

# April 2002

The month started a little slow, but it heated up quickly. During our "Mystery Cruise",



## "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!

President Alexander Hamilton?



while dining at the "Ellerbe School House", we learned that Alexander Hamilton was a President. Our newsletter staff is trying to find out why that has been omitted from *all* the textbooks in print. We'll let you know what they discover.

We had many members participate in the St. Patrick Day Parade hauling dignitaries around Charlotte.



Our progressive dinner was a success with members driving from house to house and enjoying the company of each other ... and the food was good.

The CSR Corvette finally completed the Triple Crown of endurance racing by winning its class at the Sebring 12 Race on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the Corvette Team for a job well done.

Get ready for the spring and summer season, there are a bunch of cruises and car shows planned, so tune 'em up and shine 'em up, cause the best time of the year is heatin' up.



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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.



March 26, 2002

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

Spring is here and its time to get out the Vettes and clean off the dust and cob webs. March has come and the parades have started. We participated in two parades this month (St. Patrick's Day in Downtown Charlotte and in the MARA (Mathews Athletics and Recreation Association) opening day celebration). It was a beautiful site to see all the cars setting in front of the Charlotte Observer. You can see some of these pictures (our photographer really likes that 98 Pace car) on the QCCC Web Site. We also had a great turnout at the MARA opening day parade. This was the first time QCCC had been asked to help out with this parade. As a past member of MARA, it was fun (and not to chilly) to help out. I'm sure as this builds in popularity we will be asked again!

We also had a mystery tour and a progressive dinner this month. Our activity committee is doing a great job setting up all these great events for our members to participate in. We thank them for all their work putting these activities together.

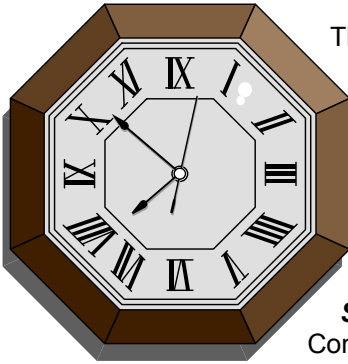
Auto Fair is around the corner. We have 30 spaces for both Saturday and Sunday. Again, as always, we must have a full turnout for both days. See Robert Morgan, if you haven't about passes to the show. The Speedway is saying this is going to be the biggest yet. QCCC will be displaying on Pit Road. This is a great location for our Club. Queen City will also be honored by having several of our club members' cars displayed in the Specialty Tent. Be sure to go by and see their cars. Our April Meeting will also be at the Speedway right off of Pit Road on Friday night at 7:00 PM. We will meet back behind the track at the legends track at 6:45PM. We have moved the meeting back as to give everyone the opportunity to get there.

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 in each newsletter and will be kept up to date on the QCCC Website at [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday March 9, 2002



The March business meeting of QCCC was held at the Huntersville Community Center, Huntersville, NC. Officers in attendance: John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Nancy Runnion, Robert Morgan, Eddie Burt, 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: **Jay & Windy Jordan** – 1993 ZR-1, **Rob Gallman and Debbie Springs** – Z06, **Jerry and Gloria Scienski** – 2002 Electron Blue, **Stephanie Mauney** – 2001 Yellow Convertible, and **Reggie & Suzie Black** – 2002 Pewter Coupe.

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

*John Meadows*, President

Discussed the proposed 2002 Break-Even Budget. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the 2002 Budget.

*Vanessa Krimminger* won the 50/50 drawing.

*Bob Denney* earned a \$25 gift certificate from the Corvette Museum in appreciation for selling their raffle tickets. He graciously donated the gift certificate to the QCCC to be raffled off. *Vanessa Krimminger* won the gift certificate.

*Ben Horack* was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for being on the Bylaws Committee.

