

# August 2003



Many are just back from vacation and have discovered just how good life is. Friends, family and free time, does it get any better? We saw one of those little signs where we stayed that encompasses our philosophy:  
"Live Well & Laugh Often." That says it all!

## "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!

July ended and summer only has a little left before we start seeing the fall colors; our staff here at the IHOTQCCCN (International Headquarters Of The Queen City Corvette Club Newsletter) feels like grade schoolers wondering where the summer went. There are still many activities left on the QCCC social calendar before we call summer quits, so plan on getting out there and enjoying the best season of the year.



Corvettes from all corners of the country and other parts of the world converged on Bowling Green/ Nashville for the 50<sup>th</sup> Caravan Anniversary Tour. It is now history, but we had a bunch of

members participate. There are stories telling about it included in this month's edition of the newsletter. Folks, from what we read, if you were among those who didn't attend, you missed a fantastic time.



## Everyone Loves a Parade!

As y'all know our "**Corvettes in the Queen City**" is coming up in September and we need your support to make this a successful event. We have a lot to offer the 'Vette community so let's share it with them! Walt and his committee have worked

relentlessly to make this something in which we can take pride. Let's get out there and help him!! If you haven't already done it, call and reserve your place.

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



July 29, 2003

Dear Fellow QCCC Members:

I'm sure that everyone is familiar with the expression "the only thing constant is change". We all deal with changes in our personal and professional lives so it's inevitable that something will happen. I wanted to take this forum to tell everyone (if Vanessa hasn't already) that we're expecting a new addition to the Morgan family! Talk about change! We don't know the gender yet, but little Zora Dontov Morgan (ZD for short) will zoom into our lives February of 2004. This will certainly give me more reasons to buy Corvette toys to play with. Oh yeah, everyone remind me in 16 years to hide the keys to the Vette.

Other changes that are coming are our meeting times for the September and October business meeting. This year Autofair is the same weekend as our September meeting. So instead of conducting the meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup>, the board is asking to move it up a week and hold it on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, since our calendar has been tight with events, the best weekend for the beach trip is October 11<sup>th</sup>, which conflicts with the October business meeting. As a reminder, the October meeting has been changed to October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

The Corvettes in the Queen City event needs participants! We've received sponsorship money, we'll have behind the scenes tours of DEI and Hendricks Motor Sports and we've enlisted guest speakers. Not to mention the great hotel rates at the Weston. Please let other Corvette owners outside of the club know of our function.

At our last board meeting we discussed our first half actual vs. budget of our treasury. Most categories to this date are below budget. For instance, one item we're under on is our space rentals for our business meetings. This is because our business meeting locations are free this year and last year we rented the Huntersville Aquatic Center. Several ways were discussed on how to give back to the club, and one was to have more food at some of our meetings. Sounds good to me!

It's almost time to start thinking of nominations for officers for the 2004 calendar year. We'll be taking nominations at the October meeting. Or, shoot me an email now if you'd like to nominate someone. I'll contact nominees to ask their interest. We'll be voting on the new officers at the November business meeting.

Again check the social calendar. You can view it at [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com) for approaching events.

Until next time, save the wave!

*Robert*



# V-P REPORT

## **Item First – First & Second Quarter Points Status:**

Just a reminder note, the **Participation Points** for the first half of the year were sent out via email within the last month. If you did not get a copy and wish to review the standings, please let me know. For all the new members, at the Annual Awards Banquet, the club members with the highest participation points are recognized by the club and receive an award. However the real prize is all the fun they had by participating in so many club events.

## **Item Second - Business Meetings:**

**August Meeting:** The August 9<sup>th</sup> Business meeting will be at City Chevrolet. As you will see later in the newsletter, there will be a Zaino demonstration starting around 5:30, the Social Hour will begin at 6:00, and the Business meeting at 6:30. Be sure to bring your chairs, drinks (non-alcoholic), and park inside in the service bays. City Chevrolet has promised that the service area will be air-conditioned by our meeting date, so it should be a great time to come enjoy the demonstration and socialize before the business meeting. If you have extra chairs, please bring them so that our visitors will have chairs and feel more welcomed to the club.

**September Meeting:** The date of the September Business meeting has been moved to **September 6<sup>th</sup>** in order to eliminate a conflict with Auto Fair. Location of this meeting will be published at a later date.

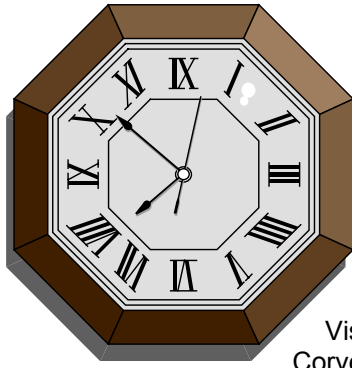
**October Meeting:** The October meeting will be held at the Carolina Aviation Museum. This promises to be a fun meeting with lots to see. More details will be forthcoming, but as a reminder, this meeting has also been moved to **October 4<sup>th</sup>** to avoid a conflict with the Beach Trip the following weekend.

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

***Hey, Let's Be Careful Out There!***

***E. O.***





## QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday July 12, 2003

The July business meeting of QCCC was held at Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC. Officers in attendance: Robert Morgan, E.O.Oakley, Kay Weisberg, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

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

**Butch & Barbara Willis** – 2003 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Coupe & a new 1964 Purple Coupe, **Tom & Brenda Hudalla** – 2003 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 6-speed Convertible, **Joe Corl** – 1999 Red Hard Top, **Joe & Linda DiMillo** – 1966 Convertible & 1996 Convertible, **Adina Ledford** – Mark's bride.

