

**October 2001**

**Queen City Corvette Club  
& Hendrick Motor Sports  
Present  
Days of FUNder**



During the past month we witnessed a horrible, life-altering event. We saw that our freedom and way of life aren't free, but come with a cost. From the ashes came extraordinary demonstrations of heroism

and selflessness that show the true American spirit. These events bring to mind Thomas Paine's words as America faced a crisis 225 years ago, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." It's heartening to see the patriotism and national unity that abounds. Let's all do our part to ensure that it continues.

Now to club business, can we hear it for the Board? They did a marvelous job of putting together another great month. First, we met at Hendrick Motor Sports (Pssst! I wasn't supposed to tell anyone, but I saw Jeff Gordon in the shop). Next we moved on to the AutoFair for the Fall Show. Although we only participated on Sunday, we still made the "Show". And then the month wound up with the annual Beach Trip. Doggone, winter withdrawal is going to be hard.

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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.



September 24, 2001

Dear QCCC Members,

Yeats once wrote, "all changed, changed utterly." A mention of September 11<sup>th</sup> will always invoke the stunning memories etched in my mind. For me these memories will take a place of prominence, like the images from May 1970 at Kent State Ohio, from November 1963 in Dallas, and from the Pearl Harbor Memorial remembering the USS Arizona and December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941. The memories of September 11<sup>th</sup> will be forever brilliant and indelible - for us all.

We've all received the emails and calls warning of a dire future for the stock market and the economy, expressing fear of travel, of biological attack, and of so many other possibilities to threaten our lives. As upsetting as they are, these admonitions serve a purpose: They raise our awareness. We should take preventative action and we should be careful. We should move forward with caution and with a deliberate consideration. However, despite the negative potential of these warnings, I believe that we, as Americans, *in time* will overcome these fears and our enemies. We are the most unified and fortunate people on earth. Our solidarity and way of life will prevail. Quite simply, we have resolved for it to do so.

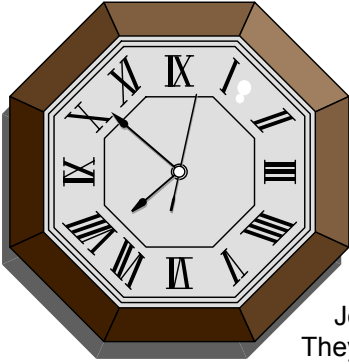
Ultimately then, this tragedy will strengthen us as a nation, as a society, and as a culture. Until a callous scars the wound, the interim will be painful. As we heal we must take solace from our blessings, the good things, the wonderful joys in our lives. Next to family, the most important blessing among them is each another. Our association together should be cherished - we are not only fellow Americans, we are friends.

In the months that lie ahead, our association, the Queen City Corvette Club, will make a difference. It will leave an impression. Think of the tens of Home-Coming Queens whose proud night will be highlighted by a ride in our cars. Think of the needy families that we will help with food at Thanksgiving. Think of the families who can have a Christmas holiday because of the gifts they receive from us. And think of the monetary donation we give from the fruit of our effort. This may not be the stuff heroes are made of, but it makes a difference. It makes us Americans. It demonstrates our solidarity, our way of life and our unification as a people.

Be proud to be American, be proud to belong to the Queen City Corvette Club. Count your blessings, you are a friend...

Until next month, be safe, be well and be proud!

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## QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 8, 2001

The September business meeting of QCCC was held at Hendrick Motor Sports in Concord, NC. Officers in attendance: Fred Fischer, Tony Prior, Jane Burt, Eddie Burt, John Meadows, and Priscilla Pelkey. President Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm

John thanked Angela Padgett of Hendrick Motor Sports for having us. They are not usually open on Saturday so this was a very special event.

Fred asked guests to stand up and introduce themselves: Al Bunda, Sue & Ron Phillips from Oregon, Sheley Revis, David Revis, Jane Gregorino (Dave's wife), Bill Donovan, Jim Van Winkle, Don Sumter (Bruce's friend from Florida), Tim Roche, Chris & Angela Meadows (John & Linda's son & daughter-in-law), Paul Roza, and Earl Lake.

**NEW MEMBERS** voted in: Al Bunda, Sheley Revis, David Revis, Jane Gregorino, Bill Donovan, Jim Van Winkle, and Tim Roche.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the August meeting minutes.

### OLD BUSINESS

The LeMans race at Charlotte was cancelled and will be in Atlanta. The ZR1 Race will be on Friday and Sunday. A \$500 contribution to Pirate Racing to sponsor the ZR-1 racecar has been made. John has no information on the size of our name to be put on the car. There are about 20 sponsors so far. After the race, the car will be on display at the Corvette Museum.

Tony has checked with the recipients of our printed newsletters and 7 of them can now receive it electronically.

E.O.Oakley did some fact-finding about Charity Giving to schools. We could work with students; give rides as rewards, landscape, or even tutor. He found that positive influences are more successful when the focus is on one middle school.

