

# February 2002



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It's that time of year, again. BANQUET time! Ask your parents if you can stay out all night, otherwise you'll be in trouble, 'cause it'll be late when you get home!

The picture to the left is of our "King" and "Queen" from last year's festivities, Don and Hilda Yost.

**"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,  
To make 10% of our news factual, we're just not sure which 10% it is.  
But...you'll always get your money's worth!

Below is a picture of QCCC members delivering Christmas gifts to DSS families. We spoke to some of the members about the experience and they said there are few thrills like seeing those families as



Sir and Madam, your limousine to the banquet awaits



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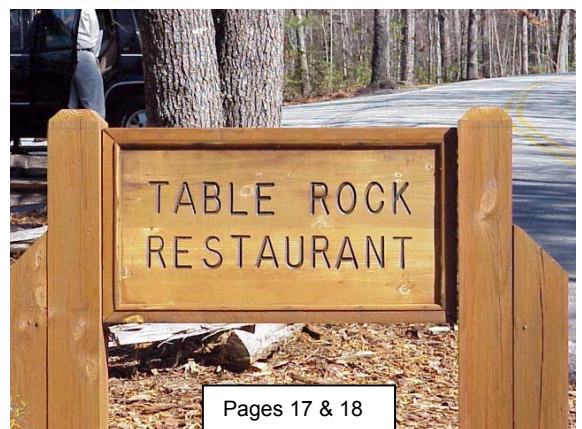
they unexpectedly receive 7 bicycles for all the kids of the family.

The social committee planned a great trip and lunch at Table Rock State Park in S. C. .  
25 cars attended.



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We had our meeting at the Huntersville Aquatic and Fitness Center in Huntersville and what a great place it is to have a meeting. Thanks, social committee!



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## Queen City Corvette Club, Inc.

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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.



January 27, 2002

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

Another great month behind us. Our January meeting held at **Huntersville Aquatic and Fitness Center** was a great success. We had about seventy people show up even though it was raining. This recreation center really works out well for us to hold our meetings on the North side of town. We had plenty of room and plenty of parking. We have several more meetings scheduled at this location. If you weren't able to attend be sure to try to attend the next time we meet up on the North side of town.

We would like to welcome Mike and Silvia Kelly to membership in QCCC. We look forward to seeing them in many of our upcoming events. Be sure to welcome them and make them feel at home within our club.

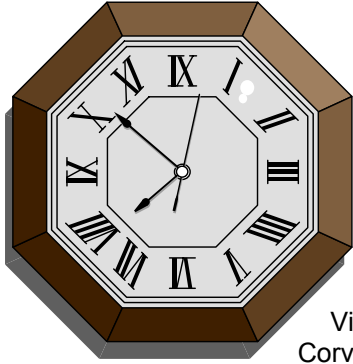
I hope that everyone is making their plans for the QCCC Banquet to be held February 16, at The Speedway Club, at Lowe's Motor Speedway. This will be the highlight for QCCC 2001. Besides a wonderful dinner, we will have music, dancing, door prizes, a silent auction and the QCCC awards for 2001. Fred Fisher will provide a slide show during the event of many candid shots taken throughout the year. **This is the event you don't want to miss. It's not too late, make your plans today!**

The QCCC board met this week. The board, and its committees, have already been hard at work putting together plans for an exciting 2002. Looking at the upcoming calendar, there will be events for everyone, no matter what your interest. Be sure to check out all the upcoming exciting events. Remember, this calendar of events will be listed in each newsletter and will also be kept up to date on the web site at [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com).

On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> we had 24 Corvettes and B&B (Ben & Barbara) to drive to the mountains for lunch. What a sight to see. The activity committee called for a great day and we got it!! Many stopped at Gaffney to shop on the way back. We had tops down in the beautiful weather. If you didn't go on this trip don't miss out on the next.

Again, I encourage everyone to get involved in our club. The more you are involved, the more you will enjoy the club.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'John', is centered below the text.



## QCCC Meeting Minutes, Saturday, January 12, 2002

The January business meeting of QCCC was held at the Huntersville Community Center, Huntersville, NC. Officers in attendance: John Meadows, Jane Burt, Eddie Burt, Wendy Krupowicz, Nancy Runnion, and Robert Morgan. President, John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: **Phil and Diane Smith** – 2002 Red (1 week old!), **Charles Rainey** – 1996 Grand Sport, **Tom and Lynn Anderson** – 2002, **Mike and Sylvia Kelly** – 1976, color to be determined, and Fred Boudreaux – 1997 coupe.

**NEW MEMBERS** voted in: Mike and Sylvia Kelly.

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

### OLD BUSINESS

*Larry deMontegre* has the Special Olympics calendars available for sale at \$11 each. Make checks payable to Special Olympics.

*Fred Fischer* described the special and rewarding experiences QCCC members had when we delivered Christmas gifts to our two needy families on December 22.

*John Meadows* reported that the proposed By-Laws revisions would not be voted on tonight. They will be discussed at the next Board Meeting and sent to members for review and voting on in February.

