

July 2003



Well, there they are, **again!** Driving, uhhh, aggressively, yea, that's the word, aggressively, in the mountains. The picture below was taken after the eastward trip through [Deals Gap](#), which was the first of 2 bouts with the dragon. Notice how innocent they look. Hah!...we're not fooled; we know what they do when they get behind the wheels of those cars.

"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!



Here's a cake given to Eddie & Jane Burt thanking them for putting on such a great Bar-B-Q again this year. This is one of the highlights of the year for the QCCC and Eddie and Jane work very hard to make it happen.



Burt's B-B-Q

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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.



President's Letter

June 25, 2003

Dear Fellow QCCC Members:

The June business meeting is my favorite meeting to attend. It appears that the membership feels the same way too. The weather held out and we conducted the meeting without a drop of rain falling. I want to thank Eddie and Jane Burt for their hospitality for sharing their home and putting in all the hard work that makes this a successful event. It's exciting to see so many members in attendance and equally thrilling to see so many Corvettes in one place. Eddie's neighbors must think there's a car show at his house every year!

I can't believe that we've already been through the first half of the year. We've had a lot of visitors in the first two quarters and attendance to meetings seems to be up. Even with new members getting voted in, our membership is holding at a pretty constant level. Each meeting it appears we vote more people in. We're up slightly from last year at around 185(+/-) members. Attached to a new member are "mentors" that help each of them understand more of how the QCCC works. With a club of our size, it's important that visitors and new members feel welcome. I hope that each member will take a moment at our business meetings to introduce themselves to visitors and "newbies" (new members). Our nametags are great in remembering names and Jody does a great job in the newsletter with pictures of our new members. Don't forget to come early to the meetings and enjoy the social half hour.

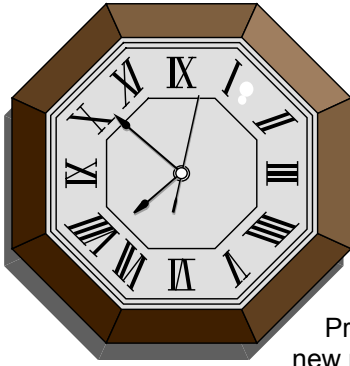
Our bank account is very healthy because of the membership paying in advance. Thanks to all who have paid for the entire year. In the very near future we'll be paying the deposits for the upcoming beach trip and the 2004 banquet. Our 2003 budget is right on track. At our next board meeting the board will review the first half of 2003 budget vs. actual and give a report to the membership. Since our calendar is pretty full this year, it may turn out that we only have two, maybe three car shows. We use these car shows to subsidize our charity fund. Therefore our charity fund may be a little lower than expected. At our next board meeting we'll start discussing our roles in forming the charity committee. Not only does Ben have the responsibilities of our automotive events, but he is also the chair for the charity committee. Thanks Ben!

I need to give another pat on the back for a board member that is always in the background, but the role is very important to the club. Jane Burt is our secretary and does a fantastic job in conveying our meetings into minutes for the newsletter. It's a tough job and I wanted to thank her for her role. Thanks Jane!

Again check the social calendar. You can view it at www.queencitycorvette.com for approaching events. If it's not listed, then you don't want to do it!

Until next time, save the wave!

Robert



QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday June 14, 2003

The June business meeting of QCCC was held at the home of Jane & Eddie Burt, Weddington, NC. Officers in attendance: Robert Morgan, Gary Artis, Kay Weisberg, Ben Horack, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm to elect new members. The meeting was adjourned for BBQ and then re-called to order at 6:50 pm.

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

Cliff & Betsey Emery – 1998 Black Coupe, **Q & Margo Gross** – 1999 Red Coupe, **Butch & Barbara Willis** – 2003 50th Anniversary Convertible (and a beautiful 1935 Ford), **Tom & Brenda Hudalla** – 2003 50th Anniversary Convertible, **Tim & Andrea Worman** – 1998 Black Convertible, **Joe Corl** – 1999 Red Hard Top, **Mark & Jane VanDorn** – 1984 Black Coupe, **Bill Brown** – 1966 Nassau Blue Convertible, **Jim Swart** – 2003 Black Coupe, **Les Wiseman & Sonia Valencia** – 1998 Red Convertible, **Freddie Gillespie** – 2003 Black Z06.

