

June 2002

Stars Over Savannah



“The Club’s Monthly Croaker”
We’re not always right, but we’re sure of it!
Our Pledge:
To take the simple, and complicate it,
To take the incomprehensible, and merely confuse 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!

To the left are some cars in the Savannah Convention Center at “The Gathering” annually sponsored by the Coastal Corvette Club. Many QCCC members attended this event

and enjoyed the best of Savannah. (not necessarily the best hotels)

There was another QCCC group that went to Panama City, Fla. for a big event. They met with a bunch of ‘Vette bigwigs (Will Cooksey and Andy Pilgrim). The picture to the right shows some of the festivities.

We made a trip for lunch (we have our priorities) to the Red Rocker Inn (pictures below) in Black Mountain. The food was magnificent, and the route was marvelous.



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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.



May 29, 2002

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

Another great month behind us. May has been a busy month. To start the month we had 12 cars attend events in Savannah and 9 cars attend events in Panama City, Fla. Read on in the next pages to get more details on these two great trips. If you didn't get to go on one of these trips, mark it on your calendar for next year. Both events offer a great time for all.

We were really looking forward to the Park's Chevrolet car show. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and we had a rain out. We had over 40 cars signed up for this show. Robert Morgan has rescheduled this event, so be sure to get in touch with him to get all the details. Again, this is one of our clubs events to raise money for charity. We NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION! There are still a lot of you that I haven't seen at a meeting or event. Come on out and join the fun.

We had a great turn out at the Festival of Lights Parade in Downtown Charlotte. We carried the Mayor, Race Car Drivers, Retired Drivers and or their Family members and beauty Queens. Gary Artis really wanted to head up the parade with his new strobe lights on the Pace Car (He wanted something on it to really make it stand out). Well, Gary didn't get to go first, but he did manage to get on the front page of the Observer (see page 19). I hope everyone was able to see the paper. The picture had a great sign showing QCCC but Gary was hidden behind the sunvisor. Maybe next year, Gary!

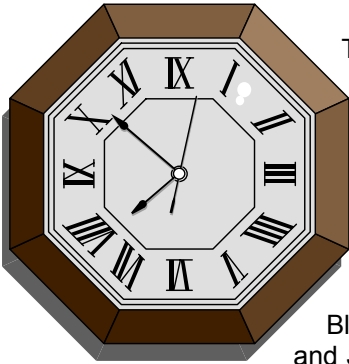
The mystery cruise was attended by over 35 people. The weather was great and the food was marrrrrrvelous. We sent the Red Rocker Inn a picture of our cars lined up out front. It was a beautiful site to see.

Matthews is holding its annual car show this month as well. We have about 15 or so cars registered for this show. If it was like last year, it will be another fun day. It will be on the same Saturday that we are holding our annual barbeque and meeting at Eddie & Jane Burt's. What a way to spend the day. If you haven't been to Eddie's & Jane's for Barbeque, DON'T MISS OUT.

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 the your Corvette!

Minutes of the QCCC Meeting Saturday May 11, 2002



The May 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 6:35 p.m.

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: **Johnny Salonen** – 1972 Coupe, **Reggie & Suzie Black** – 2002 Pewter Coupe, **Al Smith** – 1989 Black Convertible, **Jay & Windy Jordan** – 1993 Black Rose ZR-1, and **Stephanie Mauney** – 2001 Yellow Convertible.

NEW MEMBERS voted in: **Jay & Windy Jordan, Reggie & Suzie Black, and Stephanie Mauney!**

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

Eddie Burt, Membership Director reported:

- The April 25 trip to Dothan, AL and Panama City, FL had 18 QCCC people drive down on Thursday. Friday at the Party Barn QCCC won 3 door prizes (**EO Oakley** won a shirt, **Linda Meadows** won a bird house, and **Renee Frazier** won a CD). A total of 295 cars attended the event. Panama City beach is absolutely beautiful. **Al Herold** won tickets to Pole Night for knowing that Dothan, AL is the peanut capital of the world.
- Thanked everyone for their condolences and donations to the QCCC Charity Account in memory of his mother Rubilee Burt.
- Our membership is now 106 families and 176 members.
- The car log has 63 people and 85 Corvettes so far. If you want to be included, please let Eddie know your car info.

Robert Morgan, Automotive Events Director reported:

- May 4 – Parks Chevrolet Car Show – was rained out and is rescheduled for June 22.
- May 21, Tuesday – Coca Cola 600 Parade of Lights. We will be carrying retired NASCAR Drivers and the Miss Mecklenburg's. The parade will be televised on Channel 6. There are 36 cars so far.
- June 8 - Matthews Car Show 9:00 – 4:00, \$15 per car, 14 cars so far – need at least one more.
- July 4 parades – Coulwood, Lake Wylie, and Hickory Grove. Let Robert know which one(s) you can attend.
- October – Virginia International Raceway Road Race in Danville, VA. More info to come.

