



January 2000



December 25, 1999

Dear Fellow Members:

This Christmas season holds special meaning for Pat and myself. 1999 has been a wonderful year, filled with many fulfilled expectations and fond memories of terrific friends and times. It's also been a year of growth and challenge for us and, as well, many of you. And now the century turns, the new millennium is upon us! It's a time for a bit of reflection, appreciation and setting new goals and objectives.

Our club is in excellent shape! You all have helped to make it strong and vibrant. Our membership is at an all-time record, our treasury in the black, our social calendar full, and our Board members ready to reach new heights. We're going to have a great 2000!

As we segue, a last look at December. Many thanks to the Burts for opening their home for our club Christmas party. Also, thanks to Eddie and Charlie for "cheffing". A perfect evening complete with gifts (including a much sought after '67 big block coupe model), great food and even greater friends.

The club also participated in the Annual Lake Wylie parade. Our caravan paraded Mecklenburg County Sheriff Jim Pendergraph (we put in a good word for all), several Carolina Panthers, and other celebrities. Nine cars were there in all for a beautiful Saturday afternoon event. Jeff pulled off another QCCC outing!

Don't forget to get your reservations in for the club Prom on January 22. Beside the banquet, Nancy has arranged for special gifts and surprises! There's also the awards celebration, dancing and an all 'round fun time. Please clear your calendars and make your reservations early!

Your Y2K Board wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and an especially Happy New Year! Be safe, be happy!

Sincerely,

Fred Fischer

Queen City Corvette Club, Inc.

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QCCC is sanctioned by the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), which has over 14,000 members in the USA. We are a non-profit club (501-C7) which raises money for and participates with various local children's charities. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. 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 a social time afterwards. Our socials are always fun and are focused around food and drink. We've had swimming parties, bar-b-ques, cookouts, day trips and weekend trips. We participate in mountain tours, holiday parades and several homecoming parades at local area high schools. We also participate with several sister Corvette clubs in car shows, drag racing, and autocrossing. After an initiation fee of \$7.00, club dues are only \$8.00 a month, per family, and are to be paid quarterly. These dues go to cover the costs of running the club, mailing newsletters, and subsidizing the costs of our meetings. Club officers serve as volunteers. NCCC dues are \$30.00 a year.

To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least two (2) monthly business meetings within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.

SOCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2000

Nancy asked that I "fill in" for her this month, therefore, the report probably won't be as lengthy or precise as you are used to seeing, but here goes.

Our next monthly meeting will be January 8, 2000 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at a "good old fashion fish camp" called LANEY'S. You can get there by taking I-77 North toward Lake Norman until you get to exit 33. Get off the interstate at this exit turning to the right onto Hwy 21 North. You then go approximately 4 miles and you are there.

Nancy also asked me to remind everyone about the January 22 Banquet at Wyndham Gardens. Cost of the banquet is \$20 per person (\$40 per couple for all you guys that have trouble with figures) with the rest being "picked-up" by the club. Please make your checks payable to "QCCC" and send to Nancy as soon as possible.

On Sunday, December 19, the club delivered Christmas gifts and food to the two "needy families" that we sponsored through a local Social Services organization. The weather was not very good and we had only eight club members participate. We met at Good Old Days and began our journey with the first stop off Nations Ford Road. We arrived to be greeted by only the husband. The wife and kids were out, but expected to return shortly. He was most appreciative and kept saying "we didn't expect all this". In any event, we delivered the gifts and proceeded to the next and final stop.

Our final stop was a family of ten. Before we even arrived, as we were coming down the street, we saw this house with lots of kids on the porch jumping up and down and waving. You could tell that they were waiting with great anticipation and as we began unloading presents and food, everyone was so excited; shaking presents, trying to determine which person got which present, etc. In other words, the lack of enthusiasm at our first stop was repaid 10 times over by this family of ten. Our visit culminated with Bob Denny and Pauline Gray giving the kids (and even Mom and Grandmother) rides in their Corvettes. Note: the kids said "he (Bob) drives fast" – but they really enjoyed the rides and will remember them long after the presents are forgotten. A huge thanks to both Bob and Pauline!

