



**QUEEN CITY  
CORVETTE CLUB**

**CHARLOTTE, NC**



**April 2000**

# 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.





March 24, 2000

Dear Fellow Members:

Spring has sprung in Charlotte! It's time to take off the hard tops and find those T-tops torx wrenches. Even Pat's been asking for the top to come down!

It's hard to find superlatives to describe our events so far this year, but March has been another busy and fun month for the Club. The scavenger hunt and chili cook-off were outstanding. It's interesting to see how our creative members solve problems. I think only Kay Weisberg could have found a burning building from which to capture Crime Scene Police Tape! The scavenger hunt also brought in several prospective new members and enabled the Club to make a sincere donation to Thompson's Childrens Home. Special thanks go to the Alpine Clubhouse and our sponsor, Nancy Runnion's mother, Hazel. Way to go QCCC!

April is the BIG month.

We're starting the month with an extra special event, courtesy of Jon Elliott and Jeff Estridge, our VP Public Relations. Jon's inimitable style and Corvette contacts netted a call from the organizers of the American LeMans series races requesting that QCCC field FIFTY cars for a pre-race pace lap at Lowe's Charlotte Motor Speedway on April 1. No Joke! Jeff is organizing the event and it promises to be a beauty. This is a great opportunity for the Club and for our members to drive the Speedway and the Road Course. Thank you both, Jon and Jeff, for pulling this together in an orderly fashion and very quickly.

April 7 we'll be meeting at the Speedway again for our regular business meeting. Our refreshed sound system will assure everyone can hear what we're talking about and, it'll be quite an agenda. As you'll see in the Board Meeting Minutes, the Board has developed a charitable program for the club. It will begin with a donation at AutoFair to the Speedway Children's Charity and follow with a fundraiser and enhancement of last year's Christmas Family donations. This is a great start program and was developed in response to your requests throughout the year.

April 28<sup>th</sup> starts our Savannah weekend!

A special welcome to our newest members: Mark Ledford, Wade and Sue Stickels, and Tom and Anne Hux. It's great to have you join us!

See you all soon! *Be Safe!*

Sincerely,

# SOCIAL REPORT

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Thanks to everyone who came to the March meeting at Alpine Village! Thompson's Children's Home really appreciated the donations from all the Scavenger Hunt participants.

Our **APRIL** meeting will be held at Charlotte Motor Speedway. The meeting will be on

***FRIDAY, APRIL 7***

**instead of Saturday.** Please meet at the Amoco Station at Morehead Street across from the south end of the Speedway at 6:00 so that we all enter the Speedway as a group. We will have sub sandwiches from Jersey Mikes for sale at the meeting for \$5.00 a person.

Don't forget the Savannah trip. See the Important Reminders page in the newsletter.

Remember to make your reservations for the mountains (The Balsam Mountain Inn 828-456-9498) and the beach trip (The Winds 1-800-334-3581).

Following is a partial list of further events, which will be discussed and confirmed with more detail later:

1. **Friday, April 7 - Autofair - Speedway**
2. **April 28-30 - Savannah trip.**
3. **May 13 - Jody Austin's house on Lake Norman - Early Afternoon**
4. **Parade of Lights parade - May 23**
5. **June 10- Eddie Burt's - 6:00 p.m.**
6. **June 25, train museum road trip to Spencer**
7. **July 8-David Carleton's place in Mt. Holly**
8. **July 30 - Brattonville Picnic and road trip**
9. **August 12 - PJ's in Matthews**
10. **Artis lake trip (dated to be determined)**
11. **September 9- Charlie Brackett's**
12. **September 14-17 Autofair**
13. **September 22 and 23 - Beach Trip to The Winds at Ocean Isle**
14. **October 14 - 4:30 Carrigan Farm**
15. **October 22 - trip to Daniel Boone Inn - Reservations at 12:30**
16. **November 11 - PJ's in Matthews**
17. **November 3-4 - Mountain trip to Balsam, North Carolina**
18. **December 9 - Christmas party and meeting - Country Inn in Matthews 6:30 - \$12.95 (includes tip and tax).**



## ***REMINDERS !***

We will be leaving from Knights Stadium at Exit 80 off of I-77 starting at 9:00 on Friday, April 28.

