



**QUEEN CITY
CORVETTE CLUB**

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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.



January 25, 2000

Dear Fellow Members:

January has been a tremendous month for the Club!

Our meeting at Laney's Fish Camp was HUGE! We had 96 people in attendance including 12 prospective new members. Outstanding! I think we took our restaurant host a bit by surprise, but the kitchen and wait staff did yeoman's work to get us fed. Nancy has adjusted our meeting places to insure more commodious locations as we progress. So y'all keep comin', we're ready and we love it!

The big news this month was our Club's "Prom". Unfortunately the Weatherman didn't cooperate and the major snowfall kept nearly half our members from attending. Despite this disappointment, those that made it were rewarded with an outstanding celebration! Several who arrived early were treated to special events! Manicures and Massages for the ladies (I understand there was an accompaniment of champagne and hors d'oeuvres); and an opportunity for "special activities" for the Gentlemen.

Later, after cocktails and a wonderful buffet dinner, outgoing President Jon Elliott kicked off the official awards ceremonies. Jon was at his best! Awards were interspersed with silent and live auctions plus our own version of "I want to be a Millionaire!". Of special note was John Meadows bidding technique during the live auction and Bob Denney's true formal attire! Everyone left with at least an armload of goodies!

The awards were peppered with much sentiment as we reflected on our 1999 experiences. Eddie and Jane were elected by the membership as Most Congenial Couple, the King and Queen of the Prom! Their election shows just how much we all value their friendship and participation. Congratulations to two of our favorite people! Nancy Runnion was especially recognized for her outstanding organization of our social calendar in 1999 and she's promised to outdo even herself in 2000! Pauline Gray and Ray Stonitsch were selected as our Rookies of the Year. Rick Witcher for his help in organizing the re-write of our bylaws. Our own Tony Prior, in absentia, made a very special award to Jon, a perfect replica model of his beloved '63. There were many other recognitions too numerous to mention here, but all mirroring the appreciation of the Club and equally well deserved.

Stay tuned to this channel – February's gonna be a knock out! Rolex 24, PJ's, Progressive Dinner and tons of fun for all.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

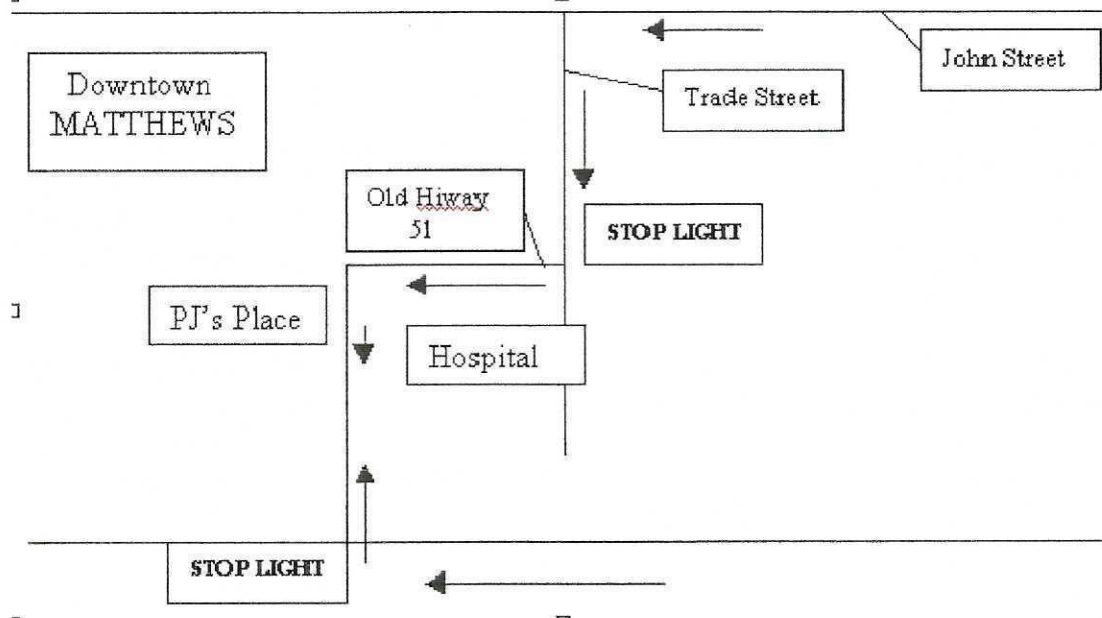
NANCY RUNNION 841-2283

Welcome to a New Year with the Queen City Corvette Club.