**New Members voted in – Butch & Barbara Willis, Tom & Brenda Hudalla, Joe Corl, and Adina Ledford !**

**A motion was made, seconded, and approved to amend the June meeting minutes to reflect Butch Willis's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Corvette as a Coupe, not a Convertible.**

**Robert Morgan**, President

- Thanked all those who participated in the July 4 Parades and attended **Wade & Sue's** pool party
- **Gary Artis**, Treasurer will have a mid-year Treasury Report at the next Board meeting
- **Ben Horack's** 1962 is in the paint shop and he just purchased a 2000 Black Convertible

**E.O.Oakley**, Vice President

- Asked everyone to sign the Sign-in sheet – visitors too (on the back) and send Newsletter articles & pictures to Jody Austin
- Explained the Points Sheet that is on the Internet - let him know of any adjustments
- August meeting will be at City Chevrolet
- Has information on a National Corvette Museum-sponsored cruise ship and train tour in Alaska next June 8 - 19

**Kay Weisberg**, Social Director

- Cancelled next weekend's Progressive Dinners due to lack of response
- Contact **John Meadows** if you're going to Carlisle in August
- **September 13 & 14** is Auto Fair – don't know if we'll be inside or outside the Speedway – will need 30 cars
- Go ahead & make reservations for the Myrtle Beach Trip in October
- Car Show at City Chevrolet will be October 25

**John Meadows**, CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY Committee Member

- 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 tonight! **Nancy Runnion** has registration forms. 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 – rooms are only \$89 per night. **Robert Morgan** has prepared a driving tour of Charlotte. Corvette Clubs from 5 states have been invited. Saturday will have road tours to DEI for an exclusive tour and lunch, then to Hendrick Motor Sports. Need help from QCCC members for registration &

road tours. **Doug & Debbie Light** suggested advertising in the newspaper to reach Corvette owners who are not members of a Corvette Club. **Gloria & Jerry Scienski** volunteered to work with Charlotte Magazine and to look into Public Service Announcements.

**Jack Warlick**, Member

- Described the trip to Nashville for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Thanked local Captain **Wade Stickels** for his coordinating efforts. There were BBQs, caravans (the Secret to Caravanning is to drive 8 miles under the speed limit and stay in the right lane), concerts, NCCC car show, NCRS display, Black Sheep Squadron gathering, and lots of beautiful cars and **Elvis** sightings. **John Meadows** has a slide show of the event showing on his laptop now.
- Words of Wisdom – the DMV can & will give tickets for driving 71 in a 60 mph zone

**Linda Meadows**, Member

- Encouraged all wives to attend Corvette gatherings for lots of fun and friends

**Eddie Burt**, Director of Membership

- Thanked his BBQ Buddy **Larry Prather** for coming over at **4:00 am!** to help cook BBQ for the June meeting
- Handed out ballots to elect new members
- The inventory of QCCC license plates is low. Discussed possible replacements – license plate holders, neck straps, magnetic name badges

**Joe Corl**, Member

- **August 23 & 24** – there will be a HyperFest at the Speedway where you can drive your own car around the Speedway. See [www.hyper-fest.com](http://www.hyper-fest.com) for more info. It's a lot of fun.

**John Liebe**, Member

- **October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** - Has sent an e-mail to QCCC members regarding a High Speed Driving School to be held at Kershaw on. It's a lot of fun. [www.sandlapperbmw.org/](http://www.sandlapperbmw.org/)

**Ed Williams**, Member

- Asked everyone to put "QCCC" in the Subject Line when sending e-mails, so they won't get deleted

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Burt*, Secretary

## QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY JULY 24, 2003

The July 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:**

Corvettes in the Queen City is not getting the outside participation required. Cut-off date is August 15. Jim & Kay will give some registration forms to the Ohio club.

**Gary:**

Reviewed 2003 dues payment status & mid-year budget

**Ben Horack:**

Zaino folks will attend the August meeting and demonstrate the clay-bar process at 5:30, followed by appetizers at 6:00, and the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Ken Becker, General Manager at City Chevrolet, just bought a Z06

**Kay Weisberg:**

Discussed Christmas Families – we'll deliver presents Saturday Dec. 20

**Eddie:**

Only 3 months before we take nominations for Officers. Robert will mention in the newsletter and at the next meeting

Discussed neck straps – Gary will investigate, along with magnetic name tags

**E.O.:**

Next meeting at City Chevrolet

September meeting is same day as Auto Fair so we may need to change the QCCC meeting to September 6. Will see if the Northcross Medical Center meeting room is available.

Discussed having the October 4 meeting at the Carolina Aviation Museum with the Club paying the admission fees and room rental

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Burt*, Secretary

# Automotive Events

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Greetings from the land of solid AND floppy axles. Sound confusing? You should be in my shoes. As some of you may know, Barbara and I have an addition to our family, a black on black, light oak interior, 2000 "Rag Top" so the '62 will have a little brother to play with. Wow, what 38 years makes!!! The C-5 isn't better, just VERY different. I may have to take back some, but not all, of those things I've been saying about those cars with hidden headlights and wobbly axles.

July is behind us. We managed to pull off 2 parades on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Tega Cay, SC and Hickory Grove, NC. Special thanks to the 21 families that took time from their family 4<sup>th</sup> to help those communities have a special celebration. It's that willingness to share our time and "toys" that make QCCC such a special group of people.

We will have the people from Zaino available prior to the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to give a demonstration of Zaino's clay bar process. For those of you who are not familiar with this, you will be amazed what it will do for the finish and luster of your paint job. City Chevrolet will make a portion of their service facility available to us at 5:30 that afternoon for a hands on clinic, so wash your car and come early.

