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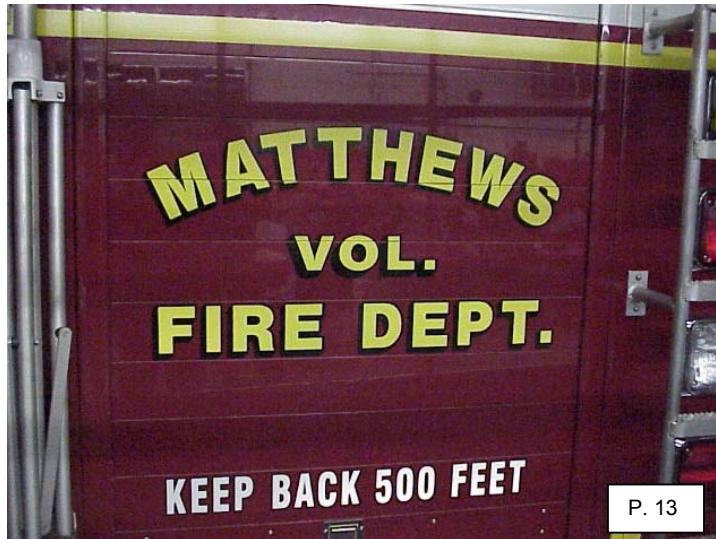


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“The Club’s Monthly Croaker”
Our Pledge:
To take the simple, and complicate it,
To take the incomprehensible, and merely confuse it,
To take the sublime, and denigrate it,
To make 10% of our news factual, we’re just not sure which
10% it is.
But...you’ll always get your money’s worth!

Thanks to the Matthews Volunteer Fire Department for allowing us to use their fire station for our meeting. It appears we now have two great places to meet, one in Huntersville and this one in Matthews.

We had our annual banquet at Lowe’s Motor Speedway Club. What a great venue. Awards were handed out, everyone had a great time dancing, visiting, and watching the balloon contest. It was a memorable evening!



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Hmm...we're afraid to ask!

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We elected many award winners, but everyone in this club is a winner in our book, y’all are the ones who make the club great!



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To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.



February 26, 2001

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

I have to start by saying what a great awards' banquet we had at the Speedway Club. Paul and Priscilla Pelkey did an excellent job setting up and coordinating this event. We had 106 members attend year. It truly was the best EVER! I'm sure that everyone who attended would agree.

I would like first to congratulate Jody Austin for being chosen Member of the Year and Paul Pelkey for his President's choice award. Both of these guys have contributed greatly to QCCC. We must say congratulations to this years KING and QUEEN, Robert Morgan and Vanessa Krimminger, (and Robert said he couldn't dance- you should have seen him out on the floor-well Fred Astair won't have to worry). Robert and Vanessa also took home the Rookies of the year awards. Congratulations, also, go to Robert Morgan, Eddie and Jane Burt for their participation awards.

We found that we have some members with talents that we didn't realize. I have never seen anyone who could pass balloons around better than Linda Artis and Mark Ledford. With all these awards, wonderful food, great music, and dancing, the night could not have been better.

We would like to welcome Chuck and Vicky Decaro, Ed and Debbie Hord, and Phil and Diane Smith 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.

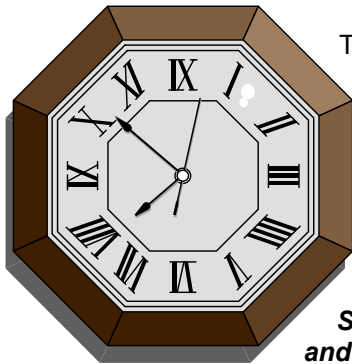
This month's meeting will be held back up on the north side of town at the Huntersville Aquatic Center. This is a great meeting place and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The board and it's committees continue to put 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 keep up to date on the web site at www.queencitycorvette.com.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be the name "John". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

QCCC Meeting Minutes, Saturday, February 9, 2002



The February business meeting of QCCC was held at the Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, Matthews, NC. Officers in attendance: John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Gary Artis, Nancy Runnion, Robert Morgan, and Jane Burt. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: **Phil and Diane Smith** – 2002 Red (5 weeks old), **Jay Jordan** – 1993 ZR-1, **Robert Gallman and Debbie Springs** – Z06, **Jerry and Gloria Scienski** – 2002 Electron Blue, **Ed and Debbie Hord** – 1989 Silver Convertible, **Chuck and Vicky Decaro** – Red C-5, and **Stephanie Mauney** – 2001 Yellow Convertible.

NEW MEMBERS voted in: Phil and Diane Smith, Ed and Debbie Hord, Chuck and Vicky Decaro.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Linda Meadows, Chairman of the ByLaws Change Committee

Thanked the Committee members for their efforts.

The proposed changes were read and discussed, Article by Article. Motions were made, seconded, and approved for all changes to the ByLaws. Highlights include: prospective members must attend 3 meetings and 2 activities within 6 months to be eligible for membership, the specific dues and initiation amounts were deleted, an annual proposed budget must be provided to the membership at least 7 days prior to the February meeting, and allow the renting of a meeting place.