Wendy Krupowicz, Vice President reported:

- The April 26 trip to Savannah GA had 12 QCCC people drive down and everyone - had a wonderful time. The car show in the Civic Center was a hit! **Ken Watts** won the Grand Prize of a neon sign.

Nancy Runnion, Director of Social Events reported:

- May 19 – Mystery Trip will leave Exit 36 at 9:45 am and return by 5:00 pm. There are 9 cars so far.
- June 8 - Meeting will be at **Eddie Burt's** house. He will smoke the BBQ and **Lynn Solland** is coordinating the side dishes.
- July 13 - Meeting will be at Huntersville Community Center.
- September 20 & 21 - Beach Trip to Hilton Head, SC.

Jody Austin reported:

- June 15 - Road Trip through NC, VA, & WV mountain ranges – leave Exit 36 at 8:30 am and return by 5:00 pm.
- July 20 - Time, Speed, and Distance Rally will finish by 4:30 pm with dinner after.

John Meadows, President reported:

Printed newsletters are available courtesy of *Jon Elliott*.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES MONDAY MAY 20, 2002

The May officers' meeting was held at Wendy & Walt Krupowicz's house. Officers present were John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Gary Artis, Nancy Runnion, Robert Morgan, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. Guest was Walt Krupowicz. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Robert:

5/21 – Coca Cola 600 Parade of Lights – 37 cars so far.

6/8 – Matthews Car Show – 21 cars so far.

6/22 – Parks Chevrolet Car Show – 27 cars so far.

7/4 – 3 parades: Coulwood, Hickory Grove, Lake Wylie

Gary:

Reviewed dues payment status.

Eddie:

Car Log – 95 cars and 71 Owners are listed so far.

Nancy:

6/8 - Meeting & BBQ at the Burt's – Lynn Sollard is coordinating the side dishes.

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

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

8/25 – Carlisle PA Corvette Show

John:

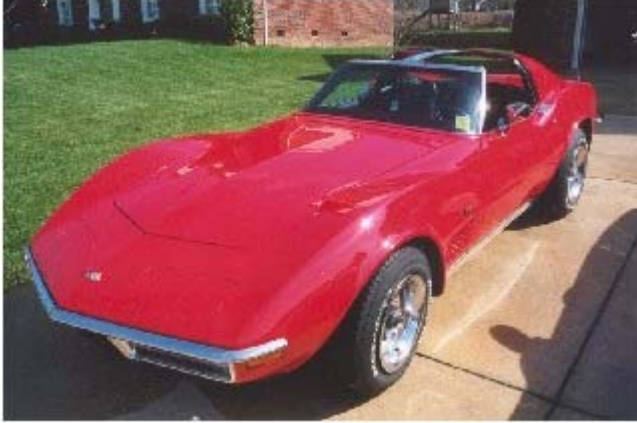
Need Charity Committee to determine where our funds will go. John will bring up the subject at the next meeting.

Walt Krupowicz:

Made an enthusiastic presentation for having/hosting a regional Corvette show in uptown Charlotte in 2003 at the Convention Center. The new Westin Hotel will open in November 2002 across the street from the Convention Center and they are interested in being the host hotel. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to pursue this idea with the Club. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Walt to head the planning committee. This idea will be presented and opened for discussion at the June meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary



AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

Wow, what a great turn out at the UAW/GM 600 Parade in Charlotte this past Tuesday! We had over 30 cars and a beautiful evening for the parade. Thanks to all that participated in the event. It was also on Channel 6 that evening, but all cars weren't shown because of the length of the parade.

That was a little disappointing but we

had a great view of Bob Denny and the mayor! And what about the front-page picture of Gary Artis in the Charlotte Observer on Wednesday! That was great to see our club logo on his dash!

We had a very interesting trip to Savannah to say the least! The show was a hit as it has been in previous years, but we won't get into talking about the accommodations! Twelve couples went down for the weekend and approximately 100 cars were in the Savannah Convention center. It was nice to be inside this year away from the elements.

Our next car event will be on **Saturday, June 8th** in downtown Matthews. This is the annual Matthews Auto Reunion and will be from **9 AM to 4 PM**. Presently I have 20 cars signed up. We'll collect the \$15.00 application fee when everyone arrives. If anyone else would like to participate, there'll be a \$20.00 fee the day of the show.

The rescheduled date for the **Parks Chevrolet** car show is on **Saturday, June 22nd** from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. I only have 26 people signed up for this, whereas I had 47 on the previous date! If you're planning on attending please let me know so I can reserve the spaces at the dealership. Again, this is a fund raising event for the club. Parks Chevrolet will donate \$500.00 to our charity and we'll give out trophies for our cars. They plan on having a radio station and a food stand on site.

