

February 2003



“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!

After the snowfall of January 22nd, it looks like this 4-wheel

drive C3 is what we all needed. This elegant and magnificent example of shade-tree engineering belongs to Virgil Fescue, a regular down at the bait-shop.

The annual QCCC banquet was a big hit, as always. Many new dance steps were invented or rediscovered on the dance floor. Michael Jackson and his choreographers are in danger of losing their jobs with dancers like we have.

Sue & Wade Stickels
 Queen & King of the Ball



Suzie & Reggie Black
 Rookies of the Year



← Bob Denney and
 Walt Krupowicz →

Two runners up for the participation Award.

Roberts Morgan was the 1st place winner for participation



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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.



January 28, 2003

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

I hope everyone is staying warm and dry after the past few weeks of extremely cold weather. With the ice and snow that we've had recently, my '70 hasn't been out for a spin in quite some while. I'm sure it's getting garage sick by now, and I'm ready for warmer weather!

Our last meeting was held at the Northcross Medical Park Building in Huntersville. I'd like to thank Wade Stickels for finding our new northern location. The location had ample free parking and a good size room to meet in. It was a great turnout of members and boy was I nervous for my first meeting! We are still working on locations for the south side of town.

Our next meeting will be held at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church on south Hwy 49 beside McDowell Park. See map on page 8.

If you missed the Banquet, you missed a good time! This is always a highlight of the year for the club and this one was no exception. Thanks to Jon Elliott for his work in securing the hotel and food and also to Nancy Runnion for obtaining the door prizes. Fred Fischer always puts a lot of work in to compiling the pictures from Bob Denney and producing a video of our past years activities for our enjoyment. The committee of Lois deMontegre, Jane and Dave Gregorino, Jackie Slavetsky, Lynne Solland, Nancy Runnion, Wendy Callahan and Sue Stickels has to be commended on the hours and hours of work that they put into the 2002 scrapbook. That was a great way of summing up the entire year in pictures. Wade and Sue Stickels didn't let us down taking the first dance after being elected our 2002 King and Queen. Rookie of the year awards went to Reggie and Suzie Black. The President Choice and Member of the Year award was given to Jody Austin for his relentless work that he does with our club publishing the newsletter. Jody was feeling a little under the weather and wasn't in attendance so we'll give those to him at the next meeting. Participation awards for attending club activities were given by Wendy Krupowicz to Robert Morgan, Bob Denney, Walt Krupowicz and Wade Stickels, Karl Slavetsky and John Meadows. I know one award we didn't consider and that should have been for best club singer. Mark Ledford took center stage to show everyone his vocal range. And he can dance too! As always I'm looking forward to next year's Banquet to see what other hidden talents our club members have.

The Automotive Events Directors position has been reopened and I need to ask for nominations. Please email your choice and I'll contact them to see if they have an interest in being on the ballot. I'd like to vote on this at the next meeting so we can continue with our events schedule. Our schedule can always be accessed through our website at www.queencitycorvette.com.

I'd like to thank in advance E.O. Oakley for conducting the next meeting in my absence. Vanessa and I will be vacationing on a sandy white beach sipping an adult drink with an umbrella in it. Hey, someone has to do it! I owe E.O. big time for this!

As always come out and come early to the club meetings to enjoy our friendship and love of our cars. Until next time, save the wave!

Robert



V-P REPORT

Well folks, here I am starting this job a lap down and my pit crew is nowhere to be found. Oh well, such is life in the fast lane and this small deficit is nothing if not a challenge.

Item First: February Meeting Location

Seems that the first challenge has been met, we have a location for the February meeting. As you will see later in this newsletter, Boyd Kurt has run - some interference for us and secured the meeting room at the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church on Highway 49 South. It is located on the right (heading south) just before McDowell Park. (See map on page 8) If you cross the Buster Boyd Bridge, you have gone too far – turn around. This promises to be a good meeting facility. There are a number of good eating places nearby, some in NC and some in SC. Get with some other club members, come early and enjoy a social time prior to the meeting or go as a group after the meeting.

Boyd has arranged for a “Corvettes Only” parking area under the lights (look for signs).

Item Second: Participation Points

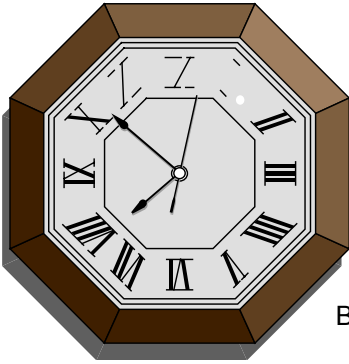
This year points will be awarded in the same manner as last year. In general, a point will be awarded to each person for attendance and participation in all club sponsored events. An additional point will be awarded for driving or participating in your Corvette. At each event a sign-in sheet will be available. If I am not at the event, one of the officers or a delegate will have the sign-up sheet. Here is the key to remember – it is **YOUR** responsibility to sign in. As an enhancement, and to hopefully create some more interest in the points' competition, we will periodically publish the points on the QCCC Website. At the end of the year, we will present 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place PARTICIPATION RECOGNITION AWARDS. For all you rookies, out there, this will be a good way to get votes for the “Rookie of the Year” award.

