

May 2002

We had a great turnout for our semi-annual display at Lowe's Motor Speedway's



This is the month that GM displays the new 50th Anniversary edition of the Corvette. The 50th 'Vette will also be the 5th time it was selected as the Indianapolis 500 Pace Car. (Can you name the years?)



historical visit to Savannah, Ga. The problem was they were both on the same weekend. Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!



"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!

Here's a shot of members' cars on pit lane. The weather was great, although a little chilly at times, but what a fantastic way to kick off the "car season!"



We had 5 couples of 'Vette devotees make the pilgrimage to Bowling Green, KY, the birth place of their cars. They left to visit another famous place on their way home, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Yee Haw!

Florida or Georgia?

Our members had a difficult choice to make this month; they could choose either a dream trip to Panama City, Fla. or another

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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.



April 24, 2002

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

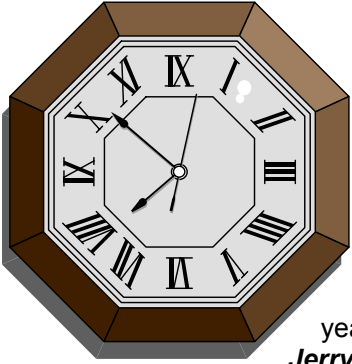
Spring didn't seem to last very long and summer like days have taken over. With all this beautiful weather there is no excuse not to get out and drive that Vette! There are still a lot of folks that I haven't seen at some outing yet. If you don't drive it, you can't enjoy it! I hope everyone was sure to drive their car down to the Post Office to drop off their income tax.

Again we had a lot going on this past month. We have a group that made a trip up to the museum and plant. Walt and Wendy headed up this group and left a new QCCC Patch at the museum. We had our April meeting at AutoFair, and had a great turnout. If you didn't attend AutoFair you really missed out. The weather was beautiful. This was the biggest AutoFair yet. The crowds Saturday were unbelievable. We asked the Columbia Corvette Club to judge our cars and they did a great job. They said that it was a very difficult job because we had so many great looking, clean cars. Our Congratulations go out to all the winners, and especially Dave Sanders, our best of show winner and to Ben Horack for his survivor award. We have pictures out on the Web site if you missed seeing them. We be displaying again this fall and I hear there will be a special tribute to the Corvette.

We have a couple of cars shows coming up to raise money for charity. Lets have a HUGE turnout for these shows. All you folks that haven't been out for a while, come on out and enjoy the fun. 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.

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

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Minutes from the QCCC Meeting Friday, April 5, 2002

The April business meeting of QCCC was held at Lowes' Motor Speedway, Concord, NC. Officers in attendance: John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Robert Morgan, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: **Rob Gallman and Debbie Springs** – Z06, **Jerry and Gloria Scienski** – 2002 Electron Blue, **Reggie & Suzie Black** – 2002 Pewter Coupe, **Al Smith** – 1989 Black Convertible, and **Tom Van Winkle** (Jim's brother) Ford Mustang.

NEW MEMBERS voted in: **Rob Gallman & Debbie Springs**, and **Jerry & Gloria Scienski!**

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

John Meadows, President

- Unfurled our gorgeous new QCCC Flag (made by Bob's Flags) which will fly for the first time this weekend at AutoFair on John's portable 20' flag pole.
- Presented **Randy Sherman** with a Certificate of Appreciation for his organizing the Lake Lure & Mt Mitchell trips last year.

Eddie Burt, Membership Director reported:

- April 25 trip to Dothan, AL and Panama City, FL has 154 cars registered so far – 10 cars are from QCCC. He will contact our contingent with details about caravanning down together.
- E-mailed the membership for their car info to be compiled into a "QCCC Car Log". So far, 15 people have responded with info on 30 cars. You can sign the log tonight.
- QCCC License plates and window stickers are available.

Robert Morgan, Automotive Events Director reported:

- AutoFair participants: Sat.-only folks must return their passes to Robert at the end of the day for the Sun.-only folks to use. Come in the front of LMS. The Sun.-only folks can meet Robert at the Shell station at 7:30 am.
- April 26 & 27 - 5th Annual Savannah Gathering has 12 QCCC couples registered.
- May 4 – Parks Chevrolet Car Show – They are extremely excited to have us. A local radio station will be there and hot dogs will be served. Need 30 cars from 10:00 to 3:00. Parks Chevrolet is providing \$500 for Charity and awards.
- May 21, Tuesday - Parade of Lights. We will be carrying retired NASCAR Drivers and the Miss Mecklenburgs.
- May 31, June 1 – Myrtle Beach Car Show
- June 8 - Matthews Car Show 9:00 – 4:00, \$15 per car, need at least 10 cars & will have 5 trophies. Same day as our meeting, so after the car show, you can go right over to the Burt's and help Eddie smoke those yummy pork butts.
- July 19, 20 – Homecoming at Bowling Green's Raceway Park. More info to come.

Wendy Krupowicz, Vice President reported for *Nancy Runnion*, Social Events' Director:

- Vector Shirts has available, medium blue golf shirts with the QCCC logo and "Savannah 2002" underneath for \$28. Let Kim know if you'd like one before the trip.
- Eddie will check with Kim about having shirts made up for the Panama City trip.