All in all, it turned out to be a great day that we will long remember. Support your club!!!



Eddie Burt

**Carolina Region
2000 Competition Year
Tentative Calendar**

January		All Weekends open	
February	25th/26th	National Meeting, Louisville, KY	
March	4th	Carolina Region Governors Meeting, and Awards banquet	
	18th	Eastern Carolina CC	6 Low Speeds
	25th/26th	Greater Columbia CC	7 Low Speeds
		CC of Columbia	4 Low Speeds
April	1st/2nd	Knoxville Expo	Non-NCCC swap meet
	8th/9th	Charlotte Auto Fair	Non-NCCC swap meet
	15th/16th	Chevys Under Glass	7 Low Speeds
May	6th/7th	Eastern Carolina CC	Concours
	13th/14th	National Meeting, Louisville, KY	
	20th/21st	Southern CC	(4) 1/4 Mile Drag Races
	27th	Carolina CC	Rallye
June	10th	Caro Vettes	Concours
	17th/18th	Queen City CC	7 Low Speeds
		PCL	3 Low Speeds
	24th/25th	Corvette Charleston	7 Low Speeds
		CC of Columbia	3 Low Speeds
July	1st/2nd	Southern CC of Concord	6 High Speeds
	8th/15th	National Convention	Michigan
August	12th/13th	Southern CC of Concord	Concours
	19th/20th	Chevys Under Glass	7 Low Speeds
		PCL	3 Low Speeds
September	2nd/3rd	Free Wheelin' CC	5 High Speeds
	15th/16th	National Meeting, Louisville, KY	
	23rd/24th	Corvettes International	7 Low Speeds
	30th	Confederate CC	Concours
October	1st	Confederate CC	Concours
	7th/8th	Spartanburg CC, Inc	7 Low Speeds
		Southern CC	3 Low Speeds
		Free Wheelin' CC	2 Low Speeds
	14th/15th	Eastern Carolina CC	6 Low Speeds
		NorEast CC	3 Low Speeds
	28th	Knoxville Expo	Non-NCCC Swap Meet

**Carolina Region
2000 Competition Year
Tentative Calendar**

November

4th/5th	Confederate CC	6 Low Speeds
	Carolina CC	6 Low Speeds
	Good Times CC	2 Low Speeds
11th/12th	Neuse River CC	7 Low Speeds
17th/18th	National Meeting, Louisville, KY	

December

9th/10th	Metrolina CC	7 Low Speeds
	NorEast CC	4 Low Speeds

Clubs

1. Carolina Corvettes, Inc.	4169
2. Greater Columbia CC	2820
3. Chevys Under Glass	2711
4. Southern Corvette Club	1913
5. Spartanburg CC, Inc.	1397
6. Queen City CC	917
7. Metrolina CC	821
8. Free Wheelin' CC	720
9. Corvette Charleston	700
10. CC of Columbia	700
11. Plastic Cars Ltd	667
12. Confederate CC	485
13. Southern CC/Concord	149
14. Eastern CC	146
15. CaroVettes	65
16. Neuse River CC	65
17. Good Times CC	57
18. Corvette International	22

Carolina Region Points Standing as of October 18, 1999

Mens

1. Steve Phillips	Chevys Under Glass	547
2. Tim Butler	Carolina Corvettes, Inc.	479
3. Frank Scharf	Carolina Corvettes, Inc.	460
4. Jerry Digges	Greater Columbia CC	457
5. Johnny Haskell	Chevys Under Glass	455
6. Richard Floyd	Greater Columbia CC	453
7. Verne Tomlins	Carolina Corvettes, Inc.	447
8. Don Smith	Carolina Corvettes, Inc.	419
9. Mack Boyte	Metrolina CC	404
10. Pete Dawley	Spartanburg CC, Inc.	399
11. Joe Deshields	Southern Corvette Club	388
12. Mark Dean	Southern Corvette Club	381
13. Bobby Allen	Chevys Under Glass	349
14. Kevin Hill	Carolina Corvettes, Inc.	329
15. Dave Wood	Chevys Under Glass	281
16. Nelson Hoenig	Greater Columbia CC	277
17. Bill Johnston	Greater Columbia CC	232
18. John Hecimovich	Confederate CC	231
19. Scott Cox	Metrolina CC	228
20. Bobby Lomax	Southern Corvette Club	208
21. John Carpenter	Chevys Under Glass	206
22. Mark Davis	Greater Columbia CC	195
23. Bob Denny	Queen City CC	183
24. John Mc Dine	Carolina Corvettes, Inc.	176
25. Jack Marlar	Spartanburg CC, Inc.	169
26. Steve Simmons	Carolina Corvettes, Inc.	141
27. Dan Packard	Chevys Under Glass	141