That’s all for this edition of the Newsletter, and

Hey, Let’s Be Careful Out There!

E. O.





Minutes of the Business Meeting, Jan. 11, 2003

The January business meeting of QCCC was held at the Northcross Medical Park Building in Huntersville, NC. Officers in attendance: Robert Morgan, Bob Denney, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:45

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: **Larry & Florence Prather** – 2002 Red Coupe (Birthday Gift!), **Bill & Meryle Elka** – 1999 Red Convertible, **Theresa Spalding & Steve Connelly** – 1967 Convertible and 1996 White Coupe (Birthday Gift!), **Mike Dickson** – 1995 Black Rose, **Doug & Debbie Light** – 2002 Electron Blue, **Brice & Jackie Hebert** – 2003 Red Z06, **Bill Hogan** – 1986 Red Coupe.

New Member voted in – **Mike Dickson!**

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Asked for nominations from the floor for the Vice President's position. None accepted so ballots were handed out with candidates **Dave Sanders** and **E.O. Oakley**. After the ballots were completed and counted, **E.O. Oakley** was announced as the 2003 Vice President of QCCC!
- First Quarter Dues of \$24 are now due.
- An editor is needed for the Newsletter.

Bob Denney, Director of Automotive Events

- Has a Committee and hopes to have an active year with poker runs, 4 car shows, and trips.
- **Sandy Welsh** has been appointed to co-chair the Charity Committee.
- There have been 9 responses to an e-mail re: Carolina Motor Sports.
- Sunday February 2 – Day Trip to Table Rock, SC
- March - **Wade Stickles** will lead a trip to Amelia Island for a car show (near Jacksonville FL). He will also lead a trip to Deals Gap later in the year.
- May – hope to hold an Auto Cross at Knights Castle.
- May 31 – Weekend trip to Gatlinburg, TN
- August - Looking into renting the track at Kershaw for \$2,000 for controlled hot laps.
- August – Corvettes at Carlisle PA
- 2 Auto Fairs
- October – Petite LeMans at Road Atlanta. Wants to rent motor homes to travel to/from.
- Hope to visit Tom Smith's car collection in Salisbury.

John Meadows, Past President

- He & **Robert** met with Lowes Motor Speedway representatives about our club locations and participation in Auto Fair. Lowes wants to make the inside of the track available to all car clubs and can't guarantee we'll be inside the track. We can't guarantee a large participation if we're assigned a spot outside the track. Will have to see where we're assigned in February for the April Auto Fair.

Wade Stickles, Trip Coordinator

- Has fliers for the March 7 – 9 Amelia Island Concours. The 5 existing Grand Sports will be there.

Have fliers for the National Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green in June.

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

- Beginning 2003 with 102 families/176 people.
- Wants to enhance our Website with pictures of our members with their cars. **Sheley Revis** will take the pictures. The first session will be before the Banquet January 25.
- Received a flier about a 1978 Pace Car for sale in Littleton CO. See Eddie if you're interested.
- On Tuesday January 14, **Jan and Richard Klause** will pick up their new 50th Anniversary Corvette at the Museum. Watch it on the NCM Webcam!
- **Eddie** and **Bob Denney** shared their heart-felt observations on the deliveries of the Christmas gifts to the needy families.

Jon Elliott, Banquet Coordinator

- There will be door prizes and silent auctions at the Banquet. Thanked **Lynn Solland** for getting donations from the Black Lion, and **Nancy Runnion** and her helpers for creating magnificent scrapbooks of 2002 events.
- **Bonnie Gary** can arrange for hairdressers and manicurists for the ladies in the Hospitality Suite before the Banquet. Let **Betsy Elliott** know if you're interested.

