



“The Club’s Monthly Croaker”

Our Pledge:

To take the simple, and complicate it,
To take the incomprehensible, and merely confuse it,
To take the sublime, and denigrate it,
But.... You'll always get your money's worth!

June Had Something For Everyone!

It started with incredible scenery, fantastic accommodations, unbelievable driving resulting in an encounter with “The Sheriff”, it continued with a concours d’elegance car show in Matthews, and then we had a sudden resignation; followed by a dose of political intrigue and finished off with great bar-b-que at “The Burt Ranch” and a first time win at LeMans. Golly, it doesn’t get any better than this! This month was better than an episode from “The Soprano’s.”

July 2001



Viva La Corvette! 1st and 2nd in Class At
LeMans! Congratulations
Team Corvette....

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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.



June 22, 2001

Dear Fellow Members,

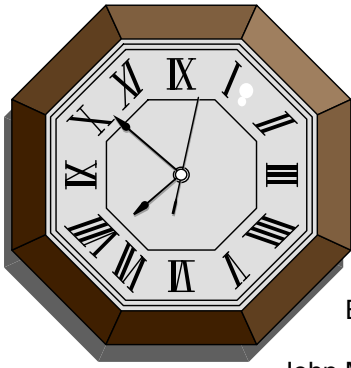
Summer is here and, as in each year since I've been a member of QCCC, we started the season with our annual Bar-B-Que at the home of Jane and Eddie Burt. The "stats" are in, this year Eddie cooked 134 pounds of pork butt, all at the same time. Although Pat and I were out of town on personal business, I'm told that 125 Queen City members, guests and prospective members attended. The entire neighborhood was lined with cars! Eddie says the neighbors spent the evening wandering down the streets admiring our cars while partygoers consumed nearly everything that was prepared. The preparation was an incredible undertaking, Eddie started cooking early in the morning and was able to get the entire 134 pounds onto his grill in one shot (I understand Eddie bought his grill from some outfit in Texas, where everything is large. Ha!) We all owe Eddie and Jane a hearty Thank You! (I wonder how they'll handle an encore next year?)

The meeting Saturday night was carried off smoothly, for which I thank not only John Meadows for standing in for me, but also the rest of the Board for their contributions and thoughts on handling the election. Filling our vacant Board positions was an interesting experience and one that the club had not faced in recent times, nor with such a large membership.

The experience pointed out to the Board exactly how our Bylaws have become antiquated. It's clear they desperately need some attention and re-writing to accommodate not only a membership that's grown as large as we are, but to handle our needs with procedures that will work. This will be a large undertaking and volunteers are needed to establish a committee for their review. Please get involved in this activity so we can insure that Queen City Corvette Club maintains its wonderful personality and value to the membership. I believe we are the Premier Corvette Club in the Carolinas and maintaining that standing takes some commitment from each of you! Please help!

There are lots of great activities planned for the summer. Our July meeting at the Matthews Tennis Club is shaping up! Priscilla and Jeff Estridge are putting the final touches on our plans and it sounds fantastic to me! Later in July we're off on a "Poker Run" through the Wilkesboro area of NC. I've made this drive with Jody to check out the directions and the route. This one will be fun! It's not timed, there's no hurry but it will be terrific fun, a wonderful drive and a great place to finish! Stay tuned for details and don't miss these July events...

Until next month, be safe, have fun!



Minutes From QCCC Business Meeting, Saturday, June 16, 2001

The June business meeting of QCCC was held at Jane and Eddie Burt's house. Officers in attendance were: John Meadows, Eddie Burt, and Priscilla Pelkey.

John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved. John thanked Jane & Eddie Burt for hosting the meeting and Eddie for cooking the BBQ. He read a statement from the Board in response to President, Greg Beavers, and Secretary, Kim Beavers' resignation letter. Nominations will be taken later in the meeting and replacements will be elected tonight.

Eddie Burt introduced visitors and thanked them for coming:

David and Karen Jurincie, Dan and Alicia Holland, Ken Smelter, Beth Poston, Sharon Sanders, and Linda Cowan..

Ten new members were voted in: Becky Sigman (Max's wife), Trudy Sloan (Bob Shillo's better half), Bob Abbott and Ali Levine, Chuck Beard, Dennis Kish, Phillip and Linda Lewis, Philip McGwier, and John Melton. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

John reported that a memorial brick in Don Yost's name for the Corvette Museum will be ordered next week.

Priscilla reported that the July 14 meeting will be at 6:30 pm at the Matthews Tennis Club. Dinner will not be served. You may come early and hit a bucket of balls. July 21 Randy Sherman will lead a road trip to Mt Mitchell. July 28 Jody Austin will lead a Poker Run. September 28 & 29 Beach Trip to Ocean Isle, NC. Call 910-579-6275 for reservations – ask for Myra. November 2-4 Mountain Trip – there are only 3 rooms left in the Lodge at Highland Lake Inn.

Eddie reported that there is money in the Treasury and asked if anyone had any questions about the Treasury Report in the newsletter.

Nominations for President were: Fred Fischer (along with VP) and Rick Witcher

Nominations for Secretary were: Jane Burt

Jim Campbell recommended that the by-laws be changed. John responded that an initiative to update the by-laws will be considered.

John Meadows reported that the Matthews Car Show last weekend had 16 QCCC cars participate. Four trophies were awarded: Herman Pfisterer – C5, Bob & Nancy Runnion – C4, Karl & Jackie Slavetsky – C3, and John Meadows – C2.

