

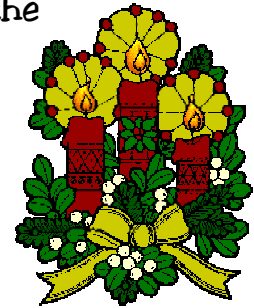


December 2001



“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!

What a month we just had. If you didn't go on the mountain trip, folks, you missed some of the hardest laughing many of us have



ever done beginning with the seminar by “Chief Feather” Ken Watts and the appropriate use of feathers, candles, and lotion. Many joke sessions and intellectual pursuits followed in smaller groups, all equally funny.

The Club’s annual officers’ election was held at the November meeting. The 2000 US Presidential election could have taken lessons from us on an orderly election process...no dimpled or pregnant chads, no David Boies, no Florida Supreme Court, and lastly, no



whining. Congratulations to our new officers, we’re proud and pleased to have you all as our representatives.



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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.



November 26, 2001

Dear QCCC Members,

Another month has passed with great changes accomplished and plans made for QCCC!

Most of our newly elected officials were in attendance at the recent Board meeting as an introduction (or refresher as the case may be) to our executive Board procedures and programs. The discussions were lively and many plans for 2002 were brought to the table in outline form. I am especially pleased that we have both experience and "fresh blood" on next year's board.

As President, John Meadows brings with him two years of QCCC Board experience as well as the management expertise to insure the executive leadership of our club. John's support team: Eddie Burt as Director of Membership, Gary Artis as Treasurer, Jane Burt as Secretary, Robert Morgan as Director of Automotive Events and our friend Nancy Runnion in her familiar role as Director of Social. These people will present us all with a great series of programs for 2002! It will be most enjoyable for Pat and me to sit in the audience and partake of the events!

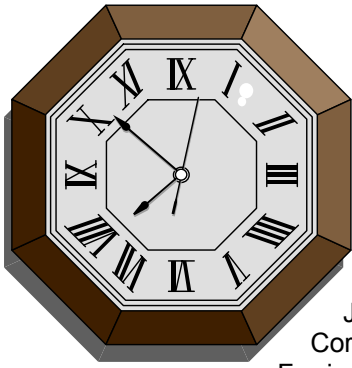
QCCC has been through an enormous year. I haven't tabulated the statistics yet, but I know our growth has again been phenomenal. Our events list exceptional. Our member participation outstanding! These are not meaningless platitudes rather a testament to you, our membership. You are willing to chip in, help out and enjoy the fruits of our efforts. That's great and it's what makes this club the best in the southeast! Congratulations to you all!

December brings with it a very special agenda for QCCC. We will gather in Matthews on December 8th for our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. This is an event not to be missed - please try and come - it's too much fun! Then in December we will also be delivering our Christmas charity gifts to the Division of Social Services Families. If you can, try to be there to experience the emotion of seeing the faces of children when their Christmas dreams come true. I guarantee that you've never been closer to the true meaning of Christmas than being there when QCCC makes its Santa Claus run!

It's been a great year for QCCC. I thank you all for the opportunity to have been your President. It's been a sincere honor and privilege. Be well; be grateful for the wonderful life you've built and for the terrific friends you've made.

Sincerely,

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Minutes from the QCCC Meeting, Saturday, November 10, 2001

The October business meeting of QCCC was held at the Alpine Village Clubhouse in Charlotte, NC. Officers in attendance: John Meadows, Jane Burt, Eddie Burt, and Priscilla Pelkey. VP of Public Relations, John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

John asked guests to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: Rob and Sheila Dobie, their 2002 car is on order, John Ferri and Sharon Lusk 1992 (formerly owned by Karl and Jackie Slavetsky), Caesar and Michelle Escobar 1986, Ed and Debbie Hord 1989, Beth Poston (Al's wife) 1992 ZR1, Charlene Bunda (Al's wife) 1995, Wally Crawford 1960, and Chuck Decaro 2002.

NEW MEMBERS voted in: Caesar and Michelle Escobar, Beth Poston, Charlene Bunda, and Wally Crawford.

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

OLD BUSINESS

The charities we will be donating to are the American Red Cross and A Child's Place, as voted on by the QCCC membership.

SOCIAL

Priscilla reported:

December 8 at 6:00 pm will be the December meeting/Holiday Party at the Country Inn in Matthews. The cost will be \$14 per person and will be collected at the door (for the all-you-can-eat buffet dinner). Bring a small wrapped gift to exchange with your table-mates. We will be providing Christmas presents and food for two families suggested by the Department of Social Services. See the sign-up sheet for the items you will provide. Bring the wrapped presents to the December meeting. They will be accumulated at Eddie Burt's house and any QCCC member, who wants to, will deliver them to the families on the morning of Saturday December 22.

February 16 at 6:30 pm will be the annual Banquet at the Speedway Club. Rooms are available at the Wingate Inn for \$69 (continental breakfast is included). Make your reservations by February 1.

TREASURER

Eddie said that the only change since the last Treasury Report was \$100 in dues has been collected. He has ordered the metal license plates and the static cling stickers with the new QCCC logo. The new Board can take care of deciding on and ordering the license plate holders. Notify Eddie if you will be attending the QCCC Oil Change Day Saturday, Nov. 17, at Gary Katzman's MBV European Ltd.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

John will send an e-mail requesting cars for the Concord Parade November 17, the Kannapolis Parade November 27, and the Mooresville Christmas Parade.

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Morgan and Vanessa Krimminger are engaged!

While the QCCC Officer Election ballots were being counted, everyone stood up and told where they were born. Only 8 were born in Charlotte! (Jack Warlick, Al Poston, John & Sandy Carriker, Ginna Padgett, Charlie Brackett, John Ferri, and Jane Burt.)

The election results for the 2002 QCCC Board were announced:

Director of Automotive Events – Robert Morgan

Director of Social Events – Nancy Runnion

Director of Membership – Eddie Burt
Secretary – Jane Burt
Treasurer – Gary Artis
Vice President – Wendy Krupowicz
President – John Meadows

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary

Minutes from the QCCC Officers Meeting Thursday, November 15, 2001

The November officers' meeting was held at the home of Jane & Eddie Burt. Officers present were Fred Fischer, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, John Meadows, Priscilla Pelkey and Tony Prior. President Fred Fischer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcomed 2002 Board Members Wendy Krupowicz, Nancy Runnion, and Gary Artis. Visitor was Paul Pelkey.

