

# June 2001

## In Loving Memory

## Don Yost





the many faces of Don ......all with a smile!



king & queen for a day ...a night ... a lifetime

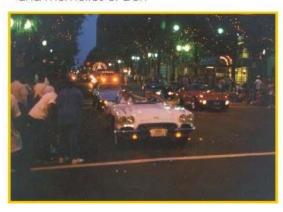




2 of the greatest prides in don's life



they say " a picture's worth a thousand words" QCCC hopes these convey our thoughts, and memories of Don





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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.



May 22, 2001

#### Dear Fellow QCCC Members:

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First, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to Hilda Yost on the passing of Don. As most of you know Don had been waging a battle with cancer for some time and it eventually took our beloved Don. However, it could never and will never take the memories we have as a membership and as individuals. We will always cherish those fond memories. My personal favorite will always be the crowning of Don and Hilda as the Queen City Corvette Club King and Queen at our annual banquet and prom in January 2001. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Hilda.

Also, for those of you not present at the May business meeting, the membership has unanimously voted to purchase a brick at the National Corvette Museum in memory of Don. In addition, the \$500 charitable donation from Fred Caldwell Chevrolet for the car show will be presented to the Loaves and Fishes organization on Don's behalf. It was also decided that Hilda Yost would become a Lifetime Member of the QCCC organization. Hilda, please always remember we will be here anytime you need anything.

Now on a more joyful note, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dave Sanders, David Mashburn, Dan and Beth Dowden, Max Sigmon, Kurt Boyd and Jim and Donna Littlejohn as the newest members of QCCC. Please welcome each new member.

In addition to the new members I would also like to welcome our first time business meeting visitors. Dennis Kish, Jonathan and Crissy Edwards, Phillip and Linda Lewis, John Melton, Philip McGwier, Chuck Beard and Robert Abbott and Ali Levine. Hopefully you enjoyed your first business meeting and will return to become part of our family.

As I'm sure everyone in attendance noticed, John Meadows was once again responsible for a very successful event. I am not sure if we ever got an exact count but I was told we had in excess of 50 participants at the show. **Great job John**. The winners of the "Peoples Choice Awards" were Chuck Beard, Benny and Renee Frazier, Wayne Gary, Karl and Jackie Slavetsky and of course, once again, John and Linda Meadows. **Congratulations to all the winners.** 

The future upcoming QCCC events for June will be the Gatlinburg trip (June 2-3) followed by the Matthews Car Show (June 9) followed by our wonderful BBQ and business meeting at the Burt's (June 16<sup>th</sup>).

In addition, don't forget to contact Jon Elliott to get the details and volunteer to help out at the BIG Johnsonville Bratwurst Grill during the Speedweek festivities. Proceeds from this go to the Speedway Children's Charity. This is great fun and I would encourage all who are able to volunteer for this event.

The details of these and other upcoming events are discussed in further detail on the following pages of the newsletter.

In closing, I would like to inform all members that Vector Shirts has just donated a very nice travel bag which they have requested we raffle and donate the proceeds to charity. The details have not yet been decided on this but be prepared to purchase your raffle tickets in the very near future. A special thanks to Kim and David Lindsey on this thoughtful donation. Please don't forget the Gatlinburg trip June  $2^{nd}$  &  $3^{rd}$ 

Until next time, enjoy your Corvettes, each other and please stay safe !!!!

Minutes from May 12, 2001 QCCC Business Meeting

The May 12, 2001 business meeting was held at Fred Caldwell Chevrolet in Kings Mountain. Officers in attendance were Greg Beavers, Fred Fischer, John Meadows, Eddie Burt, and Kim Beavers. Paul Pelkey represented Priscilla Pelkey, who was absent. Some members left the car show to attend Don Yost's funeral but returned in the early afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Beavers @ 2:15 p.m.

Greg opened the meeting and asked Diane Branche to say a prayer in memory of Don Yost. Jeff Estridge will put together a memorial page for the newsletter in Don's memory.

