

June 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!

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Hey, did y’all see “Johnny” Buffett at Sandy Welsh’s house? If you didn’t make this one, you missed a fabulous time in Margaritaville! When we grow up, we want to live in a place like Sandy’s. The gardens are spectacular and perfect for our meetings, right Sandy?

We participated in the Parade of Lights, again. Looks like Lugnut got “lucky” while he was trolling and found a few Ms. North Carolina’s looking for a ride in the Parade. You just never know who you’ll see in this parade.



Jane Burt, Patrice Northrup, Iris Binder, Florence Prather

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To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.



May 26, 2003

Dear Fellow QCCC Members:

First, I'd like to thank Ben Horack for a great job that he did on the Parade of Lights in uptown Charlotte. We had approximately 43 cars, give or take a few. I think that was the largest turnout for this parade that we've ever had. Thankfully, the weather held out for us. This parade started Speed Week that is attended by thousands of race fans. From the looks of it, most of Charlotte was there.

Speaking of parades, this would be a good time to bring up parade etiquette. We are called on to provide cars for local dignitaries, TV personalities and beauty queens. These groups are all scheduled by our Director of Automotive Events, Ben Horack. It has come to my attention that some of you may not be aware that we have an 'unwritten' policy that we, the Queen City Corvette Club, choose not to carry anyone younger than 6 years old. We set the age limit because of any liability that could occur because of an accident, fall, etc. In the Parade of Lights, several mothers of beauty queens didn't understand this policy. I feel, along with the board, that this is in the best interest of everyone involved. Also, in parades, we should not follow too close, leaving at least two car lengths between cars. Many times, people run in between the cars and this would help prevent an accident. And, last but not least, save the rubber on those expensive tires. Parades are a fun way to show off our cars, let's do it in style.

I don't know if most know who Rick Elgin is, but he owned a Corvette shop in Indian Trail. I heard through Corvette circles that he was closing his shop. Two weeks ago I drove down to see what was happening and it's true, there's a "for rent" sign on his doors. He'll be missed as one of the few that took his time to work on the older vintage Corvettes. We wish Rick the best of luck!

At the last board meeting we talked about possibly having guest speakers during our club meetings. Nothing long winded mind you, but something that would be of interest and take 10 to 15 minutes. If anyone has an idea of talking about a tech tip, new back roads for cruising, places to cruise to, etc., please email me.

Our next club meeting will be at Eddie and Jane Burt's house. This is one of the highest attended club meetings. Probably because Eddie can cook some great BBQ! Don't forget to bring your chairs. They'll be more in the newsletter forthcoming.

The social calendar is pretty full this year! Remember Gatlinburg is this coming weekend and it was a blast the last time. Check out www.queencitycorvette.com for that and for future events. You'll be glad you did!

Until next time, save the wave!

Robert



V-P REPORT

EDDIE's Que June 14th

Well folks one of the best meetings of the year is upon us. As all you veterans know, the June Business Meeting is B-B-Q time at Eddie and Jane Burt's place. This is truly one of the highlights of our monthly business meetings. For all you newcomers, this is one you don't want to miss.

A few ground rules:

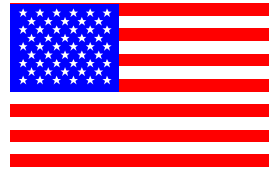
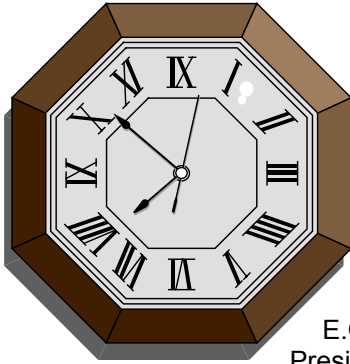
- Be sure to bring your chairs.
- Bring you own beverages (adult beverages allowed).
- We will eat first, around 6:00, and then have the club business meeting. If you would like to come early around 4:00 to socialize, please do.
- The club will provide the meat, paper products, eating utensils, and ice.
- Club members supply the other dishes, as below:
 - Last Name A- B Snacks (chips, dips, salsa, etc. for early grazing)
 - Last Name C- H Salads (all kinds - green, potato, pasta, etc.)
 - Last Name I- R Side Dish (whatever is good with B-B-Q)
 - Last Name S-Z Desserts (knock yourself out)
(Please provide serving utensils for your dishes)
- Sauces: Eddie will provide a top drawer sauce, however, if you have a special sauce that you would like for the rest of us to enjoy, please feel free to bring some. We just ask that you label it, provide proper warnings, and a MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet). Normal stuff for hazardous materials.