Thanks for the great turnout at Laney's! Please note that all of our future meeting places are **LARGE** to accommodate our growing membership!

Meeting on February 12 – 6:00 at PJ's Place in Matthews, North Carolina.

PJ's is directly behind the Presbyterian Hospital in Matthews on Old Highway 51 (not the bypass). Attached is a map from Matthews and from Independence Blvd. Menu items including hamburgers, salads, fries and other light fare. The restaurant will be closed to the public, so QCCC will have the entire large space for our meeting. **PLEASE PLAN ON COMING.**



Progressive Dinner – February 26, 5:00 for cocktails

Our progressive dinner will begin with cocktails, BYOB, at the Weisberg's or Finocchi's home. Attached are maps to these two residences. Below is a list of who is scheduled for each house. Enjoy cocktails until 6:00 then proceed to your entrée home for dinner served at 6:30. Your **entrée host will be contacting you to confirm and provide directions** although they will not attend the cocktail hour. Plan to leave dinner at 8:30! Desert will be served to the entire group at Eddie and Jane Burts home at 9:00 (map and phone number attached also). If you have any questions please call me.

Weisberg	Finocchi
Runnion, Burt, Hauck, Denny, Freeman, Austin, Hillyer, Estridge, Lake, Gray, Artis, Carlton, Beavers, Campbell, Pelkey, Greulich	Bayne, Yost, Runski, DeMontegre, Stontisch, Longbon, Fraser, Watts, Hamilton, Skip, Padgett, Witcher, Herold, Cash, Runski

March 11 meeting will be held at Alpine Village Clubhouse in Charlotte.

We'll begin with a Scavenger Hunt at 3:00 starting from the clubhouse. Four cars will make up each team and you will have until 6:00 to complete the scavenger hunt. Each item on the list will be given a point value corresponding to the difficulty of finding the item. There will be a prize for each member of the winning team. At 6:00 we will have a chili supper with side dishes and then our meeting. No alcohol is allowed on the premises. **Directions: From Independence Blvd. (near Scott Clark Toyota) turn onto Margaret Wallace Road east. Continue until the first stop light at Idlewild Road. Turn left. At the next street (Oak Drive) turn right. At the next street (Berneway) turn left into Alpine Village. Go through the village to the end and see the clubhouse. From Harris Blvd., turn left onto Idlewild Road. Turn left onto Oak Drive (just before Margaret Wallace Road) and proceed as mentioned above.**

Ladies Only Outing – Pottery in Seagrove, NC

We will take a tour of the best few of the 97 potters located in Seagrove, NC and then have lunch. Please let me know if you are interested in going. Exact Date To Be Determined!

April meeting will be held at the Speedway (AutoFair).

We will be meeting as in years past at the restaurant across the street from the Speedway and going into the Speedway as a group. We will meet at 6:00. The Club will provide dinner.

Directions to the Weisberg's house

From Independence Blvd East:

Take Matthews/Mint Hill exit. Turn right at the light onto 51. Turn right at first light onto Phillips Rd. Take first right onto Heathershire Ln (about ½ mile). Take 2nd right onto Kintyre Ct. House is on right, almost to end of street. #13333 on mailbox - light blue house with black shutters.

From Independence Blvd West:

Take Matthews/Mint Hill exit. Bear right toward Mint Hill. Turn right onto Phillips Rd at second light. Take first right onto Heathershire Ln (about ½ mile). Take second right onto Kintyre Ct. House is on right, almost to end of street. #13333 on mailbox - light blue house with black shutters.

From Idlewild Rd:

Turn right onto 51 towards Matthews. Turn left onto Phillips road at first light (½ mile). Take first right onto Heathershire Ln (½ mile). Take second right onto Kintyre Ct. House on right, almost to end of street. #13333 on mailbox - light blue house with black shutters.

