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 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

Another unbelievable month! A member was selected for a national corvette magazine cover. And then our car was picked as "America's Best" by the readers of Autoweek magazine.

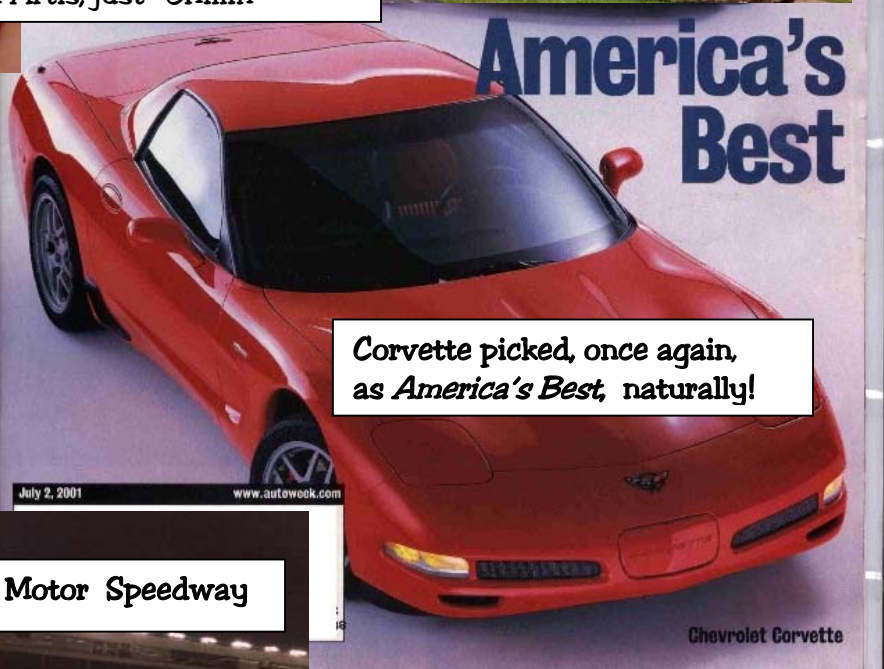


**Our Intrepid Mountaineers**



Our newest member, Heather Ann Artis, just "Chillin' "

**August 2001**



Corvette picked, once again, as America's Best, naturally!

Hauling "Butt" at Lowe's Motor Speedway



Exclusive- See C6 Spy Photo inside

## Queen City Corvette Club, Inc.

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Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC) newsletter is published monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC. Subscription rates are free for members. Guests can receive up to three months of newsletter issues, and then are removed from mailing list if they haven't participated in any QCCC events. Cost for postage and production is paid for through membership dues. Membership list and financial data are not published for guest copies. For change of address and all other QCCC inquiries, write to: **Queen City Corvette Club, P.O. Box 473072, Charlotte, NC 28247**. QCCC is 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 & 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 & 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.

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.



July 23, 2001

Dear Fellow Members,

Did you ever feel like life was passing you by and you can't run fast enough to keep up? It sure feels that way to me right now. The past month has been a whirlwind of activity for our family. It's happened so fast, it's hard to even remember what happened!

I know we had a bang up meeting in July at the Matthews Tennis Club. Of great significance was convening the first meeting of the Bylaws rewrite committee. Of the fifteen members who have volunteered to be a part of the effort, we assembled seven or eight - enough to carry a quorum and elect a chairperson for the process. I'm very pleased to announce that Linda Meadows has taken the position! This group is motivated, energized and rarin' to go. The ideas that have been shared with me about how the club should be organized, the particulars of our governing documentation, and the organization in general are terrific! I'm sure the final outcome will be a formula for our continuing success and will enable future Board of Director's to have a firm footing from which to guide the club in the future. We'll all be looking forward to hearing the results as we move toward the fall.

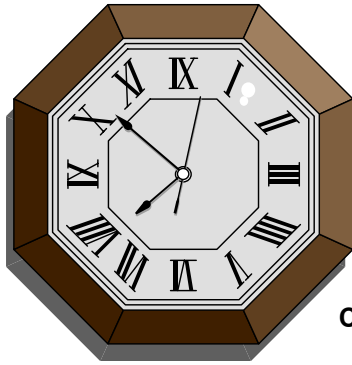
Also at the June meeting I re-invoked a more traditional meeting procedure. There were lots of ideas brought forth, which I'm sure were captured in Jane Burt's meeting minutes - so be sure to look them over and add to the "pot" at the next business session. This worked very well! The forum for new business is time proven and gives everybody a chance to be heard - let's keep it going QCCC.

Jody Austin, our stellar newsletter editor, has organized an event for July 28<sup>th</sup> that will, hopefully, begin a new QCCC tradition. Jody's "Poker Run" will be a hoot! This trip will cover about 120 miles of North Carolina countryside and end at a spot on Lake Norman that will allow a social gathering afterward. I'm looking forward to it and hope you all are too!

The August meeting will be at City Chevrolet. John Meadows, our VP of PR, has pulled this event together in duplication of our very successful Fred Caldwell show in May. Please try to participate! This is a terrific opportunity to see everybody in the club and, while we're socializing, for the public to see our beautiful cars, and for the club to raise a chunk of money for charity. This is the kind of thing that we're all about! Be there or be square! (Ha!)

Until next month, be safe, have fun!

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### **QCCC Meeting Saturday July 14, 2001**

The July business meeting of QCCC was held at Matthews Tennis Club. Officers in attendance: John Meadows, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, and Fred Fischer. Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prospective members Dave Gregorino and Sharon Sanders were introduced and subsequently voted in as new members.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved.

