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September

2001

Like sand through an hourglass, so August has come and gone. Summer, sadly, draws to a close, but what a fantastic time. Where did it go? During the past month, we've had a poker run, a fabulous car show, and a trip to see a "Hungry Momma". Before you know it, Homecoming Season will be upon us, and then our annual pilgrimage to the mountains for our fall event. It just proves the old adage, "Time flies when you're having fun".





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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.



Dear QCCC Members,

Hard to believe another month has passed us by! But what a month it's been! A ton of stuff happening in the life of QCCC...

Sincere thanks to John Meadows for pulling together a truly outstanding show at City Chevrolet. I'm told there were 50 cars present, a fantastic showing for the club. City Chevrolet was thrilled with the outcome; they even sold a new Corvette! John received our promised \$500.00 check while we were still at the dealership. Terrific job John, thanks for all your hard work!

Anybody who went to Hungry Mother State Park on the 19th had a great time, too. Jody did it again! Although Pat and I didn't go, I was at the send off site for the departure. Jody was careful to say that this wasn't a race -of course having a helmet in his hand while making the announcement sort of negated the thought. Ha! I understand a great time was had by all. No accidents, no tickets, nobody even ran out of gas! For sure that makes it a success...

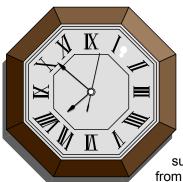
On a more serious note, Linda Meadows and the entire Bylaws re-write team has made outstanding progress in reaching an accord about the Officers slate they believe we should have for the club. Linda is mailing a proposed copy of this portion of the Bylaws to each of us so we can vote on accepting these changes at the September meeting. This is important! The proposed changes will affect our nominating process for 2002 Officers, so please read through the mailing carefully and come prepared to discuss your thoughts at Hendricks Motor Sports meeting on September 8th.

In September we've also got the "Beach Weekend" coming up. The event will be at Ocean Isle again this year and Nancy Runnion has the details you'll need if you decide to make the trip. It's gonna be a blast! Come on along!

Our club is growing again. At the City Chevrolet event and throughout the month we've received regular inquiries about the club. This is great news! Our ranks continue to change with new friends being added every time we meet. We are the Premier Club in the Southeast.

Until next month, be safe, have fun!

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Minutes From QCCC Business Meeting, Saturday August 11, 2001

The August business meeting of QCCC was held at City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC. Officers in attendance: Fred Fischer, Tony Prior, Jane Burt, John Meadows, and Priscilla Pelkey. President, Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Fred thanked everyone for their get well wishes for his recent surgery to place a stint in his heart. He is fine and has a full release from his Dr. Jody wanted to know if it gave him more horsepower.

Fred asked for a round of applause for: John Meadows - Coordinator, Jerry Ferrell, Sales Manager of City Chevrolet - Host, and everyone who came out today for a *very* successful Car Show.

Guests stood up and introduced themselves: Linda Cowan, Tim Roche, Mike Sealy, Ken Smelter, David Revis, Ray Atwell, Al Bunda, Bill Diamond, Bob Buzzard, Jane Gergorino, Sheley Revis, and Gary & Karen Farmer.

NEW MEMBERS voted in: Linda Cowan, Mike Sealy, and Ken Smelter.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to amend the July meeting minutes to include an omission: "Fred held up a shirt with a tone-on-tone logo from Vector Shirts. They also donated a QCCC tote bag valued at \$37 that will be auctioned at the next meeting with proceeds . . .". A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the amended July minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

How was the Mt Mitchell road trip? GREAT! Should Randy Sherman do more day trips? YES! How was the Poker Run? Jody reported that there were 22 cars and Steve Branche's was the only one that had to go to the Corvette hospital. \$279 was raised.

Status of our doing a parade lap at the American LeMans race at Lowes Motor Speedway October 21. John Meadows has not heard back from Harriet Carter at Lowes Motor Speedway. Dave Gregorino volunteered to contact the National Corvette Museum for information, and Bob Denney volunteered to contact the C5 Registry for information.

Sponsorship of the ZR-1 racecar costs \$500. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for QCCC to sponsor the car. John Meadows will pursue this and find out what type of logo is allowed and its location – preferably, a crash-proof place.

By the September meeting, Tony will check with the recipients of our printed newsletters to see if they can be received by e-mail.

John Meadows reported that we have received checks from Fred Caldwell Chevrolet for reimbursement of the Car Show trophies, and a \$500 donation to Loaves and Fishes. It was confirmed that QCCC members will receive a 10% discount on service work at City Chevrolet. See Justin Bussel, Service Writer when you bring your car in.

OFFICER REPORTS

VP SOCIAL

Priscilla Pelkey reported:

August: EVENT: next Sunday Jody will lead a day trip to Hungry Mother State Park in Virginia. Departure is 8:30 am from Belk's at exit 36 on I-77. **September**: EVENT: Ocean Isle Beach will feature pizza on Friday night (provided by QCCC), a Treasure Hunt on Sat, and dinner at Twin Lakes Restaurant. MEETING: Hendrick Motor Sports at noon. **October**: EVENT: day trip to Shatley Springs for family-style lunch \$14 each. MEETING: tentatively at Mint Street Parking lot. **November**: EVENT: the Highland Lake Inn's Lodge is fully booked, but cabins are available. MEETING: Alpine Clubhouse with a Mexican covered dish dinner. **January**: the Banquet is in the planning stages. Please let Priscilla know which is preferred: a theme or the usual semi-formal affair.

Fred commended Priscilla for the number of successful events this year. Through July 28, there have been 22 events!

VP

Tony reminded everyone to notify him of events attended so he can award points. Beginning in September, he will give some sort of award to the cleanest, nicest looking Corvette at the meeting.

