

November 2001

Events of the Month



“The Club’s Monthly Croaker”
Our Pledge:
To take the simple, and complicate it,
To take the incomprehensible, and merely confuse it,
To take the sublime, and denigrate it,
But...you'll always get your money's worth!

As you can see, many participated in the Beach trip, and this picture was only part of the group, the rest were still recovering.

We used the Mint Street Parking Deck as a meeting place. What a view!



18 cars went to Shatley Springs for lunch and that wrapped up the month.

Oh, BTW, the C5R won the 2001 manufacturers' championship.



Queen City Corvette Club
 October 13, 2001

Lest we forget, we celebrate an exclusive American holiday this

month, and looking back over the past few weeks we should be reminded of all the blessings we enjoy. For those who lost loved ones in September, and those less fortunate in life, this is a lonely time, let's keep them in our thoughts.

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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.



October 30,2001

Dear QCCC Members,

October has been an outstanding month in the life of QCCC! We've had several terrific events, an outstanding and productive business meeting and great progress in aligning our organizational regulations with the needs of the club. I'm pleased and proud that we've been able to achieve so much with all that's going on in the world around us!

Of special note this month were the Homecoming Ceremonies at South Mecklenburg High School, Providence, and Garinger. It seems we needed to "pull some teeth" to get the participation we needed, but we did it! I believe our participation enhances a once in a lifetime experience for many of the homecoming court representatives. This is a great thing for us, both personally and as a club. When the opportunity presents itself again - try to be there, participating in these events is something you won't forget!

The Mint Street Garage provided an excellent venue for our October meeting and we thank Walt Krupowicz (and of course VP, Priscilla Pelkey) for making the arrangements. The sub sandwiches, participation from our members and even the weather were all "par excellence"! And, we accomplished a significant change to our Bylaws, including the establishment of several new Board level positions and redefinition of many others. These changes enabled us to accept nominations for next year's officers and to improve the consistency of our club. Linda Meadows, and all those who participated in the "re-write" are to be congratulated. Tain't easy and took a lot of discussion to get it right.

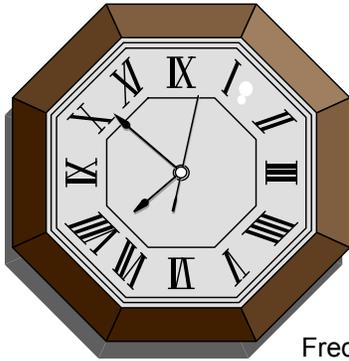
QCCC also fielded 18 cars for an outing to Shatley Springs for luncheon. This is one of my favorite trips and this year's was no exception. The foliage was superb (couldn't have hit it better), the weather was perfect for top down touring, and even the food was good! And, to add to my personal enjoyment, my newly "permitted" 16 year-old son drove our '67! (Stalled it twice, but generally got the job done in style!) A nice outing that you probably should've been there for. It doesn't get any better than that!

Next month we're meeting at the Alpine Clubhouse. This will be an important meeting and I hope you'll all try to attend. Of special interest is the election of our Board of Directors for next year. We expect to have a full slate and will need to choose between candidates - your vote is important! Please be there!

Until next month, be safe, and keep America, our troops and efforts in your prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ALSD", is located below the text.

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QCCC Business Meeting, Saturday, October 13, 2001

The October business meeting of QCCC was held at the Mint Street Parking Deck in Charlotte, 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 5:25 pm

Fred asked guests to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: Wally and Anita Crawford 1960, Caesar and Michelle Escobar 1986, Charlene Bunda 1995, Ron and Sue Phillips 1978, Paul Roza 1999, Earl Lake 1996, Ray and Dee Atwell 2006, Sylvia and Mike Kelly 1976, Alex Paszly 1989, Kevin and Mary Crowe 1999.

NEW MEMBERS voted in: Paul Roza, Ron and Sue Phillips, Ray and Dee Atwell, and Earl Lake.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Larry deMontegre needs 12 cars for Concord High's Homecoming on Friday. He also spoke about a calendar being made with our cars and Special Olympics athletes to be sold as a fundraiser.