Minutes from last month's business meeting were approved. Next month's business meeting will be at Eddie and Jane Burt's home.

Greg announced that Jody Austin has volunteered to be the Editor of QCCC's Newsletter. Paul Pelkey has volunteered to maintain the membership database, which also includes the directory. Greg thanked everyone who has participated in compiling the newsletter and encouraged everyone to continue with this effort. It makes for a much more interesting format and newsletter.

Jack Warlick presented a trophy to Jody Austin from the South Carolina Poker Run. Jody left South Carolina before he could receive his award. Or maybe he was still thinking about the ticket he received.

Greg mentioned that Vector Shirts would be at Eddie's BBQ from 6-8pm. They would like to donate a piece of luggage to the club to be raffled as a charity donation.

Rick Witcher spoke to the club about a memorial for Don Yost. We can purchase a brick from the Corvette Museum for \$100 to \$150 ± dollars, which will be placed in the sidewalk in front of the museum. The club thought that was a good idea. Jane Burt asked about the cost? Rick says \$150±. Rick also suggested that we make Hilda Yost a lifetime member and every one agreed. Also, the money from Fred Caldwell, which is to go to a charity of our choice, will be donated to Loaves & Fishes in Don's name. All in attendance were in favor of the brick memorial for Don. All were in favor of the Loaves & Fishes charitable donation. Fred Fischer suggested that Greg Beavers write a letter to Hilda explaining what the club would be doing in Don's honor. We need the best picture of Don and Hilda – banquet is probably the latest – and present to Hilda.

#### **Newly voted Members:**

Donna and Jim Littlejohn, Kurt Boyd, Max Sigmon, Dan and Beth Dowden, David Mashburn, and Dave Sanders. All were voted in.

#### First time attendees:

Chuck Beard, Robert Abbott and Ali Levine, Philip McGwier, John Melton, Phillip & Linda Lewis, Jonathan and Crissy Edwards and Dennis Kish.

#### The People's Choice Awards were awarded to:

Benny and Rene Frazier, Wayne and Bonnie Gary, John and Linda Meadows, Karl and Jackie Slavetsky and Chuck Beard. These awards were given out by Fred Caldwell.

Reports from Officers:

John Meadows - talked about the donation from Fred Caldwell. The Parade of Lights will be 5/22 at 6:30 p.m. The Matthews car show is 6/9<sup>th</sup>. QCCC has guaranteed them that we will have 15 cars at the show. Kathie Finocchi mentioned a "Hill Climb" in Beech Mountain – brochures with info were handed out. Jon Elliott said the Johnsonville Bratwurst Grill will be at Speed Street and at the Coca Cola 600

and took a head count of those QCCC members that would be interested in volunteering. John will get more info and let everyone know.

Paul Pelkey filled in for Priscilla – Nancy Runnion has stepped up to the plate to help coordinate the beach trip this year which will be at The Winds \$99/pp, the last weekend of September. There will be a road trip to Lake Lure led by Randy Sherman on 5/19<sup>th</sup> leaving from the Krystal on Billy Graham Pkway at 8:00 a.m. The Gatlinburg trip is 6/2 & 6/3 – meet at the Krystal at 8:00 a.m. on Billy Graham Pkwy. Next business meeting will be at Eddie and Jane Burt's home at 6:00 p.m. Priscilla prepared a poster board with side dishes listed so that everyone could sign up for 1 or 2 dishes to take to the BBQ. There will be a Mount Mitchell road trip in July led by Randy Sherman. Jody mentioned that there is a Poker Run on July 28<sup>th</sup> - will be about 110 miles.

Fred Fischer – talked about the point system. Everyone needs to make sure they respond to his emails or they will not receive points to earn quarterly gifts.