Eddie needs the names/addresses of the charities the will receive our donations. Fred will provide the info on the Red Cross (\$500) and A Child's Place (\$750). We have \$150 left in the Charity Account for food for the two Christmas families. Eddie and Jane will buy the food. Deliveries will be made Saturday December 22 by 11:00 am.

Jane will ask Linda Meadows for the revised Bylaws for distribution to the QCCC members.

John has enough cars for the Concord and Kannapolis parades. Cabarras High School needs 3 cars for Sat 11/17. He will e-mail info re: a December 8 parade.

Eddie received approval to pay the QCCC liability insurance premium for 2002. We are losing one member due to non-payment of dues.

Tony will prepare an inventory for the new VP and needs to know of any items stored at any officer's home.

The next Board needs to discuss advertising in the Newsletter and how much the Banquet in February will be subsidized. Eddie will give last year's DJ info to Priscilla.

Robert will work with John re: Automotive Events. Wendy has asked Nancy to help arrange meeting places for 2002. Gary and Eddie will work together on the Treasury. Paul has agreed to continue with the directory. Eddie would like to see a "car directory" as well. We've added 61 new members so far in 2001. Discussed: a mentor for new members to encourage participation, pictures of new members in the newsletter, and a "member of the month" article in the newsletter.

Nancy reported that the January meeting will be at MBV European Ltd with hot food catered by Courtyard Café for \$6 per person. The beach trip will be in August to Beaufort, SC. Eddie is working on a trip to Dothan AL & Panama City FL in April. The Circle City Corvette Club has an annual Beach Caravan from Dothan to Panama City. Eddie will send info via e-mail to the QCCC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary

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REPORT

Where did November go? With the end of year coming soon, there is not much to report from my side of the road this month. We have had several photo shoots this month for the upcoming 2002 calendar. We have participated in several parades. The parade in Concord was fantastic. We supplied cars for several groups of kids. This was the largest and the longest Christmas parade I have ever been in. What a turnout. Everyone in Concord must have been there. The weather was great. Thanks to all that participated. I know you had a great time!

We still have one more parade this year. It will be Saturday December 8th, 2001 at Lake Wyle. We will need to be there at 11:15. Watch for email for further information on this parade.

I have enjoyed serving QCCC this year as the VP of Public Relations. I appreciate the assistance I received from all of you who helped with all the different events this year. Club participation is what makes a great club GREAT! Robert Morgan will be our new Director of Auto Events next year. Let's all help Robert next year, and again help make QCCC the "CORVETTE CLUB OF THE CAROLINA'S"

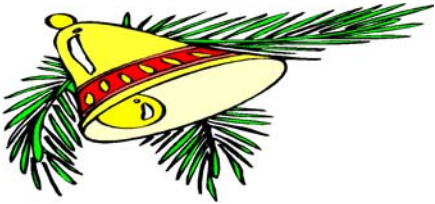
SAVE the WAVE

John Meadows



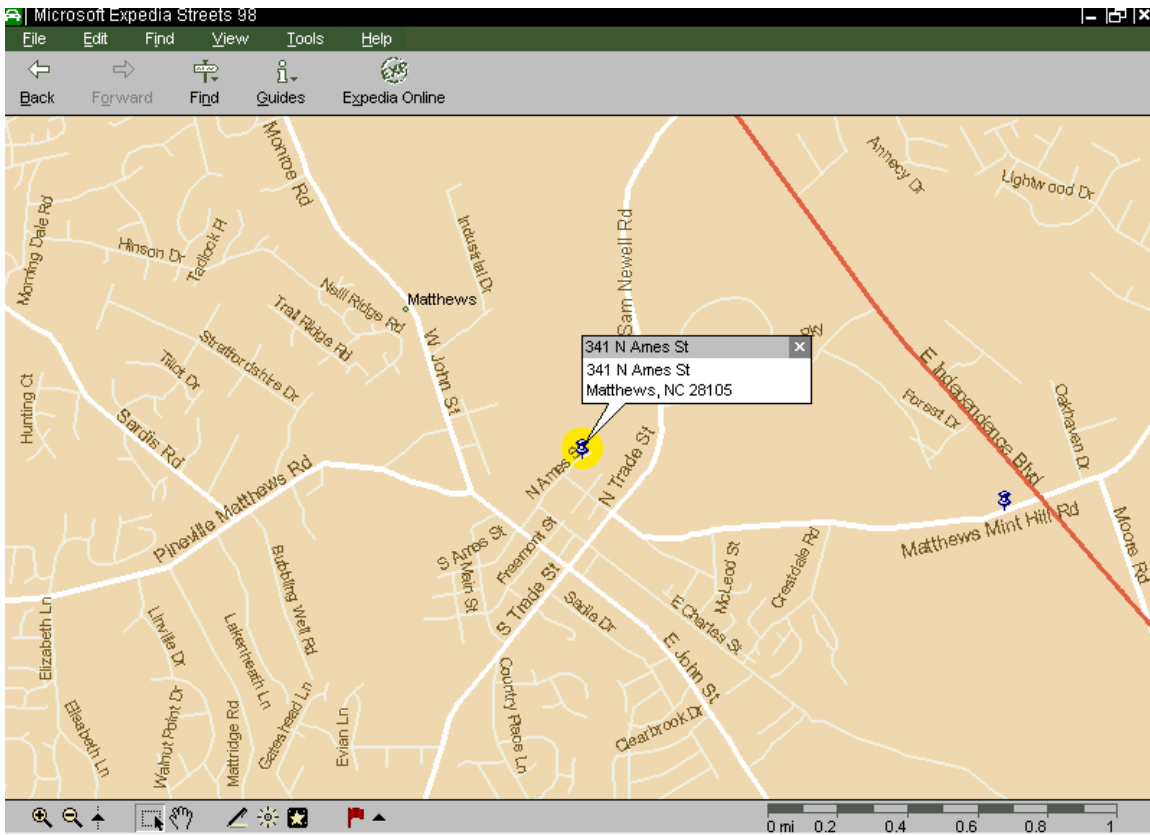
Social Report

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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. We ask that you limit your gift to no more than \$10. Ladies bring gifts for ladies, and men bring gifts for men. Ladies' gifts should be wrapped with a pink or red bow or ribbon. Men's gifts should be wrapped with blue or green bows or ribbons. Dinner will be \$14.00 per person. The cash will be collected at the door.