Jody said that our name was on the ZR1 racecar along with a lot of others. Pictures are on our website. Click on ZR1 @ Road Atlanta.

QCCC becoming a Corporate Member of the National Corvette Museum was discussed. A Lifetime Membership is \$2,500, which can be paid at our convenience. An Annual Membership is \$250 for the first year and \$150 thereafter. Tom Nalley asked why we wanted to join and Dave Gregorino stated that the Museum had previously been mentioned as a Charity to donate to, so if we were going to do that, we could become a member as well. Bob Denney made a motion for us to become Annual Members. John Meadows seconded the motion and added that we vote to renew the membership each year. The motion passed with a majority vote of 30 to 16.

NEW BUSINESS

BYLAWS - The following revisions to the Bylaws were voted on and approved:

Article III, Sections II and III

Officers and their duties (President, Vice President, Director of Social Events, Director of Automotive Events, Director of Membership, Treasurer, Secretary)

Article VIII, Sections I and II

Committees and their duties (Social, Membership, Charity, Finance)

Fred thanked Linda Meadows and the Bylaws Committee for their work on these revisions.

CHARITIES - Everyone voted on the suggested Charities: A Child's Place, Elon Home for Children, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Teacher's Mentor Program, American Red Cross, Pilgrim's Inn, needy families at Christmas, Thompson's Children's Home, a Mecklenburg County School, and Children's Attention Home. The ballots were given to Paul Pelkey to count.

2002 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

President – John Meadows, Walt Krupowicz, Wade Stickels, Rick Witcher
VP – Linda Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, E.O.Oakley, Sue Stickels, Jody Austin, Dave Gregorino
Social – Nancy Runnion, Jon Elliott, Jane Burt, Linda Artis
Director of Automotive Events – Jon Elliott, Ben Horack, Fred Fischer, Robert Morgan, Jody Austin, John Meadows
Director of Membership – Eddie Burt, Paul Pelkey, Fred Lentz
Treasurer – Ron Barr, Gary Artis, Paul Pelkey
Secretary – Jane Burt, Linda Meadows, E.O.Oakely, Sue Stickels, Vanessa Krimminger
The nominees will be contacted by the Board to determine if they will accept the nominations.
Voting will take place at the November meeting. Ballots will be available at the November meeting. Absentee ballots are available by contacting any board member.

Wendy Krupowicz is setting up a Valentines 2003 Cruise on the Royal Caribbean in Puerto Rico for about \$1,500 per person (includes air fare). Anyone interested should let her know.

Jody Austin needs articles and pictures for the newsletter.

OFFICER REPORTS

VP SOCIAL

Priscilla Pelkey reported:

October: Sun. 10/21 day trip to Shatley Springs for family-style lunch at 12:30 for \$15 each. Meet at exit 36 at 8:30 am. **November:** EVENT 11/2 & 3: the Highland Lake Inn's Lodge is fully booked, but cabins are available. MEETING: 11/10 @ 6:30 Alpine Clubhouse with a Mexican covered dish dinner. NOTE: there is no stove/oven for heating food, and no alcohol is allowed. There will be a Road Rally beforehand – Nancy Runnion will provide details via e-mail. **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 reported that there was a tie for the Quarterly Points Award between John Meadows and Robert Morgan. They both attended 16 events in the third quarter! Robert's name was pulled out of a hat and awarded \$100. Tony presented the Detail Award of \$10 to JOHN MEADOWS for his super clean 1963 split window!

TREASURER

Eddie offered huggers to anyone who hasn't gotten one yet.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

John will take care of updating our ad in the Auto Fair program. He will also update the information letter on our website. He thanked everyone who participated in the various Homecoming parades. For next week's parades, contact Jeff Estridge for Garinger's, and Larry deMontegre for Concord's. The weekend of our Mountain Trip (11/2) is also West Mecklenburg's Homecoming. Since there will not be enough cars, John will decline this, as well as the Johnson C Smith Homecoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC Officers' Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 25, 2001

The October officers' meeting was held at the home of Jane & Eddie Burt. Officers present were Fred Fischer, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, and John Meadows. President Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Eddie reported on the license plates – will order 300, and static cling stickers – will order 2,500. He sent \$35 to reserve the Alpine Clubhouse for the November meeting. He received a petition from Mid-America to request that a Corvette stamp be issued in 2003. He'll bring it to the November meeting.