Robert Morgan, Automotive Events Director reported:

- April 6 & 7 - Auto Fair. It appears that we will be inside the Speedway – need 30 cars.
- April 26 & 27 - 5th Annual Savannah Gathering. See Robert for registration forms.
- May 4 – Parks Chevrolet Car Show – need 30 cars. \$500 will be collected for Charity.
- May 31, June 1 – Myrtle Beach Car Show
- September 7 (tentative) – City Chevrolet Car Show
- September 14 & 15 – Auto Fair

Wendy Krupowicz, Vice President reported:

- Everyone must sign the Sign-In Sheet to get points.

Gary Artis, Treasurer reported:

- \$221 cash collected at the last meeting is not recorded on this month's Treasury Report. It will be included in the next one, along with Banquet and 50/50 receipts.

Jane Burt, Secretary – for *Eddie Burt*, Membership Director reported:

- See me for license plates and window stickers.

Jody Austin, Newsletter Editor reported:

- There is a new "FOR SALE" section in the Newsletter – items should be car-related.
- Let him know of any new acquisitions.

Nancy Runnion, Social Events Director:

- Kyle drew **RON BARR's** number for the 50/50 drawing - \$117.50 for Ron and \$117.50 for the QCCC Charity Account
- Next weekend is the Banquet. 40 couples so far. Give Gary \$20 per person tonight.
- March 9 - meeting will be at the Huntersville Community Center. Subs will be available for \$5 or \$6 per couple.
- March 17 – Mystery Caravan. Meet at PJ's in Matthews & bring \$10 for lunch.
- March 23 – Progressive dinners. See Nancy to sign up.
- July 20 – Time, Speed, Distance Run – see Jody Austin.
- September Beach Trip to Hilton Head.
- October – Talent Show at Tom and Mary Nalley's - see Jody Austin to participate.
- November Mountain Trip to Lake Lure. Jon Elliott is arranging.
- Thank you **John Carriker** for arranging the use of the Fire House tonight – in appreciation, we are donating \$100 to the Matthews Volunteer Fire Department.

John Meadows, President reported:

- There is a trip to Dothan AL and Panama City FL April 26. See Eddie Burt for details

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2002

The February officers' meeting was held at the home of John and Linda Meadows. Officers present were John Meadows, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, Robert Morgan, Nancy Runnion, Wendy Krupowicz, and Gary Artis. Guest was Jon Elliott. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Everyone agreed that the Banquet was a success!

Gary presented the Banquet Costs and Proposed 2002 QCCC Budget. The Board approved the proposed budget to be e-mailed to the membership for review and approval at the next meeting.

Jon proposed that the next Officer's meeting be held at the Renaissance Hotel for consideration for next year's banquet.

Robert has 10 cars so far for the St. Patrick's Day Parade March 16 and needs 8 more for Miss Mecklenburgs. There will be 7 trophies awarded at the April 6 Auto Fair.

Nancy has 20+ cars so far for the Mystery Road Trip March 17, and 5 Host Houses for the Progressive Dinners, March 23. The Club will reimburse the hosts for hamburgers and hot dogs.

Eddie will arrange for new member bios in the newsletters, and needs help tracking the Prospective Members attendance. Wendy will add a "Prospective Member" section to her Attendance Sheets. Board Members will e-mail Eddie their ideas of "Mentor responsibilities".

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary



WENDY'S WORLD

Hi Everybody!!!!

I just wanted to take a minute to tell you all that I have revised the point's sheet – yet, again. I think I have a better system this time. Anyway, I now have everyone listed and a space next to each name for your signature. That way, you can sign and I have a clue who the signature belongs to. Next to that, there is a spot to check off about the point for bringing your Corvette. Also, I will try to attach the sheets to a clipboard with a pen for easier writing. There will be copies at each event for you to sign and earn your points.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all that helped make this year's Awards' Banquet such a success! The Speedway Club was a wonderful place to host this year's event. The food was delicious, the service was excellent, and BEST of all, and the company was terrific! Walt and I had a great time. I did not know we had so many great dancers in our group.

I am excited about the all the events that Nancy and her group have planned for us. I hope to see everybody at as many events as you can attend. The Social Committee has arranged a little something for everybody and it's always more fun as the member participation increases. Now all we need is for the weather to cooperate.

That's about all for now. See you at our next business meeting in Huntersville.

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

Wendy



AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

Wow, what a party we had at the Speedway Club, and what a great time had by all! Thanks go out to everyone that made the evening a great success. Oh, except for getting totally embarrassed by trying to dance I had a great time, too! You might say I'm rhythmically challenged! Now onward towards the upcoming events, and the calendar is getting full already!

March 16th is our **St. Patrick's Day Parade** in downtown Charlotte. We've been asked to supply two groups of cars for this parade. One group will carry the Mayor, dignitaries and guest of honor, and the second group will carry the Miss Mecklenburg Queens. I'll need a total of 16 to 18 cars. So far I have commitments from 10 people. We'll need to line up in front of the Charlotte Observer Building downtown at 11:00 AM, and the parade starts at 12:00. Duration should last only an hour to an hour and a half once started, so if you've never done a parade this one is a lot of fun! The Miss Mecklenburg Queens are always thrilled to ride in a Corvette!