**Insurance Waivers must be signed prior to departure!**

**Bring \$10.00 for trip registration and to offset club expenses. Registration Fees will be taken prior to departure. Trip "kits" including brochures, directions and events will be distributed upon receipt of registration fee.**

**Departure times will vary according to the following schedule:**

**Earliest Departure** – Approximately 6:30AM. Contact Eddie Burt at 704-846-7130 for details.

### **All Other Departures:**

Driver's meeting at 8:45 sharp! We plan first cars out at 9:00AM on. Departures will be in groups of 10 to 15 cars being dispatched in fifteen minute intervals.

Fill your tanks before departure! The first stop is planned at Orangeburg, SC for gas.

The second stop is in Waltersboro, SC for lunch at the Cracker Barrel or Shoneys (whichever you prefer). Each group should try to stay together after lunch so plan your eating time with your group members.

After lunch we will proceed to the Visitors Welcome Center in downtown Savannah. The location is marked on the map you'll receive at Registration.

The remainder of the afternoon is for your leisure time.

Our social hour begins at 5:00 at the Clubhouse Inn for those staying there and 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse for pizza and beer, with all the other participants.

An Agenda for Saturday will be presented Friday night by our Savannah hosting Club.

The following clubs are coming to Savannah: QCCC, Chevy Under Glass, Good Times, Southern, American Dream from Atlanta, NCRS from Atlanta, Warner Robins Air Force Base, Albany Georgia, a second Atlanta club, two clubs from North Florida and the Myrtle Beach Club. There will be over 120 cars total!

The Savannah Club is planning a car show at the Fort with trophies for various activities to be awarded on Saturday night. Patches are being designed by the Savannah Club for sale to participants. If anyone still wants to sign up please see me. The cutoff date is March 15 for either rooms or dinners. Please call me if you have any questions.



# New Faces...

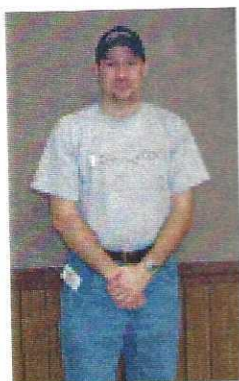


## *Jason Couch*

Originally from Winston-Salem, NC, Jason moved to Charlotte in 1991 to attend college at UNCC. Jason graduated in 1995 with a degree in Management Information Systems and is now working at Wellman, Inc. as a PC/Network Analyst. Jason bought his 2000 Millennium Yellow Coupe because he loves C5s and just couldn't wait until 2003! After buying it he says he did the next logical thing and joined QCCC. Jason says he anxious to get to know us!

## *Al and Kay Herold*

Al and Kay hail from St. Louis where they first toured the Corvette plant in 1965. They've been married for 35 years And have moved twelve times through work with Ford Motor, Ingersoll – Rand, and with the Army for Vietnam helicopter Training. Al and Kay have been in Charlotte since 1978 and now own American Kitchens, Inc. a full service kitchen design and remodeling company. Al and Kay own a 1988 Vette which is parked alongside their Harley. Al says he and Kay are excited to be with our Club and look forward to a fun year of activities



## *Jeff Vannoy*

Jeff graduated UNCC in 1995 and bought his car shortly thereafter. Owning a Corvette had been a dream of Jeff's since he was a little kid. Once he had his car, finding an interesting club was his next priority. Jeff chose QCCC from a sampling of others throughout the Piedmont.

*New members: Please see Jeff Estridge so we can get a photo and a brief bio of each of you. Now that the club is getting larger, it really helps everyone "put a face to the name"*



# ....Going Places



## *Team up with QCCC & Speedway Children's Charities!*

**QCCC has been asked to provide volunteers to prepare and serve Johnsonville bratwurst during the May 2000 racing events at Lowe's Motor Speedway. This is tons of fun!**

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, QCCC has been asked to provide manpower to operate the Johnsonville Bratwurst grill & concession stand during race week activities at Lowe's Motor Speedway in May. We need you to volunteer. Please review the following schedule and decide which shift(s) you would like to work. Reply by email or phone to Jon Elliott. Jon will compile and print everyone's schedule. Complimentary parking passes will be issued to QCCC volunteers. Visitors and guest are welcome too. All proceeds from this event go to Speedway Children's Charities.