To
SOUTH PARK



Carmel Road

Fairview Road

North



Sardis

Jewish Center

Subdivision: Arbor Estates
Turn off Old Providence
onto Rhone. Take left
when Rhone dead ends.
Take left on Jules Court.
Address: 1432 Jules Court
364-1172

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here

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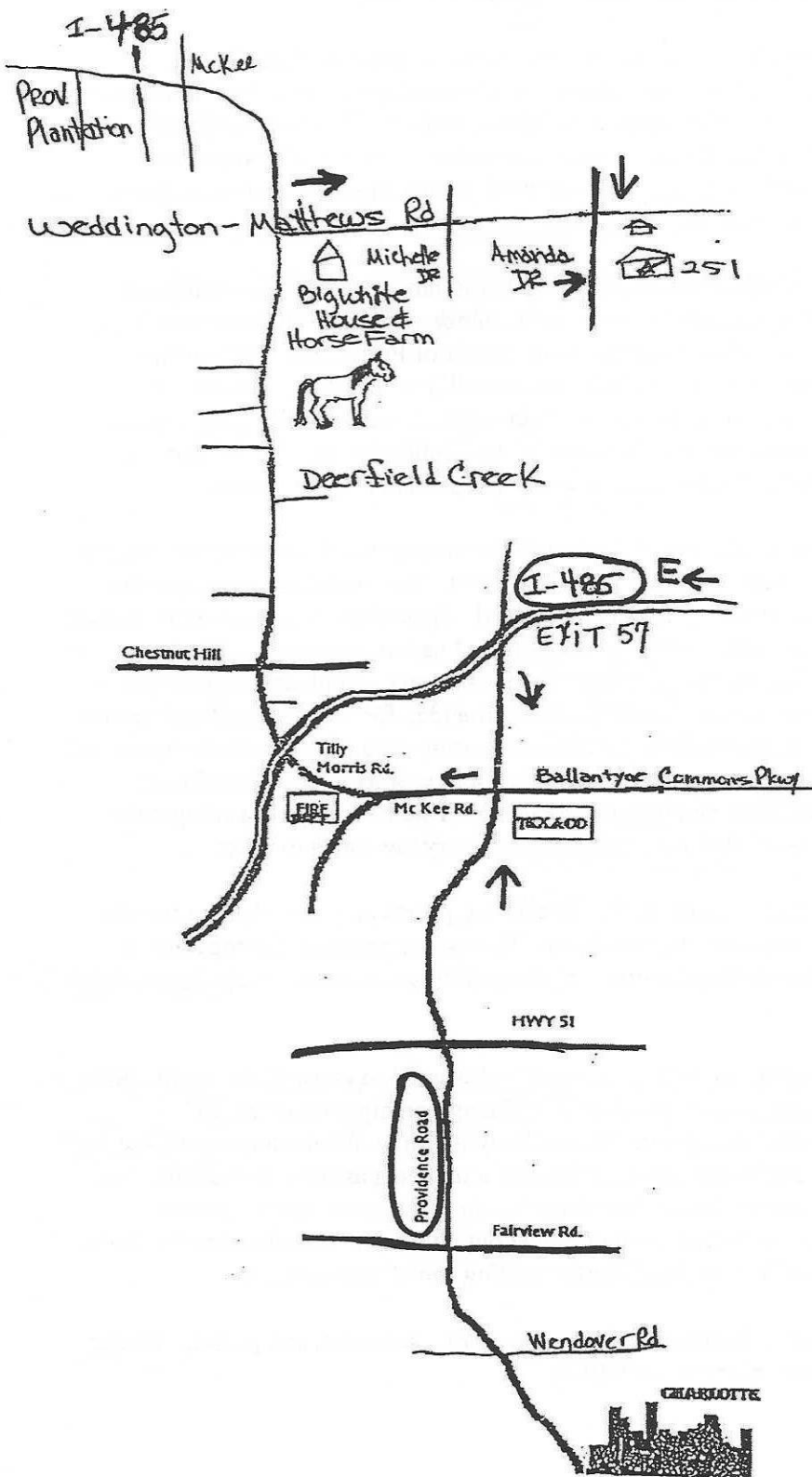
Sharon View

Rea Road

TO
I-485



Highway 51



From the corner of
Ballantyne Commons
Pkwy/McKee Rd
& Providence Rd:

McKee Rd
Bear right onto Tilly
Morris @ Fire Dept
Turn right @ horse farm onto
Weddington-Matthews Rd
2nd Right onto Amanda Dr
2nd house on the left

251 Amanda Dr
846-7130

Minutes from January 8, 2000 QCCC Meeting

The January 8 meeting was held at Laney's Fish Camp and was called to order by Fred Fischer, President. Jeff Estridge, VP of Public Relations, was absent. In his opening remarks, Fred introduced the visitors and guests and reminded everyone to sign the insurance waiver. Thanks were given to E. O. Oakley for contributing a "Tech Tips" article for the January newsletter. The VP of Competition position, which administers NCCC-sanctioned and non-sanctioned events, is still open and needs to be filled. Please see Fred if you are interested in the position.

