AutoBarn Classic Cars is as follows:

AutoBarn Classic Cars
325 McGill Avenue Northwest
Concord, NC 28027
704-788-2765

NOTE: If you have not been to Auto Barn before, it is located at the rear of the large old mill that is at 325 McGill Ave. As you face the mill go completely down the right hand side of the mill and the entrance is a large rollup door on the backside of the old mill building. Please utilize navigation systems or <http://www.mapquest.com> for exact directions from where you are coming.

***** PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF **TIMES** AND REMEMBER TO **BRING YOUR CHAIRS.*******

Social Time: 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!



Carolinas & Virginia 2014 CORVETTE CARAVAN

HEADS UP

Caravan Kick-Off Weekend

Sponsorship Banner Presented to Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet

Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet rolled out the red carpet in a big way for the lucky 125 Corvette Caravan enthusiasts who attended our Kick-Off Event September 28th-29th! The Corvettes covering the semi-circle entrance to DEI added more beauty and color to an already perfect setting. Attendees from all over the Carolinas & Virginia, even Tennessee and Kentucky, enjoyed tours of Dale Earnhardt Technologies and a silent auction benefitting the Dale Earnhardt Foundation. We feasted on a gourmet BBQ dinner with all the trimmings and heard plans for making our Carolinas & Virginia Caravan the best yet!



Thanks to Samuel Jackson, Graphic Designer & Director at Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet for the photos and design of our 2014 Caravan logo!

Our host made available four of Dale Earnhardt's personal Corvettes that had never been seen by the public. An added treat was visiting with and hearing Jack Matukas, Board Chairman of the National Corvette Museum, discuss the latest details of the NCM's Motorsports Park. Jack showed an aerial photo view of the final track layout which was approved just the day before he left Bowling Green for our Kick-Off Event. We want to thank Jack and his wife Donna for bringing the National Corvette Museum Store and Motorsports Park information to our Kick-Off Event!

Saturday's Cruise-In at Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet gave the Corvette Caravan fans an opportunity to make new friends. We enjoyed delicious food prepared by our sponsor, Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet, learned new Corvette detailing tricks from the Adam's Car Care representative, and shopped at the NCM Store. We heard special tips on Caravanning, how to pack a Corvette for trips, plans for activities and stops during our 2014 Caravan and how to assist with fundraising.

We sincerely want to thank our host, Tommy Cross - General Manager, and each of the Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet employees for all their generosity and kindness in making us welcomed! For more information on Dale Earnhardt, Inc., the Dale Earnhardt Foundation, and Dale

Earnhardt Chevrolet, visit these web sites - <http://www.earnhardtchevy.com/HomePage>, <http://www.daleearnhardtinc.com/>. 



2014 Carolinas & Virginia Corvette Caravan Banner presented to Tommy Cross and Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet

Our 1st Caravan banner was presented to Tommy Cross by Paul Mariano, National Caravan Chairman, Frank Sascinoto, Carolinas & Virginia Caravan Captain and Chris Wood. We want to thank the employees of Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet for their generous support and service! Don't forget to check out the Caravan Discount Coupons on this website available from our sponsor!



The 4th Annual Vettes on the Point Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

QCCC Member's Take Part in the *Virginia Corvette Club's* Premier Event

Take a look at the aerial view to the left. This is the sight of the 4th Annual *Vettes on the Point* at beautiful **Smith Mountain Lake, Va.** The event was held October 6th on 8 pristine acres on Smith Mtn. Lake, about 25 miles from Lynchburg, Va. Ten Corvettes from QCCC cruised up on Friday, October 5th for the festivities.

Our trip included a stop and tour of the *D-Day Memorial* in Bedford, Va. After a short drive to Lynchburg, we checked into the host hotel in time to "dust" off our Corvettes and ourselves before leaving for the Kick-Off Reception at a very nice entertainment complex in Lynchburg. Our group had most of the top floor, so there was plenty of room for food, socializing, checking out the vendors, and getting to the cash bar. The event was outstanding with many Corvette clubs from NC, SC, VA, MD, etc., attending. Our QCCC VP Keith Cross, as well as representatives from each of the other Corvette Clubs present, introduced our group and thanked the organizers for their hard work.

Saturday morning, 2 caravans from the host hotel cruised through beautiful Virginia back roads to Smith Mtn. Lake. The day's festivities included visiting with vendors such as the National Corvette Museum, great food, a Wine Garden, a DJ with line dance lessons, Pontoon Boat rides around the lake, Contests, and Car Show judging and awards presentation. We ogled some of the most beautiful Corvettes we had ever seen (some very highly modified) and had a difficult time determining for which to cast our votes. Saturday evening, our group enjoyed a relaxing dinner at Sachiko's Porterhouse in Lynchburg. As usual, when you get a group of QCCC members together over a good meal, some very interesting stories are shared. Those telling some of them can relax, however, because what happens in Lynchburg stays in Lynchburg!

If you've never been to Vettes on the Point and this part of Virginia in the fall, put it on your calendar for next year. This is a very well planned and executed Corvette weekend. The location is breathtaking and the hospitality was exceptional. We saw old Corvette friends and made many new ones!

Thanks to all our QCCC friends who made the trip with us this year. *Chris & Peggy Wood*