<b>Straight Axle Shift:</b>	Friday	May 26	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
<b>Mid-Year Shift:</b>	Saturday	May 27	8:00 am – 2:00 pm
<b>C-5 Shift:</b>	Sunday	May 28	8:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Shark &amp; C-4 Shift:</b>	Sunday	May 28	11:00 am – 6:00 pm

To volunteer, send your shift preference to [elliott6t3@email.msn.com](mailto:elliott6t3@email.msn.com) or call 542-0141.

The shift names are for planning purposes only!





### Minutes from March 21, 2000 QCCC Officers' Meeting

The QCCC Officers' meeting convened on Tuesday, evening, March 21, 2000, at Jeff Estridge's residence at 7:00 p.m. All officers were in attendance with the exception of Nancy Runnion. Jon Elliott was also in attendance.

Jon Elliott stated that Johnsonville Packing Co. needs QCCC members to man their trailer for upcoming race events at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Proceeds benefit Speedway Children's Charities. Members are needed May 26 through May 28. Johnsonville made over \$80,000 in contributions last year. Board decided unanimously to participate, to bring up as new business at next business meeting, and for Jon Elliott to be liaison with Johnsonville.

Board discussion of what contribution should be made this year to Speedway Children's Charities. Eddie Burt wants to continue "hands-on" charitable donations. Board agreed that donation will be made to Speedway Children's Charities. Motion made by Fred Fischer to donate \$500 at April club meeting to Speedway Children's Charities and possibly to donate another \$500 at September AutoFair. Board also decided to continue "hands-on" charitable donations to two families in need at Christmas. Charity program will be brought before the membership at April business meeting. Charity committee may be set up. Jon Elliott proposed challenging other car clubs at AutoFair to also donate to Speedway Children's Charities. Jeff Estridge will have announcement made at the speedway.

American LeMans -- John Lerner contacted Jon Elliott regarding a pre-race parade lap before the LeMans race on April 1 and wants QCCC to participate. Needs 50-60 cars. Cars are to line up at 12 noon April 1 and will be lined up 2 x 2. Passes to see the race are included for participants. Jon Elliott will handle logistics. Board to call club members to sign up cars for parade lap.

Regarding the Balsam Mountain Inn, 19 of 30 rooms have been reserved. Information regarding the mountain trip will be rerun in the next newsletter. Information regarding departure times for Savannah will also be posted in next newsletter.

Jeff Estridge received letter thanking club for participating in Parade of Lights. Twenty cars participated last year and Jeff expects at least that many cars this year.

Community service books will be sold for \$10 by club members and club keeps \$5. Club returns unsold books. Board agreed to sell books and will place an initial order of 100 books. Possibility books will arrive in time for AutoFair. Jeff Estridge also informed Board that QCCC appears in the Mecklenburg Neighbors section of The Charlotte Observer every two weeks.

John Meadows owns two pace car models worth \$60 apiece. Board will buy two of these cars and raffle them off at AutoFair for \$1 per ticket. John will create the tickets. Proceeds will go to Children's Charities. John also informed Board that points system is coming along fine. Jon Elliott suggested having a points seminar for members who want to know more about the points system John has devised. There is also possibility of raffling off a go-cart, with tickets being sold at September and April AutoFairs.

Eddie will e-mail Board names of all new members. New preprinted sheet will be used to calculate votes at future business meetings. Eddie still has not received quarterly NCCC membership list and needs to receive it.

Discussion of how to work autocross scheduled for June 7. Need to send flyers out to advertise events. Pete Dawley, regional competition director, will be contacted for advice on running autocross in lieu of Jay Freeman's resignation as VP Competition.

Jeff has not yet designed club patches. Jon Elliott will create laminated signs with club logo on them and will be sold for \$5 apiece. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candy Lake



## Minutes from March 11, 2000 QCCC Business Meeting

The March QCCC business meeting was held at Alpine Clubhouse. All officers were in attendance. Motion was made to accept minutes for February business meeting; however, Jay Freeman stated that February minutes cannot be accepted until paragraph is added to minutes in next newsletter regarding reimbursement to VP Competition and other Board members of travel expenses. Motion is tabled until next Board meeting. Motion made to close February business meeting, seconded, and passed.

