



Could it be C6 in 2005?



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 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!

August 2002



We had 15 members join the Stars & Stripes Tour as it came through Charlotte. The purpose of the tour was to deliver a flag to NYC and to raise funds for the NYC Fire Depts.

Many of our members participated in an American tradition, July 4th Parades! We had cars at Hickory Grove, Coulwood and Tega Cay.

Corvette was, once again, picked as America’s Best sports car amongst the readers of Autoweek magazine, but we already knew that, didn’t we?

AMERICA’S BEST
AUTOWEEK READERS NAME THE STAR CARS

BUILT: BOWLING GREEN, KY.
ENGINE: 5.7-LITER V8, 350 HP, 360 LB-FT (COUPE DATA)
DRIVETRAIN: RWD, FOUR-SPEED AUTOMATIC
WEIGHT: 3246 LBS **PRICE:** \$41,450 **2001 U.S. SALES:** 33,655

We got together at Lake Norman so we could start our TSD rally and then proceed to get lost systematically.

Folks, we’re here for you. We’ll continue to create events for you and your cars, all you have to do is pick something you like, crank up that Vette and join us.

Here’s a bike cop hunting for Bob Denney.



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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.



July 26, 2002

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

July came and brought a lot of **HOT** weather. We started out participating in the Stars and Stripes across America Tour. We had about 15 of QCCC cars to join the caravan at Hooters in Gastonia, and from there we had even more to join at City Chevrolet. There were over fifty cars at City participating in the event. City Chevrolet donated \$200 to the relief fund in New York City.

On the July 4th we had 4 parades where our club participated. After riding in parades for the past few years in cars with automatics, I hand it to you guys driving those straight sticks. After driving the '63 in the Tega Cay parade, I've decided to retire it from parade duty. We had a great turnout at all of these parades. At Tega Cay we had C1 through C5 represented. We had them lined up in that order and it was a pretty sight.

I know, however, that it was nowhere near as a pretty sight as Dave and Jane Gregorino witnessed. Dave gave us a report on their trip with the 50th Caravan. It was a thrill to all of us just to hear Dave tell about the trip. Again, CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE and JANE for being selected.

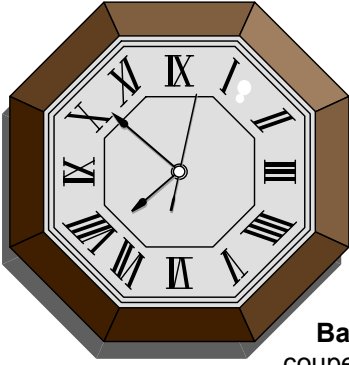
Jody planned another one of his great trips for us this month. This is the first time (at least that I can remember) that we have had this type of event (Time, Speed and Distance). A few got a little lost, but a great time was had by all.

Looking at the upcoming calendar, summer is almost over, but there are still a lot more events for everyone, no matter what your interest. There are a lot of cars attending the Carisle event this year. It should be GREAT. 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John', is located at the bottom left of the page.



Minutes from QCCC Meeting Saturday, July 13, 2002

The July business meeting was held at the Huntersville Community Center in Huntersville, NC. Officers in attendance: John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Nancy Runnion, and Robert Morgan. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Visitors were asked to stand and introduce themselves and tell the Club members a little about their car(s). **Glen and Gladys**

Baumblatt-1990 white coupe, **David and Donna Sigman**- 2000 pewter coupe, **John and Dianne Liebe** 1978 light beige coupe, **Lori Monnell**, guest of Robert Gallman, and **John Salonen**.

New Members voted in: **John Salonen**.

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

John Meadows, President

No old business to report

New Business:

We have special guests tonight to speak:

- **Steven Trace** Zaino Wax and Products presentation
- **Kim Lindsey** from Vector Shirts spoke about product availability and that they can be contacted through the QCCC web site.
- **Wade Stickles** reported about the 50th Anniversary Corvette Celebration. Wade has been appointed the local leader for the caravan that will take place in June. 2003. Details of the caravan and celebration can be found at the website, www.corvette50.com.
- **Dave Gregorino** was honored as a chosen participant in the Historic Motorama to kick off the 50th Anniversary Corvette Celebration. Dave told of his experiences during his 1100-mile tour with all 50 years of corvettes represented in the motorcade. It sounded like the experience of a lifetime and when Dave was finished with his stories, everyone in the room was little shade of "green with envy"!!!
- **Bob Denney** asked everyone to consider the National Corvette Museum's request for donations for land acquisition. John Meadows asked Bob to come forward and accept a pictorial remembrance of Bob's experiences at the Gastonia Hooters Restaurant.

Nancy Runnion, Director of Social Events reported:

- August 10th business meeting will be held at the home of Tom and Mary Nalley. Directions will be in the newsletter. QCCC will provide pizza. Members need to bring their own chairs and drinks.
- Jody Austin will hold a time speed and distance rally on July 20, 2002. Driver's meeting will be at 1:30PM and there is a \$5.00 entry fee.

