

December 2002



It's hard to believe, but another year bites the dust. We here at the QCCC newsletter international offices, high above downtown Troutman, have to say it was eventful.

A new board was elected, and they are certainly up to the challenge, but how 'bout a big **"Thank You"** to our outgoing board. They deserve our gratitude for the time and effort they contributed on all of our parts. Some of those guys have served for 2 years or more.

"The Club's Monthly Croaker"

We're not always right, but we're sure of it!

Our Pledge:

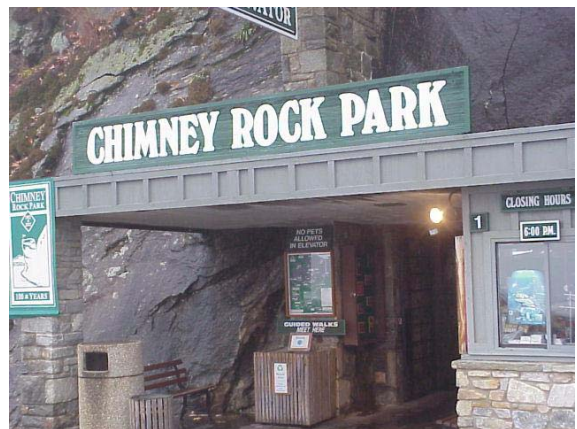
To take the simple, and complicate it,
To take the incomprehensible, and merely confuse it,
To make 10% of our news factual, we're just not sure which 10% it is.
But...you'll always get your money's worth!



Queen City Corvette Club is lured to the lake! (psst! We went to Lake Lure, get it?)



The Mountain Trip was successful, as always. Thanks to the Social Committee in general, and Jon Elliott specifically. Y'all did a great job!!!!



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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.



November 26, 2002

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

Another great month has passed and everyone is getting ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Before you know it, the year will be gone.

At our last meeting we elected new officers to guide us through 2003. Robert Morgan, as President, brings with him both experience on the board and management leadership. Robert will have Nancy Runnion as a knowledgeable VP, Bob Denny as Director of Auto Events, Gary Artis as Treasurer, Jane Burt as Secretary, Eddie Burt as Director of membership and we welcome Kay Weisberg as Social Director. With this group serving our club, I can hardly wait for the fun to begin next year. **There will be several committee's formed to help make things happen-----VOLUNTEER to ASSIST!!**

Our trip to Lake Lure was great! On Friday afternoon, the 4-mile road course really got the adrenaline flowing. On Saturday, the rain and fog tried to spoil our fun, but our social staff came thru at the last minute and were able to move the Hoe-Down indoors. I saw moves at the Hoe-down like I never saw before. I must say, QCCC has some great dancers! A great time was had by all!

December starts to put us in the holiday spirit. We will be meeting at the Oasis Center for our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. Again, this is one of those events you will want to attend. The gift you receive might just be the item you have always wanted! I would really like to see some of you that haven't been able to attend other events come to the party. We will also be delivering, as part of our Christmas charity, food and gifts to several needed families. Seeing the faces of these families, as we bring in the food and gifts, will warm your heart! Mark your calendar and plan on helping with the deliveries.

I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity, this year, to serve as your President. It has truly been an honor! I have really enjoyed serving on the board the last few years. I have found more new friends than I ever thought were possible. I look forward to many happy Corvetteing days spent with you, my friends.

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.



Automotive Events

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had as much of a fun filled year as I had! It's a change of season, and also a change of board members. You'll be receiving the next installment of this section of the newsletter from the new Automotive Events Director (drum roll please....) the one and only Mr. Bob Denney!! He has even more in store for the club next year! Congrats, Bob!