Nancy Runnion, VP of Social, noted that the next officer's meeting is January 14. Nancy reminded everyone to sign up and pay for the banquet and the progressive dinner. The next business meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 12 at Red Rocks Café at the corner of Providence and Fairview Roads. Nancy will post the social calendar on the website and e-mail it to members. Guests and new members were reminded to provide Nancy with their e-mail addresses. There are still some rooms available for the Savannah trip at the Hampton Inn next door to the Clubhouse Inn. Those going to Savannah include 40 cars from Charlotte, 15 cars from Atlanta, and 25 cars from Savannah.

Eddie Burt, Treasurer, reported that the club's annual report will be included with February's newsletter. The club operated with a positive cash flow of around \$1,700 in 1999. The club also donated to two needy families over the holidays which was very much appreciated. Special thanks are given to Pauline Gray and Bob Denney for bringing their cars. Tony Prior announced he has prepared a CD of more than 100 Corvette photos taken during his Corvettes at Carlisle trip last summer. Duplicates are for sale at Tony's cost of \$5.00 each. See Tony for a copy. Eddie proposed the idea for a poker night and invited anyone interested to contact him. Scott Hamilton inquired about getting club jackets with the name and club patch on it. Rick Witcher suggested parade signs and having a club store. Linda Meadows suggested having window flags. Sweatshirts and hats still available. Eddie suggested sending out a questionnaire to members to find out what club logo merchandise everyone wants to order.

John Meadows, Vice President, informed the club he has an exciting points program planned for this year and will publish a points list in the upcoming newsletter. This points program ties together all club-related event participation as a means to get points. If you participate in any Corvette event, make sure John is notified.

Chris Cash stated she will not be a member of NCCC this year and wanted to know if she could still be a QCCC member. Fred responded that the bylaws prohibit QCCC membership without NCCC membership but she was always welcome as a guest. Pauline Gray inquired about nametags as she had not yet received hers. Jon Elliott and Eddie agreed to get Pauline a nametag as soon as possible. Jon Elliott mentioned he is working with Lowe's Motor Speedway on the 50th Anniversary Corvette celebration at the April 2003 AutoFair. Bob Denney inquired about club members attending the Rolex 24 Hours on February 5 and 6. Contact Bob or Jon Elliott regarding travel arrangements.

Motion was made to accept minutes from December business meeting, seconded, and passed. Walter and Leslie Fournet were voted in as new members of QCCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Lake

Member News

Our condolences go out to Harry Wolle on the recent passing of his mother on January 9.

Nancy Runnion, Candy Lake, and Ray Stonitsch would like to thank all the members for their kindness and cards in the last several weeks. Nancy would also like to thank QCCC for its donation to the Alzheimer's Association, Candy wants to thank QCCC for the beautiful flower arrangement, and Ray wants to thank QCCC for the donation to Catholic Charities Hospice.