Randy Sherman will lead a day trip to Mt Mitchell on Saturday, July 21.

Jody Austin will lead a Poker Run on Saturday, July 28.

The By Laws need updating.

Linda Meadows has a thermos from the Fred Caldwell show. Ron Barr claimed it.

John Meadows reported that a Corvette Museum brick has been purchased in memory of Don Yost. A picture of it will be provided.

Bob Bowen described how excited the National Association of Student Councils students were for our participation in their ceremony at the Speedway on June 28.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A Vice President will be elected tonight to replace Fred Fischer, who is now President. Two candidates for VP are Ben Horack and Tony Prior. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion to approve and close the nominations was made, seconded, and approved. Kay Weisberg and Rick Witcher counted the ballots and reported that Tony Prior was elected VP.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Fifteen people volunteered to be on the By Laws re-write committee and will meet after this business meeting tonight.

Linda & Gary Artis had a baby girl, Heather Ann, on July 11. **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Stan Reiber suggested that we participate in the LeMans festivities at the Speedway in October.

John Meadows stated that he has contacted Harriet Carter at the Speedway about this, but since they are not sponsoring the event, they don't have a lot of information. However, Harriet is looking into it and will get back to John.

Stan also mentioned an article in *Corvette Fever* about the last ZR-1 eligible to run in Speedvision's World Challenge in Charlotte October 19-21. Sponsorship is needed. Sponsor names/graphics will adorn the car. After the race, the car will be donated to the National Corvette Museum. Wouldn't it be nice to see QCCC on the car?!? John will pursue this.

Rick Witcher reported that the Museum offers build sheets and window stickers for any 1982 to current Corvette, for a fee. He held up a laminated one for his car.

Tony Prior cautioned us about using e-mail to discuss club business - BEWARE, e-mail is NOT a secure environment. He feels that club business should be discussed at the monthly business meetings. This brought a rousing round of applause from the audience.

Jackie Slavetsky asked about the Treasury Report that's in the newsletter sent by e-mail.

The Treasury Report is posted on the website only under the password protected (members only) section. It is not included in the public newsletter on the website or included in newsletters mailed to non-members.

Fred reported that we mail 25 hard copies each month to non-members and members without e-mail. This is difficult and expensive. He asked Office Max how much they would charge for 25 copies of a 20 page newsletter with color and they said \$17.69 a piece!!! We need a permanent solution to this and Fred asked everyone with an idea to contact a Board member. Some

suggestions from the floor were: sell ads, stop sending to businesses, black & white only. Mark Brackett stated that he is part owner of an office supply company and he will check into the feasibility of printing the newsletters.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **VP SOCIAL**

Since Priscilla was not in attendance, Fred reported that all rooms in the Lodge at Highland Lake Inn have been reserved for our trip Nov 2 & 3. There *are* other rooms available, but not in the Lodge.

Blue huggers with a white logo are available one per family.  
to charity.

Our August 11 meeting will be a car show at City Chevrolet starting at 9:00 am. We must have at least 30 cars! Our business meeting will be at 2:00 pm.

Rick Witcher reported that a multi-type car show will be held July 21 at Master Power Brakes in Mooresville. The entry fee is \$15.

### **TREASURER**

Eddie reported that more huggers have been ordered: 50 black on red, and 50 black on yellow. EO Oakley asked how much was spent on Christmas donations last year.

Walt Krupowicz asked how much was needed to run the club.

Al Herold stated that suggestions for charity giving be submitted in writing to the Board.

Linda Meadows suggested that a Charity Committee be formed.

John Meadows pointed out that dues are not for charity, but for club events that benefit club members.

Bob Denney suggested that we rent rooms for our meetings.

### **VP**

Fred reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Points Winner was John Meadows!

He thanked the Matthews Tennis Club for providing the food and drink tonight.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Burt, Secretary

## **MINUTES FROM JULY 23, 2001 QCCC OFFICERS MEETING**

The July officers meeting was held at the home of Jane and Eddie Burt. All officers were in attendance as well as Paul Pelkey and Linda Meadows. President Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Minutes of the July 14 Business Meeting were reviewed.

The issue of sending the Treasury Report via e-mail was discussed. It was agreed that since there is no proprietary information in the treasury report that could be used against the club, we will continue its monthly distribution to the members via e-mail, hard-copy, and the members-only section of the website.

Tony will get a list from Jody of the people who receive hard-copies of the newsletter. He will then contact each person/company to see how the newsletter is used and will report his findings at the next meeting.

John will follow up with Fred Caldwell regarding the \$500 donation to Loaves & Fishes as well as reimbursement for the trophies. He will also check with City Chevrolet about a service discount for QCCC members.

Linda Meadows reported on the Bylaws Committee: their first meeting was Thursday July 19 with 9 of the 13 members attending. Their first goals are to determine the number and purposes of Officers and Committees. They will present their recommendations at the September business meeting. This will assure that whatever is adopted, will be in place for the October nominations and November elections. Note: any club member can make bylaws change recommendations to Linda @ [Lmeadows@carolina.rr.com](mailto:Lmeadows@carolina.rr.com). The next meeting of the Bylaws Committee will be August 2 at Linda's. The August 16 committee meeting will be at Bob Denney's. She thinks the National Corvette Museum should be considered a charity eligible for our donations.