Fred Fischer made a motion, which was seconded and passed, to have Pat Fischer be a Charity Coordinator to receive member ideas & suggestions for Charity Giving. These will be published in the newsletter so they can be approved at our business meetings by the membership.

John Meadows read a letter from Loaves and Fishes thanking us for our \$500 donation in memory of Don Yost.

Linda Meadows reported on the By Laws Committee progress. They have met 3 times & will meet on the 20<sup>th</sup>. She read the proposed revisions, which included more Officers and 4 standing committees. She encouraged everyone to think about what committee &/or officer positions they would be interested in since we will take nominations in October for new Board members. Fred thanked Linda & the 11-member Committee for their efforts.

Dave Gregorino reported that QCCC could be a corporate member of the National Corvette Museum. There are two membership options – annual renewal or lifetime. He will provide a write-up for the next newsletter. Information is also available on the Museum's website. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to table the decision to become a corporate member until all information is made available. Fred will get the details and report them at the next meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

*Walt Krupowicz* stated that the Meeting Room wall at the Corvette Assembly Plant has a license plate-size QCCC patch with the old logo. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have the Board contact Vector Shirts to have a replacement patch made.

*Fred Fischer* asked how we could return some of the Treasury funds to the membership. Shirts had been suggested, but were too expensive. Jon Elliott suggested new license plates and

window stickers. Walt Krupowicz suggested license plate frames. Wade Stickles represents a company that makes static cling stickers and plastic or metal license plates. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to order license plates, window stickers, and license plate frames with our new logo. A motion was made, seconded, but failed to form a committee to look at other ways to use Treasury funds to benefit the membership.

*Larry deMontegre* asked everyone to consider being in a calendar featuring our Corvettes and handicapped students who would then sell the calendars to raise funds. He would like for us to be at Concord High School's Homecoming on October 19, at 7:30 pm.

*Gary Katzman* offered QCCC members a 20% discount on automotive work performed at his company MBV European Ltd. Their specialties for the past 15 years have been Mercedes, BMW, and Volvo, but have now expanded to include Corvettes. They recently hired a talented mechanic who literally grew up in Corvettes: Eddie Burt Jr. Eddie Jr pledged to everyone that he would take as good, or better, care of their car, as they would.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **VP SOCIAL**

Priscilla Pelkey reported:

**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. **October:** EVENT: day trip to Shatley Springs for family-style lunch at 12:30 for \$14 each. MEETING: Top deck of Mint Street Parking garage at **5:00**. The Club will provide food. It will have a football/favorite team theme.

**November:** EVENT: the Highland Lake Inn's Lodge is fully booked, but cabins are available. MEETING: Alpine Clubhouse with a Mexican covered dish dinner. NOTE: there is no stove/oven for heating food, and no alcohol is allowed. **December:** Event: Dinner at the Country Inn in Matthews. **February:** the banquet will be at the Speedway Club. The nearby Wingate Inn has a shuttle service and is available for those wanting to spend the night.

### **VP**

Tony reminded everyone to notify him of events attended so he can award points. The first monthly award to the cleanest, nicest looking Corvette at the meeting was awarded to BOB RUNNION.

### **TREASURER**

Eddie reported that the Treasury is OK.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

John Meadows reported that 50 cars attended the City Chevrolet Car Show. There is a Labor Day Parade in Matthews and a parade in Mint Hill on September 29. Upcoming High School Homecomings: South Meck Oct. 5, Providence Oct 12, Concord Oct 19. QCCC will be at Auto Fair next Sunday only. A letter has been sent expressing our dissatisfaction with our Saturday location. Thirty cars are needed for Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Burt, Secretary

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## **QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2001**

The September officers' meeting was held at the home of Jane & Eddie Burt. All officers were present, as well as Paul Pelkey. President Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Fred reported that the Charity Coordinator, Pat Fischer has received 5 suggestions for Charity giving. These will be presented at a Business Meeting for approval by preferential voting of members in attendance.

Eddie will check with Vector Shirts regarding the QCCC Patch for the Corvette Assembly Plant.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

#### **PR - John Meadows**

He has enough cars for Auto Fair on Sun. Sept 16.

#### **Treasurer – Eddie Burt**

Has received proposals from 2 places for license plates and window stickers. He is to request proofs/samples from suppliers and choose the best.

#### **VP Social – Priscilla Pelkey**

November mountain trip – the Club will provide a fried chicken dinner. Jody will lead a less-than-2-hour road trip on Sat morning to end in Hendersonville at noon. Sunday breakfast will be at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville.