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

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.

Club News

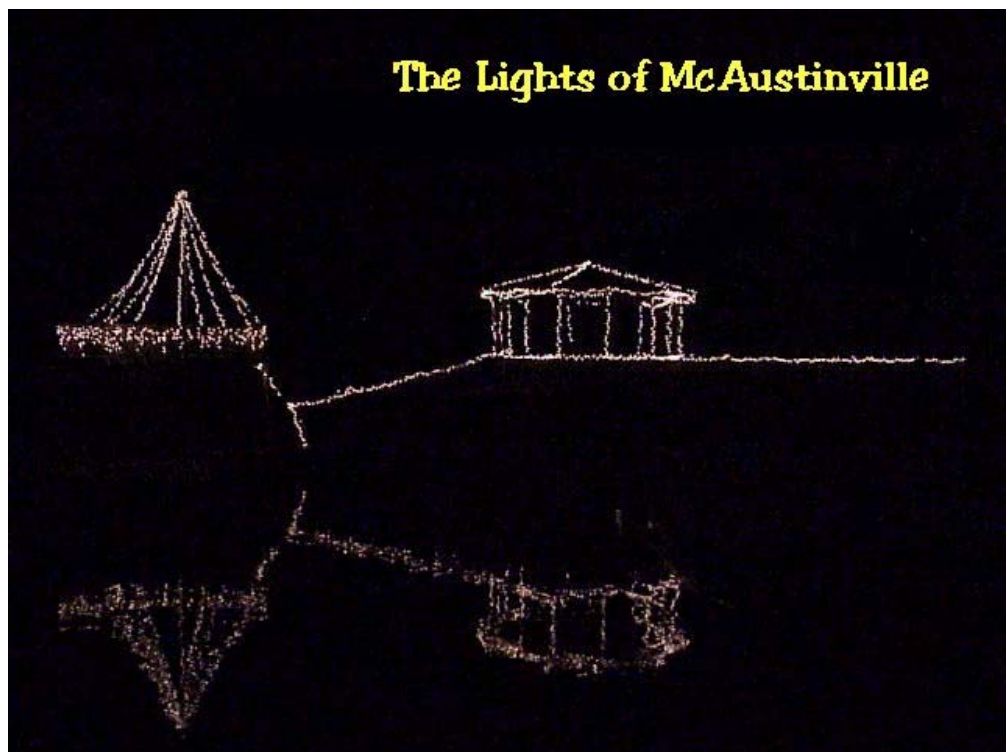
We're Sad to Report

The QCCC would like to offer our **condolence to Sandy Welsh** on the passing away of her stepfather, Al Richmond. The Club gave to Hospice of Charlotte, according to Sandy's wishes. The funeral was in Ashland, Ohio, on November 28. Let's keep Sandy and her family in our thoughts and prayers during this time.

Clark Griswold's Christmas Lights

Our staff was riding around the lake the other night, and as we came around a cove, we were temporarily blinded by this gaudy display of Christmas lights of Clark Griswold's. We understand there are 3,600 bulbs in this display, and a 15-foot tree. Geez, some people never grow up!

Merry Christmas!





New Acquisitions

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

Bob and Trudy Schillo – Well, one of the “Warren Buffett’s” of the Corvette hobby has cornered the market on, yet, another ‘Vette. Bob acquired a 1987 Black with red interior, convertible (in a non-hostile takeover) from a fellow member of the Southern Corvette Club of Concord. Bob says it will be his daily driver. Our analysts want to know how Bob and Trudy are going to get all 3 cars to a show since now, they take 2, and bring home all the trophies. According to our calculations they now have 3 of the 5 models, a C2, a C3, and now a C4. 2 to go for a full house!

Chuck and Deb Greulich - And, yet, another “Warren Buffett” makes his presence known. Chuck acquired a 1991 ZR1. Black with gray interior. Congratulations, we know you wanted one for a long time. Let’s see now, that makes a C3 and 2 C4’s, y’all are assembling a nice collection.

Ron Barr- Our financial analysts will have to work overtime to determine just what has shaken the Corvette World to its roots, but thus far we found out that Ron acquired a ‘69 Big Block for his well-balanced portfolio. It is a 4-speed T-top with all the options. Let’s see now, from our latest inventory count for Ron, that makes one C5, a C3, 2 C2’s, and one C1, if you include the ‘62 and ‘63 Corvairs he has. (Really, 2 to go for a full house) Nice job, Ron, keep filling up that big garage.

Robert Morgan and Vanessa Krimminger - Announced an “**urge to merge**”. They announced their engagement at our November meeting. Best wishes to you both! The Mudslide must have kicked in **Big Time**.

After reading of all this hedonism, and the government says we’re in a recession, what the heck do they know!

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

Did you Hear...

Almost Famous!

Here is a note and picture from Jay Hillyer about a contest his wife, Ann, entered and had an opportunity to win. The contest was sponsored by a local radio station and the prize was a 1977 Corvette.

“Thought I'd send along this photo of Ann attempting to start the 77 ‘Vette that she qualified for on the FOX ‘Vette give-away. Her key was not the one. Bummer! We had a great time anyway, and at least she got the chance to try.”



And.....That's not all, There's More!

Chuck and Deb Greulich went to a BMW driving course to test a new model. The course had a competitive driving event included in the instruction and Deb had the best time of the entire class. Although Chuck placed 4th in the class, he was as proud as a peacock, and rightfully so, of Deb's accomplishment. Congratulations Deb, even though you did it in a BMW, we're still proud of you.