Jay Hillyer bought wife Ann a 1989 blue coupe. E.O. Oakley is participating in Brad Smith Driving School. Fred Fischer has C5 Registry information. Sebring is next weekend. E.O. and Ann Oakley are going to Bowling Green birthday celebration and have extra hotel room. Scott Hamilton has chaired one meeting of the Sponsorship Committee, with Chuck Body proposing many good ideas. After another meeting, Scott will brief the Board of results. Discussion on how to pool collective knowledge of club regarding bodywork, paint, etc.

Discussion of electronic delivery of newsletter. Fred Fischer proposes putting together committee. Jon Elliott is currently printing newsletter and suggests e-mailing newsletter may be too cumbersome. Suggests members go to QCCC website and view newsletter with password. Tony Prior suggested placing Adobe Acrobat on website after obtaining permission from Adobe for members to download PDF files. Agrees e-mails are not good idea. Word documents are too large. Members could sign form removing them from mailing list to receive newsletter electronically. Charlie Brackett questioned the need for password. Jon Elliott said password needed because of financial information, location of cars, and other information non-members do not need access to. Ray Stonitsch suggested a special section for members only. John Meadows questioned how much information needed to be archived and how much disk space is needed. Committee comprised of Ray Stonitsch, Al Herold, Jeff Estridge and John Meadows will discuss these issues and report back to Board.

Prospective members were introduced and voted in as new members: Mark Ledford, Wade and Sue Stickels, and Tom and Ann Hux. Guests were introduced: Gary Katzman, Martin Dulin, Marty Helms, John and Sandy Carriker, and Al Poston. Nancy Runnion gave thanks to Jon Elliott for scavenger hunt certificates and also thanked her mother, Hazel McIntire, for reserving the Alpine Clubhouse. The ladies' pottery outing meeting place will be the Wal Mart at Albemarle and Harrisburg Road on April 1. The April meeting will be Friday, April 7 at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Subs will be for sale after meeting for \$5 apiece. The exit number for Savannah outing is wrong on the website; it is the baseball exit. Eddie Burt and others desire to leave for Savannah at 7 a.m. Everyone needs to sign the waiver, pay \$10 and receive his or her information packets. There will be 10 cars per group. Eddie will give Nancy number of people going at 7 a.m. Jon Elliott asked about security for cars at Clubhouse Inn. Nancy will take care of this.

Jeff Estridge reported there were 13 cars in attendance for the St. Patrick's Day parade, including 3 green cars. Members are to ask Jeff for AutoFair passes. Jeff needs pictures and bios from new members to insert in future newsletters. The Parade of Lights is in May.

Jay Freeman thanked the members for their vote for him as VP Competition. There are tickets available for the 2000 fixed-roof hardtop charity raffle car -- 5 for \$25. The Transplant Games are this June. The NCCC 1999 convention made a profit. The 2000 convention is in Traverse City, Michigan, and the 2001 convention will be in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Convention in 2002 may include cruise. Jay has proposed sending out NCCC renewal packets first class instead of bulk mail because NCCC holds individual packets until there are several to be mailed, which delays receipt. Call Eddie or Jay if you have not received your packet.

John Meadows reminded members to sign the waiver for club points. If members participated in St. Patrick's Day parade, make sure to sign waiver. John has pace car models, which may be raffled off at AutoFair. They are worth \$60 apiece. New business: Jon Elliott asked if QCCC is doing a charity this year. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Motion to close March meeting made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Candy Lake



# Travel Tales

## C5 Goes to NY, NY

By Jon Elliott

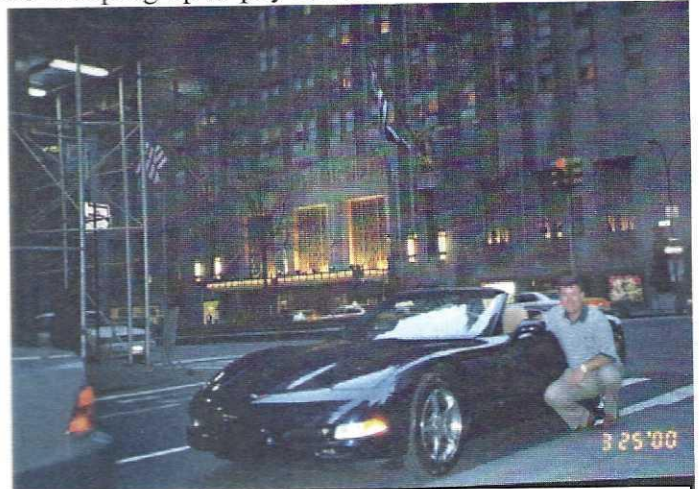
Seems hard to believe but, our C5 is 2 months old. It has already seen and traveled the roads of 12 states and the District of Columbia, all with less than 3,000 miles on the odometer. Our recent trip to NY came about as a result of my sister's premature delivery of twins. The potential USAir flight attendant strike kept us away from flying. Facing the fact of driving this 11-hour trip, we discussed criteria that would ensure our safety, comfort, and be economical. So, after overcoming the fear of a NYC taxi potentially scrapping off the side of the C5, our decision was made to take a chance, have a little fun and drive our C5 to New York City. Have Vette, will travel!