We're winding down on the year and we've conducted two Christmas parades this past weekend. One was the parade in Concord on November 23rd and one in Monroe on November 24th. Both very fun parades, but boy, were they long! Coming up we have the following:

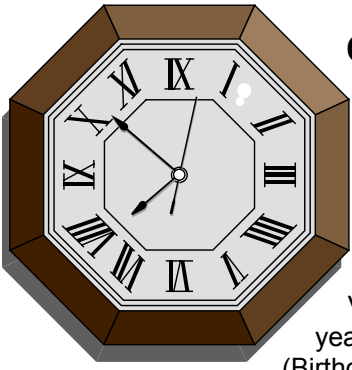
December 7th we are helping with the Lake Wylie Elementary School Christmas parade and the start time is 12:00 PM. I need 8 cars for this one and we'll be carrying the principal, grand marshal, etc. Meet in the school parking lot by 11:00 AM. This is a very short parade maybe 30 minutes, and as I remember from last year could throw candy from the cars.

December 8th we have been asked to help in the Statesville Christmas parade. Start time for this one is 3:00 PM and I need 5 cars. Staging area yet to be determined.

The charity committee met before the last club meeting and discussed the list of charities that were sent to me for consideration. All very good suggestions, and I must say this was a tough job to be fair and equitable for each organization. After a lengthy discussion, we produced 4 charities that we felt would benefit most from our monies. I presented these to the club, and after a short debate they were approved by the membership. The charities and distribution is as follows: \$250.00 to Loaves & Fishes, \$250.00 to MedAssist of Mecklenburg, \$250.00 to Make a Wish Foundation, and \$500.00 to Habitat for Humanity of Cornelius. Thanks to all who helped on this committee!

Until next time, save the wave!

Robert Morgan



QCCC Meeting Saturday November 9, 2002

The November business meeting of QCCC was held at the Huntersville Fitness & Aquatic Center in 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 6:45 p.m.

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: **Larry & Florence Prather** – 2002 Red Coupe (Birthday Gift!), **Bill Hogan** – 1986 Red Coupe, **Brice & Jackie Hebert** – 2003 Red Z06, **Frank & Laura Sancineto** – 2003 50th Anniversary Convertible (Birthday Gift!), and **Doug Light** – 2002 Electron Blue Coupe.

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

Walt Krupowicz, Chairman of the “Corvettes in the Queen City” Committee

- Gave status of the “Corvettes in the Queen City” event to be held September 26–28, 2003.
Host hotel is the Westin in Uptown Charlotte – rooms are \$89 - \$99 per night.
Friday - tour of uptown & reception.
Sat–road tour, lunch, afternoon activities, evening banquet with speaker from Chevrolet.

Frank Sancineto, Captain of the NC & SC Caravan to the Museum

- Gave the status of the National Corvette Caravan to the Corvette Museum June 25 – 30, 2003. This is going to be really big with folks coming from all over the US. Events will be held in Bowling Green and Nashville. The NC/SC group will be leaving from Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet in Newton.
- For more information and to register, go to www.NationalCorvetteCaravan.com or www.Corvette50th.com. Also see Wade Stickles for information.

John Meadows, President

- Recognized newly engaged couples: **Bob Abbott & Ali Levine**, **Ben Horack & Barbara Quick**, and **Dennis Kish & Linda Cowan**.
- Read the duties of the QCCC Officers. At the last meeting, nominations were made for next year’s Board. They were contacted and one person for each office accepted the nomination. Additional nominations were made from the floor, but all nominees declined. Ballots were filled out, collected, and tabulated. The 2003 Officers will be: President, **Robert Morgan**, Vice President, **Nancy Runnion**, Secretary, **Jane Burt**, Treasurer, **Gary Artis**, Social Events, **Kay Weisberg**, Automotive Events, **Bob Denney**, and Membership, **Eddie Burt**.
- A ballot for Rookies of the Year will be in the December Newsletter and e-mailed to the membership.
- We still need a volunteer to do the Newsletter next year!

Robert Morgan, Automotive Events Director & Charity Committee Chairman reported:

- We had 22 cars at the Habitat For Humanity celebration in Cornelius on Oct 26. They gave us \$500 for our Charity Account.
- Concord Parade – has 3 cars. Will also need cars for the Monroe and Lake Wylie Parades.
- Charity Committee narrowed down the 11 suggested charities to 4. Presented for member approval, donating \$250 each to:
 - Loaves and Fishes of NC
 - MedAssist of Mecklenburg County
 - Make A Wish Foundation – national organization

- Habitat For Humanity – Davidson/Cornelius

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to make these donations.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to make an additional donation of \$250 from the General Fund to Habitat For Humanity – Davidson/Cornelius.