There will be 3 parades on **July 4th**. We have the **Hickory Grove** parade starting at **11:00 AM** and we'll need 10 to 15 cars for that. There is also the **Lake Wylie** parade and the **Coulwood** parade. I don't have the number of cars needed or the times yet on these two. I'll be sending out an email with more details as soon as I know.

If anyone is interested in driving to Myrtle Beach this weekend, there is a car show there on May 31st and June 1st, sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club. 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. If you'd like to attend, please call Colin Dunning at 843-236-4508, or email at cwdunning@netzero.net.



Till next time, stay cool!

Robert



Activity/Event Calendar

Date	Event	Food	Cost	Time
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			5:30pm
15th	Day Trip to Virginia Mountains Bring Your Camera	Lunch		8:30am
	Meet at Belk/Kmart/Harris Teeter Shopping Center, Exit #36,I-77			
22nd	Car Show - Parks Chevrolet 9am - 3pm			
JULY				
13th	Club Meeting Huntersville Aquatic & Fitness Center			
20th	Time, Speed and Distance Rally - Lake Norman - Supper Afterwards			
AUGUST				
10th	Club Meeting To Be Determined			
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			
13th	Leaf Tour to Black Mountain & Red Rocker Inn	Buffet	~\$15	
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 Inn - Charlotte			

QCCC's Pick-An-Event

Club Monthly Meetings

Huntersville -Aquatic/Fitness Center

July 13th - 6:30

Sept 14th - 6:30

Nov 9th - 6:30

Matthews Area

June 8th - Eddie & Jane Burt's - 5:30

Aug 10th - To Be Determined -

Oct 12th - Alpine Village - 5:00

Day Trips/Events

June 1st - Shriner's Parade - Details to come

June 8th - Matthews Car Show 9AM to 4PM. \$15 per car to enter

June 15th - Merle Haggard/Loretta Lynn/Spam Sandwich Grand Road Tour to Virginia Mts.
(Bring your camera) 8:30 AM Exit #36, I-77 North

June 22nd - Car Show at Park's Chevrolet, N. Tryon St. Charlotte

July 20th - Time, Speed, Distance Rally - Queen's Landing - Lake Norman
(Ends at a restaurant for dinner)

Aug 18th - Mini Mystery Tour - Hint (Bring Suntan Lotion)