### NEW BUSINESS

*Eddie Burt*, Membership Director reported:

- The trip to Dothan AL will begin Thursday April 26 from Charlotte. The Circle City Corvette Club in AL is then sponsoring a caravan for 300+ Corvettes from Dothan to Panama City FL on Saturday April 28. Assembly Plant dignitaries will give presentations. See Eddie for more information. Vector Shirts has offered to make up special shirts for the event.
- Available tonight are: the new QCCC license plates and window stickers, information on the 2003 Caravan to the Museum, and courtesy of Jon Elliott, printed newsletters.
- 2001 Membership stats: the year started with 143 members, 63 new members joined of which 5 resigned, an additional 12 members resigned, so 2002 started with 189 members.
- At last Wednesday night's dinner at Hooters, we had 27 adults, 4 children, and 5 guests. The commercial they shot will be aired in February. Check your e-mails as to the Wednesday night dinner location.
- Gary Artis has the Treasury records, is not here tonight, and the only change from the last Treasury reports is the payment for the license plates and window stickers.

*Wendy Krupowicz*, Vice President reported:

- She will take attendance at each event so points can be awarded. Please circle your name on the list being passed around and indicate if you drove your Corvette to the meeting.

- She needs deposits of \$50 per person for the February 2003 West Caribbean cruise. Twelve cabins have been blocked. We need to book as a group to lock in the airfares to Puerto Rico.

*Nancy Runnion*, Social Events Director:

- Thanked her committee members: Wade & Sue Stickles, Jon Elliott, Bob Denney, Jackie & Karl Slavetsky.
- The February meeting will be at the Matthews Fire Station.
- There will be 4 meetings in south Charlotte and 5 meetings at the Huntersville Community Center.
- There is a road trip Sunday January 27 to Table Rock, SC State Park. We will leave the Krystal Burger on Billy Graham Pkwy at 8:30 am and eat a family style lunch for \$10.86 per person.
- There will be a progressive dinner in March – sign up on the sheet being passed around.
- There will be mystery caravan March 17 ending in a place for lunch.

*Bob Denney* reported on a trip to Williamsburg VA March 15-17. Rooms at the Cascades are \$99 each and there is protected parking. Tickets to Williamsburg are \$31.50 each. Nancy can e-mail you additional information.

*Jon Elliott* is arranging a BEACH trip in September, and a MOUNTAIN trip November 15 to Lake Lure, NC. Rooms at the Lake Lure Inn (where the movie Dirty Dancing was filmed) are \$79 per night and include tickets to Chimney Rock, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be dinner and music Saturday night at a farm. Thirty rooms have been blocked for us. He also announced that the C6 Corvette has been postponed a year to 2005.

*Robert Morgan*, Automotive Events Director reported:

- There is a trip to Savannah GA with 5 other Corvette Clubs in April. More information will be available later.
- Auto Fair will be April 6 & 7 and September 14 & 15. We will try to pool all the Corvette Clubs together.

*Paul Pelkey* reported that the Annual Banquet on February 16 at the Speedway Club will be \$20 per person with the club subsidizing the rest of the cost. Dress is Country Club casual. The buffet dinner will include salmon, prime rib, and chicken. There will be a DJ. Hours are 6:30 – 11:30 pm. Special room rates are at the Wingate Inn. The Club will provide 2 drinks and then a cash bar will be available.

*Margaret Elliott* announced that she and her sister *Emily* are selling delicious Girl Scout cookies and they will be glad to take your orders tonight.

*John Meadows* asked that everyone:

- Fill out & turn in your ballots for the Male & Female Rookies of the Year, and the Member of the Year tonight. They will be announced at the Banquet along with the King and Queen of the Prom.
- Pay your 2002 dues tonight to Eddie or mail them to Gary Artis.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

***Jane Burt***, Secretary

## **QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES, MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2002**

The January officers' meeting was held at the home of Nancy & Bob Runnion. Officers present were John Meadows, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, Robert Morgan, Nancy Runnion, Wendy Krupowicz, and Gary Artis. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

John and Fred picked up the awards for the Banquet. So far, 22 couples have signed up.

The proposed By-Laws were handed out to the Board members for review. Give any comments to John. If all is OK, they will be copied and given to Jane for mailing to the membership for review. A vote can be held at the February meeting.

Eddie gave \$222 cash, and checks to Gary which were collected at the January meeting for pizza, dues, and the banquet. He also gave the 4 Club FRS radios to Robert. He will e-mail information about the Dothan/Panama City trip to the membership.

At the next meeting, we will ask for volunteers to mentor new members, and start accumulating information for a car directory.

So far, 53 families have paid at least the first quarter dues, 3 have not paid 4<sup>th</sup> Q 2001 dues, and 1 new member has never paid any dues.

The Savannah gathering will feature an indoor car show at the Convention Center, a city tour, a dolphin tour, and driving tours April 26 – 28. More info to come. This is the same weekend as the Panama City trip and the NCRS Regional meeting in Asheville. Every QCCC member should be able to attend one of these events.

John and Robert will meet with the Auto Fair folks re: location and joining all Corvette Clubs.

Robert is checking with City Chevrolet and Parks Chevrolet about car shows.

The QCCC inventory will be published in the next newsletter. Points will be tracked by attendance sheets at each meeting. A Quarterly award will continue to be given.

The board approved of having 50/50 drawings at each meeting with the Club-half going to the Charity Account.