Walt Krupowicz, **CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY** Coordinator

- **CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY** is scheduled for the weekend of September 27! The Committee is now in the fundraising phase. They hope to fund the event with corporate sponsorship and event registrations, and not use any QCCC funds. The drop-dead date is the middle of March.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the QCCC membership formally support the undertaking of the event and that it be called **CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY**.
- Corvette owners within 5 hours of Charlotte will be invited.
- The Westin Hotel will be the host hotel.
- The schedule is: Friday 9/26 – arrivals, reception, orientation
Saturday 9/27 – Road tour of uptown
Lunch & tour Dale Earnhardt Inc shops in Mooresville
Tour Rick Hendricks Museum
Reception and dinner at Westin Hotel

Caroline Lentz emphasized that every member of QCCC will have to participate to make this a successful event.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt,

Secretary

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2003

The January officers' meeting was held at Artis & Associates office, Charlotte, NC. Officers present were, Robert Morgan, E.O.Oakley, Gary Artis, Kay Weisberg, Bob Denney, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. Guests were Jim Weisberg, John Meadows, and Dan Dowden. President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Robert:

Welcomed visitors Dan Dowden and Jim Weisberg, and recognized E.O. as the new VP.

E.O.:

Feb. meeting will be at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church on Hwy 49-S (thanks to Boyd Kurt). There will be a BBQ at the church at 6:00 pm so suggests delaying the meeting until 7:00 pm. Will contact the Greenville club to confirm our loaned Auto Cross items, for the inventory update.

Gary:

Handed out 2002 Expense Summary & Budget Analysis. Will send via e-mail to membership & ask that any questions be submitted before the Feb meeting, where they will be answered. The Board discussed, proposed, seconded, and approved the 2003 budget. Reviewed 2003 dues payment status – most members are paying the annual amount of \$96.

Kay:

Needs list of members without computers/e-mail (will get from Jody). Working on trips to beach, Charleston, & mountains, as well as progressive dinners and social gatherings before the monthly business meetings.

Bob:

Has 28 people signed up for the Feb 2 road trip to Table Rock, SC!
Reviewed proposed 2003 events – as published in the January Newsletter.

Eddie:

Read a Thank You letter from MedAssist for our recent donation.

John:

Received Thank You letters from Habitat For Humanity and Caroline Lentz/Meals on Wheels for our recent donations.
Will transfer any QCCC-owned items he has to E.O.
Will have the Website updated with 2003 information.
Will take care of ballots for King & Queen, and distributing drink and door prize tickets at the Banquet.

Dan:

Provided John with some suggested Website updates.
Asked the Board for clarification of several Bylaws items.

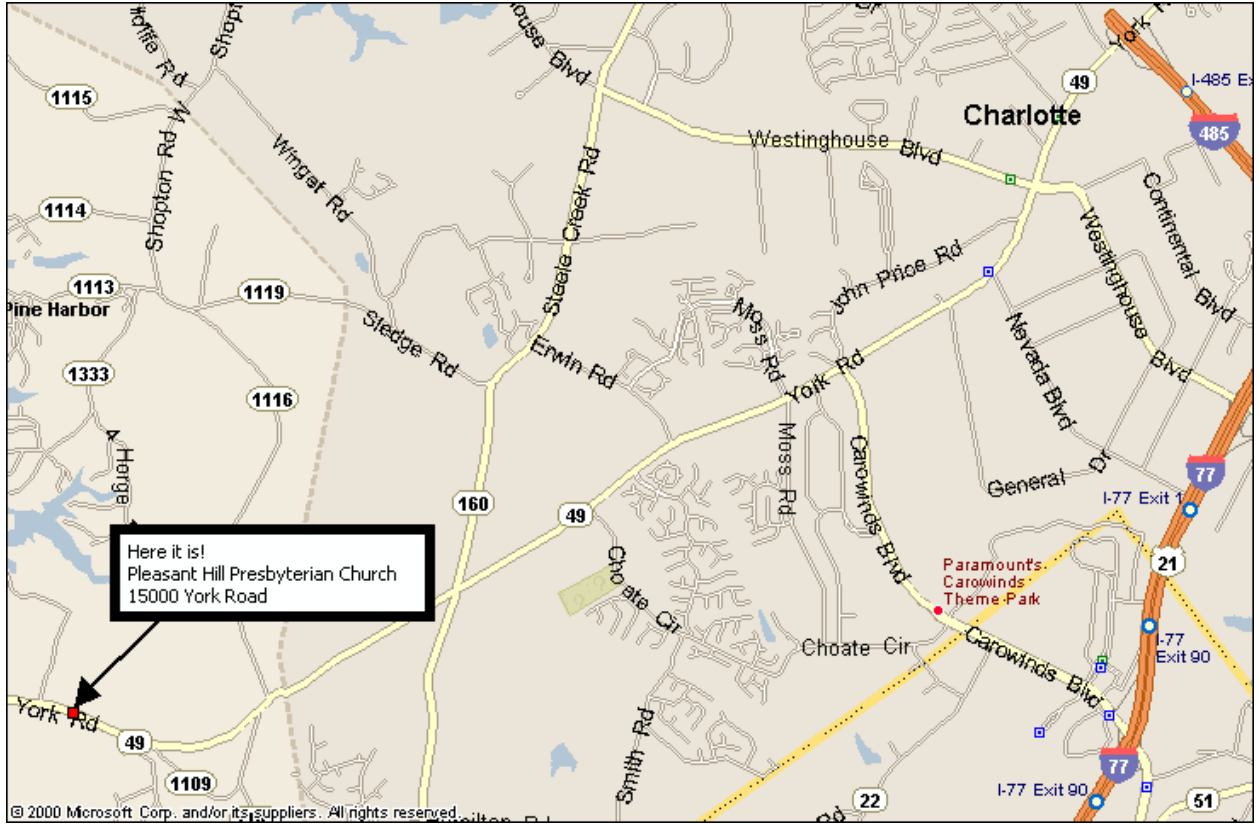
Jane:

Will prepare a list of committees and their members.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary



Directions to our next meeting place:

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
15000 York Road

If you go past McDowell Park, you've gone too far!

Business Meeting, 2nd Saturday of the Month

2003	Event	Time
<u>February</u>		
8 th	Business meeting Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church	6.30 PM
21 st	Hendrick Motorsports Shop Visit with Raleigh Club	
<u>March</u>		
7 – 9 th	Amelia Island	
8 th	Business Meeting – Huntersville	
12 – 15 th	12 Hrs Sebring	
<u>April</u>		
5-6 th	Auto Fair	
12 th	Business Meeting	
24 – 26 th	C5 Birthday Bash Bowling Green	
<u>May</u>		
10 th	Business Meeting – Huntersville	
May 31-Jun 1	Gatlinburg/Deals Gap/ Arts Tour	
<u>June</u>		
14 th	Business Meeting	
25 – 29 th	50th Anniversary Celebration	
<u>July</u>		
12 th	Business Meeting – Huntersville	
<u>August</u>		
9 th	Business Meeting	
21 – 23 rd	Corvettes @ Carlisle	
<u>September</u>		
13-14 th	Autofair/Business Meeting	
???	Beach Trip (Social)	
26 th	Corvettes in the City (Walt)	
<u>October</u>		
11 th	Business Meeting	
18 th	Petit LeMans Road America	
<u>November</u>		
???	Mountain Trip (Social)	
8 th	Business Meeting	
<u>December</u>		
13 th	Christmas Party (Social)/Business Meeting	



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:

In a friendly merger the **Richard Klause** empire took over a 2003 Anniversary Edition at a National Corvette Museum Delivery ceremony. Congratulations Richard, it's a very nice car!

Buyout Czar, **Tom Idema**, acquired a 2000 convertible for **Shirley** & him to enjoy. Their '93 coupe is now for sale. Congratulations, Tom & Shirley, we know you'll love it.

How 'bout a Big Howdy to Our Newest Member



Mike Dickson, of Fort Mill, SC, became our newest member at our January meeting. He has a 95 Black Rose Corvette.

Welcome, Mike!

Did you know.....



that black wasn't available as a factory color in 9 years of the Corvette's 50-year production run. Do you know the years it wasn't available? (Answer on page 25)



Moments With Our Members



Suzie & Reggie Black



Beth Dowden

Jackie Slavetsky



Bob "The Bobster" Runnion



Doug and Debbie Light.



A renowned chemist and big game hunter, E. O. "WildBoar" Oakley, our new Vice President



Moments from the Banquet

Jonh Meadows (Left), our outgoing, and Robert Morgan, our incoming President, exchanging the gavel. (Uh oh! that doesn't look like a gavel to the trained eye of this QCCC newsletter reporter, we think it's an adult beverage.)



Betsy & Jon Elliott



The four organizers

Nancy & Bob Runnion

Mark Ledford and his date. We hear wedding bells in someone's future!



Al, sell the farm, we just won the lottery!

There's a new Harley in my future!



Thanks.....

I just wanted to express my gratitude to everyone who called, sent cards, or stopped by to visit me recently. I guess by now most of you are aware that I had surgery for a brain tumor several months ago. The worst is over and things went well and, no, it was not cancerous. Your thoughts, prayers and concerns were greatly appreciated.

Some of you have approached me recently to apologize for not knowing about the surgery and not having had the opportunity to express your concerns. Please don't feel bad. I didn't announce it to the club because I did not want to make a big deal about it. Besides, you weren't going to get activity points for participating anyhow (just kidding)! But the word did get around from friends to QCCC members. I was overwhelmed at the concern and support offered by many club members (friends).

The clubs donation to the National Corvette Museum on my behalf was also appreciated. Oh, by the way! You do all get D.P. (that's Dave Points) which are much harder to get than QCCC points and are more valuable. Thanks to everyone.