Eddie – Treasury okay. Invited everyone to his home for the BBQ.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Beavers

## C5 CRUZER



## REPORT

Our car show at Fred Caldwell's Chevrolet was a huge success. We had almost 50 cars on display. That Saturday was a very hectic day. Many of us brought cars down for the show, returned for Don Yost's funeral, and then back to the show. Many others came after the funeral was over. We had close to 100 people attend our meeting that day. There were two carloads of ladies who went down to Gaffney to do some quick shopping. I understand they talked Fred into loaning them a car to make the trip. At the meeting It was brought up and passed that the \$500.00 that we raised for putting on the car show will be donated to Loafs and Fishes, an organization which Don and Hilda worked hard with.

The UAW/GM parade went on as scheduled. We all thought it might be rained out, but at about 7:00 PM the rain quit and we had a great night for a parade. We had over 20 cars there for the parade. On the WBTV news that night, we got some free advertisement when Denise Dory thanked Ben Horack and QCCC for providing cars for the parade. Thanks to everyone that came down in the rain and made this a good parade. I hope everyone had a great time!

The town of Matthews will be holding its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Auto Reunion on June 9<sup>th</sup>. From 8AM to 4PM. Again this is a fun show. The have agreed to give out 5 trophies to our club if we can sign up a least 15 cars for this show. Greg has said that many of you have shown an interest in this show. Please Email me at <a href="mailto:imeadows@cmgsales.com">imeadows@cmgsales.com</a> if you would like to attend.

In June we will need cars for high school students who will be honored at the Legend's Track located at the Lowe's Motor Speedway. This will also be a week night event. I will email everyone with more details.

TILL NEXT MONTH, SAVE the WAVE



## Social Report

### **June 2001**

### Ocean Isle, NC (September 28-29)

We will be staying at The Winds, 910-579-6275 (ask for Myra). The room cost is \$99.28 per night, which includes tax and breakfast. Cancellation can be made 14 days prior to arrival date. Five four-bedroom homes and two six-bedroom homes have been reserved. Individual rooms are also available. The deadline for reservations is August 31. After that the rooms will be turned over to the public at large. Nancy is planning some other activities among which will include dinner on Saturday night with the SC club. Please let Nancy know ASAP if you plan on going. This information will be important for planning the rest of the activities.



Gatlinburg, TN and Deals Gap road trip June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

We have put together an over night road trip to Gatlinburg and Deals Gap. Call the Park Vista hotel to get your reservations **800-421-7275** or **865-436-9211**. When you make your reservations tell them you're with the *Queen City Corvette Club* and the rate will be \$83 plus tax, per night. If you want to go early or stay an extra night, they will honor the \$83. Check out the link below for more information: <a href="http://www.corvetteforum.net/c4/gs687/index.shtml">http://www.corvetteforum.net/c4/gs687/index.shtml</a>



Annual Eddie Burt BBQ and club meeting June 16th, 6:00 p.m.

Club BBQ will be held at Eddie Burt's home in Matthews. This is always a very popular event and once you taste the food you'll know why. **Bring your chairs and favorite beverage.** This is also our official meeting for June.



Matthew's Tennis Club July 14th, 6:00 p.m.

## Monthly meeting will be held at the Matthew's Tennis Club



Mount Mitchell road trip July 21st (rain date 22nd)

Randy Sherman will be the tour guide to Mount Mitchell. This will be a "bring your own" picnic lunch. Please remember your radios and chairs.

We will **leave** Krystal Burger on Billy Graham at **8 a.m.** sharp so plan on getting there at 7:30. Please gas up prior to 8 a.m. Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be used as a rain date for the 21<sup>st</sup>. The trip will be approximately 125 miles each way. The trip is very scenic. Some of the roads are twisty so take it for what it's worth. We should get back around 6 p.m.



Poker Run July 28<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m.

- Queen's Landing on Highway #150 on Lake Norman.

We have put together a poker run that ought to be a great time.

The schedule for the Poker Run is as follows:

12:00 – Registration 12:30 - Driver's meeting 1:00 - First car out

Prizes will be awarded. Duration: Approx. 3hr 15min

Distance: 110 miles. Trip is very scenic, diverse and fun to drive. This should be enjoyable for everyone. We will cover 4 counties on the trip.