New Members voted in – **Cliff & Betsey Emery, Q & Margo Gross, DeLette Roberts, and Tim & Andrea Worman !**

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Asked everyone to sign the Sign-in sheet – visitors too (on the back) and send Newsletter articles & pictures to **Jody Austin**
- Had **Heather Artis** pull tickets for the 50/50 drawing. \$280 was collected with \$140 going into the Charity Account. The winners were: \$50 – **Freddie Gillespie**, \$50 – **Jackie Slavetsky**, \$40 – **Florence Prather !**
- Read an invitation from the Capital City Corvette Club in Columbia SC to join them at Carowinds, Sunday, July 13

Gary Artis, Treasurer

- Third Quarter dues will be due July 1
- Second Quarter reminder notices will be going out soon
- Received \$500 from Parks Chevrolet for the Car Show – put into the Charity Account

Kay Weisberg, Social Director

- Thanked everyone for their cards after her Father's recent passing
- Thanked **Sandy Welsh** and **Eddie Burt** for hosting BBQs for the club
- Providing lists of Upcoming Events & directions to Reed's Gold Mine – need count by 6/21
- Future events - Beach Trip, & and Progressive Dinner with dessert at Benny & Renee Frazier's

Ben Horack, Automotive Events

- Parks Chevrolet Car Show was a great success
- Parade of Lights – we WERE the parade!
- July 4 Parades – need 8 – 10 cars for Tega Cay, & 12 cars for Hickory Grove (Elizabeth Dole will be there!) Sign up tonight.
- Wants to invite the Zaino folks to a meeting to demonstrate their car polishing products.

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

- We have right at 200 members now! **Gary Artis** said that when he joined in 1991, there were about 50 members.

Bob Denney, Member

- Described the Gatlinburg TN weekend and the Deal's Gap run of 318 turns in 11 miles
- See **Charlie Binder's** beautiful, giant-sized picture of the Deal's Gap Survivors, taken at the bottom of the gap

Jane Burt, Secretary

- Asked for a show of hands of those interested in driving around the Virginia International Raceway track. **Bob Runnion's** son has a contact that can put a package deal together for us.

Walt Krupowicz, Chairman, CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY

- Reported on the status of the CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY event September 26, 27, 28. Group prices were based on 200 people attending the DEI & Hendrick tours. All QCCC members need to register, too! Pick up Registration Forms tonight. Speakers at the Banquet Saturday night will be **Jim Perkins**, President of Hendrick Automotive Group, **Andy Pilgrim**, former C5R driver, and **Bill Merritt**, Corvette Assembly Plant engineer. The Westin is ready to take reservations. **Robert Morgan** has prepared a driving tour of Charlotte.

Wade Stickels, 50th Anniversary Celebration Coordinator

- Reviewed the events of the 50th Anniversary Celebration beginning June 25. There will be 16 cars from QCCC attending.

Skip Koski & Patty Wright, Members

- Described their trip to the Circle City Corvette event in Dothan AL/Panama City FL. There were 350 cars (1 from the QCCC) and a great auction.

Reggie & Suzie Black

David & Donna Sigman, Members

- Attended the Myrtle Beach Car Show

John Liebe, Member

- Corvettes are invited to a BMW Kershaw High Speed Driving School October 10. Additional information will be sent by e-mail.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt,

Secretary

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES MONDAY JUNE 23, 2003

The June officers' meeting was held at Artis & Associates office, Charlotte, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, 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:

Discussed positive aspects of monthly Business Meetings – 50/50 Raffle, social time

Gary:

Reviewed 2003 dues payment status

Set up separate bank account at Wachovia for Corvettes in the Queen City

Will prepare mid-year budget status for next Officers Meeting

Regaled us with his Good Guys high-speed driving class experience

Ben Horack:

Received a nice note from the 600 Festival folks regarding our participation in the Parade of Lights

If August meeting is at City Chevrolet, will have the Zaino folks attend

Wants to continue the 50/50 Raffles at the meetings to contribute to the Charity fund

Needs additional cars for the Tega Cay & Hickory Grove July 4th Parades

Capital City Corvette Club in Columbia SC is having a car show Sept. 6 in Irmo SC

Kay Weisberg:

Reed's Gold Mine trip is this Saturday – 14 people have signed up so far

Reviewed the wonderful all-inclusive menus for the dinners at the Oct. Beach trip at the Crown Reef in Myrtle Beach. Discussed having t-shirts made for the trip.

Progressive Dinner Saturday July 19 – 8 couples have signed up so far

Eddie:

Reviewed membership status – have 191 members with 4 people eligible for membership at the July meeting

Jane:

Discussed availability of neck straps for name tags

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt,

Secretary

Automotive Events

STRAIGHT AXLES & STRAIGHT TALK

Greetings from the wonderful world of straight axles and exposed headlights for the LAST time. No, I'm not quitting, yet! By the time you read this, Barbara and I will have had an addition to our family; a BEAUTIFUL, **BLACK**, 2000 C-5 Convertible! O.K., I'm going to lay off "floppy axle" stuff. The '62 still is and will always be my first love, as soon as I get it back.

Now, on with more important things. Sorry about not having anything in the June newsletter, but May was a really busy month; we had the most successful car show ever at Parks Chevrolet with over 45 cars, the Parade of Lights, kicking off The 600 Festival, with almost 50 cars and still found time to work in a wedding- Barbara's and mine. My special thanks to everyone who made these events so successful, especially Barbara; I couldn't have pulled the wedding off without her!

Summer is finally here and we'll have some breathing room, after July 4th. We have 2 parades that morning; Tega Cay, SC from 09:30 until 11:00 AM and Hickory Grove from 10:00 until 12:00PM (Noon). I still need 2 cars fro Tega Cay and 8 cars for Hickory Grove. If there is anyway you can help out, please let Robert or me know. We are planning to have a "hands on" demonstration from the Zaino people on the use of there car care products and how to "clay bar" your car in the near future. I'll let everyone know where and when as we firm things up. There has been talk about trying to have a 3rd car show, we still have City Chevrolet on October 26th. I would like to have some input on this before I make any plans, we talked about Huntersville or Rock Hill.

I will have emails out to everyone on the Zaino demo soon. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call me at 704-533-1646 or email me at landtramp@msn.com.

Thanks to EVERYONE who has helped make these events a success and.... Always remember, for the LAST TIME, C-1's NEVER have floppy axles.

Ben '62

Dear Ben,



6/1/05

I wanted to express my appreciation for your contribution to the UAW-AM Jamukah Parade. The event was great thanks to great people like you. I realize that a thank you is a small reward, but this one comes from the heart
Thanks !!
Jenni

Social Events

Dates To Remember

Progressive Dinner: July 19, 2003

Please sign up no later than **July 5**. We will need to know how many will be attending and volunteers to serve as hosts / hostesses.

Desserts will be enjoyed at the home of Benny and Renee Frazier

Beach Trip: October 10, 2003

Numbers to call to make reservation: [Crown Reef @ Myrtle Beach](#)

Day: 888 600 6932

Weekend: 800 405 7333

Our group number to use when placing reservations is **2856**. Please use this number! Currently we have 25 rooms reserved. Right now I can increase that number if necessary. They will hold the rooms until **9/10/03**. Type "A" rooms are \$71.00 per night, type "B" are \$75.00 per night (plus tax).

Friday, October 10: sit down dinner. You will have a choice of chicken, beef, or fish. At this time I do not have the menu. The cost will be \$20.00 per person.

Saturday, October 11: cook out. "Elvis" and the "Blue's Brother's" from Legends will be joining us. After the meal, we will attend the Legends' show. The cost of the meal is \$13.00 per person and the Legends tickets is \$19.00 per person.