April 6th and 7th is scheduled for the **Food Lion Autofair**. We've been allotted 30 spaces at the show for both days, and we'll be inside the track as previous years. The show runs on Saturday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and on Sunday 8:00 AM to 4 PM. To avoid major traffic jams please enter the Speedway before 7:30 AM both days. Each vehicle requires a pass to enter the speedway, and those passes and maps will be given out at our April meeting. The club will receive 7 total trophies for our showing. We'll have "Best C1", "Best C2", "Best C3", "Best C4", "Best C5", "Best Survivor", and "Best of Show". Sounds pretty good if we can keep John Bayne and Dave Sanders from opening their hoods! Don't forget this is a free event for the participants, so if you want to show your car and also go to the show, this is a good way to do it! So far I only have 2 people signed up, but I know it's still early!

April 26th and 27th is the **5th Annual Savannah Gathering**, sponsored by the Coastal Corvette Association in Savannah Georgia. We'll be meeting at the South Carolina Welcome Center on the morning of April 25th, and caravanning down. Friday night will be a welcoming party at the new Radisson Hotel on Bay Street. Saturday we'll start the morning with a cruise around historic Savannah, then meet for lunch at the Savannah Convention and Trade Center. The cars will be on display in the Convention Center out of the weather. Due to fire regulations, we can only have a quarter tank of gas in our cars to enter the Convention Center. An awards ceremony and dinner will be held that night with a Low Country Boil and for those that don't do fish, fried chicken! A free water taxi will be available during the day to take you across the river to the historic district, or maybe enjoy an optional carriage tour of downtown for a dolphin sightseeing tour. Trophies will be awarded in each class, C1 through C5, and a few surprises!

Early registration is \$50.00. **Late registration is \$60.00 after March 26, 2002!** The carriage tour of downtown is an additional \$15.00, and the dolphin tour is an additional \$16.00 per person. I'll have the registration forms at the next meeting, or visit the Coastal Corvette website at www.corvetteforum.net/c5/jtcole and print the form out yourself.

The Hotel rooms are going fast for this event!! Call the following to make your reservations:

Radisson Hotel for \$129.00 a night. Phone number is **1-800-333-3333**. Be sure and tell them you're with the Coastal Corvette Club.

Historic Savannah Hotel (previously was the Best Western Bay Street) for \$79.00 a night. Phone number is **1-912-233-1011**.

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

I'll have more upcoming events at the next meeting. Oh, by the way.....It's good to be the King.....

Save the Wave!

Robert

SOCIAL CALENDER

MARCH EVENTS

March 9

Our March meeting will be held at the Huntersville Aquatic and Fitness Center again. **Attached is a map**. The meeting is at 6:30 and we will be having Sub sandwiches for dinner at a cost of approx. \$6.00 per couple. Please email me if you plan on attending so that we can have an accurate count for the food.

March 17 – Mystery Caravan

Meet at PJ's Restaurant in Matthews, NC at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Please have a full tank of gas and \$10.00 each for lunch. PJ's is located on old highway 51, directly behind Presbyterian Hospital in Matthews. **Attached is a map**. After eating lunch at our destination we will then travel a short distance to a free venue and exhibit. This should be a lot of fun so please join us. Send me an email at nrunnion@carolina.rr.com if you have not previously signed up.

March 23 – Progressive Dinner

Dinner will be served at a club member's home. After dinner we will be meeting as a group in Matthews at the fire station for dessert. Please let me know if you should like to sign up.