Oct 12th - Road Rally - South Charlotte

Oct 13th - Leaf Tour to Black Mountain for Lunch at Red Rocker Inn

Oct 20th - Winery Tour - Fancy Gap, Va

Weekend Trips

Aug 22-25th - Carlisle Corvette Show www.carsatcarlisle.com

Aug 30-9/2nd - NCM 8th Anniversary - Bowling Green, KY

Sept 20-22nd - Hilton Head, SC - Beach Trip

Nov 15-17th - Mountain Trip - Lake Lure & Chimney Rock

Banquet

Jan 25, 2003 - Renaissance Inn, Charlotte

Auto Fair

Sept 14-15th - Lowe's Motorspeedway

Christmas Party 2002

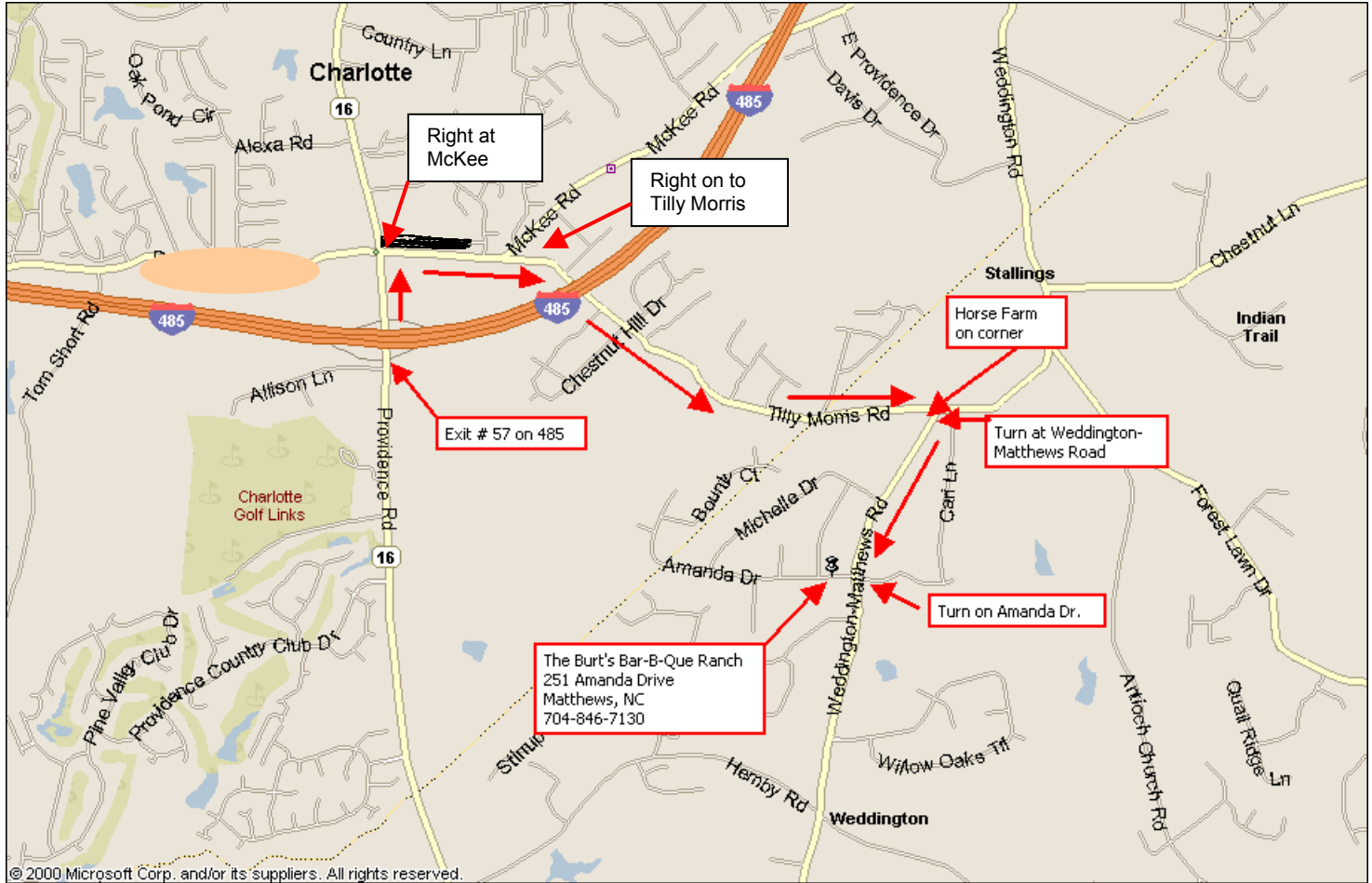
Dec 14th - Shrine Oasis Club at University Place

Races

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

Map to the Best Damn Bar-B-Que in the World

The Eddie & Jane Burt Bar-B-Que Ranch will be open for business on June 8th for our meeting.



The social committee has assigned the following basic food groups to bring based on the first initial of your last name:

If your last name begins with:

A thru D: You bring munchies (Chips, Dips, etc)

E thru J: You bring salad (Green, Pasta, Fruit, Potato, etc)

K thru Q: You bring casserole

R thru Z: You bring dessert

Don't forget your chairs and drinks!!!!!!



Curves, Curves, and More Curves

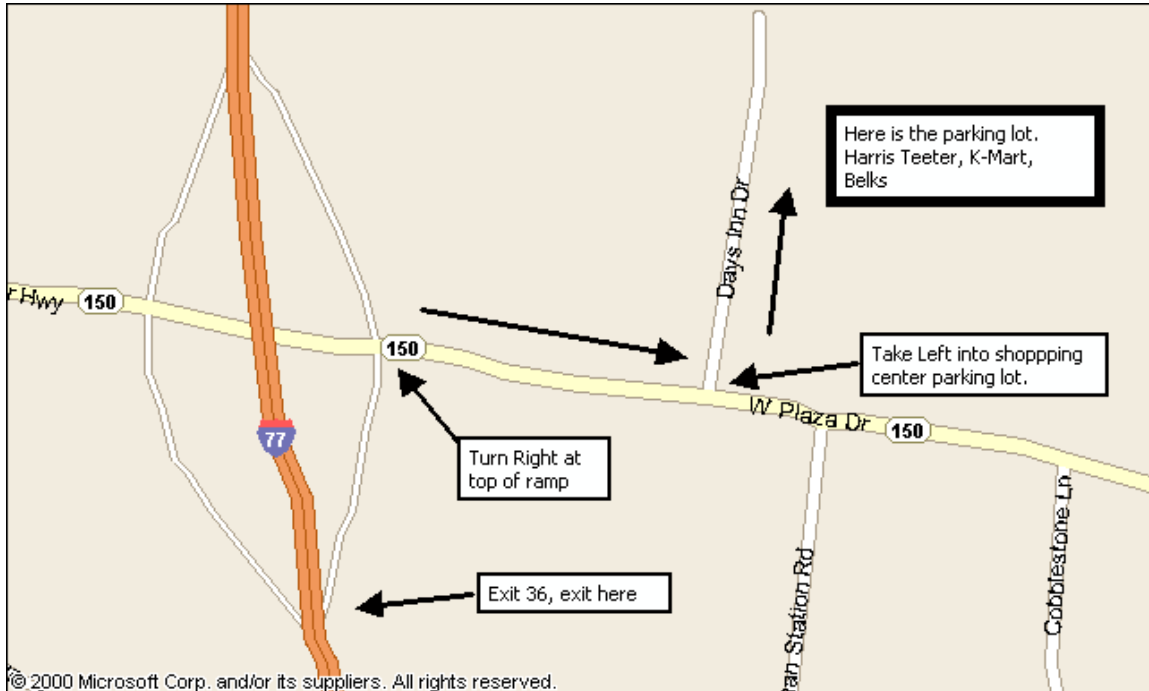
If this sign is an aphrodisiac for you, then you need to go on this day trip to the Virginia/West Virginia Mountains.