If you are going to be taking part in the scheduled functions (any or all), I will need the money for the meals and tickets no later than **September 12**.

The prices for the meals and tickets are all inclusive.



No 3peat!

This wasn't Corvette's year at LeMans. The Corvettes placed 2nd and 3rd in the GTS class behind the Ferrari. Corvette has dominated the past few years, but Ferrari had their sights set on the LeMans win and accomplished their mission. Doggone that blue C5R is a pretty car!



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	6 PM
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.....

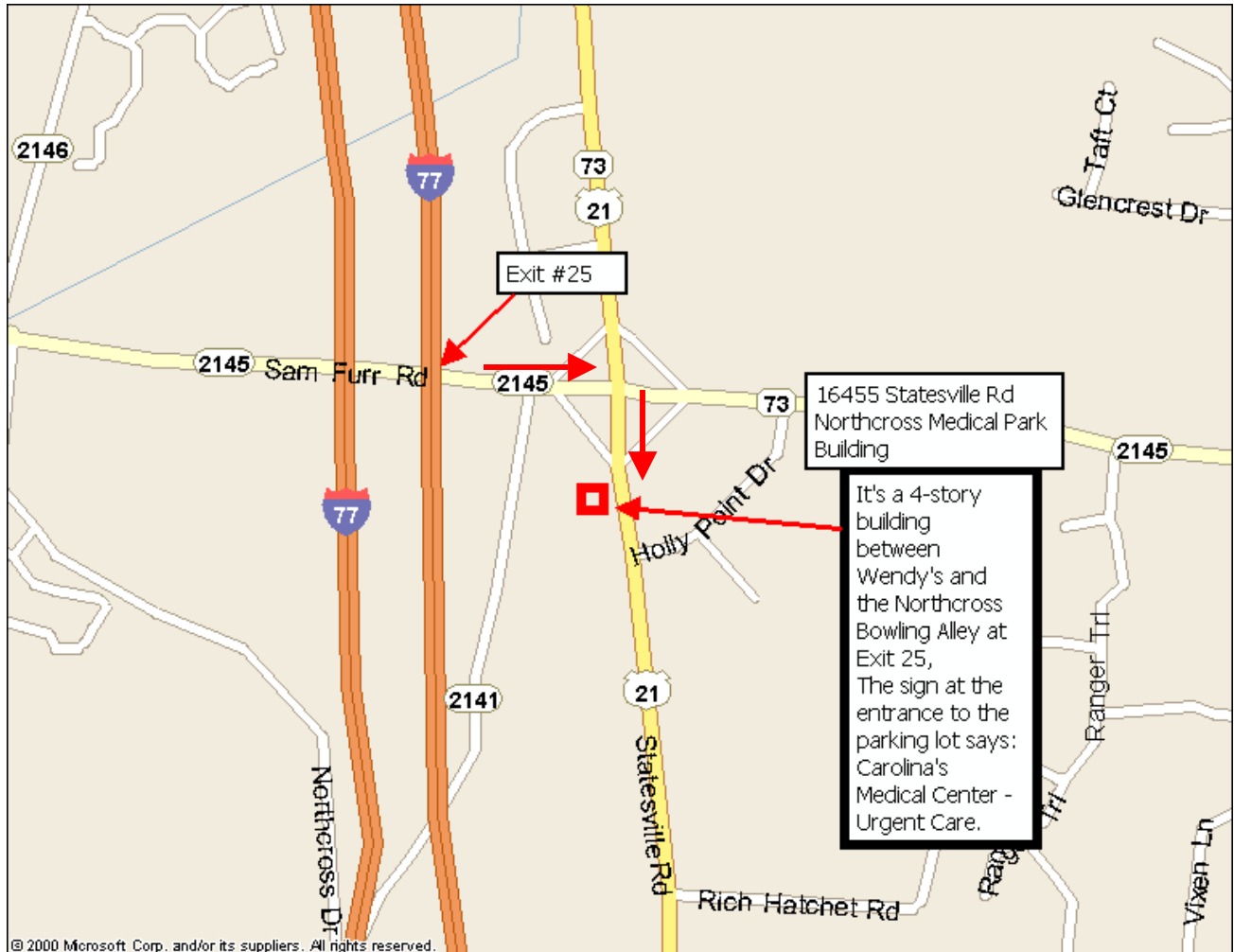


1974 was the last year Corvette to run on 'leaded' gas.