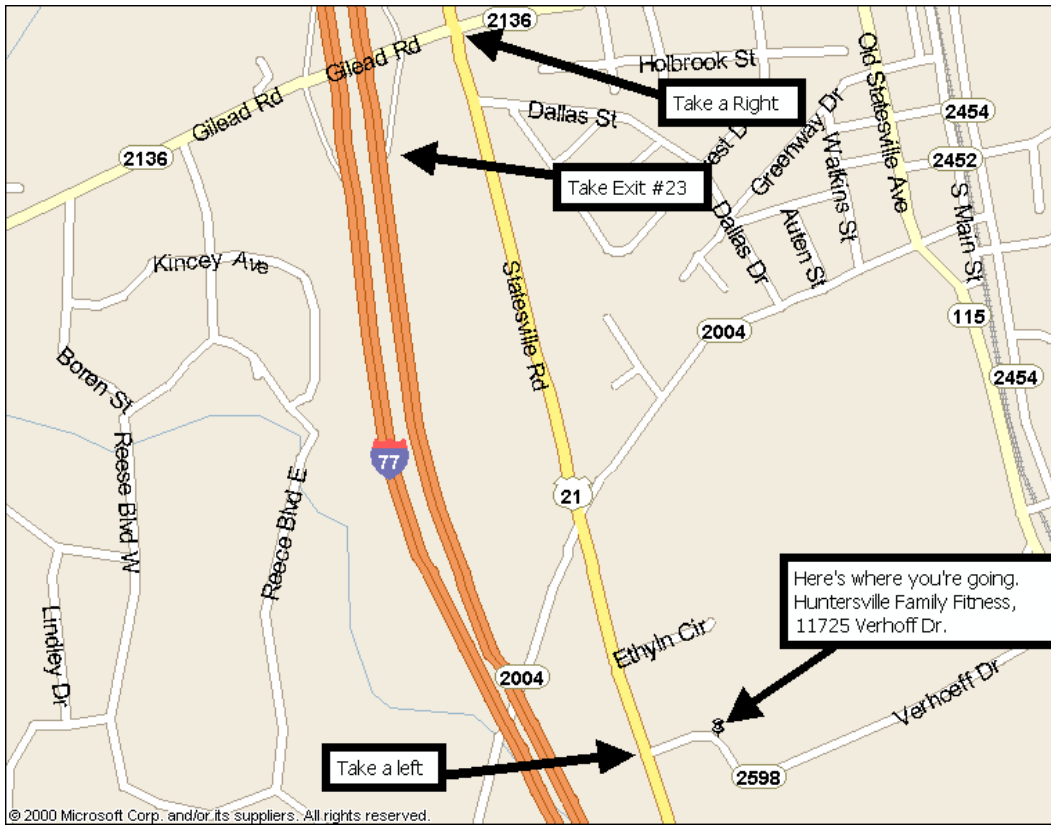
APRIL EVENTS

April 5-7 Auto Fair. The meeting for April will be held on Friday, April 5 at the Speedway. More details at the March meeting.

Trip to Panama City.

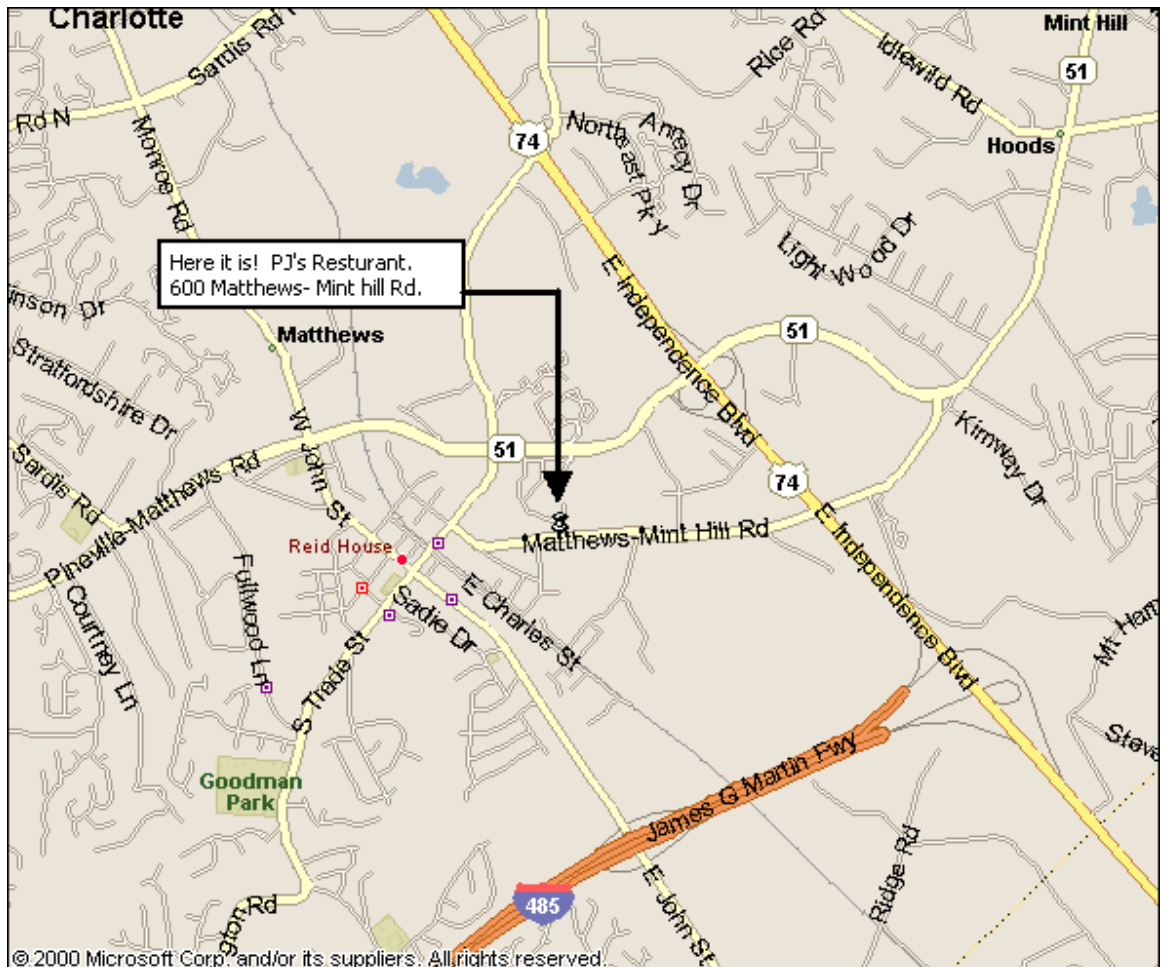
Trip to Savannah.