I'd like to thank Dan and Beth Dowden for helping Jane and me, especially when my brothers had to leave town on another family emergency shortly after my surgery. They made sure Jane got home OK, brought me food, and checked on us daily, even through my emergency return visit to the hospital. Their help was invaluable.

Now for the hard part, how do I thank someone who was kind enough to share her own similar



experience? Jackie Slavetsky had surgery for a brain tumor six years ago. It was very thoughtful of her to relive that troubled time for my benefit. The night before surgery, shortly after my brothers arrived from Ohio, I checked my E-mail. There was a note from Jackie wishing me well. She had some rhetorical questions and answers about her recovery and closed by letting me know that she would be running in the Hopebuilders 5K race, which is a fund-raiser for Duke University Hospital's brain tumor research. Jackie said, "Last year was the first year I entered and I ran it for me. This year I'm running it with you in mind."

I printed the note and took it to the hospital the next morning. When I arrived in Intensive Care following surgery, I asked Jane to post Jackie's note on the IV pole. Later my nurse read the note and said, "You really have a good friend there." I started to tell her it was someone I knew from the Corvette Club, but instead said, "Yes, I do." The race was 2 weeks after surgery and I was very pleased to have been able to attend. We helped raise a little money and had a wonderful celebration when Jackie finished the race.

I have recently learned that many of you have had friends and family members with similar problems. Unfortunately not all of the outcomes were as successful as Jackie's and mine. Therefore the research must continue. I hope this fall you will join Carl, Jane and me when Jackie runs the Hopebuilders 5 K. It was a wonderful experience and all of the money raised goes directly to the charity fund. I'm not proposing this as a club activity, just an invitation. Please don't feel obligated, and I hope you won't mind if I remind you again this fall.

Warmest regards,

Dave Gregorino

Something to Think About



With potential conflict looming on the horizon, whether you agree with it or not, this is a timely article that should awaken in you an appreciation for those who make the sacrifices for the rest of us.

The next time you see a person serving in the military, look them in the eye and thank them for their service, we owe them a large debt of gratitude.

Following is an essay written by **Frank Schaeffer**, a Boston resident who eloquently describes what military service means to him:

"Before my son became a Marine, I never thought much about who was defending me. Now when I read of the war on terrorism or the coming conflict in Iraq, it cuts to my heart. When I see a picture of a member of our military who has been killed, I read his or her name very carefully. Sometimes I cry.

"In 1999, when the barrel-chested Marine recruiters showed up in dress blues and bedazzled my 18-year-old son, John, I did not stand in the way. John understood these stern, clean men with their straight backs. I did not. I live on the Volvo-driving, higher education-worshipping north shore of Boston. I write novels for a living, and I have never served in the military. John's enlisting was deeply unsettling. I did not relish the prospect of answering the question, "so where is John going to college?" from the parents who were itching to tell me about how their son or daughter was going to Harvard. At the private high school John attended, there were no other students going into the military. "But aren't the Marines terribly southern?" asked one perplexed mother while standing next to me at the brunch following graduation. "What a waste, he was such a good student," said another. Another parent even suggested the school should evaluate "what went wrong."

"When John graduated from three months of boot camp on Parris Island, there were 3,000 family members on the parade deck stands. We were not only of many races, but also of different economic classes. Many were poor. Some parents arrived crammed in the back of pickups. Some could not afford the trip. We were white and Native American. We were Hispanic and African American and Asian. We were former Marines wearing the scars of battle, or at least baseball caps emblazoned with battles' names. We were southern whites from Nashville, and black kids from Cleveland wearing ghetto rags. We would not have been mistaken for the educated and well-heeled elite gathered on the lawns of John's private school half a year before.

"My son has connected me to my country in a way that I was too selfish and insular to experience before. I feel closer to the waitress at our local diner than to some of my oldest friends. She has two sons in the corps. When the guy who fixes my car asks me how John is doing, I know he means it. His younger brother is in the Navy. At one time, the sons and daughters of the most powerful and educated were proud to serve their country. This changed during the Vietnam War. By the time that war ended, the upper classes, especially the most educated, seemed to have lost the habit of service. Have we middle-class and educated Americans all become pacifists? Did we think the world had become a safe place? Or did we just get used to other people defending us? What is the future of our democracy wherein the sons and daughters of the janitors who clean our elite universities are far more willing to be put in harm's way than are any of the students whose dorms they clean?

"Why were I and the other parents at my son's private school so surprised by his choice? I feel shame because it took John's joining the Marine Corps to make me take notice of who is defending me. I feel hope because my son is part of a future "greatest generation." I also feel pride. As the clouds of war gather, at least I can look the men and women who defend us in the eye. My son is one of them. He is the best I have to offer. He is my heart."