- 5/11 – QCCC Meeting at Huntersville Community Center. We'll only have half the room so food will not be served.
- 5/19 – Another Mystery Trip. More info to come.
- There's one stateroom (with balcony) left for the QCCC Southern Caribbean Cruise in Feb.2003. See Wendy if you're interested.
- Please sign the points' sheet being passed around.
- Printed newsletters are available courtesy of Jon Elliott.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES MONDAY APRIL 15, 2002

The April officers' meeting was held at Gary and Linda Artis' Office Building. Officers present were John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Gary Artis, Nancy Runnion, Robert Morgan, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Robert:

Had a good turnout at Auto Fair: 30 on Sat & 28 on Sun.

4/26-27 - Savannah trip - 12 couples signed up.

5/4 - Parks Chevrolet Car Show - 38 people and 43 cars so far. Trophies will be 1 Dealer's Choice & 4 People's Choice.

5/21 - 600 Racing Parade of Lights – 25 cars so far.

6/1 - Shriner's Parade – getting more info.

6/8 – Matthews Car Show – 12 cars so far. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to go ahead and register the QCCC and pay \$15 per car for 15 cars – to be reimbursed by the participants.

Read a Thank You note from the Matthews Area Recreation Organization for our participation in the 3/23 Parade.

Wendy:

Recounted last weekend's trip to the National Corvette Museum, and the Corvette Assembly Plant made by 5 QCCC couples.

Gary:

Asked if there were any questions about the March Treasury Report.

Presented dues payment status.

Eddie:

10 QCCC cars/couples have signed up for the Panama City trip.

The Mentor Program is going fine.

Car Log – should be on Website? No. Should be sent when the Directory is sent. 39 Owners and 57 cars are listed so far.

QCCC currently has 180 members.

Nancy:

Since we will not be serving food at the next meeting at the Huntersville Community Center, we can eat afterwards at the Brick Oven at 8:00 pm.

5/19 - Mystery Cruise.

6/8 - Meeting & BBQ at the Burt's.

6/15 – Jody is planning at trip to Bluefield WV.

7/20 – Jody is planning a Time & Distance Rally

8/10 – Meeting might be at a Go Cart track on Statesville Ave.

John:

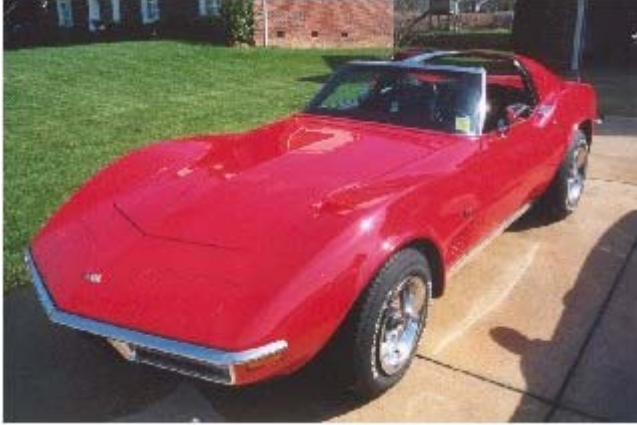
Spoke with Jim Duncan of Lowe's Motor Speedway who wants to do something special at the Fall Auto Fair to celebrate the Corvette's 50th anniversary.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to reimburse John from the Advertising Budget Line for the QCCC flag he had made.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt,
Secretary



AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

Many thanks to all that participated in the Food Lion Autofair on April 6th and 7th. We had great weather and our members supplied 30 cars the first day and 28 the second day. I wanted to take a minute to tell everyone who won the awards that the Capital City Corvette Club (from Columbia, SC) voted on for us. Wally Crawford won "Best C1" with

his 1960 white convertible with a silver top. John Meadows won "Best C2" with his silver 1963 split window coupe. (Go figure!) Robert Morgan (!!!!) won "Best C3" with his Rally Red 1970 coupe. Ed Hord won "Best C4" with his silver 1989 convertible. Rob Gallman won "Best C5" with his millennium yellow 2002 Z06. The "Survivor" award went to Ben Horack with his black 1962 convertible. Dave Sanders represented the club with "Best of Show" with his 2001 torch red Z06. Congratulations to all that spent their weekend to show their cars.

This weekend 12 couples are heading down to Savannah for the 5th Annual Savannah Gathering. By the time you read this we'll be back in town and I'll report in the next newsletter how many people decided to wash their cars Saturday morning before the show!

May 4th we are scheduled to hold our first official fund raiser of the year at **Parks Chevrolet, 6441 North Tryon Street**. We have 44 people signed up with **47** cars attending! Now how is that going to happen? Parks Chevrolet is extremely pleased with the possible turnout. They plan on having a radio station and a food stand on site. A total of 6 trophies will be awarded, and Parks will donate \$500.00 dollars to our charity of choice. There is still room if you want to attend. We'll start at 9 AM and it will last till 3 PM.