Parking will be at the corner of Matthews-Weddington road and Amada Drive. Look for the balloons and QCCC sign. This just a short walk from Eddie's house. Our trusty newsletter editor will provide a map for those that need it.

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

Hey, Let's Be Careful Out There!
E. O.





Minutes from the QCCC Meeting Saturday May 10, 2003

The May business meeting of QCCC was held at Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC. Officers in attendance: Robert Morgan, E.O.Oakely, Gary Artis, Kay Weisberg, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have:

Fred & Rox Mudge – 2001 Pewter Convertible, **Cliff & Betsey Emery** – 1999 Black Coupe, **Q & Margo Gross** – 1999 Red Coupe, **Charlie & Iris Binder** – 2000 Red Hard Top, **Butch & Barbara Willis** – 2003 50th Anniversary Convertible, **Tom & Brenda Hudalla** – 2003 50th Anniversary Convertible, **Tim & Andrea Worman** – 1998 Black Convertible, **Joe Corl** – 1999 Red Hard Top, **Ted & Patrice Northrup** – 2001 Navy Blue Hard Top .

New Members voted in – **Charlie & Iris Binder**, **Ted & Patrice Northrup**, and **Fred & Rox Mudge** !

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Detailed how to take advantage of the City Chevrolet Dealer Program
- Suggested that all C5 owners have 4 hockey pucks on hand (\$1 each at sports stores) & provide them when the cars are going to be on lifts
- Send any pictures & articles to Jody for the newsletter

E.O.Oakely, Vice President

- Asked everyone to sign the Sign-in sheet – visitors too (on the back)
- June 14 Meeting will be the BBQ at the Burt's. We'll eat at 6:00 & have the meeting afterwards

Gary Artis, Treasurer

- Third Quarter dues will be due July 1
- 61 families have paid for the whole year

Kay Weisberg, Social Director

- Thanked **Sue & Wade Stickle**s for providing refreshments for the pre-meeting get-together
- May 17 at 4:00 pm - BBQ at Sandy Welsh's – bring a dessert
- Received approval to request to move the October Meeting to the first Saturday (10/4) so we can go to Myrtle Beach the weekend of October 10. Rooms at the Crown Reef will be less than \$79, Friday night cookout will be about \$12, Saturday night dinner with "Elvis" will be about \$20, and tickets to Legends will be \$19.
- June 28 – day trip to Reed's Gold Mine – costs \$1.50 to pan for gold

Jody Austin, Trip Coordinator

- Gatlinburg TN trip – **Eddie Burt** is coordinating the group going up at 10:00 am on Friday & **Bob Denney** is coordinating the group going up at 8:00 am on Saturday. 15 cars have signed up so far. Both groups will leave from McDonald's on Billy Graham Parkway (former Krystal Burger). On Saturday at 1:30 pm, **Jody** will lead a group to Deal's Gap and return about 5:00 pm. Deal's Gap has 318 turns in 11 miles so bring torque!