Thursday June 28, 20 cars will be needed at 8:00 p.m. at the Ledgens Track at Lowes Motor Speedway to carry 50 high school students from all 50 states plus 5 international students.

Providence High School is hosting this event.

July 4, we have been invited to participate in 2 parades – Hickory Grove & Tega Cay.

John will send an e-mail with details of both events.

New Business:

Nancy Runnion has a card for anyone to sign that she will take with her next month when a group visits former members Ray & Patty Stonitsch in upstate NY.

Jeff Estridge reported that Friday June 29 is Drive Your Corvette to Work Day. This is part of the 50th anniversary celebration sponsored by the Corvette Museum. There will also be a caravan to be held in 2003 from Detroit to St Louis to Bowling Green consisting of 49 cars, representing each year of Corvette. See www.corvettemuseum.com for more info. Jeff also reported that Hilda Yost says Thank You for the support we've shown since our beloved Don's passing. His son Doug left today with Don's 1961, heading for Nebraska.

The election results were presented with Fred Fischer being elected President and Jane Burt, Secretary until the 2002 elections are held in November.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

Minutes From QCCC Directors' Meeting, Friday, June 22, 2001

The June directors' meeting was held at the home of Paul and Priscilla Pelkey. All officers were in attendance as well as Paul Pelkey. President Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Bylaws:

It has been suggested that the bylaws need to be thoroughly reviewed and updated to more accurately apply to a large and progressive club. The last major review was in May 1999 of the June 1994 bylaws. Rick Witcher led that committee and has volunteered to do so again. The Board agreed that a committee comprised of club member volunteers should be formed to review the current bylaws and recommend changes. The Board would establish a deadline and state its view on each recommended change. Current Bylaws can be changed as per the following rules as set forth under Article X, Section I, paragraph a.

"These Bylaws may be added to, altered, or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the club, provided such additional Bylaws amendment or repeal has been proposed in writing to the Secretary, who shall have included in it a notice of the meeting to the members at least seven days before the date of the scheduled meeting."

Fred will e-mail the membership to solicit volunteers for a Bylaws Review Committee.

QCCC Huggers:

The blue huggers given to member families at the June Meeting were well received. The Board approved purchasing another 100 in a different color.

Charity Poker Run July 28:

Jody Austin has ordered 100 poker hands for this event. The Board approved the \$79 expenditure. Jody proposes that participants pay \$5 per hand with half the proceeds going to charity and the other half going to the winning hand. The Board feels that this inaugural event should be for QCCC members only and if successful, advertise future QCCC-sponsored poker runs on Corvetteforum.com. Jody and Fred recently ran the 110-mile course and it is very nice. There will be 3 checkpoints that will have to be "manned". John suggested that the first 3 cars man the checkpoints, 1-2-3. Jody will explain the details at the July meeting.

Vice President position:

The Board agreed that it is in the best interest of the club to elect a Vice President. Fred will send an e-mail to all members soliciting nominations/volunteers. An election will be held at the July meeting.

SOCIAL REPORT – Priscilla Pelkey:

Business Meeting Location:

Walt Krupowicz suggested that a meeting be held at the Mint Street Garage (where club pictures were taken in 1999). Priscilla checked the calendar and found the October meeting was available. The Panther football schedule will have to be reviewed since the garage is directly across from the stadium. Priscilla will ask Walt to pursue this.

July 14 Business Meeting at Matthews Tennis Club 6:00 p.m.:

They are charging \$50 for the facility rental and can provide heavy hors d'oeuvres for \$5 per person. The Board approved these expenses.

Beach Trip September 28 & 29:

Nancy Runion requested \$100 for gifts and \$127 for pizzas. The Board approved these expenses.

Grand Prix of Charlotte:

Candy Lake asked Priscilla if QCCC has been asked to participate in, or is going to attend, the Grand Prix of Charlotte on October 21. John Meadows has contacted Harriet Carter at Lowes' Motor Speedway about this, but since LMS is not sponsoring the event, little is known. She will investigate further let John know what she learns. John will share all information with the club.

QCCC Banquet January 2002:

When should Priscilla start planning? Now, but how about a "theme"? This will be brought to the membership for input.

Christmas Families:

DSS has been contacted about families to sponsor at Christmas. They will send names to Priscilla by October and also offer the opportunity to sponsor a family at Thanksgiving. This will be brought to the membership.

TREASURY – Eddie Burt:

Eddie had nothing to report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – John Meadows:

Six cars have signed up for the National Association of Student Councils parade at the Legends Track at LMS on Thursday June 28 at 7:45 p.m.

At the June meeting, Vector Shirts donated a very nice bag valued at \$38 which John will auction at the July meeting with the proceeds going to Charity.

The Corvette Museum has been called six times about purchasing a brick in memory of Don Yost, but the proper person has yet to be reached.

A letter has been presented to City Chevrolet about a car show to be held August 11 from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. We have guaranteed at least 30 cars in exchange for a \$500 donation to a charity of our choice, \$175 for trophies, and a place to hold our August meeting at 2:00 p.m.

We have been asked to provide at least 8 cars to each of two July 4 parades. Tega Cay at 9:30 a.m. and Hickory Grove at 10:30 a.m.. Bob Denney is coordinating the Hickory Grove parade.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Burt, Secretary.

C5 CRUZER REPORT

The town of Matthews held its 10th Annual Auto Reunion on June 9th. We had 16 cars to show up for this event. I think everyone had a good time. There were a lot of really neat cars there.