Later this month, on August 30<sup>th</sup> we will be participating in the Matthews Alive Festival Parade. This is an event we do every year, mostly in the rain. In the past we have provided approximately 20 cars for the Miss Mecklenburg's and parade dignitaries. Please mark your calendars, it's a fun parade and a great way to start off the Labor Day weekend. You will be hearing more about this later.

Remember that City Chevrolet has generously offered any QCCC member, in good standing, a 25% discount on all GM parts and labor. This applies to any car we bring in, not just our Corvettes. All you need to do is bring your membership badge and ask for the discount. This applies to GM accessories as well. Ken Becker, City's General Manager, has requested that if any club member has a problem, of any kind, with the service they receive, they are to call him personally at 704-536-1410. They are committed to providing the best service possible, so you might let Ken know when they do things right as well. Don't forget that they have a special price structure for club members on all new cars in stock, including Corvettes, from \$50.00 to \$2,500.00 over invoice cost, depending on the model.

Looking ahead, September brings the AutoFair-13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Corvettes In The Queen City-26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Mint Hill Madness Parade-27<sup>th</sup>.

In October we have the Beach Trip-10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, Petit Lemans at Road Atlanta-18<sup>th</sup> and the Car Show at City Chevrolet-25<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, thanks to everyone who helps make these events a success.

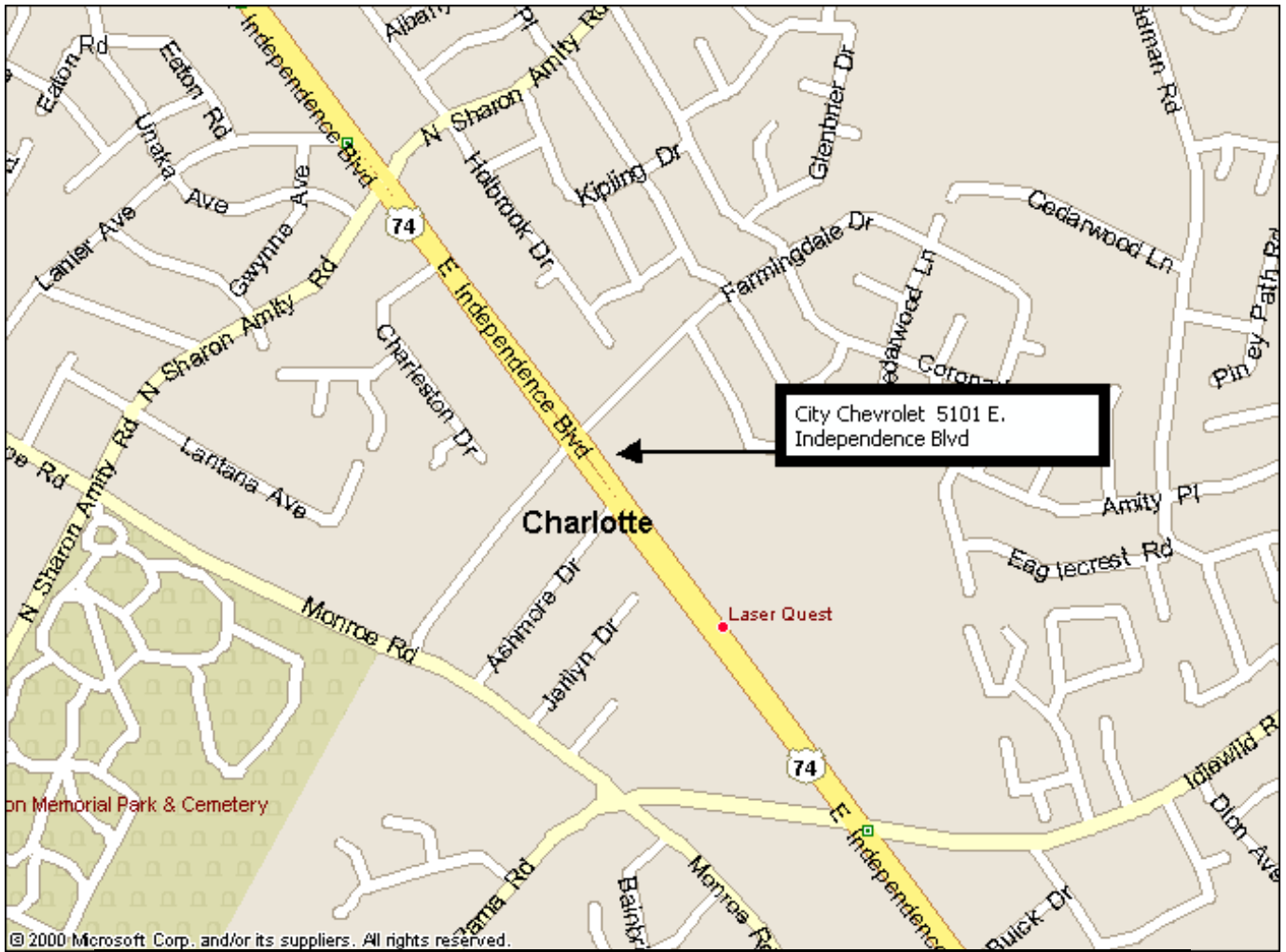
## **Ben Horack '62 &'00**





# City Chevrolet Meeting Place, August 9th

Zaino Demo @ 5:30  
Social @ 6:00 PM Snacks Furnished  
Meeting @ 6:30 PM



**After many inquiries...** Eddie Burt has agreed to share with us his ingredients for his Special Bar-B-Que Sauce

### Western Kentucky BBQ Sauce

2 T + 2 t	Soy Sauce	1 T + 1 t	Garlic Powder
1/3 C	Worcestershire	1 T + 1 t	Onion Powder
1/4 C	Lemon Juice	1/4 t	Cracked Black Pepper
2 C	Ketchup	2 t	Black Pepper
2 C	Brown Sugar	1/4 t	Oregano
1/4 t	Chili Powder	1/2 t	Paprika