The Huntersville Community Center will charge \$80 to rent the 2 rooms we used for the January meeting. Jan 27 = trip to Table Rock, 3/17 = Mystery Trip (18 cars have signed up so far), 3/23 = Progressive Dinner with the Club paying for hamburgers/hot dogs at the host family, April = Auto Fair, 4/20 = Greenville Poker Run and car show, 5/30 = Cruise to Bowling Green, June = BBQ, August 23-25 trip to Carlisle PA.

Discussed providing food at each club meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to donate \$100 to the Matthews Volunteer Fire Department at the February meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Burt*, Secretary



## WENDY'S WORLD

Hi Gang!!!!

First, since this is my first letter to the membership, I wanted to say

thank you to all of you who voted for me. I appreciate your confidence, will try to do my best and since, I ran unopposed, I won't get a big head either.

Let's get down to business. One of the duties of the Vice-President is the points awarded for Club event participation. Since I can decide how it should be done, this is how we will do it this year. Points will be awarded for all events that are "sponsored" by the Club. Each member who participates will be awarded one point per event. If you travel in your Corvette, you will get a point for the car. At each event, a sign-in sheet will be passed around. Please PRINT your name on the sheet and indicate if you brought your Corvette. If I'm not at the event, one of the Officers OR a delegate will have the sign-in sheet. It will be YOUR responsibility to sign the sheet to get the points. The points will be accumulated through the year and the awards for First Place, Second Place and Third Place will be made at the Awards Banquet held next year. In the event of a tie, the names will be put in a hat and a name will be drawn. Awarding points is a way to encourage participation in our Club. The more you participate, the more fun you'll have throughout the year. I will announce the prizes a little later in the year. I want to make sure they are great!!!!

Also, the Board wanted me to announce that we will hold a "50/50" drawing at each business meeting. This will be a way to keep things interesting at the meetings and at the same time raise money for charity. Half of the money raised will go as the Prize and the other half will go into the fund that is designated for our contributions to our favorite charity. We'll explain more details at the next business meetings.

One last item, I want to say thanks to Nancy and her "gang", especially Karl and Jackie Slavetsky. The trip to Table Rock State Park was terrific!!! The weather was absolutely stellar, the food was great, and we had 25 of the most beautiful cars cruising down the road that you ever saw. THANK YOU !

**'Til next time ---SAVE THE WAVE**

**Wendy**

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## AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

I want to first start off by thanking Nancy for finding the Huntersville Family Fitness and Aquatics Center for our northern meetings. What a great layout and location! However Nancy, you can keep the rain, especially after I had just washed my car to go to the meeting!

Our first event will be the Lowe's Autofair scheduled for **April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**. We're

usually in need of 30 cars for this show. The April meeting will be at Lowe's Motor Speedway on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and the day passes to get into the event will be given out that evening. So be sure to attend if you're planning on showing your car!

Our second event of the year is our weekend trip to **Savannah** scheduled for **April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. The Coastal Corvette Association in Savannah, Ga. is again sponsoring this event. We'll be leaving out on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> from the South Carolina Welcome Center and caravanning down, time yet to be determined. Saturday morning will start off with a road tour of Savannah, with different groups being lead around the city by club members of the Coastal Club. This year will be a little different than last, with a car show in the Savannah Convention Center in lieu of showing the cars at Old Fort Jackson. Those who went last year can attest to the heat and flies at the Fort! This will be a treat to be inside! One stipulation of bringing your car inside the Convention Center, we can only have less than 1/4 tank of gas in our cars. (Fire code issue!) The cost for the weekend is yet to be determined, but last year was \$50.00 per person. The fee includes lunch and dinner, awards for different classes of cars, as well as some other awards. Last year we also received dash plaques and I'm sure that will be repeated, too. There will be a water taxi to take us across the river to the historic district, so we can enjoy the city. For those who want to explore the city further, there will be Dolphin tours and historic downtown tours available. (I don't have the cost of those yet.) Last year we also took a tour of Tybee Island and the lighthouse. I'll have more information in the next few weeks of the cost and times of all events. Below are three hotels that have rooms available for that Friday and Saturday night.

**Radisson Hotel for \$129.00** a night. Phone number is **1-800-333-3333**.

**Best Western Hotel for \$79.00** a night. Phone number is **1-912-233-1011**.

**Courtyard Marriott for \$84.00** a night. Phone number is **1-912-354-7878**. This hotel is not in the downtown location, but a short drive away.

Still in the planning stages are the car shows at City Chevrolet and Parks Chevrolet. Both car dealers have expressed an interest in sponsoring our club this year. I'll make sure that these are scheduled in some cooler months! Last year we raised \$500.00 per event for our charities, plus awards were given to each class of car. I'll have upcoming info as it unfolds!

The second car show at Lowe's Motor speedway is **September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**. Mark that on your calendars too!

Til' next time..... fly low and beat the radar! Save the Wave!