Meeting Place for the June 15th Cruise to the Virginia Mountains.

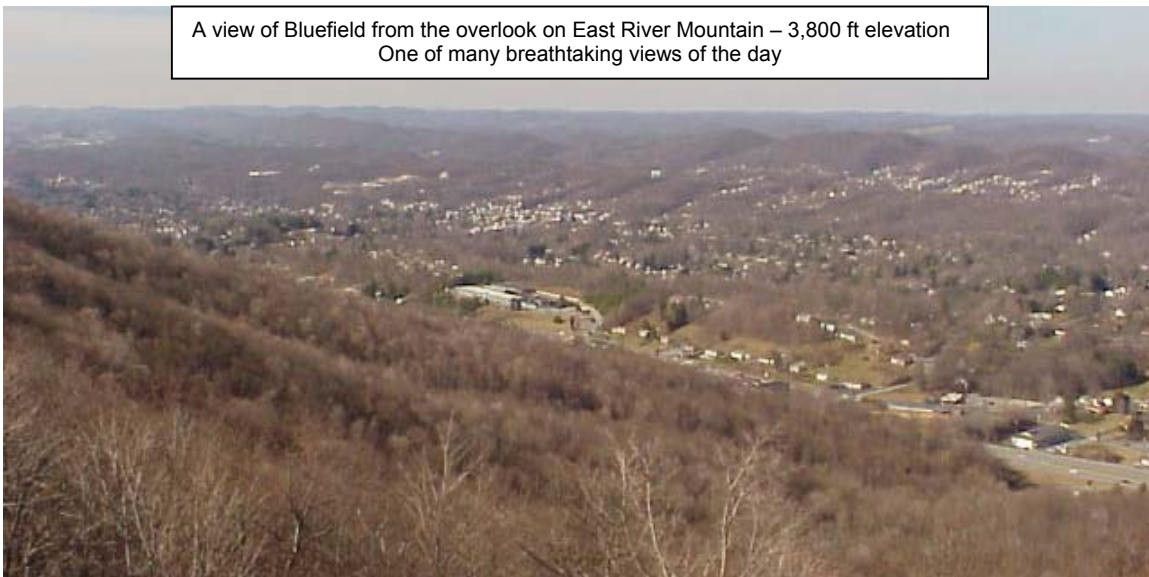
Map to Mooresville Belk's Shopping Center. (Exit # 36 on I-77 North)

Leaving at 8:30am - Arriving back approx 5pm

Lunch at Ryan's Family Steak House in Bluefield, VA



A view of Bluefield from the overlook on East River Mountain – 3,800 ft elevation
One of many breathtaking views of the day



How About a Big Howdy To Our New Members



Reggie and Suzie Black live in Charlotte. Reggie is a native Charlottean who works for Duke Energy as a Purchasing Manager. Suzie is a Senior Vice President for First Union/Wachovia's Retail Credit Division. They have been married for 31 years and have a daughter, Donna (25) and a spoiled Persian cat, Pepper! Suzie sings in the choir at First Presbyterian Church. Donna says it doesn't take much to make her Dad happy- just green grass (he has a picture perfect yard), homemade biscuits and the Weather Channel!!!

Reggie and his Dad restored cars together including a '55 Chevy, '31 Model A Ford, '41 Buick and a '48 Chevy. While Reggie would like to have kept all of them (plus a dozen or more other cars) they currently only have the '48 Chevy. They are looking for a '59 frost blue Corvette!