Officer nominations made at the last meeting were assigned to the officers, to contact and ask if they will accept the nominations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary

C5 CRUZER



REPORT

November is here and the cool weather has kicked in. This past month we have provided cars for at least 5 high schools for their Homecoming Events. Thanks to everyone who helped out with these events. In the newsletter (page 21) you will find one of the many thank you notes we received for our efforts. I hope next year we will have a bigger turn out for these parades.

We also provided cars for a calendar that Larry deMontegre has headed up. There have been several photo shoots so far with a couple of more to come. Watch for emails from Larry to get your car included in this calendar

We have been asked to provide cars again for the various aged Miss Mecklenburg's' for a couple of parades. The first will be Saturday, Nov. 17th at 1PM, in Concord and the second will be Tuesday, Nov. 27th at 2:30PM, in Kannapolis. I have told them that we might have a problem with the getting cars for the latter.

There will be a Classic Car Cruise in on Nov. 3 from 3:30 till 6:00 PM at the Chick-fil-A on Independence Blvd. Many of us will be at the mountains during that time. There will be another on Nov. 17 at the same time but at the Chick-fil-A on Albemarle Rd. It might be fun to go out and grab dinner there that night.

TILL NEXT MONTH, SAVE the WAVE

John Meadows

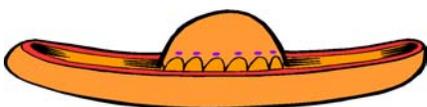
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November 2001



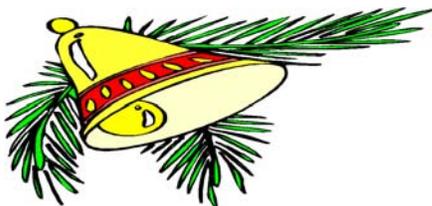
Highland Lake Inn – November 2 - 3

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 clubhouse 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 clubhouse 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 newsletter.



Speedway Club, Lowe's Motor Speedway February 16, 6:30 p.m.

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

Queen City Corvette Club Social Calendar for 2001

M= Monthly Meeting

E= event for the month

T= tentative plans

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.

February

E = Annual Banquet, Speedway Club, Lowe's Motor Speedway 16th @ 6:30 p.m.



New Acquisitions

WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NY - This month the **Mergers and Acquisitions Division** of the QCCC would like to announce the following acquisitions:

Benny and Renee Frazier – 1973 Red Convertible (only 4,943 convertibles were built), Black top & Removable hardtop. Remember, this was the last year with a chrome bumper, and 1st model year with radial tires.

Jack and Sandy Warlick – 2001 Grandson, David Wayne model. Build date 10/17/01. 7lb 6oz. This is their 4th one, quite a collection. Congratulations Jack and Sandy!

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

Uh-Oh! Someone Made a Mistake! Omissions From Past Months' Newsletters

Our crack staff of, normally, unerring journalism professionals, has to announce a couple of oversights, and subsequent corrections, from past editions of the newsletters. Believe me, we scour the earth to get material to fill the pages of the newsletter, so it is rare if we leave **anything** out since we need all we can get. However, in our quest of an error-free literary piece, there are a couple of corrections/elaborations needed to rectify some omissions. Here they are:

The newsletter staff would like to announce an omission in October's newsletter. **Bob Schillo** and **Trudy Sloan** tied the knot in September. Bob missed the AutoFair (and another opportunity to take home more trophies) because of the **honeymoon cruise**, so you know it was serious. Bob and Trudy, we send our best and wish you a lifetime of happiness.



Another omission from the October issue: You all will remember the underhood art of Marilyn Monroe, (Norma Jean Baker) well, that 1970 Black convertible belongs to Dennis and Beverly Guessford. They also furnished pictures for the June edition of the Parade of Lights. Walter Cronkite, (or Paul Cameron, I always get those two mixed up) was sitting on their car. Thanks, Dennis and Beverly, for the contributions, and sorry for not mentioning it before.