TREASURER

Jane reported for Eddie that the Treasury is OK.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

John Meadows thanked everyone for the great turnout at today's "hot" car show. He then drew raffle tickets for a Zaino Brothers shirt – Jody Austin won, and the bag from Vector Shirts – Jane Burt won. QCCC hats are available for \$10 each. The \$500 from City Chevrolet will be deposited into the Charity Account until it's decided where it will be donated. Some suggestions were: National Corvette Museum, and local charities. There is no information yet regarding the LeMans race or Auto Fair. An e-mail will be sent requesting 10-15 cars at the Matthews Labor Day Parade and Providence High School's Homecoming in October. The Poker Run raised \$279 - \$140 was won by Vanessa Krimminger and \$139 will go to the Charity Account.

NEW BUSINESS

Linda Meadows reported that the Bylaws Committee has met twice and will meet this Thursday. They will send their recommendations re:Committees and Officer positions before the September meeting so they can be voted on. Their next assignment will be to develop a detailed Policy & Procedures Manual and concise bylaws.

Walt Krupowicz suggested we buy more tents. John pointed out that storage & transportation is a concern. Tony will e-mail the members to see who has tents and are willing to bring them to events.

Dave Gregorino stated that the QCCC could join the National Corvette Museum as an organization. He will pursue this to determine the costs and benefits.

EO Oakley will make a presentation at the next meeting regarding on-going charity giving to children/schools.

Nancy Runnion asked on behalf of Larry & Lois deMontegre if we would be interested in being in a calendar to be sold by handicapped students to raise funds. She will tell Larry to contact John Meadows.

Jeff Estridge reminded everyone of Sunday events: 9:00 am breakfast at PJ's in Matthews, and 6:30 pm ice cream at Baskin Robbins at Hwy 51 & Carmel Rd (bring chairs).

Southern Corvette Club is having a Cruise-In tonight @ Beasley Chevrolet on Hwy 29 in Kannapolis and a car show tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Joe Edwards of City Chevrolet presented the Car Show trophies, as voted on by their customers, to:

FIRST PLACE
Chuck Beard
John Meadows
Trudy Sloan
Chauncey Edwards
John Bayne
Chuck Beard

SECOND PLACE Ben Horack Bob Schillo Tim Saiers Chuck Solland Dave Sanders Joe said that City Chevrolet was honored to have us put on a Car Show today and that we confirmed "some of the best looking people drive Corvettes"!

Respectfully submitted, Jane Burt, Secretary

Minutes From QCCC Directors' Meeting, Friday, August 17, 2001

The August officers' meeting was held at the home of Jane & Eddie Burt. All officers were in attendance, as well as Paul Pelkey, Linda Meadows, and Dan & Beth Dowden. President Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Fred opened the meeting with kudos to John Meadows for a very successful Car Show at City Chevrolet on Saturday. John credited the success to enthusiastic teamwork and voluntary participation by many, many QCCC members who helped with the set-up, parking, registration, and clean up. We have already received \$175 from City Chevrolet for trophies (which will go to the General Account) and a \$500 charitable donation (which will go to the Charity Account). The net cost to QCCC for the event was \$15. John feels that City will want us to do this again next year. He will also contact Parks Chevrolet about doing a Car Show at their facility. Club Vette is doing a show at Parks in Winston-Salem.

OFFICER REPORTS:

VP- Tony Prior

Tony has received 3 responses to his e-mail about borrowing tents for club events. The Board decided that as long as we can borrow tents, there is no need to buy any more than the 10×10 we now have.

Tony presented the list of members and non-members who receive a printed newsletter and will contact each to see if they now have access to our website, or an e-mail address to which we can send an e-newsletter.

PR - John Meadows

The LeMans race will be at Road Atlanta October 5-7 rather than at Lowes Motor Speedway. He is pursuing QCCC sponsorship of the #75 ZR1 racecar and will make the most of our logo & its location.

We need: 8 cars for the Matthews Labor Day Parade for the various Miss Mecklenburgs, 15 cars for Providence High School's Oct 12 Homecoming, & 12 cars for Larry deMontegre's school's Oct 19 Homecoming.

Auto Fair: On Sat. Sept 15, QCCC is located under the Grand Stands. On Sun. Sept 16, QCCC is located on the road behind pit row (on the other side of the wall from where we were in the Spring). The Board decided that Fred will send a letter to the promoters and cc: Humpy Wheeler of its decision to participate only on Sunday and express our disappointment about the assignment of locations.

John will e-mail the membership about Auto Fair, parade, and homecomings.

Treasurer – Eddie Burt

Requested and received approval from the Board to pursue getting new window stickers and license plates with the new logo.

VP Social – Priscilla Pelkey

Sept 8 Meeting: Hendrick Motor Sports. John will contact them for details re: location, tours, cost. Sept 21 Day Trip to Shatley Springs: Meet at 9:30 am. \$14 per person for family-style lunch.

Oct 13 Meeting: Mint Street Garage at 6:00 pm for a Football Tail Gate Theme with QCCC providing the food. (Is there *really* a Buffalo Bills fan in our midst?!?) November Meeting: Alpine Clubhouse with a Mexican theme – covered dish. November overnight trip to Highland Lake Inn: Fred is still working on a Saturday event. December Meeting/Christmas Party: Country Inn in Matthews 2002 Banquet: Reported on costs at Renaissance Hotel and the Speedway Club. The Speedway Club is more economical and is available on Fridays in January, and Saturday February 16. The Board approved the reserving of the Speedway Club for Saturday February 16 and asked Priscilla to check on special rates/benefits/shuttle services at nearby hotels.