Robert Morgan, Automotive Events Director reported:

- Thanks to all who participated in the car show held at Parks Chevrolet. 37 cars were there.
- All parades held on the 4th of July were successful!!!
- A group is planning to attend a Charlotte Knight's baseball game on Saturday, July 27th. If interested, see Robert after the meeting.

- The Club still has a car show planned for the fall to be held at City Chevrolet. Details will be forthcoming.

Wendy Krupowicz, Vice President reported:

- The next deadline for the deposit for the Cruise is coming August. There are still cabins available for anyone interested.

Walt Krupowicz reported on the proposed event for next year. A committee has been formed and has met to work out details. QCCC would like to host an event highlighting Uptown Charlotte.

Lynne Solland asked who would be interested in participating in a "Ladies Night Out". She asked members to contact her if interested.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Krupowicz, Vice President

MINUTES FROM QCCC OFFICER'S MEETING MONDAY, JULY 22, 2002

The July officers' meeting was held at Artis & Associates office, Charlotte, NC. Officers present were John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Gary Artis, Robert Morgan, and Eddie Burt. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Robert:

7/27 - Baseball game this weekend. 23 members are going. We will meet at the gas station, Robert will send an email.

9/14 - Auto Fair application has been received. We will have 30 spaces, but we do not know the location yet. There will be 7 awards provided. Meeting for details will be held on 8/20/02.

10/5 - Tentative date for the car show to be held at City Chevrolet
We have been contacted to participate in an event to be held in Burlington, NC.

Eddie:

Potential new members seem to come to us through email. Eddie will refer them to the web site for a copy of the monthly newsletter.

We have approximately 30 new members that need to be assigned to a mentor. We have about 15 mentors. Eddie will get an email out to match new members with mentors.

Wendy:

Discussion of whom was going to Carlisle. Wendy will send out an email to see who is going.

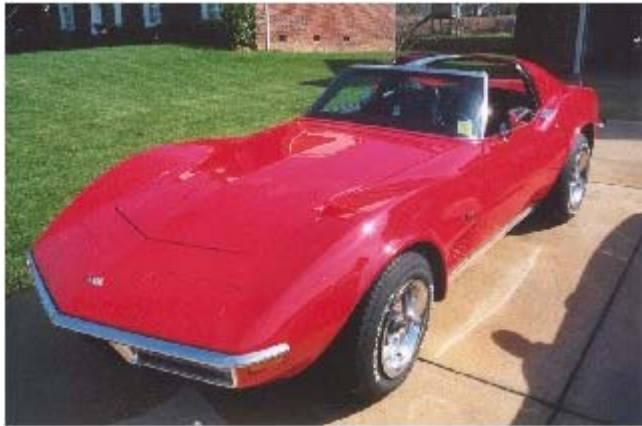
Gary:

Gary will send out an email to all members who owe dues for the 3rd quarter.

John had nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Krupowicz, Vice President



AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

Wow, is it hot enough for everyone? We need rain badly, but not on car show days! Seems every time I plan a show the percent of rain increases! Speaking of car shows, we have two upcoming shows that you'll need to put on your calendars.

September 14th and 15th (rain or shine) will be the time for the Fall Lowe's Motor Speedway Autofair. I'll need 30 cars for both Saturday and Sunday. Same type of event as in the Spring, with many different vendors in the track area, plus other clubs and individuals showing their cars around the track. This is a good way to go to the show and show your car to others. Cars cannot be displayed "for sale" while showing in the event. Times for the event are on Saturday from 8 AM to 6 PM, and on Sunday 8 AM to 4 PM. With the traffic entering the speedway, come early! With our participation in the event, Lowe's will be giving out a total of 7 trophies!

October 5th will be our second fundraiser of the year being held at **City Chevrolet** on 5101 East Independence Blvd. City Chevrolet will be donating \$500.00 to our charities and will also provide trophies for our cars. Our last year's show was a big hit there, and they want to equal or exceed the number of cars this year! Yes, I'm asking for more space too! This is an important event as our last fundraiser.

I'll be sending out more information on the time of the City Chevrolet show, and any other parade news that you'll need to know! Labor Day parades are coming up!

Support the club by coming to the events!

Thanks all!

Save the wave!

Robert





Business Meeting, 2nd Saturday of the Month

Date	Event	Food	Cost	Time
	AUGUST			
10th	Club Meeting Tom & Mary Nalley's(Lake Norman)Denver NC (Call/Email Nancy Runnion if you're going to eat pizza)	Pizza		6:30PM
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			
5th	Car Show City Chevrolet			
12th	Road Rally Club Meeting @ 5PM Alpine Village, Charlotte	Chili		5pm
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			

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QCCC's Pick-An-Event

Club Monthly Meetings

Aug 10th - 6:30 Tom & Mary Nalley's House, Denver, NC (Directions on next page)
They've invited us an hour early for swimming and relaxing

<u>Huntersville -Aquatic/Fitness Center</u>	<u>Matthews Area</u>
Sept 14 th - 6:30	Oct 12 th - Alpine Village - 5:00
Nov 9 th - 6:30	

Day Trips/Events

Oct 5th - Car Show City Chevrolet
Oct 12th - Road Rally - South Charlotte
Oct 13th - Leaf Tour to Black Mountain. 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