Checkpoints: 3 during the trip to draw a card. 1 card will be given out at the start and 1 card will be given out at the end.

Facilities: Queen's Landing has a floating bar, a sandwich restaurant (burgers & hot dogs) that opens at 11AM, and an Italian restaurant that opens at 5PM. Lunch can be purchased there and we will be back in time for supper at the Italian restaurant, if anyone wants to eat there.

Queen's Landing has miniature golf, bumper boats and a sandy area with a DJ that starts at 7PM for the dancers in the group.



### City Chevrolet August 11 car show/meeting 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We will be having a car show / meeting at City Chevrolet. The set up will be along the same lines as the Fred Caldwell show we did in May. Note that we will also have our monthly meeting at 2:00 p.m.



#### Hungry Mother State Park, Marion, Va. Sunday, *August 19, 2001*

We have put together a nice scenic trip to Hungry Mother State Park in Virginia. Last year the trip was very memorable and the food was excellent. This is one trip you will not want to miss. See the below link for more details.

www.corvetteforum.net/events/gccc/

If you have questions, comments, suggestions, or would like to volunteer for an activity, please contact me at <a href="mailto:PPelkey@carolina.rr.com">PPelkey@carolina.rr.com</a>

## **Queen City Corvette Club Social Calendar for 2001**

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M= monthly meeting
E= event for the month
T= tentative plans
June
      Gatlinburg - 2<sup>nd</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>
E=
      Eddie Burt's BBQ - 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.
M=
July
      Matthew's Tennis Club - 14th @ 6:30 p.m.
M=
      Mount Mitchell road trip - 21st (rain date 22nd)
E=
                                - 28<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 p.m.
E=
      Poker Run
August
M/E= City Chevrolet - 11^{th} @ 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. meeting)
      Hungry Mother - 19th Sunday
      Scavenger/ Poker Run/ Andrew Jackson Park
E=
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September
      Hendrick Motor Sports - 8th Saturday, @ 12:00 p.m.
      Ocean Isle, North Carolina - 28th through 29th
E=
October
      Northcross Bowling Alley - 13th @ 6:00 p.m.
M=
      Daniel Boone Restaurant T
E=
November
      Alpine Club House - 10th @ 6:30 p.m.
M=
      Highland Lake Inn - 2nd through 3rd
E=
December
M/E= Country Inn in Matthews / Christmas Party - 8^{th} @ 6:00 p.m.
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## **Tech Tip**

By Randy "El Rando" Sherman

Roof Panel Squeak and/or Rattle?

An easy fix for noisy roof panels is silicone grease. If your panels squeak, groan, and rattle with the flex of the Vette's body over bumps and in corners, simply take a small piece of cloth, about a one inch square, and grease it well with silicone grease. Remove tops or roof panel, and rub a generous amount of the grease onto the car's weather stripping, that's the black rubber that the roof panels use to keep the weather out. This will effectively stop all those moans, groans and squeaks, and as a bonus, the silicone extends the life of rubber weather stripping. Also, if it is used around the door and window weather-stripping it will help prevent cracking.

BE SURE NOT TO USE A PETROLEUM BASED GREASE (THIS INCLUDES VASELINE). PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WILL DESTROY THE RUBBER IN A VERY SHORT TIME.

If you cannot find silicone grease locally, it is available from Ecklers and/or Mid America. Let me know how you like the results.

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### Item of Interest to Corvette Owners

Mark this date - June 29, 2001 – It has been designated as **Drive your Corvette to Work Day,** a celebration begun by Mid America Designs (Those catalog 'Vette Parts people who send out 30 catalogs a year to us owners). Taking place on the workday that falls closer to the Corvette's June 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Here is a link <a href="https://www.countdownto50.com">www.countdownto50.com</a>, it features a wealth of news and information about the corvette's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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## **Additional Information to the Last Newsletter**

At the Savannah Gathering in April, several QCCC members, as expected, won many of the prizes given away. My only question is, why didn't we win them ALL? Anyway, here are the winners, their prizes and we offer our congratulations!