Remember the 'Vette that fell in the sinkhole in Hickory?

FOR SALE!!! MAKE OFFER



**2002 VETTE 4,000 MILES, CONVERTIBLE,
NO COLOR (in fact, no body), MISSING 2 TIRES,
NEEDS BATTERY & NEW SEATS.
HAS NOT SEEN THE SUN
FOR PAST 6 MONTHS. (no ultraviolet ray damage)**

**REASON FOR SALE...I PARKED IT IN A HOLE AT
HICKORY, N.C. IT WAS JUST 47FT DOWN.
THIS CAR WILL MAKE A GOOD PROJECT FOR
SOMEONE.**

**YOU MAY CONTACT AL SMITH,
HE KNOWS WHERE TO FIND ME.
SERIOUS CALLERS ONLY!!!**

CALL AL SMITH @ BR549

This page submitted by Al Smith, who took the picture when the car was pulled from the sinkhole in Hickory.



News Break - News Break



This just in from our roving ace reporter, Walt Krupowicz:

GASTONIA, January 9 -- Police in Gastonia need help to find a man they say swindled his way into a great car deal.

Detectives aren't sure of his real name, but say he has used fake ID's. They say he doctored a bank check for \$25 to read \$24,500.

The man then used the check to buy a Corvette. Police say he's done this at least once before.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 704-861-8000.

Source: WSOC-TV Eyewitness News

We, here at the international headquarters of the QCCC newsletter offices, high above Downtown Troutman, were just wondering....did any of our members just recently buy a Corvette????

Nuggets From The Net

Your dedicated newsletter staff was scouring the web to find you items of import and came across this information. These are the colors available for 2004. Where did Electron Blue go? Who makes these decisions? Notice the new option, **Commemorative Edition**, does that mean the '04 is the last year of the C5? **Collector** Black & Shale Leather, is that another hint? Inquiring minds want to know...

Exterior Colors:

- 19U Lemans Dark Blue Metallic
- 40U Speedway White
- 41U Black
- 67U Machine Silver Metallic
- 70U Torch Red
- 79U Millennium Yellow
- 86U Magnetic Red II Metallic
- 88U Medium Spiral Gray Metallic

Interior Colors:

- 152 Shale Collector Leather
- 192 Black Collector Leather
- 193 Black Leather
- 673 Light Oak Leather
- 703 Torch Red Leather
- 923 Light Gray Leather

New Options for 2004:

Z15 Commemorative Edition (Wasn't this the same RPO# for the Collector Edition in 1996?)
5,412 produced

Z16 (Z06) Commemorative Edition (Wasn't this the same RPO# for the Grand Sport Package in 1996?)
1,000 produced. Hmm...I wonder if Judy would notice another car in the garage?

If you don't know the answers to these 2 questions, you need to take a refresher course in Corvette 101. The answer in both cases is a resounding **YES!**

GRAND SPORT



Here are four of the original Grand Sports gathered at the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in 1985. From the left is 001, 004, 003, and 002, those are the chassis numbers and not their race #'s. 005 wasn't restored at the time of this picture, 18 years ago, so seeing them all together at Amelia Island will probably be a once in a lifetime opportunity.



Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance - Amelia Island, Florida

Join other QCCC members on a trip to an "upscale" car show. We have visited the AutoFair, Knoxville and Carlisle. Now we will visit a car show where we probably shouldn't wear a

Corvette t-shirt. Find your best looking collared Corvette shirt and have it starched and pressed. We will be with high society at this event. High dollar show cars too!

When: March 7-9, 2003

What is it: The 8th Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Buick and the 50th Anniversary of Corvette.

Events: Friday, March 7 - Classic Corvette & Buick Procession- Seminar; Classic By Design, The Minds That Created Corvette by Dave McLellan former Corvette Chief Engineer, Peter Brock, Corvette Designer, and others.

Saturday, March 8 - Silent Auction; Goodyear Blimp Ride and Paul Newman memorabilia.- Book Signing; Bobby Unser, Brock Yates, David E. Davis

Sunday, March 9- Five Grand Sports appearing together for the first time in history. They enter through the Main Gate and proceed to the Awards Tent. - 275 cars on the grounds of the Golf Club of Summer Beach surrounding the Ritz-Carlton, tickets are \$35.00 per person.

These are just a few of the events scheduled. The tentative plan is to leave Charlotte (I-77 SC rest area) on Friday morning at 9:30 arriving at Amelia Island around 3:30. Personally, I plan on attending only the Concours on Sunday. The earlier events look quite interesting but are high priced. We will probably tour the area and/or hit the beach on Saturday.