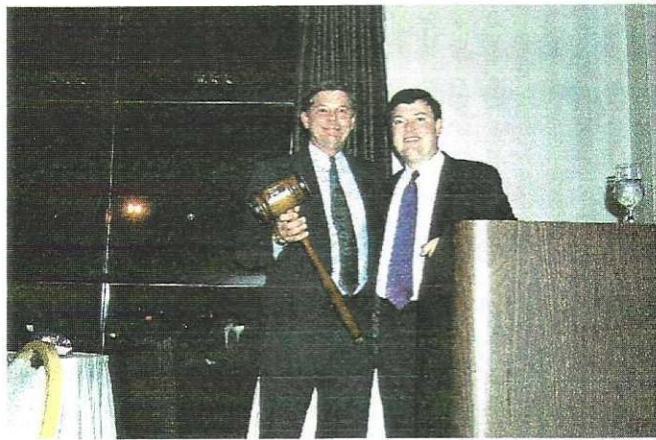
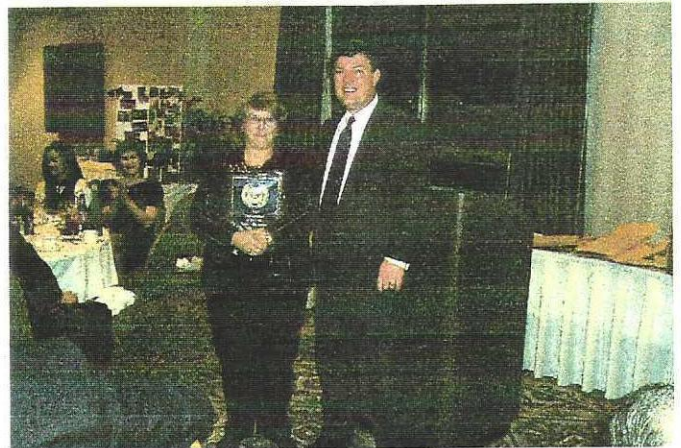
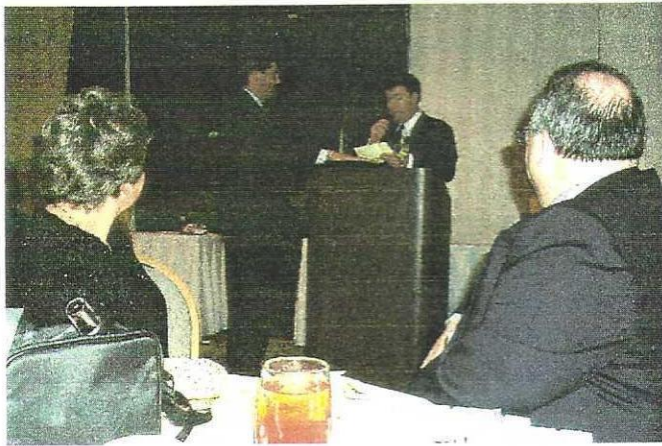
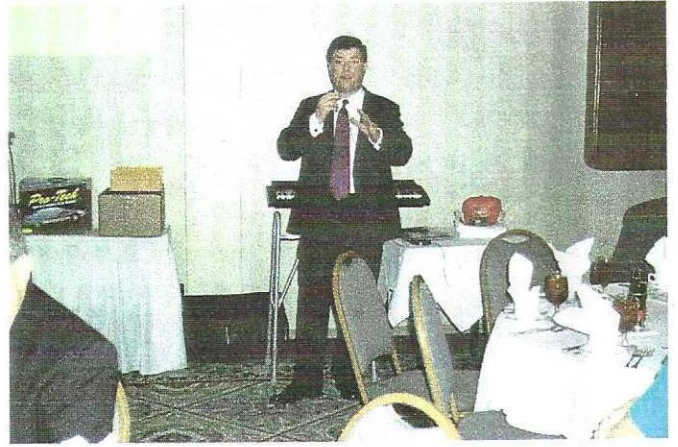
The following are the winning results of the Awards Banquet:

Rookie of Year Male:	Ray Stonitsch
Rookie of Year Female:	Pauline Gray
Sportsman of Year:	John Meadows Bob Denney (Tie)
President's Choice:	Betsy Elliott
Club Member of the Year:	Nancy Runnion
Most Congenial Couple:	Jane & Eddie Burt
Top 3 for Club participation:	(1) Bob Denney (2) David Carleton (3) Candy Lake

FOR SALE:

Corvette pinball machine in working condition but needs servicing. Machine can be used for free play or coin play. Lots of fun! Please call Joann Heron evenings and weekends at 828/452-4562.





Purple **Racer Report**



If one picture's worth a 1000 words...then these ought to say it all.....Banquet Night 2000 Nancy. Jon another great event.....sorry the weather didn't co-operate...but those of us that braved the elements had a wonderful time .

Congratulations to all our award winners....everyone of you deserved the accolades and praise.....Folks like you are what this club is all about . Jane & Eddiewhat can I say..... you two truly are a King & Queen in our hearts.....

Lots of things coming up in the next few months....watch your calenders to see all that Nancy's got planned and this column.

Auto Fair Spring 2000 is coming up in April.....more details as they become available (we need to be thinking about how to give out passes this year ..we only have 30 car passes & 50 people passes)

Alsowe're working on getting one of the local Chevrolet dealers to become our "sponsor"I'd like in put form all of you as to what role we want that sponsor to have ...please give me your thoughts on this .

watch the web page.....hopefully we'll be updating and improving as the months continue (many thanks to John Meadows again)

til next month Save the wave ~~~~~

Jeff

Minutes from January 14, 2000 QCCC Officers' Meeting

The QCCC Officers' meeting convened on Friday evening, January 14, 2000, at Fred Fischer's office at 7:00 p.m.. All officers were in attendance. Scott Hamilton was also in attendance.