May 21st is the **UAW/GM 600 Parade** in downtown Charlotte. I have 34 cars scheduled, and there's room for more! The parade starts at 8 PM and May 21st is a Tuesday night. We'll meet up at approximately 6 PM (place yet to be determined) then head on over to the staging area. I spoke with the director of the parade and she did say we were carrying the retired NASCAR drivers, TV personalities, Miss Mecklenburg Queens, etc. Send me an email if you want to attend. This parade is lots of fun, with fireworks afterwards!

June 8th is the **Matthews Car Show** in downtown Matthews, starting at 9 AM till 4 PM. There is a \$15.00 cost per car to enter this show, and it runs from 9 AM to 4 PM. There will be many awards given for the entire show including "Corvette Stock" and "Corvette Modified" classes. If we have more than 15 cars entered, we can give 3 trophies inside our club for our members. Right now I have 13 cars entered, so I need 2 more so we can receive 3 additional trophies! The registration form is due on May 24th so let me know as soon as possible!

One other car show if anyone is interested in going is in Myrtle Beach on May 31st and June 1st sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club. This is a non-sponsored QCCC event but several members have asked about it. If you'd like to attend, please call Colin Dunning at 843-236-4508, or email at www.cwdunning@netzero.net. This is the 7th Corvettes at NASCAR Annual Show and is being held at the NASCAR Café on route 17 bypass and 21st Ave. North, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Safe and happy motoring! Save the wave!

Robert

QCCC Club Meeting 2nd Saturday Each Month

Social / Event Calendar 2002

Date	Event	Food	Cost	Time
	MAY			
4th	Park's Chevrolet Car Show			10am
11th	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center Supper at Brick Oven afterwards @ 8 PM			6:30pm
19th	Mystery Trip – Meet at Exit #36, I-77 at Mooresville	Lunch	~\$16	9:45am
21st	Parade of Lights - Carrying Past NASCAR Stars (contact Robert Morgan)			
24-27th	North Carolina Outer Banks			
30th	Bowling Green Cruise			
	JUNE			
8th	Matthews Car Show - 9AM - 4 PM (\$15 per car) Burt's Afterward			9am
8th	Eddie & Jane Burt's Annual Bar-B-Que/Club meeting			
15th	Day Trip to Virginia Mountains Bring Your Camera Meet at Exit #36, I-77 at Mooresville @ 8:30 AM	Lunch		8:30am
	JULY			
13th	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center			
20th	Time, Speed and Distance Rally - Lake Norman - Supper Afterwards	Supper		1:00pm
	AUGUST			
10th	Club Meeting Victory Go Kart Track Statesville Ave.			
17th	Mini Mystery Trip -	Dinner		
23-25th	Corvettes at Carlisle www.carsatcarlisle.com (717) 243-7855			
	SEPTEMBER			
30-2nd	National Corvette Museum 8th Anniversary			
14-15th	Auto Fair			
14th	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center	BBQ	TBA	
20-22nd	Hilton Head, 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			
	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	
	JANUARY '03			
25th	Annual Banquet - Renaissance			

QCCC's Pick-An-Event

Club Monthly Meeting's

<u>Huntersville -Aquatic/Fitness Center</u>	<u>Matthews Area</u>
May 11 th - 6:30	
July 13 th - 6:30	June 8 th - Eddie & Jane Burt's -
Sept 14 th - 6:30	Aug 10 th - Go Kart Track - 6:30
Nov 9 th - 6:30	Oct 12 th - Alpine Village - 5:00

Day Trips/Events

May 4 th - Park's Chevrolet Car Show
May 19 th - Mystery Road Tour for lunch. Don't miss it! The food is exquisite.
May 21 st - Parade of Lights - Carrying past NASCAR Stars and Miss Mecklenburg's
June 1 st - Shriner's Parade - Details to come
June 8 th - Matthews Car Show 9AM to 4PM. \$15 per car to enter
June 15 th - Merle Haggard/Loretta Lynn/Spam Sandwich Grand Road Tour to Virginia Mts. (Bring your camera, the sights are fabulous) All day event.
July 20 th - Time, Speed, Distance Rally - Queen's Landing - Lake Norman (Ends at a restaurant for dinner)
Aug 18 th - Mini Mystery Tour - Hint (Bring Suntan Lotion)
Oct 12 th - Road Rally - South Charlotte
Oct 20 th - Winery Tour - Fancy Gap, Va

Weekend Trips

May 24-27 th - Outer Banks
May 30 th - Museum Cruise - Bowling Green, Ky
Aug 22-25 th - Carlisle Corvette Show www.carsatcarlisle.com
Aug 30-9/2 nd - NCM 8 th Anniversary - Bowling Green, KY
Sept 20-22 nd - Hilton Head, SC - Beach Trip
Nov 15-17 th - Mountain Trip - Lake Lure & Chimney Rock