All 1986 Convertibles, regardless of color, were designated as Indy Pace cars and were delivered with the pace car decal package.

**Map to our July meeting place.
Northcross Medical Park Building
16455 Statesville Road
Huntersville, NC
July 12th at 6:30pm**

Social at 6:00pm Snacks available, but bring your own drinks (non-alcoholic)





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



Well, he's gone and done it again! Gary Artis bought, yet, another Corvette, a 1986 Pace car at that! We've given up trying to guess how many 'Vettes he and Linda have in the stable now, but we heard they had to build an extra room just to hold the keys to all these vehicles.

Gary went to Texas and drove it home. Congratulations on another grand acquisition!

Pop Quiz...close your books and get out a #2 pencil.

This was submitted by our resident math professor Charlie Binder.

An auto race draws many applicants and the race officials decide to have a qualification event for the race. The racetrack is a standard oval with a length of one-mile. To qualify for the event a driver must maintain an average at least 60 mph for two laps.

Hans' Porsche is attempting to qualify; unfortunately he forgets to release the hand brake and has a poor start and only averages 30 mph for the first lap.

How fast must Hans go in the second lap to qualify for this event? (BTW, the answer will be the same if he is driving a Corvette.)

Charlie will give us the answer in next month's newsletter.

How 'bout a Big Howdy to Our Newest Members



Cliff and Betsey Emery (Left)
1998 Black Coupe



Quentin and Margo Gross
1999 Red Coupe



DeLette Roberts (Above)
Shotgun in Philip McGweir's
1999 Silver Coupe

Tim & Andrea Worman
1998 Black Convertible





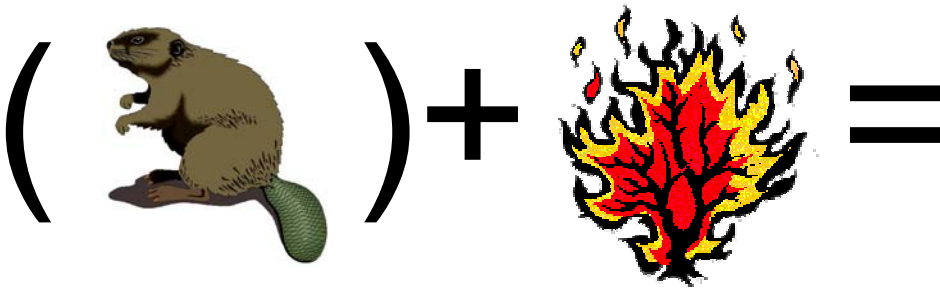
....more from E.O.'s library of frivolous lawsuits:

Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a nightclub in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.

Nuggets From The Net

If you like things mechanical or if you like things that are just plain cool, click on the link below to a website that has one of the most fascinating things we've seen in a while.
(Flash6 is required to view link)

[kewlest site we've seen](#)



Gatlinburg

This trip was about a sprawling beaver, a burning bush and a good time in Gatlinburg.
(And, no, Larry, you're not going to get me to mention that county we had to drive through.) ;-)



As you can see there was a high level cabinet meeting taking place in Gatlinburg.
(L to R – Caroline Lentz, Charlie Binder, Gary Artis, Florence & Larry Prather, Iris Binder, E.O. & Ann Oakley.



To the left is Gary Artis rushing to his car in a LeMans type start to Deals Gap. 11 cars made the trip to Deals Gap.



Above shows a driver's meeting prior to slammin' & jammin', rippin' & roarin' and ramblin' & scramblin' through Deals Gap.