*Eddie Burt*, Membership Director reported:

- April 26 trip to Dothan, AL and Panama City, FL has cars from 20 different Corvette Clubs registered so far – 12 cars are from QCCC. See Eddie for more information.
- Anyone needing a name tag, license tag, or window stickers should let Eddie know.
- A club member has donated a Short Shift Kit for a 1984-1988 4-speed Corvette. Anyone who would like to have it should let Eddie know.
- A person from southern Louisiana contacted Eddie saying he just bought a 1966 Corvette with a QCCC LaPointe Chevrolet sticker on it and is trying to locate the original owner. Eddie contacted a former QCCC President who served during the 1970's and invited him to our meetings.
- Anyone interested in being a Mentor to new members should let Eddie know.

*Robert Morgan*, Automotive Events Director reported:

- March 16 - St Patrick's Day Parade has 20 cars so far. Be at the Observer Building at 10:30 am.
- March 23 – Matthews Athletic Association Parade – need 10 cars, have 4 so far.
- April 6 & 7 - Auto Fair. We will be inside the Speedway – must have 30 cars both days, have 18 so far. Get your passes tonight. Sat: 8:00 am-6:00 pm. Sun: 8:00 am-4:00 pm.
- April 26 & 27 - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Savannah Gathering has 8 QCCC members registered. See Robert for more information.
- May 4 – Parks Chevrolet Car Show – need 30 cars. \$500 will be collected for Charity.
- May 31, June 1 – Myrtle Beach Car Show

*Wendy Krupowicz*, Vice President reported:

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



*Nancy Runnion*, Social Events Director:

- In order to provide the right amount of food at meetings, you must let her know if you'll be attending. Everyone agreed that only those who do so will be served, along with all guests.
- March 17 – Mystery Caravan. Meet at PJ's in Matthews & bring \$12 for lunch.
- March 23 – Progressive dinners. There's room for 2 more couples. Dessert will be served at 8:30 pm at the Matthews Fire Station. Everyone is invited to attend.
- April 5 – FRIDAY 7:00 pm - meeting at Auto Fair. No food will be provided. Meet behind the Speedway at 6:45 at the Legends Track to go together into the track for our meeting at the Tent.

*Jon Elliott*, Social Committee Member reported:

- The trip to Hilton Head, SC September 20 – 22 will have available a Saturday trip to Beaufort and a 2 hour sailboat ride. See Jon for fliers.

*Tom Idema* asked if the club could get a QCCC flag for gatherings with other clubs. John Meadows will look into it.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Burt, Secretary

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## **QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES MONDAY MARCH 18, 2002**

The March officers' meeting was held at the Renaissance Hotel. Officers present were John Meadows, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, Robert Morgan, Nancy Runnion, Wendy Krupowicz, and Gary Artis. Guest was Jon Elliott. After a guided tour of the hotel guest and hospitality suites, conference rooms, ballrooms, and swimming pool area, President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

After a thorough discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to have the Banquet at the Renaissance Hotel on January 25, 2003.

Gary presented the membership renewal list.

Robert has 24 cars for Sat's Auto Fair & 20 for Sunday - need 30 each day. Matthews parade 3/23 has 4 cars signed up. Savannah trip has 12 couples signed up – Robert will lead the caravan on Friday. John will give Robert last year's "contract" with City Chevrolet to be used as a guideline for this year's show at Parks Chevrolet on May 4.

Eddie reported 9 couples have signed up for the Panama City trip. Eddie will lead the caravan on Thursday. Eddie will invite Prospective Members to Auto Fair. Fourteen people have volunteered to be mentors. Jody Austin prepared a list of helpful information that will be published in the newsletter and given to mentors. Discussed a listing of QCCC cars. Eddie will accumulate the information.

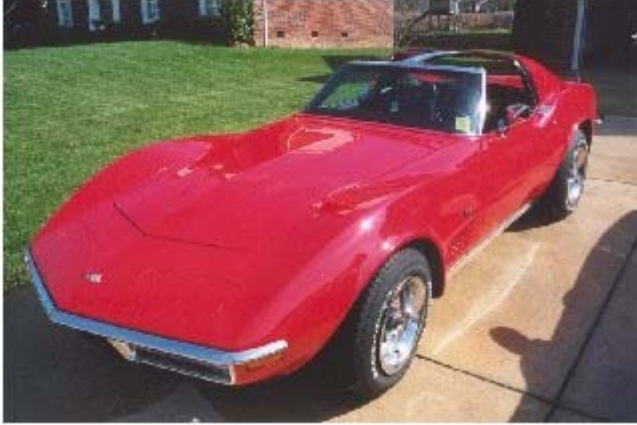
Nancy has 50 people and 4 Host Houses for the Progressive Dinner March 23. The May meeting in Huntersville will be "crock pot" dinner night. Tentative events are: Mystery Trip May 19, and a "lake day" at the Nalley's in the summer.