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

- Anyone interested in going to Gatlinburg on Friday, see Eddie

Robert Morgan for Ben Horack, Director of Automotive Events

- Last Saturday's Car Show at Parks Chevrolet had 43 cars! They may want us to have a show at their Huntersville location.
- Tuesday May 20 – Parade of Lights – need at least 20 convertibles. We'll meet at 6:00 pm, the parade starts at 8:00 pm, & afterwards we'll meet at the former Midtown Cinemas to watch the fireworks

Gloria Scienski, Make-A-Wish Foundation

- Thanked everyone who participated in the Parks Chevrolet Car Show for an AWESOME day. The Make-A-Wish Foundation needed a place to surprise a 17-year-old boy with his wish for a fly fishing trip in Colorado. The presentation was made in front of beautiful cars, his 2 brothers, 2 friends, parents, aunt, and grandparents. All the boys were then treated to rides in Corvettes. The family was very appreciative and Gloria read a very moving letter of appreciation to the Club.

Walt Krupowicz, Chairman, CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY

- Plans for the September 26, 27, 28 CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY are on schedule. The flier and registration form are on the website. 40 Corvette clubs have been invited. Group prices were based on 200 people attending the DEI & Hendrick tours. All QCCC members need to register too! Speakers will be President of Hendrick Automotive Group, former C5R driver Andy Pilgrim, and the Corvette Assembly Plant engineer.
- Nancy Runnion needs volunteers to help with registration

Linda Meadows, Member

- Vector Shirts will be at the BBQ in June to take/deliver orders for items with the QCCC logo

John Liebe, Member

- Asked for a show of hands of those interested in Racing at Concord Mills. There are 15-20 driving simulators and would be exclusively for us to race each other on road or NASCAR tracks. It lasts about 2 hours and costs \$50 per person – on a Wednesday or Sunday.

Sue Stickles, Member

- Invited everyone to a pool party on July 4 at noon – bring chairs & a covered dish

Wade Stickles, Member

- Has raffle tickets for: a 2004 C5, and a limited edition Dale Earnhardt Z06E
- Has Registration forms for the National Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green in June

Dave Gregorino, Member

- Thanked everyone for the cards after his recent heart attack

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2003

The May officers meeting was held at Artis & Associates office, Charlotte, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, E.O.Oakley, Gary Artis, Kay Weisberg, Ben Horack, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt

Guest: Jim Weisberg.

President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Robert:

Thanked Ben for a successful Parade of Lights
Will prepare a Parade Etiquette page for the Newsletter
Discussed having a guest speaker at business meetings

E.O.Oakley:

Will assign who brings what side dishes to the June BBQ
Will hold a 50/50 raffle at the BBQ

Gary:

Reviewed 2003 dues payment status & Corvettes in the Queen City financial status

Ben Horack:

Will call Parks Chevrolet for our show fee
Will check with Jon Elliott regarding the day trip to Tom Smith's
Has a request from Tega Cay for us to participate in their July 4th Parade

Kay Weisberg:

Banquet will be January 24, 2004 at the Hyatt at SouthPark – sit down dinner, not buffet
Beach trip will be October 10 – 12 at the Crown Reef in South Myrtle. All rooms are oceanfront at will be \$71 a night. Gave the contract to Robert to sign. Friday dinner will be a choice of fish, chicken, or beef - \$20 per person, Saturday cookout with the Blues Brothers & Elvis will be hot dogs & hamburgers - \$13 per person, Saturday night Legends concert - \$19 per person
Mountain trip to Little Switzerland was researched, but there's no weekend available on the QCCC calendar

Eddie:

Reviewed membership status – 9 people will be eligible for election at the BBQ

Jane:

Received approval to provide a Port-A-Jon at the BBQ – Save The Septics!

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

Business Meeting, 2nd Saturday of the Month

2003	Event	Time
June		
14 th	Business Meeting - BBQ at Burt's	
25 – 29 th	50th Anniversary Celebration	
28 th	Trip to Reed's Gold Mine	
July		
4 th	Pool Party @ Stickels' House	12 Noon
4 th	Parades-Coulwood & Hickory Grove & Tega Cay	
12 th	Business Meeting – Huntersville	
19 th	Progressive Dinner	
August		
???	Mountain Trip	
9 th	Business Meeting	
21 – 23 rd	Corvettes @ Carlisle	
30 th	Parade- Matthews Alive Festival	
September		
13-14 th	Autofair/Business Meeting	
26 th	Corvettes in the City (Walt)	
27 th	Parade-Mint Hill Madness	
October		
Oct 10-12	Beach Trip--- Crown Reef S. Myrtle Beach	
11 th	Business Meeting	
18 th	Petit LeMans Road America	
25 th	Car Show – City Chevrolet	
November		
8 th	Business Meeting	
22 nd	Parade – Concord Christmas Parade	
23 rd	Parade – Monroe Christmas Parade	
December		
2 nd	Parade – Kannapolis Christmas Parade	
13 th	Christmas Party (Social)/Business Meeting	