Banquet

Jan 25, 2003 - Renaissance Inn, Charlotte

Auto Fair

Sept 14-15 th - Lowe's Motorspeedway

Christmas Party 2002

Dec 14 th - Shrine Oasis Club at University Place

Races

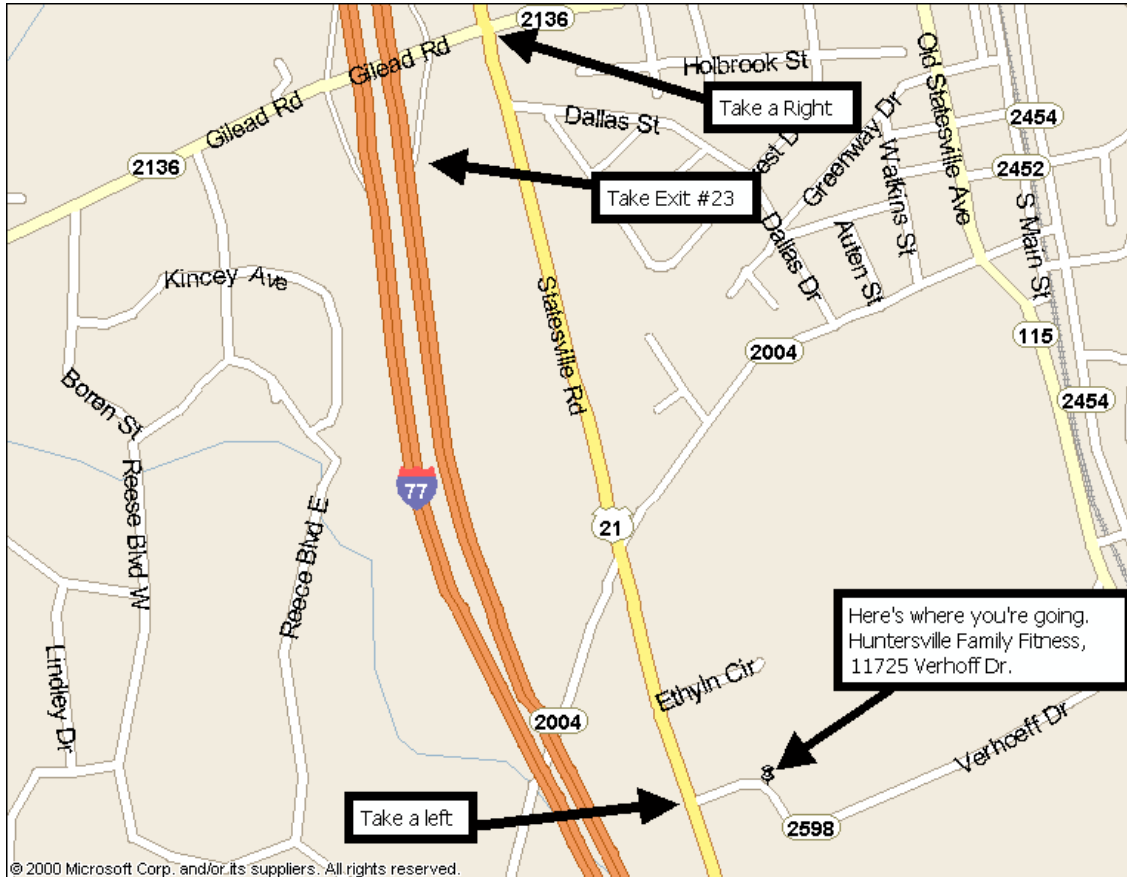
Oct 12 th - Petit Lemans, Road Atlanta C5R is racing

MAY SOCIAL NOTES

After the May meeting at the Huntersville Aquatic & Family Fitness Center, we will go to the “Brick Oven Authentic” in the Rosedale Shopping Center for dinner. Here are the directions:

From the Aquatic/Fitness Center, turn right onto Highway 21 North. Continue to the stop light. Turn left onto Gilead Road and cross over I-77. Turn right into Rosedale Shopping Center. The Brick Oven Authentic is opposite Friendly’s Ice Cream Parlor.

Here’s a map to the Huntersville Aquatic Center, where our May meeting will be held:



Our Second Mystery Cruise is May 19th

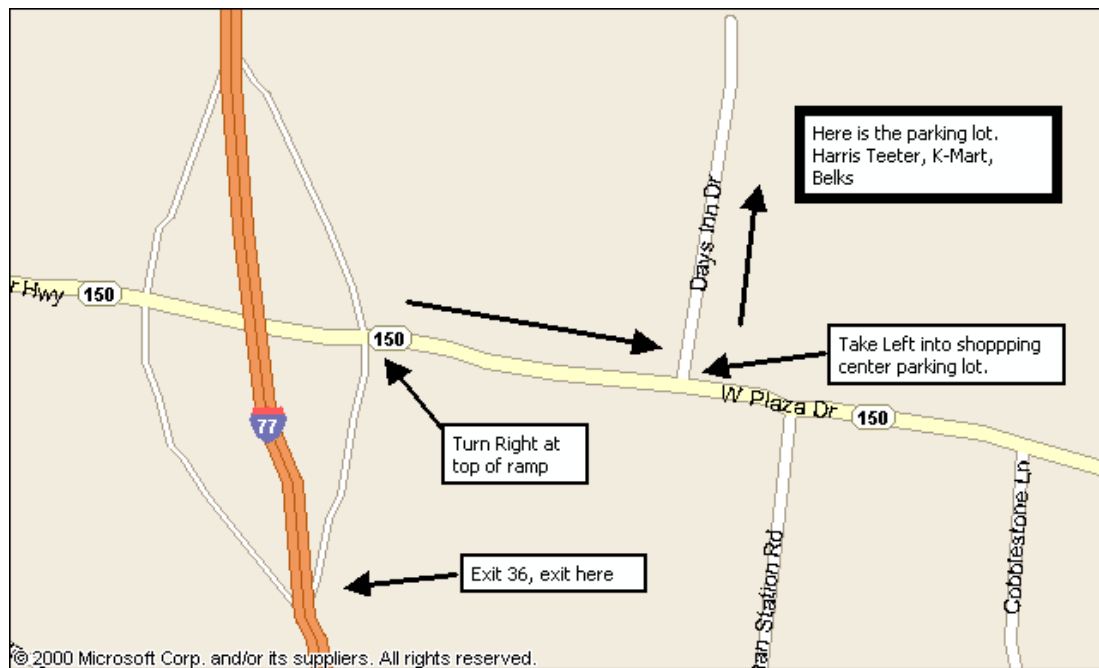
We will be leaving from Exit 36 on I-77 North, in Mooresville at the Belk's parking lot, at 9:45AM. Please bring your radios. Ken and Lois Watts recommended our destination and we will be having a delicious meal.

Jackie and Carl Slavetsky are helping me coordinate this trip, so I would appreciate your sending Jackie (made payable to her) a check for \$39.00 per couple (which includes gratuity and tax). There will be two free lunches given away and a mystery quiz (that doesn't include former presidents, or Secretaries of Treasury). Also, the cut off for this trip is May 11 (our next meeting) so please get your reservation in as soon as possible by letting **me know by return** email if you are going and by sending Jackie your check. Come and have a great time. The route picked to get there is fabulous.

Nancy Runnion,

VP of Social

(Map to Mooresville Belk's Shopping Center)



Regrets From the Club

Eddie Burt's 86-year-old mother passed away on April 18th. Flowers were sent on behalf of the club. Eddie has asked that anyone interested in expressing their sympathy do so by making a donation to the Charity Account of the Queen City Corvette Club on behalf of his mother, Rubilee P. Burt. The funeral was in Shreveport, Louisiana on Monday, April 22nd.

Eddie, we all offer our condolence.



I love the **Autofair**. It is so large it's impossible to see all the worthwhile things, which leads to the annual decision, "should I go left or should I go right?" It's like trying to eat an elephant, where in the world do you start?

We were assigned 30 spaces on pit road and we filled them. During the Saturday show, Capital City Corvette Club, from Columbia, judged our cars. (Thanks Guys!) They certainly had good taste since they picked 7 great winners.

They were:

- C1:** Wally Crawford 1960
- C2:** John Meadows 1963 Coupe
- C3:** Robert Morgan 1970 Coupe
- C4:** Ed Hord 1989 Convertible
- C5:** Rob Gallman 2002 Z06
- Survivor:** Ben Horack 1962
- Best of Show:** Dave Sanders 2001 Z06

Congratulations, guys, y'all deserved it!

Here are some pictures from the day:

Ed Hord & Bob Schillo



Wade Stickels, Rob Gallman & John Meadows



Gary Artis & daughter Heather, Linda Artis is sitting to the right of the car.



A Big **HOWDY** To Our New Members



**Rob Gallman
Debbie Springs**

2002 Z06 Yellow

Jerry and Gloria Scienski

We've lived in Matthews for the past 15 years. We are from Southwestern Michigan but came to NC from Pennsylvania (where Corvettes are put in the garage for eight months of the year). We lived in several states while I was in the Marine Corps and liked North Carolina best.

I work for Carolinas' Healthcare System as a Vice President. Gloria is the Executive Director for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

At last---this is our first Corvette, a **2002 Electron Blue Coupe**, automatic, chrome wheels, and real time damping. I've wanted a Corvette since High School. On November 24th my dream came true and NC weather will allow me to enjoy driving twelve months a year.



Our hobbies of road trips and photography are both better in a Corvette. I can't wait to travel with the top out. We heard about the QCCC from Parks Chevrolet. We've enjoyed the socials and meeting people that share the Corvette passion. Caravanning is now one of my favorite ways to spend a day.



50 years old and still **KICKING BUTT!!!**

Well, what do you think? Was it the best GM could do after 50 years? After all the anticipation, is it disappointing?

Our crack newsletter staff got these pictures from the internet. Our skeptical editor is waiting for confirmation that this really is the 50th Anniversary Edition, this could be a joke. The color reminds us of the ruby red 40th or Mag Red on a C5.

Hmmm....maybe it will be better in person.



To the left is the new color for the 50th Anniversary interior. Kind of elegant looking, don't you think?



To the right is the Indy Pace Car for 2002. Check out the gold tinted wheels.

Look for next month's newsletter, we have information (*pictures?*) of the new C6. Tune in so you can stay on the "cutting edge!"





Are You Ready For A ROAD TRIP?