Ladies

1. Carrie Floyd	Greater Columbia CC	453
2. Judy Depue	Carolina CC, Inc.	397
3. Debbie Simmons	Carolina CC, Inc.	389
4. Amy Burks	Carolina CC, Inc.	259
5. Bambi Cox	Chevys Under Glass	236
6. Chris Smith	Southern CC	226
7. Ruth Turner	Carolina CC, Inc.	125
8. Betty Hoenig	Greater Columbia CC	94
9. Darlene Lozowski	Carolina CC, Inc.	79
10. Lori Barabas	Spartanburg CC, Inc.	70
10. Gail Dawley	Spartanburg CC, Inc.	70

**QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY INVENTORY
DECEMBER 13, 1999**

Per the Club's Constitution and bylaws, an inventory was conducted on Dec. 13, 1999 of all club equipment and property located at our rented storage facility. The incoming President and the Vice President each have a key to the facility with the Vice President retaining the security code to access the facility grounds. It should be noted that the outgoing and incoming Vice Presidents conducted the inventory jointly.

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>
1.	1	Corporate Seal (retained by Treasurer)
2.	1	Portable public address system
3.	4	Portable family radio system (FRS) radios
4.	171	Pylons/Autocross cones
5.	1	Timer with timing equipment
6.	1	Spool of timing equipment wire
7.	9	Orange safety vests
8.	23	Red flags
9.	11	Yellow flags
10.	3	Fire extinguishers
11.	1	Folding table
12.	1	Go-cart stand
13.	1	Wooden easel stand
14.	1	Event results board
15.	1	Blackboard
16.	1	Green tub with club historical records
17.	2	Battery/light stands
18.	2	Camera tripods
19.	2	Wooden push brooms
20.	4	Club signs for parade cars
21.	1	Speedway Children's Charity banner
22.	1	Assortment of Speedway Children's Charity pamphlets
23.	1	Coca-Cola "Win Go-Cart" banner
24.	1	Christmas tree sale banner
25.	1	Club/NCCC banner
26.	1	QCCC banner
27.	3	BFGoodrich banners; (1) start, (1) finish, (1) registration
28.	3	Red, white and blue flag streamers
29.	1	BFGoodrich white/orange streamers
30.	8	Clipboards
31.	4	Boxes of sunglasses
32.	25	"Do not touch" car signs
33.	1	Dozen ink pens
34.	1	Box of color coding labels
35.	1	Box of pens, tape, tickets, chalk and tri- highlighters
36.	1	Double roll of raffle tickets
37.	3	Small tubs of chalk
38.	4	Bottles of white shoe polish
39.	1	Rope for banners

QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY INVENTORY (cont'd)

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>
40.	1	Box of car numbers
41.	1	Rubber hammer
42.	1	Trophy
43.	6	Packs of buttons; (2) 1 st , (2) 2 nd , (2) 3 rd
44.	3	Large plaques
45.	3	Small plaques
46.	1.25	Package of napkins
47.	1	Package of foil sheets
48.	1	Box of plastic trash bags
49.	100	Styrofoam coffee cups
50.	100	Plastic drink cups
51.	20	Styrofoam bowls
52.	1	First Union money deposit pouch

Items deleted or consumed without replacement during the 1999 year were 1 box of napkins and 1 bag of oil absorbent/dry.

Items acquired during the 1999 year were 4 portable Family Radio System (FRS) radios.