We had no C1 represented, so no winner there. John Meadows won for the C2, Karl and Jackie Slavetsky for their C3, Bob and Nancy Runnion for their C4 and Herman Pfisterer for his C5. Thanks for everyone attending.

On June 28 we will be providing cars for the National Association of Student Councils event being held at Lowes' Motor Speedway. We hope to provide at least 20 cars for this event. We are to meet at 7:45 PM at the Legends track behind LMS.

In July we have been asked to provide cars for two Forth of July Parades. We have been asked to provide 8 cars for each of these parades. One parade will be held in Hickory Grove. We will meet at 10:30 AM at Hickory Grove Methodist Church. Please Email me if you can help with this parade. Bob Denny will be the organizer for QCCC at the parade.

The second parade will be in Tega Cay. This parade starts at 9:30 AM. We will need to be there by 9:00. I will be organizer for QCCC at this parade.

E-Mail me at jmeadows@cmgsales.com if you can help with these events.

TILL NEXT MONTH, SAVE the WAVE



Social Report

July 2001



Matthew's Swim and Tennis Club July 14th, 6:30 p.m.

**Monthly meeting will be held at the Matthew's Tennis.
Heavy appetizers will be provided by the club.**

Matthews Swim and Tennis Club
2110 Pleasant Plains Rd
Matthews, NC 28105
(704) 847-3261

1. From E INDEPENDENCE BLVD. take the NC-51 ramp towards MATTHEWS/MINT HILL.
2. Keep LEFT at the fork in the ramp. 0.1 Miles
3. Turn LEFT onto MATTHEWS TOWNSHIP PKWY/NC-51 S.
4. MATTHEWS TOWNSHIP PKWY/NC-51 S becomes PINEVILLE MATTHEWS RD/NC-51
5. Turn LEFT onto FULLWOOD LN. 1.0 Miles
6. Turn RIGHT onto S TRADE ST. 0.6 Miles
7. S TRADE ST becomes PLEASANT PLAINS RD.

** Mark Ledford asks everyone to bring their golf club for a long drive contest



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 22nd, will be used as a rain date for the 21st. 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 28th 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
Cost: \$5 per hand.

Prize: Winning hand gets 1/2 of the proceeds after QCCC pays expenses.
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's 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/qccc/



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.

If you have questions, comments, suggestions, or would like to volunteer for an activity, please contact me at PPelkey@carolina.rr.com

Got Food?

Our June meeting was held at the Burt's, placial estate in beautiful, downtown Union county. As we have come to expect, the Bar-B-Que was out of this world. Even the squirrel, stuffed with potted meat, my Mother used to fix at Thanksgiving when I was a kid, couldn't hold a candle to this feast. Eddie starts the coals in the morning, puts his special sauce on the meat, cooks it just right and Voila'.... The best BBQ in the area.

Here are some highlights from the evening:



I wonder if that sheetrock mud bucket contains Eddie's "magic" ingredients?



Union County's finest! He's probably hunting for Bob Denney.



Can't you just imagine the stories going on with this group! There's Bob Runnion, Eddie Burt, Wade Stickels, Jack Warlick, and Wayne Gary. (From left to right)

Matthews Car Show

The club participated in a car show in Matthews on June 9. Here are a few pictures of the cars and their owners:



(Show pictures courtesy of Dave Sanders)



Look at those cars to the right, it looks like "A Field Of Dreams."



Dave Sander's Z06! I bet it'll go as good as it looks!

Ken & Lois Watts' C5. Remember, they built that thing.
You can't find dirt anywhere near that car. I wonder if the gravel Ken is standing on has been vacuumed?



The winners of the awards were:

- C5** - Herman Pfisterer
- C4** - Bob & Nancy Runnion
- C3** - Karl & Jackie Slavetsky
- C2** - John Meadows

Congratulations guys and gals! We've seen your cars, and they are nice!

TECH TIP

By
Randy "El Rando" Sherman

Car Washing Tip

We all love our Corvettes to be clean and shiny, so here's a tip that has several benefits. One of the keys to a good wash, is how we dry our cars. I've found the best method to do this without removing any wax, is to use a large cotton towel, throw it over the body panels and slowly drag the towel over the areas you wish to dry. You'll find this method speeds up the process, and more importantly, since only the weight of the towel is being dragged over the surface of the paint, virtually no wax will be removed, and equally important, no swirl marks will be created in your paint job. Try it, and let me know what y'all think.

P.S. I find 2 large towels will thoroughly dry our 'Vettes in this manner.

Product Alert!

In our never-ending and ceaseless effort to keep the membership aware of items that might present safety hazards, our ace, award-winning newsletter staff scours and researches magazines, periodicals, the internet, and restroom walls for items that might make your and your loved ones' lives safer and more enjoyable. During that quest, the staff came across this item to the right that you might find informative. This is an alert by a major drug company to potential purchasers so as to avoid any confusion created by the similarities of their logo with that of a major oil company. The results from these products could be somewhat different than expected, however, your mileage may vary.





CORVETTE FORUM CRUISE-IN MAY 24 – MAY 27, 2001

By Jim and Kay Weisberg

One of the goals Kay and I set for this year was to visit the National Corvette Museum and to tour the GM Corvette Assembly plant where our new baby was built. Our prime opportunity arose when we heard about the Corvette Forum Cruise-In over the Memorial Day weekend. This was going to be our first trip to Bowling Green and we wanted to make it memorable.