Did you know.....

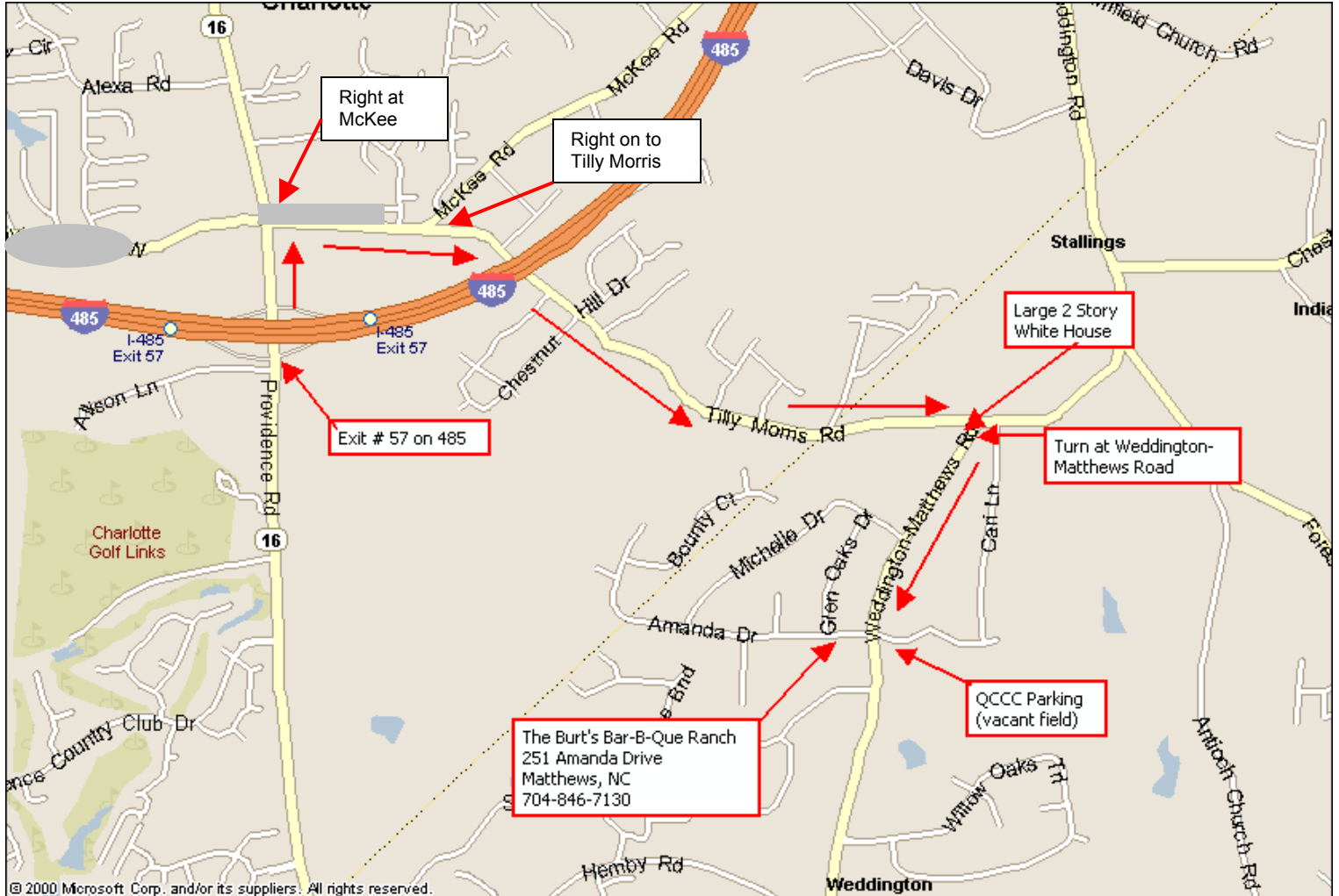


In 1977 Corvette's total production finally reached 500,000 vehicles produced since its inception in 1953. It took until the end of the 1992 model year to reach 1,000,000.

The 1960 Corvette was the first American production car to provide anti-sway bars front and rear.

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

The Eddie & Jane Burt Bar-B-Que Ranch will be open for business on June 14th for our meeting.



Don't forget your drinks and chairs

Club members supply the dishes, as below:

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Please provide serving utensils for your dishes (and no, your hands don't count as serving utensils even though you washed them!)

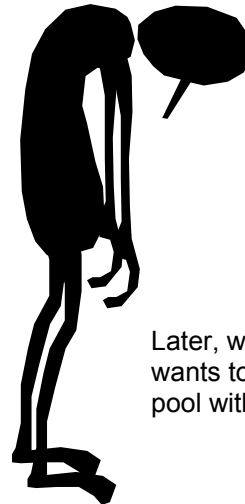
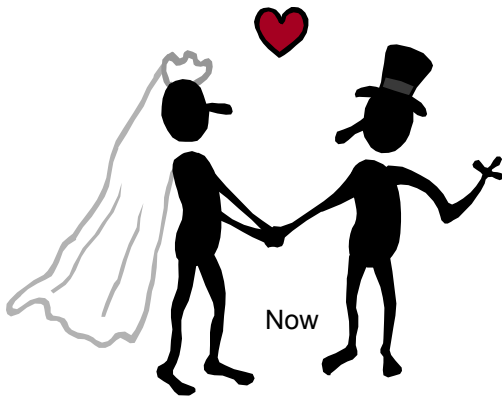


WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NY - This month the Mergers and Acquisitions Division of the QCCC would like to announce the following mergers and acquisitions:



Mark and Adina Ledford were married April 26, 2003. Congratulations from the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB!

Our Society Page Editorette, Loretta Liriope reports that Ben Horack and Barbara Quick also tied the knot and now are Mr. & Mrs. Horack. Word has it that Ben wouldn't change his name so Barbara agreed to change hers. All of us here at the Queen City Corvette Club wish you guys the best life has to offer, **Congratulations!!!!**



Later, when he wants to shoot pool with the boys

How 'bout a Big Howdy to Our Newest Members