Items added to the inventory, which have been club assets but were not on last year's inventory, are the corporate seal and the portable public address system.

Scott Hamilton
Outgoing Vice President

1999 Corvette Club Points

Members	Jan	Feb	Rall	Mar	Par	Apr	CC	May	Cane	Ohio	Air	June	Par	July	BBQ	Sept	Bowl	Auto	Myrtl	Nov	Dec	Total	
Candy Lake	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2						2	1	2	2	2				2	30
Fred Lentz		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	20
Carolina Lentz		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	23
Jim Longbon																							3
John Meadows	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	27
Linda Meadows	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	25
RC Mudock						2																	2
Richard Norcross	1																						1
Ann Oakley										2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	11
E.O. Oakley										2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	11
Melvin Pace																							0
Diane Pace																							0
Gina Padgett						1	2																8
Paul Pelkey	2																						2
Priscilla Pelkey																							2
Tony Prior	1	2	2		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bonnie Prior	1	2	2		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	25
Bob Runnion	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	12
Nancy Runnion	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	29
Chuck Solland	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	29
Lynne Solland	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	13
Marshall Stewart															1	2	2	2	2	2	2		12
Carol Stewart																							0
Ray Stonitsch	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0
Patty Stonitsch	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24
Tom Torkildsen																							24
Robin Torkildsen																							0
Buddy Ward																							0
Debbie Ward																							4
James Weisberg	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4
John Whitehead	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	28
Carol Whitehead																							4
Ruth Williams																							0
Rick Witcher	1	1			2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	0
Terry Witcher	1	1																					20
Harry Wulle	1		2	1																			11
DonYost																		1					4
Hilda Yost																		1					12

QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB 2000 CHALLENGE

As we enter into the New Year, we want to make our points system a lot more fun and exciting . We want to encourage our members to earn points by participating in all the various activities that can be enjoyed while owning America's favorite sports car. We will award points for all the normal things, club meetings and outings, but we will also give bonus points for surprise events. To encourage people to get more involved in our autocross weekend, points will be given for both helping and participating in each event. Points will be awarded for entering other club's events. Bonus points will be given for winning in these events. An individual can earn points for parades, exhibiting their cars at Autofair and anything else that promotes Corvette ownership and membership in Queen City Corvette Club. We look forward to making this the best year yet for our club members.

JOHN MEADOWS, VP //CRUZINC5

Member News

Our condolences go out to Candy Lake on the death of her grandmother, Nancy Runnion on the death of her father, and Ray Stonitsch on the death of his mother.

Congratulations are in order for Jim Longbon and Maurie Shapton who are now engaged. They will be married on March 4 in Lewiston, NY, which is near Niagara Falls.

Congratulations also to all our new members. What better way to start out the millennium than to be a new member of Queen City Corvette Club!

Minutes from December 11, 1999 QCCC Meeting

The December 11th meeting was held at the home of Jane and Eddie Burt and was called to order by Jon Elliott, President at 6:25pm. Jon thanked Jane and Eddie for their wonderful hospitality and introduced the guests Judy and Jody Austin, Ken and Natalie Mallard, Benny and Renee Frazier, Larry and Lois deMontegre, Chuck and Deb Grevlich, Amy Englert, Stacey Holman, Dee and Connie Rader, Lynn Hanson and Paula Bedy. A motion was made, then seconded and the minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Jon discussed the issue of drinks being provided at the annual banquet. He explained that the club does have some liability regardless of whether the club provides the alcohol or has a cash bar. He also estimated that the cost of providing approximately 2 drinks per person will cost around \$700. Chris Cash suggested that the club provide its members with a copy of our NCCC insurance. Jon thanked Larry Demontagne for representing QCCC at the Speedway Children's Charity Christmas Tree Lighting. He also informed the club that National Corvette Museum auctioned off a 2000 Bowling Green convertible, serial number 001 to be delivered on 1/1/00 for \$85,000.