Brown Mountain Lights

By Billy Bob Bigblock

There are innumerable stories of the lights. But perhaps the best description is that the lights are "a troop of candle-bearing ghosts who are destined to march forever back and forth across the mountain."

Are you fascinated with natural mysteries? I have always found these types of things intriguing and I'm drawn to them like a moth to a flame. While I was in college, and for decades afterwards, I've heard about these eerie, strange, unexplained lights that come and go over a mountain here in North Carolina. As I'm writing this, the hair on the back of my neck stands on end because of the unexplained mystery. You know the sensation, the one you get when you're alone on the beach at midnight and you see continuous lightning on the horizon or when you walk through a graveyard at night. Here is a story I found that tells a little of the mountain phenomena.

"The Brown Mountain Lights are one of the most famous of North Carolina legends. They have been reported a dozen times in newspaper stories, and they have attracted the attention of numerous scientists and historians since first recorded in 1771.

"The early frontiersman believed that the lights were the spirits of Cherokee and Catawba warriors slain in an ancient battle on the mountainside. According to Indian legend, a great battle was fought in 1200 between the Cherokee and Catawba Indians near Brown Mountain. The Cherokees believed that the lights were the spirits of Indian maidens searching through the centuries for their husbands and sweethearts who had died in the battle.

"One thing is certain, the lights do exist. They have been seen from earliest times. They appear at irregular intervals over the top of Brown Mountain - a long, low mountain in the foothills of the Blue Ridge. They move erratically up and down, visible at a distance, but vanishing as one climbs the mountain. From the Wiseman's View on Linville Mountain the lights can be seen well. They at first appear to be about twice the size of a star as they come over Brown Mountain. Sometimes they have a reddish or blue cast. On dark nights they pop up so thick and fast it's impossible to count them.

"The lights can be seen from as far away as Blowing Rock or Grandfather Mountain some fifteen miles from Brown Mountain. At some points closer to Brown Mountain the lights seem large, resembling balls of fire from a Roman candle. Sometimes they may rise to various heights and fade slowly. Others expand as they rise, then burst high in the air like an explosion without sound."

If you would like to witness these lights go to Morganton, then go North on Highway 181 for 19 miles to the Brown Mountain overlook and then look East. You can also take highway 126 west out of Morganton for a few miles and take a right on Highway #1238 (Kistler Memorial Highway) and continue to Wiseman's View and look east. There are also a couple of viewing places from the Blue Ridge Parkway.

It would be great if we could get a bunch of us to go some evening, we'd have a great time and because...Ol' Billy Bob is too skeered to go by himself.

Back To The Headwaters



You've heard about the salmon always swimming back upstream to the place of their birth, haven't you? Well, here's the automobile equivalent to that phenomenon. Believe it or not, these Corvettes made their owners climb aboard, and drive them 460 miles back to their birthplace in Bowling Green, KY. Doggone, that's romantic.



Here are our salmon drivers in the above photo (Left to Right):

Bob & Nancy Runnion

Wade & Sue Stickels

Walt & Wendy Krupowicz

Robert Morgan & Vanessa Krimminger

Karl & Jackie Slavetsky



Here they are beginning a "Power Shopping" excursion in the Museum Gift Shop. They even had their own assigned Museum guide to assure the cooling water was sufficient to their credit cards to keep them from melting because of all the transactions.

A Trip To



Deliver A Patch

By Walt Krupowicz

The south contingent (Robert, Vanessa, Karl, Jackie, Bob, Nancy, Walt and Wendy) met near Providence road and promptly departed for Sam Wilson road where we met Wade and Sue.

The roads were uneventful until the curves west of Asheville. We came upon a truck tire tread (road gator) lying in the road. Walt and Wendy had minor damage to the right front air dam after striking the obstacle in the road.

We had lunch at the Cracker Barrel just east of Knoxville since we were making good time. When we came out, the sun was out and the tops came down (clean up your thoughts, the car tops). The remainder of this leg of the trip was smooth until we approached Lebanon, Tennessee. A few of us had low fuel and it took awhile to find the ideal gas station. Driving up to Scottsville, Kentucky and on to Bowling Green along a curvy road was not Deals Gap, but fun, nevertheless. We arrived at the Courtyard by Marriott and wondered about washing the cars due to the rain forecast for the area. Wade found a source of water and a hose (if y'all know Wade, this isn't surprising), but we thought it wise to wait until morning. Dinner at Montana's was great. After dinner drinks in the motel lobby were enhanced with discussions & solutions of the world's problems.

We awoke to heavy rain on Friday and relegated ourselves to a leisurely breakfast in the lobby. Seeing the Electron Blue coupe on display in front of the plant through heavy rain was not the ideal situation. After finding suitable parking in the plant parking lot, we checked in with plant security. We met with the tour guide and found out bags and cameras were a no-no. We wanted to take a group picture with the plant manager while presenting the Queen City club patch for display at the plant. Unfortunately, Mr. Cooksey was in Detroit and the tour guide provided his stand in. We watched the required safety film and the QCCC contingent proceeded on the tour. There is a lot to see and absorb on the tour which resulted in the group being stretched out along the tour route. Jackie was selected from our group to start a magnetic red coupe for the first time. The assembly line continued to move as we waved goodbye to Jackie. She appeared to be extremely contented. Due to an employee break, we did not see the dynamometer run that is conducted on each Corvette as it comes off the assembly line. There are not too many circumstances where a person can stand a few feet away from a Corvette with the rear wheels spinning at 90 mph. Maybe next time. We departed the plant, had lunch and proceeded to the special Corvette parking spots at the museum.