The officers decided to formalize a travel expense reimbursement policy. Although within bylaws limits, it was agreed that club-sponsored travel must be pre-approved by the officers and limited to reimbursement for gas, hotel up to \$90 per night and food up to \$25 per day. Eddie Burt requested a rewording of the allowable expenditures statement in the bylaws to read "up to 30 percent, not to exceed \$500." This will be voted on at the next business meeting. NCCC requirements of the club's VP Competition/Club Governor were reviewed. The Club Governor should attend 3 out of 4 national meetings but may attend by proxy or through an alternate NCCC member. The VP Competition position is currently open and needs to be filled.

Regarding family announcements, it was agreed that sympathy cards would be sent in all situations, and a donation of \$50 for immediate family (parents, siblings and children) would be made. Regarding births, the club will send a card and \$25 gift certificate to Babies-R-Us, along with a mention in the newsletter. Members are requested to call Candy Lake with any news of deaths or births.

In response to a member request, it was decided to continue printing NCCC membership numbers in the quarterly membership directory. It was agreed to support the new Foothills Corvette Club by sending a copy of our bylaws for their use as an example. Foothills Corvette Club is to contact Eddie Burt for any NCCC information they need. Regarding club inventory, it was agreed that nothing under \$25 in value should be inventoried.

John Meadows, Vice President, informed Board that J.R. Gaete would continue maintaining the QCCC website. Costs will be absorbed by CMG, John's company. Emphasis will be on improving the website by making it more dynamic, current and correcting any errors. Jeff Estridge, VP Public Relations, will be in charge of updating the website. Jeff Estridge, reported he was provided 30 car passes for each day of the Spring AutoFair. He emphasized these should be given out only if they are used. It was agreed to encourage members for ideas in club improvement and enjoyment on all fronts. Members are requested to contact the appropriate club officer for assistance and support.

Eddie Burt, Treasurer, received notice that the Parade of Lights is Tuesday, May 23, and that the Knights Stadium autocross is June 17 and June 18 (Father's Day). Eddie has arranged rental of the site.

Nancy Runnion, VP Social, announced that 64 people will attend banquet. There will be live and silent auction, and it was agreed that Jon Elliott will be the emcee and live auctioneer. Nancy reviewed future business meeting locations and received officer approval. Nancy will publish events calendar 6 months in advance and will forward the club calendar to J.R. Gaete for posting on the website. Regarding the Savannah trip, there will be 155 people at the pizza party Friday night. There will also be a catered low country boil and cocktails available.

No new business was discussed. The next officers' meeting will be on February 18 at Nancy Runnion's residence. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Lake

February 2000

- 6** There are 13 vertical bars or "teeth" in the grille of 1956 Corvettes
- 7** The Polo White color was last used in 1957
- 8** 1985 last year to offer CB as Corvette option
- 9** First Alpha test C5 enters public roads for first time in 1995
- 10** Eddie Burt's Birthday
- 11** Officers' meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 12** Term "STINGRAY" registered as GM trademark in 1993
- 13** 1997 First Corvette to have wipers sweep in same direction instead of opposite directions
- 14** (A new C5 makes a great Valentine's Day present) Valentine's Day
- 15** Melvin Pace's Birthday
- 16** The first 200 production C5's were painted red
- 17** Rick Witcher's Birthday
John Whitehead's Birthday
Jody Austin's Birthday
- 18** John Fitch drives 1968 as first year AM/FM stereo offered as option
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- 20** 1976 Corvette used same steering wheel as Chevrolet Vega for "Sport Wheel" option
- 21** The C5's exterior door handles are same as Oldsmobile Aurora
- 22** Joan Hauck's Birthday
Labe Abernathy's Birthday
- 23** The 1981 Corvette was the first to use a computer
- 24** 1984 Corvette first American production car to have a 64% windshield angle
- 25** Newsletter Deadline
- 26** Progressive Dinner
Betty Hamilton's Birthday
- 27** Corvette was named by Myron Scott of Chevrolet PR
- 28** It takes 55 hours to assemble a C5, down from 70 hours for a C4
- 29** It's a proven fact: women love Corvettes as much as men do!
- 1** Corvettes have been assembled in 3 cities: Flint, St. Louis, and Bowling Green
- 2** Don Yost's Birthday
- 3** Anti-theft key switch removed from 1977 Corvettes -- replaced with metal trim piece featuring crossed flags
- 4** John Bayne's Birthday
- 5** Monthly business meeting at P.J.'s in Matthews 6:00 p.m.

Corvette Insurance Survey

How much is enough?

By: Tony Prior

Many thanks to those of you that replied to the Insurance Survey and shared your Corvette car insurance information.