*Robert*



**QCCC Club Meeting 2nd Saturday Each Month  
Social / Event Calendar 2002**

Date	Event	Food	Cost
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
9 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting Matthews Fire Station 6:30	Yes	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Banquet - Lowe's Motor Speedway Speedway Club		\$16
<b>MARCH</b>			
9 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center	Yes	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sebring American Lemans Series Race C5R		
15-17 <sup>th</sup>	Colonial Williamsburg Trip		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Lunch Cruise		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Progressive Dinner		
<b>APRIL</b>			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting Auto Fair Dinner Out		
6-7 <sup>th</sup>	Auto Fair		
20 <sup>th</sup>	Poker Run Corvettes Only Greenville, SC		
25-28 <sup>th</sup>	Dothan, Ala. - Panama City, Fla. Trip		
26-27 <sup>th</sup>	Savannah Gathering Trip		
<b>MAY</b>			
11 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center	Salads	
24-27 <sup>th</sup>	North Carolina Outer Banks		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bowling Green Cruise		
<b>JUNE</b>			
8 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie & Jane Burt's Annual Bar-B-Que/Club meeting		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Lunch Cruise	Lunch	
<b>JULY</b>			
13 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center		
20 <sup>th</sup>	Time, Speed and Distance Rally - Lake Norman		
<b>AUGUST</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting Matthews Fire Station or Katzman's Garage?		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Progressive Dinner	TBA	
23-25 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="http://www.carsatcarlisle.com">Corvettes at Carlisle www.carsatcarlisle.com (717) 243-7855</a>		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
30-2 <sup>nd</sup>	National Corvette Museum 8th Anniversary		
14-15 <sup>th</sup>	Auto Fair		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center	BBQ	TBA
20-22 <sup>nd</sup>	Beaufort, SC Trip		
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
12 <sup>th</sup>	Road Rally Club Meeting @ 5PM Alpine Village, Charlotte	Chili	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Petit LeMans Road Atlanta American LeMans Series C5R		
20 <sup>th</sup>	Winery Tour Fancy Gap, VA		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Talent show, Bon Fire at Tom & Mary Nalley's-Lake Norman		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
9 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center	Chicken	
15-17 <sup>th</sup>	Mountain Trip to Lake Lure	TBA	TBA
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Meeting Gift Exchange Oasis Shriners	Menu	TBA



## QCCC's Pick-An-Event

### Club Monthly Meeting's

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<u>Huntersville</u>	<u>Matthews Area</u>
March 9 <sup>th</sup> - 6:30	Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> - Matthews Firehouse - 6:30
May 11 <sup>th</sup> - 6:30	Apr 5 <sup>th</sup> -- Auto Fair
July 13 <sup>th</sup> -- 6:30	June 8 <sup>th</sup> - Eddie & Jane Burt's -
Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> - 6:30	Aug 10 <sup>th</sup> - ???
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> -- 6:30	Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> - Alpine Village - 5:00

### Day Trips/Events

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- Mar 17<sup>th</sup> - Mystery Caravan for Lunch
- April 20<sup>th</sup> - Poker Run - Greenville, SC
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - Mystery Caravan for Lunch
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - Time, Speed, Distance Rally - Queen's landing - Lake Norman
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Road Rally - South Charlotte
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - Winery Tour - Fancy Gap, Va
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> - Talent Show, Bon Fire - Tom & Mary Nalley - Lake Norman

### Weekend Trips

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- March 15-17<sup>th</sup> - Williamsburg, Va
- April 26-27<sup>th</sup> - Dothan, Alabama & Panama City, Fl
- April 26-27<sup>th</sup> - Savannah, Ga. Gathering
- May 24-27<sup>th</sup> - Outer Banks
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Museum Cruise - Bowling Green, Ky
- Aug 22-25<sup>th</sup> - Carlisle Corvette Show [www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)
- Aug 20-9/2<sup>nd</sup> - NCM 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Bowling Green, KY
- Sept 20-22<sup>nd</sup> - Beaufort, SC - Beach Trip
- Nov 15-17<sup>th</sup> - Mountain Trip - Lake Lure & Chimney Rock

### Banquet

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- Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Speedway Club

### Auto Fair

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- April 5-7<sup>th</sup>
- September 14-15<sup>th</sup>

### Christmas Party 2002

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- Shrine Oasis Club at University Place

### Progressive Dinners

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- March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- August 17<sup>th</sup>

### Races

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- March 16<sup>th</sup> - Sebring 12 Hours C5R is Racing
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Petit LeMans, Road Atlanta C5R is racing

# QCCC SOCIAL

## FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Time: 6:30  
Location: Matthews Fire Station on Trade Street in Matthews, NC  
Food: Fried Chicken

NEW: Starting with the February meeting we will be providing the opportunity for you to become RICH. We are going to offer a 50-50 raffle, 50 going to one of our lucky members and 50 going to charity.

## MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Time: 6:30  
Location: Huntersville Aquatic and Fitness Center  
Food: Subs - \$5.00 a couple

## MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> MYSTERY CARAVAN



Time: 10:00 a.m., Sunday  
Location: Departing from PJ's Restaurant on Old Highway 51 in Matthews.  
. Destination: Unknown to members. Please bring \$10.00 .  
. (which includes tax) for lunch per person and a  
. full tank of gas. We will be traveling  
. approximately two hours. After lunch we will  
. continue on the tour with another surprise  
. stop and photo opportunity.


## MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Please call Nancy Runnion at 841-2283 or email at [nrunnion@carloina.rr.com](mailto:nrunnion@carloina.rr.com) if you wish to participate in the progressive dinner. You will be going to one home with four other couples and then change houses for dessert. This is a great way to get to know club folks in a small environment.


Call if you have any questions and please watch your emails for additional details and instructions.

## Williamsburg, a Step Back In Time


The social committee has put together a great trip to Williamsburg, VA on March 15-17<sup>th</sup>. It is important for us to get an accurate head count so that we can block the rooms required, so please email Bob Denney at [rddenney@alltel.net](mailto:rddenney@alltel.net) or call him if you plan on going.