Combine all together and simmer 10 minutes.  
Let cool & pour into an empty Keg o' Ketchup glass bottle

## Business Meeting, 2nd Saturday of the Month

2003	Event	Time
<b>August</b>		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting @ City Chevrolet	
21 – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Corvettes @ Carlisle	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Parade- Matthews Alive Festival	
<b>September</b>		
13-14 <sup>th</sup>	Autofair/Business Meeting	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Corvettes in the City (Walt)	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Parade-Mint Hill Madness	
<b>October</b>		
Oct 10-12	<a href="#">Beach Trip--- Crown Reef S. Myrtle Beach</a>	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Petit LeMans Road America	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Car Show – City Chevrolet	
<b>November</b>		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Business Meeting	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parade – Concord Christmas Parade	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parade – Monroe Christmas Parade	
<b>December</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parade – Kannapolis Christmas Parade	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party (Social)/Business Meeting	

## Nuggets From The Net...

Think you know about spark plugs? Here's a web site that can give you more information than we thought possible about plugs.

<http://www.hollabaugh.cc/sparkies.asp>

## Looking For a Few Good Volunteers...

We're sure many of y'all have seen in the news the latest rage in Las Vegas, **"Naked PaintBall!** Well, by golly, we here at the QCCC are determined not to be outdone. We are seeking volunteers for **"Naked Autocross!"** No experience is required, neither autocrossing nor nudity. We will work with you and teach you all you need to know for this once in a lifetime opportunity. This is just another example of your staff keeping you, our loyal members, on the cutting edge of recreational activities, so please contact our sports and recreation dept. if you're interested.

# How 'bout a Big Howdy to Our Newest Members

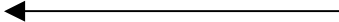


Above:  
**Adina Ledford:**  
Wife of Mark Ledford

Below:  
**Butch and Barbara Willis**  
2003 50th Anniversary



**Tom and Brenda Hudalla**  
2003 50th Anniversary Conv. 6-speed



**Joe Corl**  
1999 Red FRC



# National Corvette Caravan/50<sup>th</sup> Nashville Celebration 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Block Party

By Wade Stickels



Where do I start? I guess at the beginning would be proper. On Wednesday morning about 62 of us met at DEI for a private back shop tour and luncheon in the Trophy Room. I'm not going to give you any details about the 1-1/2 hour in depth tour and excellent lunch we had. Walt and his Corvettes in the Queen City committee need y'all to sign up for the September event that will include a tour of DEI and I don't want to take away from that event. On to Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet in Newton Wednesday night for a catered BBQ dinner with live music. What great food and great music.

Thursday morning we all met at Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet and had a police escort to I-40. On to Asheville where we picked up some more Corvettes led by Donna Littlejohn (she has recovered fully from her broken back) from SC and on to Knoxville where we met up with the Mid-Atlantic Caravan. We now had 300+ Corvettes with a police car and helicopter escort to Reeder Chevrolet for a hot dog and hamburger dinner.

Thursday morning we all met at Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet and had a police escort to I-40. On to

Friday morning we met at Reeder Chevrolet for the Caravan to Bowling Green. Several of us broke off of the Caravan in Nashville and headed to our hotels. Sue and I took Friday afternoon to walk the waterfront. Nashville is on the Cumberland River with the city on east side and the NFL stadium, which Chevrolet had rented for the weekend, on the west side. In the river was a floating stage that faced a terraced lawn. Friday night started off with a parade from the stadium to downtown including 50 Corvettes, one of each year starting with 1953 along with marching bands and the marching Elvis' passed by. Once the parade ended we all walked to the riverfront where local musicians performed Motown hits. Then yellow Corvette convertibles drove up to the stage. Each one of the Corvettes was carrying one of the Temptations who were dressed in yellow suits. It was quite an entrance. The crowd enjoyed their music and their dancing as the Goodyear Blimp flew overhead flashing Happy Birthday Corvette. The paddle wheel riverboat, Jackson, cruised up the river behind the stage and shined its spotlight on the crowd. What an evening!

Saturday morning we were off to the car displays and events at the Coliseum (NFL Stadium). There was too much on display to list everything, but I must mention that John and Linda Meadows were there with their 1<sup>ST</sup> Love, their 1963 silver coupe. We headed back to the hotel to rest and get ready for the Saturday night concert. Thirteen of us met for dinner and then we headed to the concert. I believe everyone enjoyed the Temptations. I know everyone didn't enjoy ZZ Top. People started to leave during the first few songs and continued until those of us that were enjoying the concert were all able to move much closer to the stage. Again, the Goodyear Blimp flew overhead. We stayed to the end and rode the bus (Chevrolet provided buses to and from the events and hotels to all participants) back to the hotel with several QCCC club members. We walked across the street to Long Horn for last call and then to our rooms for the night.

Sunday morning it is off to Bowling Green for the Jubilee Road Tour and Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and Corvette Block Party. For those of you that don't know, Sue and I sure didn't, we have quite a singer in our club. To start off the celebration Sunday night, **Bruce Goodrich** sang God Bless America. Bruce, what a great voice you have and what an excellent job you did with

the arrangement. Bruce was also in charge of arranging for the musicians that performed on stage that evening.