### Thursday, March 23

We departed the Charlotte area around 8:30 am. Richmond, VA was our destination for a stretch and lunch. It was time for fuel when we arrived in Baltimore, MD. I wanted to show Betsy Camden Yard and the Baltimore Seaport shopping district but the traffic was awful and the clock was ticking close to 4:00. If the traffic was this bad at 4 then, I knew we had to get out before the 5:00 rush hour. Betsy saw the sights of Baltimore...from the Vette. We encountered our first tollbooth in MD. I must say, paying tolls isn't one of my favorite expenditures. However, hearing the rumble of the C5 Corsa exhaust when leaving the tollbooth almost justifies the cost. Our travel strategy included driving on the NJ Turnpike. I believe the DOT needs to change the name of the NJ Turnpike to the NJ Autobahn. Every car on this stretch of road was traveling way above the posted speed limit. This wasn't a problem for the C5 driver but the passenger began auguring through the carpet looking for a brake pedal. We arrived at the Lincoln Tunnel entrance at 7:00 pm. Unfortunately we waited in line for 35 minutes creeping up to pay another toll. We arrived at our final destination at 8:00 pm. I made arrangements to park in the 24 hour manned garage next door to my sister's apartment. Parking fees were \$24/day. For an extra \$20 Fernando, the attendant, washed our C5, removed the brake dust from the polished wheels and the bugs from the front nose.

### Friday, March 24

Betsy & I had a busy day helping my sister & brother-in-law catch up on their personal chores. We did however, find time to enjoy a late picnic lunch in Central Park. The weather was unseasonably warm and sunny. We went to the hospital twice to visit with the twins. They are doing fine and now weigh in at slightly over 3 lbs. each.



C5 in front of Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Park Ave. NYC. Home of the 1953 Motoramma Show where the Corvette made it's debut.



## Saturday, March 25

Our schedule was full. Lots of shopping and household chores to do plus we visited the twins 3 different times. Taxi fares to the hospital were \$5 each way and its only one mile from my sister's apartment. Often times we walk to the hospital. Saturday afternoon the weather was warm & sunny. So, I decided to take the C5 out of the garage and begin a hospital shuttle service for my sister, brother-in-law & Betsy. I put the top down and cranked the exhaust up. Once again, the Corsa's sound reflecting off of the tall buildings was awesome. Betsy said she heard them from the 12<sup>th</sup> floor. The sights, sounds, and smells of Manhattan enhance the sensation of driving a convertible. We were also amazed to see so many other C5's in NYC. Coupes & convertibles...to many to mention.

Luca's restaurant on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. & 88<sup>th</sup> St. is where we enjoyed dinner Saturday evening. Luca, the owner, immigrated from Milano Italy in 1987 and opened this restaurant 18 months ago. We all enjoyed a very tasty Italian style meal. The service and friendly casual atmosphere was exactly what we were looking for after a busy day.