Nancy Runnion, VP Social, thanked everyone for bring gifts for our two sponsored families and reminded everyone about meeting next Sunday, 12/19 at 2:00 at the Arboretum in front of Good Ol Days. Savannah trip on 4/28 - 4/30 is booking up fast so make your reservations now. You can cancel your hotel reservations up to 48 hours before the check-in date. Our next meeting will be 1/8 at Lanny's in Mooresville. That night will be the deadline for making reservations to attend our annual banquet. Send you money, \$20.00 per person to the QCCC post office box as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

Jeff Estridge, VP of Public Relations, thanked everyone that participated in the numerous Christmas parades. Jeff reminded everyone about helping out on Christmas day at Good Ol Days. Please call Jeff if you can help out or have questions.

Eddie Burt, Treasurer, reminded everyone that ordered sweatshirts to pick them up tonight. He also has additional ones for sale.

Scott Hamilton, VP reminded everyone to sign the insurance waiver and to call him if they questioned the points published in the newsletter.

Announcement was made that Bill Lake is the new owner of a red/red '95 convertible, Eddie and Jane Burt along with the Gunters were pictured in the current Blue Bars and the Cashes were featured in the Charlotte Quarterly.

Jon reminded everyone that the annual banquet is a special night to celebrate the successful past club year and urged everyone to come (and bring his or her wallets).

Meeting adjourned approximately at 7:15 pm. Jon announced that 9 new members, Larry and Lois deMontegre, Chuck and Deb Grevlich, Renee and Benny Frazier, Judy and Jody Austin and Paula Bedy were voted in as members of QCCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Elliott

Minutes from December 12, 1999 QCCC Officers Meeting

The December officers' meeting was held at the home of Betsy & Jon Elliott on Sunday, December 12, 1999 with both the 1999 and 2000 QCCC board members in attendance. Jeff Estridge was absent. Jane Burt and Bob Runnion were in attendance.

Everyone thanked Eddie and Jane again for the great Christmas party at their home. The details of the annual banquet were discussed and review was made of which members had the most points.

The board discussed the vacant upcoming office of governor. The new board will talk with potential candidates and obtain a commitment from a willing member and will then present the nomination to the club for a vote. Jon remind the new board to establish members acting as liaisons with NCRS, C5 registry and the National Corvette Museum.

The publication of the newsletter was discussed and everyone was made aware of his or her responsibilities for the upcoming January newsletter with a deadline of 12/25. All items to be published in the next newsletter should be sent or emailed to Candy Lake.

Nancy Runnion, VP of Social, announced that Autofairs will be held April 6-9 and Sept. 14-17 at Lowe's Motor Speedway. We have two families from Social Services that we will provide food gift certificates for their Christmas dinner out of the charity budget. Nancy also discussed plans for a Savannah, GA roadtrip April 28th - 30th, 2000. Hotel rooms are already gone at the Clubhouse Inn. Other clubs will be staying at nearby hotels. The 2000 board decided to have QCCC pay for drinks for these individuals staying in other hotels during the pizza party on Friday night.

The 2000 Board will have its next meeting at Fred Fischers home on Friday, January 14th at 7:00.

Jon encouraged individuals to meet one on one with their predecessors about the duties and responsibilities of their office.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Elliott

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>January 2000</h1>						
2	3	4 Carlette Calloway's Birthday	5	6	7	8 QCCC Meeting 6:00 p.m. at Laney's
9	10 Paul Pelkey's Birthday	11	12	13	14	15 Mike Cash's Birthday
16 Bill Lake's Birthday	17 Scott Hamilton's Birthday	18 Kay Weisberg's Birthday	19	20	21	22 QCCC Banquet at Wyndham Gardens
23	24	25 Newsletter deadline Jay Freeman's Birthday	26	27	28	29
30	31 Kathie Finocchi's Birthday					

Tech Tips

Lifting the C-5

By E. O. Oakley

The C-5, like all Corvettes, comes complete with its own library of idiosyncrasies. Many of these are found at just the wrong time by the DIY group, for example, the oil drain plug is located at the front of the oil pan, requiring the car to be level or lower in front to properly drain the used oil.