Nancy Runnion, Director of Social Events reported:

- November 15 & 16 - Trip to Lake Lure Inn - 3 rooms are still available. Give \$12.50 per person for the Hoe-Down to **John Meadows** tonight. The Inn has free coffee & muffins each morning. We will leave from the Krystal Burger at 10:30 am Friday.
- December 14 – Holiday Dinner and meeting at the Oasis Shrine. Send \$18 per person and choice of Chicken or Prime Rib to **Gary Artis** by December 6. The club is subsidizing \$4 per person. A cash bar will be available. Gifts valued up to \$10 will be exchanged at each table. Also bring gifts for our 3 needy families to be delivered Sat. Dec. 21. Sign up tonight for specific gifts!

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership reported:

- Membership to date: 111 families, 188 people
- Send car information to Eddie for the Car Log.

Jerry Scienski, Member

- Made copies of an interesting article for everyone.

Dave Gregorino, Member

- Gave a heartfelt “Thank You” for the cards, prayers, and donation to the National Corvette Museum, and visits he received after his recent brain surgery.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY November 21, 2002

The November officers' meeting was held at Artis & Associates office, Charlotte, NC. Officers present were John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Gary Artis, Nancy Runnion, Robert Morgan, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. Also present was 2003 Board Member, Bob Denney. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

John:

Welcomed Bob Denney to the meeting.

The Spartanburg SC Corvette Club has expressed an interest in doing some activities with us.

Bob:

Auto Zone has donated 2 model cars for the Christmas Families.

Clarified that an "automotive event" generally does not involve food, whereas a "social" event has food as a major component.

Eddie:

Gave Insurance bill and deposit slips to Gary.

We received a letter from Life Member Ruth Williams asking about the value of an unopened Corvette Decanter. Gary suggested looking at e-bay.

Sheley Revis has volunteered to take pictures of members for the website. Great! Send them to John Meadows.

Robert:

Parades: 11/23 – Concord - has 2 cars.
 11/24 – Monroe – has 4 cars
 12/7 – Lake Wylie – needs 8 cars

Discussed ideas on how to have more socialization before/after business meetings.

Gary:

Reviewed budget, and dues payment status.

At the January meeting, Gary will present the 2002 budget, Robert will explain why we maintain a certain balance, and Gary will present the 2003 budget for approval by the membership in Feb.

Nancy:

Need more people to sign up for gifts for the Christmas Families. She will contact members directly.

Will get with Jon Elliott about the January Banquet so the members can be told at the December meeting how much it will cost per person.

Asked if the attendance requirements could be waived for former members who want to rejoin the Club. This would have to be voted on by the members present at a meeting on a case-by-case basis.

Eddie:

Have 188 members; the same number we had at the beginning of the year.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary



Business Meeting, 2nd Saturday of the Month

Date	Event	Food	Cost	Time
	DECEMBER			
14th	Christmas Meeting Gift Exchange Oasis Shriners	Menu		6:00PM
	JANUARY '03			
25th	Annual Banquet - Renaissance Inn - Charlotte			

QCCC's Pick-An-Event
Club Monthly Meetings

Banquet

Jan 25, 2003 - Renaissance Inn, Charlotte

Christmas Party 2002

Dec 14th - Shrine Oasis Club at University Place 6:00PM Greet & Meet
 604 Doug Mays BLVD (Near Sam' Club) 6:30PM Dinner

**“ Where there is no patrol car,
 there is no speed limit. ”**

This was so aptly stated in a card given to the QCCC newsletter representative at the Hoe Down at Lake Lure. Thanks, guys!



New Acquisitions

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

Mergers: **Robert and Vanessa Morgan**, agreed to invest in each other's future.

David and Jenna Mashburn, decided to merge their emotional assets.