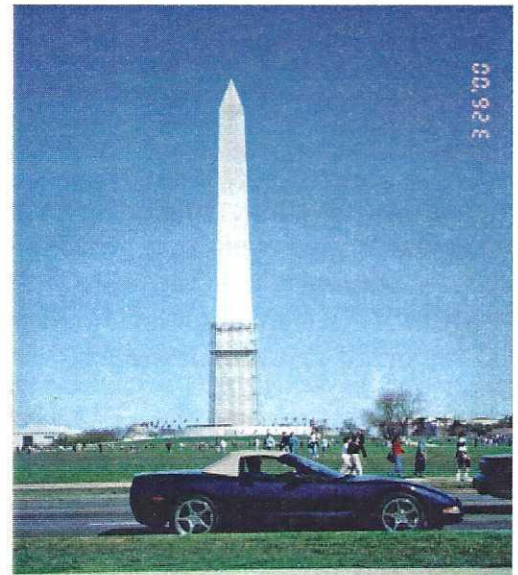
## Sunday, March 26

Time to say thanks and so long. Must begin our travel home to the south where folks talk normally without nasal sounding accents. Gas prices were reasonable on the NJ turnpike (\$1.64/gallon full service). I needed fuel but \$1.85/gallon kept me from filling up. I only bought 5 gallons in NYC. We decided to take the George Washington Bridge out of town. This is a beautiful old historic bridge with a gorgeous view of the city from the upper deck.

The Washington DC cherry trees were in full bloom. We had always heard of their beauty but had never seen them. So, we decided to take a side trip to see the infamous cherry blossoms for ourselves. Half of America must have had the same idea. Two hours later we were able to get a glimpse but the crowds and traffic jams were just about unbearable. We were able to take a couple of photos then hit the southbound lane of I-95.

We arrived home at 9:30 pm. Round trip was 1,410 miles, averaging 28.6 mpg. Total cost for tolls: \$18.75, gas: \$108.10, parking: \$74, driving excitement: priceless.

Like the recent car commercial jingle says "*See the USA in a Chevrolet*". That's what we're trying to do. Next month...Savannah, GA, here we come!



C5 at the Washington Monument.  
Washington, DC.

# Purple Racer Report



Spring is here... and boy is our basket of events full for the upcoming months. Be sure and check your calendar for all the important things we've got going on.

I want to thank everyone that showed up for the St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown, we had 14 cars and a great crowd turnout.

By the time you get this we will have already done the Parade Lap at the American - LeMans Race at Lowe's Motor Speedway. I already know that this is one of the most anticipated events the club has been a part of for a long, long time. We're sure that we'll have 50-60 cars to lead the race.

That same day, several car / Suburban loads of our ladies will be going on a "pottery crawl" that Nancy has organized. Thank God I'm single... don't think my MasterCard could handle this trip!

Then, the last weekend of the month is the event that has caused Nancy to have panic attacks for weeks, our spring fling to Savannah. I for one can't wait (even without a date). Our sister club in Savannah (Coastal Corvette Association) and Nancy have really gone overboard to insure we'll all have a great time.

Next month we've got the Parade of Lights downtown as part of the 'race week' festivities. We always have a good turnout for this one... this year should be no exception.

Please make sure to check out the 'New Faces' section of your newsletter and make our newest members feel welcome, they're part of our ever growing family.

(NEW MEMBERS - If I don't have your picture and Bio... please make sure to get in touch with me so I can include you in this new feature section)

'Til next month. Save the Wave!

Jeff

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## Small Scale Corvettes

by Tony Prior

It's no secret that one of my hobbies is building and collecting models car kits, primarily Corvettes. So what is it about this collectable Corvette model-mania?

To begin, a little history is in order. Back in the very late 50's and early 60's, model kit manufacturers were producing what was termed annuals, kits for the current production year. Through the next several decades, many varieties and variations of kits were made and Corvette's

were no exception. The companies that survived the decades, just like any other corporation, were those that responded to the market trends. SMP and MPC became AMT. Monogram and Revell recently merged to become Revell-Monogram. Aurora, Palmer and Johann went under. Lindburg hung on, but just barely. There are a few producers that hit the scene, but these were the primary players.

Since the late 50's an amazing little world of Corvette model kits emerged. Scale sizes varied between a tiny 1/72 all the way up to 1/8, which is well over 21 inches long! The most popular scale sizes were 1/24 and 1/25 and most recently the scale, adopted as the standard by major manufacturers is 1/25.