The Riddle of The Sphinx?

Your dedicated newsletter staff has struck again. In their relentless pursuit of answers to questions that have confounded mankind for centuries they finally struck paydirt. We've all asked, "What is the difference between men and women?" Well, the staff found the programming equipment used to code the sexual drive of men and women and a picture of the machine is below. Not surprising, is it guys?



GREAT LIFE LESSONS

The Important Things Life Teaches You...

Some of you might remember these stories from last year, but many haven't seen them and might appreciate the messages they send, particularly during the Holiday Season.

Most Important Question

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the Professor. "In your careers you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'. " I've never forgotten that lesson.

I also learned her name was Dorothy.

Always remember those who serve

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it. "How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she said brusquely. The little boy again counted the coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed. When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies - her tip. -- Never forget those you serve.

Attitude is everything

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at Stanford Hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save Liz."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood. Attitude, after all, is everything.

Work like you don't need the money.

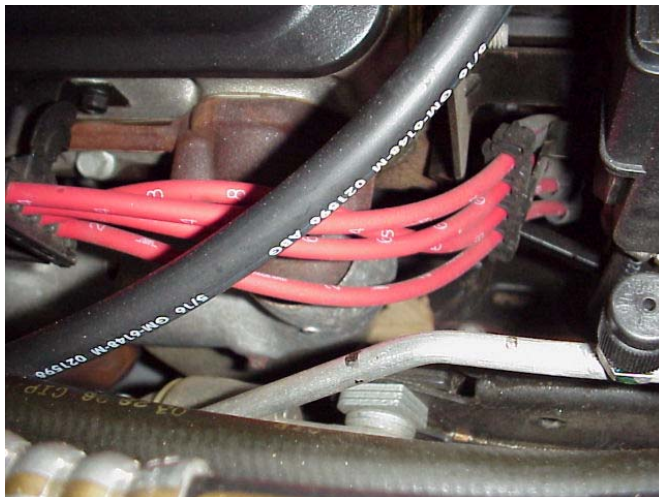
Love like you've never been hurt, and dance like nobody's watching.

TECH TIP

Removing and Replacing Spark Plug Wires on a C4

By Jim Mason – (One of the Grand Sport Registry Gurus)

For access you have something like 14 bolts (total) to remove, all are accessible, and all but two, I think, are 10mm (no swapping sockets, etc.)



1- Remove the serpentine belt and belt tensioner. This allows easier access to the optispark plug terminals on the driver's side (also, the wires are routed between the accessory bracket and the engine block).

- The serpentine belt takes all of 30 seconds to pop off or put on and the tensioner has one bolt.

2- Remove the left and right inner fender splash shields. The splash shields are located above the a-arms and have 5 or so 10mm bolts that secure each of them to the forward and aft inner fender panels.

3- Unbolt the ASR bracket from the inner fender panel. Being able to move the ASR unit allows easy access to 1/3/5/7

- Various length extensions and a couple swivel joints (universals) are also beneficial. With a little practice, you can do this job in under an hour.

- All the plugs (except #8) are easy to get to once you have stuff out of the way. BTW, popping the electrical connector off the temp sensor between #6 and #8 helps as well. Remember, keeping the old wires in one piece isn't necessary, unless you collect worn out original parts for the NCRS gang (they say chasing original parts is half the fun, so let 'em).

- All the plug wires are numbered (if they're original) so it's easy to match up with the new ones. The passenger side is literally a 5-minute piece of cake and the driver's side isn't much longer if you figure out the routing puzzle.

- Reinstall the fender panels and fire her up!

There are some caveats, however...

- Practice makes perfect. Lots of guys have spent an entire day the first time they tried it!

- Beer slows the process but makes it more enjoyable. Additional Quality Control checks are highly recommended if beer is involved!

- Friends + Beer slows the process by an order of magnitude

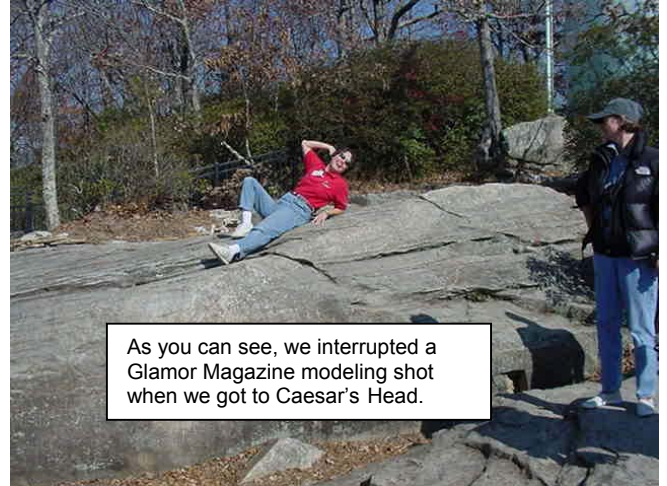
- Wife (or Girl Friend) + kid(s) + Friends + Beer makes the process next to impossible

The Annual Odyssey to The Mountains

We stayed at the Highland Park Lodge and traveled to Caesar's Head State Park in South Carolina, Saturday morning, with a stop at Hooker Falls. Here are some pictures from the weekend. You'll notice the one common denominator in every picture, everyone has a smile.



Fred & Pat, enjoying each other's company



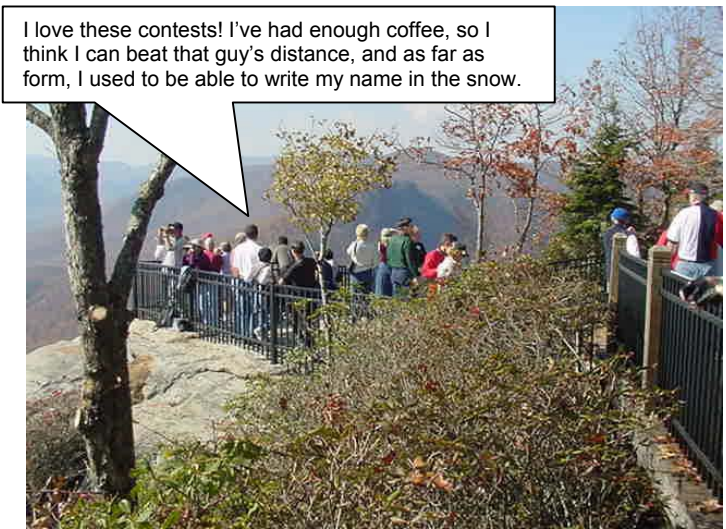
As you can see, we interrupted a Glamor Magazine modeling shot when we got to Caesar's Head.