Are We There, Yet?

You know those days, your spouse and kids keep harping about you being lost. Well, not to worry, your intrepid newsletter staff has saved you, again. Be on the lookout! When you see this sign, show it to them, **YOU HAVE ARRIVED!**



TECH TIP

Your Hoover vacuum cleaner wishes it had the suction of a CORVETTE

by Randy "El Rando" "Stoney" Sherman



Your spouses probably don't appreciate that you bought the world's most powerful vacuum cleaner for yourself. A 345-350 HP, Internal Combustion, Overhead Valve, Push Rod, All Aluminum, Small Block, 346 Cubic Inch, V8, SUCKER/ LAWNVAC, while they continue to use that wimpy, belt driven, 1 HP model. Because of the 'Vette's bottom breathing and vacuuming characteristics, extra maintenance is necessary and here is the way to do it.

OK, guys, suck in those guts, get a bright flashlight, a toothbrush, and safety glasses and follow me! Walk stealthily out to the "VETTE". You'll probably want to do this at night, so as to not let your neighbors, and/or wives see you do this. Lay out a nice plush towel, (preferably a 100% cotton towel so it won't leave swirl marks on your back) in front of the "CAR of the gods." Then put the safety glasses on, lay on the towel, flat on your back, sucking in the summer's larder. (Boy, that luncheon buffet was good at Hungry Mother Park) Now, here comes the important part, shine that bright flashlight up into your radiator intake, whatcha see? If you're anything like me, you'll see a summer's worth of your neighbor's grass clippings, yup, the one with that darn leaf blower that blows all his lawn clippings into the street in front of your house, so he doesn't have to rake! Seriously, you'll probably see a bunch of stuff that doesn't belong on the radiator. Now, take that toothbrush and gently get it all off!!!! (A word of caution, the safety glasses are necessary to prevent this stuff from getting in your eyes) Then floss, like the dentist is always telling you to do. This is an item you'll want to perform after and during the fall, too, as we do have the world's most powerful leaf vacuum. See how easy that was.

See you next month, but I have a dilemma, I seem to be accumulating nicknames. As some of you may know, my license tag says "ROCK N IT." This has given rise to a new nickname spawned by my buddy and your's... Mr. Robert Denney. He likes to call me STONEY. Now, what's a fella to do? I think I'll give it some thought, but it's a bottom pincher, EL RANDO I've gotten used to. Oh, well, maybe y'all will help me with this one. Paaaalease! Safe driving, and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!



Did You Hear....

A Gossip Column by Maurice Evenflow

Our crack photo team got this picture from our parking lot cam. What's up with Vanessa "Mudslide" Krimminger and that TGI Friday's Mudslide bottle at the Beach? We heard the top blew off of the bottle when she had it. We've opened TGI Friday's Mudslide bottles before, and we can say without a doubt, after a thorough search of "Bottle Opening Archives", no one has ever used the "**Vanessa Method**". Robert, you've got a lot to look forward to, congratulations!



Okay E.O., I'm only giving you 10 dollars, so don't ask for anymore.

But Ann, I have to have that delightful little plate over there on the wall and it costs more than \$10.

Boy, is he going to be disappointed!



Beach Trip

Many members went on the beach trip to Ocean Isle and they had a wonderful time. A group dinner, shopping and just hanging out with a bunch of great people.

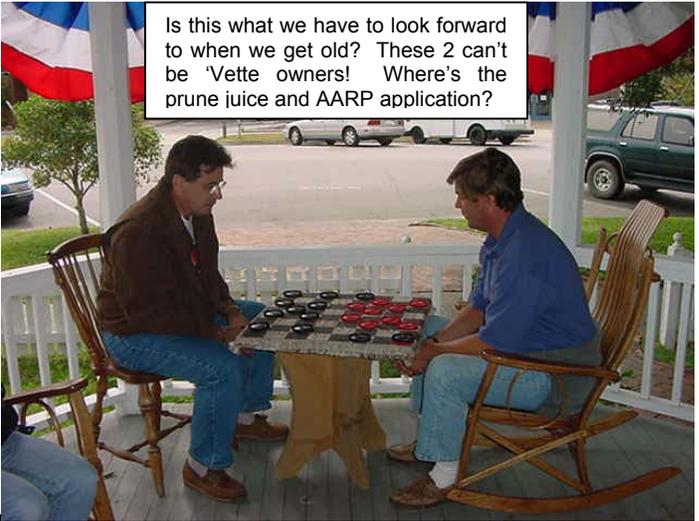
See, no dishpan hands! I haven't done a dish since we've been here.