The Black's first Corvette was an '86 white coupe. When they pulled it into the driveway the first day, Donna took one look at it and declared "Dad, you are just TOO LUCKY!" Well Reggie agreed and requested the "TOO LUCKY" license tag. The '86 was sold to buy a van to "do" the college transport thing. Now that college is over, it was time to find another dream machine! The "TOO LUCKY" tag was still available when the Black's bought their new 2002 Pewter coupe in February. Now Reggie and Suzie look forward to combing their two favorites past times - Corvette cruising and antiquing!

Stephanie Mauney

Stephanie has been a Corvette lover since she saw a red and white convertible as a child, and a Corvette owner since 1995 with the purchase of a 1989 yellow t-top. This car was later sold for \$8,000 **more** than what she paid for it (!) so the search was on for a 2001 yellow convertible. It was found in Ahoskie, NC. A phone call was made and two days later, it was delivered to her front door at work!

Stephanie attended UNC-Wilmington on a basketball scholarship and played semi-professional softball in Virginia Beach for 4 years. She served in the United State Air Force for 4 years as an aircraft electrician and played on their volleyball team. Also, during this time, she started bowling and has attended coaching schools



developed by the United States Olympic Committee. She has earned Team USA Bronze and Silver level certifications and is now working on achieving the highest level – Team USA Gold. She works with Charlotte’s youth bowlers and adults who want to improve their game. She was inducted into the Charlotte Bowling Hall of Fame in 1998, is past-President of the Charlotte Women’s Bowling Association, and bowls in some Women’s Professional Tournaments. Her license plate is “TEAMUSA”.

Stephanie believes that the formula for winning is to have the best mental game you can produce, and the best way to prepare for games, and get to tournaments, is in a Corvette. She drives hers every day and feels there is no better place to find peace and solitude than in her Corvette with the CD’s playing.

Jay and Windy Jordan

Jay and Windy Jordan are originally from Columbia, SC and have been in Charlotte for 10 years.

Jay knew he would have a Corvette, but had a hard time deciding what year to get – old or new. He has always been a fan of the '63 & '67 body style, and likes things that are out of the ordinary, so was leaning toward a '63 split-window, but really liked the ZR-1 edition – more power you know. In September 2000 he saw an ad for a '93 ZR-1 in the Charleston area that was priced right, so he & Windy rode down to look at the car. As Jay says: “Now I am usually a pretty good car trader, but the salesman knew I was hooked the minute he saw me. I guess it had something to do with my eyes popping and my tongue hanging out.” Windy liked the Black Rose Metallic color, so it became theirs. They’ve had it almost 2 years now and it has been a fantastic car that they thoroughly enjoy.



There’s always room for a split-window.

From Eddie Burt....

“I want to thank everyone for the many cards, e-mails, and telephone calls expressing condolences due to my Mom’s death. I want to especially thank all of you who made contributions to the QCCC Charitable Account.

Your expressions of condolence were very helpful in my time of need.”

Sincerely,

Eddie Burt



Boy, when Fred buys an arm's length of tickets, he gets his money's worth!



Looks like everyone got to Wally World to take advantage of the Blue Light Special on new floormats

Shots From the Panama City Trip



It's still daylight, so you know the lying hasn't started yet!



See, I got Willford Brimley's autograph



“Midnight in the Hotels of Good and Evil”
 or
“QCCC Goes to Savannah”
 by Wendy Callahan

Thirteen couples went to the 5th Annual Corvette Gathering in Savannah put on by the Coastal Corvette Association. We caravanned from the S.C. Welcome Center and the trip was very pleasant. We had a wonderful lunch in Savannah at Clarys and then went to our hotels to check in. Not to imply that serving on the board allows some privileges, but the three Vice Presidents who went along and a few others got to stay at the Savannah Historic Inn (aka The Worst Western) while the rest of us had to suffer at the Radisson across the street (where the rooms featured four poster king sized beds, Jacuzzis and balconies). The V.P.'s rooms featured spider eggs, assorted bugs and a delightful odor. (Wendy and Walt Krupowicz enjoyed it so much they plan to return for an extended vacation.) No one at the Worst Western had to worry about their cars because the police were called there every hour on the hour, throughout the night. (It almost makes you want to serve on the board!) Unfortunately, we didn't get that same service at the Radisson. Our cars were in a parking garage with valet service, if we so chose. But we managed to make the best of it despite the fact that Vanessa Krimminger forgot the blender to make those legendary Mudslides. But an emergency trip to a Walmart remedied the situation. Robert and Vanessa now own a travel blender for all future trips. That evening there was supposed to be a pizza party but due to a mix up there wasn't any so we went to a nice restaurant on the riverfront. After that some of us went to a place called Savannah Smiles which features dueling pianos. It was a lot of fun. (Ask Walt about the plungers and sandpaper. Since this is a family publication it can't be explained here.)