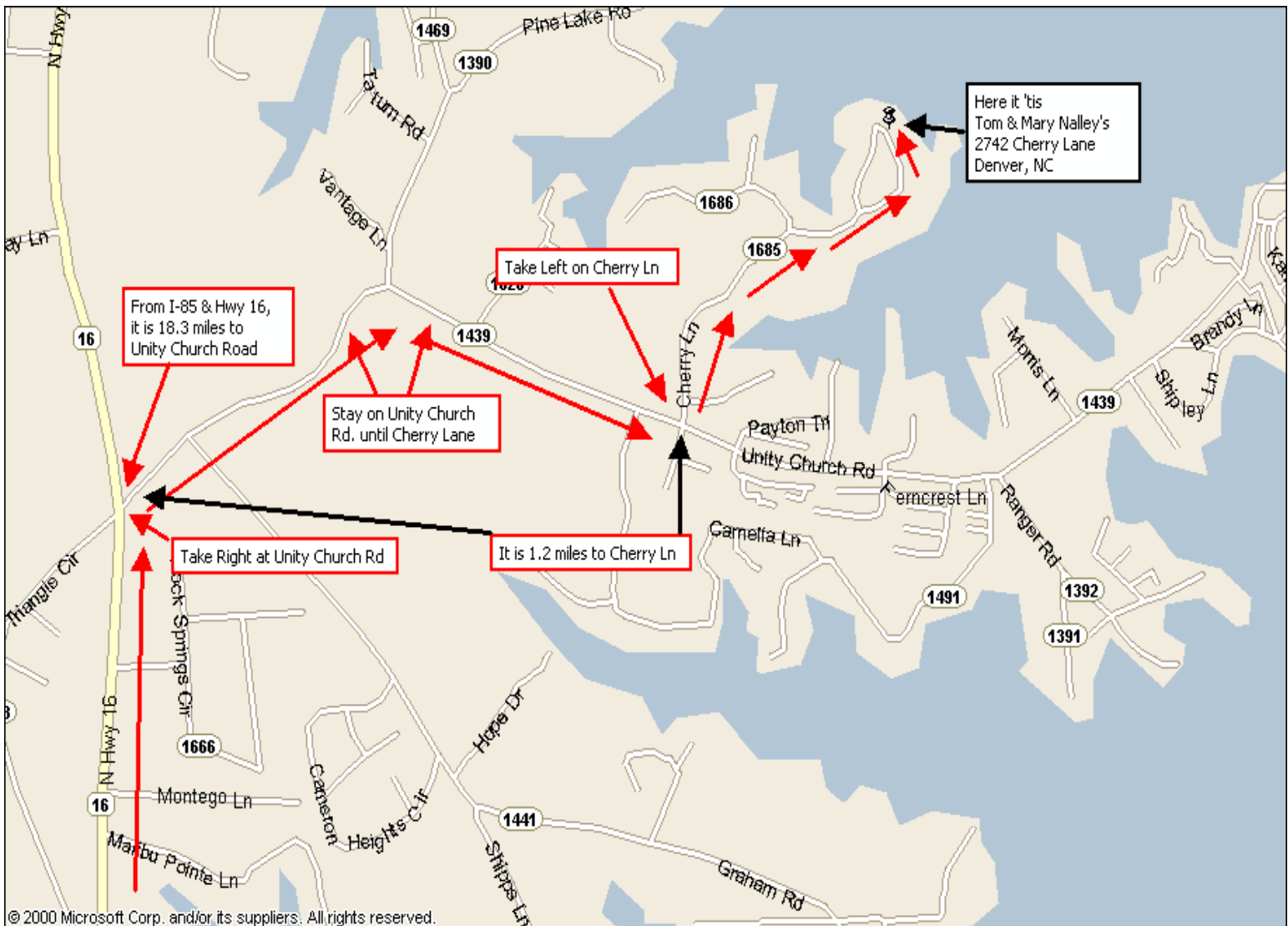
Oct 12th - Petit Lemans, Road Atlanta C5R is racing

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Directions to the Nalley's in Denver, NC For our August 10th meeting at 6:30

Tom and Mary said to come **an hour early (5:30)** and enjoy swimming in the lake or in their pool or just relaxing. Maybe a boat ride!!!!

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



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How 'bout a big **HOWDY** to our newest member!



Johnny Salonen

Here's some bio info Johnny shared with us:

I've lived in Salisbury for 4 years, spent 33 years in San Diego, CA, (most of which was as a guest of the U.S. Navy). I retired as a Naval Aviator after 21 years in 1984.

I bought my Vette in San Diego in May 1972. While stationed in Texas, I modified the engine (a 350) in order to put a few more horses under the hood.

After retiring in California, (Texas tags while I was on active duty) I couldn't get the car "smog certified" in California. It went up on "blocks" in 1984 and currently it's under restoration in Fort Mill, SC. I'm praying that it'll be "on the road" by October! (of this year).