Doggone, you can't get anymore mellow than this group!



Yea, Tom, give Mary one more drink & we think you'll get lucky tonight!



Is this what we have to look forward to when we get old? These 2 can't be 'Vette owners! Where's the prune juice and AARP application?

Candid Photos from the Beach Trip



Yep, they did it again. Our award winning staff obtained this secret satellite photograph of a couple of our members at Skinny Dick's while on the club beach trip. Their wives must have been shopping or they would never have been allowed to sit down here and relax.



Here's a shot of their car out front. Hmm, who do we know that has a red C5, '99 or older coupe? We'll put our crack staff on the case. Hey guys, you can run but you can't hide!



The ZR1's Last Stand

As you can see, we had our \$500 name on the King's Last Stand. The car didn't do very well in its last races, but at least it participated. The bottom left picture is Bill Cooper, the driver of the car. Bill is a great driver and piloted the car this weekend and in its past years of glory. I asked him about the car and he made an interesting comment. He said that just a year and a half ago, the ZR1 was still on the cutting edge and ran at the front of the pack, but now it was impossible to put the car back at the front due to the technological advances. Keep in mind the ZR1 was at the front since the early nineties.... quite a proud legacy.



Above is the winning C5 at the Petit LeMans at Road Atlanta.

The sponsors' names were here.

The picture below is Dave Farmer, from Albemarle. Dave has attended many of our meetings. He has a race team with a Z06, and competes in the same World Challenge events as the ZR1. He beat the ZR1 on Friday and Sunday. Congratulations, Dave!





October Meeting At The Mint Street Parking Garage

We accomplished a lot at the meeting. We approved new bylaws, nominated a slate of officers, and voted on the charity contribution.

Geez, where's the beer?

A club meeting? I thought this was a dance lesson!

Disco night at the Mint Street Parking Garage!



As you can tell, Fred is *really* involved in this conversation.

Don't you wonder what has everyone's attention? It must be a movie.

Here's a row of nice looking cars.

Well, here's what they were looking at. Thanks, Walt Krupowicz, for the photo below.



Gourmet Dining at Shatley Springs

With Robin Leech and The Rich and Famous

(Photos courtesy of Fred Fischer).



(Find "Mudslide" Krimminger in the pictures and maybe win a prize?)



What the heck is this device? I'm from West Virginia...we eat with our hands.



Everyone seated at "Morton's of Shatley Springs"

18 cars departed civilization at 9:30 on Oct. 21, to enjoy the trip and "eats" at Shatley Springs. What a day! The weather was perfect and the fall colors were gorgeous and at their peak. North Carolina has so much to offer those who love scenic trips and great roads.



Mooreville, NC 28115

October 21, 2001

Shatley Springs Caravan

Well, Priscilla, you did it again, good food, terrific weather, no cops, good caravan and great fellowship. Again, I am getting ahead of myself. Sunday morning 18 gleaming shiny Corvettes gathered in the Belk parking lot at exit 36. The weather was bright and sunny.... just a tad cool, but perfect convertible weather... course you did want a jacket or sweater. I did mention that there were no COPS, didn't I? Now, I wonder why that occurred, hmmm, lets see... our Editor/Publisher