The next day the Coastal Corvette Association took everyone on a tour of Savannah. We gathered at the stadium like we did last year and lined up the cars in at least 10 groups and took off for about an hour tour of the city. We ended up at the Convention Center this year and parked the cars there for the day. It is a beautiful facility and was nicer than the fort because we didn't have to contend with any bugs. The Convention Center is on the other side of the river, so the Coastal Corvette Association arranged for a free water taxi that took us back and forth across the river all day so we could walk around Savannah and see the sights. Some took a trolley tour of the city, some went on a boat tour to see dolphins, and others just enjoyed the city (which included some shopping). That evening at the Trade Center we enjoyed a Low Country Boil. Various door prizes were given out along with awards for the cars. The QCCC's winning streak from last year did not hold for this year. (After last year we thought they just threw our tickets out this year.) We thought we wouldn't win anything and then it broke. John Callahan won a T-shirt and Dennis Kish won a baseball cap. But one of the most coveted prizes, a Corvette neon sign, was won by Ken Watts.



After we left the Convention Center, we were treated to Mudslides and Pina Coladas made by Vanessa Krimminger. We partied at the Radisson in one of the balcony rooms where we had a wonderful view of the Worst Western and watched the police cars come and go in the parking lot.

The next day we all headed home by various routes. (The lucky people who got to stay at the Worst Western were up bright and early, ready to go home. They were waiting for us in the lobby of the Radisson when we came down.) Some of us headed to Beaufort, SC where Ken and Lois Watts led us on a tour of this quaint town. Walt and Wendy Krupowicz detoured to a Blue Angels Air Show. It was a great trip and one we won't forget soon.

(Editor's note – This story was left in a plain brown envelope on the doorstep of the QCCC newsletter offices. We assume the author wanted to remain anonymous to avoid the wrath of the Vice-Presidents. But we would like to thank **Wendy Callahan** for the contribution of this humorous tale of fun from Savannah.)



Want To Weigh That Car, but you can't get it into the bathroom to get it on the scales?

Thanks to **Jane Burt** for sending this information into the technical division of the QCCC international newsletter offices.

How do you weigh a car without a scale? Here's an easy way. You can use the thing that's already holding up the car, the compressed air in the tires.

You'll need the following items: Tire pressure gauge, measuring tape, 2 pieces of cardboard with straight edges and simple math skills.

How to weigh it: The car must be parked on a smooth surface like a garage floor. Slide the pieces of cardboard snugly under the front and back of the tire. Push the cardboard as snug against the front and back of the tire as possible. Make sure they are not crooked but nice and parallel. Measure the distance between the two pieces of cardboard. Then turn the pieces and push them snugly against the sides of the tires. Multiply the numbers from both measurements. That will be the area of the "footprint" of the tire.

Next, use the tire gauge to measure the air pressure of the tire. Then multiply the area times the pressure. That will be the weight that one tire is holding up. Repeat this for all 4 tires and add the separate weights together. That's the car's total weight.

Did you know.....

The 1997 C5 Corvette had 34% (that's 1,500) fewer parts than its predecessor, the C4.

Whoa! STOP THE PRESSES!!! Here is the C6!!!

We know many of you Corvette devotees were disappointed with the new 50th anniversary edition of the Corvette. Well, here is compensation from the manufacturer. They have made amends now with the introduction of their new **C6** pictured below.

Many of you will remember the August edition of the "Club Croaker", (p.16) that had the spy photos of the new **C6**. Well, the manufacturer of the car found out that our diligent staff acquired photos of the car and threatened lawsuits and other legal action if we published them. However, we believe so strongly in the 1st amendment, and the readers' right to know, that we didn't back down and refused to pull the photo. The manufacturer was so angry they scrapped the plans to build the **C6** we had pictured and went back to the drawing board and developed a whole new car.....but guess what...our ace photography staff got new spy photos of the **New C6**, with the optional Z06 continental "Go Fast" kit. Don't you know the manufacturer will be absolutely furious if they find out we have these, so **please, please** don't tell anyone where you got the picture of the new **C6**. Obviously, since the C6 has a continental kit for a spare tire, the runflats must be a thing of the past.

Golly, it's a beauty!!!!



Seize The Moment

Wade Stickels sent us the following words of wisdom he has posted in his garage. If y'all know Wade and Sue, they live these words. There is rarely an event they miss and they really enjoy driving their 'Vette. Thanks for sending this to us Wade.

"...If we are going to go for it, do it now. Eat that gourmet food, and buy that art, and take up that karate or birding, or that Corvette, or that cottage on the Eastern Shore. Life is an unbelievable rip off. I think I hear my parents saying: You do all of that work, and act prudent, and sacrifice, and you're a good boy or girl, and then, instead of getting the reward of doing what you're passionate about, you awaken to find out that you're fresh out of passion. One small way to make the balance right is to **seize the moment** and do the passionate thing when you can. Life is so incredibly short and those moments in the little red Corvette are so very long." **Ben Stein**

So, heed Wade and Ben's advice..take every opportunity to drive that thing, it can all be taken away so quickly!