2002 Banquet: will be at the Speedway Club Saturday February 16 from 6:30 – 11:30. Fred will prepare a slide show.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nominations will be made for the 2002 Board Members at the October meeting for elections to be held in November. The new Officers will be invited to the December & January Board Meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Burt, Secretary

# C5 CRUZER REPORT



Another great month has passed! The car show at Lowes Motor Speedway Auto Fair went great! We had 30 cars to show up for the event. QCCC had Club Vette judge our cars this time. John Bayne's chrome C5 took Best of Show. David Sanders,

David Carlton, Renee Frazier, Chauncey Edwards were also winners. I want to thank all of you who were able to get your cars out for the show!!

On Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, we provided cars for the Miss Mecklenburg's in the Matthews Alive Parade. The weather was lousy! Just as we pulled out of the parking lot it stopped raining and we were able to go through the entire parade with our tops down and NO RAIN. Thanks to those who braved the weather and came out!

On Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing cars for the Miss Mecklenburg's for the Mint Hill Parade. As many of the club members will be at the beach, a special thanks to Ben Horack and those who volunteered to help with this event while some of us are basking in the sun at the beach!

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 16 cars on Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>, at South Mecklenburg. We need to be there by 7:00 PM

Providence High School is scheduled for Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. 15 cars will be needed. We will need to be at Providence at 6:00 PM. This is a pre-game event!

Concord High School is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. 12 cars needed. Look for Email with times to meet. Come on out and join the fun!

Send me an email if you can help!!!! [jmeadows@cmgsales.com](mailto:jmeadows@cmgsales.com)

There is a car show in Chester, SC, October 20<sup>th</sup>. It is put on by the Hilltop Cruisers Classic Car Club. If interested contact me and I will give you more details.

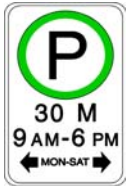
I also understand that the dealers are offering great deals on Vettes right now.  
0% Financing ? \$49 above cost?

'TIL NEXT MONTH, SAVE the WAVE



# Social Report

## October 2001



### **Mint Street Parking Garage, Saturday, October 13, 5:00 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: <http://www.aweb4u2.com/shatleysprings/>



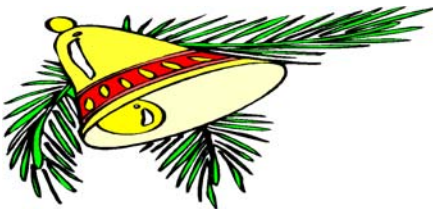
### **Highland Lake Inn – November 2 - 3**

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. Please note the club house has no resources for food warming so keep that in mind when you bring in your dish. If you have a power strip please bring it. We will have a sign up sheet at the October meeting. Bring your favorite **non-alcoholic** beverage as the club house does not permit alcohol.



### **Country Inn, Matthews - December 8, 6:00 p.m.**

Annual Christmas party and dinner will be at the Country Inn in Matthews. We will be having our annual gift exchange. More information will follow in the next news letter.





**Speedway Club, Lowes Motor Speedway  
February 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Annual awards banquet and dinner will be held at The Speedway Club at Lowes Motor Speedway. Come out and enjoy the evening in a truly unique setting.

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

**M**= Monthly Meeting

**E**= event for the month

**T**= tentative plans

### October

**M**= Mint Street Garage - 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 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.