We have reservations at the Hampton Inn, Amelia Island at Fernandina Beach (904-321-1111) for Friday and Saturday nights.



Update: 01/01/03



Sue and I visited Amelia Island yesterday to check out the Ritz-Carlton, the Hampton Inn, etc. Here is an update. The Hampton Inn is now booked for that weekend. Some blocks of rooms are being held by various clubs and a room or two may become available. If you want to stay there you would need to keep checking with the hotel. Next to the Hampton Inn is a Best Western, an older motel. Next to the Best Western and across the street from the ocean is a new hotel, the Amelia Hotel & Suites. They do have rooms available and that would be my choice. I would suggest that you reserve a room now and cancel later should you decide to not make the trip or switch to the Hampton if a room becomes available. If you wait too long all the rooms will be taken. It is a very short walk to the beach from any of these hotels.

Hampton Inn – Amelia Island at Fernandina Beach 904-321-1111
Amelia Hotel & Suites 904-261-5735
Ritz Carlton 904-277-1100 Concours Host Hotel
Best Western 904-277-2300

Additional information about the Concours d'Elegance

In addition to all five 1963 Corvette Grand Sports the SR-2, SS, several foreign bodied Corvettes and other one-off prototypes and race cars are scheduled to be on display. Honorary Chairman is Chaparral designer and racer, Jim Hall.

For more information call 800-811-8448 or visit
www.ameliaconcours.org

Wade Stickels



Visit Hendrick Motorsports Race Shop



Frank Sancineto, the NC/SC Caravan Captain who spoke to our club about the Caravan, is a member of the Corvette Club in Raleigh. Some members of their club are planning a trip on **Friday, February 21** to Charlotte to visit the Hendrick Motorsports' Race Shop. Frank invited any members of the Queen City Club that would like to join them. They might also be interested in going out for a meal if any of our members wanted to join them.

Contact Wade Stickels for more information.

Circle City Corvette of Dothan, Alabama 23rd Annual Beach Caravan

May 15th – 18th

Registration: \$50 per Corvette

This Year's event begins in Dothan AL. on Thurs. afternoon and culminates Sunday in Panama City Beach, FL. Event activities include parties, seminars, caravan, road tour, activities on the beach, live entertainment, great food and hospitality. Proceeds go to the National Corvette Museum and local charities. Don't miss being a part of over 250 Corvettes on the world's most beautiful beaches.

Includes one event t-shirt, goody bag, dash plaque and admission for two to all activities. Registration requested NLT May 1, 2003.

Host Motels

Dothan, AL – Thursday, May 15

Best Value Inn \$29 + tax 1-877-353-3311

Days Inn \$32 + tax 1-800-544-1448 /334-793-2550

Panama City Beach – Friday – Sunday, May 16-17

Ramada Limited \$90 + tax 1-850-234-1700

Contact Eddie Burt for more information

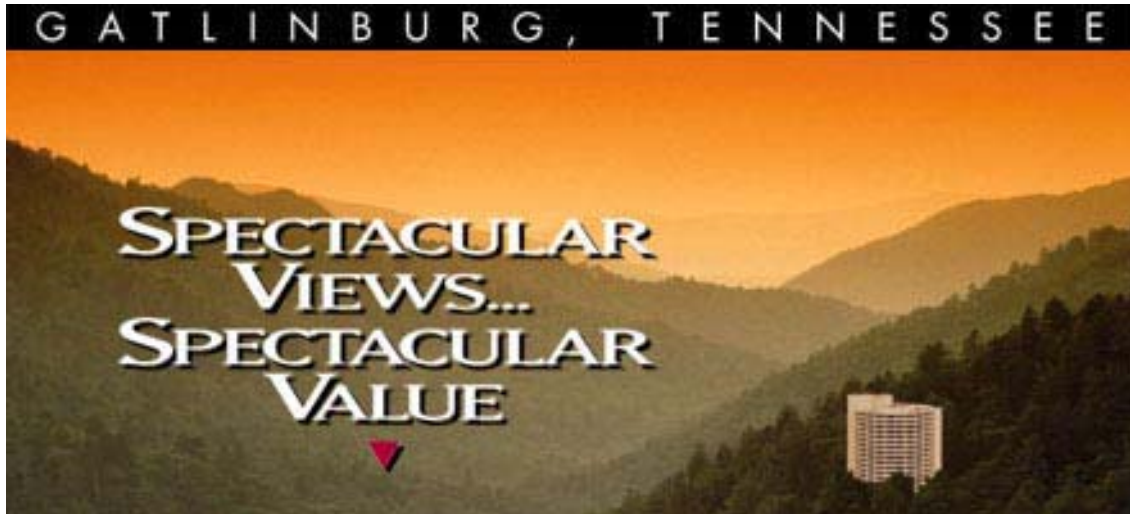
Oh, please say it ain't so.....