During the festivities, the Museum officially announced and kicked off their building campaign. They are going to double the size of the museum. NCM Lifetime Member Bob Patrella announced that he would personally match all funds donated to the building fund Sunday evening. The leader from the Australian Corvette contingent took the shirt off his back and auctioned it off for \$1,500. In all, the crowd donated \$85,000 that evening and Monday morning at the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake cutting in front of the museum, Bob Patrella handed a personal check for \$85,000 to Wendell Strode. In all \$170,000 was raised. They estimate the building addition will cost \$6,000,000.

Monday we headed back to the museum to, among other things, sing Happy Birthday to the Corvette. (Our son is convinced that we all belong to a cult!) On the way to the museum we pass a bright yellow boat being pulled on I-65. What name do we see on the stern but EZ II SEA. We pull in front of the tow vehicle when the driver sees our Corvette's tag, EZ2C and he gives us a thumb's up.

We had a great trip and enjoyed spending time with some of our club's newer members. We have met many wonderful people in our club and made many friends. I had planned this trip since before it was officially announced. Our Caravan registration numbers were 24 & 25 out of 11,000. But some joined in at the last minute. Two days before we left the president of the Statesville Corvette Club called me and wanted to join the Caravan. We signed him up and he drove his 1960. Less than a week before we left I was talking to my insurance agent, who owns a Corvette, and told him about the event. They had just purchased an RV and they drove it to Bowling Green and found us on Monday morning. My dictionary lists one of the definitions for cult as: *intense devotion to a thing*. I guess you could say we are a cult.

*P.S. I learned from a friend on the museum board that something special is going to be introduced or announced at the museum during Birthday Bash in April 2004. At this year's Birthday Bash the 2004 Commemorative Edition was introduced. The C6 will have already been introduced at the Auto Show so I don't know what it might be. This information came direct from Dave Hill as they were test driving a 2004 Z06 on Sunday.*

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## Many of Our Members are going to .....

driving schools and local area tracks events with various car clubs to learn and appreciate the abilities of their cars, and, more importantly, themselves. Everyone who can afford it and has the courage should take one of these courses because you'll be surprised how much your car has to offer and just how much fun it can be.

As a note of caution, though, check with your employer's human resource department to make sure your group health insurance will cover you should something, God forbid, happen while you're taking one of the classes. We don't mean to alarm you but some group health insurance plans will not cover incidents while engaged in this type of activity. They put it in the same class as skydiving or other risky behavior so check before you sign up for these schools, then you'll be totally informed.

Now that we have that out of the way.....**Go and have fun!!!!!!**



## Just a couple of observations from the Great Nashville Event:

by Jerry Miller

1. **John Meadows** grinning from ear to ear as a German television crew from Munich is interviewing their German news commentator who is leaning against (and getting horrible finger marks on) John Meadows shiny Silver Split-Window Coupe.

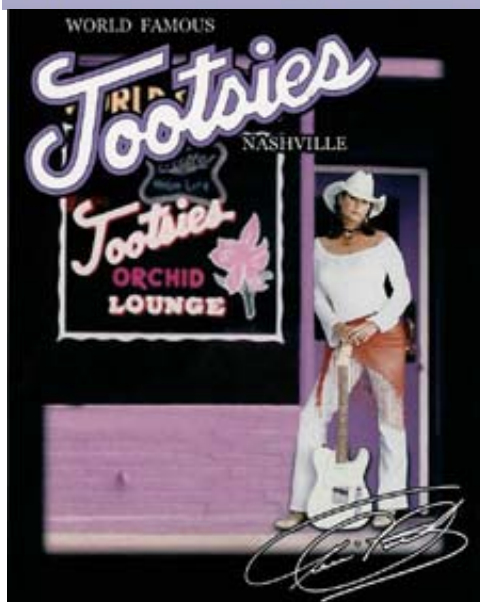
2. The 30-something proud owner of a Mosport Green 1966 427 Roadster, purchased three years ago from the original owner in Pennsylvania. 300 original miles. Original tires. Only the fluids had been changed. He paid \$160,000.00. Why would someone store a new Corvette in a climate-controlled garage for 37 years? He bought two identical. He drove one and stored one.

3. Although the Corvette people took over Nashville, there were two other important groups in town: a Regional Championship Rodeo at the Gaylord Entertainment Complex, and the Tennessee State Teachers Convention. Happiness is Corvettes, cowboys, and teachers all in the same place. The announcer at the Wild Horse Saloon gave due credit to all three groups.



4. The new football stadium is beautiful. The former blue and red, lighted sign facing the Cumberland River and the city formerly announced **Adelphia Coliseum**. Now the sign just says **Coliseum**. All Adelphia officers and directors are in prison. A great embarrassment to Nashville.

### LOOKING FOR THE FULL HONKY TONK EXPERIENCE



5. As usual, while the show at the Titan Stadium was exceptional, the parking lot at the Opryland Hotel was almost as good.

6. The parade was so-so. GM could have spent more money on entertainment. One Corvette from each year was paraded across the Woodland Street Bridge and down First Avenue along the River. The white 55 died in front of me in a cloud of smoke.

7. The floating stage in the Cumberland River on Friday night was exciting, with the Temptations performance being a real hit. A beautiful setting for a concert.

8. Nashville is still honky-tonk heaven, but isn't it great?

9. The Vanderbilt University Campus is still spectacular.

10. The traffic tie-ups in Knoxville on I-40 are scheduled to continue into the 22nd Century.

# Huh?



Picture submitted at different times by **E.O. Oakley**, **Iris Binder**, and **Jane Burt**.

Check out the plate!