Thursday, May 24

We left Charlotte at about 8 a.m. (wanted to leave at 7, but Kay's hair wouldn't cooperate) and began our journey through the Smoky Mountains. The scenery was just beautiful until the clouds rolled in and the rains came. We also hit the usual construction and traffic. We had to arrive in Bowling Green by 5 p.m. to check in and get our info packs, and we were beginning to get a little concerned about the time until we passed a sign that said "enter central zone". We had just crossed over into the Central Time zone and gained back the hour we lost in the beginning.

We arrived at the museum at about 4:30, checked in, received our packets and were told to be back there at 5:30 for a caravan to the bar-b-q dinner. We quickly went to our hotel to check in and returned to the museum to line up with the other 400 or so Corvettes. Everyone got out of their cars and began to mingle. We met many new friends from all over the country. I counted about 30 different states represented there. We caravanned to the 1869 Homestead for an excellent dinner and good friendship. We parked our Corvettes on the front and back lawn and again, we all mingled and admired each other's Corvettes. Kay and I then saw a Corvette we knew we recognized. It wasn't one you soon forget. It was the multi-colored C5 belonging to one of QCCC's newest members, Donna Littlejohn. Her car was receiving quite a bit of attention and we went over to say hello. She was happy to see a familiar face and we all went in to have a wonderful dinner. It's quite amazing how quickly people who drive Corvettes become friends and family, no matter where they are from. After dinner, some went to ride go-carts, but we turned in for the evening after a long drive. Tomorrow was to be a big day for us!

Friday, May 25

We were up early, had breakfast, and at the museum by 7:30. There were other events scheduled for the day, an autocross, a burnout contest, drag races, and a car show, but we wanted to make sure we got our tickets for the factory tour. We parked the car in front on the museum and took pictures, and began to read the engraved bricks on the sidewalk. We found the QCCC brick and took a picture of it. People began to show up and a line formed at the door of the museum. The museum officials were so taken with our enthusiasm that they opened early for us to enter. We got our tour tickets for the 10 o'clock tour and spent the next hour and a half touring the museum. This being our first trip to the museum, we weren't sure what to expect. There are some beautiful Corvettes there, many that are one of a kind, and I think they have done an excellent job considering the museum is only 6 years old. They told us it would only get better. It is well worth the trip for any Corvette enthusiast.

The highlight of our trip was now upon us. We cruised up to the factory and took our seat in the waiting area. While we were waiting, I talked to a recently retired veteran of UAW. He told me he had been building Corvettes for 30 years and had some wonderful stories to tell. He had a hand in all the Corvettes I had owned, and he said the improvements in manufacturing these beautiful cars were incredible. Now, for the tour: After a brief film presentation on safety, we began. There is over 7 miles of conveyor system in the plant and parts are moving all around you. The body and the frame and drivetrain are assembled separately and married at the end of the line. This is different from any other auto assembly. It's quite a unique system. When we got to the end of the line, where they do their inspections, the gentleman on the line approached Kay and asked her if she would like to start a car for the first time. With her face beaming, she climbed into a brand new red Z06 and turned the key. The car roared to life for the very first time, and she did all of the inspections on the car. She received a nice certificate for her part in the birth of this new Z06. What a treat for her! After the tour we went back to the museum to see what we had missed and then had lunch. After lunch we returned to the museum for the car show. There were some very impressive Corvettes there, but I didn't see any that were more impressive than ours. We also talked to some of the vendors there as to what new products they had and the many different ways to "beef up" the engines. Friday night was a free night so we had dinner at a local restaurant and hit the mall to do some quick shopping. We had a full day.

Saturday, May 26

Saturday was more of a low-key day. There was a road tour and many seminars on different aspects of the Corvette. We took in a couple of the seminars and learned about the Corvette power train and how the C5 came about and the testing involved. We were also introduced to the new Electron Blue color for 2002. As most of you know, the Dark blue and Bowling Green green have been discontinued, as well as the white for the Z06. These colors had only accounted for about 4% of sales, so they decided not to continue them for 2002. They also discontinued the mag wheel option for 2002. The one other thing we did learn was that the 50th anniversary edition was going to be a C5 and it will be spectacular. After the seminars, we took a tour of downtown Bowling Green, which didn't take long, and then went back to the hotel to relax and get ready for the banquet that evening.

We arrived back at the museum at 5:30 for the happy hour and the banquet. We met more new friends and sat down for a meal and good fellowship. There were many awards given out and QCCC made a definite impact. Donna Littlejohn won 2 awards, one for women's autocross and a celebrity's choice award for her car. A great night had by all.

Sunday, May 27

Sunday we packed up the car and headed home. It's a good thing we had a big trunk for all that we bought at the museum store. We reflected on the great time we had and all the new friends we had met this weekend. The whole weekend was very well coordinated and put together. A lot of work went into it, and it showed. We're looking forward to next year.

Congratulations, Donna Littlejohn!

Thanks, Jim and Kay, for sharing the information about your weekend and Donna's awards. For those of you who haven't seen Donna's C5, here is a picture from an earlier event. (It looks even better in person) Donna also owns a couple of other 'Vettes. **Way to go, Donna!**





Gatlinburg was a Gas! By Fred Fischer

Jody and Judy Austin know how to have a good time! It's a conclusion that's inevitable after having followed their red C5 for more than 600 miles last weekend. This trip had it all! Highways, Mountains, Scenery, Food, Great Hotel, Shopping, Hammer-Down Driving and even Cops!