Dave tells us an interesting story



(Dave and Jane with an audience at the Museum)

Dave & Jane Gregorino were representatives on the Corvette Motorama. They and their 1967 Corvette were picked to participate in the event. Dave gave us the highlights of the trip and it was very interesting. With dedicated guys like Dave, our Corvette hobby is safe. Thanks, and Congratulations Dave & Jane, we're proud of you.

BOWLING GREEN TRIP REPORT

by Wade Stickels

Dan and Beth Dowden joined Sue and me on a recent trip to Bowling Green, KY, for the National Corvette Museum's 50th Anniversary Kick Off. The highlight of our trip as well as the reason for our trip was to see the Historic Motorama arrive at the NCM. What a site to see, fifty Corvettes, 1953 through 2003, arrive to complete their multi-state trip. Dave and Jane Gregorino were fifteenth in line in their 67. We were fortunate enough to have a room at the Marriott Courtyard, the host hotel for the Motorama, so we could view the cars after hours as well as party with the Motorama participants in the lobby. Talk about Corvette nuts, check out these fingernails. Each fingernail has an actual picture of her Corvette. She claims if you use a magnifying glass you can see her husband and her sitting in the car.



Now for the inside information we picked up from those in the know at Chevrolet, Wil Cooksey, Rick Baldick, Bob Heilbrink and our 2-1/2 hour tour through the plant.

According to Wil Cooksey, Corvette Plant Manager, he is very impressed with the C6. He said the quantum leap made from the C4 to the C5 will be matched again and the C6 will be a homerun. Also, something special will be offered for the 2004 model so it will be appealing and sought after even though it is the last year of production for the C5.



Could this be the "something special" Mr. Cooksey spoke of, an '04 Z06 C5 station wagon?

When questioned about a 427 cubic inch engine, Rick Baldick, Corvette Brand Manager said more cubic inches isn't always the best way to produce more horsepower. After repeated questioning, he did say there will be a 400 HP Corvette Convertible. He wouldn't say when.

The assembly plant changed from producing the 2002 model year to the 2003 model year earlier than usual. They were building 2003 models when we toured on June 28 and the lot behind the plant was full of 2003 models. We saw Corvette bumpers painted with an experimental Cadillac paint color, Majestic Amethyst, and a door for the new Cadillac on the assembly line. The line was idle. According to Bob Heilbrink, Industrial Engineer, they have run some models through but production won't start for months. The Cadillac will have a higher horsepower version of Cadillac's Northstar engine.



Parades, Parades and More Parades!

July 4th is an exciting time in the Queen City Corvette Club. We escorted people in parades at Coulwood, Tega Cay, and Hickory Grove. Everyone always has a big time.



Here's Al Smith (he's the one on the right) getting ready to haul a beauty queen in a parade.

Here's Chuck Beard with a beauty queen already landed in the car. Did she put up much of a fight, Chuck?



Some members getting their cars ready for a tour down "Main" street. Ain't America great!



Nuggets From The Net

Alex, I'll take Exotic Cars for a Thousand!

Well, do you know what it is? It's a Mosler MT900S. Guess who makes the drivetrain? If I said it was a 346 cubic inch, LS1 inspired engine, would that be hint enough?

There's been a ton of press recently about the Saleen S7 (Ford) that costs \$400-\$500,000. I think this car is as exotic looking as the Saleen, but is much less expensive, about \$160,000...and it's got a Corvette engine and other 'Vette components.