Ted & Patrice Northrup



Iris & Charlie Binder



Rox & Fred Mudge



A CHEMIST'S VIEW ON OCTANE

By Tom Johnson (submitted by E.O. Oakley)

Part 3 of 5 Parts

Chapter III

INSIDER'S TRICK ON GASOLINE ADDITIVES:

No matter what you do or what you drive, this trick will help you keep down deposits inside your engine. You see, additives themselves will make deposits and/or create a deposit that is different from the one made by base gasoline alone. If you think about this for a moment, you'll come to realize that your engine will build some kind of deposit based upon what additive you are using. Yes, it will build at a slower rate, but it will build deposits. At some level this will taper off (but this is maximum deposits and what Corvette owner wants that!). So what do you do? Simple, switch to a different brand of gasoline (this will almost assure you of getting a different additive but not always. Some companies buy additives from other companies, so it could be the same. More on this later). What this will do, is the new additive will look at the deposit formed from the old additive as foreign and begin removing it. Now after 5000 miles, you'll be rid of this deposit but you'll have a new one from your most recent additive, so switch back and start the process all over again. As an analogy, this is like building an immune response to an anti-biotic, so your doctor gives you a new one. I know of absolutely no additive that will work as well as switching back and forth between additives. On a molecular level this makes perfect sense.