An e-mail from EO Oakely about year-round charity giving was discussed. Examples included clothing drives, rides for good grades, donating school supplies, etc. It was agreed that charity donations should come from fund-raisers and not from club dues. Fred will ask EO to present his idea at the next business meeting and pull together a program to make it happen.

### **Officer Reports:**

PR – John Meadows

Everything is set for our car show at City Chevrolet on August 11. Trophies have been purchased: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places for all C classes, and a Dealer's choice. He needs suggestions for receipt of the \$500 donation from City Chevrolet. Hamburgers & hot dogs will be served and Vector Shirts will be there. The last ZR-1 at LaMans has openings for 28 sponsors at \$500 each. This will be brought up at the next meeting for member feedback.

VP – Tony Prior

Wants to award a \$10 gift certificate to the cleanest car at each meeting.

Treasurer – Eddie Burt

Picked up red and yellow huggers, and gift certificates for the Beach Trip.

### **Social – Priscilla Pelkey**

September 9 meeting will be at Hendrick Motor Sports at noon. Walt Krupowicz is looking into the Mint Street Garage for the October 13 meeting. Can the club provide dinner at the Highland Lake Lodge Saturday November 3? Yes. Fred will look into the possibilities of pizza, chicken, etc. The November 10 meeting will be at the Alpine Clubhouse. The December Christmas party will be at the Country Inn in Matthews. Suggestions for a "theme" for the January Banquet will be requested at the August meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Burt, Secretary.

# Social Report

## August 2001



### 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

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/](http://www.corvetteforum.net/events/qccc/)



### Hendrick Motor Sports, Charlotte, NC. Saturday, September 8, 12:00 p.m.

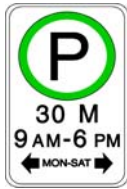
Our September business meeting will be at Hendrick Motorsports. This facility houses the Winston Cup racing teams of Jerry Nadeau, Terry Labonte, and Jeff Gordon. Note that this meeting is at 12:00 p.m. Food will not be provided at this meeting. Bring your chairs.



### 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.



**Mint Street Parking Garage October 13, 6:00 p.m.**

The October business meeting will be held at the Mint Street Parking garage in downtown Charlotte. Get'em shined up for group pictures!



**American LeMans series race at Lowes Motor Speedway Sunday, October 21, 12:00 p.m.**

OR



**Shatley Springs, Crumpler, NC, Sunday  
October 21, 12:30 p.m.**

Reservations have been made for up to 40 people at Shatley Springs. More information on the restaurant can be obtained from their website at:

[www.aweb4u2.com/shatleysprings/](http://www.aweb4u2.com/shatleysprings/)

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

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# Queen City Corvette Club Social Calendar for 2001

M= monthly meeting  
E= event for the month  
T= tentative plans

## August

M/E= City Chevrolet - 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. meeting)  
E= Hungry Mother - 19<sup>th</sup> **Sunday**

## September

M= Hendrick Motor Sports - 8<sup>th</sup> **Saturday**, @ 12:00 p.m.  
E= Ocean Isle, North Carolina - 28<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>

## October

M= Mint Street Garage (T)- 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.  
E= American LeMans series race at Lowes Motor Speedway 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12:00 p.m.  
E= Shatley Springs 21<sup>st</sup> @ 12:30 p.m.

## November

M= Alpine Club House - 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.  
E= Highland Lake Inn - 2<sup>nd</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

## December

M/E= Country Inn in Matthews / Christmas Party - 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

# C5 CRUZER REPORT



In July, we were asked to supply cars for both the Hickory Grove Parade and the Tega Cay Parade. We were able to supply cars for both of these events. I think everyone had a great time doing these parades.

On August 11, we will have a car show at City Chevrolet. This show will be similar to the show that we had at Fred Caldwell's. The show will run from 9:00 AM till around 3:00 PM. We will be receiving \$500.00 from City Chevrolet to a charity of our choice. In addition to this we will be awarding out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies for each of the groups (C1-C5). There will also be a Dealers Choice Award. We will have ballots for voting to hand out to their customers.

City Chevrolet will be serving Hot Dogs and Hamburgers and drinks. We will have our regular meeting after the show. We have told them we will have at least 30 cars there for the show. Lets have 60 there!! Please E-Mail me at [jmeadows@cmgsales.com](mailto:jmeadows@cmgsales.com) if you will have your car at this event!

We are still trying to get more information on the Petite Lemans Race at the Lowes' Motor Speedway. We will be sending out more information as soon as we have it.

TILL NEXT MONTH, SAVE the WAVE



# MARK TWAIN! A RIVER BOAT TRIP

By Lynne and Chuck Solland

NEW ORLEANS, LA - Imagine cruising along one of America's major highways, beautiful scenery surrounding you, the wind in your hair, the hum of vintage tandem compound, horizontal,