One of the most common events, either for routine maintenance or repair, is lifting the car. The C5 has some unique characteristics in this department. Unless done properly, and I speak from personal experience, the car can be easily damaged in the process of lifting or jacking. Floor jacks present unique challenges and are best covered in a detailed article referenced later. Lifting with a hoist is perhaps the most common method at dealers and repair shops, and this is how my C5 was damaged – even by a Chevy dealer who works on a lot of Corvettes.

The problem stems from the fact that the rocker panel material wraps under the car and is easily pinched by the arm of the hoist and bears the weight of the car as it is lifted. To avoid this problem, lift pads, which fit in the 4 round cutouts for the shipping slot reinforcements, have been developed. These lift pads are circular and approximately 2½-2¾ inches in diameter and approximately 1 inch thick.

The lift pads can range from blocks of wood; hard rubber hockey pucks (*which fit perfectly and are available at most sporting stores for 99¢ each*); modified hockey pucks (*with 5/8" by 1½" bolts to fit into the shipping slots so they don't slip out of place as the hoist is being positioned*); to ones machined from aluminum billets with rubber pads and a stem that turns and locks into the shipping slots. I understand that MidAmerica will offer their version within the next 1-2 months, price unknown at this time.

After my experience, I highly recommend use of some type of lift pad. At my last oil change, I asked City Chevrolet to use mine when lifting the car and I carry mine all the time just in case of a roadside emergency.

Additional information:

C5 DIY – How to work on the new Corvette at home – *details about jacking the C5*
<http://www.idavette.net/hib/C5diy1.htm>

Hauser Specialty Products – *machined aluminum lift pads*
Hauser@provide.net

FLASHBACKS! AUTOMOBILIA

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December 23, 1999

Flashbacks! Automobilia, located at 2910 Eastway Drive (Eastway and Central), is one of Charlotte's most unique hobby shops. It is where the unique is commonplace.

Flashbacks! Automobilia is owned by Classic Car Depot and specializes in model cars, trucks and motorcycles. Stock inventories include several hundred rare and discontinued un-built model car kits, a mammoth collection of automotive literature including (but not limited to) road test articles, dealer brochures and original advertisements, and over 400 1/18th scale die-cast metal cars.

Flashbacks! Automobilia was started in 1989 in Cocoa Beach, Florida and moved to its present location in Charlotte in 1995. The business is devoted to hobbyists who not only build and collect model cars, but who also collect the real McCoy as well. It is one of the largest automotive hobby shops on the eastern seaboard with a large clientele referred from outside the metropolitan Charlotte area. **Flashbacks! Automobilia** was described as a "must stop destination for the automobile enthusiast" by Autoweek magazine.

Classic Car Depot purchased **Flashbacks! Automobilia** in July 1999 for the express purpose of becoming an "automotive home depot". Upon selection of a suitable location, Classic Car Depot will provide a dedicated environment where the collector car enthusiast can store, detail (themselves or by using an on site professional staff), or tinker with their automobile. The facility will even provide parts locating services! It will be a business dedicated to the automobile enthusiast where modelers can mingle with the automobile hobbyist. **Flashbacks! Automobilia** will truly be "the most unique hobby shop"!

Flashbacks! Automobilia is proud to sponsor the Queen City Corvette Club. Members are invited and welcomed at our 2910 Eastway Drive location. Stop by or give us a call at 704-568-5338.

We are always looking for interesting stories to publish in the newsletter about road trips or other good times in your Corvette. Here is a good one from Joan Hauck:

Early Christmas in Wilmington

For months we looked forward to our annual trip to Wilmington, NC to celebrate Christmas with our friends and enjoy the holiday festivities that go on during "the parade of lights."

We packed up the Vette Friday night with presents and goodies and headed out to the beach early Saturday morning. It was a nice, warm sunny day, not much traffic or local "fuzz." We made it in three-plus hours and really tried not to speed! It is tough with that 6-speed just growling under the hood.

We arrived in Wilmington just in time for a nice beach lunch at the local hamburger joint. After lunch, we walked down to the beach and hung out for a couple of hours. It was actually warm enough to lay out and get a little sun.

After that relaxing couple of hours, we went shopping at Claudine Buel's Metal Art Studio and Gallery. She has the most unique gifts that are sold to places like Sak's 5th Avenue and other upscale stores for hundreds of dollars. The items she has in her gallery are seconds and are well worth buying if you enjoy that type of decoration. I have a house full of her metal art.