**We here at the EEO office** of the Queen City Corvette Club newsletter have 3 questions about this car:

1. Do you think this is a woman's car?
2. Which is the correct spelling "Blond" or "Blonde?"
3. Do you think she is a blond/blonde?

Inquiring minds want to know!



## "How Bad Do You Have It?"

You've all heard that NASCAR ad, well, here's the same thing, but related to a Corvette. If you can answer "YES" to the following questions, then you have it bad!

1. Do you talk to your 'Vette?
2. Have you ever slept in a 'Vette?
3. Have you ever done "IT" in your 'Vette?  
(Yea, you know what we're talking about!)
4. Do you know who Zora Arkus-Duntov was?
5. Have you ever tasted the oil out of a 'Vette?

# A CHEMIST'S VIEW ON OCTANE

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

## Last of 5 Parts

### Chapter V

## FAQs – Part II

### ***Is gasoline dyed?***

Many, many years ago it was. I'm not aware of any gas being dyed now. (Anybody remember Purple Martin high octane from the 60s? It looked like grape Kool Aid and was quite a marketing gimmick)

### ***What gives gasoline color?***

Many different things. Some bad, like PNAs (polynuclear aromatics), some not so bad. A lot of companies add anti-oxidants to keep down gum formation and that also helps color. However, a lot of gas stations are re-filled daily, so storage time isn't a problem. Premium is generally less colored due to how it's made (little or no PNAs, etc). Regular and midgrade are made from many things and generally have some color. I'd be concerned with any gas that was bright yellow or premium that was anything other than white or faintly yellow.

### ***What about fuel injector additives?***

Give the money to charity where it'll do some good; your fuel injectors will never know the difference. Other than a narrow window in 86-87 where some fuel injectors fouled, the modern (meaning post 87) injectors are of a design that won't foul unless you put some really old rotten gas through them. We had one guy in our group whose job it was to test our gas and competitors brands for injector fouling. He couldn't do it with '88 and newer injectors (with any brand of gas!). I mean he couldn't even get these injectors to foul a little. The only way he could run fouling tests was to buy a specific type and brand of pre-88 injectors (and he had a really hard time finding them. He bought up all he could find. – Sorry can't tell you type and brand, but I doubt any of you have them). If you store your Vette over the winter and start it on gas that's been in the tank all those months, you will likely foul your injectors some. But if you can get it started and put fresh gas in it, all the additive packages (in the gas you buy) I've seen to date will clean the injectors in 1-2 tanks.

### ***What about valve cleaner additives?***

Can't recommend any specific brands, but there's one I know of that you add to your gas tank and it works pretty well. There is a downside to what is essentially adding a large overdose of additive to your gas, however. Additives are heavy molecules and as such they tend to end up in your oil. If you use this method, you will add a greater than normal amount of additive to your oil and that will affect its properties. The way around this is to use the valve cleaner additive and then change your oil after you're done with that tank of gas. In other words do this only when you're near an oil change. There is another possibility, and that's that the valve cleaner additive you use is the same as what's in the gas you use; in which case it will do little good.

Overall, I'd just buy gas from a major brand, and then switch at 5000 miles (or use the 5000 and 1000 mile method). If you have to store your Vette (thank God I live in Texas), leave as little gas in it as possible.

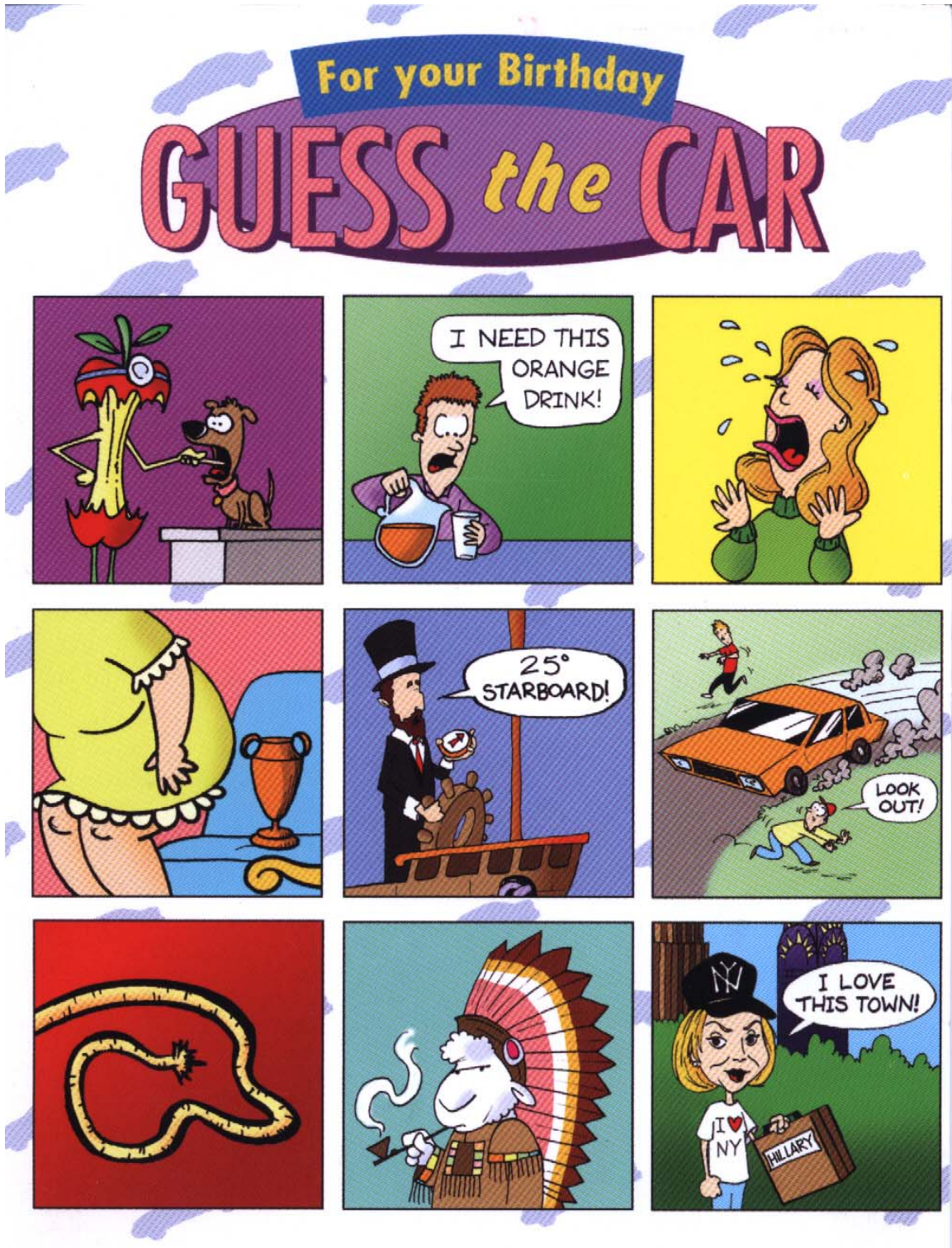
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Next month we start a series of articles on digital cameras. Many members are considering purchasing one of these new cameras and we thought it would be helpful to have someone who knows cameras offer his expertise in a series of helpful articles of things to look for and why. Stay tuned!