**Christiana Campbell's.**  
A favorite hangout of our first president.

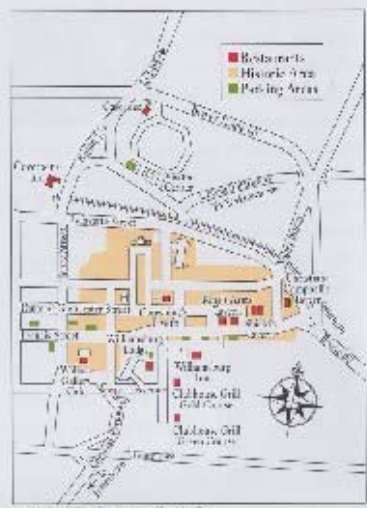


It is true, George Washington regularly stayed on oysters here. But you're welcome to try the spoon bread, sweet potato muffins and lemon chess pie too. Yes, being so close to the coastal and tide waters, the colony of Williamsburg just had to have a good seafood restaurant—and generally later, it still does. Mrs. Campbell's continues to serve the gentlemen and ladies her authentic coastal fare, amidst the music of straddling baldpateers. Consider fish and chile, one of the specialties here, is made according to an old Eastern Carolina low-country recipe. And, we're still serving oysters in this friendly establishment, just as General Washington liked them—juicy and tasty oyster fritters, with a tangy tomato-based sauce. Open for dinner. A special club house menu is available.



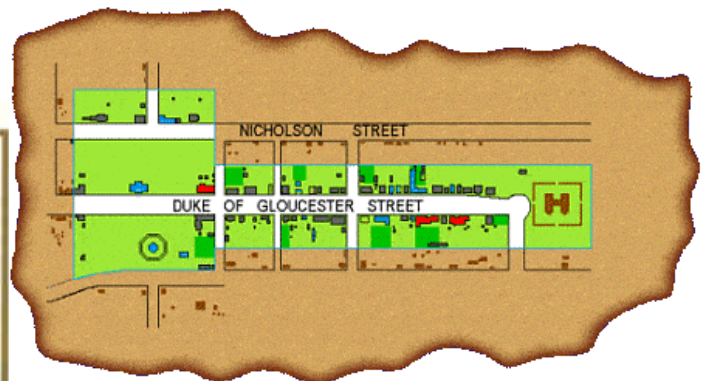
In case you can't follow your nose...

As you can see on the map below, each of the Colonial Williamsburg Taverns is located within the Historic Area. Menus are available at the Visitor Center and at the front desks of our Official Resort Hotels. Reservations for dinner are strongly recommended at Slattery's, the King's Arms and Campbell's Taverns. To make them, simply call (757) 229-2141, or in Colonial Williamsburg, in our dial extension 5000. All the taverns accept most major credit cards. For more information, visit us at our website at [www.colonialwilliamsburg.org](http://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org).



*Colonial Williamsburg Taverns*  
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Here is a street map of the historical town of Williamsburg.





## **QCCC Annual Banquet 2002**

**When:** February 16, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** The Speedway Club at Lowes Motor Speedway in Concord  
**Cost:** \$20 per person payable to QCCC treasurer by Feb 1, 2002  
**Attire:** Semi-Formal; shirt, tie/blazer/suit and what ever that would translate to for women  
**Cocktail/Social:** 6:30 - 7:30  
**Dinner/Awards:** 7:30 - 9:00  
**Dance:** 9:00 - 11:30  
**Dinner:** Carved Prime Rib, Chicken Forestiere, Baked Salmon, Parslied potatoes, Chef's Garden Saute of Vegetables, Rice Pilaf, Potato Salad, Chilled Pasta Salad, Assorted Club Rolls with Butter, Salad Bar  
Chef's Selection of Desserts, Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffinated Coffee, Herbal and Iced Tea  
**Hotel:** Rooms are available at the Wingate Inn located at I-85 Speedway Blvd exit, for a special rate of \$69 a night. The price includes refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, deluxe Continental breakfast, coupon book and shopping bags for the Concord Mills mall. Reservations need to be **made by February 1, 2002.**  
Reservation number is: **(704) 979-1300** code: **vett-corvetteclub.**

Please email Priscilla Pelkey at [Ppelke@carolina.rr.com](mailto:Ppelke@carolina.rr.com) if you plan to attend.

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## New Acquisitions

WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NY - This month the **Mergers and Acquisitions Division** had to work overtime to keep up with all the activity this month:

**Chuck Beard** – In a non-hostile takeover, Chuck flew to Atlantic City to visit Donald Trump and he ended up breaking the bank. He came home with a 2002 Red/Red convertible. Chuck's '62, also Red/Red, has a new garage mate (Chuck calls it a big brother for the '62).

**John & Linda Meadows** – In an IPO they acquired a 2002 Electron Blue convertible. It's the first one the staff has seen in that color and it is gorgeous. Congratulations John & Linda. Their red C5 convertible is for sale, call them.

**David Mashburn** – Acquired a 2002 Z06, silver. Very pretty car.

**Benny & Rene' Frazier** – Changed the holdings in their portfolio. They sold their '66 convertible and Rene' got a Z28. I know, it's not a 'Vette, but we told her we'd mention it.