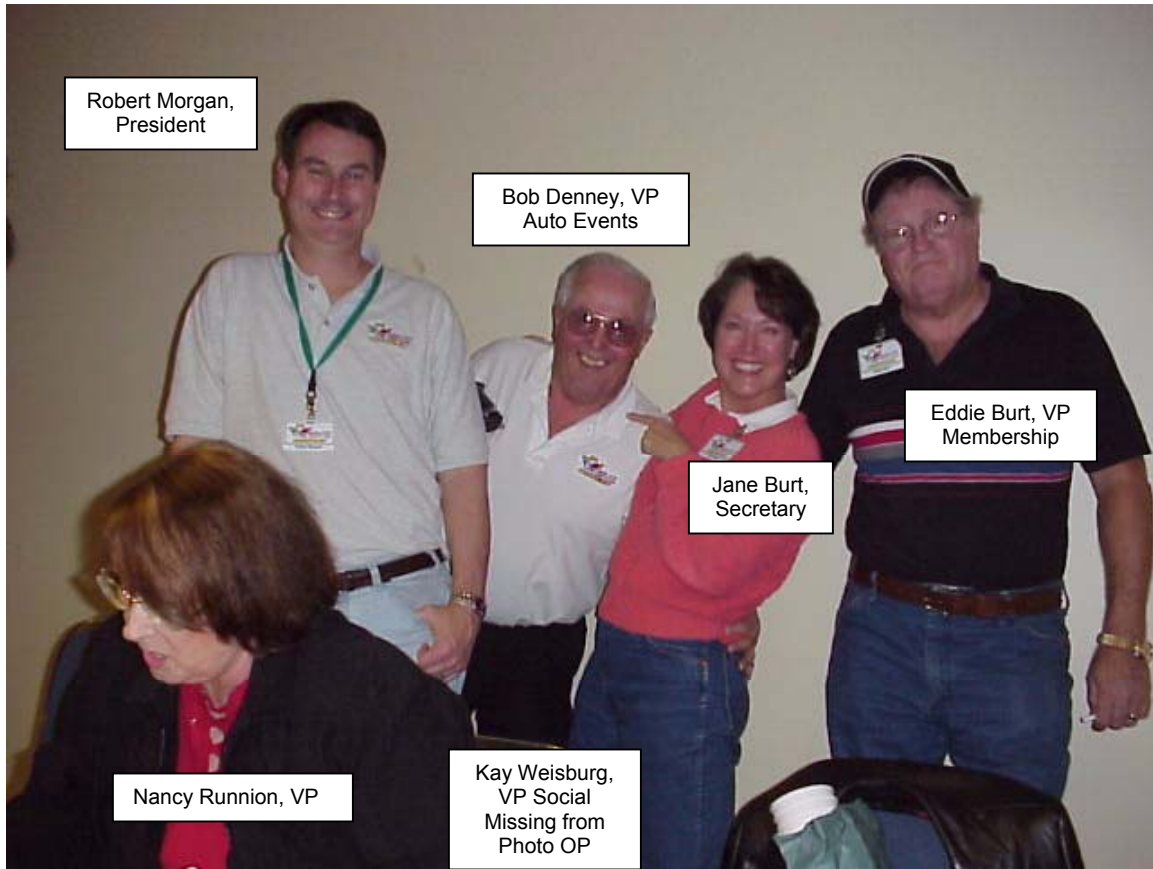
Proposed mergers: **Bob and Ali Abbott** agreed on a joint venture.

Ben Horack and Barbara Quick, have signed a letter of intent to combine their lives.

Dennis Kish and Linda Cowan, have determined that a consolidated balance sheet is in their future.

The QCCC newsletter staff and club members pass along our congratulations and wish the new couples the best life has to offer.

Jason Couch was involved in a divesture and reacquisition during the month. Jason sold his '01 yellow convertible and acquired an '03 yellow convertible. Doesn't that make the 3rd yellow one for you? Are we detecting a pattern here? Congratulations, Jason, the economy needs the kick-start.



Our New Board

Here they are, with the exception of Kay Weisburg (VP Social) who wasn't available for the picture. We're proud to have this elite group as our new leaders, let's give them all of our support and help, because trying to lead us will be like herding cats.

Those Wascally Mustang owners.....