Nancy Runnion, Social Director



**Map to
Huntersville
Family Fitness
And Aquatic
Center**

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**Map to PJ's
Restaurant
in Matthews**

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

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

QCCC's Pick-An-Event

Club Monthly Meeting's

Huntersville

March 9th - 6:30
May 11th - 6:30
July 13th - 6:30
Sept 14th - 6:30
Nov 9th - 6:30

Matthews Area

Feb 9th - Matthews Firehouse - 6:30
Apr 5th -- Auto Fair
June 8th - Eddie & Jane Burt's -
Aug 10th - Katzman's Garage - 6:30
Oct 12th - Alpine Village - 5:00

Day Trips/Events

Mar 17th - Mystery Caravan for Lunch
April 27th - Poker Run - Greenville, SC
June 15th - Mystery Caravan for Lunch
July 20th - Time, Speed, Distance Rally - Queen's Landing - Lake Norman
Oct 12th - Road Rally - South Charlotte
Oct 20th - Winery Tour - Fancy Gap, Va
Oct 26th - Talent Show, Bon Fire - Tom & Mary Nalley - Lake Norman

Weekend Trips

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

Banquet

Feb 16th - Speedway Club

Auto Fair

April 5-7th
September 14-15th

Christmas Party 2002

Shrine Oasis Club at University Place

Progressive Dinners

March 23rd
August 17th

Races

March 16th - Sebring 12 Hours C5R is Racing
Oct 12th - Petit Lemans, Road Atlanta C5R is racing



New Acquisitions

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

Randy “El Rando” Sherman – After testifying before a Congressional Committee on illegal accounting practices, El Rando purchased an Electron Blue 2002 coupe. He had to hide the profits after selling his Enron stock. More details will come out in the congressional hearings.

Does this car look familiar? Walt Krupowicz sent our ace reporters this picture he obtained from his connections at the Corvette plant. Hmm...we think we've seen this car recently, is it the John & Linda Meadows' car?



Moments to Remember From The February Meeting

We had to send the Club Lear Jet to Salt Lake City to fetch our newsletter staff so they could cover the Club meeting. Nothing is too good for our membership!



Above is Ron Barr after winning the 50/50 drawing



Here's the membership, again, waiting in the government free cheese line!

To the right is Ben Horack smiling like the Cheshire Cat, and still counting his blessings because Barbara said "Yes"



Acme Awards

Congratulations QCCC
2001 Award Winners



Paul Pelkey won the President's award. Above is Paul & Priscilla. (She is our outgoing Social Director). Thanks guys, for all your work.



Robert Morgan & Vanessa Krimminger (above) were the King and Queen of the Banquet this year. They swept most awards. In addition to King & Queen, they were the Rookies of the Year and Robert won the Participation Award. Their enthusiasm is contagious.



At left are the outgoing President, Fred Fischer (left), and the incoming President, John Meadows (right). We've been lucky to have outstanding leaders like these two running things.



Above is Harrison Ford receiving an award for his latest movie. Doggone, is just me, or do you think he looks a lot like Jody Austin?

Below are Eddie & Jane Burt, who perennially win one of the club's participation awards!



Below is Fred Fischer receiving his award. Fred unselfishly served 2 years as President. The 2nd year he stepped in when things were somewhat... **confused**. Thanks, Fred, for navigating us through turbulent waters.



.....More Banquet Pictures





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To the Editor:

Another Prom has come and gone, with it some memories of wonderful friends and the prospect of many new ones. Accolades given to Paul and Priscilla Pelkey last night were right on! I believe that the praises didn't include all the folks that have made this party one of the most memorable in years. The outgoing board certainly deserves accolades for selecting the Speedway Club for the party. The food was excellent, the surroundings were Corvette and there were no COPS. Oops! Sorry about that **Editor/Publisher**... it is just that with each event you attend you usually bring the constabulary from some place... maybe the fact that we were at the fabled place of speed overshadowed their appearance.

Well there I go again.... Starting at the end and working backwards. Of the nearly 100 people in attendance last evening, I am sure I echo all their feelings that the outgoing board and the incoming board have outdone themselves with this party. Those of you who unfortunately could not make the party missed one wonderful shindig. I mean just watching those balloons being passed around Knees to knees... and you should have seen those balloons. I haven't seen balloons that long for a long time and the head on those suckers Well, let me say they were something. I was surprised that some of those balloons didn't burst due to the heat of the friction being built with all that passing.

Fred, as usual your slide show was spectacular. It brought back many memories of the many places this Club has traveled and the many super parties we have had. I forgot how many folks were suspected of murder, and how creative our folks are when the event calls for "dressing up". Memories of the many places of beauty such as the Blue Ridge Caravans, and the spectacular Caravans to Shatley Springs those many years we joined other Clubs in that fall odyssey. Seeing those long lines of beautiful Corvettes winding through the hills of northern North Carolina brought home the reasons Sandy and I joined this Club. To enjoy the car and the fellowship of the people who enjoy their car also.