Although everyone who went had plenty of "windshield time", the views were breathtaking as we journeyed through the Smoky Mountains on our way to and from Gatlinburg. There were 20 plus cars with many new members on their first QCCC outing. Our departure, from the Krystal Palace on Billy Graham Parkway was on time and "as advertised". About three hours later, we climbed a massive hill to reach our final destination, the Park Vista hotel.

This is one of those facilities, built in the round, which sits atop a mountain overlooking Gatlinburg and the surrounding community. There isn't a bad room in the place! And, their bartender even knows how to make a real Mudslide (it's as much a desert as an after dinner drink). Outstanding views, drinks, food, everything. We're going back; only this time I'm taking Pat for a romantic weekend getaway. Ted can stay home (then again, maybe that's a bad idea?!)

No sooner did we arrive at the hotel, than we "mounted up" again - headed for my weekend's highlight - The Deal's Gap run. Deal's Gap is a non-descriptive handle. The folks "in the know" call it the Dragon's Tail. Unbelievably, this section of highway 129 running through Tennessee and North Carolina is limited to 40mph in Tennessee and 55mph in North Carolina. There's no way any automobile can achieve that speed anyplace or at any time. But, even driving at 35mph is a thrill. The twists, turns, ups and downs, banking and brief straight-aways gets adrenaline pumping at full pressure! The weak need not attend. It is an outstanding drive!

Our Deal's Gap run had four "planned" stops. We started with a "drivers' meeting" which included a disclaimer (I remember Jody saying that he was not my Mother or Daddy and not responsible for my actions). The second was after the first easterly pass at the "Dragon's Den, a combination convenience store, souvenir store, restaurant, rest room facility - complete with a "Hero's Wall" of photos showing wrecks, bruises, skids, everything to remind the would-be enthusiast of how a

Dragon can take make its venom known! Third stop was at the eastern end of Fontana Lake, beside the huge concave dam retaining the lake's headwall. After a final re-grouping, the last stop was at the dam on the western side. Each of these "stops" was designed to let heart rates normalize, relieve various bodily "pressures" and resolve the highlights of the last section's drive.

There was one other, unplanned stop. From the western dam, the travelers split into three smaller groups. The first was off and gone to make the most of the last section of "twisties". Corsas, Borlas and engine whine filled the air as they disappeared into the first turn. The second group was off a few minutes later, with slightly less aggression. The last followed behind in similar fashion.

Well, about four or five miles down the road, at the very end of the Dragon's Tail, one of the cars from the first group was off to the side with its driver out of the car and peering around the corner to the long straightaway that marked the spot where we began our odyssey. All of us following pulled to the side. There we were, some dozen or so cars wondering what was happening.

The County Sheriff had detained that first group of four cars. All of them! The rest of us feared for our licenses and waited several minutes before venturing forward into Smokey's lair. The wait was excruciating, wondering what had become of our compatriots and finally, we agreed to move ahead.

As the remainder passed our first four, it was clear there was reason for significant concern. All were in line, stopped and awaiting their fates.

We stopped ahead and waited for our friends, or the pokey wagon. Gratefully, the former appeared shortly, complete with smiles on their faces and one of those tales that never seem to happen to me. The group apparently was **really** hammer- down for that last leg. They came around the last turn in second at 5800rpm, engines screaming when the leader saw the cop's car on the side of the road. Brakes, tire smoke, squealing and panic alerted the peacekeeper that something was amiss.

Too bad for him he didn't have his radar working and had only visual observation with which to judge the situation. Good for our guys, or they'd been hauled to the hoozegow, sans driver's licenses and car keys!

So ended day one!

The rest of the trip was less eventful, but a ton of fun for all. Dinner was superb, the drive home incomparable!

If you missed it, you missed it. But, I'm sure someone will organize another sometime - right Jody? (Please?)

Editor's note – After reading Fred's article we felt it necessary, in the interest of journalistic integrity, that the newsletter staff find out more about the Sheriff's episode. We had a telephone interview with a participant (he asked to remain anonymous) who was driving a car in the group that was unjustly detained by the Sheriff's Department. He said, while it was true the group *might* have been just a wee bit over the speed limit and sliding sideways around the last curve, the group was in control the whole way. This man also said there is a permanent crease in the leather of the driver's seat from a "Pucker Factor" of 10 on the sphincter index; this developed as a result of coming around the last curve and seeing the police car sitting behind the bushes. He further expressed his appreciation to the Blount County Sheriff for not issuing any "Fast Driving Awards", and, after a mild scolding, letting this band of renegades continue on their merry way. During the interview, he said he was grateful that there were no injuries, property damage or jail time during the trip, and hoped that everyone had a good time.

The "Bear" Facts About Gatlinburg

By Jack Warlick



A number of the men who decided against going to Deal's Gap stayed behind and accompanied the women into town for a little shopping and sight seeing. If you went to Deal's Gap and left your wife, understand she was in good hands, I mean we looked after her in your absence. Ah, you know what I mean, I hope.