missed the caravan.... I wonder???? Anyway, as I was saying everything started off perfectly. The group traveled up I-77 to NC 901, and got off toward NC 115. The traffic was light or non-existent so the group was able to keep together. I want to tell you looking back was a beautiful site. Anyway we had a smooth ride all the way to the potty stop. This was at the famous Wal-Mart / McDonald's in North Wilkesboro. We were running a little ahead of schedule, which was 12:30 for food.... now let me tell you this was a important time for most of these travelers. Because we were ahead of schedule we spent some quality time looking over Benny & Renee's new car.... Yep, it is nice.... Wade parked on the end so he wouldn't be to close to the older cars.... you know with one of the youngster cars in the club he still is not sure he should let us run with him.... but he did. Our President had his chauffeur driving the '67 and Ted, the chauffeur, did a super job. By the way it was rumored that he was practicing for his driver's license. We finally saddled up for the final dash to the eats.... We made it through the traffic lights with minimal delays.... now this should be noted as a red letter day. Nobody makes those lights with little or no delay but Priscilla's charm willed them to co-operate. Wouldn't you know it.... we stayed ahead of schedule arriving 35 minutes early. After some Kodak moments in the parking lot we all proceeded to the pay station for our admittance pass. We were ushered to one of the back rooms now, I mean really far in the back. I think Randy (also known as Stoney) tried to whisper sweet nothings in the cashier's ear Now I am not sure that is why, but they had to pipe sunlight in to us.... and even then Wendy said she was sitting on a hot spot. I didn't think she was referring to a railroad car....

Dinner finished up with a terrific desert to cap a memorable meal. I know I didn't have to eat supper that evening. Course I was miserable all the way home and I will have to have the tailors let out my pants but as they say, "wait until next year".

Some of the crowd stopped at Glenwood Springs to look at the fresco in the church and then proceeded on home. I was accompanied home by Charlie & Gina, Ben & Barbara up the Parkway to US 21 then down I-77 to Mooreville. All in all it was, what is beginning to be the norm, an absolutely fantastic day and one that will be long remembered.

Editor's Note- Bob confided to me, when he got back, that he was a little disappointed with the trip. He thought there would be Halloween games at the restaurant, but they didn't have the "**bobbing for french fries**" game available, it was one of Bob's childhood favorites.

...And Fred turns 50. Look at the picture of Fred with a bib and tell me he's 50! How many 50 year olds do you know who still do that old trick of telling someone "Here, pull my finger." Geez, he could still be a teenager. Fred, we all love you and wish you the best. You still have half of your life ahead of you... **so enjoy it.**



Reader Alert

If you are easily offended, please do not read the following, this is adult material!

'Tis the Season

Since it's the Holiday Season, the newsletter staff thought they would bring you some humor to go along with the spirit of the season. Here are a few common phrases we all hear on Thanksgiving Day and we don't think twice about them, but when you hear them out of context, whoa, watch out!



"Whew, that's one terrific spread!"
"I'm in the mood for a little dark meat."
"Tying the legs together keeps the inside moist."
"Talk about a huge breast!"
"It's Cool Whip time!"
"If I don't undo my pants, I'll burst!"
"Are you ready for seconds yet?"
"It's a little dry, do you still want to eat it?"
"Just wait your turn, you'll get some!"
"Don't play with your meat."
"Just spread the legs open & stuff it in."
"Do you think you'll be able to handle all these people at once?"
"You still have a little bit on your chin."
"Use a nice smooth stroke when you whip it."
"How long will it take after you stick it in?"
"You'll know it's ready when it pops up."
"Wow, I didn't think I could handle all of that!"
"That's the biggest one I've ever seen!"
"Just lay back & take it easy...I'll do the rest."
"How long do I beat it before it's ready?"

Well, we warned you! But, golly, it was funny. When you and your guests are around the kitchen this Thanksgiving, and you hear one of these phrases, they'll never know why you're laughing uncontrollably.

Car 54, Where are You?

Golly, you have to be old to remember that show!

The newsletter's international staff extends a welcome to all the new members of the club. We would like to make you familiar with some of the modern technology the club uses to make life a little easier. When we go on caravans, which is frequently, we use the Family Channel Radios to communicate between cars. It isn't required equipment, but having one makes life a lot more fun and enjoyable on the road, kinda like a CD player. These radios have a range of about 2 miles and can be purchased at WalMart, Circuit City or like stores. A pair of these radios costs around \$50-\$100, depending on brand. The caravan leader will tell everyone which channel to monitor on the trip, usually it is channel 7. Happy Motoring, and we're glad to have you!