Why the Survey was taken:

Last year Kemper Insurance Co. informed me that they would no longer honor my Corvette insurance *with* collision. The car is an 89, with no tickets and no accidents. I just pay the insurance and drive; you get the point. I was paying around \$800 per year with a \$250 deductible. Kemper was willing, get this, to maintain the insurance coverage *without* collision for the same premium! *What a deal!* I declined and requested that our insurance agent sharpen her pencil.

Coincident with pencil sharpening, I asked Club members to respond to a Corvette Insurance Survey. The Survey results follow.

How did I end up?

My agent moved the Corvette to our home insurance carrier who now will cover the Corvette with collision along with Bonnie's '99 Jeep Cherokee. This company is called Auto-Owners Insurance Co. (our home has been with them since '89) and, compared to the Survey feedback, this company is very competitive. My rate on the Corvette after all of the multi-discounts is \$698 yearly with the \$250 deductible.

Now the Survey results:

Several of the nation's leading insurance companies were represented, which included: State Farm, Allstate, Nationwide, Geico and Auto-Owners Insurance Co. (gee, where's Kemper?)

The majority of respondents are paying \$700 to \$800 for 12-month coverage with typical 100,000/300,000 limits. Deductibles range from \$250 to 500. There were a few that were a little lower and a couple paying over \$1000, but those had different circumstances. It did not appear that the year of the Corvette had any great bearing on the cost, although one member had a young son on the policy of a '99 and the cost increase was greater than 50% higher.

So what does all this mean?

If you're paying in the \$700 to \$800 per year range for your Corvette insurance with a deductible of around \$250 to \$500 with the typical \$100,000/\$300,000 limits, your cost is average, based on the results received. If you're paying more, it may be worth another look!

The Winds

September 22 – 23, 2000



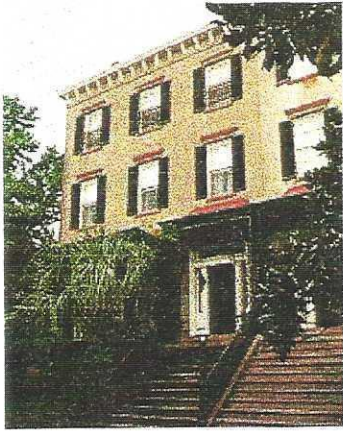
Located on Ocean Isle Beach, this unique oceanfront resort offers exceptional accommodations, our uncrowded, powder-sand island beach, and, for QCCC, two (2) six bedroom homes, four (4) four bedroom homes and two (2) two bedroom homes. These sumptuous houses were designed with every luxury in mind. There is a heated pool, whirlpool spas at each house, beach boccie, shuffleboard, volleyball. Each bedroom has its own private bath, private balcony, cablevision, wet bar with refrigerator, two double beds, and each is individually climate controlled. Each house has private balcony, sitting area with comfortable chairs, table, well-equipped kitchen with microwave, dishwasher, dining area, washer, and dryer. Rooms are \$88.00 per night plus tax and also include your daily breakfast. Bike rentals and tennis are also free. You can reach The Winds by calling 1-800-334-3581 to make your reservations.

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SAVANNAH

QCCC is going to Savannah April 28- 30. This will be a fantastic outing! We'll be joining several other NC Clubs for a caravan on Friday. There we'll link up with others from Atlanta, Savannah and Florida. A Pizza Party is planned for Friday night, followed by a Poker Run, Luncheon, "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" Tour of Savannah (\$30.00 per person) in the afternoon, Low Country Boil dinner at Old Fort Jackson (\$25.00 per person). Old Fort Jackson will be exclusively for our use. Cannon fire; Tiki Torches, museum access and a fort history film will accompany dinner. The winner of a trivia quiz will earn two free tour tickets so be sure to watch the movie *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* before we go! Please call me with any question you may have. Check out Coastal Corvette Association's websites: <http://msnhomepages.talkcity.com/RallyRd/still443/ccagatheringII.html> and <http://msnhomepages.talkcity.com/RallyRd/still443/ccaGathering.html> for some additional detail!

All Checks must be in Nancy's hands no later than March 1,2000!

Rooms are still available (only through February 15th) at the Hampton Inn (912-355-4100).