Wendy is pursuing getting a speaker from the Corvette Assembly Plant to come to one of our meetings.

John has a portable flagpole and will look into getting a QCCC flag.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Burt, Secretary



## AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

And just like that, it's April already! Where does the time go? I want to thank everyone who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 16<sup>th</sup>. For those who were at the front of the parade, they made it out dry, for those of us at the end of the parade, we got wet! Other than a few sprinkles, the parade was a success with 24 cars in the procession. Also, thanks go to the

faithful few that helped out in the short parade in Matthews for their opening day of the ball fields. I received a thank you call from the director of that parade and she said our cars were a hit. (No pun intended!)

**April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** is the **Food Lion Autofair!** It's quickly approaching! By the time this goes to print, I need one more car for Saturday and 4 more cars for Sunday. It's been important to show the speedway that we are committed in attending which means 30 cars for each day. This will assure us next year that we have the same number of passes. Thanks in advance to all that have signed up. Both days we'll be showing our cars along pit road, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday and from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Sunday. I'll have the car passes and maps at the next meeting for those that signed up but haven't gotten one yet. Avoid the traffic by coming to the speedway early. For those who aren't displaying their cars, come on out and see which cars our members pull out of their garage to show!

**April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** is the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Savannah Gathering**, sponsored by the Coastal Corvette Association in Savannah Georgia. I have 12 couples signed up at the moment. There's still time to send in your application if you'd like to go. I've been told that all hotels in the downtown area are booked, however surrounding hotels still have vacancies. If you haven't sent your application in, I'll have them at the meeting for you to fill out and send back. Or check out the Coastal Corvette website at [www.corvetteforum.net/c5/jtcole](http://www.corvetteforum.net/c5/jtcole) for more information. For those that are going, I'll send out an email as time draws near as a reminder of the departure time, departure place, etc.

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** is scheduled for our fund raising car show at **Parks Chevrolet, 6441 North Tryon Street**. This event is important to our club because it raises money for our charities. Parks Chevrolet will donate \$500.00 to our charity cause, **PLUS** provide us with trophies for our cars! As of this time, only 3 members have signed up. We're looking for as many cars as we can get. Hopefully more than what we have at Autofair. At the previous show last fall, we had 40+ cars. Send me an email or I'll have a sign in form at the next meeting.

There's also a car show in Myrtle Beach on May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club. This is a non-sponsored QCCC event, however I thought I'd bring it to everyone's attention. If you'd like to attend, please call Colin Dunning at 843-236-4508, or email [www.cwdunning@netzero.net](mailto:www.cwdunning@netzero.net). This is the 7<sup>th</sup> Corvettes at NASCAR Annual Show and is being held at the NASCAR Café on Route 17 bypass and 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. North, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Also, I'd like to take a survey on two ideas for events. The first one is that it's been expressed that some of our members would like to put their cars on a track and see what they'd do! I'm not sure the ins or outs of this, so I wanted to get a head count of the people that would be interested. I may need volunteers to research this and present it!

Secondly, one of our members is an amateur astronomer interested in putting together a possible overnight trip to the mountains, maybe the Boone or Blowing Rock area (mainly because it's away from all the city lights) to star gaze. The club member has two telescopes for use, one that's so large that it needs to be transported by a truck or van! How many people have telescopes and/or would be interested in pursuing this too? Unless I ask, we never know!

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting and the car show!