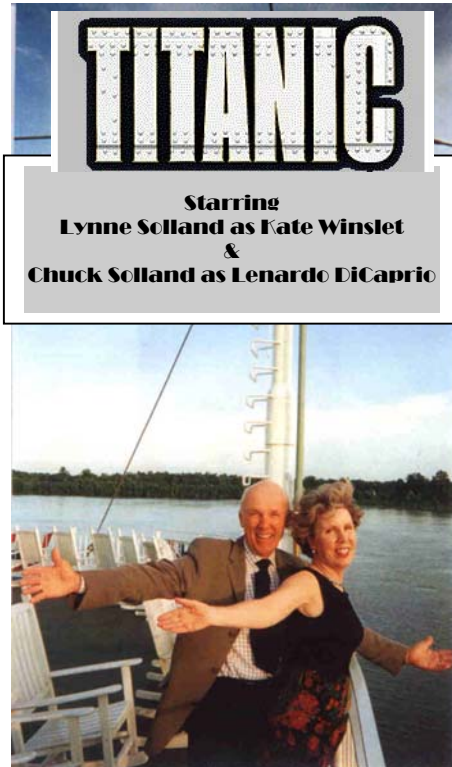
reciprocating, steam engine in your ears...you're right, I'm not talking about a road trip in our Corvette. I'm talking about a cruise up the Mississippi River on the American Queen, the world's largest steamboat. Chuck and I were blessed with the opportunity to take this trip back in time to the late

1860's, the golden age of *steamboatin'*. We left from New Orleans and paddled our way up the Natchez on a 4-day cruise. We had wanted to do this for years and I am happy to say that the cruise far exceeded our expectations. In every photo, our mouths are wide open with laughter and happiness (and I must admit, appetite—the food was wonderful and we didn't miss a meal).



Hmmm, I'm sure we can eat it, Lynne, I bet it tastes just like chicken.

The American Queen is a "fantasy resort hotel that floats." She has 6 decks, grand public areas furnished to remind you of a time when life's pace was a little slower, a calliope to give you a musical send-off from every port, spacious guest rooms, and of course food and drink in every nook and cranny it seemed—we know, we found all of them. After all, what's the god of cruising without the endless food?



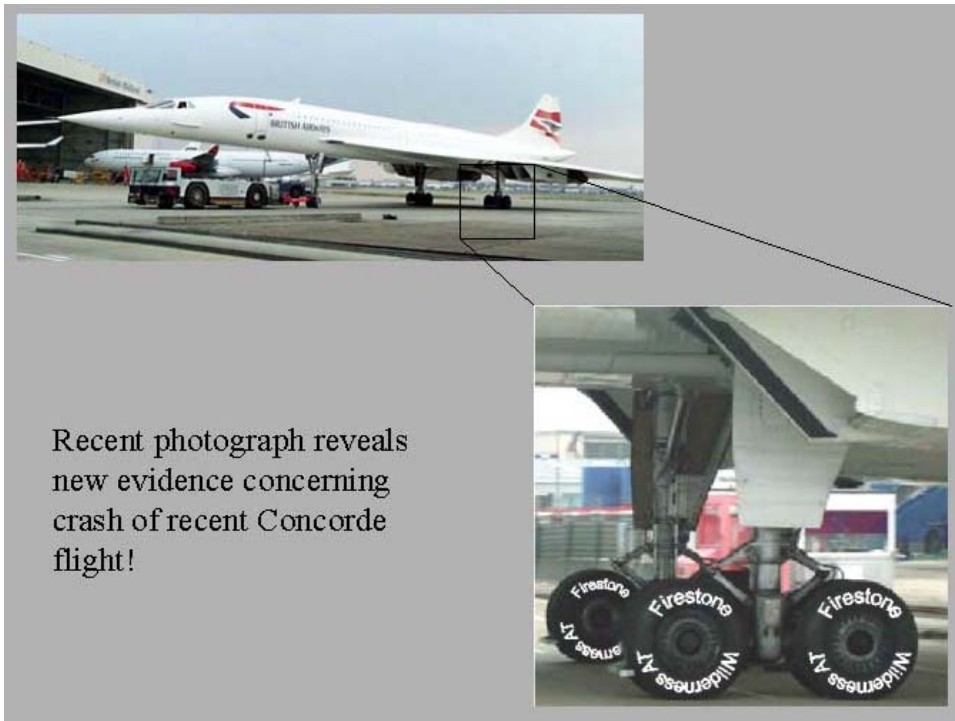
The shore excursions covered historical homes in Natchez, a tour of the U.S.S. Kidd (A WWII Destroyer), a Cajun tour, and a swamp tour in Baton Rouge. The entire experience was truly, a slice of American history and heritage, a trip unlike any other in this world. If you enjoy Americana and are looking for a relaxing trip, we highly recommend steamboatin'. We can't wait to do it again! And, did I mention the great food?

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## 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. As a result of that quest, the staff came across this item below that you might find informative.

I'm sure many of you remember, with sadness, the Concorde plane crash in Paris last year. After extensive research and investigation by our crack staff, we discovered this piece of evidence that was being hidden from the public. It appears as though Ford wasn't the only purchaser of questionable tires. Caveat Emptor!



**Robert D. Denney**

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**Mooreville, NC 28115**

Dear Editor,

And a good time was had by all! OOPS! the writer is getting ahead of himself. This Saturday (July 21, 2001) just proved the old adage.... you must pick your leaders with care. As you might remember, this writer had an occasion to participate with our