Balsam Mountain Inn

November 2-3,2000

Standing like a sentinel on a high ridge above Balsam Gap, the three story Balsam Mountain Inn welcomed its first guests in 1908. Today after restoration, the inn extends a warm welcome. Each room is decorated in period style and has its own bath with antique clawfoot tubs and king-size beds with down comforters. Come share the history and the magic! Rooms are \$114.50 / night (including all state and room taxes and a full "off the menu" breakfast). QCCC has only 30 rooms so make your reservations early. 828-456-9498

Travel Tales

By Jon Elliott

December 7th, 1941 may be a day that lives in infamy for many, but for me, January 26, 2000 is a date I will never forget. Why? Because I was given the opportunity to visit the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, KY, and actually take a part in the final assembly of my new Navy 2000. Here is a brief summation of my "Travel Tale."

The odds were stacked against me to make this trip in the first place. Snow storms and unpredictable winter weather caused flight delays nationwide. I wasn't even sure until Tuesday afternoon that I was going to be able to arrive on the actual day that my car was scheduled to come off of the assembly line.

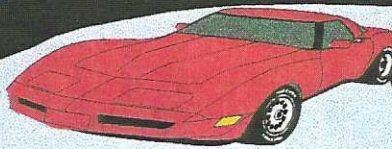
A personal friend that works with the UAW team in Bowling Green made arrangements for my unique tour. I walked into the plant with all 1,020 UAW workers at 6:00 am. Outside the temperature was a cold and dark 17 degrees (with wind chill -2 degrees). At 6:12 the buzzer sounded and the assembly line began rolling. The first set of QF5 polished wheels that descended from the conveyor belt were for mounting on my car. The Supervisor asked if I would like to have the tire mounting honors and I gladly accepted. At this point, the car begins to descend allowing me to accompany the final stages of the assembly process. I was allowed to help & assist at other stations along the way, including dispersing the first 6.2 gallons of gasoline into the dual tanks, fastening the windshield washer reservoir and connecting the battery terminal. Now it was time to perform the first start of the engine. Unfortunately the first start failed due to an unusually rare defective fuel pump. The UAW team continued with placing the window sticker and other option code labels, and then gave it a final cosmetic inspection. The car proceeded to the re-work area where immediate steps were taken to determine the probable cause of the defective fuel pump problem.

I have a new respect and appreciation for the UAW workers. They were all so friendly and seemed to enjoy their labor-intensive jobs. They have a sincere sense of pride and are extremely quality conscious working on Corvettes. Several folks even autographed their name to the parts on my car that they were responsible for. I received a copy of the build manifest and a Certificate of Appreciation "For assisting in the birth of a new Corvette: VIN # 118572."

I departed the plant at 10:30 and after a brief visit to the National Corvette Museum I headed back to Nashville, TN to catch a plane home. This entire trip was less than 26 hours. Seems like a short time to make so many cherished lifetime memories.



BEECH MOUNTAIN SPORTS CAR HILLCLIMB



FREE SPECTATOR EVENT
MAY 19-21, 2000
CENTRAL CAROLINAS REGION SCCA

Beech Mountain Chamber of Commerce, 403-A Beech Mountain Plwy., Beech Mountain, NC 28604

The Beech Mountain Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its fifth annual Sports Car Hillclimb on May 19 - 21, 2000. This Solo I hillclimb, the only one in the south, is conducted by the Central Carolina's Region of the Sports Car Club of America. The course is 1.2 miles and includes 12 hair-pin turns with an elevation rise of 500 feet. The North Carolina Department of Transportation allows the town to close state route 184, which dead-ends here, during this exciting event. Beech Mountain, at 5,506 feet elevation, is located in the Blue Ridge Mountain of western North Carolina. We are the highest incorporated town east of the Rocky Mountains!

We are inviting your club and others to "Cruise In" for the three day event, with an opportunity to meet with other car clubs, see their cars and of course, enjoy the race. We are a small residential town, and a four season resort. There is ample availability of restaurants and vacation accommodations, ranging from small inns, cozy condos to quaint chalets. Most of these properties include temporary guest privileges at the Beech Mountain Club where you can take in a round of golf or a game of tennis. The area affords other outdoor activities from hiking, mountain biking, white-water rafting and trout fishing, as well as attractions for the whole family.

Please tell us about your club. Complete and return the stub at the bottom so that we can send you more information. We can be reached at 800-468-5506 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James Rickard
Executive Director

Return to: Beech Mountain Chamber of Commerce

403-A Beech Mountain Plwy., Beech Mountain, NC 28604

Name of Club: _____

1. Number of members in club? _____
2. How often are your club meetings?: _____
3. Does your club have a newsletter? _____ If yes, please indicate the editors name, address and phone #: _____

4. Please include any additional information that you would like us to know about your club!

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