As a result of hail damage, a blonde took her Mustang into the body shop to get the hundreds of dents repaired. The body shop manager looked at the damage and told her it would be very expensive to fix, but he knew of a simple way to repair all of the little dents and it would cost nothing. She was all ears and asked him how to do it. He told her his secret and off she went.

When she got home she put her car in the garage and started on the method the body shop guy had told her. In a few minutes her room mate, Loretta, (a brunette, but she drove a Toyota) came into the garage and asked, "Geraldine, what are you doing?" Geraldine, out of breath, replied, "The body shop man said if I blew real hard into the exhaust pipe the pressure would pop the dents out of the car, but it doesn't seem to be working." Loretta quickly analyzed the problem and said, "Well, it's never going to work, Geraldine, unless you roll up the windows so you can build up the pressure."



Huh Oh!!
What does this tell you?
Isn't this against the law
without a handicap placard
hanging from your
sunglasses?

Photos courtesy of Sheley Revis

Pictures From the Cornelius Car Show

The Hell with
matching numbers!
I don't even think
it's a Corvette, do
you, E.O.?



Only a true Trekie
can do this.



Moments From Our November Meeting





Robert Denney
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Although this Mountain Trip lived up to the ultra high standards set by the Social Committee, it is with a bit of sadness that I must report that another fantastic year is drawing to a close. This means that there will be no more wonderful trips for 2002. Nevertheless, we must press on.

This trip was so huge that we needed several groups to carry all the players to the stage. That being the Lake Lure Inn. Our group consisted of 17 cars. All shinny and clean just sitting and raring to go. When the starting gun sounded off we shot off like a herd of turtles with our Clean Car Guy in the lead and then our past President, Fred Fischer with his wife Pat, guiding his blue steed followed by a couple of our newest members, John and Dianne Liebe, who helped Fred keep up with the leader. Charging down I-85 to the tune of several thousand horses, the balance of the 17 Corvettes flew. Thru thick and thin, of course that was traffic I was talking of, (you thought I meant soup didn't you) we charged westward ever pressing toward the fork in the road at US 74. Traffic lightened up and we swarmed thru the traffic signals in Shelby. Of course before we could make that last turn we needed to have a recycling stop. Reluctantly the Clean Car Guy relented and picked a Super K store for the operation. With the load lightened we again mounted up for the final assault to our goal. We finally turned off on the US 74A. Yep, Corvette Central... lots of curves... lots of hills bunches of beautiful views of the mountains. Finally, the word went out.... "**right at the bottom of the hill.**" Alas, lunch time. After unloading we swarmed into the restaurant only to be confronted with a slew of signed dollar bills.... Yep, bills hanging from everything. So we had to complement the wall with some additional ones of our own. Duly signed, Wade affixed our contribution to the wall of honor. Dinner being completed, bills being paid we charged off to our rendezvous with the **Dirty Dancing** capital.

The Lake Lure Inn is a large building, but when 17 Corvettes pull up in front all the parking spaces are immediately devoured. Checking in, we were informed that many of us arrived ahead of a clean room. So we decided to check our local "Deals Gap", yep, another Corvette home place. This 4-mile stretch of road had 96 turns on it and had just been repaved. The only thing wrong was the berm had just been graded and there was a lot of gravel on the road. Lots of dust, let me tell you those gleaming Corvettes came out a dull gray, no matter their original color. With the addition of a few sprinkles of rain we parked the cars and proceeded to enjoy dinner. After dinner most of the members joined up in our hospitality room where our leader John Meadows suggested everyone tell how they met their spouse or SO. There seemed to be two stories from each couple. Most were very humorous and had the group in stitches, that is until Philip McGwier started to describe how he met his current lady friend. To say he broke up the crowd would be an understatement. My stomach hurt so bad that I had problems getting my breath. The longer Phillip talked the greater the consensus of the crowd was, that if he dug his hole any deeper he would be in Beijing, China. His lady friend took the ribbing in good nature. She is a very nice lady.

Saturday night brought our dance band to the forefront. Several folks proceeded to put on an enthusiastic visual demonstration of the original **Dirty Dancing** techniques.

Folks remember good food, good times, and good friends, all were had by us during this climaxing event for 2002. As I said at the beginning, it was bittersweet because it signifies the end of 2002! Good job, **Jon Elliott & Social** folks!!!