This guy's good, he sounds just like Julie Andrews

The hills are alive with the Sound of Music

Oh, Fred! Every time you sing to me, I want to cry!



I love these contests! I've had enough coffee, so I think I can beat that guy's distance, and as far as form, I used to be able to write my name in the snow.



Fred, I know you're from Boston and you're pretty smart, but are you sure this is where the Titanic sank?



Yo, Dan! Wake up!

Robert D. Denney

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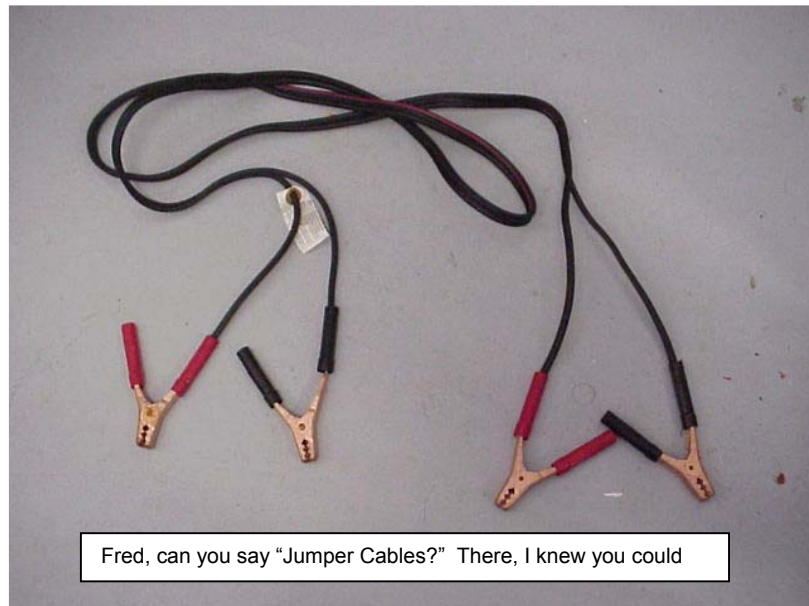
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Accolades to Fred Fischer.... Wonderful weekend !!!! By the way, Thanks Wade for letting us park near your car.... I know how much it pains you to have our old cars parked by your new one, but when you saw the limited parking, watching you relent was heart warming..... OOPS, there I go again getting ahead of myself.... See what happens when you fall under the spell of our Editor /Publisher. I don't know what our Editor/Publisher did this weekend but we had **NO COPS!**

I want to warn the folks that couldn't make the Highland Lake weekend...don't read on, you will just be depressed that you didn't get to go, and learn why legs are the body parts that enter heaven first... or why you need to pay attention at seminars.... especially when feathers and Ken Watts are involved. When you see Lois walking around with a big smile on her face, remember.. Ken was the seminar instructor for Marriage Enrichment. Boy, you should have seen the lip lock she threw on him Friday night.... wheeeew.

OK, now that those who were not Highlanders have turned the page, we can move on. The weekend started out at the bustling metropolis of Mooresville. We were able to get away from home earlier than we expected, and as it was a super day, we decided to leave the top down. Well guess what... Yep... mile marker 19.... the sky opened up.... so we attempted the world record for putting up a C5 top. Sandy said we only tied the record... well, guess we will have to practice. We assembled @ Krystal Burger's under the direction of our fearless leader.... nope, not our Cop magnet ... our fearless leader.... yes, that's right, Fred Fischer. 9 gleaming sports cars and one 4 Door Vette. Yes, I know that it said Cadillac on the rear.... but you were not

behind that 4-door sports car and see it dart in and out of traffic. I heard that Hilda whispered that she knew that the car had gone that fast, or faster, but she wasn't driving. Folks let me tell you for someone who had only ridden in Caravans and had never driven in one Hilda did a super job. We pulled her rookie stripes off that 4 DR Vette. Anyway, after Fred found a 50-cent piece to drop in his car, and a battery jump (**see picture**) from some nice man with a pickup truck, Fred got the motor to start. Folks, let me tell you we covered the



spectrum from the oldest... me... to the youngest, Heather Artis. The Artis's had three folks going, so quite naturally they needed 2 cars. Heather chose the Pace Car Dad was pretty watchful... (can you imagine the rough time that young lady is going to have.... now let's see, go with Dad in the Convertible or mom in the Coupe).... by the way folks, don't challenge Linda Artis to a race... I watched her run down Fred and the front half of our caravan just north of Shelby. She doesn't need lessons. We had two families that needed 2 Vettes for the family.... boy, is life tough... lol

Arriving at the Lodge where we were greeted by the staff and early arrivers.... Yep, Eddie and Jane.... you know the retired ones.... the Baynes, the Stickels, the Meadows... are all those folks

retired???? We moved our things to our rooms. NICE Rooms... Some cleaning up and resting preceded a twisting turning caravan to our restaurant chaperoned by no less than Jon Elliott.... Yep, the over the hill fellow and his child bride. Now Jon knows how to arrange a dinner. When we arrived at the restaurant there was a SUV sitting across the drive to the parking lot. You guessed it.... **private parking... Corvettes only!!!** The whole top floor of the restaurant **WAY TO GO, JON**. Breaking bread with a superb crowd. Well, let me tell you it doesn't get any better than this.... What do you know... it did... several times. Once the next morning, well Fred, I don't know how you arranged that sky or those hills and trees, just riding along behind and amongst some of the most beautiful Corvettes, well, as I said... that was the second time. Finishing the 1-1/2 hour tour.... (lead by our Editor / Publisher / Tour Leader) *remember Gilligan's Island and the Minnow*.... in only 3 hours we arrived back in Hendersonville, only to be lead to one of those Jon Elliott surprises.... a Hot Dog Stand. Now what could be better than a hot dog and a Corvette in a Drive In? Well, I will tell you an adult toy store. **(Editor's Note- Bob, that's entirely too much information!)** Yep, Sandy and I fixed the Hendersonville balance of payments.