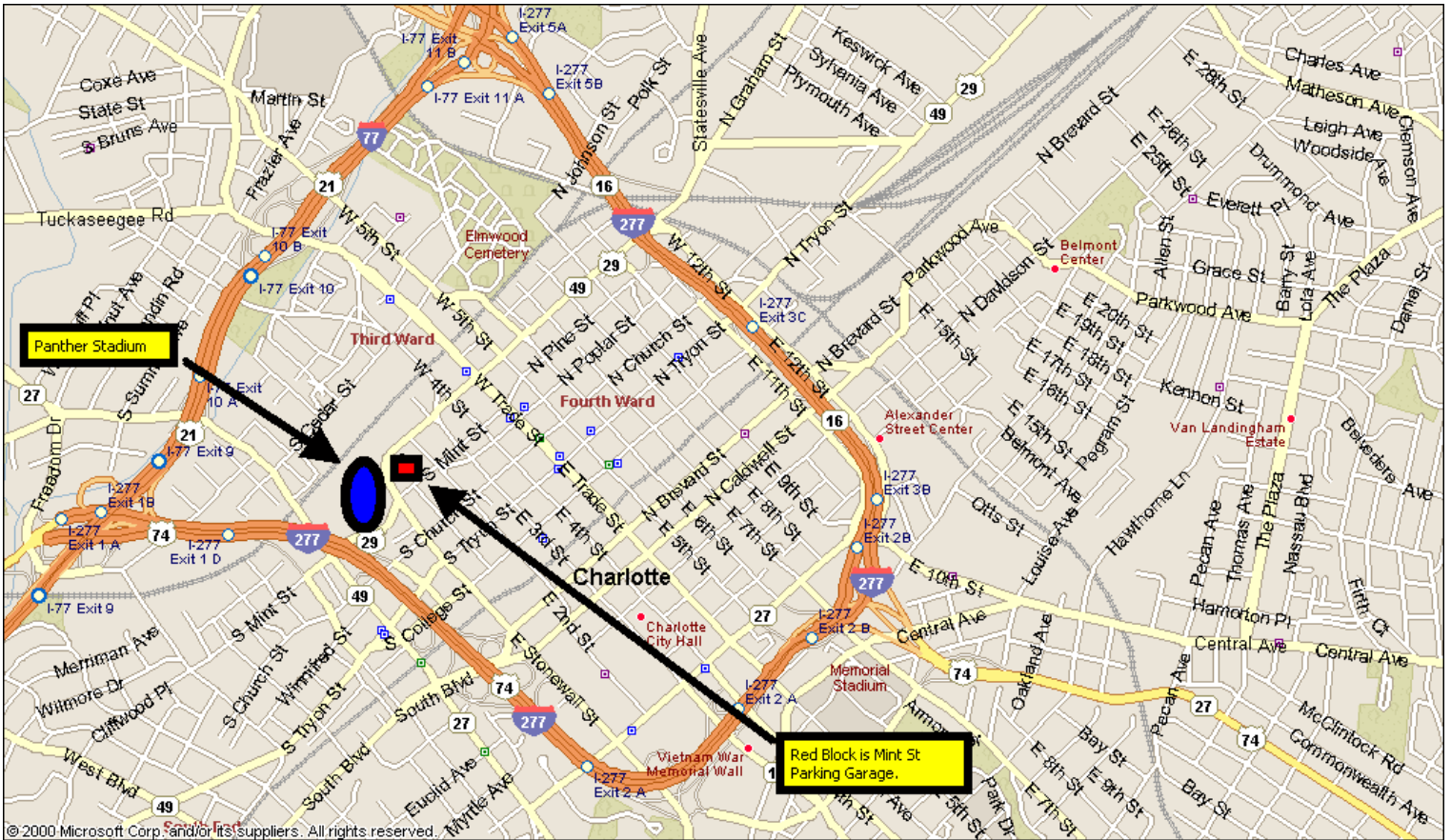
**E**= Highland Lake Inn - 2<sup>nd</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>

### December

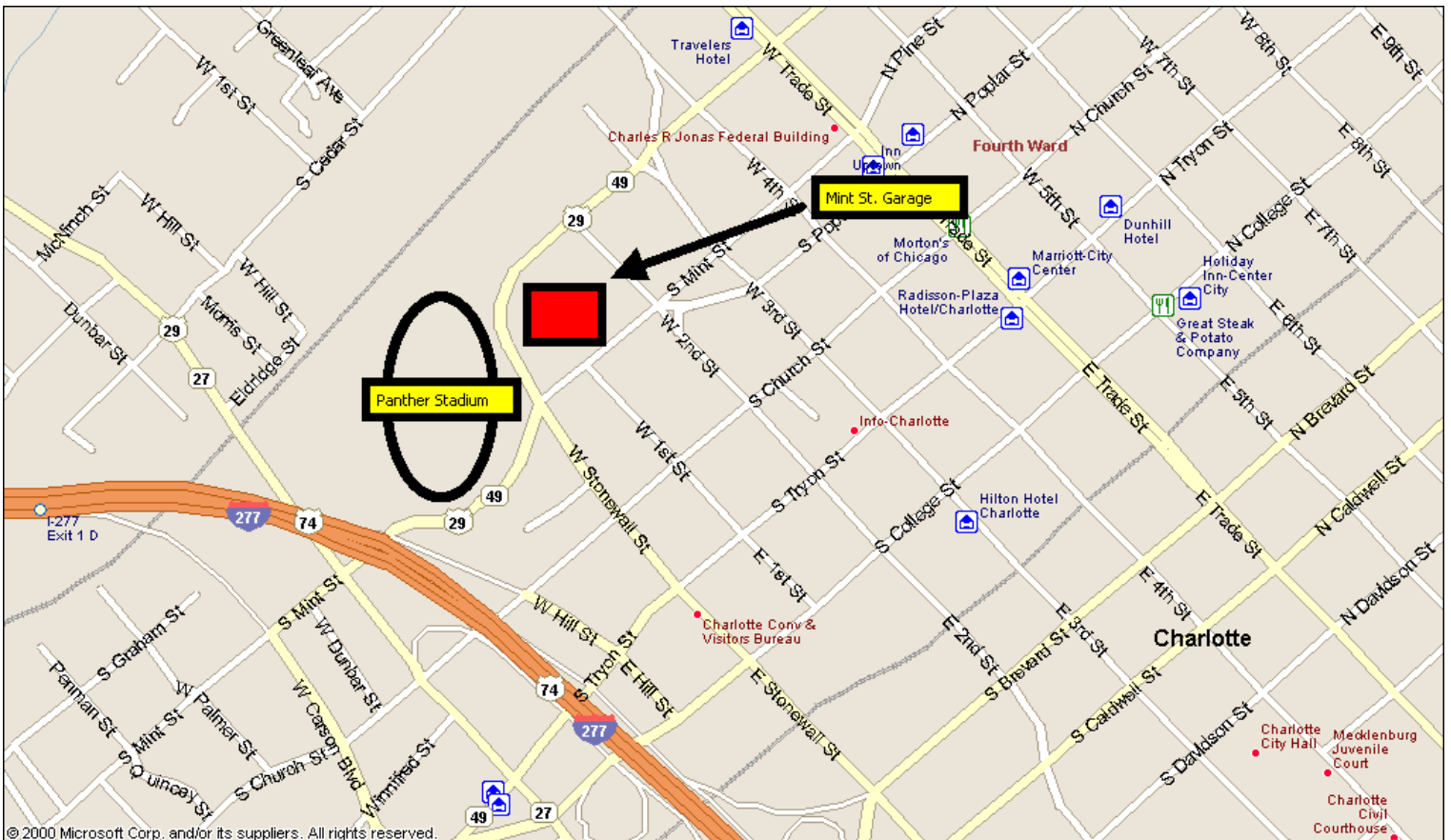
**M/E**= Country Inn in Matthews / Christmas Party - 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