E. O. Oakley, our resident keeper of odd knowledge, sent in a list of actual, but outlandish, lawsuits and we will publish some of them as space permits. Here is the first installment:

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$780,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little toddler was Ms. Robertson's son.

Gatlinburg Arts Tour & Deal's Gap (all 318 turns) Trip
May 31st-June 1st, 2003

Welcome to another adventure in the Queen City Corvette Club's neighborhood. Can you say "Good time?"... there, I knew you could!



We will be staying at the Park Vista, a resort hotel in Gatlinburg. It has a view that is spectacular, an indoor pool, a good bar (that's redundant-there is no such thing as a bad bar), a large sitting/lobby area, a beautiful atrium and a very nice restaurant. Plenty of safe parking.



Address: 705 Cherokee Orchard Road - Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Phone: 800-421-7275 or 865-436-9211

Web Address: www.parkvista.com

Reservations: There are 16 rooms blocked off for us, but that can increase if reservations are made quickly and rooms are available. Reservations can be made until 5/1/03, but I would recommend making them early so we can get more, if necessary. Reservations can be cancelled up to 72 hours in advance.

Rates: When you make your reservation tell them you're with the Queen City Corvette Club and the rate will be \$84 plus tax, per night. The normal rate is \$139 per night. If you want to go early or stay an extra day, they will honor the \$84.



A Thank You note from Loaves & Fishes,
a Charity we supported at Christmas.

January 7, 2003

Queen City Corvette Club
Mr. John Meadows
8225 Tower Point Drive
Charlotte, NC 28227

Dear Mr. Meadows:

Thank you for the donation of \$250.00 to Loaves & Fishes in December of 2002. Our work is crucial at this time of year when the contrast between our ever-rising standard of living and the harsh reality of living in poverty is particularly stark. We are serving 86% more people than we did three years ago, an all time high. Your financial support will enable Loaves & Fishes to provide basic nutritional food to people in crisis in our community.

Through a network of 16 food pantries, operated by a volunteer force of more than 600 people, Loaves & Fishes will serve more than 60,000 people this year. The sad truth is that more and more people are seeking help for the first time and we know the need will continue to rise. We at Loaves & Fishes consider all who support this vital work, through the donation of money, goods or volunteer time, to be partners in our joint effort to provide food and support to those who need it.

Thank you for thinking of our hungry neighbors. May you have a blessed holiday, you have certainly made it a better one for families in crisis in our community.

Sincerely,

Beverly Howard
Executive Director

IRS Tax Information:

Loaves & Fishes is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Federal ID #56-1398498. Your donation is acknowledged as a direct contribution, no goods or services were exchanged with Loaves & Fishes

LOAVES & FISHES, INC. • PO BOX 11234 CHARLOTTE, NC 28220-1234 • TELEPHONE (704) 523-4333 • FAX (704) 523-5901

Thanks
w/love

Your kindness
brought more pleasure
than words can express,
And this comes
to thank you
for all your thoughtfulness.



Love,
The Robinson
Family

A Thank You note from the Robinson family, some that we helped at Christmas



MedAssist of MECKLENBURG

5516 Central Ave.
Charlotte, NC 28212
(704) 536-1790 Fax (704) 536-9865

January 16, 2003

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

Dear Queen City Corvette Club:

Thank you so much for your recent donation to MedAssist. Your donation will help ensure that Mecklenburg County's lower-income senior citizens receive much needed prescription medication. This will assist them in maintaining quality of life during their senior years. Because of donations like yours, we are able to take seniors off of our waiting list and accept them into our program. MedAssist truly appreciates your generosity, and we know that the seniors who will benefit from it appreciate it as well.

Again, please accept our sincere thanks for your donation.

Sincerely,

Susan F. Basini
Executive Director

Enclosure

A Thank You note from Med Assist, a group we helped at Christmas

JOHN,

THANKS FOR THE DONATION TO
HABITAT. THE MONEY WILL CERTAINLY
BE A BLESSING TO SEVERAL FAMILIES.
I HOPE YOU HAVE A PROSPEROUS
YEAR.

GOD BLESS.

DR. ANDY PIPAS

A Thank You note from Habitat For Humanity, one of our Christmas Charities

Dec. 30, 2002

Dear Queen City Friends,

Thank you so very much for the donation to Davidson Senior Nutrition Program in my name. As you know Fred + I are very much involved with this program and, believe me, they can use the money. This second surgery is proving to be much more successful. Maybe I can

drive the new Corvette before too long!! I may have to press 500 lbs to press I can!!!

Thank you again for your generous gift.

Sincerely,
Caroline Lentz