Quiz: What gets 10.7 miles per gallon at an average speed of 41MPH?

If you said E.O. & Ann Oakley's C5 on the Deals Gap run, then you won. Yep, that's right, the whole 11 miles was made at 4,000RPM's or greater mostly in 2nd gear and those numbers are directly from their car's computer.

Photos: Bob Denney

Hey, what's the Deal?

By Charlie Binder



Iris & Charlie Binder

Some arrived Friday and the rest Saturday morning. The main event was scheduled to begin after lunch on Saturday. The weather was probable, predictions of a chance of rain in the afternoon and clouds that seemed to move in and out of the skies. When the noon hour approached, those participating were quietly checking out their Corvettes,



Robert Morgan

adjusting tire pressures, removing or lashing down items in their cargo areas, and anxiously awaiting the departure from the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg.

Our fearless leader (Jody Austin) finally signaled the troops to rally and start their engines. Another half-hour was added to the journey to Deals Gap since part of the Foot Hills Parkway was flooded.

With Jody in the lead and John Meadows doing a great job in the rear, making sure everyone in the pack stayed together, we were off. The traffic was moderate and the roads were mostly two lane country roads that offered a view of rural life nestled in the mountains of Tennessee.

After one fuel stop and a pit stop we finally reached the goal. At the start of the Gap, Jody called a drivers' meeting and offered his final bit of advice by admonishing us that he wasn't our father or our mother but reminded all of us about safety and having fun. By consensus it was decided to have Gary Artis lead the pack.

One by one the eleven cars "swiftly" left the meeting area and charged down the eleven-mile road. A kaleidoscope of colors blurred past, yellow, red, blue, black, pewter, etc. Driving the Gap was exciting and challenging. Drivers had to keep their cars in lower gears to manage the very sharp curves and winding road. You basically got around one curve only to turn again: some curves were "s", some hairpins, some just right angles.

The reward was to get to the store at the end to swap tales with fellow drivers then purchase souvenir tee shirts that displayed to the world that you ran and survived Deals Gap. A short visit to the dam followed, then the order was changed for the return run through the Gap. The return was less exciting than the first run; someone in an F250 pickup decided to become the pace car for part of the journey back.



Phillip McGwier
& his
Superman
Cape

Photos: Charlie Binder

Back at the Park Vista the beaming drivers re-joined their spouses, shared some adult beverages in Fred Fischer's hospitality suite and then enjoyed a nice dinner together in one of the many restaurants in downtown Gatlinburg. It was a great way to relax and end a perfect day.

The weekend was extremely well planned with careful attention to detail. Jody made sure the Deals Gap drive was successful: he checked and re-checked the route and made sure all drivers had a successful experience.



**** Editorial ****

By Jody Austin

Make the time in the club beneficial to you. Since joining the QCCC a few years ago, I have met many fascinating people, and most I now consider good friends. My life has been made richer by each of these people. Because of them I look forward to the weekend trips, like Gatlinburg, since there's always time to enjoy old friends and make new ones. I'm always interested in finding how destiny made our paths cross. If you think about the assorted backgrounds of our membership you'll realize that we would never have met one other without the Corvette and the QCCC. As an example of our diversity, if you look at the picture on the cover of this month's newsletter you'll see 15 very different people, all with various pasts and careers, but with a common interest. This same analysis, with the same conclusion, could be made within any combination of our members. Each member is as much a part of the enjoyment and camaraderie, and just as different as the Deals Gap drivers. We are engineers, teachers, policemen, lawyers, doctors, retired, scientists, truck drivers, bankers, machinists, salesmen, accountants, homemakers, but mostly we are people seeking fun, enjoyment, and a break from life's everyday grind.

I commented to a couple of new members recently that I would have never guessed they had an interest in cars and they didn't seem the type who would do the things we do, but that's rather presumptuous, and, obviously, incorrect on my part. Our membership does not fit a "typical" profile, so trying to categorize them won't work.