**Editor/Publisher** during the past several months. On each occasion

the writer had the traumatic shock of having to be involved with the constabulary. Saturday, this writer picked a new leader to follow on a very similar cruise that our **Editor/Publisher** lead. The main difference was there were no traumatic encounters to endure. Just the opposite happened, it was most pleasurable driving experience. Randy Sherman assembled 6 gorgeous Corvettes (Wayne & Bonnie Gary, Dan & Beth Dowden, Wade & Sue Stickles, Paul & Priscilla Pelkey) at the Krystal Burger emporium at the crack of dawn (8AM) to start our cruise to Mt. Mitchell. Randy cautioned us that it might be cool there and that we might all need a jacket or sweater. The trip started out at about 65 degrees as we left Charlotte. What a beautiful sight seeing 6 Corvettes chomping down the pike. 5 C5's and 1 C4... yup... brown shoes at a black tie dinner.... but the writer was able to fend off the slings and arrows of the passersby through the courtesy and generosity of the other participants. Can you believe they even caught two Trout for the writer... OOPS.. getting ahead of my self again. Well, anyway, we proceeded up a very scenic byway to the Parkway. At this time we encountered some fog. Now let's see, this fog bordered somewhere between whole milk and skim milk. I don't mean to say it was dense but three times Wade Stickle had to crawl back up through the soup to find the road and he never even got his tires dirty. I wander from the story... After stopping for a Kodak moment at the entrance sign ... well, several moments... Randy was having problems keeping track of which camera to use next. We proceeded to the summit of Mt. Mitchell to behold, viola!!! a saucer of milk. But we were all having so much fun that we proceeded to the summit.... now keep in mind this requires one to **walk**. Several feet in fact.... and up hill no less.... over large logs... big rocks ...gigantic steps. Once there, our more adventurous group (Randy, Wade & Paul) made the rest of us feel inferior by not climbing the wearisomely number of steps to the lookout. I am sure they had a memorial view of the clouds.... and the fog soup. Retreating from their lofty perch we gathered for a group picture attesting to our elevation.



As a result of the soup everyone decided they were hungry. We moved the Vettes to one of the lower parking lots where we proceeded to have a picnic. Finishing our lunch we started the trip home. About half way down the mountain Randy directed us up to this pond. He was able to round up the pigtailed proprietor who furnished our fishermen and ladies with the necessary tools. They were pulling in lunkers by the handful. Finally a sufficient number was caught and our pigtailed friend cleaned them, then we settled up with him ... (you didn't think these were free did you?) and got back on the road toward home. Reaching Mooreville this writer waved good by to the others and thanked them for a wonderful day of cruising.

Guess what??? NO COPS.... well none that stopped us... See what the proper leadership can do...

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Editor's note- Don't tell Bob, but those "Trout" were really Carp!

## We Hauled The Best



After being inundated with MTV, Puff Daddy's, TuPack A Day's, Robert Downey, Jr.'s and such, each day for the past couple of years, I began to have doubts about our future. Well, my confidence has been restored!



22 of us participated in the National Student Council conference on June 29<sup>th</sup>, at Lowe's Motor Speedway. We carried the state representatives from each state around part of the Speedway in a parade, and I was very impressed with the caliber of these kids. During the ride around, I asked my riders questions about where they would be going to school and their future plans. I was astounded with their responses. One of the representatives hadn't made his mind up, yet, which college he would attend, Duke or Stanford. What a choice! John Meadows and I were discussing our high school careers and they were somewhat different than these kids, we were as far from the student council types as one could get. I'm not sure I graduated, more like invited to leave because I had used up the principal's patience.



I commend these students, their accomplishments and wish them well in their futures. I would also like to mention the adults who put this conference and parade together, their efforts showed up as an extremely well organized event. After the parade, we, along with the students, were treated to a magnificent fireworks display. Quite an evening!

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## New 'Vette Dudette Enters The World



**Congratulations Linda and Gary Artis**, and Welcome Heather Ann to the Corvette Community! Heather was born on July 11, after months of waiting. (We heard she was waiting on the 405hp Z06 announcement) We can't wait to see how the Artis' get a baby seat in one of their 'Vettes.



## Fifteen Minutes of Fame

By Donna Littlejohn

I think it was Andy Warhol who said back in the '70's that everyone would experience "fifteen minutes of fame" during their lifetime. Strangely enough, my fifteen minutes is happening because of the September issue of VETTE magazine.

As an avid follower of all things Corvette, I saw a request in the January issue of VETTE magazine asking for stories from female Corvette owners for a special "ladies" issue coming out later in the year. I promptly responded with some photos and a short story about my great admiration for "America's Sports Car." My story focused mainly on how my 1998 Corvette got its unusual "Chromalusion" paint job. I was really hoping they would consider my story to include in the special issue. After all, the first thing people usually say when they see your car is "wow, what color IS that car?" you know it's a

curiosity. (I wish I had a dime for every time I've heard that!)

A couple of months later, I learned that Bob Wallace, editor of VETTE magazine, liked my story and wanted to do a feature story on my car. WOW! What a thrill! Because he wanted to get some professional photos of the car, we made plans to meet at the C5 Birthday Bash in April so he could take some good pictures. Bob saw my car in person at Corvettes at Carlisle last August and knew it would be tough even for a professional to photograph the car's color changes. Unfortunately, Bob fell and hurt his knee 3 hours before we were going to start shooting and was not able to get the photos. (See Bob's editorial piece in the September issue of VETTE for all the details!) I was crushed!

I didn't want to give up on this opportunity so I called Stephanie Ferrell at the NCM for some quick help. She gave me the name of a staff photographer at the local newspaper who has often taken photos for museum events, etc. As luck would have it, Joe Imel agreed to meet me at the museum to do some photos at the last minute. Before he left on crutches for his early flight back to LA, Bob left 6 rolls of film for me to use and a copy of VETTE as an example of what he was looking for in the shoot if I could find someone.