**Ben Horack & Barbara Quick** – Announced an **urge to merge**. They gave us the news of their engagement on the trip to Table Rock. Details of the final merger (marriage) plans will be announced later. **Congratulations, Ben & Barbara!!!**

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Clipped from Reader's Digest, I'm sure you've all seen these people as you drive along:

## Drivers' Ed

A handy guide to identifying a driver's geographic origins:

- One hand on wheel, one hand on horn: Chicago
- One hand on wheel, one finger out window: New York
- One hand on wheel, one finger out window, cutting across all lanes of traffic: New Jersey
- One hand on wheel, one hand on newspaper, foot solidly on the accelerator: Boston
- One hand on wheel, one hand on non-fat double decaf cappuccino, cradling cell phone, brick on accelerator: Los Angeles
- Both hands on wheel, eyes squeezed shut, both feet on brake, quivering in terror: Ohio, but driving in California
- One hand on latte, one knee on wheel, cradling cell phone, foot on brake, mind on game: Seattle
- Both hands clutching wheel, blue hair barely visible above window level, going 35 on the interstate in left lane with left blinker on: Florida

## Here's What Christmas Is All About

(Photo's courtesy of Bob Denney)

The Club distributes gifts to DSS families during Christmas, and here are some pictures showing some of our members doing that.



Here's a look of total surprise from the Mother.



Here are our Santa Clauses. Thanks guys, for representing us once again to the world.



Here are John Meadows, the Escobar Family, Pat Fischer, and Sandy Carriker delivering new bikes.



It's great to see that we can make a difference.

These photos show the true spirit and purpose of the Christmas season, sharing with those less fortunate.

# January Club Meeting

## Huntersville Aquatic and Fitness Center

We had our club meeting in Huntersville this month. Kudos to the social committee for finding such a great place. Here are some pictures from the meeting.







## The Homeless Shelter

No, these aren't really homeless people, this is the group that went to **Table Rock State Park** near Greenville, SC, for a fabulous lunch on Sunday Jan. 27th. The weather was fantastic, it was 68 degrees and many of us put our tops (the car tops) down for the trip home.

We had 25 cars (and their passengers) make the trip.



Mooreville, NC 28115-3197

## Table Rock Outing



Well, you folks that missed the Table Rock Lunch missed an excellent Corvette get together. The sun was shining.... the sky was blue... the temp was good for January.... top down on the way home.... and best of all, even though we had our Editor/Publisher along, we had no problems with the constabulary.... Course I took my "Get out of Jail" card along... and held it up each time our Editor/Publisher called his friends into the picture.



Result.... we kept them parked.

The trip started out from Krystal's Sunday morning bright and early. Even before Coffee.... now that is tough. 2 ZO6's, 22 other gleaming colorful Corvettes and 1 Corvette wannabe.... Yep, it was one of our newer engaged folks ..... Yea, I heard the story about his Corvette not being up to snuff.... but let's face it... how many of you have ever heard of a Corvette not being just super.... but anyway the blushing bride (to be) allowed the groom to drive.... You know I think he was just trying to butter her up. Our New Car Guy, Wade Stickels, pulled out of Krystal's just a little grumpy... see he just didn't like having all ... well, maybe not all... them old cars using his highway. So he compensated for that by staying out front of the pack. Yep, old Wade led a pretty good caravan. He even got our president to put his 02 Electron Blue at the back of the back... something about Ordinary Blue.... I don't know what he meant about that.... Now you folks that haven't seen the prez's new wheels really need to take a hard look at that package.... good lookin'... Wade was in good humor... he made Wendy and Walt get into the middle... something about those Ordinary Green's seem to put him off.... The Krupowicz's and the Bayne's cars seem to clash, so the New Car Guy places them where they won't conflict with his wheels. Unfortunately the Baynes weren't with us this trip... so only 1 ordinary Green Car.

Anyway after a smooth trip .... even arriving early... we opened the place up.... Bunches of Food.... by the way Nancy.... the Chef said they would provide you with a special meatloaf platter the next time so you don't have to stash a piece away. By the way, speaking about stashing away.... you should have seen that Stoney pack it away... now for a little guy he has to have both legs hollow.

Well, after seconds of desert... it was time to start home. The retired couple wanted some "boiled" peanuts so the watch was on to locate a big bag. Finally found one that had extra bags to put the hot nuts in.... Continuing on down the road we parted slowly at various outlets along the way climaxing with one car driving into the garage at 112 Canopy Ct. reflecting on a wonderful spring-like day of good fun and fantastic caravan partners.

# FAUX TECH TIP

By  
Elwood Wristpin



Want a great shine on that 'Vette? There is a new product that is light years better than Zaino®, Turtle Wax®, or Ibiz®! It's **Duke's® Mayonnaise**, Yes Siree! You heard it here, **Duke's Mayonnaise**, the nectar of the gods! Get a gallon jar from the grocery store, spread a 1/2 inch layer on your car, let it set over 2 days, then wipe it off with Hormel® Virgin Spam®, embedded in a slice of light bread as a cushion (very important--do not remove the gelatin substance from the Spam, it lowers the drag

coefficient and adds lubricity). It might take 2 cans of the Spam, it depends on how much pressure you use when you wipe it off, or if you want a sandwich while you work. Boy, does it ever shine. The only draw back, other than the smell, is the pack of dogs that follows.