SO WHAT'S A VETTE OWNER TO DO?:

(1) Whether you buy regular, mid-grade, or premium, use one brand for about 5000 miles, then switch to another brand for 5000 miles. I use Shell, then Chevron, then Exxon, and then back to Shell, etc. (this is not an endorsement). These companies have historically had their own additive research groups/companies, so they'll likely use their own additive and not something they bought from each other. It is completely possible, however, to use a sequence like Amoco, Shell, and Texaco and still come out fine. (Again, these are not endorsements). I use three companies and 5000 miles based on what I've observed working in the research area. 7,000 miles and two different brands will still do wonders. As an aside, it takes most vehicles 7-13,000 miles to build their maximum deposit levels.

(2) If your Vette is carbureted or TBI, buy premium. These fuel-delivery systems build deposits rapidly and to much much higher levels than PFI (port fuel injection) systems - you need every edge you can get (if you're an enthusiast). If I had a PFI Vette I'd still buy premium, but must tell you the effect will not be like in the carbureted version.

LeMans

This month Corvette makes another assault on LeMans looking for a Threeppeat. They have won their class for the past 2 years. How do you like the new paint scheme, reckon it'll help?



Moments From The Meeting



Jane Burt & Ken Smelter



Philip Lewis & Wayne Gary



Larry & Florence Prather



Tim & Andrea Worman



Tom Idema & Stan Reiber





Our vigilant photographers got a picture of some of our members as they were on their way to a Village People concert.

What is important? The Meaning of Life

Iraq, North Korea, Palestine & the Middle East, increasing deficits, tax cuts, tax increases, getting old, medicare, Social Security shortage, global warming, AIDS, poverty, the economy, raising kids, higher gas prices, the Big Bang, our relationship to the universe.....these things are in the headlines daily and make us ponder our very soul and question the journey through life, but what if ...what if.....the hokey pokey *really is* what it's all about. The great American 20th century philosopher, Jimmy Buffett, (Johnny Buffett to some) posed this perplexing question. Our professors, here at the QCCC international newsletter university philosophy department, researched the theory and discovered he might be on to something, consider this:

**You put your right foot in,
 You put your right foot out;
 You put your right foot in,
 And you shake it all about.
 You do the Hokey-Pokey,
 And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!**

Is this profound or what?



Parks Chevrolet Car Show

We had 43 cars show up for the car show at Parks Chevrolet on May 3.

The winners were:

C1 – Suzie Black

C2 – John & Linda Meadows

C3 – Robert Morgan

C4 – Bob Schillo

C5 – Rob Gallman

Best of Show – John Meadows

People’s Choice – Suzie Black

Pictured on the left are Sissy Parks and a recipient of the Make-A-Wish foundation.



The car in the picture above is Gloria & Jerry Scienski’s C5, notice the license plate. Gloria is the Director of Make-A-Wish in Charlotte and she arranged for the kids to visit the car show. Thanks go to Gloria and her associates for all they do to make some lives special.



Clockwise from Lower Left:
Suzie Black, John Meadows,
Bob Schillo, Rob Gallman & Lori Monnell and Robert Morgan

Congratulations, Guys!
They really look nice.



MARGARITAVILLE



Lynn & Chuck Sollard

Folks, our staff of sophisticated newsletter reporters is still talking about Sandy Welsh's house and grounds!!! Keep in mind our staff has covered some of the biggest cultural events of the 21st century, such as the coronation and inauguration of the Grand PooPa at the Troutman Moose Lodge, so if they are impressed with Sandy's grounds, then it had to be big.

The visit to her estate was like a walk through the Biltmore gardens. And visiting her birds was like a day with Merlin Perkins and Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom. What a place. Live music by "Johnny" Buffett and a catered meal. Thanks a lot Sandy, it was fantastic.



Dennis & Linda Kish



Sue & Wade Stickels



Nancy & Bob Runnion

Looks like Bob is wearing a livermush omelet.