*Robert*



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

Date	Event	Food	Cost
	<b>APRIL</b>		
5th	Club Meeting		
6-7th	Auto Fair		
27th	Poker Run Corvettes Only Greenville, SC		
25-28th	Dothan, Ala, - Panama City, Fla. Trip		
26-27th	Savannah Gathering Trip		
	<b>MAY</b>		
11th	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center	Salads	
19th	Mystery Trip – Exit # 36, I-77, Mooresville	Lunch	~\$16
24-27th	North Carolina Outer Banks		
30th	Bowling Green Cruise		
	<b>JUNE</b>		
8th	Eddie & Jane Burt's Annual Bar-B-Que/Club meeting		
15th	Day Trip to Virginia Mountains (Bring your camera!!!)	Lunch	
	<b>JULY</b>		
13th	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center		
20th	Time, Speed and Distance Rally - Lake Norman	Dinner	
	<b>AUGUST</b>		
10th	Club Meeting Gary Katzman's Garage		
17th	Mini Mystery Trip -	Dinner	
23-25th	Corvettes at Carlisle <a href="http://www.carsatcarlisle.com">www.carsatcarlisle.com</a> (717) 243-7855		
	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
30-2nd	National Corvette Museum 8th Anniversary		
6-8th	Auto Fair		
14th	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center	BBQ	TBA
20-22nd	Hilton Head, SC Trip		
	<b>OCTOBER</b>		
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		
	<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
9th	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center	Chicken	
15-17th	Mountain Trip to Lake Lure	TBA	TBA
	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
14th	Christmas Meeting Gift Exchange Oasis Shriners	Menu	TBA
	<b>JANUARY '03</b>		
25th	Annual Banquet - Renaissance Inn - Charlotte	Dinner	



# QCCC's Pick-An-Event

## Club Monthly Meeting's

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### Huntersville

May 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:30  
July 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30

### Matthews Area

Apr 5<sup>th</sup> -- Auto Fair  
June 8<sup>th</sup> - Eddie & Jane Burt's -  
Aug 10<sup>th</sup> - Katzman's Garage - 6:30  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Alpine Village - 5:00

## Day Trips/Events

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April 27<sup>th</sup> - Poker Run - Greenville, SC  
May 19<sup>th</sup> - Mystery Road Tour for lunch  
June 15<sup>th</sup> - Merle Haggard/Loretta Lynn/Spam Sandwich Grand Road Tour to Virginia Mts.  
(Bring your camera, the sights are fabulous)  
July 20<sup>th</sup> - Time, Speed, Distance Rally - Queen's Landing - Lake Norman  
Aug 17<sup>th</sup> - Mini Mystery Tour - Hint (Bring Suntan Lotion)  
Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Road Rally - South Charlotte  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - Winery Tour - Fancy Gap, Va

## Weekend Trips

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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> - Hilton Head, SC - Beach Trip  
Nov 15-17<sup>th</sup> - Mountain Trip - Lake Lure & Chimney Rock

## Banquet

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Jan 25, 2003 - Renaissance Inn, Charlotte

## Auto Fair

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

## Christmas Party 2002

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Shrine Oasis Club at University Place

## Races

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Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Petit Lemans, Road Atlanta C5R is racing

# Some Shots from the St. Patrick's Day Parade





# In Search of President Hamilton?? Or “A Revisionist’s View of History”

(Don't ask, you had to be there)

We had 26 cars join our tour to the White House. No, not in Washington...in Ellerbe, just north of Rockingham. We ate at the Ellerbe Springs Inn. Jim and Kay Weisburg won the drawing for a free lunch. We laughed a lot at the answers to the mystery questions. A few of us took an unintended detour on the way and had to backtrack, but it really didn't matter, since we had a good time anyway. Here are some pictures from the day:





## Robert D Denney

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Letter to the Editor:

Folks, there is one thing you can depend upon in this Club. Our **Social Director** and our **Editor/Publisher** will come thru rain or shine. And we had rain... bunches of it at first then it cleared out for a good trip.

First, Nancy you came thru again, as usual, with a terrific Mystery Destination trip, and our **Editor/Publisher** drew the Cops as usual.... Thankfully, I remembered to bring my "Get out of Jail Free" card and I joined the other group. You should have heard the howls of the second group when a constable joined that group.... See, I told you folks to watch ... Of course he was only there because of the magnetism of our **Editor/Publisher**.