Linda Meadows reported on the Bylaws Committee recommendations for Officers and Committees. She and the QCCC Secretary will mail these proposals to the QCCC membership by 8/26 for review so that they can be approved/rejected (all or none) by the members present at the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jane Burt, Secretary



C1-1 Chuck Beard C2-1 John Meadows C3-1 Trudy Sloan C4-1 Chauncey Edwards C5-1 John Bayne Dealers Choice Chuck Beard at CITY CHEVROLET went great! We had over 50 cars to show up for the event and the meeting. I want to thank all of you who were able to get your cars out for the show!! Special applause goes to the winners of each class:

WHAT A GREAT MONTH WE HAD. The car show

C5 CRUZER

REPORT

C1-2 Ben Horack C2-2 Bob Schillo C3-2 Tim Saiers C4-2 Chuck Solland C5-2 Dave Sanders

QCCC invaded Carlisle this past week end. There were 17 members with 11 cars who made the trip. There were a lot of offers made on a lot of good looking cars. Ron Barr came the closest to bringing one home. John Bayne's and Donna Littlejohn's cars were used to display some of the vendor products while David Carlton and Rick Witcher had their cars on display with the ZR1 Collection. I did hear that David C purchased an air conditioner for his "Tanman" convertible. Everyone had a really great time. If you have not attended this show put it on your calendar. It's a show you won't forget. Next year we will have to organize this a little better and display our cars under the QCCC Banner!

On Saturday, September 1, we will provide cars for the Miss Mecklenburgs in the Matthews Alive Parade. We need 9 Cars for this event. There will be another parade in Mint Hill around the September 29th. I will email everyone when I have the exact dates.

It's Homecoming Season at the local High Schools. We have already been asked to provide cars for several of these homecoming games. We have confirmed that we will need 12 cars on Friday, October 9th, at Concord High. Look for Email with other dates. Come on out and join the fun!

Lowes Motor Speedway changed our location to display our cars again this fall. The Speedway

had placed our cars under the grandstand on Saturday and behind the Pit Wall on Sunday. Your board does not believe that under the grandstand is a suitable place to display our cars. We have told the Speedway this and that we will only show our cars on Sunday behind Pit Wall. We will have 30 Passes. Contact me if you are interested in displaying your car on Sunday 8AM-4PM.



'TIL NEXT MONTH, SAVE the WAVE

Social Report August 2001



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.

Directions:

- 1. From I-85 North, take exit 49/ Speedway Blvd.
- 2. Turn right onto Speedway Blvd and follow it to Hwy 29
- 3. Turn right onto Hwy 29 (Concord Parkway)
- 4. Turn right at first traffic light onto Morehead Rd
- 5. Go 1.1 miles on Morehead Road and turn right onto Stowe Lane. A Hendrick Motorsports sign will be on the left opposite the entrance. Museum is on the right...you can't miss it...a lot of corvettes will be parked out front...unless you are the first person there...



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.



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: <u>http://www.aweb4u2.com/shatleysprings/</u>



Highland Lake Inn – November 2 - 3

Annual mountain trip will be to the Highland lake in. Fred Fischer should have more details about this trip.



Alpine Club House – November 10, 6:30 p.m.

We will meet at the Alpine Club House for our November meeting. This will be a Mexican potluck dinner. We will have a sign up sheet at the October meeting. Bring your favorite beverage, as some food may be spicy!!

Queen City Corvette Club Social Calendar for 2001

E= event for the month T= tentative plans

September

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

October

- M= Mint Street Garage (T)- 13th @ 6:00 p.m.
- E= Shatley Springs 21st @ 12:30 p.m.

November

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

December

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



New Acquisitions

WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NY - And you thought First Union's takeover of Wachovia was big, well, it was nothing compared to these recent acquisitions. The **Mergers and Acquisitions Division** of the QCCC would like to announce the following:

Tom and Anne Hux: 1996 Red Coupe, Black Interior, automatic.

Wade and Sue Stickels: 2001 Millenium Yellow, Convertible, Black Top, Black Interior, 6 speed.

Rick and Terry Witcher: 1991 White **ZR1** (King Of The Hill), Gray (Smoke) Interior. (If we have to tell you it's a coupe and 6 speed, you need to repeat 'Vette Facts 101)

Candy and Bill Lake: 1998 Medium Purple Pearl Metallic (Majestic Amethyst), Coupe, Black Interior, automatic. Candy says Corsa Indy's will be added shortly!

Let us know if you change or add to your stable, we all are interested!



PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT CEREMONIES

by Jim "Bronco Nagurski" Weisberg

CANTON, OH - Ahhh! Corvettes and football, what better combination could you have? These are two of my passions, and I got to experience them both on this special day.

Kay and I left Charlotte on Friday, August

3rd, and traveled to Belpre, Ohio, the home of Dee and Connie Rader. Dee had gotten me an invitation to participate in the parade and festivities for the enshrinement ceremonies at the NFL Hall of Fame. I had been looking forward to this for several months, and the day was finally here. We had to be in Canton by 6:30 am on Saturday, which means we had to leave Dees by 4 am. I wasn't sure how much sleep I was going to get, but that didn't matter, I was about to meet some of my heroes, and to see the best the NFL had to offer. Dee and I were both excited about going and the wives were excited for us, especially since they could go shopping at Fenton Glass and Middleton Doll Factory without us complaining about what they spent. By the way, this trip cost me plenty! It was worth every penny!!

Dee and I left early Saturday morning and made it to Canton with time to spare. We were assembled in a parking lot with plenty of security around us. The 2001 enshrinees were put into Jaguar convertibles (we can't account for poor taste here) and the Hall of Famers were put into our Corvettes. There were other convertibles for the common folk. The organization here was excellent. They looked as if they had done this before. We were guided into a garage where they attached the placards on the sides of our cars, and then moved onto a side street where our

riders were escorted out of a building and into our cars. Dee was not allowed to ride in the car with me, but he was right there taking pictures. We got to see and talk to the greatest football players to ever play the game. Most of them were really nice guys and were very congenial. We were not allowed to ask for autographs, though. While I was waiting for my rider, I had a cigarette with Larry Little, from the Miami Dolphins (he smoked, I didn't). He liked my car and wanted to ride in it, but they put him in another one instead. My turn finally came and my rider was Billy Shaw, who played for the Buffalo Bills. He was one of only 3 players to have his number retired by the Bills.