Dave Sanders Won the C5 Car Show Award and a bottle of wine (It was good wine, it had a cork)

Sue Stickles \$\$
John Bayne \$\$
Jody Austin \$\$

Herman Pfisterer C5R Model

Kim Beavers Original print by a local artist

Ben Horack Corsa Ball cap

Jane Burt Keeping her magic touch intact, she won the Georgia State Lottery for

\$5,000,000..er.. I mean \$??. Doggone, those decimal points always confuse me. Had

you excited for a minute there, huh, Eddie?

## Alleena Warren Receives an Award for her 1982

## NEWS brief from the NCRS community

The Carolina Chapter of the National Corvette Restorers Society held a Chapter judging meet on Saturday morning, May 19, at Knights Auto in Monroe. Five Corvettes were Flight Judged, including **Alleena Warren's** 1982 Collector. This was the first time that her car had been judged. **Alleena** received a Second Flight award based on condition/originality, and a tremendous amount of useful info about her car. It is a fun and great learning experience to go through the judging process.

Currently, NCRS recognizes 1953 through 1982 Corvettes for the Judging process; however, the judging guide for C4's is in the process. The next locally sponsored judging meet will be in Banner Elk on September 29. This would be a great opportunity for a road trip.

Until next time.

Walt Krupowicz, Vice Chairman Carolina Chapter, NCRS

Way to go, Alleena! We all say, Congratulations!! And thanks Walt, for submitting the information. It's always a pleasure to see people with significant cars drive them, and we can attest to that, Alleena drives it, and that is how it should be.

This was the last year of the gorgeous C3 generation.

## 1982 Corvette Specifications

**Total Production = 25.407 Coupes** 



A special "Collector Edition" coupe was offered with two-tone silver/beige paint and interior and a hatchback rear glass. A new cross-fire injection system and 4-speed automatic transmission were introduced.

FIBERGLASS FACT: No manual transmissions were available in 1982.

## Highlights From The Parade Of Lights



By David Carleton

Poor old Jon Elliott...he's kinda like Rodney Dangerfield, he never gets any respect. Here I was with the most beautiful TV anchor babe to hit Charlotte in years, striking up a conversation while escorting her in the parade. Halfway through the parade route, we're having a pretty good conversation, when I look up and who do I see leaning up against a parking meter, but Jon Elliott. (I'm not sure if he was trying to shake it to get quarters out, but you know Jon, let him talk to it for a while and it'll be eating out of his hand). Anyway, I see Jon, Betsy and the Bayne clan in the crowd, so I say to the anchor babe (we're on a first name basis by now) "that's

my buddy, Jon Elliott and it's his birthday today". So anchor babe says "Hey, Jon Elliott, Happy Birthday", and proceeds to get the crowd, with her leading the chorus, to sing "Happy Birthday" to Jon...what a treat, it's Jon's birthday and he doesn't even know it. Now, I'm not sure, but for the past four years as a member of the club, Jon has had a lot more birthdays than anybody else, I wonder why?



There's David Carleton's '60 at the top of the page, Ben Horack's Black '62, Bob Schillo's Big Block '68, and Steve "Fireball" Branche's '92. A very nice collection, they represented us well! Also, there is Walter Kronkite in somebody's C3 getting ready for the parade. Am I the only one who thinks Walter looks a lot like Paul Cameron? Go Figure!

## Looks like everyone is in a hurry, even the car on the billboard, to get to Fred Caldwell's for the May 12 car show!

FRED CALDWELL CHEVROLET CD

Over 50 cars showed up for a fantastic show. Fred Caldwell was a very gracious host and everyone had a great time. There were 5 winners of The People's Choice Award. The votes were certified after all of the hanging & dimpled chads were eliminated. After certification, the results were stored in a hermetically sealed mayonnaise jar and put in the trunk of a 1961 Chevy Bel Air for safekeeping. At the club meeting, the jar was opened, and the winners announced.