Caravanning Procedures and Etiquette

As y'all know, we spend a good deal of our time on trips in caravans and we all sometimes wonder if everyone is on the same page. In an effort to assist our members in making caravanning a pleasant event, here are some tips:

- Bring all the appropriate items you'll need for the trip: Radio, camera, maps, sunglasses, sunblock, jackets, caps and any other items you think you'll need.
- Be on time. Give yourself sufficient time to get to the appointed place and time to meet and greet so as not to hold up the group.
- Show up at the start with a full tank of fuel. Don't make the other participants wait on someone's lack of preparation.
- Same goes for the bladder, only empty it.
- Keep up with the leader. It is their responsibility to maintain a safe, appropriate pace suitable to meet the schedule. Attempt to maintain a 2 second interval between you and the car in front. This minimizes the "rubberbanding" for those in the back.
- Pay attention to what is happening in front of you. A 2 second interval is only 176 feet at 60 MPH, so keep an eye on the car in front.
- Don't push the car in front of you. Leave a cushion, no one wants a car right on their bumper, it's unsafe and discourteous.
- When a traffic light or stop sign is encountered, don't push to make the yellow light or do a "slow and go" at a stop sign. Radio those in front that you are delayed, they will slow the pace. Obey the law and use commonsense, don't ruin a perfectly good day by being part of an avoidable crash.
- On divided highways, keep the left lane clear unless you're passing. Let's not alienate other people with a "bunch of 'Vettes" that tie up traffic.

...and remember, wave at other Corvettes.

Member Endorsement

By Kathie Finocchi

Abay Laserwash

2 locations - 1906 Sardis Road North (Crown Point area) and 1425 Central Ave.

This is a drive-in on a concrete pad, no rails, nothing to drive up on.
Nothing touches the car but high jet water (no leaks in my car), soap, and a super dryer.

Now, this is not a Kathie Finocchi Q-tip wash by any means, but it does a great job for a quick fast wash for \$6. I take the car home, wipe it down just a little, wipe down the wheels, spray tire black and I am ready to go.

I met the guy (nice guy trying to make a living) who owns the place as I was driving through on one of my many visits. Matter of fact, I have seen him there several times (No, he is not a rapist!)

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I recommend this place, and we know how picky I am.



Cruise with Friends from Queen City Corvette Club for
Valentine's Day, February 2003.
What a Way to Say "I Love You!"



We Be Jammin', Mon!



**Royal Caribbean Cruise
Line**
Radiance of The Sea

Ship Facts:

- Maiden Voyage: March 10, 2001
- Passenger Capacity: 2,051
- Godmother: Margot Pritzker
- Gross Tonnage: 90,090
- Length: 962'
- Beam: 105.6'
- Draft: 26.7'
- Cruising Speed: 25 knots



Cruise Facts:

- 7-Night Southern Caribbean
- Leaving San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sat. Feb 8, 2003
- Visit the following ports;
 - St. Thomas, USVI
 - St. John's, Antigua
 - Philipsburg, St. Maarten
 - Castries, St. Lucia
 - Bridgetown, Barbados
 - San Juan, Puerto Rico



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A Big Thanks to Our Members Participating In Homecoming Parades. You Help Make Dreams Come True!



Following is a glowing endorsement from an official of a local high school. Don't miss an opportunity the next time we are asked to supply cars for a parade, the memories for some of these young ladies will last a lifetime and you could be part of that.

-----Original Message-----

From: Donna Bowman

Sent: Friday, October 12, 2001 4:54 AM

To: wjstickels@aol.com; jmeadows@cmgsales.com; sreiber@aol.com

Subject: THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you for your involvement in making Friday evening's Homecoming memorable. Many folks commented on the beautiful young ladies as well as the beautiful cars in which they rode. Thank you for permitting us to use your car for the parade. You had a big part in making the evening a success.

We appreciate also the extra work in making sure your car was clean and shiny. It was a pleasure to work with you to make Homecoming night a memory for our young ladies for years to come!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donna Bowman
Assistant Elementary Principal
Northside Christian Academy