Back to the Lodge where Fred had scheduled an in-house Dinner. Local fried Chicken and fixins terrific stuff... super dinner. Then to the important stuff. Drinking and telling stories.... seminars.... gambling and general conversin.... well proper decorum prevents me from elaborating, but you might ask Jody about entry to heaven and Jay Hiller about learning how to ride a bucking date?.... By the way, our condolences to Bob Runnion. You know Bob's dog ate his hearing aids. Hmmm, I wonder if that is why Nancy was collecting the Bunco fees for the Bunco game. Three tables no less..... I understand that Betsy taught everyone the proper way to win. By the way Nancy did you get them replaced?

Sunday morning broke with check out scheduled before our 8:45 AM departure. I checked out and they gave me Ken Watts bill.... now, I like Ken, but not that much.... so they said OK, how about paying for Dan McFarlane of Greenville, SC. Since his bill was only \$170.60, I promptly paid. Well, when I arrived home they called and said Dan was somewhat upset paying for my two nights while he only benefited from one.... Yep, they adjusted my fee by another crack at the Hendersonville debt. Well, we are now square....

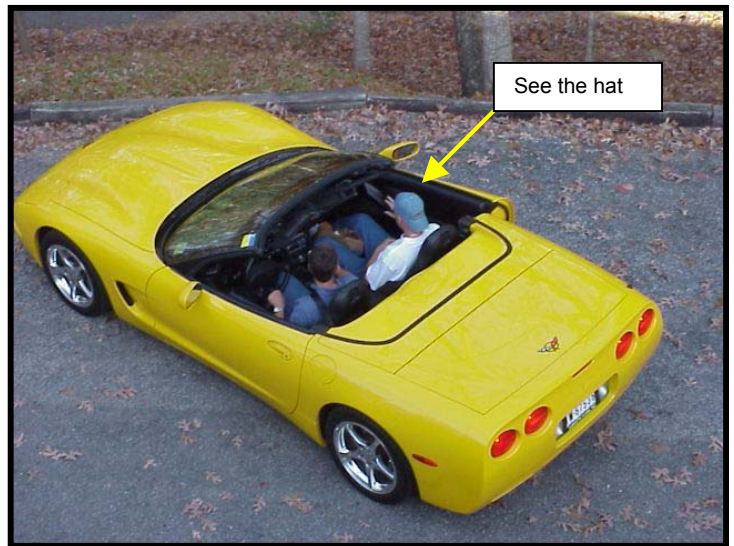
8:45 AM promptly 18 Corvettes, a Cadillac and Hilda's Cousin, Jo Little who is from Tennessee, pulled out of the parking lot of the Lodge headed toward Grove Park Inn for Breakfast. 45 minutes later with a scenic trip through the Golf Shop of the Inn, and a U turn at the door, with instructions to park in the indoor garage right next to the elevator.... see we had to worry about our handicapped.... I know Ben. I promised not to tell, but Barbara Quick was insistent that she didn't want him to exert himself.... I don't know why.... by the way did she go to Ken's seminar??? Hmmm. Anyway, with 9:30 AM reservations we hurried to the elevator. Lets see how do I describe the ride up have you ever seen a can of sardines just as you opened it up... well, if they had poured oil on us we would have fit right in.... 30 folks in a 20 folk elevator.... When we arrived at the check in area they ushered us right to the room. By the time I arrived at the room, the Fred's were in line.... Fred Lentz said he learned early that you need to get in line quick if you want to eat. And eat he did, you should see that big guy pack it in.... boy.... A few Kodak moments and lots of chatting and it was time to call it a morning.... it was either that or be thrown out and have you seen the Grove Park's bouncers. We had heard that there was road construction on I-40, but Judy & Jody Austin, Pat & Fred Fischer and Sandy and I started towards Statesville anyway. Well, we really enjoyed the construction. Let me put it this way.... there was some hot asphalt when we passed and I don't mean from a paving machine. All too quick it was time to bid our fond adieus to those who had shared the road home making it a very pleasant and quick trip. Again, Fred, you done good!

Editor's Note- Yep, Bob's right, the beginning of this trip had to be "jump started". Fred's car needed a little help from a Good Samaritan at the Krystal with a set of jumper cables that were about as thin as a coat hangar.



FLAT ROCK, NC (AP) We need your help. Our award winning, crack newsletter staff acquired these photographs from our well hidden, crime stopper parking lot cam that shows a crime in progress. While at the hotel on our trip to the mountains, the cameras caught these 2 shady looking characters in the pictures below, taking this nice, new Corvette for a joy drive. Notice in the picture on the left how both guys are lurking around to see if anyone sees them in their daring, daylight attempt of hijacking the car. The guy in the blue shirt really looks suspicious, see how he's sneaking around, and the guy in the white shirt, beside the passenger's door, has already looked under the seat for loose change. In the picture on the right, it is obvious that they don't know they are being photographed as they are hot-wiring the ignition, listening to rap music, and preparing to drive off with the car. See the guy with the hat turned backwards, it's a dead giveaway he's a criminal. He doesn't know whether he's coming or going.

Let's stop this crime spree in its tracks. We heard they were last seen looking at a 2000 Torch Red Coupe. Help your fellow members and call us at **1-800-THEYRGUILTY** if you see these 2 criminals, it might prevent another theft.