At any rate, the Park Vista Hotel provides a free shuttle service "down the hill" to the Civic Center which leaves a rather short walk to the shops in town. While the group I was with was waiting for the shuttle and as I was telling "sea stories", I was interrupted by a black bear, who decided that it was a good time to make a search of the parking lot for some treats. He (or she, no one wanted to get close enough to check) hopped over the guard rail and strolled across the parking lot straight for Dan and Beth Dowden's new Mag red convertible, which Dan had covered. As the bear disappeared behind closer cars, Dan commented that he hoped the bear didn't get into the snacks he left in his truck. Being the compassionate man that I am, I reminded Dan of how good the bear's sense of smell was and how large (and sharp) his claws were and

that he could probably shred fiberglass with a single swat. I like to be encouraging to everyone and Dan is no exception. After a short time the bear emerged from behind the cars in the foreground with a neatly closed white bag with his "carry out" snack order in his mouth. Oh yes, the bag apparently came from the trashcan that was near Dan and Beth's car, not from their trunk. Dan and Beth, I really am glad that the bear didn't decide to prove I was right about his sense of smell and strength. The shuttle came, we boarded it and the driver stopped over by the guardrail that the bear had hopped over so that we could see if it was down the hill eating dinner. Man was that a high, steep bank the bear had scaled to join us in the parking lot! All's well that ends well...

The shuttle took us down the hill and to our shopping experience in beautiful downtown Gatlinburg. If your wife spent too much money, don't blame me, I had no idea what her spending limit was so when we got to town, I let her go her own way to spend your money as she saw fit. I will say that none of them bought me anything although I asked several of them what they had bought me after they returned. You can thank my wife, Sandy, for the fact that the rain ended as quickly as it did Saturday afternoon. As we got into town, it began to rain and while we were there she signed us up for a tour in a couple of weeks and for doing so we were given an umbrella, among other incentives. As it turned out, as soon as they handed her the umbrella, the rain stopped and we didn't even have to open it. I just had to carry it all day. I don't understand it, wash the car, it rains; forget the umbrella, it rains; receive an umbrella as a gift, rain stops. Go figure!

On the caravan home we got to Cherokee just in time for lunch and all agreed that lunch at the "Big Boy" restaurant would be fine. Weren't those things called Shoney's once upon a time? Anyway, we were seated and placed our orders. The food was great, at least mine was, only problem was they brought everyone's lunch one at a time, literally. They brought Jody and Judy's "Club" sandwiches and about the time they were through, they brought Shirley Idema's "Patty Melt" sandwich. About the time she was through, they brought Sandy's "Big Boy" and then as she finished, they brought my "Patty Melt" and so it went, except that Tom Idema never did get his lunch and, in fact, might still be there waiting, has anyone seen him?

Letter to the Editor

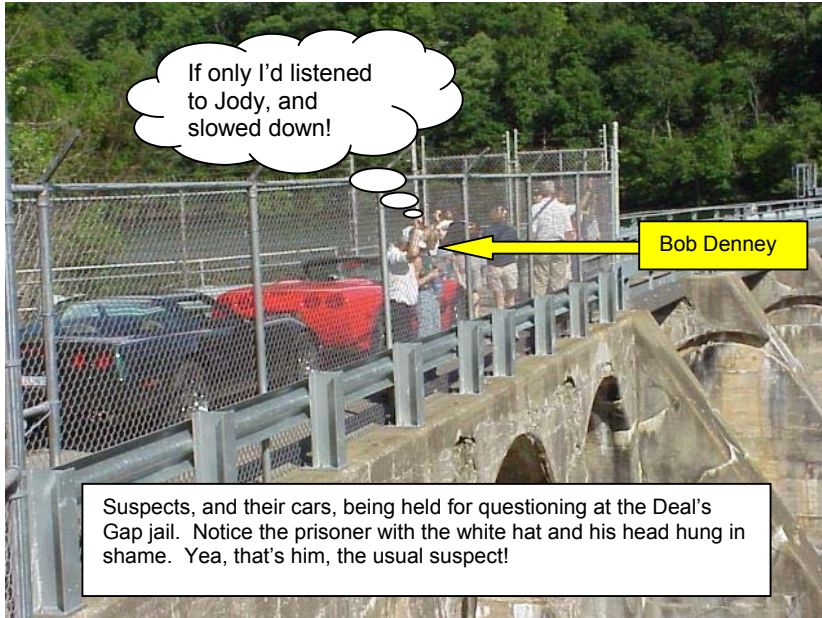
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Dear Editor:

WARNING - - - WARNING - - - WARNING

It is with heavy heart that this writer feels forced to warn the other Club members of a peril in our midst. This writer had occasion to be following our **Editor/Outing Leader** on two occurrences. And it must be reported that our **Editor/Outing Leader** has lead this poor innocent farm boy, who



is not accustomed to the ways of the big lake dwellers, in to the perils of the legal system. Namely, the local constabulary.

Several weeks ago this writer and 3 other Corvettes, followed our **Editor/Outing Leader** to Greenville, SC to partake in the Corvettes Only Poker Run. We had seen a SC official of the law with a customer on the northbound side of I-85 and didn't think much of it as we were with our fearless leader. We stopped at the SC

Welcome Center to recycle some morning coffee. It should be noted that there were 4 Corvette Drivers in this party. After some serious recycling efforts on all our parts we returned to our cars, which were parked at the curbside. The young smiling (not) officer of the law (this writer thinks his boots were to tight thereby cutting the flow of blood to his head) was standing by leader's car. **Editor/Outing Leader** made a mistake right there.... he was not able to shift the consequences to others in the party. This writer chalked the experience up to accidental, and forgot about the occurrence.