The picture to the right was taken with the new "Billboard Cam", operated by your dedicated journalism staff, and, I might add, they risked life and limb getting this photo, all for minimum wage!



As you can see from the picture above, there were quite a few green C5's at the show. Just Kidding, guys! Just Kidding!

The envelope, please! And the winners of the people's choice awards, in no particular order are:

John & Linda Meadows '63 Split Window

Benny & Renee Frazier '66 Roadster

Wayne Gary '75 Roadster

Chuck Beard '62 Roadster

Karl & Jackie Slavetsky '71 Coupe

## HORSEPOWER DISCOVERED IN TROUTMAN, NC!

As told by Billy Bob Bigblock and translated by your newsletter staff



TROUTMAN, NC - Just what does it mean when Chevrolet says a '98 C5 has 345 horsepower? Does it really mean that the engine produces power equivalent to a team of 345 actual horses out in front of that C5 pulling it? If so, what kind of horses, Clydesdales (That's those Budweiser horses)? Quarter horses? Thoroughbreds? I read a couple of articles that explain, in relatively simple terms, what it all means, so if you're non mechanical, like me, you might find the following couple of paragraphs informative.

James Watt, the guy who worked with the steam engines, came up with the concept back in the 1700-1800's. Through observation he determined that the average horse of the time could lift a 550 pound weight one foot in one second, which set the standard of 550 foot pounds per second, or, with a little simple math, 33,000 foot pounds per minute (550X60). So, armed with these calculations, Watt said that 33,000 foot pounds per minute of work was equivalent to the power of one horse, or, one horsepower. That, folks, is how it started.

Now, let's do some ciphering (That's Tennessean for calculating) to see what that means: Visualize a one-pound weight, one foot from the fulcrum on a weightless bar. If the 1pound weight is rotated one full revolution against a one-pound resistance, it has moved a total of 6.2832 feet (3.1416(Pi) X 2(a two foot circle)). Now, stay with me here a second, if enough force is exerted to that same 1-pound weight to rotate it 87-1/2 times in 1 second, then the weight has moved 550 ft., and, according to the premise in the second paragraph, 1 horsepower was developed. Extrapolating that 1 second of work to 1 minute, (87-1/2 X 60 seconds) then 5,252 RPM was accomplished and 1 horsepower was attained for the duration. It's important to understand that nobody ever actually measures horsepower from a running engine. What is actually measured (on a dynamometer) is torque, expressed in foot pounds (in the U.S.), and then actual horsepower is calculated by converting the twisting force of torque into the work units of horsepower.

Okie Doakie, are you still with me? Let's check GM to see how much horsepower we calculate for that '98 LS1 using the basic formula for horsepower:

(Torque X RPM) / 5,252(1 Horsepower)= Actual Horsepower

Now, substituting Chevy's published numbers into the formula:

(324ft.lbs X 5,600RPM) / 5,252 = 345 HP

Holy Camshafts, Batman! I think they just might be right.

So, as you can see after examining the above formula, for any given level of torque, making it at higher rpm means you increase horsepower. This article only touches on the very basic elements of a very complicated issue and doesn't begin to address all of the aspects of optimum torque/horsepower at various levels. I'll leave that to someone far more versed in mechanics than me.

Tune in next month as we spend a quiet evening with the Bigblocks' and join them for a family dinner and a discussion of the concept of the "Traction Budget" and, also, why deer hunting should be an Olympic sport. 'Til then, may your contact patches stay glued to the asphalt.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Technical data from the web in 1998, no author named, embellishment by your newsletter editor.

## **QCCC Classics**

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Beginning this month we will feature a member's Classic Corvette in each month's Newsletter. If you own a Classic Corvette (Pre-1984) and are interested in having your Corvette featured in this column please contact Tony Prior, email <a href="mailto:MPTP001@aol.com">MPTP001@aol.com</a>.or phone 704-821-7250.