The evening soon arrived. After having devoured a wonderful homemade meal, we headed off to Carolina Beach for the evening's festivities.

The boats came in every shape size and color. They ranged from fully decked-out trawlers to 50-foot yachts. Most of them had music, carolers, and some had disco dancers. This parade went on for an hour. All of a sudden this unlit, undecorated, dark sullen boat pulled in and started turning around, and the crowd went berserk clapping and yelling. I was wondering what this was all about. Upon docking and securing to the dock we were standing on, we found it to be a team of local commercial fishermen that were very popular in town. They had brought in 1,200 pounds of King Mackerel. You know that old saying, "stiff as a mackerel." Well, that must be where the saying originated, 'cause these Mackerel were stiff! We spent another 30 minutes talking to the fishing crew and enjoying their dry humor.

There is a fish market called "Blackburn Brothers" right on the main drag. They sell fresh fish, shrimp, and whatever else comes out of the sea. The next morning we went back and bought 3 pounds of large shrimp that got devoured over the next few days. It was well worth the trip to Wilmington to get fresh seafood.

This annual holiday celebration takes place from two locations and two different dates. Wrightsville Beach Holiday Flotilla and holiday fair during the day is on the "banks channel." This is an all day affair, with arts, a craft show, rides and food. There is a parade at 7 p.m. with fireworks following. This takes place the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend.

The annual Parade of Lights takes place at Carolina Beach that runs from Snow's Cut to the Town Marina and back. Also this year there is a "Carolina Beach New Year's Eve Countdown Party" on the Carolina Beach Boardwalk. The fun begins at 10 p.m. on December 31 at the public gazebo.

We enjoyed a nice drive home and as always love the beach! It would be fun to get a group together next year and caravan down to enjoy a great weekend at the beach!

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Museum's 2000 VIN #1 Corvette Auction Brings Top Bid of \$85,000

Bowling Green, KY, December 8, 1999 - Today the National Corvette Museum announced the winning bidder of the VIN#1 collectible 2000 model Corvette auction. The Museum purchased this first Corvette produced for model year 2000, as a fundraiser for the non-profit foundation. Bob McDorman, President of Bob McDorman Chevrolet in Canal Winchester (Columbus), Ohio, will take home the prize with a bid of \$85,000, ending a three-month long bidding process that took place via the Museum's website, by phone, and by placing bids in person at the Museum.

McDorman, who is no stranger to Corvettes, is a Lifetime Member of the Museum, and proudly owns 69 Corvettes featuring at least one for each year produced, and Pace Car replicas for each year Chevrolet paced the Indianapolis 500, from 1948 to 1998. "Purchasing this special Corvette is exciting, and I feel proud to be the owner," said McDorman. "I am thankful to be fortunate enough to participate in events such as this, and in a way that contributed to the Museum."

The collectible Corvette coupe features the new dark bowling green metallic color, was the first vehicle produced for the model year 2000, and will be noted as the first Corvette delivery for the year 2000. The Corvette Museum delivery process is complete with a private tour, and detailed introduction and auto demonstration from a delivery specialist. Mr. McDorman will also receive a Millennium Celebration package, compliments of the Museum at the University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green, which includes overnight accommodations for two, ballroom dinner, entertainment, and New Year's eve party favors.

In making the announcement Fundraising Coordinator Andy Roderick stated, "We want to thank Bob for the ongoing support he gives the Museum, and we appreciate his generosity in loaning the special auction Corvette for display in the Museum for the next few months." The VIN#1 Corvette will be presented to Mr. McDorman during the special delivery presentation on January 1st, 2000.

The National Corvette Museum is a non-profit foundation dedicated to educating the public through the preservation of the Corvette's past, present and future heritage.

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WHERE:

Wyndham Garden Hotel

TIME:

6:00 p.m. (Reception)

DINNER:

7:00 p.m.

AWARDS:

8:00 p.m.

MUSIC:

8:30 p.m.

COST:

\$20.00 per person

ROOMS:

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