One toast should have been given last night... **To many more !!!**



We're Looking For A Few Good Drivers/Riders!

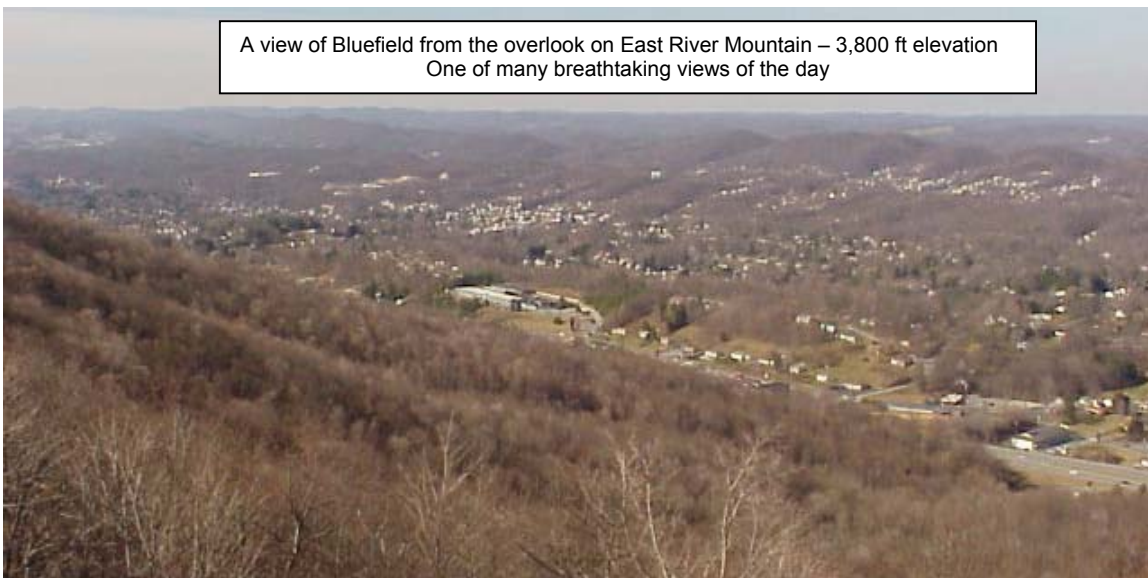
Paging All Drivers! Report To Your Cars!

By Billy Bob Bigblock

On a cold, sunny Saturday in February, when I had absolutely nothing else to do, I loaded up some Merle Haggard and Loretta Lynn CD's, packed a couple of Spam sandwiches and off I went searching for the ultimate Corvette drive. Guess what? ***I found it!!!***

I found a route that has it all, great roads, very little traffic, **breath-taking views** and it can be done in a day. It spans 4 mountains and I saw only 5 cars on the mountain roads. This trip is equivalent to any E-Ticket ride at Disney World.

If you start in Marion, VA, and drive north on Highway #16 to Tazewell, you will see what I mean. From Tazewell, I traveled to Bluefield on Highway 19/460 and came over East River Mountain on the Old road (Highway #598) and went into Wytheville on Highway #52. What a trip! I had to wipe the earwax from the corners of my mouth because I had an ear-to-ear smile all day long. You owe it to yourself to drive this one. It doesn't get any better than this!



The mileage for this scenic, exciting loop from the beginning at Marion (on I-81), to Tazewell, to Bluefield, to the end at Wytheville (on I-81), is 97 miles, and your time will vary. The 20 miles between Tazewell and Bluefield, a main artery joining the two towns, is the only section that had any traffic, the rest was clear sailing.

If you are interested in a trip, let me know, I'm ready to go back. The round trip from my house in Troutman was 320 miles and it took 7 hours. I stopped frequently to take pictures, eat my sandwiches, and since radar detectors are illegal (so is speeding) in Virginia, my speed was modest.

A Big **Howdy** To Our New Members

We want to extend a great big welcome to our eight newest members.

Mike and Sylvia Kelly. They were both born in Charlotte and have lived here for their entire lives. In fact, they live just down the street from where Sylvia was born.

Mike has his own business of building custom cabinets for commercial businesses as well as an avocation of working on old cars. He is also interested in and likes to work on, not only old cars, but just about anything that can be classified as old. Sylvia works for a Machine Tools organization in Mint Hill and also serves as a consultant for "Creative Memories" where she spends her spare time working on "her pictures." This is "her passion" and it's my understanding that she does a great job.

Mike and Sylvia recently purchased a 1976 Corvette as a project car, but like most projects the more they worked on the car the worse things got, and as with most projects they decided to "go the distance" taking it down to the frame and starting over. Currently, the car is a deep burgundy as opposed to the original color of yellow. They have the same dilemma that most people involved in projects of this kind are faced with: Should they go back to the original color of yellow, or change to something that they both like, like "red". I think they are leaning to the original color, however, they have asked for suggestions from fellow QCCC members. If you would, please take a few minutes and let them know what you think!!