Think you're pretty smart, huh? Try this:

This brain teaser was submitted by **Jon and Betsey Elliott**. The object is to figure out what car each picture is describing. Think hard and you'll figure out each one. For those of you who want to cheat, go to the following page for the answers.



Okay, here are the answers. Thanks Jon and Betsey, this was a good one.



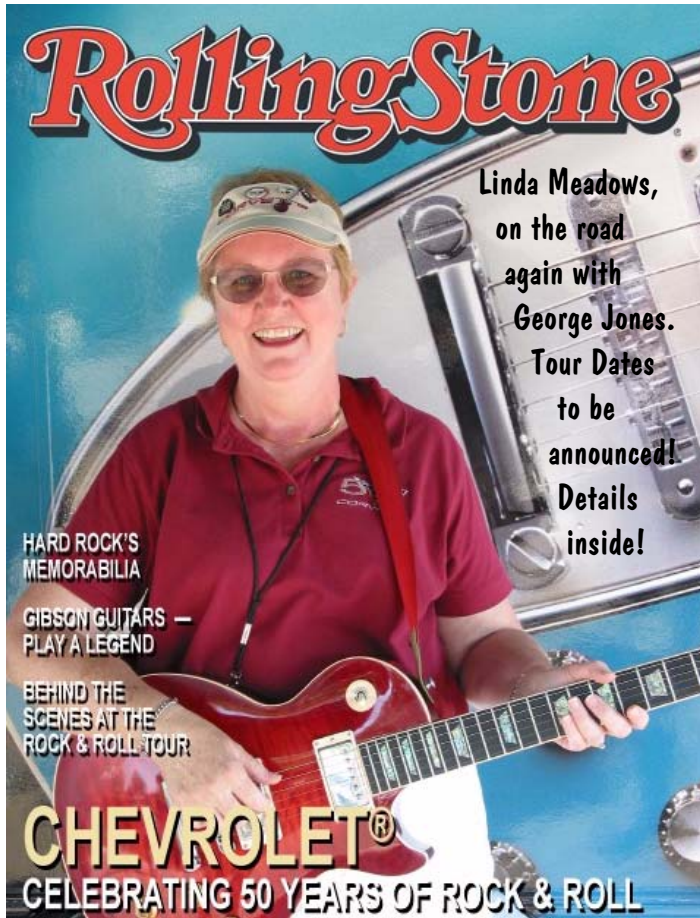
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## Did you know.....



The roof panels of the 1963 Corvette Coupes were built using wrong dimensions and all roof panels were too small. This left a slight gap that can be found by the door pillars. Most, but not all, cars had this corrected either at the factory or the dealership.

The Grand Sport Corvettes were first produced in 1963 and appeared to be essentially the same as the production Corvettes. In reality they shared no body panels, as the fiberglass of the Grand Sport Corvettes was less than half the thickness and weight.



## More Talent Discovered In The QCCC

While **John & Linda Meadows** were in Nashville showing their '63 split window, Linda agreed to go on the 20 city concert tour with country music legend George Jones. Sony Music made the announcement and ***Rolling Stone*** magazine made it their cover story. Many of y'all probably didn't know, but Linda started her guitar career with Lester Moran and the Cadillac Cowboys a few years ago, and has played with such renowned groups as AC/DC and most recently, Guns & Roses.

By the way, ask Linda to see her tattoo the next time you see her.

This magazine cover reminds us, here at the international offices of the QCCC newsletter, of the old Dr. Hook song "*Get Your Picture on The Cover of The Rolling Stone*".