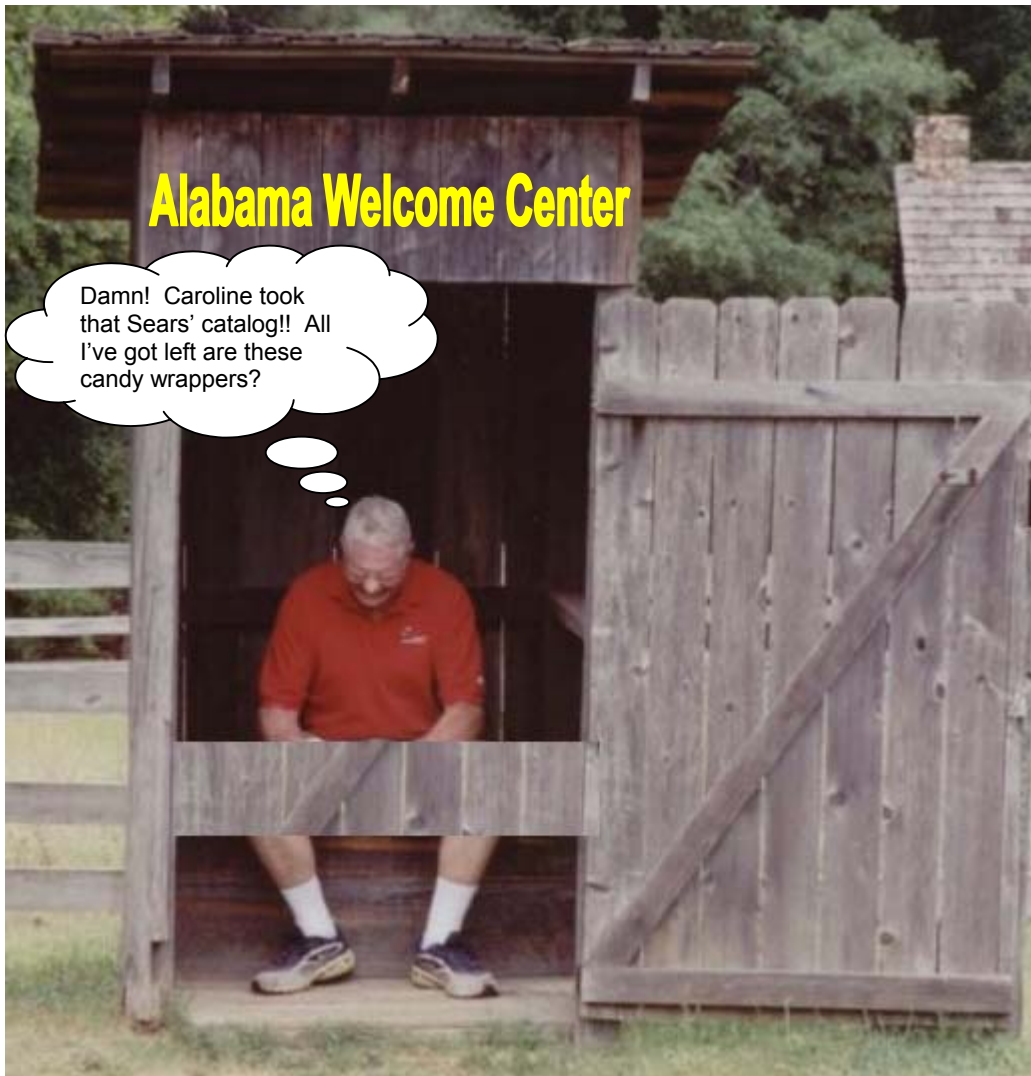
BTW, a Mosler MT900R (the only one entered) placed 13th overall out of 79 cars at the Rolex 24 Hours race in February. The closest Saleen was in 17th place. (3 were entered)

Here is a link to their website:

<http://www.moslerauto.com/mt900web/index.htm>



Whoaaa! Breaking news from our sister station in Alabama!
When you gotta go, you gotta go!



More pictures from the QCCC trip to Panama City, Florida. The above photo shows a member of the club stopped at a "rest" stop in Alabama. Photo was anonymously contributed. (psst, thanks, E.O. Oakley)



Favorite Car Survey

Remember when we asked everyone to submit their dream car? Well, below are some who answered the question. In the true spirit of a game show, let's see if you can match the person with the car. As you will note the respondents are numbered and the cars have letters. Match the appropriate letter with the person and email us at rukiddin@getalife.com with the results.

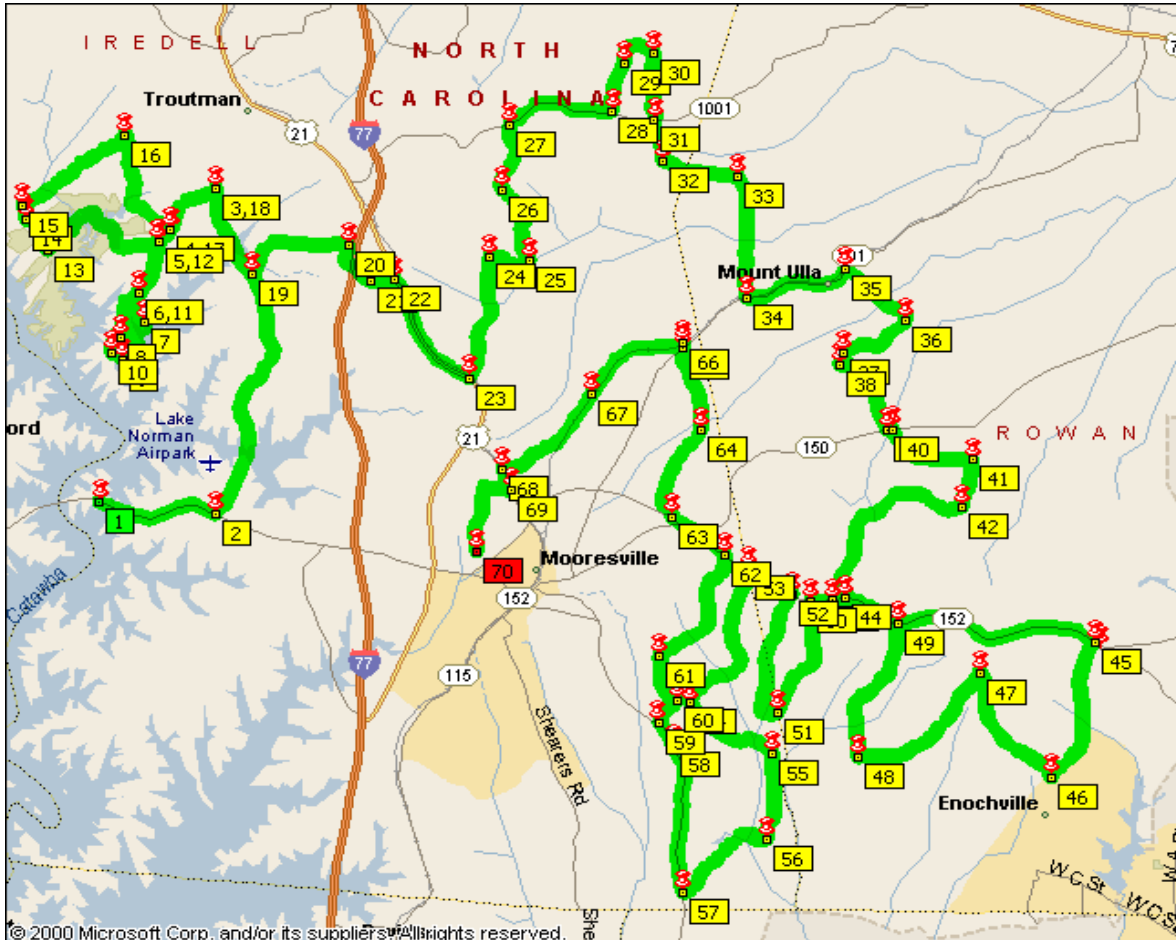
Good luck! Maybe you'll win something, but probably not!
(Answer on page 19)