This past weekend (June 2nd & 3rd) raised a serious question about the previous convergence with the legal system. While doing some *brisk* following down a mountain



from Deal's Gap the suspect had occasion to get the writer into one more involved brush with the local constabulary. As I said, while doing some brisk coasting down this mountain, the **Editor / Outing Leader** observed a local member of the county legal group and stopped, now what is a poor farm boy, like me, to do but to apply the brakes somewhat firmly.... only to prove the laws of sound that when a rubber object slides on an asphalt object there are some **sounds** emitted. Now, these sounds woke the local Ossifer up and I'm not sure what the **Editor/Outing Leader** did, but don't you know this peace Officer didn't attack our Leader first.... nooooo, where did he go right to this innocent driver, third in line, it should be noted. The writer also wishes to point out that out of 15 cars making this *brisk* coast down the mountain.... how many do you suppose he pulled over.... Yep, you're right, **4**. Now doesn't that sound rather curious in light of the previous meeting?

So it was felt the Club should be notified about the **bad influence** that our exalted **Editor/Outing Leader** has on our membership. Be **forewarned....!**

Oh, by the way, if there is some kind of Editor's comment about this letter to the editor ... Just remember who notified you first and don't pay any attention to his comments 'cause I am sure he will change the facts.

Editor's note- If you ever go on a trip with Bob Denney, take Karl Malden's advice (altered just a little) "Your driver's license, car registration, radar detector and attorney's phone number, don't leave home without them!" And, never use the words "Bob Denney" and "innocent" in the same sentence; it's a contradiction of terms. The newsletter staff inserted photos to prove just who the guilty party is and to protect the innocent.

Clipped from Corvette Quarterly:

Kids love Corvettes. Or they would if they knew about them. So use your own Corvette to provide the first indelible Corvette experience for a whole group of youngsters.

The goal is to make a kid's day, or week, for that matter. A five-minute loop is adequate to fan that passion.

Safety is vitally important, so make sure your route is as free as possible from traffic, and leave rapid driving for another time. Note that if your Corvette has a passenger-side air bag, make sure the air bag is either turned off or that the kids are old enough to sit safely in that location.

Think about yourself as a kid, if someone had offered me a ride in a Corvette, they would have had a friend for life. I don't think kids have changed much from when I was that age. So make it a point to share the excitement of a Corvette.

QCCC Classics

by T.Prior



Many of us know this member by the name, Officer David Carleton of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department. Others know him as the owner of Carleton Landscaping and those that know him beyond that, know that if you have something that he wants you will ultimately have a lawn sprinkler system and he will have that item. Trading for Corvettes is no exception. When I first met David, he was driving a black '79 and shortly thereafter, he acquired a '61 by a trade for services rendered back at the 1999 Spring Autofair. David sold his '79 and traded his '61 with a couple of bucks for this now club familiar "TAN MAN" 1960 Corvette which is named after David's son, Tanner.

David's '60 is indeed a very rare factory color combo, Crème Beige with Copper Metallic coves and black interior. Another very rare item is the Tan Soft top that was custom made for this car. This 4-speed car was originally powered by the 230 HP 283 (single quad) and has recently been upgraded with the Dual Quad option, that is 270 HP. Although the car was restored around 10 or 12 years ago, David has replaced many of the interior parts and has also acquired a hard top for the car as well.

Acquiring parts for his Corvette reveals yet another of his fine traits. David seems to somehow be in a position to have someone else carry his parts for him, for example, at Carlisle last year when he bought the hard top, I just happened to drive the truck back to the hotel room and had no assistance from him to bring the hard top into the room for safe keeping. In addition, this year at the spring Knoxville show when David bought his Dual Quad set-up, his leg was broken, so you guessed it, I had to escort the seller back to the car with the Dual Quads. With Carlisle coming up, I would advise anyone going with David to be on alert.

David drives the '60 weekly and it can be seen regularly at QCCC events. In addition to the '60, when David wants to rock the gears, he drives his Green and Tan 1991 ZR-1. But we know that, him being a law enforcement official, he would never go beyond the posted speed limits or ever disobey a written DMV law, right?

Nuggets From The Net

Think you're fast, huh?



The winners of most drag races, at the top levels, are usually determined by the "Reaction Time." Those with the quickest reactions usually win, kind of like a gunfight from the Old West. Here's a cool sight to test the reflexes for you drag racer wannabes:

www.whitbazemore.com/reaction/flash/race.asp

Corvette Pace Car Reunion- October 11th through the 14th. For you guys (meant collectively, and not gender specific, so please don't take offense, gals!) who own a 78, 86, 95, or 98.... get 'em shined up and head for Indianapolis. This deal sounds so good I might paint up my '98 just to join the fun.



The participants will get a tour of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame, a parade lap on the Indy Speedway (Hmmm...better hope the C5 Registry isn't involved or it could be a problem). On Friday, the group will caravan to Bowling Green from Indy and upon arrival receive a plant tour and later, a Bar-B-Que hosted by the Corvette Museum. (We, here at the

elaborate QCCC newsletter offices in downtown Troutman, understand the museum is sending a Lear Jet to pick up Eddie Burt so he can cook the meat because of his reputation of culinary excellence.)

For more information click on this link:

www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/pace/info.shtml

*The Lodge at Highland Lake
Highland Lake Inn
a Country Retreat*



As our "long term" members know, QCCC has a fall weekend outing every year. This year's event is being held at the beautiful Highland Lake Inn in Flat Rock, just outside Hendersonville.