Remember, when it has to shine, **DUKE** it!

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## If It Were a Mustang, We Could Understand!



This photo was sent to the large, but garish, QCCC newsletter offices high above downtown Troutman. The postmark was Matthews, NC, and was on SPCC (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Corvettes) letterhead. The note inside asked us to publish this in hopes of finding the culprit who would do this to a perfectly innocent Corvette. We're not going to tell anyone who's car this is, but Bob Runnion, step forward and fess up, the truth will set you free.



## EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY INVENTORY

January 17, 2002

As indicated in the club's Constitution and Bylaws, an inventory was conducted on January 17, 2002 of all club equipment and property. The following inventory listing will be presented to the incoming Vice President as the starting point for accounting during calendar 2002. This report will also be presented to the Club Membership through publication in the February newsletter.

Item #	Qty	Description / (Disposition)
1.	1	Corporate Seal (held by the club's Treasurer)
2.	1	PA system (held by the club's President)
3.	4	Portable family radio (held by the Director of Membership)
4.	171	Pylons/Autocross cones (on loan – SC Club)
5.	1	Timer with timing equipment (on loan – SC Club)
6.	1	Spool of timing equipment wire (on loan – SC Club)
7.	9	Orange safety vests (on loan – SC Club)
8.	23	Red flags (on loan – SC Club)
9.	11	Yellow flags (on loan – SC Club)
10.	2	Fire extinguishers (on loan – SC Club)
11.	1	Fire extinguisher (held by the Director of Membership)
12.	1	Folding table (destroyed and disposed of)
12.	1	Go-cart stand (held by president)
13.	1	Easel stand (held by the Director of Membership)
14.	1	Event results board (held by the Director of Membership)
15.	1	Blackboard (held by the director of Membership)
16.	1	Red tub-club records (held by the Director of Membership)
17.	2	Battery/light stands (on loan – SC Club)
18.	2	Wooden push brooms (on loan – SC Club)
19.	1	Canopy Tent (held by president)
20.	1	Fire extinguisher as noted above
21.	1	Green Tub with club historical records
22.	1	Lot of a small supply of paper goods

prepared by Fred Fischer & Eddie Burt for Tony Prior, Outgoing Vice President

Loaned items are held by: Mike Bohannon  
 105 Middlewood Lane  
 Anderson, SC 29621  
 864-231-6311  
 864-236-3644 - Office

Smokin'

# The Best of All Worlds, A Wolf(Z06) in Sheep's Clothing

Yeah, You Really Can Get a Convertible



A fellow Grand Sport owner in Florida just purchased this Z06 convertible.

As you all have probably seen, Caravaggio builds a convertible, but there are others out there doing the same conversions, and they are a lot less expensive. This one was done by a Corvette shop in Florida.

The new owner chose to sell his Grand Sport that he has owned for a few years, and modified pretty extensively, and bought this car. All of us Grand Sport owners know the agony he went through to change cars. We don't feel too bad for him, though, because he and his wife still have a Grand Sport convertible, so he still has a stripe in his life.



He tells us he loves his new ride and thinks there's little difference in the handling of a Z06 convertible and the Z06 hardtop. It's hard to argue with that since the C5 platform was originally designed as a convertible with the stiff, hydroformed frame rails.

Knowing his passion for anything Grand Sport, my guess is that his car will have the Grand Sport treatment within the next few months...just like the one pictured below.

This is about as good as it gets.



## News from the NCRS community



The National Corvette Restorers Society currently recognizes Corvette model year 1953 through 1982. It appears that action is being initiated to develop a judging manual for the 1984/1986 and 1987/1988 Corvettes. Mr. Vito Cimilluca (NCRS) has developed two surveys for capturing data for development of the judging manuals. If you have one of these models and would like to participate in the initial survey, you can request a survey from Vito via E-mail: [vitovett@aol.com](mailto:vitovett@aol.com). When requesting a survey, please

indicate which year Corvette you own. A form with instructions will be sent to you.

On a local note, the Carolina Chapter/ NCRS will be hosting their first **GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS REGIONAL MEET** at the Holiday Inn in Asheville, NC on April 25-27. Corvette judging will be conducted all day on Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27. If you happen to be in the area, please stop in. Please contact me if you have any questions. The Carolina Chapter/ NCRS will also be hosting their annual **FALL IN THE MOUNTAINS** chapter judging meet at the Holiday Inn in Banner Elk, NC this September 20-22.

Walt Krupowicz  
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Carolina Chapter/ NCRS  
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On a personal note, the Corvette plant in Bowling Green has reinstated **plant tours** on a case by case basis. If you haven't been to the plant before, it is a great experience as a Corvette owner. It would be great if a small group of QCCC members could target a long weekend for a road trip out to the plant. We could leave Charlotte on a Thursday, **tour the plant** and museum on Friday and return via Pigeon Forge, Tenn. on Saturday/ Sunday. Please e-mail me [oneowner@carolina.rr.com](mailto:oneowner@carolina.rr.com) and maybe we can get a road trip going.