When I drove up to the museum that Sunday afternoon to meet Joe, I was a little concerned. The first thing he said was "wow, what color IS that car?" I quickly learned that Joe is a true professional and took some fantastic pictures of my car, from every angle imaginable! To add to the adventure, a big rainstorm was preparing to move into the Bowling Green area, which was producing what felt like hurricane force winds, but Joe took advantage of the late afternoon sun's angles and got some excellent shots of the color changes. He later informed me that he had taken the cover photo for TIME of the NCM opening a few years ago.

Finally, in late May, Bob contacted me again and this time he informed me that he had gotten Joe's photos and that he was most impressed. Also, he mentioned he had a "surprise" that he would reveal to me in a few weeks. The surprise turned out to be his decision to put my car on the cover of the "Corvette Ladies Salute" September issue! All I can say is that I've been pretty easy to live with since then!

For Corvette enthusiasts, having your car pictured in a major magazine is the ultimate compliment! Since the magazine's release, I've had numerous phone calls and emails from both friends and complete strangers alike, congratulating me on the cover and the article.

Now the next time someone says to me, "Hey, I saw your car on the cover of VETTE magazine! But what color IS that car anyway?" I'll just smile and think, "You know, that fifteen minutes of fame thing is pretty cool!"

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## THE NEW C6 - YOU SAW IT HERE FIRST!

As we all know the new C6 is the most closely guarded secret since the Manhattan Project, but, not to worry, your newsletter staff never rests and is on the job 24/7. We sent our nationally renowned reporters out to catch some spy photos of the new C6 as it was on display at the International High Tech Circuit Board Design and Biscuit Baking Conference at the Flea Market in downtown Troutman. And boy, did they bring home the bacon!!! **Shhhh!** Please, **DO NOT** share this photo with anyone outside of our club, it could jeopardize our reporters' credentials at future shows.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT OTHER CORVETTE CLUBS

The 4th annual Silver Springs Corvette Show, November 10-11, 2001 at the Silver Springs attraction in Ocala/Silver Springs, Florida. Early registration is \$20.00 before October 26, 2001. Registration includes entry to the theme park for two people in the show car for both days. Registration is \$25.00 after October 26, 2001. Show registration 8:00-9:30 AM each morning. Trophies awarded on Sunday, November 11. Call or e-mail Tim or Lois O'Leary for more information, 352-236-2299.

More information on Silver Springs at [www.silversprings.com](http://www.silversprings.com).



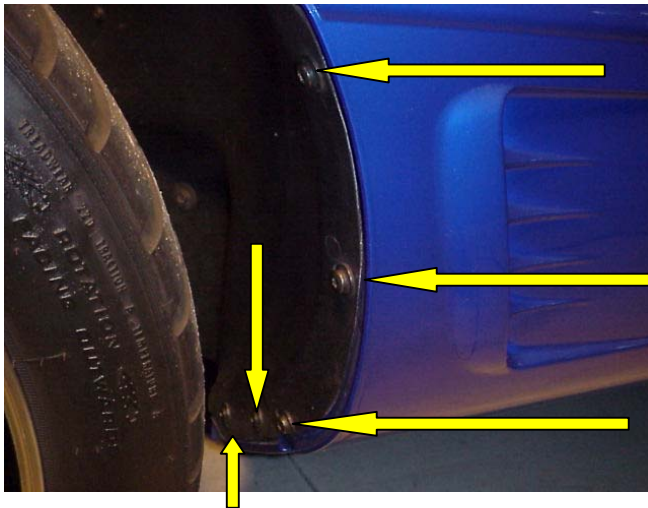
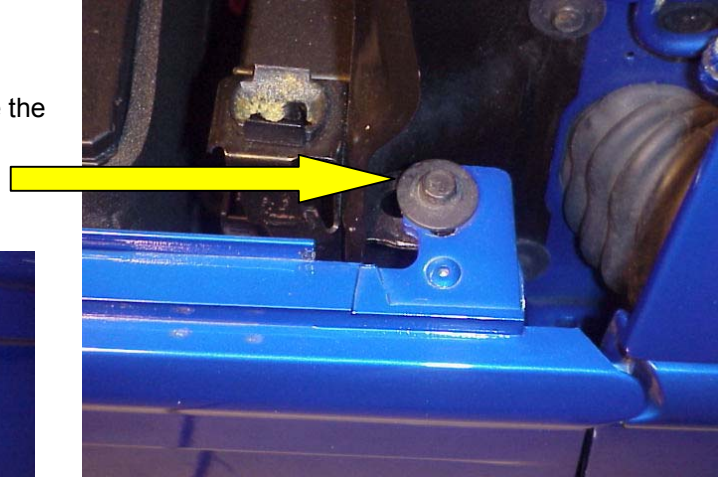
# TECH TIP

By Billy Bob Bigblock

How difficult is it to replace the battery on a C4? Not hard. I captured these instructions from the web and had it done very quickly and easily.

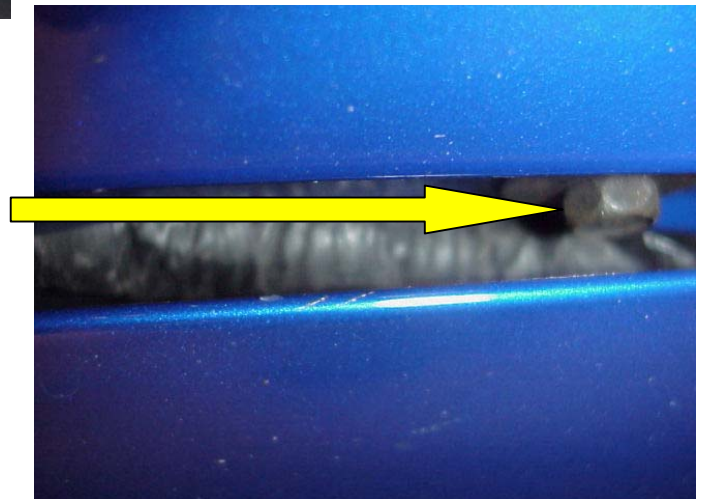
-Use a grease pencil to lightly scribe the "gill panel" orientation (saves alignment time during reassembly)

-Remove the 10mm bolt on top at the rear (don't lose the shims that may be there)



-Remove the torx screws that secure the inner fender well to the panel (5 of them, and you'll want to have your tires turned to the left for better tool clearance).