We've secured the entire "Lodge" building for the weekend of November 2 and 3, 2001. This building is perfect for our club. It includes 20 +/- rooms, a wonderful gathering space (with huge fireplace - see the picture above) and a game room below. Because we've agreed to take every room at the Lodge, the Inn is allowing us to have pizza or carry out food brought in for Saturday night's dinner. We're also allowed to bring our own

coolers. If you prefer, the Inn property also has it's own **award winning restaurant** (1st Place in the Asheville Culinary Showcase).



Plus, there's **Quality, Safe Parking!** This will be a terrific weekend in a fabulous spot. Don't miss it!

Check it out on the web at www.highlandlake-inn.com or call 1-800-762-1376 and ask for Divina.

We're working on the weekend's additional events and will keep you posted in the upcoming newsletters!

Get your reservations completed and come on along for the fun!

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Hurry, only 3 Rooms left in the Main Lodge!

*****Travelers' Alert!! Travelers' Alert!!*****

Editor's note - During the mountain trip, if, by chance, you find yourself at the check out desk at the same time Messrs Fischer and/or Burt are there, act like you don't know them and back away, this is ground zero. They tend to bring out the worst behavior from the desk personnel, and you don't want to get caught in the fallout.

Items 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 30th Anniversary. Here is a link www.countdownto50.com , it features a wealth of news and information about the corvette's 50th anniversary.

Whoooaaa! Get Back Loretta! Gimme More! Gimme More!

CHEVROLET CORVETTE - Official Press Release - June 20, 2001

New for 2002 Check It Out!!!! LOUDER, HARDER, FASTER!!!

- LS6 engine (Z06 model) receives 20 horsepower increase, to 405 hp, and receives 15 foot pounds more torque for a total of 400 lbs. ft. of torque
- Revised rear shock valving on Z06
- Aluminum front and rear stabilizer bar links for Z06 and models equipped with optional Z51 suspension
- Aluminum automatic transmission cooler case
- Magnesium wheels no longer available (coupe and convertible)
- Z06 wheels are now cast aluminum, not forged aluminum
- AM/FM stereo with in-dash CD player now standard on Coupe and Convertible
- AM/FM/Cassette only available with 12-disc CD changer on Coupe and Convertible
- Head-Up Display (HUD) now standard on Z06
- Electron Blue exterior color. (Navy Blue Metallic and Dark Bowling Green Metallic are cancelled.)

More Power

Last year's introduction of the Z06 Corvette, based on the former hardtop model and the legendary 1960s Z06 option package, is aimed at true performance enthusiasts at the upper end of the high-performance market. And now, an extra boost of 20 hp, to 405, makes Z06 the quickest production Corvette ever.

This upgrade to the LS6 engine's output is the result of new hollow stem valves, a higher-lift camshaft, a low restriction mass air flow (MAF) sensor and a new low restriction air cleaner design. Eliminating the PUP converter from the exhaust system enables better flow of spent gasses and reduces vehicle weight, without compromising Corvette's NLEV (National Low Emission Vehicle) status.

Up Coming (Non QCCC) Events

Mooresville Car Show

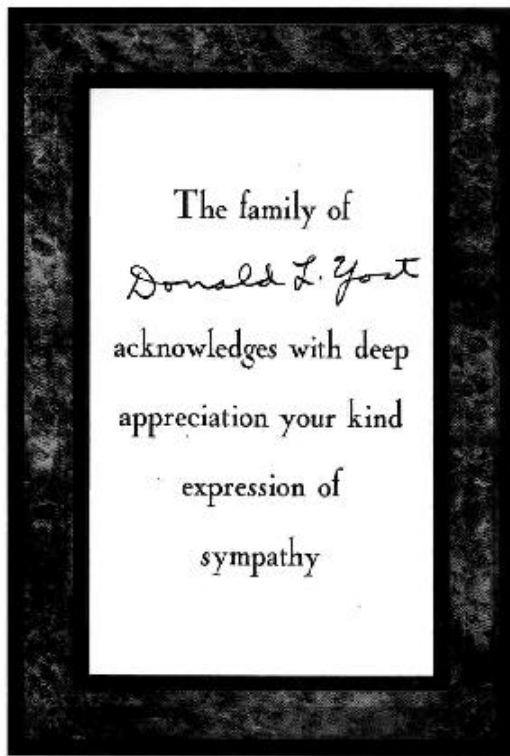
Saturday, July 21, 2001

Crosslake & Lakeside Business Parks, Mooresville, North Carolina

8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Call 704-664-8866 for more information. Cost \$15 per Car

This is the industrial complex where all of the NASCAR shops are located. Exit #36 on I-77.
The show ends with a cruise through Mooresville at 8:00 pm



The flowers you
sent for Don were
beautiful. I loved
the color

Thank you for
your support and
friendship at this
time

Sincerely
Hilda

The family of
SELENA OAKLEY
acknowledges
with grateful appreciation
your kind expression
of sympathy

6/5/01
Dear QCCC Members,
Ann and I would like
to tell you how much it
meant to us to have
the Queen City Corvette Club
send flowers to my
Mom's funeral. The
stand of all white flowers
was perfect for her.
While most of you didn't
know her, she was a
special person and even
told Eddie Burt how to
make better red beans
and rice.
Moms are special people
who can not be replaced,
and so are friends like you.
E.O. & ANN

We received these "Thank You" cards from Hilda Yost, and E.O. & Ann Oakley for flowers we sent to services for Don and E.O.'s mother. Hilda and E.O. & Ann, you are in our thoughts and prayers.