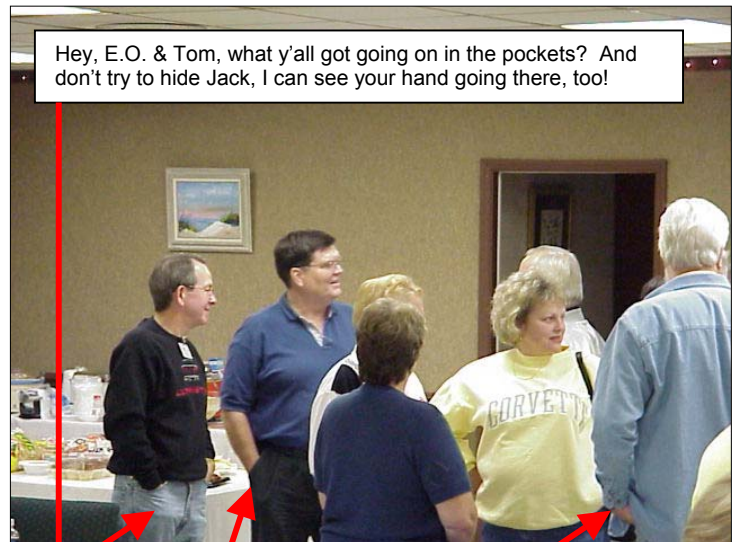


Moments from the Meeting

We met at the Alpine Club House for our November meeting and officers' election. Everyone brought a Mexican dish and it was delicious. We ate, then, as usual, had a lot of laughs during the meeting and elected new officers for the next year. The results of the election for the 2002 Board were as follows:

John Meadows – President
Wendy Krupowicz – Vice President
Gary Artis – Treasurer
Jane Burt – Secretary
Eddie Burt – Director of Membership
Nancy Runnion – Director of Social Events
Robert Morgan – Director of Automotive Events

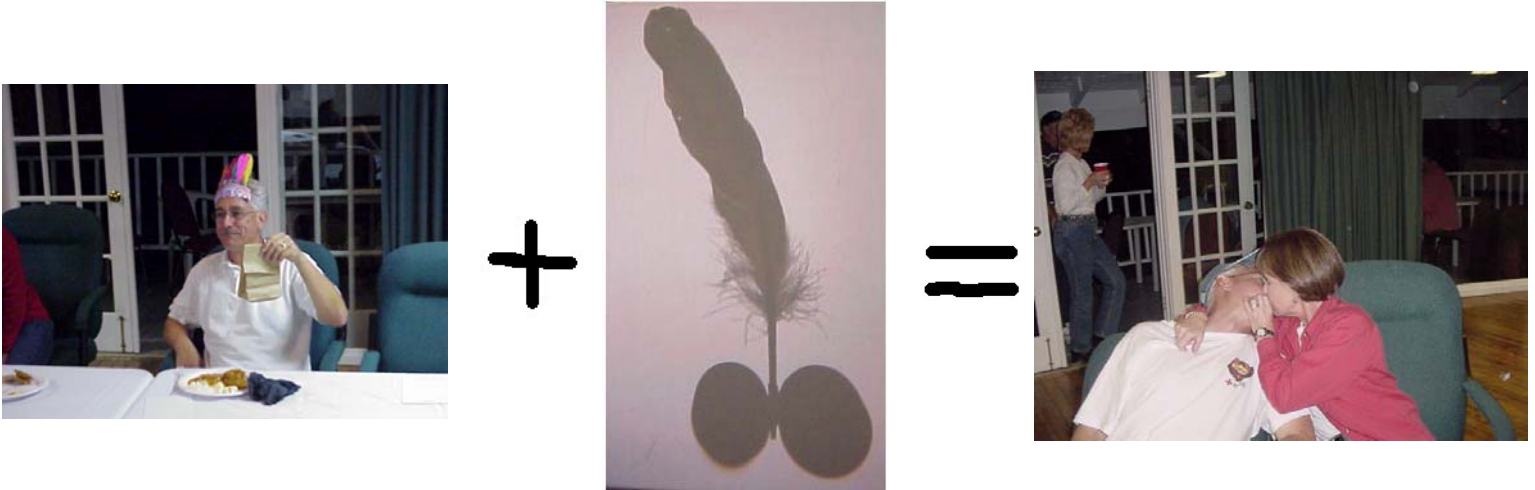
First, we'd like to thank the past Board for unselfishly giving of their time and efforts to make 2001 a memorable year, ushering in many changes and making the Queen City Corvette Club the premier club in the US. Next, we'd like to thank the new Board for taking the reins and continuing the excitement for 2002.



Welcome to Billy Bob's Maff Class...

As you know, the newsletter staff is on an endless quest to help the membership be more knowledgeable and help everyone understand the complicated. Do you remember those math classes and you could never quite "get it" without a real life demonstration? Here are a couple of math problems, even those most severely "**Math Challenged**" amongst us should be able to solve them.

Problem #1. $(A+B=C)$ Ken plus a feather, candle & lotion equals ?????



That's very good, class, you got the right answer. Now for a more difficult double element algebraic equation.

Problem #2. $(A+B=C+D)$ Vanessa plus a bottle of Mudslide equals Robert plus ????



Now there, wasn't that much easier than your 9th grade algebra class. This just proves our newsletter staff motto, "We're here to help."

Oil Change Day at Gary Katzman's Garage

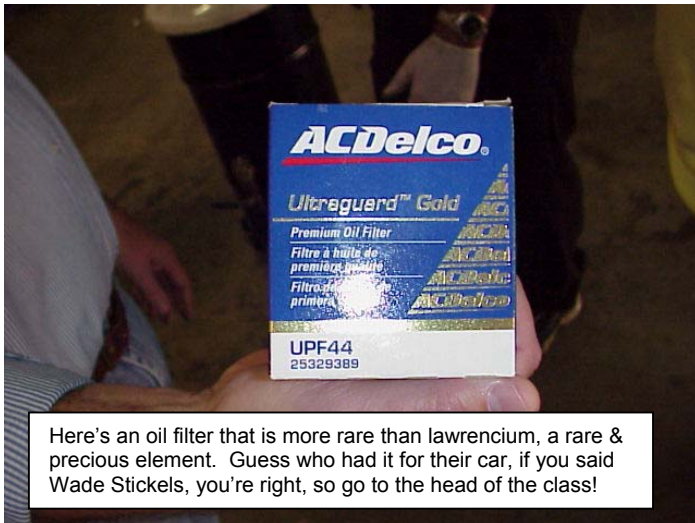
Many members showed up at Gary's facility for free oil changes. Gary and Eddie Burt, Jr. did all the work and we just sat back, told some lies and enjoyed the show. Thanks Gary and Eddie, we really appreciated your efforts. Let's support Gary with all of our service work.