As we entered the museum, we were greeted with a QCCC welcome sign. We explored the many Corvette paraphernalia in the gift shop. Karl acquired the preferred convertible top cleaner (this stuff really works). We took a self-guided tour of the museum and saw a half dozen Corvettes

waiting for their owners through the museum delivery program. We met Stephanie Ferrell, Museum Membership Services' Manager, who gave our group a behind the scenes tour of the museum. We ended the tour in the delivery prep area and were greeted by bright sunshine. We were then given a tour of the office space and a brief explanation of the land acquisition behind the museum. We thanked Stephanie for her hospitality and decide to take pictures in front of the museum while the sun was shining. Pictures, pictures, pictures...we took individual pictures...we took group pictures...we allowed another Corvette owner to take a few pictures, we even took pictures of people taking pictures. In the slow process of another visitor taking our group picture with the tops down, the sprinkles started. We barely got the last picture taken from the last of numerous cameras when the heavy rain came. It was a good thing that we were experienced at putting the top up quickly. We proceeded back to the motel with a side trip to dinner, which was a wise decision as we were ahead of the crowds. Washing the cars was out of the question (even for Wade) as rain was forecast for tomorrow. This allowed for adequate socializing in the evening. Jody should have been there to take notes. We had a goood time.

Saturday morning greeted us with rain. We discovered sun as we neared Lebanon, Tennessee. Wade and Sue checked out triple digits (huh-oh, citizens' arrest! citizen's arrest!) on I-40 as we headed to Pigeon Forge. Robert, Vanessa, Karl and Jackie decided to check out the Knoxville Corvette show. Since they did not see the 50th at the plant, they thought it would surely be at the Knoxville show. We checked in at the Clarion motel in Sevierville, Tennessee (Dolly Parton's hometown). The "Gone with the Wind" motif was interesting. We discovered one club member who has never seen the GWTW movie. After a side trip to the outlet mall, we walked in on a wedding reception at Applewoods. You'll have to ask the BG trip participants about the reception! The food was excellent and toooo much. After dinner, back to the motel for drinks and more socializing.

Sunday, we decided to take the shortcut back to I-40. I had it all figured out until we came to an unplanned "T" intersection. After a few minutes with the map, we made the correct turn and got on I-40 as planned. The remainder of the trip was uneventful for the most part. Other than the rain in Bowling Green, we had a fantastic time. Good friends with a great car and lots of food and socializing are what it's all about. If you haven't been to the plant and museum, you need to put it on your trip to do list.

(Editor's Note) – We know that many of you have heard that Wade Stickels allegedly revealed, while on this trip, he wore his boxer shorts backwards, but that was absolutely untrue. After a thorough investigation by our *crack* staff, the skid marks were found where they were supposed to be, so the rumor proved bogus. Y'all did hear about this, didn't you? Huh, Oh! Did we say too much?

We must also clear away the confusion created by Walt Krupowicz, after the induction of a few beers, saying he and Wendy purchased some furniture from "Charlie Limberlake." While it is true he said that, Wendy interpreted it for us, the furniture was from "Bob Timberlake." Blame it on the beer, Walt!

In the grandest Corvette tradition, this is about eating!

A new member, **Debbie Springs**, offers this recipe she used for a popular dish she made for the Progressive Dinner in March. Enjoy!

Fourth of July Casserole

1/2 pound sliced bacon, diced
1/2 pound ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
1 can (28 ounces) pork and beans
1 can (17 ounces) lima beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (15 to 16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1/2 cup barbecue sauce
1/2 cup ketchup
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
2 tablespoons molasses
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon chili powder



In a large skillet, cook bacon, beef and onion until meat is browned and onion is tender: drain. Transfer to a greased 2-1/2 quart baking dish: add all of the beans and mix well. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients: stir into beef and bean mixture. Cover and bake 350 for 45 minutes. Uncover; bake 15 minutes longer. Yield: 12 servings

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GM LS7 Cammer Power!

LS1 ARCHITECTURE, 391 CUBES, 440 HP FOR '05—WITH MORE COMING!

With the '02 Z06 bumped to 405 horsepower, one only wonders what Chevy will bring out for its performance all-star's gala golden-anniversary bash in 2003. We know there's more on the horizon, but it doesn't seem likely for '03. Chief Engineer Winegarden hinted at some upcoming developments (including changes to bore and/or stroke) in a Q&A released by GM Powertrain Communications, saying cryptically, "Some of the learning from the power development in this program is destined to show up in future model years."