Diane Liebe and Margaret & Jim Campbell



Jimmy Buffett couldn't make it for the party, but he sent his brother, Johnny.

On the right is Tom "Blue Ribbon" Idema. Doggone, we thought they quit making PBR!



Sandy "Minnie Pearl" Welsh



Vanessa & Robert Morgan

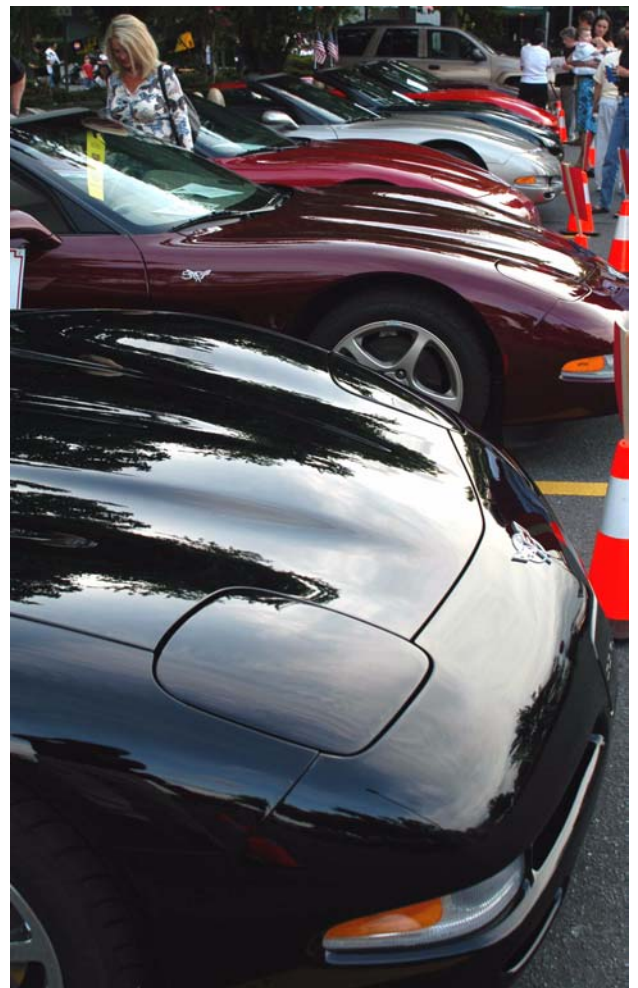
2003 Parade of Lights



Looks like John was a little late on the brakes and Bob a little early on the bottle.



L. to R. Jane Burt, Ann Oakley, Phillip Lewis, Wayne Gary, Bonnie Gary & Eddie Burt



Meryle & Bill Elko

Photos: Charlie Binder

These people really hauled some Butt in the Parade of Lights this month. The drivers and their haulees are listed below. Thanks guys, for representing us well to the City of Charlotte!

QCCC Driver	Who they hauled
Al Herold	Mayor of Concord
Benny Frazier	Mrs North Carolina
Bill & Meyrle Elko	Majestic Miss Mecklenburg
Chauncey Edwards	Delano Little
Chuck Beard	Mayor of Kannapolis
David Carleton	Tonya Bendickson
Denny & daughter Amber Guessford	Mayor of Tega Cay
EO & Ann Oakley	Miss Cabarrus County
Fred & Rox Mudge	Young Miss Mecklenburg
Gary Artis	Rex White
Iris Binder	Mayor of Mooresville
Jim Weisberg	Tiny Miss Mecklenburg
John Bayne	Eric Thomas
John Meadows	Paul Cameron
John Whitehead	Mayor of Charlotte
Jon Elliott	Frances Flock (Tim)
Ken Smelter	Wee Miss Mecklenburg
Philip Lewis	?
Richard Klause	Little Miss Mecklenburg & Tiny Majestic Mecklenburg
Stan Reiber	Kannapolis Councilman
Tom & Shirley Idema	Al Conklin
Walt & Wendy Krupowicz	Teen Miss Mecklenburg
Wayne & Bonny Gary	Charles "Slick" Owens

....more from E.O.'s library of frivolous lawsuits:

A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

TECH TIP

Submitted by E. O. Oakley

TSB #02-06-01-029: "Needle Bearings Found In Oil Pan (Replace RockerArms)

Apparently, GM has a new problem with some Gen 3 engines and that brings us to TSB #02-06-01-029: "Needle Bearings Found In Oil Pan (Replace RockerArms)".