Gary's sign for his facility



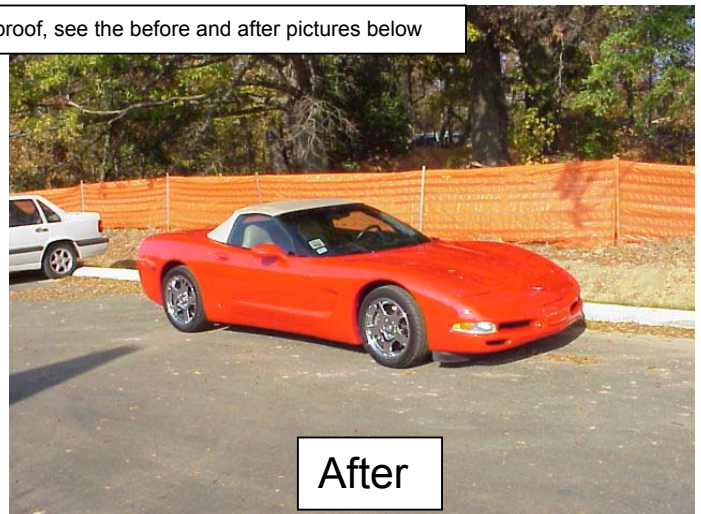
Wade Stickel's great idea for an exhaust plate



Here's an oil filter that is more rare than lawrencium, a rare & precious element. Guess who had it for their car, if you said Wade Stickels, you're right, so go to the head of the class!

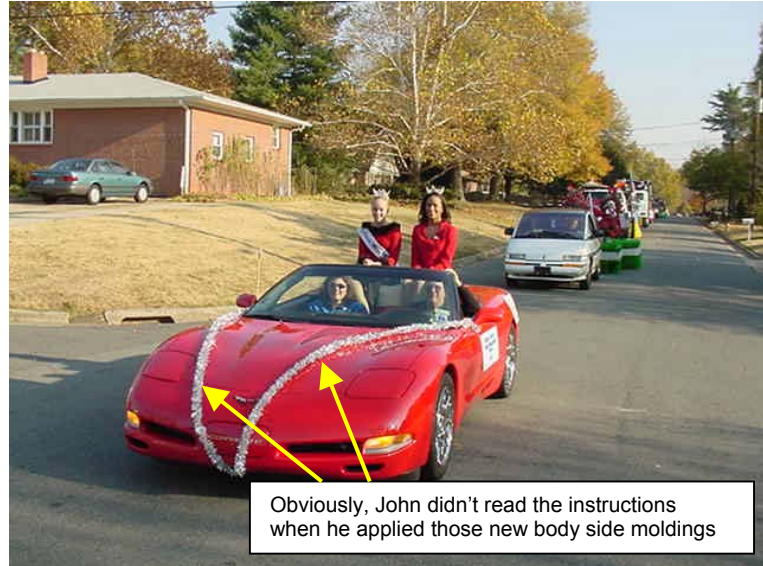


Gary's guys are good, they do fantastic work! As proof, see the before and after pictures below



Everyone Loves a Parade

Here are some photos of the Concord Parade in which many from the QCCC participated.



Thanks to all you guys who represented us at the parade, and made the holiday season special for many people in the area.

Stop the press! This just in from our foreign correspondent in downtown Kabul, Afghanistan!!!

TIRE PRESSURE AND COOLER AIR TEMPERATURES

by Randy "El Rando" Sherman

It's hard to believe that it's MID NOVEMBER, and we're still driving around Kabul with our tops off. (No! No! Not the ladies, I mean the cars) We sure have been blessed with a wonderful "Indian Summer" here in the mountains of Afghanistan. Perfect Corvette lovers' driving weather.

However, in the midst of dodging 500 lb. bombs and various explosives falling from the sky, it's time for a quick note regarding Tire Pressure Tips. As we all know, with colder temperatures the tires' air pressure fall off significantly. The OEM tires provided with C5's (GoodYear EMT's) recommend a cold tire pressure of 30 psi. (As you probably know, Afghanistan uses the metric system, so I had to let out all the metric air and reinflate the tires with US equivalent air so I could get an accurate reading). Other brands will vary. So it's especially important as temperatures fall to keep a close eye on tire pressure. This is easy to do with a reliable tire gauge.

It's important to take this pressure reading with the tires cold, which probably means an early morning "reading" prior to any driving. This is one of the best ways to maximize tread life on our high dollar tires. A personal observation of the spread between a reading taken at 75 degrees versus 25 degrees is a significant drop in cold tire pressure of approximately 5 to 6 pounds per tire, so imagine tire pressure at a brisk 15 degrees, or colder. This should allow you to save needless wear on those tires by adjusting tire pressure accordingly.

Well, I gotta go and spank some more Taliban butt.

Holidays to all!!!

From the Newsletter Staff, Thanks For A Great Year

As the staff sits here at the QCCC newsletter offices, towering high above downtown Troutman, on a dreary Saturday afternoon, listening to Kenny G's "Miracles" holiday album, it brings forth many thoughts about the Club and the memories we've shared during the year. With those thoughts in mind, the lyrics of a song I heard years ago seem appropriate, as we look back over the past year:

Though summer turns to winter
And the present disappears,
The laughter we were glad to share will echo through the years
When other nights and other days
May find us gone our separate ways
We will have these days to remember

We have really enjoyed bringing you a publication about the club, Corvettes and the world in general, and hope you found some fun in it as well. Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and since John Meadows, our new club president, asked the newsletter staff to stay on, we'll see you again next year.... **Same Time, Same Station**, so don't dare touch that dial.

And to all those who contributed articles to the newsletter this year, a big **Thank you** for your help.