We traveled along a 2½-mile parade route with security on both sides of the car and 225,000 screaming fans along the route. It was the crowning moment of the day. This parade was over 2½ hours long and I loved every minute of it. It included several large floats, huge balloon figures, and several marching bands. It was truly a magnificent sight to see. After the parade, they herded all the Corvettes with the players into a separate and secure parking lot. We were helped out of our vehicles, offered drinks and snacks, and a chance for a "potty break". After a brief rest, we took our Hall of Fame riders to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. When they saw us coming, the barriers and crowds parted like the Red Sea as we drove up to the front door. Our riders were whisked away and I was once again just a commoner and told to drive back out again.

I went back to pick up Dee and we headed back to the Hall of Fame for the enshrinement ceremonies. Parking was at a premium and the local neighborhood was offering parking on their lawns for a fee. Dee and I found this nice lady who agreed to park the 'Vette right up front where she could watch it for us. We walked down to the Hall of Fame and found really good seats in the bleachers and watched the ceremonies.

Some of the speeches were a little long and drawn out, but after Mark Buonticonti introduced his father, Nick, and they both spoke, there wasn't a dry eye in the place. If you don't know, Mark broke his neck playing football at the Citadel and was paralyzed from the neck down. Nick dedicated his life to finding a cure for paralysis through the Miami Project.

Dee and I left after the speeches, thoroughly drained from the heat and excitement, but ready to do it all over again. We drove back to Belpre, still glowing from the festivities of the day. Hopefully, I'll get to do this again next year. It was well worth the trip.

As a side note, Dee ordered a 2002 Torch Red Corvette convertible the following Monday. I guess he wants to get in on the action next year.

The Big Lottery..er..l Mean, Poker Run Winner!

Now I can take that dream trip to Hawaii! I wonder what Robert will do while I'm gone? Oh, who cares, I know what I'm going to do! PAR-TEEE!!!



No More Phone Calls ... We Have a Winner!

And you thought the recent "Power Ball" winners got a lot of

money, it was nothing compared to the Poker Run prize money. Vanessa Krimminger had the winning hand at the first in a row, QCCC Poker Run, held on July 28th, at Lake Norman. She elected to take the lump sum payoff instead of the monthly payments because of tax reasons. **Congratulations Vanessa!**

Priscilla Pelkey had a matching 2 pair hand, but lost on the 5th card.

Stealth Technology in the QCCC

Our ace, award-winning staff made this ultra top-secret satellite photo (with their new Kodak Brownie camera with dual-speed, nebulizing synchronizers) of Steve Branche in his underground

hide-a-way, installing a new mechanism that supposedly doubles his horsepower. Steve's car was in the shop for some cosmetic repair of a recent bumping and rubbing incident acquired during the **Poker Run**, so we assume he is doing all the repairs at once.



Those of us who have gone on trips with him can attest he would do anything to gain an advantage. I wonder if Diane knows about this secret laboratory? (Psst...Steve! Did you think we wouldn't notice this new enhancement?)

While we're on the subject of Steve Branche, many of you have asked about the **Poker Run**

Pictures from the "1st in A Row Poker Run"



"incident", well here is what we have learned, with help from the MIT Accident Analysis Dept. After reviewing the race footage of the Poker Run 500 on Speedvision, we have to admit that the momentary "episode" Steve had on Sulfur Springs (Brushy Mt.) Road was not his fault. Reviewing the footage in super slow motion show that Phillip Lewis' car "got under" Steve's and "took the air off of his spoiler" and Steve's car "got loose." We've seen this happen numerous times at the restrictor plate tracks, but it's the first time we've witnessed it on the Brushy Mt. track. Film from the "bumper cam" was inconclusive.

Linda Meadows, Walt & Wendy Krupowicz



Dinner at "Big Daddy's"

City Chevrolet Car Show

We had a fantastic turnout for the car show at City Chevrolet on August the 11th. Over 50 cars showed up. The envelope, please... and the winners are:

C1:(1)Chuck Beard (2)Ben Horack C2:(1)John Meadows (2)Bob Schillo C3:(1)Trudy Sloan (2)Tim Saiers C4:(1)Chauncey Edwards (2)Chuck&Lynne Solland C5:(1)John "Mr. Chrome" Bayne (2)Dave Sanders and Dealer's Choice: Chuck Beard

Congratulations guys, those cars are certainly deserving of the awards. Pictures of the activities:





Stan and Paul discussing the day.



the obtuse angle of a GPS measurement...", here John Callahan has everyone's attention during the scientific lecture part of the car show.



Tim Roche. We owe John a big debt of gratitude for his tireless effort in putting this show together. Thanks, John!

There were 2 Z06's at the show.



Hey look, there's Bob! It's really good to see his parole officer let him come down to the show. Boy, that "work release" program is great.



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August 19, 2001

Letter to the Editor:

Those of you who had the opportunity to caravan to Hungry Mother State Park know that our perseverance is starting to pay off.... the evil spirits are being slowly exorcised from our **Publisher/Leader.** Only 4 Cops were observed by this writer during this lovely trip. Although we're making progress, we must not let down our guard because the evil spirits may reclaim our **Publisher/Leader** at any time. You all know how weak he is.