Notice the White Line

The Safety and Law Compliance department of the QCCC Newsletter Offices noticed that one of our members obviously had his eyes closed when he parked. On second thought, we saw him Saturday night, and we're surprised he could even find the parking lot. NO! NO! he wasn't driving, he had to walk home. Hope the headache didn't last long, Wade. Loved the dancing!!! Michael Flatley and the River Dancers better watch out.



Lake Lure Moments



(Photo idea courtesy of Ann Oakley)

Look who was in the cave at Chimney Rock, should we tell someone?

See what you miss when you don't go on one of our trips. Yomama Bin Hidin was taking up the tickets, and we thought he was in Pakistan!



Cowboy Copus (left) and the Wagon Wheels, a world famous country music band, played for us at the Hoe Down at Lake Lure. He looks just like John Meadows, doesn't he?



↓ Pictures of some others who made the trip ↑



Wayne and Bonnie Gary celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary. Congratulations!! Oh, wait, that's not right, it was Wayne and Bonnie's 20th anniversary. No, that's not right either, it's Wayne's 20th birthday. Or could it be Bonnie's 20th birthday? Holy smoke, we got our notes all mixed up and we got the picture backwards, so now we don't know which one is right. Sorry about that. Oh, well, I guess it's like most things in life, it all depends on how you look at it!

This just in....it was Wayne's 50th birthday. Thanks for the clarification. Congratulations, Wayne!!!!



(Photos courtesy of Bob Denney)



Helloooo, Margaritaville!!!
Golly, Renee will need a submersible pump to drain that glass.



SAFETY TECH TIP

Thanks to **Tom Idema** for this safety **TECH TIP**:

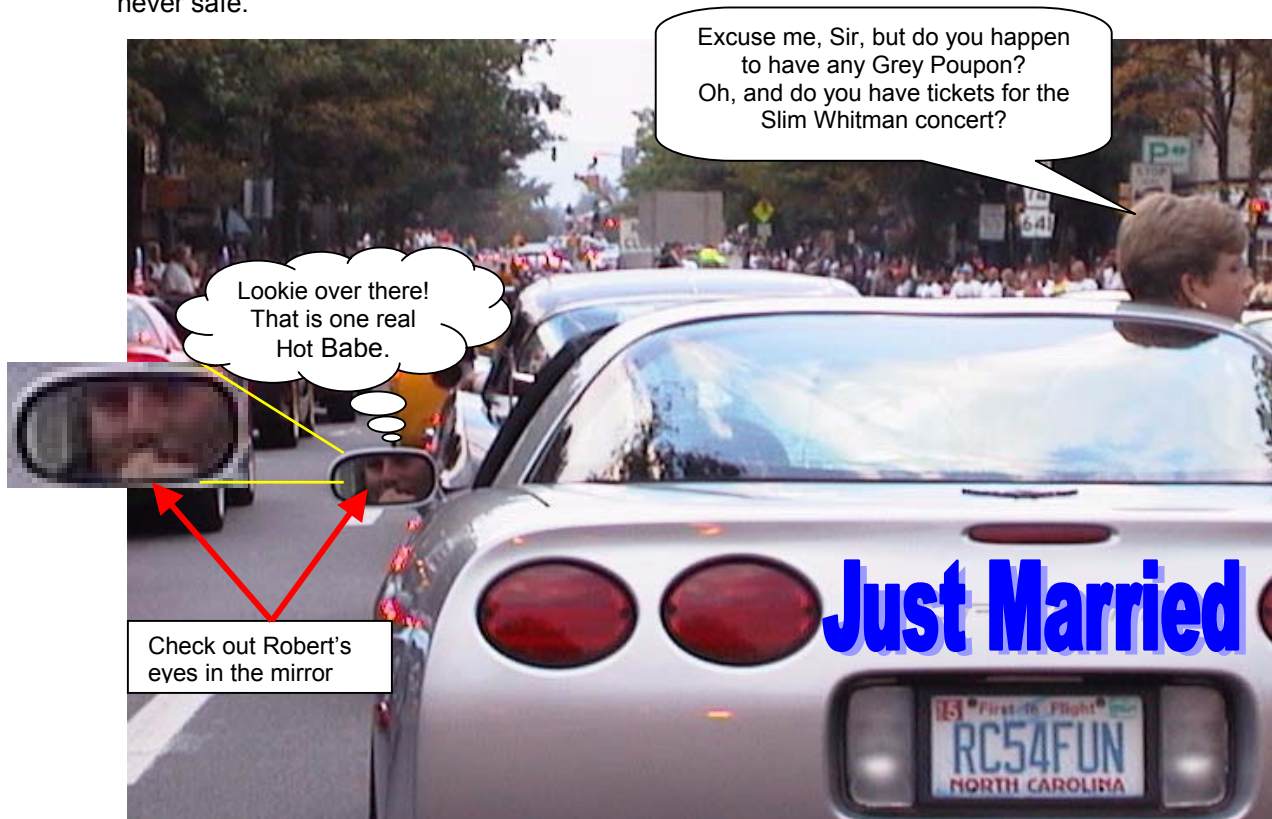
Mirror, Mirror on the Car

To reduce the blind spots in your side-view mirrors and lessen your chances of an automobile crash, make sure your mirrors are properly adjusted. Here's how:

- For the driver-side mirror, place the left side of your face against the driver-side window and adjust the mirror so that you can barely see the left side of your car.
- For the passenger-side mirror, sit in the center of the front seat (or lean as close to the center as possible) and adjust the mirror so you can barely see the right side of your car.

Approaching vehicles should be in your side-view mirrors before they leave your rear-view mirror and in your peripheral vision before they leave your side-view mirrors.

This photo just in to the QCCC international newsletter offices. Our society page editor was vacationing in that famous, exotic honeymoon site, **Branson, Missouri**, and who should he spot but Robert and Vanessa. As we've said before our ace staff is everywhere, you're never safe.



Look what I found, radiator toe jam!

Before departing Lake Lure I cleaned the leaves out of the radiator as best as I could, but you could never tell it by the looks of this picture. On our trip back we ran over many roads that were completely covered with leaves and obviously my car wanted to take home a few souvenirs. I noticed the coolant temperature beginning to climb as we got on the interstate and guessed that the problem was the leaves. The temperature never got too hot, but was noticeable. Look what came out when I got home and cleaned it out again!



The photo below is a device that attaches to an air compressor and inserts all the way to the top of the radiator opening and blows out all of the debris. Very handy after a trip to the mountains in the fall.





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November 5, 2002

Queen City Corvette Club
Attention John Meadows, President
P.O. Box 473072
Charlotte, NC 28247

Dear Queen City Club Members:

On behalf of the National Corvette Museum, thank you for your \$1,000 donation to this year's land campaign. We are excited to have the opportunity to expand the Museum's campus and are indeed grateful for your gift that will help us in this effort.

When our 2002 Land Campaign ends, a commemorative token of our appreciation for your support will be ordered. Your commemorative gift will be mailed to you in the fall.

This donation has been entered into our records as a restricted gift from Queen City Corvette Club to be used for purchasing the land in front of the Museum. You are receiving no goods or services of significant value in return for your contribution; therefore, your contribution is 100% deductible as allowed by law.

The National Corvette Museum is a non-profit foundation under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is an organization qualified to accept tax deductible donations. This letter will serve as both our acknowledgement of your gift and your receipt for tax purposes.

We look forward to working with you in the future as together we move the Museum toward the fulfillment of its mission: a celebration of the development of the Corvette; the preservation of its past, present, and future; and an educational model for all to enjoy.

Again, thank you for your interest and support of the National Corvette Museum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendell".

Wendell Strode
Executive Director

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November 1, 2002

Queen City Corvette Club
Attention Jane R. Burt, Secretary
P.O. Box 473072
Charlotte, NC 28247

Dear Queen City Members:

On behalf of the National Corvette Museum, thank you for your \$50 donation in honor of Dave Gregorino. We are indeed grateful for your gift made in Dave's honor. A card has been sent to Dave to announce your gift.

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