We all know Eddie Burt, husband to Jane, treasurer of our club and we know he knows how to barbecue a piece of pork. But, what many of us don't know is 'What's up with that '66 in your garage?" Back in October of 1965, Eddie took delivery of a Tuxedo Black 427 Roadster. This car, with only 25,000 original miles, has Bright Blue Interior, 4-speed transmission and Eddie thinks either a 4:11 or 4:56 rear-end. The car was driven as a daily driver for about a year before Eddie began his year and a half drag racing adventure at drag strips in both Louisiana and North Texas. Winning over 65 trophies in the B Sport Production class and turning 12:20's in the quarter at around 118MPH very consistently, right from the factory. "I did turn this car around in a circle several times " says Eddie of the power this car has.

For 1966, all 427 Corvette's came with the same motor, with the first 5,000 cars rated at 450 HP, after that they were rated at 425 HP with no engine changes, just the rating. Eddie's car was # 2890 off the production line, which officially makes it a 450HP monster.

I asked Eddie about the top speed in this car and he told me a little story. "One time I really wanted to know what this car would do, you know, how fast it would go. I was on this little back road blacktop in Louisiana and I ran the thing up to 147 MPH in 4<sup>th</sup> gear, the tach was reading around 7200 RPM and you know, I'm lucky to have survived that deal with those skinny tires and all. The car didn't have but 6-inch wide Polyglass tires!

So what are the plans for the 1966 Corvette with only 25,000 miles? Eddie tells me that both he and Eddie Jr. are going to restore the car back to original show-room condition. Eddie has all the original parts for the car and this would be a pretty cool deal to see this car back on the street again.

What's special about a 1966 Corvette? The 427 Hood is unique to '65 and '66, the emblem on the hood (driver's side) only appeared in 1966 and the 427 fender badge was only seen in late 65 and thru 1966.

A final note, on the top 50-fastest car's list, this car, the 1966 / 427 Corvette, is #4 with 9 Corvettes making the list. Thanks, Eddie for sharing with us.



Interior looks brand new



Original Louisiana Inspection Sticker



427 Fender Badge



Famous 427 with Hood Emblem

## North Carolina to Outlaw Radar Detectors?

(Proposed Legislation)

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

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SENATE BILL 125

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#### "§ 20-137.3. Use of radar detectors prohibited;

(a) It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on the streets or highways of this State when the vehicle is equipped with any device or mechanism, passive or active, to detect or purposefully interfere with or diminish the measurement capabilities of any radar, laser, or other device or mechanism employed by law enforcement personnel to measure the speed of motor vehicles on the streets or highways of this State for law enforcement purposes. It is unlawful to use any such device or mechanism on any motor vehicle on the streets or highways.

Call your State Senator to express your feelings on this bill. The bill is still in the proposed stages. Their addresses can be obtained through the web site: <a href="https://www.ncga.state.nc.us">www.ncga.state.nc.us</a>

#### Disclaimer:

This notice is offered only as information to the club members and the QCCC neither endorses nor opposes this senate bill.

#### Editor's note:

As many you know, I quit my regular life and became the new editor of the newsletter and that job responsibility is to put out an interesting newsletter each month. I invite you to submit articles, pictures, clipped items from the web or anything you think that is Corvette or performance related, or of general interest to the club. Send those items to mollyme@abts.net or austin@mocaro.com.

If you have complaints about the content or critism of any part of the newsletter, you can telephone me at BR-549, or email the editor at rukidding@aintnoway.com.

The next time you see Jeff Estridge, compliment him on the superb job he did on the cover and memory page for Don Yost, absolutely fantastic. Thanks, Jeff, for the great work....and you, too, Don for touching our lives.

Continental Tire, a company Kathie Finocchi is associated with, is sponsoring a car show on June 23. Let's get those cars cleaned up and have a big showing from the Corvette community.