**"Carlisle"**---Corvettes @ Carlisle will be on August 23-25. This would be a great road trip. Wendy and I went last year via the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive. While it was an all day ride, it was a lot of fun in the Corvette. There is a Hampton Inn in Chambersburg, Penn. that is real nice and has excellent Corvette parking. It is 30 minutes south of Carlisle. Wendy made reservations the other day-they still have a few rooms left. [www.carsatcarlisle.com](http://www.carsatcarlisle.com)

Walt Krupowicz  
QCCC member

# TECH TIP

## Sell The Towels, There's a Better Way!

While on our mountain trip in November, I saw something that intrigued me. John Meadows and I were cleaning up our cars and after John washed his he took out this clear "squeegee" and



started wiping his car. While I was toiling with 5 towels and wringing them out, John quickly and efficiently removed the water from his car and was finished before me. Well, not to be left behind the cutting edge of technology, I immediately bought one and use it now when I wash the cars. It won't totally eliminate the need for a towel, but it certainly decreases how many you will need. Following is a write up I found describing the "**California Water Blade**":

"The Original **California Water Blade**™ will revolutionize the way your car is dried after washing. It removes water from any vehicle in about a third the time it takes to dry it with towels, chamois or sponges. And there are no messy cleanups after the job is

complete -- or constant wringing out of towels or chamois. Towels and chamois often leave lint and other deposits on the surface when drying it. The Original California Water Blade™ easily whisks away water and its soft medical grade silicone and patent-pending T-Bar tip will not scratch the surface or leave deposit.

"The Original **California Water Blade**™ is NOT some ordinary squeegee with a fancy handle. Utilizing a unique molding process, the oversized blade is manufactured from one of the softest materials on the planet. It molds itself to almost any contour, and the exclusive T-Bar edge collects the water and sweeps it off in just one pass. The blade is so soft and pliable that it "glides" over any surface and has 15-times less friction than a terry cloth towel! You never have to worry about The Original **California Water Blade**™ scratching even the most delicate paint. In fact, street rod and custom car enthusiasts (known for their concern over the finish of their cars) have eagerly embraced it, and thousands are now in use with this elite group."



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Sandy sends her thanks:

**The Club's kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged in the recent passing of my stepfather.**

Sandy Welsh



## QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB 2003

### Royal Caribbean Cruises

*Radiance of the Seas*

7-Day Southern Caribbean  
February 8, 2003



Date	Destination	Arrive	Depart
Saturday, February 8	Depart San Juan		10:00 pm
Sunday, February 9	St. Thomas, USVI	8:00 am	6:00 pm
Monday, February 10	St. John's, Antigua	8:00 am	5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 11	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8:00 am	6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 12	Castries, St Lucia	10:00 am	6:00 pm
Thursday, February 13	Bridgetown, Barbados	8:00 am	6:00 pm
Friday, February 14	At Sea (Happy Valentine's Day)		
Saturday, February 15	Arrive San Juan	8:30 am	

### Cruise Prices

Category/Deck	Description	Cost	3rd/4th
<b>E3 Deck 7</b>	Outside with two lower beds which make up into a queen. Superior Sofa Bed, vanity area, mini bar, TV, radio and phone. Picture Window and Private Balcony	<b>\$1149</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**All rates are per person based on double occupancy and include:  
Cruise fare, port charges and government fees (\$139.00)**

#### Airfare/Transfers:

Roundtrip Airfare from Charlotte can be added for an additional **\$599.00** per person plus **\$52.35** in air taxes and fees for a **total of \$651.35 per person**. Roundtrip transfers from the airport to the ship are included with the cruise line airfare rate.

#### Insurance:

Insurance is available from Royal Caribbean CruiseCare or AAA Carolina's Travel Protection Plan. Royal Caribbean CruiseCare Insurance will cost \$99.00 per person. AAA Carolina's Travel Protection Plan pricing will vary according to per person cost of the trip and is attached. Insurance is non refundable.

All pricing is subject to any additional increase/decrease or newly instituted port charges, government taxes, airport fees/tax or other fees.

An initial deposit of \$50.00 per person NOW will make your reservation. The next deposit of \$400.00 will be due September 1, 2002 and the balance will be due December 1, 2002. Make check out to "AAA" and get it to me by or at the February meeting. Can't wait to see you all there. We are going to have a LOT of FUN!!!!!!



# Billy Bob's Bargain Barn

**May I have your attention, please! We have an announcement...**

We are setting up a new section of the newsletter for members to advertise automotive items for sale or items you want to buy. This will include cars or any of those items you have lying around your garage that you no longer use. If your garage is anything like ours, there's probably a gold mine there.

Submit your items to us at: [c4c5@adelphia.net](mailto:c4c5@adelphia.net) and we'll place the ad in this section of the newsletter. Please have the ad in by the 23th of the month so our staff has time to format it.

There aren't a lot of rules for these ads, but please keep the items to automotive related. Commercial advertising will not be allowed in this section.

Our first item listed is:

**Waxes and polishes.** New 32 oz bottle of Ibiz wax, 32 oz bottle of Ibiz waterless car cleaner, 8 oz bottle of Ibiz car wash solution and an 8 oz bottle of Ibiz vinyl cleaner/protectant. None of this stuff has ever been used and it shines great. Paid over \$30 for all this stuff, sale for \$10. I was drinking beer when I bought it. Call or e-mail [Jody Austin](mailto:Jody.Austin) .

**1998 Corvette Convertible** –Red with Oak Top, Oak Interior, Automatic transmission, Chrome Wheels. Call or e-mail [John Meadows](mailto:John.Meadows) .