## More pictures from Nashville....

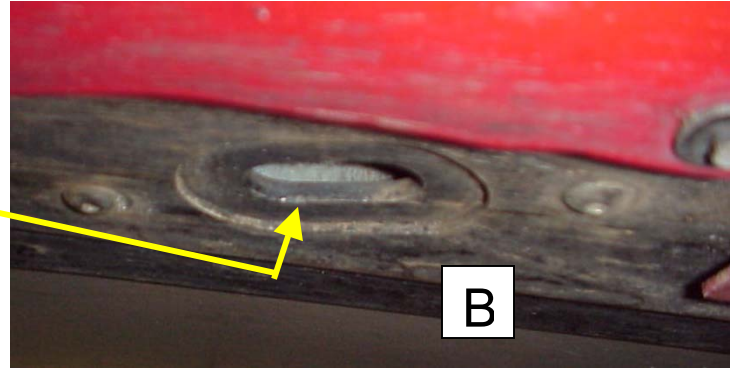


(Above) **Jason Couch** and Amber Taylor  
To the right, obviously it's Elvis



# Tech Tip

## The correct way to raise a C5



You'd think the dealerships would know how to raise a C5 to prevent damage to the rocker panel, but they don't seem to know. Oh, it's only been out 7 years, so maybe it's too new.

We have 3 pictures here, A, B & C. These show the correct way of raising the C5 without damaging the rocker panels, which are subject to cracking (expensive) if not done properly.



Picture **A** shows an aluminum plug with an ear machined on it. Picture **B** is the underside of a C5 that shows the shipping slots built into the cars and are structurally sound enough to hold the weight of the car. There are 4 of these shipping slots, 2 just behind the front wheels on either side of the car on the bottom of the rocker panel, and 2 just in front of the rear wheels, also on the bottom of the rocker panels. Picture **C** shows the plug inserted into the shipping slot. The plug is inserted and turned 90 degrees so that it is locked into position. Hockey pucks can also be used to act as a cushion for lifting. The jack pad of the lift is placed on these plugs and the car is lifted with no danger of damage. Most dealerships have no idea what you're talking about when you ask them what they will be using when lifting the car, so be aware and have some ready for them to use.

Following are a couple of pictures I took of a C5 at a local, popular dealership that had raised the car incorrectly. If the rocker panels are cracked you can bet they will deny any liability.



Notice all of the contact the lift pad is making with surfaces not intended to hold the car's weight. I'd be pretty angry if this were my car.





**Signs we've seen, but not sure we understand.**

**Remember Billy Bob's Maff Class?**

←  
Wouldn't these signs be a mutually exclusive proposition? We can do one, but not the other.

Must be the new math!!!

**Holiday Inn Express??**

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**Yea**, but do they have HBO, room service, and early checkout?



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**DING! DING! DING!**

**NO MORE PHONE CALLS, PLEASE! WE HAVE A WINNER!!!!**

Mr. **E. O. Oakley**, a native of Mississippi, (we heard he was personal friends with Elvis Presley), but now residing in beautiful downtown Matthews, NC, has correctly answered the math question posed by **Charlie Binder**, our resident math professor, in July's newsletter.

Bob, tell Mr. Oakley what he as won!

Mr. Oakley, you have won absolutely NOTHING! and you can pick it up any time at the luxurious Queen City Corvette Club Gift Headquarters! and..... congratulations on winning.

**REPEATING THE PROBLEM:** 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 of length 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 with an average of 30 mph for the first lap. How fast must Hans go in the second lap to qualify for this event?

**THE ANSWER:** Hans cannot qualify!

**SOLUTION:** A clock timer can be used to qualify him. Since he has to cover two miles at least 60 mph means the he has to cover the two miles in less than two minutes. However he has used the two minutes traveling the first mile at 30mph. Therefore, he is out of time (and out of the race as well)!!

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

This year's favorite could easily be Mr. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On his first trip home, having driven onto the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the drivers seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly, the R.V. left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mr. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the owner's manual that he couldn't actually do this. The jury awarded him \$1,750,000 plus a new motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit, just in case there were any other complete morons buying their recreation vehicles.

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**Editor's Note:** This reminds us of the Porsche commercial where the guy is driving the RV and spots a Porsche Cayenne coming on to the highway, and he leaves his driver's seat and goes to the back window to get a better view of the Porsche. They must have read this same lawsuit.

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## Another story from the bait shop.....

The other day I was sitting on my favorite stool at the bait shop listening to Elwood tell O'Dell how he got his new 4-wheel drive truck. Here it is...now remember, these boys hang out at the bait shop. It starts with O'Dell asking Elwood how he got that big new shiny 4-wheel drive truck and then.....

Elwood said, "Lou Ellen gave me that truck."

O'Dell said "She gave it to you? I knew she kinda liked you, but a new truck?"

Elwood tells him "Well, O'Dell, let me tell you what happened. We were driving out on Morrison Farm Road, you know right past where they just moved in that good-looking new doublewide, right in the middle of nowhere. Lou Ellen pulled off the road, put the truck in 4-wheel drive, and headed into the woods. I thought we were going to locate a place for our tree stand for deer season, but she parked the truck, got out, took off all her clothes and said, 'Elwood, take whatever you want.' So I took the truck!"

O'Dell replied, "Elwood, you're not as dumb as you look! You knew 'em clothes would never fit you, didn't you?"

And so ends another intellectually stimulating conversation down at the bait shop.

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## Two members complete driving schools recently

As many of y'all know, **Gary Artis** has completed the Car Guys (<http://www.carguysinc.com/old/>) driving course a couple of times and this time a fellow student got some film of Gary going by in his yellow '96 coupe. Click on the link for a 2 minute film: <http://www.ruffinScott.com/>

**Phil Smith** went to downtown Pahrump, Nevada, to attend the 3-day Bragg Smith performance driving school ( <http://www.bragg-smith.com/home.html> ). He drove someone else's ZO6 as fast as he could for 3 days, and they bought the gas & tires. But the best part is they didn't even yell at him when he was finished. Does it get any better than that?

Holy smoke, everyone should get to do this!!!