Currently, this affects 1998-2002 Corvettes, along with a number of other GM vehicles using the Gen 3 small-block V8 engine family.

You or a service technician may find needle bearings in the drain oil during an engine oil change. These bearings may be found either in the drain screen, the drain pan or on the magnetic drain plug.

If you do your own oil changes and you find needles in your drain oil, most likely one or more of the engine's roller rocker arms have failed. If you find needles and the car is under warranty, STOP and save the evidence. Have the car flat-bedded to a dealer for warranty repair. Make sure you show the dealer the needles you found in the oil and tell the dealer you are aware of this bulletin. The dealer should replace all 16 rockers and pull the oil pan for cleaning.

If the car is out of warranty and you're doing the work yourself, pull the rocker covers and inspect all 16 rockers for bearing retainer cap failure. If you find a bad rocker, inspect no farther. Replace all 16 rockers with PN 10214664 then pull the oil pan and clean it out.

If no rocker arm problem is found, do not change the rockers. Check the car's service records for a previous rocker repair. If a repair was done before, the engine might not have been properly cleaned of loose needles. Remove the oil pan and clean out any additional needles you find.

Directions on how to do all this work is in the factory service manual.

If you don't do your own work, the next time you take the car into your dealer or other service vendor for an oil change, advise the service facility of this bulletin and ask them to, specifically, check the drain oil for needles.

Editor's Note: Doesn't having those itty bitty needle bearing rolling around in your oil pan make you sleep well at night?



**Hot Damn, an 81 MPH Pontoon Boat!
Is this a great country or what?**

I think if I work it right I can get this thing home and Judy will never find out, but you guys have to promise not to tell her, Okay?

JULY 4 POOL PARTY



WHEN: Friday, July 4, noon until. We will eat at 1 p.m.

WHERE: The Stickels' home, 16336 Ranger Trail, Huntersville.

FOOD: Please bring a hot or cold prepared covered dish (meat, vegetable, or dessert) and your own beverage.

BRING: Chairs, bathing suits, towels, & sunshine.



Directions: I-77 exit 25, head east on Hwy. 73/Sam Furr Road. Drive past Target and turn right on Ranger Trail into the Greenfarm subdivision. Proceed down Ranger Trail to Tallent Lane. We are on the corner of Ranger Trail and Tallent Lane.
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May 5, 2003

**Robert Morgan, President
Queen City Corvette Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 473072
Charlotte, NC 28247**

Dear Robert:

On behalf of the Make A Wish Foundation of Central and Western North Carolina and Nathan and his family, I want to sincerely thank the QCCC for the unique magic that you added to Nathan's very special day and to extend a very big "THANK YOU" to each of the members who took Nathan and his friends for a spin in America's only true sports car. I'm sure that every student in their school now knows how great the Corvette really is.

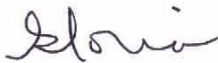
We always try to make the day that we tell our Wish Kids that they will receive their wish extraordinary. Well, with the help of the Club, we really did it this time. During the days or weeks that the child and their family are anxiously awaiting the wish, they are planning for and dreaming about their upcoming adventure. The day that they are told their wish will be granted and all of the days in between becomes a time when the stresses over the illness take a back seat to excitement and anticipation.

Nathan and his family are going to have a wonderful time together during his fly fishing wish. They will create memories that all of our wishes families tell us will last forever in a most special place in their hearts.

I wish that all of our Make-A-Wish supporters could have the opportunity to be a part of a child's wish. I hope this was as much fun for you as it was for Nathan and his family.

Again...Thank You.

In the Spirit of a Wish,



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