Damn straight it is. HOT ROD has obtained exclusive secret documents from GM's dyno lab in Michigan, where 2005-model-

year engines are running on the stand as you read this. Of particular interest is what is being referred to as the "Gen IV LS7". It's reportedly a 6.4L version of the familiar LS1; bore is 4.06 inches and stroke is 3.78 inches, making for 391 cubes. Though the general architecture is similar to the LS1/LS6 available now, the LS7 is in fact a twin-cam setup and likely uses a different block (à la Z06) to get the increased displacement. The rumor is that both OHC and two-cam-in-the-valley setups are being tested, and our anonymous source did not elaborate on which engine these numbers represented.

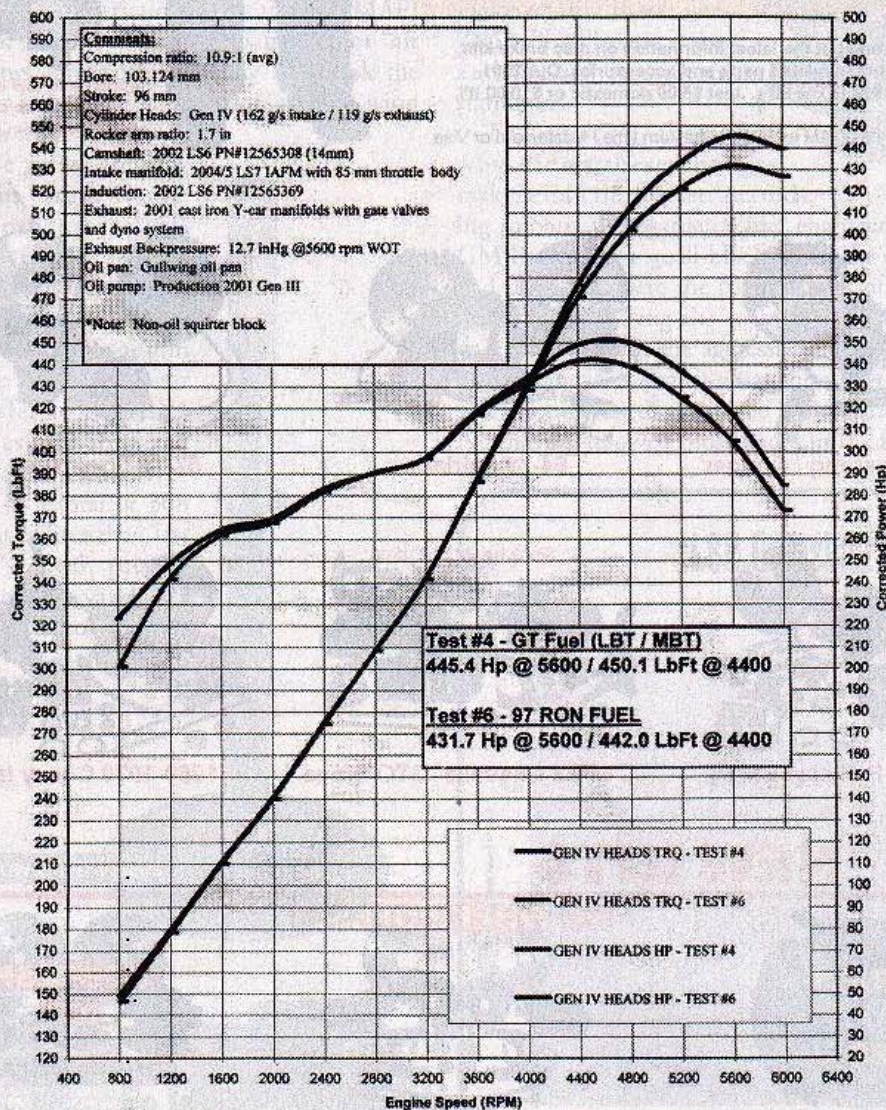
Anyone worried that a cammer would soak power out of the engine can rest assured: The LS7, in pre-production form, pumped out a mighty 445 hp at 5,600 rpm, and 450 lb-ft of torque at 4,400 rpm on 93 octane. Interestingly, dyno pulls on 87-octane gas produced identical torque numbers through the torque peak and fell off only slightly higher in the revs, even with 10.0:1 compression. A twin-cam setup is considered necessary due to ever-tightening emissions standards, which will step up again for the 2005 model year.

Late word is that the engine-builders are also working on a cammer 427ci version (roughly 7 liters) utilizing the LS1/LS6 architecture. Little is known about the engine itself, but the engineers' goal is an '03 Viper-like 500 horsepower and 500 lb-ft of torque—but with 75 fewer cubes. The success of the Z06, despite not having any of the decontending measures that were originally considered, has spurred this new project into development. Tentatively called C5R (the same name as given this year's competition-only Daytona-winning Vettes), this is the car that everyone was hoping the Z06 would be: a bona-fide stripper featuring crank windows, cloth seats, A/C delete, and more (less?). Perhaps GM is figuring that enough people will pay a \$15-grand premium over a Z06 that it could be worth the development efforts. This could happen in '05 or even '06; lots can happen between now and then, so stay tuned. **HR**

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2005 GEN IV LS7 6.4L

Test #4 vs. Test #6 standard conditions



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