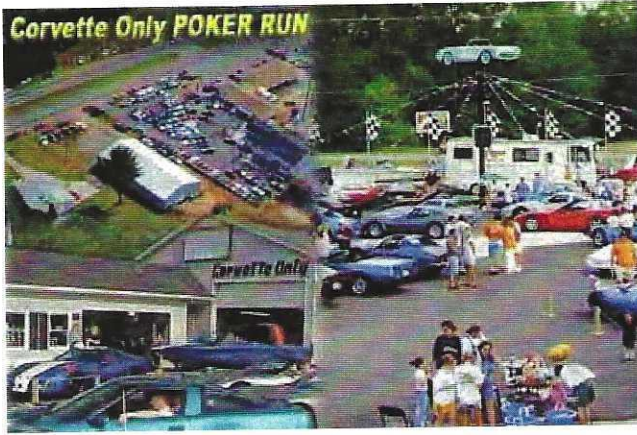
The most collectable Corvette models are the annuals and the typical factory stock kits. The most sought after kit is the 1961, mostly because very few were ever made. Of those that were made, two by AMT (#s K911 and K921), are the most desirable. I don't have either of these but, if you ever run across one of them, don't ask questions, just buy it. These kits in poor to moderate condition have a street value approaching \$100. A unit in nice condition with a good box may exceed \$200.00. An un-built kit in excellent condition with an excellent box will exceed \$500. Although this example is unusual, the average value for most other collectibles is between \$15 to perhaps \$150, depending on the car year, release date and kit condition.

What about quality and detail? For the most part the quality of the kits today is very good. Detail is another thing. Most of the kits are just plain wrong and some of the detail is out of proportion. But, this is what it is. I recently built a '62 Roadster for a friend, who just happens to be an expert on sold axle and mid year cars, and although he was very thankful for the model, he immediately pointed out all of the detail mistakes that AMT made for the '62 model car. On the other hand, Revell-Monogram has two versions of the '67 big block car, a Roadster and a Coupe. These two kits are very good, but if you want to build the '67 Roadster with stock Rally wheels, they come from the Coupe kit. Likewise if you want the Coupe to have the Knock Off wheels and the Sidepipes, they come from the Roadster kit. A little marketing plan here? All in all, this is a pretty fun little world to be in, and I am just talking about Corvettes! This little world gets bigger and bigger if you start looking at other cars, like Camaros and Chevelles, which I am presently doing. Does anyone happen to have a '69 / 396 Camaro Coupe model handy?





# POKER RUN 2000



Check Out the website for more details:

[www.corvettesonly.com/pokerrun.htm](http://www.corvettesonly.com/pokerrun.htm)

The Poker Run is a charitable event where proceeds go to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and to one of our local charities such as Prevent Child Abuse, South Carolina and Boys Home of the South. The event consists of a 5 playing-card draw where the highest hand wins the grand prize of \$1,000 sponsored by Corvette Only! Starting at Corvette Only, you will receive a map with a poker-sheet on back. Leaving Corvette Only, proceeding to the first checkpoint, you will draw your first card and a stamp will be placed on your sheet. Then, you will drive to 3 other check-points doing the same. During this time, you will enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery from the Blue Ridge Mountains and our fantastic lake country. At one stop you may take a ride in one of the two **Malibu Corvette Ski Boats** if you like. You will also be able to drive these as they are actively for sale and demonstration. Can you slalom on the water? The last stop will be at Corvette Only where there will be an auction, party, a live band, karaoke (for all you who like to sing... or try), trophies to be awarded in over 20 classes after the auction, and other forms of entertainment. All cars are to be in at 5:00pm, and to be eligible for the grand prize and "best poker hand" trophies, you must turn your poker-sheet in by 6:00pm latest.

## A few Check-points on the Poker Run

The following is a list of a few points, not in order, of the poker run:

**The Dock Masters Restaurant and Galley** - Located on beautiful Lake Hartwell where you may also ride in one of the two Malibu Corvette Ski Boats. The restaurant serves steak and seafood if you are hungry. **Ceasar's Head** - Look out over the Blue Ridge Mountains for an unforgettable view of our beautiful state. Caution for the weak stomachs; this road has plenty of hairpin turns up and down the mountain. **National Historic Register / Scenic Highway 11** - Beautiful views and plenty of ZR1 straight-aways. Don't worry if your gas pedal gets stuck.

## Where is the Poker Run?

The Poker Run starts at Corvette Only! (3306 Highway 123, Greenville SC) halfway between Atlanta and Charlotte off I-85. Take Exit 40, go west 5.5 miles on Highway 153 to Highway 123 North. Then go 2.2 miles, and Corvette Only! is on the left. You can't miss it! Below is a picture to help you out:

## When is the Poker Run?

The event begins on April 22, 2000, at 9:00am. Last car will leave at 11:00am. If you get into town early, why not come down to Corvette Only! and visit us? Bring your Corvette!