### February

**E** = Annual Banquet, Speedway Club, Lowes Motor Speedway 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.



Here are a couple of maps to the Mint Street Parking Garage where we will be for our October Meeting. BTW, the bottom map is a close up.



# September Meeting at Hendrick MotorSports

The people at Hendrick MotorSports were kind enough to let us use their Museum for our September meeting. It was car Nirvana for me, and I'm sure some of you. There was the Corvette #52 campaigned in the IMSA series in the 80's. I remember seeing that car on TV with Doc Bundy driving. Many specimens of the cars HMS fielded for Gordon, Labonte, and Richmond in NASCAR. A fantastic collection and display. Here are some pictures from the meeting:

You put your right foot in  
And you shake it all about,  
You do the Hokey Pokey,  
That's what it's all about!

As you can see,  
we even had  
Hokey Pokey  
lessons.



"OK!" they're saying,  
"Who cut the cheese?"



Regis, I'd like to phone a friend!



Boyl! This would look good in a  
certain garage in Troutman!



## A Couple Of Shots From The Day



Tony Prior selected the car for the first award of the "Cleanest Car at the Meeting". Bob & Nancy Runnion's 1996 red coupe was selected. According to Tony, "nothing else was even close". Here is a picture of the "Bobster" with the winning car, that's what I'm talking about!

Did y'all know that Norma Jean Baker came to the meeting? Yep, she was, and here's a picture to prove it. This was on the inside of someone's hood. Golly, that's got to be dangerous, how would you ever see the road? And, as hot as it gets under that hood, she still looks fresh as a daisy!





## New Acquisitions

WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NY - If your investments are like mine for the past few months, bullish isn't a word that comes to mind, however, **BULLISH** describes many of our members' feeling about the C5. During the past few months many have been purchased. This month the **Mergers and Acquisitions Division** of the QCCC would like to announce the following:

**Chauncey Edwards** – 2000 Pewter Convertible, Gray Interior, Black Top, Automatic. He says “it's a difficult choice which car to drive, the C4 or the C5.... Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!”

**Karl & Jackie Slavetsky** – 1999 Pewter Convertible, Oak Interior, Oak Top, 6-speed. WhooYa! It already has Corsa's Their '92 white, 6-speed convertible is for sale.

**Jason Couch** – 2001 Millennium Yellow, Black Top, Black Interior, 6-Speed.

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

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## *Nuggets From The Net*

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Every time I think I have seen the ultimate, the bar gets raised once again. Here is a link to a website where a guy took a '60 'Vette and made it into a new model. The engineering prowess of people continues to amaze me. I'm learning to be more cautious, so it's rare when I say, “That can't be done”.



<http://hometown.aol.com/iddudiduf>



## TECH TIP

### ZF 6 Speed Lubrication Maintenance

**Editor's note-** Recently, an internet group I subscribe to, the Grand Sport Registry, had some information about the ZF 6-speed in the C4's. The professional offering this tech tip gave his permission to put this in the newsletter and he is a wealth of knowledge. He is one of a few, if

not the only shop, that rebuilds the ZF transmission. Here is his advice on the lubrication interval and the best lubrication to use. The beginning is his response to a GS owner that asked about using Mobile-1 in the transmission.

By Bill Boudreau [billb@zfdoc.com](mailto:billb@zfdoc.com)

"I don't know why or where anyone is using Mobile-1 in these transmissions. Do you have any idea where the suggestion originated? I'm curious to know. 4 out of 4 units that I rebuilt which had Mobile-1 in them had signs of galling on the synchronizers.

OK, now that I got that off my chest...