-If you peer along the lower edge of the panel, towards the rear you'll be able to see another bolt. Use a 10mm open end wrench to loosen it (the panel is slotted, so there's no need to remove the lower bolt). Put some silicone or heavy-duty grease on the slot after disassembly so it will slide back on easily.



-Remove the battery hold-down (13mm bolt I think...could be 14mm though)

-Remove the battery cables (5/16)

-Slide the battery out

-Reassemble the reverse of above

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## Nuggets From The Net

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And I thought all the power hungry people were politicians. You're not going to believe this! This fellow has taken a C3 and is putting this 522 C.I. monster engine with twin blowers in it, and it's street legal.... safe? Hhmmm, I don't know! We've heard it's 1,200 HP and 1,700 ft/pounds torque. Golly, I couldn't sleep at night knowing that was in my garage. I'd have to drive it 'til it broke. He has documented the whole process, here is the link:

<http://www.stevenkamis.com/Cars/MyVette/htmlindex.htm>

Eddie, does this give you any ideas for that C3 in your garage?



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## Clipped from Corvette Fever:

### For you collectors:

As we all know they didn't make a 1983 Corvette...*or did they?*

The National Corvette Museum now offers original brochures on the 1983 Corvette that was never offered for sale to the public. They contain information on the '83 Corvette's design, dynamics, instrumentation, and engineering, and are not reproductions. The only '83 Corvette in the world is on display at the Museum. Sixty-one serial numbered '83 Corvettes were built. 18 of which were "prototypes" and the other 43 were "pilot-line" cars built with the production tooling at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. All but the one in the Museum were destroyed....*or were they? Hmmm....*

Call the Museum's store at (800) 53-VETTE to order your brochure, or go to:  
[www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)

# QCCC Classics

By Tony Prior

CHARLOTTE, NC - When we think back to the year 1963, we can all agree that this was a year that will be remembered forever in American History. The foremost event being the assassination



of President John F. Kennedy. Other events that obviously had a less significant impact were the arrival of the Beatles (who could forget Beatlemania?), the arrival of the Rolling Stones, still pumping out music after 40 years, the 4 cent postage stamp, and certainly we were all glued to our TV's as French Chef Julia Childs made her debut on educational TV.

1963 also marked the year of possibly the most famous Corvette of all times. The 1963 Split Window Coupe. John and Linda Meadows would agree. They bought their first '63 Split Window Coupe about 25 years ago. The car was Silver with Red Interior and they paid a whopping \$1,300 for it! That car was sold but never forgotten.

About 8 years ago John and Linda started the search to obtain another '63 Split Window Coupe and it took 3 years to find it. In 1996 they purchased another '63 Coupe but this one according to John was in terrible shape, it didn't run, it was painted the wrong color and it basically needed everything. The good news was it was an all numbers matching original Silver colored car with Power Steering, Power Brakes and Power windows. So let the work begin. Restoration on this car began and the car was completely dismantled. The next 4 years saw this car go from totally dismantled to totally restored. John and Linda's '63 Split Window Coupe is the result of a 4 year full ground up restoration project.

The restoration of this car was completed 3 days before the Spring 2000 Autofair. John told me that they started the car for the first time on the Wednesday night before the Saturday event. He put 2 or 3 gallons of gas in the car and drove it around town a little bit before bringing the car up to Autofair in his trailer. The good news is John won the award for the best Corvette in the QCCC display but the bad news is he had to forfeit the award because he couldn't drive the car to the display area, it was out of gas! I'm thinking he should have budgeted some gas money as part of the restoration!

Asking John about the project, 'Would you do it again?' **No**, was the rapid reply. The long-term plan for this car is that it will be passed down to John and Linda's grandson, Jayden, who at a year and a half old is most likely very anxious to get behind the wheel.

There were only 10,954 Coupes built in 1963, and the base sticker price was \$4,257. Only 3,516 '63 Vettes were Sebring Silver, and that was an \$80 option. Boy, times have changed!



## 2001 Final Production Numbers

Color	Coupe	%	Convert	%	Z06	%	Total	%
Torch Red	2,788	18	2,781	20	1,623	22	7,192	20
Black	2,450	16	2,702	19	1,819	32	6,971	20
Quicksilver	1,950	12	1,572	33	1,345	23	4,822	14
White	1,066	7	1,047	7	352	6	2,465	7
Pewter	1,983	13	1,479	10	0	0	3,462	10
Mag Red	1,836	12	1,486	10	0	0	3,322	9
Navy Blue	1,388	9	1,199	8	0	0	2,587	7
Yellow	1,822	12	1,431	10	634	11	3,887	11
Bowling Green	<u>443</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>919</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	15,681	44	14,173	40	5,773	16	35,627	100

Any sum differences in the percentages are because of rounding. Information from C5 Registry website.