You should also be aware our crack historical team of Kay Weisberg and Nancy Runnion anointed a new President. President Hamilton is that person... course they were unable to tell us when President Hamilton presided but they were sure he was one because he is on money. It was mentioned that maybe he was president before President Benjamin Franklin. (Since Franklin's picture is on money, he must have been a president, also. Makes sense to me!)

It was also agreed that on the next questionnaire for a caravan one of the questions would be "how many turn arounds did you perform. You see just like our **Editor/Publisher**, every caravan has to have a turn around included. Now you see Nancy claimed that it was accidental but tell me... if that was the case, why was there a circle drive just conveniently on the right not more than ¼ mile after the error was discovered. Now some will say well it was just a mistake, but others say, how can that be when our fearless leader, who created the route, ordered the turn? By the way it should also be mentioned that the directions for the second group was altered so our group (the first group) could arrive at the restaurant first. I do want to thank Nancy for that.... We at least beat Walt Krupowicz and Ben Horack to the line. Just so you understand, after Walt and Ben arrived the chow line mysteriously ran out of food. Then some of that other group had to wait for their food. I heard that one of the reasons that the second group was late was that Wade (Clean Car guy Stickles) stopped to wash his car.... Dirty, you know.

Scott Hamilton decided that if it had a dam built across the stream, thereby holding water, it could be called a water tank, so that made 9 water tanks we passed. Now the critical part of this program... the one to win the free lunch... see and they said there were no free lunches, was how you tore the corner off your sheet. Now, how was that again Kay... twice over once and tuck it in around the edges?

Nancy, your decision to proceed rain or shine was the right one. Thank you for making such a super fun day. You could have never planned a better trip or one that drew more belly laughs.

Those of you who either cancelled at the last minute or decided not to go in the first place ... well as usual with this Club, you missed a wonderful day.

Looking forward to the next trip...



**WARNING:**  
**READ IF YOU'RE USING STEEL WOOL TO CLEAN YOUR WINDSHIELD!!**

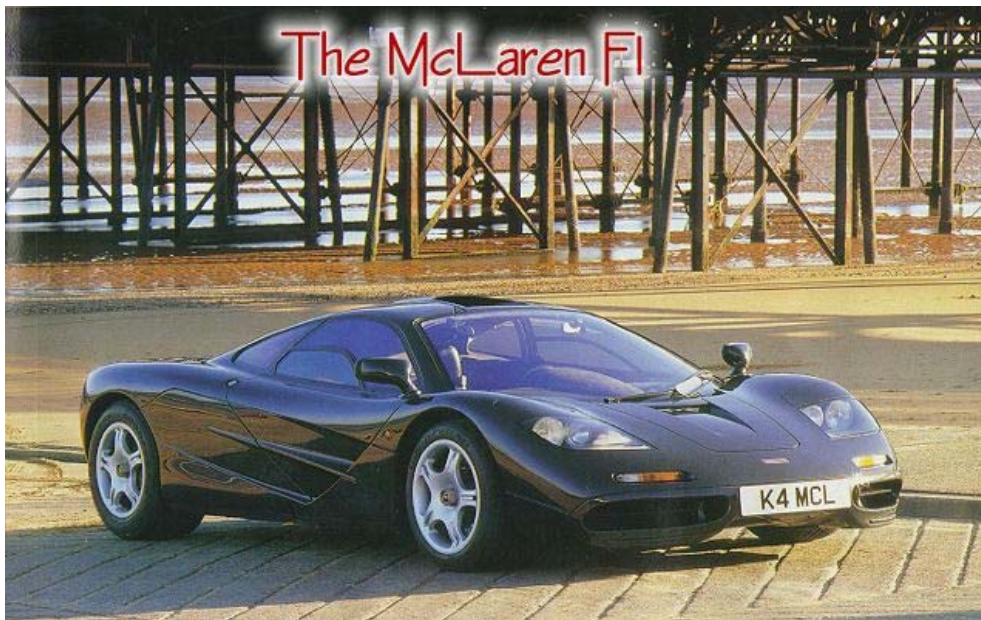
I know of at least one other QCCC member that saw, as I did, an episode on Speedvision last fall/winter where they recommended using very fine steel wool along with your favorite glass cleaner to clean your windshield. I tried using 0000 steel wool on my Suburban and it seemed to work great. It very easily removed all of those dried on bugs, etc. I've used it on my Corvette. Well, while driving my Suburban into the very bright setting sun this week I noticed long fine scratches in the glass that ran in the direction of the wiping motion I used. These scratches were not visible in normal daylight. ***I would not recommend using steel wool to clean automotive glass.***