Again, I am getting ahead of myself. The day started off somewhat overcast and humid with a temp of 74 degrees. Just a perfect day to be Caravanning. 17 C5 Corvettes, 3 C4 Corvettes and 1 Mini Van (Corvette wannabe) streamed out of Belk's parking lot at Exit 36, onto I-77 North. Now lets face it ... doing the caravan down the super slab is OK ... but doing a Caravan on a twisty side road.... well, I guess that is right up there with perfection, especially when the scenery is just perfect. Lots of hills and valleys, right hand curves, left hand curves, up hill and down hill, over hill, down through valley, and over mountain streams past well groomed lawns, and abandoned and forlorn houses in the most perfect settings God created, under canopies of beautiful trees. It all passed our view. We saw a bridge to cross this perfect little mountain stream, but for some reason no one wanted to cross it... golly, I don't know why... I mean just because there was no guardrail and a few boards were missing was no reason not to use it... but you know.

Now we must remember that when just traveling down the road in a normal manner didn't produce the Constables, our **Publisher/Leader** lead us down the primrose path, so to speak, trying to locate those pesky Constables. He thought that a few U turns would surely bring his favorite friend to the forefront.... nope, that didn't work, so we just kept plodding toward one of the best lunches man has set a tongue to. Not very good grammar, but believe me folks ... the food was wonderful, the company was fantastic. The trip home was equally smooth and enjoyable. Wade Stickels said the day would have been perfect if they had built a new road for his new, absolutely gorgeous car to ride on....

In all fairness, and goodness knows I hate to be fair with our **Publisher/Leader**, the day, and the trip was one that you only hear about. Those of you who missed this trip, well, you have my sympathy, cause you missed an extremely, enjoyable day.

Editor's Note – As we can see, *Bob*, once again, is wrong about who draws the police, but this isn't abnormal. He didn't know it, but when I found out he was going with the group, I brought this invisible shield along on the trip to protect the group. The "**police repelling power**" of this card is unbelievable, it's like Kryptonite to Superman.



Nuggets From The Net



Look me in the eye and tell me you wouldn't watch a train wreck! There, I knew you couldn't.

Do you remember the 1999 LeMans race, when Mercedes Benz had cars flip

backwards going down the Mulsanne straight at 200 MPH? Two of the incidents were during practice and by the same driver and the third time was during the race, but by a different driver. It was so dangerous, Mercedes withdrew their remaining car from the race. I found a web sight that has a brief movie clip of one of the cars doing a 3 revolution back flip during one of these episodes. Believe it or not, no one was hurt. Just how lucky can someone be? The amazing

part of this story is the driver climbed back in the car a day later after it was fixed and *flipped it again*! That's kinda like the famous redneck saying "Hey, I'm ain't skeered, watch this!"

Here is the link to the movie. Click on the link and when you get to the web site, click on the "Flying Mercedes Video" portion.

www.bmw-m.net/gallery/videos



Extended Warranty Survey

By E. O. "Warranty Guru" Oakley

As my 1999 approached the end of its factory warranty, I decided to investigate the cost and options of an Extended Warranty. While the decision to go with an extended warranty is a personal decision on who takes the risks and how much one wishes to "*roll the dice*", I decided to find out what was offered and how much the plans and/or costs varied.

Granted, the survey I did is limited, I do believe that it is representative of the range of products and prices offered. For example, Ken Fichtner of Fichtner Chevrolet is a big supporter of the Corvette Forum and the C5 Registry. He reportedly sells the GM extended warranty (GMPP-Major Guard) for \$50 over cost. He is located in Laurel, Montana. On the other hand, the other dealers are local Chevrolet dealers, but offered distinctly different plans.

Below is a mini-survey of Extended Warranties for Corvettes. The data included is for a 1999 C5 still under factory warranty, and therefore will be slightly different for other model years and for cars that are out of factory warranty.

When choosing an extended warranty, some points to consider:

- Not all plans are created equal. For example, the Extended Warranty offered by Freedom Chevrolet is a Sonic Plan. Upon investigation, Sonic is sponsored by Ford, and the plan is said to be honored "everywhere". I did not investigate "everywhere" so proceed at your own risk or assessment.
- Some plans have several levels of coverage, which may or may not cover all items covered by the factory warranty. (e.g. see Freedom plans)
- All GM dealers honor the GMPP. This means a Cadillac dealer can fix your Corvette if you desire or is needed.

Dealer	Months*	Mileage	Deduct- ible	Cost	Cost Per Mile	Cost Per Month	Weighted Cost/mile X Cost/Month
<u>Freedom</u> Chevrolet				_			
	72	85,000	\$100	\$1,599	\$0.0326	\$44.42	\$1.45
	84	100,000	\$100	\$2,139	\$0.0334	\$44.56	\$1.49
Full Coverage	72	85,000	\$100	\$1,838	\$0.0375	\$51.06	\$1.92
Full Coverage	72	100,000	\$100	\$1,949	\$0.0305	\$54.14	\$1.65
<u>City</u>							
Chevrolet	60	100,000	\$100	\$1,800	\$0.0281	\$75.00	\$2.11
	72	100,000	\$100	\$2,000	\$0.0313	\$55.56	\$1.74
	84	70,000	\$100	\$1,800	\$0.0529	\$37.50	\$1.99
Ken							
Fitchner	60	60.000	\$-	\$1,165	\$0.0485	\$48.54	\$2.36
Chevrolet	60	60,000	\$100	\$950	\$0.0396	\$39.58	\$1.57
	60	75,000	\$-	\$1,475	\$0.0378	\$61.46	\$2.32
	60	75,000	\$100	\$1,190	\$0.0305	\$49.58	\$1.51
	72	60,000	\$-	\$1,360	\$0.0567	\$37.78	\$2.14
	72	60,000	\$100	\$1,100	\$0.0458	\$30.56	\$1.40
	72	60,000	\$200	\$910	\$0.0379	\$25.28	\$0.96
	72	75,000	\$-	\$2,095	\$0.0537	\$58.19	\$3.13
	72	75,000	\$100	\$1,665	\$0.0427	\$46.25	\$1.97
	72	75,000	\$200	\$1,345	\$0.0345	\$37.36	\$1.29
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<u>Howard</u> Chevrolet	72	60,000	\$-	\$1,500	\$0.0625	\$41.67	\$2.60
* From original							
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If there is interest in keeping this database current, I would be happy to do so if club members will email information and data to me as it is obtained. I will periodically update and publish the most current information.