Many of y'all miss going on these weekend trips and I can understand that schedules conflict from time to time, but if at all possible make time in your lives to enjoy one of these weekends with a great bunch of people. You'll be surprised and pleased by what you'll discover within our membership. Remember, friends and good times are like money, you can never have enough of either, so make the most of the opportunities. Carpe diem!



Corvettes at Hard Rock Café

By Reggie & Suzie Black and
Dave & Donna Sigman

On Friday May 30, two pewter coupes set off for the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club's "Corvettes at Hard Rock Cafe" with Dave and Donna Sigman in the lead and Reggie and Suzie Black following close behind!

The Myrtle Beach Corvette Club has 51 member families. They really know how to have a good time and put on a great show! This 8th annual show was led by the sassy Lorna Evans, President (Robert- she wears short skirts with the Corvette logo- on second thought- don't even think about Robert in a short skirt- OOPS- sorry for the visual!)

The sun was shining and over 100 cars were polished to perfection in the shadow of the Sphinx. We saw approximately 25 C-1's, 10 C-2's, 16 C-3's, 20 C-4's and over 60 C-5's! The new 2003 Spiral Grey Metallic is a dynamite look! Corvette lovers of all ages from up and down the East Coast were represented--our favorite new friend was 81 years young cruising the beach!

All of the cars were beautiful- (then again, have you ever seen an ugly Corvette?- didn't think so!) But a '69 L88 Fathom Green captured our hearts and imaginations. Following a full body-off frame restoration, this jewel has won the Bloomington Gold, NCRS Top Flight and Chevy 'Vette Triple Crown awards! Only 216 L88 were produced between '67 and '69, with a 427 engine that was capable of 560 hp right off the showroom floor! Complete with the original paperwork and even the original Polyglass tires, an NCR judge suggested this beauty was worth over \$200,000!!



Another car of particular interest was a C-5 with a C5R engine...the owner received the car as a Mother's Day gift! Her license tag aptly proclaims "LQK OUT", aimed at all 'those other little cars on the road'!



Donna and Dave considered -only briefly- swapping their 'vette for a vintage cycle. You can see the picture of our temporary Motorcycle Momma and her wild man!

We made some great contacts and generated enthusiasm for our big event in September! The Cross Flag's Club out of Spartanburg and two groups from Ohio voiced particular interest. Hopefully we will see results from the announcement at the Hard Rock event and our efforts!

It just doesn't get much better - sunshine, the beach and cruisin' in America's finest sports car! We

recommend this show highly and hope to get it on our official event calendar for next year!

Moments From The Meeting

Did you go to the Burt's B-B-Q and Concert?

We changed the format a little this year and in addition to fine cuisine we had a concert by that ole crooner Eddie "Conway Twittie" Burt. Here's a pictures of his performance & the audience.

Doggone, he's pretty good!
He sounds just like Conway!



Hello Darlin'.....
Nice to see you,
It's been a long time.
You're just as lovely...



We have more people attend this event than any other during the year and this year was no exception. It gives "eating high on the hog" a whole new meaning.



Holy Smoke! Look, there's that great new rapper Bob "Puff Daddy" Denney! His parole officer must have the electronic anklet turned off. We're never surprised seeing celebrities at the Burt BBQ Ranch.

BTW, we love the look, Bob, it's real hip.



Okay, Okay, you can slap me one more time, but then you have to tie me up and spank me, I really like that!

Jane Burt & Jim Weisburg

(L to R) Phil Smith, Quentin Gross & Jerry Scienski



Oh, Yea! we're sure this sign worked. We've seen the members when they get a few beers in them and they lose their ability to see, much less determine which one is the male & female. A road map couldn't help them.

Photos from the Burt's BBQ by:
Bob Denney, Jack Warlick & Charlie Binder

We're sorry to report....

Kay Weisberg's Father, Robert Graham, passed away Saturday, May 31, in Greensboro after a lengthy illness.

Kay, the QCCC sends its condolences and you're in our prayers.