- 1.) 30K miles is 10K miles too many between transmission oil changes.
- 2.) The factory fill 5W-30 (GM P/N 1052931) is good for 10K mile intervals.
- 3.) Redline MTL is good for 20K mile intervals between changes.
- 4.) Castrol RS 10W-60 (BMW P/N 07 51 0 009 420) is good for 10K mile intervals.

Even though the Castrol has to be changed twice as often as the MTL, I still prefer its performance above the rest. It is fully synthetic. By the way, the Castrol RS 10W-60 can only be purchased at a BMW dealership. Don't be concerned if the BMW Parts sales person mentions that this oil is for the BMW M5 engine. It is certified by ZF Industries as an alternate oil, which can be used in the ZF S6-40 transmission.

I base these findings on shifting effort, tear-down parts diagnosis and oil analysis reports periodically performed on samples taken over the life-cycle of each oil.

Changing the oil in a ZF S6-40 is very simple. The drain and fill plug is a 17mm allen socket tapered plug. Torque each plug to 36 ft. lbs. To fill the transmission, use a 3' section of tubing, put one end in the fill hole, run the tube up the firewall and put a funnel in it. Pouring the oil into the ZF from above makes changing the oil real simple. Pick up 3 containers so that you have enough oil to fill the transmission until oil pours back out the fill hole. It should take a little over 2 quarts. (2.2 qts to be specific)".

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## Clipped from AutoWeek

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### A Super Corvette?

"General Motors is pondering the possibility of building a high-powered version of the Corvette to go after exotics from automakers like Ferrari and Porsche, *Automotive News* reports".

"If the brass at GM sign off, which is a significant hurdle given Corvette's single car heritage, the second car under the Corvette umbrella would carry a sticker in the \$100,000 range. It also may be powered by a version of the experimental **750-hp V12 engine** GM will reveal in the upcoming Cadillac *Cien* concept".

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### Mini Trip Tale

After sending in my rather substantial contribution to the "Bill Clinton Library Fund", Judy and I were invited over to Arkansas for a tour of the library. As you know, millions of dollars have been raised to erect this structure and pay for all the amenities necessary to offer homage to our past president. While there, we took a picture we'd like to share with the membership. As you can see, the theme picked by the designers is perfect... Gaudy, yet tastefully tacky. The velvet Elvis wall hangings were absolutely stunning.



# **PRODUCT REVIEW**

## **TIRES**

### **FIRESTONE RUNFLATS for C5 CORVETTE Part I**

AKRON, OH - By E.O. "Tire Town" Oakley

At 34,000 miles on my '99 with a bent right front wheel and the resulting alignment problems, I needed tires especially on the front. My first inclination was to replace with the original equipment - Goodyear RunFlats. However, I had been reviewing the Corvette Forum and C5 Registry web sites and kept reading glowing reports about the **Firestone Firehawk** with **Run Flat Technology**. With all the recent publicity, one pauses; however, these are not the AT Wilderness tires made in Decatur, IL; in fact, based on the labels on the tires, they were made in Japan and flown to the USA. After some continued contemplation, I decided to go with the Firestones.

Below is my impression after the first 50 miles as compared to the OE Goodyear, and some details.

#### **Technical Details**

Firestone Firehawk SZ50 EP RFT  
*P245/45ZR17 & P275/40ZR18*

**DOT Ratings:**  
Treadwear — 340      Traction — AA      Temperature — A

**Purchased from:**  
TireRack

**Cost:**  
Delivered Price - \$1058  
Installation: City Chevrolet - \$69.00

#### **First Impressions (50 miles)**

The profile is different; the tire actually bulges past the wheel, which reportedly protects wheels from curb and other damage. A good feature.

Most impressive is the reduction in road noise, this has been widely reported and I agree. The tire road noise is, in my opinion, reduced by 50%.

The ride is different, smoother and a little springier. It feels like the sidewalls give a little more. One may like this or not, but all reports are that when driven hard the traction and breakaway is superior to the Goodyear RF.

Wet traction and tire mileage are also reportedly superior to the Goodyear RF, time and experience will tell on these parameters.

So far, I like what I see; Part II will be written after about 5000 miles.

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**Editor's Note-** E.O., the real test is, do they smoke a lot of during a burnout?



# SPENDING THE “TRACTION BUDGET” IN TROUTMAN, NC! AKA “The Friction Circle”

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



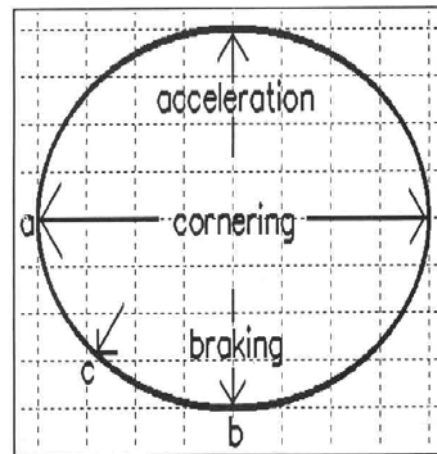
TROUTMAN, NC – Here’s a budget the politicians can’t spend. The person responsible for the allocation of these funds is the driver of the vehicle, and that’s you.