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Mystery Cruise

Well, Nancy and the Social Committee, you out done yourself this time. The day was perfect... not to hot, not to cold... just right. You folks that missed this trip missed out on a great time. Ken and Lois... yep, those Lip Lockin folks lead a bunch of gleaming Corvettes out of the rendezvous at Exit 36 in Mooresville... would you know for once I only had to "hurry" 3 miles to the meet spot... Well it seems that Karl and Jackie were as excited as me to be going on another "Mystery Cruise." We both arrived at the meeting spot... well maybe a little off the actual meeting spot, but close enough, about 1 hour early. We were prepared to depart @ 9:00 ... then 9:15... well as we found out 9:45 was the actual time... Of course we left on time... don't we always... you see Jody... Yep that one ... Our Cop magnet, was not leading... After some coaching by Ken about proper personal relieving functions... we mounted up and started rolling west down highway 150 towards who knows Only the Shadow knows for sure. Getting thru the initial traffic signals proved to be some what of a problem and caused some circle driving... we even drove thru a church parking lot. I think that was so we could say we "went to church today." Finally arriving in the thriving metropolis of Lincolnton (you know a suburb of Troutman) Wade ... yep, the Clean Car Guy, suggested we run thru the city double file... now that really improved our clearing traffic signals. No more circle drivin... Over hill thru the dale we proceeded, merrily cruising along with a stop at Ken Watts' brother's station for a rest stop. Back in the saddle we cruised toward Marion on 226. Now that is some pretty sight seein', and hardly any traffic. Finally reaching the thriving city of Marion... no we didn't have reservations at the Prison Mess, as we were afraid they would catch sight of the rubber that was left on the highway and keep us. By the way, Jody lived up to his normal reputation... we met a picture takin' constable on 226.



Turning west on I-40 we picked up the speed and made a mad dash up Black Mountain and down the far side, at which time we were informed that we were getting off at Exit 65. Meandering thru Black Mountain we dropped in on the folks at the "Red Rocker" bed and



breakfast. We had a heck of a time convincing Robert and Vanessa not to stay in one of the rooms. Now I have to agree the rooms were beautiful and would be a wonderful place to spend an enjoyable evening. After they rang the dinner bell we were ushered to the porch and made to feel comfortable. Lets face it .. how comfortable can you get sitting across from Stoney (aka Randy Sherman) and side of Scott Hamilton. You have to watch both of them... they will sneak food off your plate. That Scott ate 1/2 the first plate of Pot Roast... and for a little guy you should see Stoney pack it away... can you believe 2, yep, count 'em, 2

deserts... and that was after having thirds of Pot Roast and two Chicken Drumsticks. As you can imagine the food was superb. Everyone was so impressed that we voted to give you folks that

missed this one another chance on October 13th. I for one can't wait... now that I have finally packed away the small amount that I was able to scrounge from those other big guys.

After lunch we blocked the street in front of the Bed & Breakfast and had a photo Op. You should see our leader John Meadows shinny up a telephone pole. I thought for a minute that someone's monkey had gotten loose. Then I saw the camera and I knew it had to be John.. I am sure that there will be pictures in the Newsletter. After you look at them and you get over the feelings of remorse for missing this trip, you can make reservations with Nancy or any of the Social Committee for the October trip. Don't miss it... it will be a blast.

Parade of Lights



As you can see many customers lined up at the QCCC Lemonade stand. (Just Kidding, Just Kidding)



PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Photo by David T. Foster III

Gary Artis' picture that was published on the front page of the Charlotte Observer on Wednesday, May 22, 2002.

This was taken during the Parade of Lights. Congratulations Gary, and we love the QCCC sign.

Thanks to the Observer for sending us this photo for publication!



The other night while talking with Reggie Black, a fellow member, he asked an intriguing question, if I could have any car ever made what would it be? That got us here at the QCCC's international newsletter offices, high above downtown Troutman, thinking, why don't we have a survey with our membership?

This could be fun, so how about responding to this survey for us and we'll publish the results in an upcoming newsletter. Here is the question:

If you could have any automobile ever made, regardless of price, what would it be?

Send your reply to us at c4c5@adelphia.net and maybe win some really cool gift...or not.

Have you seen....

the new membership directory Eddie Burt and Paul Pelkey have put together? It has the members and a description of their cars. This is impressive, now we can see the types of cars we all drive. By the way, this is only published to the membership, it not offered to the public. Think about participating and give Eddie and Paul your car information so we can have a definitive listing of our cars.

Great job, Eddie and Paul.