- 1) Bob Denney
- 2) Rob Dobie
- 3) Rick Witcher
- 4) Reggie Black
- 5) Jane Burt
- 6) Caroline Lentz
- 7) Jody Austin



No, dummy, I said turn LEFT!!!

We're sure that phrase was uttered by the navigator to the driver more than once while *enjoying* the TSD rally. Below is a map of the course. If you missed the rally, you missed a perfect opportunity to get lost. We had 12 cars participate in the TSD rally. The weather was a little warm, but probably not as hot as some the discussions taking place in the cars. Gift certificates for a divorce attorney were given to each husband and wife team to be used when needed.

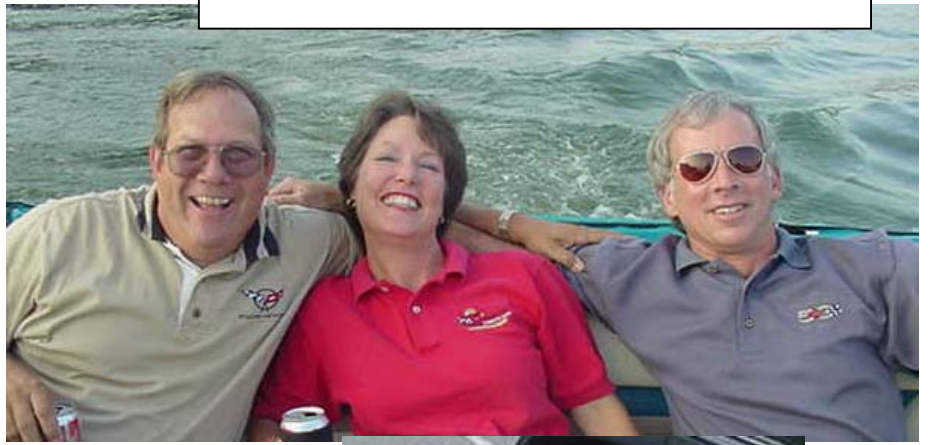


Here are the results of the final scoring. Congratulations guys and gals. Just making it to the end was a victory! 2 cars didn't make it to the final checkpoint within the allotted time, so they weren't listed.

Driver	CP#1	CP#2	CP#3	Total	Questions	Total	Position
Williams	-14	-7	-171	-192	50	-142	1
Warlick	-73	-46	-79	-198	50	-148	2
Burt	-41	-24	-148	-213	60	-153	3
Morgan	-93	-59	-92	-244	40	-204	4
Slavetsky	-104	-67	-102	-273	50	-223	5
Stickels	-78	-57	-142	-277	40	-237	6
Meadows	-96	-106	-171	-373	30	-343	7
Koski	-76	-201	-252	-529	70	-459	8
Stonitsch	-224	-110	-261	-595	50	-545	9
Oakley	-503	-350	-396	-1249	50	-1199	10

**TSD Rally & Later
Participants**

Relaxing in **MARGARTAVILLE** after a tough day!

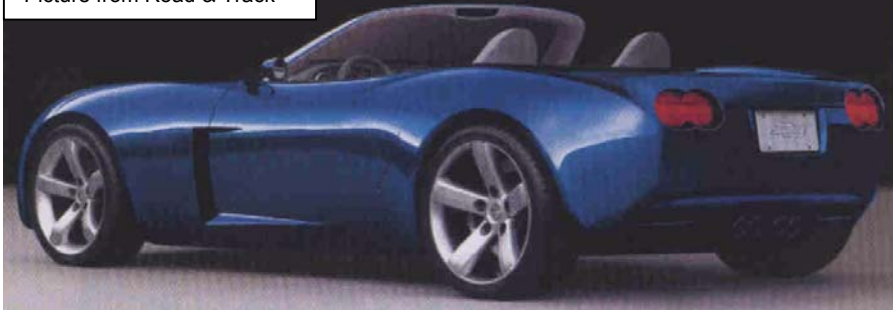


Could it be the C6???