Have you ever thought how fast you can make that turn without sliding? How much throttle can you squeeze and still make that interstate exit? How much brake can be applied before all traction is lost when turning and we go “tail lights first” into a tree? Nah! I’m sure no Corvette driver has ever

asked those questions! Well, fret no more my little chickadees, help is on the way.

“The Friction Circle is often used to illustrate the extent to which a tire can both brake and turn (or accelerate and turn) at the same time. On the illustration below, the horizontal line represents the amount of traction for cornering and the vertical line represents the amount of traction available for acceleration and braking.” This is the contact patch of a tire viewed as though it were rolling above you and applies to every tire. “The point of the circle is this: a tire can brake and corner, or accelerate and corner at the same time,”<sup>1</sup> but the traction is diminished in either direction because the total traction is split and used for both directions. The braking traction will be less because the cornering efforts require part of the tire’s total traction, and the cornering traction will be less because braking efforts require part of the tire’s total traction, etc.

So, what in the world does this have to do with a budget, you ask. As you can see from the diagram, there is 100% of the tire’s traction available in either direction, if that is the only direction the tire is traveling ((a) or (b)), but the percentage decreases as another direction is introduced (c). If you notice on the circle, each block is equal to 25% and (a) = 100%, (4 blocks) just as (b) = 100%(4 blocks). But look at (c), which is a combination of (a) and (b), you will notice the available traction is only 70%(a little less than 3 blocks), so there has been a decrease in the cornering traction **and** the braking traction. The driver allocated part of the traction to braking **and** cornering, but did he go too far? As long as he has the tire operating within the circle he will be OK, but as soon as he allocates 75% in this direction, all traction gives up and he goes over the edge, he just bought an E-ticket ride. The tire has 100% traction to give, but you, as the driver, have to allocate the 100%, just as you allocate your household budget, a certain % for various items, but you can only allocate 100%, nothing more. If you try to allocate more than 100% of the household budget you end up in an overdraft, but if you try to allocate more than 100% of the traction budget, the results can be deadly. That, my friends, is why it is called a budget, you only have a finite amount of traction, just as you only have a finite amount of money, and both need to be spent wisely.



<sup>9</sup> Friction Circle for a Tire

Tune in again next time, as we spend some quality time with the Bigblocks’ at a family reunion when they review “35 ways to use earwax for fun and profit.” Til then, remember, “The footprints of your tires are all that lie between you and St. Peter”. – Mark Donahue

<sup>1</sup> P. 34 - Secrets of Solo Racing – Henry A. Watts

## ***What to do with the Charity Money....***

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**By Pat Fischer**

As you know, Fred asked me to be in touch with the membership and to get their ideas on where we should spend the \$1,400+ that has accrued in the club's charitable treasury account. As requested, I've contacted all through email and have received and catalogued the following responses.

At the October meeting (time allowing) or whenever next possible, we will conduct a "Preferential Vote" to select the best candidate(s) from below.

Stay tuned for details and come to the October meeting to cast your vote!

**A Child's Place** is a locally run organization that saw a need to help the homeless children of Charlotte. Children were literally walking the streets every day and not attending school. A Child's Place helps get the children into school in such a way that the other children don't know that they are homeless. They also work in getting accommodations for the family in the future. Without this organization the homeless children of Charlotte would not be going to school.

Nancy Runnion

**Elon Home for Children**. Located on highway 521 near the NC/SC border. Elon Home for Children is host to children mostly from Charlotte between the ages of 8 and 18. Elon takes at risk kids, and tries to save them from themselves. They educate and provide room and board for seriously at risk children. For the most part, these kids have been removed from their homes and schools and would surely be serious problem children, without Elon.

Randy Sherman

**Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Teacher's Mentor Program**. The school system has a new program through the Professional Development Center. This program is designed to support 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year beginning teachers. Mentors are hired at the beginning of the school year with grant money. They work in approximately 15 to 18 different schools, and support and help approximately 150 new teachers in elementary, middle, and high schools. The purpose of these mentors (who, by the way, are selected from hundreds of applications and considered the best in our school system) is to provide (one on one) new teachers with the proper knowledge and resources to better educate the children and to retain excellent teachers for Mecklenburg County. Since this was a grant, the Professional Development Center does NOT have a budget to provide these mentors with the proper tools to do their jobs. Therefore, I propose giving this donation to the Professional Development Center c/o Nancy Crutcher, thus touching far more students than thought possible in our schools.

I know without a doubt that this donation will be GREATLY APPRECIATED by the mentors, the teachers, and the children the Queen City Corvette Club will touch.