Editor's Note –Let's support E.O.'s efforts and send him info as we get it concerning these warranties. It would be nice to have the answers in front of us when we have to make this decision.

Road Trip to New York

By Larry and Lois deMontegre

Traveling together for nine days can test a friendship but several couples managed to do just that and are still on speaking terms. Here are some highlights:

Friday, July 6th - Filled with anticipation, Bob and Nancy Runnion, Chuck and Lynn Solland, Al and Kay Herold, Larry and Lois deMontegre met early at the rest stop on I-77. After much enthusiastic talk, the trek began. The scenery on I-81 was gorgeous and the day was peaceful. There were a few minor glitches such as Larry missing a turn and Chuck going the wrong way and having a close encounter with a truck. There was some amusing banter between Chuck and Al about where to eat lunch. Al won the vote overwhelmingly and we ate at Rowe's, a home cooking restaurant in Staunton. The pie list was a mile long. Decisions, decisions. The first of many calorie-packed meals.

Since no one was in a hurry to get to the motel, we decided to go to Antietam. The drive was very scenic on Hwy 230 through Shepherdstown and Sharpsburg and all of the women began planning another excursion to explore the shops in those quaint towns. A fall trip would be nice. In the museum there was an interesting film emphasizing the tragic waste of so many lives that could have been spared by a little decisive action. After 475 miles the first day everyone was ready to head straight to Harrisburg and nightly lodging. Dinner at Morgan's was highly recommended by the hotel. Since no outdoor seating was available for a group our size, we settled for the dining room, probably a good choice since whiffs of marijuana wafted our way from the party on the porch.

Day one closed with everyone's spirits still "high."

Saturday, July 7th - Early start in the cool, crisp, morning air. Beautiful scenery through the Mohawk and Cherry Valley and all along 163 provided pastoral scenes and glimpses of Amish farmers. Bob said "You can't do this around Charlotte - drive on a two lane highway on cruise control!"

Finally arrived at Canajoharie, Nancy's hometown, and continued on to Gary and Catherine McIntyre's house on Caroga Lake. The McIntyre's are Nancy's brother and sister-in-law, as well as very generous and accommodating hosts. A lovely afternoon was spent at their lake houses. (Yes, houses! They own two side by side.) Envy, envy. The McIntyre's are renovating the family summer cottage into a lovely home on the lake. A peaceful respite was greatly appreciated. The group grew as Wade and Sue Stickels and Ray and Patty Stonitsch joined in.

Dinner was at Saltzman's, a hotel over 100 years old. Some of Nancy's friends joined the group for a very lively dinner served family style. The group was starting to slow down and eventually headed for bed. Runnions to the McIntyre's; Stickels to Betty and Les's (Nancy's good friends); Sollands, Herolds, and deMontegres to Stonitschs in Nintayuna outside of Schenectady. A quick tour of the Stonitsch's lovely house, choosing of beds, (deMontegre's drew the air mattress) and everyone flopped for the night. Each guest was the recipient of a thoughtful gift from Ray and Patty (modesty forbids the mention of what it was but it could not be used with guests in their home.)

Sunday, July 8th - Leisurely morning sitting around the kitchen table, joking, laughing. Al wondered whether or not the group would still be laughing by the end of the week. Considerable time spent admiring Patty's quilt making. Such talent! This would be the most leisurely day of the trip.

2:00 canoeing and boating at the McIntyre's. How did Al get Lynn and Kay to paddle the boat for him? Maybe it was his serenade. After working up an appetite, everyone enjoyed a cookout provided by Bob and Nancy, with everyone else contributing side dishes. Late afternoon showers brought the revelers inside. Kudos to Runnion's and McIntyre's for a delightful day.

Monday, July 9th - Early meeting of entire group at a town called Speculator on the way to Raquette Lake. Road construction, traffic etc. made the Stonitsch crowd late. Runnion group

waited almost half an hour and went on, fearful of missing the tour. Stonitsch group was able to catch the tour already in progress at Camp Sagamore (grand summer camp of Frederick Vanderbilt)

12:30 met at Raquette Lake for luncheon cruise tour of the lake and glimpses of summer camps of the rich and famous. Truly pleasant surprise - lunch turned out to be a gourmet meal with beef tips, salad, scalloped tomatoes (anybody have the recipe?) and apple cobbler for desert. Restful afternoon on upper deck enjoying the company and the sun.

Stop at Blue Mountain Lake at the Adirondack Museum. Especially interesting was the display of boats from the turn of the century. This museum could be an all day event - so much to see.

Tuesday, July 10th - Stickels headed for home, Sollands headed for Ohio Amish country and a little wine tasting, the rest decided on a day of independent exploration. DeMontegres headed to Albany then along the Hudson to Hyde Park for a tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion and FDR's home and museum. Apparently Kay and Al had similar thoughts and ended up in the same tour.

The return drive was through the Catskills - one of the top five drives ever. Unfortunately, a Honda van didn't do it justice. Passed through many quaint towns, (everyone flies the American flag, lines up to the street for Dairy Queen, and there's a Dunkin Donut on every block), farmland, cornfields, wild flowers, etc. all set against the mountains. No corvette! Tragedy.