Below is an article clipped from Autoweek(a weekly car magazine)

A new Corvette is one of the more anticipated launches, and the 2005 C6 is certainly no exception. The rumor mill and Internet buzz have intensified over the last six months. What information we've been able to cajole, dig up and bribe out of GM sources indicates the new C6 should live up to the hype. It will be a big step forward from the C5, especially in terms of vehicle dynamics and performance.

Picture from Road & Track



The sixth-generation Corvette (hence, C6) carries the codename GMX 245 and as of this writing it is scheduled to arrive in showrooms by late spring of 2004. The C6 was originally intended to be sold in fall 2003; GM externally calls the new date a "correction," not a delay. Whatever, the wait makes the anticipation greater.

The rumors swirling around Detroit that the C6 would get an overhead-cam V8 had Corvette freaks freaking. Don't panic: As has been the case with Corvettes for decades (with the exception of the ZR1), chief engineer Dave Hill (of Cadillac Allante fame) has once again chosen a small-block pushrod V8 to power C6. The engine, known as a Gen IV V8, will be based on the 5.7-liter LS1 and LS6 V8s used in the C5. Sources say the standard mill in the C6 delivers 400 horsepower, with 400 lb-ft of torque, within 5 horsepower of today's Z06.

The high-performance LS6 in the Z06 jumps to 425 hp and some 415 lb-ft of torque. The next Z06 is intended as a 2006 model.

But the temptation to give the C6 a high-tech engine seems almost too great for GM's powertrain engineers. Thus they are working on a variable-displacement, power-on-demand management system called Displacement on Demand. The technology can shut down two or four cylinders when not needed for better fuel economy on the highway.

Apparently, within GM's hallowed engineering halls there were long internal debates about whether to include the variable-displacement engines on the C6 and/or the Cadillac XLR sports car. Both will be built in the same plant, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and on basically the same platform. In the end, GM did what we can only think of as the right thing: It decided that while the system might be ready to go, the company will debut the technology on pickup trucks first, likely in the 2004 models, with passenger-car applications coming later.

The C6 will share its chassis, brakes and most suspension components with the Cadillac XLR, and in fact the platform is in many ways unchanged from the C5. That means the C6 will continue with hydroformed steel frame rails, which this time around will allow the platform to be built in two different lengths (one for the C6, one for the Cadillac) without introducing a significant number of additional welds or pieces. GM engineers think the hydroformed chassis allows them to dial in the type of handling characteristics they desire: crisper handling for the Corvette and a little softer for the Cadillac. GM originally had wanted to do an aluminum hydroformed chassis, but couldn't get it ready in time, our moles say.

And here's some technology worth getting excited about: Sources say the C6 will incorporate the latest version of GM's active handling, stability control system, previewed on the C5 50th Anniversary car. GM calls the updated active handling system Magnetic Ride Control. It will also be used on the Cadillac Seville and XLR and is designed to minimize damping forces and body motions for the smoothest ride possible, based on inputs from the road-sensing suspension. Magnetic Ride Control uses new Delphi "valve less" shocks, which are designed to have better damping and ultra-quick response rates. The quick-acting shocks use a liquid called magnetorheological fluid. The fluid, combined with computer-controlled coils, provides continuously variable, real-time damping. The fluid contains iron particles, which in the presence of a magnetic field, can align themselves into a thicker state. If the magnetic field isn't present, the fluid takes on a thinner state. The tuning levels are nearly unlimited, depending on programming and adjusting the algorithms controlling the damping responses.

The benefits, based on brief drives we've done in the 50th Anniversary car and some Sevilles equipped with the system, are fantastic: The ride is better, there's less body roll, less dive under hard braking and squat under hard acceleration, and faster body and wheel control. It's exactly what the Corvette needed. The curb weight should stay about the same, at 3200 pounds. That's the hardware. How does the new car look?

Well, Tom Peters designed the exterior. Yes, he's the same Tom Peters who designed the Pontiac Aztek, but our design sources insist we not hold that against him—he was simply the fall guy for the design-by-committee that begot the Aztek.

The C6's design will be slightly more daring than the C5's, reflecting GM's apparent newfound willingness—good or bad—to take a few styling risks. Combining both soft curves and machined edges, the car is about the same length as the C5, which is 179.7 inches long.

The C6's greenhouse stretches to the top of the tail, making the C6 coupe look smaller, though it's expected to ride on essentially the same 104.5-inch wheelbase. Word is a lip could be added to the rear to increase downforce. Up front the pop-up headlights are gone, replaced by xenon headlights.



Sources say the C6 will probably get away from Goodyear's run-flat tires and that's a good thing: They were seen both internally and by customers as too heavy and not grippy enough. Chassis engineers said they are leaning toward more aggressive rubber, such as the Z06's Goodyear Eagle F1s.

Chassis people tell us the braking system will also get a revamp, as owners have complained about too-short service intervals. So GM is considering upgrading the brakes, including slotted discs and a new, more durable pad material.