Do you remember when you were in grade school and you had to tell the class ...

## **What I did on my summer vacation.**

Well, I paid my respects to genuine *Heroes!*



### **“To memorialize the valor, fidelity, and sacrifices of the Allied Forces on D-Day, June 6, 1944”**

Do you ever think what your life would have been like if you had been born in another time? If many of us had been born one generation earlier, we could have been one of those men who had to go ashore at Normandy on June 6, 1944. How would we have handled it? If you've ever watched "Saving Private Ryan" you get a small sample of the terror they must have faced. During the week of July 4, I went to Bedford, VA to visit the D-Day memorial dedicated there on June 6, 2001. Bedford is a small, picturesque town in the Blue Ridge Mountains, about midway between Lynchburg and Roanoke, VA, on highway 221.

If you know the history of the invasion of Europe by the Allied forces in World War II, then you might know that the town of Bedford, VA, lost more men per capita during the assault than any other place in the United States. 35 men from the small town of Bedford were sent onto the beach during the first wave and 19 were killed within the first 15 minutes and 2 more died shortly thereafter from wounds sustained during the invasion. 21 out of 35! That is a staggering loss for a community of 3,200 people. In 1948 the graduating class at Bedford High School was only 19. Can you imagine if your community suddenly lost the equivalent of a graduating class?

As we all know, many books have been written about that generation who was asked to invade a foreign land and face almost sure death in the name of freedom. Those of you my age, that generation would be our parents, those younger, that would be your grandparents. What these men from Bedford, and other small towns throughout America, did, deserve our undying gratitude. They lived through a depression, we can't imagine how difficult that was, and then they were asked to sacrifice years of their lives to liberate the world of horrific acts done by the Germans and Japanese.

I've often asked myself whether my generation, and particularly me, could have endured those unselfish sacrifices, remembering, that like those brave soldiers from Bedford, some gave the ultimate price, they ***gave all***. They make me, as it should you, proud to be an American.

*Highland Lake Inn*  
*a Country Retreat*

*The Lodge at Highland Lake*



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](http://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!

**\*\*\*\*\* Late Breaking News from CNN \*\*\*\*\***

**Well the Main Lodge is completely booked, but there are still rooms left in the complex, so "Come On Down" and join the fun! If you don't laugh during this week-end, then we don't know how to help.**



June 27, 2001

Mrs. Hilda Yost  
Charlotte, NC 28277

Dear Hilda,

Our Corvette club has warm and very fond memories of both you and Don. We remember all the wonderful times we've had enjoying our times together. We vividly recall the spirit that you both brought to our organization, your incredible enthusiasm and dedication to our membership, our events and our club's purpose. You and Don are people who, quite simply, enhanced our quality of life.

Don was a man who invigorated those around him. There was no down side; he miraculously maintained a positive outlook. He always had something positive to say. His effort was unending. His spirit was uplifting. Don was a man we valued.

As President of the Queen City Corvette Club, I am privileged to be writing you on this occasion. Our membership wants to keep you and Don close to our hearts. I'm pleased to tell you that the membership has, unanimously, elected to arrange three honorariums that will, we hope, keep us close to you and to Don's memory.

First, Hilda, we have established you as a Lifetime Member of the Queen City Corvette Club. You are entitled to all membership rights and privileges for as long as you shall live. The friends you and Don shared together are still here and wanting to maintain our relationship with you. Please don't be a stranger! We would love to see you, and often.

Knowing one of Don's lifelong diversions was his Corvettes; QCCC thought it particularly fitting to create a memorial for Don at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. A brick, as a part of the Museum building, is being purchased with Don's name engraved thereby insuring a permanent remembrance and a link to his beloved Corvettes.

Lastly, the club was very well aware of the dedication you and Don shared for others, especially through your unselfish commitments to the Loaves and Fishes organization. You know that part of QCCC's commitment is to our community and to helping the needy. We felt it would be especially fitting to raise money for a contribution in Don's name to that charity. During May we held a daylong car show that was attended by more than 40 Corvettes and most of our membership. The "spit and polish" as well as the time committed enabled us to raise \$500.00. That money, earned with dedication and spirit, is being donated in Don's name to the Loaves and Fishes charity.

Don's was a life to be celebrated. He truly did warm his hands by its fire. We hope these small tokens will provide some ongoing memory of Don for you and for all of us.

Sincerely,

P.O. Box 473072 • Charlotte, NC • 28247 July 11, 2001

July 11, 2001

Hilda Yost  
Charlotte, NC 28277

Dear Fred,

Thank you for the wonderful letter you wrote me about Don. I have shared your praise with his daughter and son.

You correctly said that Corvettes were a lifelong diversion for him. I'm sure he would be honored, proud and happy that the Queen City Corvette Club purchased a brick with his name at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. When we were there with the club, he proudly showed me the brick QCCC had given several years ago.

We both worked for Loaves and Fishes and know they do a good job feeding the needy in our community. Thank you for your generous donation in Don's name. He loved car shows, so that was a very fitting way to honor him.

Most especially, your gift to me of a lifetime membership is personally very touching. I have enjoyed the members and activities. I appreciate the opportunity to continue in your great fellowship. When I have grown more, I look forward to taking up your kind invitation to join your activities.

Please thank the QCCC members for their support at Don's visitation, memorial service, cards, calls and the June tribute in the newsletter. I especially appreciate the honorariums.

*Fondly,  
Hilda*