## Early-Bird Kick-Off Party!

Friday night there will be a party; please come if you arrive early and enjoy the company of other Corvette friends. **Last Year's Sponsors**

Special thanks goes to Mid America, E.C. Products, Eckler's, Snap-on Tools, Vette Brakes and Products, Napa Auto Parts, and East Coast Flightcraft for helping to sponsor the 1999 Poker Run.

## Emergencies!

**For emergencies, mechanics and skid trucks will be available. This is for the entire Poker Run event weekend.**

## How much does it cost to Enter?

Each poker-hand poker-sheet costs \$10 in advance, and \$15 at the gate. You may join us and not participate in the event. You must purchase a poker-sheet, however, to enter your car in the trophy winnings. You may participate in the auction and all other events free of charge. Keep in mind that all proceeds go to the National Corvette Museum. Corvette Only! is paying for the event. **If your vehicle is in a state of repair, bring a current registration card and a picture of your Corvette, and you may drive the Poker Run in another vehicle (Pre-1962). This only applies to valid Corvette owners; no 4-bangers with coffee-can exhaust tips allowed.**

We want all our Corvette friends here to participate no matter what.





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The **C5 Registry** is a group of over 3,700 C5 Corvette enthusiasts and owners who appreciate one of the most remarkable American cars to come along ever. The goal is to promote the exchange of information (both technical and nontechnical) among our members while serving as a data bank of information on the C5.

The **C5 Registry** features both C5 owners and their Corvettes on their web page and in their newsletter! The **C5 Registry** is present at many Corvette events across the country, and organizes special C5 gatherings where you can meet with other C5 owners to share information, ask questions, and have fun! Some recent examples are the Fifth National Corvette Museum Anniversary and the 24 Hours – Daytona, both that featured **C5 Registry** tent and free food for members.

You do not have to own a C5 Corvette to become a **C5 Registry** member. In fact, this is a great place to learn about the pluses and minuses of the C5 and various options before purchasing your C5.

Fees for the **C5 Registry** are \$55 per year which includes a subscription to the Registry Newsletter (published quarterly), a C5 net site for exchanging emails, a C5 Bulletin Board, a Members Only web site with FAQ and a technical data bank, a registration number, A Registry name badge, and a special annual **C5 Registry** window decal. Discounts that are available to **C5 Registry** members will more than offset the annual dues. If you are not a member, please consider this your invitation to join the fun and join the **C5 Registry**.

For more information, check out the **C5 Registry** home page [www.c5registry.com](http://www.c5registry.com) or contact E. O. Oakley.

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*Regrettably...*

*Effective immediately,  
Jay Freeman has resigned the QCCC Director position of Vice  
President Competition.  
His competition experience will be missed.*



**TREASURY REPORT**  
**March 20, 2000**

Bank Account Balance February 18, 2000 6,531.42

**Income**

Club Dues	647.00	
Club Hats	10.00	
Club Shirts	15.00	
NCCC Dues	300.00	
Silent Auction Receipts	200.00	
Savannah Trip Receipts	<u>330.00</u>	

	Total	1,502.00	1,502.00
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**Expenses**

March Mtg-club house rental	35.00	
Plates, cups, food, drinks, etc	49.36	
Bank Service Charge - February	.24	
March Newsletter Mailings	46.20	
New Member Package Mailings	8.47	
Supplies – Calculator tape	14.09	
NCCC Dues Paid	340.00	
Blank Name Tags	13.72	
Progressive Dinner-food,drinks,etc	163.69	
Stamps-Roll and Booklet	39.60	
Carolina Regional Dues - Year 2000	40.00	
Savannah Trip-Exchg ck to N. Runion	<u>330.00</u>	

	Total	1,080.37	1,080.37
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Bank Account Balance March 20, 2000 6,953.05



## ESCROW ACCOUNT

NCCC Dues Account Balance 02/18/00		80.00
NCCC Dues collected		<u>300.00</u>
	Total	380.00
NCCC Dues Paid to NCCC		<u>340.00</u>
	Total	40.00
QCCC Charities Account Balance 02/18/00		<u>938.91</u>
	Total	938.91
Escrow Account Balance 03/20/00		978.91
Club Treasury Balance March 20, 2000		5,974.14

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