So that's the scoop on the new Corvette. It seems GM was smart enough to leave well enough alone regarding the Vette's strengths, and changing the car where it needed it.

Answer to Survey on page 15: 1-E, 2-F, 3-C, 4-A, 5-D, 6-A, 7-H

Many have inquired about the cars in the survey and our diligent staff has found the answers:

A: Dusenburg

F: '02 Z06

B: '59 Cadillac/Corvette

G: Disco C3 'Vette Pimp-Mobile

C: McLaren F1

H: Ferrari GTO '62-'65

D: John Lennon's (Beatle's) Rolls Royce

I: Jody Austin's '47 Chevy from college

E: Lingenfelter Twin Turbo

Holy smoke, our membership has diverse tastes.



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“Our Web Site”

I am not sure how many of us look at our Club’s web site on a regular basis. I know I don’t, so therefore I am usually surprised at the professional job John and his guys have done with our site. The design and coverage that they provide makes this Club one of the most admirable around. I have never belonged to a Club where the information of upcoming events, reviews of past events, and what took place where and when, has been so completely published. We should be reminding ourselves of the work these people perform as a free service to our Club. I know that I have been remiss in not commending the Officers and the Web-Site staff. So I thought that I would try to enlarge my commendations to these guys.

Thank You Folks!!!
John, our Web-Site is
wonderful.

www.queencitycorvette.com

Cartoon contributed by either Lynne Solland, Nancy Runnion, Kay Weisburg, we’re not sure who.





**Queen City Corvette Club
2002 Beach Escape
September 20-22, 2002
Hilton Head, South Carolina**



This year your social committee has planned an exciting weekend away at the Beautiful Harbour Town Resorts on Sea Pines Plantation in Hilton Head, SC. Accommodations are One, Two & Three bedroom villas in lovely Schooner Court section of Harbour Town Resorts.

Call 1-800-541-7375 to make you reservations. Mention Queen City Corvette Club to insure your group rate of:

One bedroom	\$110/night
Two bedroom	\$130/night
Three bedroom	\$160/night

These discounted group rates are extended to those QCCC members that want to arrive earlier or stay a couple of extra days. All villas are equipped with full size kitchens. Enjoy spectacular views of the Harbor during sunset from the roof top patio & lounge of the prestigious Harbour Town Yacht Club. Ride the free trolley tram to the beach. Ride a bike, jog or simply enjoy a walk along one of the many miles of scenic trails throughout Sea Pines Plantation. We will have a local activity coordinator assigned to our group that will help with arranging any extra curricular activity your may desire. **Please note:** Reservations must be made before 8/23/02 to secure our discounted group rate. Normal season rates apply for reservations made after 8/23/02.

Enjoy fine or casual dining at dozens of restaurants within walking distance of your villa. Numerous specialty stores and manufacturers outlets located in nearby Bluffton, SC for the QCCC shopper's anonymous members. Two group activities are planned.

1) Rally to historic Beaufort, SC on Saturday morning. Depart from villa parking lot at 10:00 AM. Arrive in Beaufort at 11:00. See this quaint waterfront town where Big Chill, Forrest Gump, The Great Santini movies were filmed. Everyone is on their own schedule once we arrive in Beaufort. You may want to experience a horse drawn carriage ride tour of homes, shop in one of many antique stores or have a relaxing lunch at one of the many river front restaurants while in Beaufort.

2) Saturday afternoon at 3:00 PM come aboard the 47' yacht "Cheers" for a 2 hour sailboat ride. This activity is optional and is available for only \$17.50/person. Call or email Jon Elliott to reserve your sailboat ride on "Cheers". (704) 542-0141

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Bring your Corvette and your camera. You do not want to miss this trip!

Head for the Mountains with Queen City Corvette Club November 15 & 16, 2002



Spend a weekend with your Corvette in the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina this fall with Queen City Corvette Club. The QCCC social committee has planned a thrilling weekend for all Corvette enthusiasts

beginning with wonderful accommodations at the famous 75-year old Lake Lure Inn.

Friday, 11/15/02

Dinner at one of the Lake Lure area restaurants (TBA). QCCC Hospitality room is on first floor, adjacent to lobby of inn.

Saturday, 11/16/02

9:00 AM - QCCC arrives at Chimney Rock Park for a single file exclusive Corvette Hill Climb. Afterwards, simply enjoy your day in the mountains sight seeing, shopping or simply driving your Corvette around the curvy mountain roads.

6:00 PM - Attend our exclusive QCCC outdoor mountain "hoe-down" with plenty of bar-b-que and live mountain music to do some "dirty dancing". Cost: \$12.50/per person



Call Lake Lure Inn at 1-888-434-4970 to make your reservations. Be sure to tell them you are with QCCC. Admission to Chimney Rock Park is included for QCCC members & guest that stay both nights at the Lake Lure Inn. We have negotiated a discounted rate of only \$79/night + tax.

\$12.50/per person payment for our hoe-down dinner & dancing should be made to QCCC before October 16th, 2002.

If you have any questions regarding our QCCC mountain weekend call Jon Elliott at (704) 542-0141 or see anyone on our QCCC social committee.