Chauncey Edwards

**American Red Cross**: There's never been a better time or reason for us as Americans and club members to come together and support a cause ....and that cause being our fellow Americans. I'd like to suggest that the board convene and decide on an amount to send to the American Red Cross for the relief fund helping support the victims of the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy. I'd also like to suggest that the club as a group make an appointment to go and give blood.

Jeff Estridge

**Pilgrim's Inn** is a non-profit program located in Rock Hill, SC. The Inn provides advocacy and assistance to anyone in need, at no charge, and without regard to geography, through its five core programs: 1. Emergency Assistance Program, 2. Homeless Shelter, 3. Day center for Homeless Children, 4. WomanSight, 5. Tuesday's Child Learning Center.

The mission of Pilgrim's Inn is to help people over the rough spots on their journeys and guide them toward independence. Some need aid only once or twice, others for a longer time. Pilgrim's Inn tries to be present to the whole person, not just the immediate crisis. They assist clients to find solutions to their problems and help them understand how to prevent these problems from recurring.

Many people who have been helped return to Pilgrims Inn to give their time as volunteers. Their philosophy is "To see the dignity in each person who comes through our door"

Linda Lewis

**Set aside some money to assist needy families** at Christmas so they can celebrate and enjoy the holiday at this joyous time of year. I also think it would be nice to provide Thanksgiving Dinners for those unable to have something to be thankful for at that time of year.

Eddie Burt

### **Thompson's Children's Home.**

Kathie and Larry Finocchi

**Focus on one of the schools in the Mecklenburg County School System.** If the club were to focus on a particular school, we could get to know the Principal and the students. The school system recommends a middle school and will select the school if we proceed. The club could provide financial supplement to students who cannot afford school supplies (even clothing) and could provide incentive programs to all students (for attendance, scholastic excellence, etc.) This incentive could be rides in the cars or outings or other like events. The club could sponsor career days where members make presentations on their particular professions. This would be a way to be involved all year 'round rather than one time.

E.O.Oakley

**Children's Attention Home.** Children's Attention Home is one of five emergency shelters in SC for abused, abandoned, and neglected children. They helped 109 children in 1999 and have had to turn away needy children. However, in 2001, they will expand from 12 to 36 beds using a generous donation of land. Children's Attention Home wants to provide an opportunity for children to be children rather than caretakers. Their operations depend entirely on donations. Remember that this is the organization presented to the club last year by Dianne Branche.

Renee Frazier

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## **Corvette Museum Membership Options**

Dave Gregorino reported that QCCC could be a corporate (business) member of the National Corvette Museum. There are a couple of business membership options. Here is a link that describes the different levels of membership: [http://www.corvettemuseum.com/cgi-bin/store/shop.cgi?ACTION=ENTER&thispage=member.html&ORDER\\_ID=!ORDERID!](http://www.corvettemuseum.com/cgi-bin/store/shop.cgi?ACTION=ENTER&thispage=member.html&ORDER_ID=!ORDERID!)

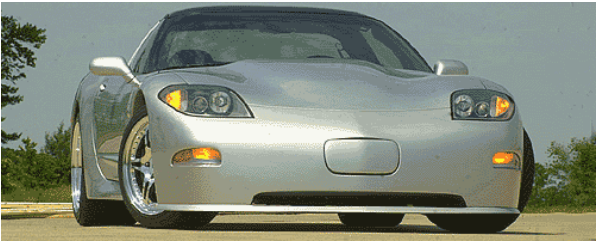
## If Only I Had The Money



Okay, whadda you think? I'm not going to tell you how I feel..., but I like it. A phrase that comes to mind, "I like it, I love it, I want some more of it!" sums up my thoughts.

Guess who makes it? If you said Billy Bob Bigblock, it was a good guess... but it was wrong. The wheels

should be the give-away. That's right!!! The lady with the big hat, way in the back had the right answer. John Lingenfelter made this car. We all know he is famous for his engines, but now he is building bodies to match those potent engines. Price...\$29,000+, that's in addition to the base price of a 'Vette. As my daddy used to tell me, "Son, it costs money to drink whiskey and ride the train." Damn, he was right.



Anyone would look good smilin', stylin' and profilin' down the main street of Troutman with a 650 HP double turbo in this car.



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John Meadows  
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Dear John,

Thank you for your purchase of a National Corvette Museum Commemorative brick. The success of the Museum depends on the generous support of persons like you.

Your brick is located in section 43D in the Corvette Plaza, the walkway leading to the National Corvette Museum. These bricks represent the widespread support from individuals, clubs, and businesses across America and the world.

Your contribution is very important and helps further the mission of the Museum--to celebrate the Corvette's invention and to preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future.

I appreciate your interest in becoming a part of Corvette history. Again, many thanks for your support. Hope you can visit us soon!

Best wishes,

*Stephanie*

Stephanie Ferrell  
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