Ed and Debbie Hord. They reside in Concord and both are from that area, graduating from the local high school. Debbie has been with Jevic Transportation for the last nine years and Ed has worked for Mallard Creek Polymers for the past 15 years.

Ed has two sons, Erik and Josh, who are 22 and 19.

In September of 2000, unfortunately, Ed had a motorcycle accident, but was extremely lucky and did not sustain any serious injuries. However, he decided to give up motorcycles and began

searching for a new toy. It seems that he had always wanted a Corvette and Debbie quickly endorsed the idea, whole heartily. (For some reason, this sounds familiar, doesn't it, Caroline?)

Ed and Debbie searched until they found their perfect car; an 89 medium gray convertible with a new top, new paint and new tires. Even though it had 100,000 miles, it still ran just like new. Only thing that they had to do was to recover the seats. It is now part of the family serving as their new "baby."



Phil and Diane Smith.

“We have been residents of Charlotte for 5 years having moved here from Gaithersburg, MD. We have also lived in Pennsylvania, Texas, and Colorado. Diane teaches 4th grade at Myers Park Traditional School in Charlotte. Phil is Manager of Budgeting for Food Lion in Salisbury.

Phil is a car nut and has wanted a Corvette since high school. He owned a few muscle cars prior to the C5. Now that our son and daughter have finished with college we have time for other things, namely the Corvette. We purchased our first ever Corvette on Jan. 5th. It is a 2002 Magnetic Red Coupe with 6 speed, chrome wheels, and all the other comfort goodies. We plan on taking several cruises to enjoy the car. After reading about the QCCC we felt it would be a great way to meet and participate with other people who share the same interest and enthusiasm for the Corvette. Hopefully this will be the first of many Corvettes to come.”

Chuck and Vicky Decaro.
2002 Red C5

(More details in future month's editions)



At the first opportunity, take a minute to say hello and get to know Mike & Sylvia, Ed & Debbie, Phil & Diane, and Chuck & Vicky.

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

Hey BUBBA, Watch this!

Did you see this event in the Olympics at Salt Lake City? It's called the skeleton...I wonder why? This looks more like a dare than a sport! I remember riding Flexible Flyers as a kid, but it was nothing like this. Bubba, and his buddies down at the bait shop, had to have been the ones who invented this thing because it looks like it has the necessary potential for serious physical injury, or even death. I'm not sure whether these guys/gals are true adventurers or just plain deficient in normal brain cells. Can you imagine going down a tube of solid ice at 80 MPH headfirst with your chin an inch off of the ice, no brakes or steering and your head acts like an airbag when you crash? Hmm...sounds crazy, but wouldn't that be a thrill!

Okay, this is how it starts!

Oh Boy! I'm really lucky, Bubba picked me to go first!

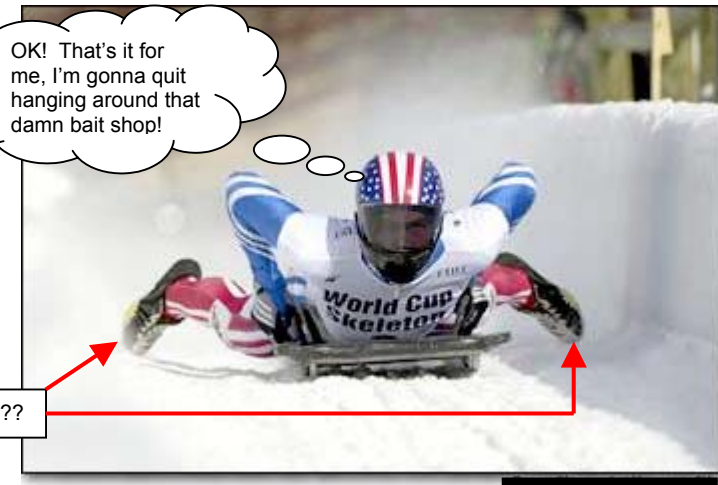


Uh Oh! Bubba lied to me again, there ain't no brakes on this thing!

This is what it's like during the trip down the ice at 80 MPH

1, maybe 2 inches!

...and this is what it's like when they get to the end, notice the only brakes available. I bet he has to change his underwear. Oh yea, he's from the bait shop, he probably doesn't wear underwear.



OK! That's it for me, I'm gonna quit hanging around that damn bait shop!

Brakes???



PRODUCT REVIEW

All you convertible C5 owners, I have found a product that you will like.

How many times have you been out with the top down and then was time to put it up. You get out of the car, release the rear deck lid and then pull the top up and lean in and fasten the top down. Oops!! the windows are still down so you have to get back in the car, put keys in the ignition and then you can raise the windows.

Now there is a product from Top Down Tech which makes this last step obsolete. In 15 minutes you can install a feature, which will roll your windows up and down from your key FOB. The web address for them is www.topdowntech.com. They are offering the product at this time for \$130. If you would like to see it work, look for me at the next meeting. I'm sold on it!

John Meadows

TECH TIP

By Bill Boudreau

Bleeding the C4 clutch hydraulic system:

With the '91-'96 slave cylinders, the process is best done with a "Phoenix Injector" or "Mighty Vac" pressure bleeding system. The reason for this is that the bleeder horn on the newer version has the bleeder horn located at the 6 o'clock position. Reverse pressure bleeding pushes the used fluid backwards up to the reservoir.