Wade Stickels

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## *Nuggets From The Net*

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### **The Real Batmobile McLaren F1**

I know, I know, it's not a Corvette but... have you ever seen something and your heart flutters, kind of like when you first met your spouse/boyfriend/girlfriend/life partner, etc.? (We're required to be politically correct) Here is something that comes close to creating that feeling. When I saw this car my heart was a 'flutter and I started counting my pennies. I would have to save a penny every second of the day for 3 years, 2 months, 2 days, 9 hours, 46 minutes and 40 seconds. At that point, I'd have enough to buy it, give or take a few cents.

For details about the car and the company building it, click on the link below.

[www.mclarencars.com/content/sections/mainfr/cars.htm](http://www.mclarencars.com/content/sections/mainfr/cars.htm)



## Car 54, Where are You?

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

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



We have found that holding the radio about 6 inches from the mouth when speaking makes the message easily understood, otherwise it sounds garbled and confusing. Be sure and speak clearly and distinctively so we can all understand what you are saying. Some of us from Tennessee have been told that all of our lives, so we're used to hearing "Huh? What did you say?"

Happy Motoring, enjoy the trip and we're glad to have you!

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## Caravanning Procedures and Etiquette

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

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

...and remember, wave at other Corvettes.

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## Items We've All Found Beneficial

There are some items we have found, through experience, that can really make an event/trip/parade pleasant or better said, without them can make an event unpleasant.

- Family Channel Radio
- Folding Chairs
- Cooler with drinks
- Maps
- Camera
- Sunblock
- Sunglasses
- Jackets
- Caps
- Cell Phone
- Umbrella: Yes, I know it's hard to believe, but it sometimes rains on our parade
- Suction cups for any signs that are to be attached to car
- Hole punch to punch holes in any parade signs that may be attached to car
- Towel for riders to sit on during parade
- Flags to display on car during parade
- Queen City Corvette Club signs

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## SAVE THE WAVE

By John Meadows

I once found this article but lost it and then found it again. I don't know who wrote it but I thought I would pass it along especially since we have so many first time Corvette owners.

As a new Corvette owner is driving down the street, another Corvette approaches and the driver raises his hand to his surprise.

He immediately thinks:

1. He has been mistaken for Dale Earnhardt, Jr.
2. His lights are on.
3. He has just been given the bird.

Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, he experiments with his waves, running the gamut from the gaping "yoo hoo" to the ultra cool "two finger flip". He perfects his timing, making sure he affects neither a too early wave nor the jaded "oh brother" too late variety. Determined not to be one upped, he even develops a defense mechanism for non wavers, usually settling on the, "WAVE? My hand was on the way to scratch my head " approach. (This is especially useful when you're not driving your Vette, but you forget and, like a dummy, you wave anyway.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving next to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going in the opposite directions is one thing. Greetings are exchanged, and that's that. But what happens when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and then pull up to him at the next light, a block later? Wave again? Nod Bashfully? Grin self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're expecting an answer, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have answers.

Girl-type Corvette drivers also have a unique problem: to wave or not to wave. This lady who is out for the first time is immediately faced with this quandary. Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies who drive their Vettes prefer to suffer the latter rather than take a chance of being misread. For this reason, all women are excused for occasionally failing to return a well-meaning wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is no excuse, however, for a guy who refuses to return the wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems a few owners of newer models (remember this article was first written in 1969) refuse to recognize anything older than theirs, while some others simply won't wave period. Boo on them. These Ding A Lings don't seem to realize that they are helping to squash a tradition that had its beginning back when most of us were still driving tootsie toys.

So, now you know the meaning of:

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