Wednesday, July 11th - Sonitschs and deMontegres met Runnions and McIntyres for a day in Vermont while Herolds headed for West Point. After lunch at a brewery in Bennington, stops were made at Hemmings Motor Museum, antique shops, Basket Ville and Bennington Pottery. Something for everyone! Purchases were made of Vermont cheese, wine, pottery, and crafts before it was time head back to meet Herolds at Lanzy's on the Lake - Nancy's favorite restaurant right on Lake Sacandaga. The night's specialty was prime rib with the largest crab legs ever seen. No one could finish the meal. This eating frenzy has got to stop!

Thursday, July 12th - Sonitschs and Herolds got up early to visit the Remmington Gun Museum. DeMontegres slept in and skipped breakfast, a futile effort to compensate for overindulging. All met at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown for lunch. The beautiful old hotel is simply indescribable. The front porch (enormous) was filled with pots of fragrant heliotrope and the hotel spoke of bygone elegance. In spite of vows to cut back on meals, everyone returned and returned to the buffet tables. Some enjoyed the rocking chairs on the back porch overlooking Cooper's "Glimmerglass Lake," some went to the Baseball Hall of Fame, Farmer's Museum, antiquing, or just walking around the town. Final evening together - everyone at Sonitsches for pizza and lively conversation.

Friday, July 13th - Runnions and deMontegres got an early start, heading back together. We decided to stop for the night near Shepherdstown (the town that impressed everyone on the way up) for one last shopping opportunity. One more grand lunch - the Bavarian Hotel. And was it grand! The foyer had pictures of all the famous people who had eaten there, including most of the recent Presidents and their wives. Just as we were pulling out of the parking lot, we spied a red corvette going by, it was Al & Kay. Later, while visiting shops downtown, who should show up? Al and Kay. Thinking alike again.

Earlier in the day Nancy, with her great detective and planning skills, had managed to locate the only B&B in the area. The Carriage House in Charlestowne is a beautiful historic home with a wide front porch. General Grant had used the dining room for a strategic meeting.

Saturday, July 14th - The owners, coincidentally named Al and Kay, were very gracious and served a large breakfast, including strawberries and cream, egg casserole, biscuits and apricot honey. Time for reality to set in and head home. The drive back was one of the highlights of the trips as riders frequently changed cars, giving everyone a chance to visit and time literally flew by. Thanks to everyone for great companionship, the McIntyres and the Stonitschs for their hospitality and special thanks to Nancy for all the time and expense of planning such a terrific trip. (Has she ever thought of opening a travel agency?)

TECH TIP



Do You Need Help To Get It Up!

By Randy "El Rando" Sherman

The first year I owned my C5, I searched high and low for ramps that would be suitable for oil changes, and basic maintenance such as inspecting and cleaning the radiator, etc. The problem was most ramps are angled too sharply to accommodate a C5 without ripping off the air dams. I searched every car catalog I could find, finally I got smart and asked folks at **Corvetteforum.com**. Within an hour I had my answer. RHINO RAMPS. They have a very gentle incline angle, and will actually handle

the C5's large tires. Although the air dams will rub when going on the ramps, the rub is slight enough for the air dams to rebound back to their original shape. The best part of all is these ramps are available locally, and are very reasonably priced, unlike many ramps I saw in the Vette part catalogs. These ramps are to be found at Walmart, and AutoZone stores. Price? Wow, only about \$30.00 a pair. These ramps are made of a composite material, and are very strong, but very light, and easy to handle. I can now do any type of basic under body inspection/work. By the way, I've had my car up on the ramps both front and rear. As a caveat, be sure to have someone guide you onto the ramps, overshooting them would be hard to do, but sure could ruin a perfectly good day. (smile).

These composite plastic ramps are the perfect addition to any do-it-yourselfer's tool collection. Weight capacity of 12,000 lb. per pair. The lightweight ramps can be hung in your garage, have convenient carrying handles and they never rust.

Employee of The Month, We Hire Only The Best!

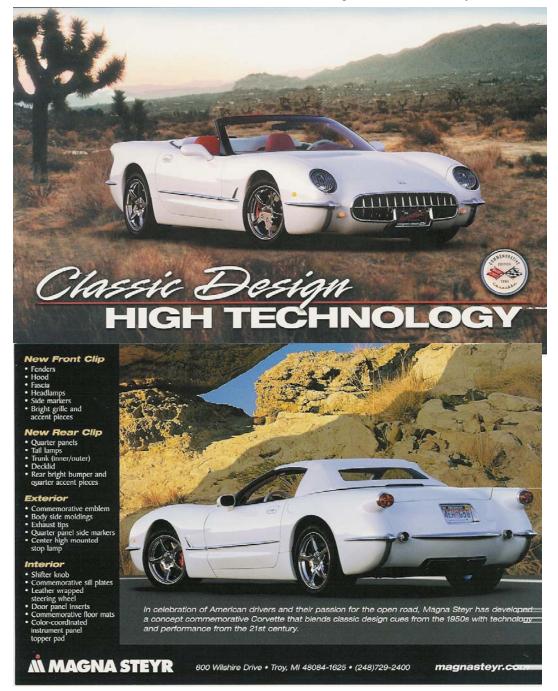
We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our newsletter "Employee of The Month." Her name is Loretta Lewinsky and she is an *intern* in the newsroom. She might not be the brightest bulb in the chandelier, but she sure is cute. She arrives at the QCCC's palatial, newsletter offices in downtown Troutman with a very impressive resume' showing contacts that go very high in the government. If you see Loretta at a club function, say hello ... You'll recognize her, she will have on a pretty, blue dress her sister gave her, but just ignore the stain. Oh, by the way, all you single guys, stay back and don't be clogging the Newsletter office telephones calling Loretta for a date.



50th Anniversary Model?

Thanks to Walt Krupowicz for sending in these photos. For his contribution he will receive a Capt. Midnight secret decoder ring.