John & Carol Whitehead helped

build their new '03 Black convertible in the Bowling Green assembly plant. Here's their story:



Carol and I were at the Bowling Green assembly plant in March to witness the birth of our new black convertible with oak top and interior. They let Carol get in the car on the assembly line and start it up for the first time. A technician got in the passenger seat, and together they made the final quality check of all the gauges and settings.

Their PR people met us after the car left the assembly line and took some pictures of us with the car in the plant. Also, at the end of the assembly process, I had Mark McGehan (production superintendent for North American Operations for GM), the quality inspector and the guy that arranged for the event, Mantle Losson, sign the engine compartment with paint pencil.

A CHEMIST'S VIEW ON OCTANE

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

Part 4 of 5 Parts

Chapter IV

FAQs – Part I:

Can I change between two different gasoline brands on every fill and get the same effect as switching brands at 5000 miles?

It's obvious from the responses and questions I've gotten on this that there's a lot of Brand loyalty out there (and the oil companies love you for it) and folks can't bear to be without their favorite gasoline for 5000 miles. Consequently I'll try to answer this question and at the same time try to help people stick with their favorite gasoline most of the time.

(1) I use the 5000 mile method because it works and because it's easy to remember. Every time the odometer hits a number divisible by 5, I switch. In reality, most of the deposit removal is accomplished in the first 1000 miles of new gas (maybe 3-5 tankfuls depending on how low you go before re-filling and what kind of mileage you get). 50% reduction in deposits is not unheard of over this time frame. You may get 10-20% more in the next 1000 miles, then you start to rebuild (actually add to the residual deposits that remain). SO, if you want, you can go 5000 miles on your favorite brand, 1000 miles on your second favorite, and then go back again. For me, this is a pain in the butt. I'd have to remember to change brands at 6,11,12,17,18,23,24,000, etc miles. I'd rather just look at my odometer and say, "Hey, 55,000 miles. Time to change." As the saying goes, different strokes for different folks. Both methods will work a lot better than never changing brands (And again, I ONLY do this with my Vette. All my other vehicles get regular from where ever I happen to stop - although I only use major brands).

(2) If you switch between Brand X and Y between fills, you're really just creating a new additive combination. As we don't run our tanks completely dry between fillups, you'd always have a residual amount of both additives in your tank at all times. This would likely create a different deposit than either X or Y by itself. By analogy this would be like taking a bucket of yellow paint and throwing it against a wall. The wall is yellow and represents deposits from additive X. Let's say your bucket is 1/4 full (like your gas tank) with yellow paint. Now you fill the bucket with blue paint (additive Y) and mix. The bucket now contains green paint. You throw it at the wall and the wall is now green. Next, take your 1/4 full bucket of green paint and fill it with yellow paint (X). You're still going to have green paint, perhaps a different shade of green, but it is definitely not yellow and it's definitely not blue. If you repeat all these steps over and over, the wall will be green. It will not be yellow (X) or blue (Y). So all that you have done is to create a new color (deposit type). If you want to change the color on the wall (other than shades of green), you'll have to switch to a new color (red?) and toss it at the wall several times before you can't see any green or have any green bleeding through your red. Of course with real deposits, we're removing them and changing what's left, not just covering them up, but hopefully this paint color analogy helps explain this.

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.



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Where do babies come from?

Deep in the back woods of Louisiana, a cajun's wife went into labor in the middle of the night, and the doctor was called out to assist in the delivery. Since there was no electricity, the doctor handed the father-to-be a lantern and said, "Here. You hold this high so I see what I am doing."

Soon, a baby boy was brought into the world. "Whoa there," said the doctor, "Don't be in such a rush to put that lantern down. I think there's another one coming." Sure enough, within minutes he had delivered a baby girl. "Hold that lantern up, don't set it down, there's another one!" said the doctor. Within a few minutes he had delivered a third baby.

"Don't put down that lantern, it seems there's yet another one coming!" cried the doctor.

The cajun scratched his head in bewilderment and asked the doctor, "You reckon it might be the light that's attractin' em?"



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