With the '89-'90 slave cylinders, normal gravity bleeding should be performed.

Some slave cylinders are not equipped with a bleeder screw.

The bleed screw part number for the clutch slave cylinder is GM P/N 10181244

- 1) Remove the 10mm nuts on the ECM bracket
- 2) Carefully lift the ECM box from the mounting bracket and position it off to the side for adequate clearance to access the clutch fluid reservoir.
- 3) Just above the battery, reach in from the side and firmly grasp the reservoir with your right hand. With your left hand, turn the cap to loosen, it is a normal right-handed thread.
- 4) Remove the fluid from the reservoir with a Turkey baster.
- 5) With fresh fluid, force the fluid upwards from the bottom bleeder until the fluid emerging up in the reservoir is clear and little to no air bubbles are present.
NOTE: Remove the rising level of the fluid in the reservoir as needed to prevent overflow spillage.
- 6) After bleeding the clutch hydraulic system refill the reservoir to 1/16th of an inch below the low mark.
NOTE: When you re-insert the moisture barrier seal, the older design moisture barrier seal will displace some of the fluid bringing the level up between the Low-High marks.
- 7) Install the screw-on reservoir cover with out the moisture barrier seal.
- 8) At normal rate, cycle the clutch pedal (fully to the floor) 20 times.

9) Remove the cap, insert the moisture barrier seal and reinstall the cap.

NOTE: Be sure that the level is between the two marks after the reservoir cap with moisture barrier seal is screwed back into place.

Operational Checkout: Regardless if the drive train is warm or cold, when you depress the clutch all the way to the floor and actuate the shift lever, the movement of the shifter should be smooth as silk during all shifts.

Clutch Hydraulic Part Numbers:

Note: Napa offers identical parts as GM but with a lifetime warranty and for about the same price. GM parts are warranted for 1 year.

('89-'96) Clutch hydraulic master cylinder P/N 10147953 ~ \$100

('89-'90) Hydraulic feed line P/N 10147949 ~\$73

('91-'96) Hydraulic Feed Line P/N 12509314 ~ \$73

('89-'90)Slave Cylinder P/N 10147948 ~ \$150

('91-'96) Slave Cylinder P/N 12509313 ~ \$100

Clutch Hydraulic R&R Procedure:

Note: The MN6 clutch hydraulic system is somewhat prone to developing degraded operational conditions. When replacing the clutch actuator cylinder, it is recommended that the clutch master cylinder be replaced as a pair.

Clutch Hydraulic System Test: Simulate the vehicle being parked on an incline for 12-24 hours. With the front end higher than the rear, at least 1 foot higher. Try to put it into reverse when it first gets started (cold). Difficulty getting into reverse when in this condition indicates that the clutch master cylinder is not at 100%. I have rebuilt many ZF S6-40s which had badly burred and worn reverse gear dog teeth. These are tell-tail signs of a degraded hydraulic clutch system. Granted, that many of these may have been due to just bad slave cylinders, but I would estimate that many of the units also had some level of degraded master clutch cylinders as well. They tend to spruce up after the clutch pedal is cycled 4-6 times when the vehicle is first started and on level ground. Remember, the actuator cylinder is only as effective as the master cylinder's health/integrity of flow that it can deliver to the actuator cylinder. The "weakest-link" saying applies here.

Remember the following:

The key to optimal shifting performance for your super-duty ZF: After replacing the master and slave cylinder; when servicing the clutch master cylinder, be sure to flush clean the reservoir with clean new fluid. Pay **EXTREME ATTENTION** to getting the reservoir **LEVEL BETWEEN** the **HIGH-LOW** marks (**ABSOLUTELY NO LOWER OR NO HIGHER**) when the weather barrier BLADDER-SEAL is SEATED and the reservoir screw-on cap is in place.

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Below is the Annual Budget, required by the by-laws to be submitted to the membership. This will be voted on at the March meeting. Commit this to memory, we **will** have a quiz.

Queen City Corvette Club
Approved Budget - Year 2002 Year 2002

Receipts (Jan 2002 - Dec 2002)

Membership Dues (110 @ \$96)	\$ 10,560
Banquet Receipts (106 @ \$20)	2,120
Charity Receipts	<u>2,200</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 14,880</u>

Expenses (Jan 2002 - Dec 2002)

Advertising	\$ 600
Bank Charges	30
Banquet	6,100
Charity	2,200
Club Dinners	1,600
Insurance	300
Membership	200
Parades & Car Shows	300
Postage & Supplies	500
Space Rental	800
Sponsorships	250
Sympathy Gifts	500
Trophies & Awards	<u>1,500</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 14,880</u>
Net Gain (Loss)	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

Cash Balance Summary

Beginning Balance (01/01/2002)	\$ 6,188.52
Net Gain (Loss)	<u>\$0</u>
Projected Ending Balance (12/31/2002)	<u><u>\$ 6,188.52</u></u>