This is a retrofit made by an aftermarket company in Troy, Michigan. Sometimes the aftermarket is more creative than the "General". Wouldn't this make a great 50th Anniversary model?



John Meadows went to Carlisle to see this in person. Lets all go over to his house to see if he bought it.

Last Month The Exterior, This Month The Interior, Next Month...The World!

Good Golly, they did it again! How do they continue getting these exclusive photos? Our award winning, crack, staff photographers captured, yet another, spy picture. This time they caught an interior shot of

the new supersecret C6 after the occupants got out at the "Palm" restaurant in South Charlotte, where the manufacturer was hosting a press introduction dinner and demonstration burnout. Looks rather busy in there. but I'm sure it is all functional and. obviously, very tasteful. Look



at that shift light just to the left of the steering wheel, they thought of everything. I read in an industry magazine that the purple seat is manufactured with 100% virgin velour.

Corvette Fever, Vette and Corvette Restorer Magazine Give-Away

Hilda Yost asked us to tell you that she has the following magazines she is willing to give away. If you are interested, please contact Fred Fischer, Tony Prior or John Meadows and they will make arrangements for you to get them.

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To Tell The Truth! Finally, A Recall

Well, it finally happened, GM admits there is a problem with the "column lock" on the C5. Will miracles never cease? They give the range of VIN's included in the recall. Amazing to me is that all the C5's weren't included.

DATE: July 10, 2001 SUBJECT: 01044 - CORVETTE ELECTRONIC COLUMN LOCK MODELS: 1998-2000 CORVETTE TO: ALL CHEVROLET DEALERS ATTN: SERVICE MANAGERS, PARTS MANAGERS and WARRANTY **ADMINISTRATORS** CONDITION General Motors has decided that certain 1998-2000 Corvette model vehicles may exhibit a condition in which the electronic column lock may not function as intended. The condition could result in the failure of the steering column to unlock during initial key-in and start-up. Should the column fail to unlock, the engine will stop running if the vehicle starts to move. CORRECTION Dealers are to install repair kit PN 88952427 for automatic transmission Corvettes in the US & Canada or repair kit PN 88952428 for all manual transmission Corvettes in the US & Canada, For Corvettes sold in all other countries, both manual and automatic, dealers are to install repair kit PN 88952428. **VEHICLES INVOLVED** Involved are certain 1998-2000 Corvette model vehicles built within these VIN breakpoints: YEAR DIVISION MODEL PLANT FROM THROUGH 1998 Chevrolet Corvette Bowling Green W5123355 W5131069 1999 Chevrolet Corvette Bowling Green X5100001 X5133283 2000 Chevrolet Corvette Bowling Green Y5100001 Y5116233 IMPORTANT: Dealers should confirm vehicle eligibility through GMVIS (GM Vehicle Inquiry System) or GM Access Screen (Canada only) or DCS Screen 445 (IPC only) prior to beginning campaign repairs. [Not all vehicles within the above breakpoints may be involved.] MAILING INFORMATION Dealer mailing will begin on July 10, 2001 Owner mailing will begin on July 17, 2001 **GMVIS INFORMATION** GMVIS information will be available on July 11, 2001

1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 Corvette Recall

Does Your Car Need That Velvet Touch? Now You Don't Have To Take It To That Massage Parlor Again!

If you didn't already know, Gary Katzman has opened up his new garage. Gary's main thrust is Mercedes Benz and BMW's, but he saw the need for a quality Corvette shop and will service them, also. Another big part of the news is that he has hired Eddie Burt, Jr. Yea, that's right, the offspring of the famous Eddie Burt of QCCC fame.

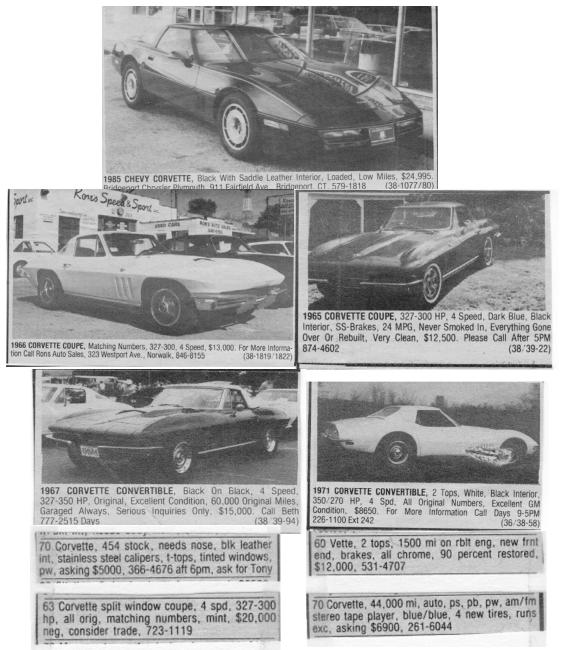
The name of Gary's facility is MBV European Ltd. Located at 5410 Old Pineville Rd. Charlotte, NC 28217. Phone 704-561-0050. The shop is located one block North of Tyvola Rd., on Old Pineville, just around the corner from Dick Keffer Pontiac. The shop has 7 service bays, 6 lifts, a full parts dept. and just over 10,000 sq.ft. The shop, also, has all of the latest service equipment.

Folks, it doesn't get any better than this, a fellow member with a white glove garage and a fellow member's son with the knowledge and care to work on our cars. Let's get out there and support Gary.

QCCC CLASSICS By T.Prior

NEWS FLASH !!!

1985 CORVETTE HAS HIGHEST RESALE VALUE



Well, I suppose it would be fair to mention that it was back in 1985. I found this Auto Newspaper while attic cleaning a few weeks ago. I did call all the ads to see if the cars were still available, but as luck would have it, they were all sold. Bummer !!