October 2003

Corvettes in The Queen City

Simply Marvelous!

We celebrated our first in a row, Corvettes in the Queen City last month. It was a roaring success and we'd like to thank Walt Krupowicz and the committee of his wife Wendy, Robert & Vanessa Morgan, John & Linda Meadows, E.O. Oakley, Gary Artis, Nancy Runnion. They did a masterful job putting together such a great event and we would like to thank them for their efforts. We can't say enough about how successful this effort was, we'll cover it completely in the November newsletter.



"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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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.



September 26, 2003

Dear Fellow QCCC Members:

October is almost upon us and little goblins will be knocking at our door. It's time for kids to yell "trick or treat" at your front door while wishing for that big candy bar and no chewing gum. Time for leaves to fall and with that goes aching backs! Forget the leaves, it's still nice weather to get your car out and enjoy the change in color.

Our big event is here. Corvettes in the Queen City will be an outstanding production on September 27th through 28th. Thanks to Walt Krupowicz for chairing the committee and putting up with us. Besides myself, other committee members were Wendy Krupowicz, Gary Artis, John and Linda Meadows, Vanessa Morgan, E.O. Oakley and Nancy Runnion. When you get a chance, please stop and thank them for their hard work they have put in for over a year now. Also, don't forget to thank our sponsors and speakers too. Maybe we can convince Walt to do something like this next year!

Corvette activities are going to be picking up this month. Our annual beach trip is just around the corner, October 10th - 12th. Our last chance to soak up the sun before the weather turns on us. Kay even planned for Elvis to grace us with his presence. Our next charity car show will be at City Chevrolet October 25th. Don't forget that the reason that we do our car shows is to raise money for our charity fund. It's fun to tell people about our cars and maybe influence a young adult in becoming a future Corvette owner. We're also planning a poker run to be held in the very near future.

Remember our next meeting was moved to the first Saturday of the month to avoid a conflict with the beach trip. Pencil it in on your calendar for October 4th. This will be a very interesting meeting location because it will be inside an airplane hanger! Come out early to the Carolinas Aviation Museum near the airport and tour before the meeting. Bring a drink (no big people drinks, Jody!) and don't forget your chairs. This will be fun, I'm excited!

At the next meeting I'll be asking for nominations for the 2004 board. Eddie will have a nomination sheet printed for us to fill out and turn in. I'll contact the prospective member that is listed to see if they have an interest in that position. Come with a name in mind and don't be bashful to put your own name on the list. If you're interested in a serving on the board, review the bylaws for the officer descriptions or ask a board member, we'll be happy to get more people involved with the club!

Again, check the social calendar. You can view it at www.queencitycorvette.com for approaching events.

Until next time, save the wave!







<u>Item First – October Business</u> **Meeting:**

The October meeting will be held October 4th at the Carolinas Aviation Museum in Charlotte. This promises to be an enjoyable meeting with some interesting and different things to see prior to the meeting. The museum normally closes at 5:00 PM on Saturdays, but will reopen to the QCCC at 5:15 PM.

To allow time for enjoying the museum and looking at the exhibits and planes, the schedule is as below:

• 5:15 PM Museum and gift shop open to enjoy the exhibits

• 5:45 PM Heavy hors d'oeuvres and social time (please bring your

chairs and whatever you would like to drink (non-alcoholic).

6:30 PM October Business Meeting

Parking will be in normal museum parking lot, or depending on weather and plane location, we may be able to park our cars next to some of the outside planes. It might be a nice "Kodak moment" so bring your cameras, and look for signs directing you where to park.

Our trusty newsletter editor will publish a map to the museum later in this newsletter (see page 9) or you can visit the museum website at www.chacweb.com.

One final comment, absolutely no smoking will be allowed in or outside around the museum due to flammable materials.

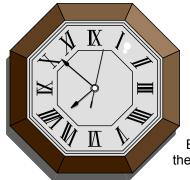
<u>Item Second – November & December Meetings:</u>

Just to keep you informed. The November Business meeting will be at the normal location in the Community Room of the Northcross Medical building in Huntersville. Also the December meeting date has been changed to December 6th. Location to be announced later.

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

Hey, Let's Be Careful Out There!





Minutes from QCCC Meeting Saturday September 6, 2003

The September business meeting of QCCC was held at Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

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

Joe & Linda DiMillo – 1966 Copper Convertible & 1996 Torch Red Convertible, Victor & Vernita Reveron – 2004 Medium Spiral Gray Metallic Coupe, Bill Brown – 1966 Nassau Blue Big Block Convertible, Harvey Bumgardner & Sandi Wright – Torch Red 1994 Coupe, Gerry Beattie – Electron Blue 2003 Z06.

New Members voted in: Joe & Linda DiMillo and Bill Brown!

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Reported for *E.O.Oakley*, VP October meeting at Aviation Museum dinner provided. Details to follow via e-mail.
- Volunteers needed to lead/trail the groups of cars for the CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY road tours. Wear your favorite Corvette t-shirt to the Banquet Saturday night. Happy Hour will be at 6:00 pm with free appetizers & a cash bar.
- Nominations for 2004 Officers will be made at the next meeting.

Gary Artis. Treasurer

- Treasury Report was sent by e-mail.
- 4th Quarter dues are due by October 1.

Jim Weisberg for Kay Weisberg, Social Director

- October 10 Beach Trip send money for dinner(s) & show reservations to Kay by Oct 1.
- December 6 meeting/Christmas party at Matthews Presbyterian Church with a catered dinner. Bring unwrapped gifts for needy families. A gift-wrapping party will be the following week.
- January 23 Banquet at the Hyatt SouthPark. Menu to be determined.

Walt Krupowicz, CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY Chairman

- Reported on the status of the CORVETTES IN THE QUEEN CITY event September 26, 27, 28. 88 people have signed up for the road & DEI/Hendricks tours & 92 people have registered for the Banquet on Saturday night. A photographer will be at DEI to take group & individual pictures.
- Thanked the Committee Team Members who have met at least monthly since July 2002!

Ben Horack, Automotive Events

- Thanked everyone who participated in the Matthews Alive Parade there was no rain this year!
- September 13 & 14 Auto Fair 10 more cars are needed, sign up now

- October 25 Car Show at City Chevrolet Everyone come! City Chevrolet will provide hamburgers, chips, drinks, etc, trophies and \$500 for our charity fund.
- Let him know if you're interested in a poker run, coordinated by Jody Austin.
- October 10, Friday There will be a caravan leaving at 9:00 am for the Beach Trip details to follow via e-mail.
- No requests for High School Homecomings, yet. Probably won't get any since most have new tracks.

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

Everyone is invited to our Wednesday Night Dinners – please come.

Jackie Slavetsky & Dave Gregorino, Members

 Jackie and David Sigman will participate in the 5K Hopebuilders Race October 18 to raise funds for brain tumor research. Come & cheer them on! The race begins at 8:30 am at the Mint Museum. They asked for our moral and strictly voluntary financial support. An e-mail will be sent with details about the event.

John Meadows, Member

Reported that Carlisle was as great as ever - acres of cars & parts. There were over 50
1953 Corvettes lined up!

Wade Stickels for Ken Smelter, Member

Has free tickets to the Charlotte Philharmonic concert at Calvary Church October 18.

Gloria Scienski, Member

A write-up and picture of our car show at Parks Chevrolet is spotlighted on the Make-A-Wish website www.WishWorks.org. There will be a reunion of Make-A-Wish recipients the weekend of October 25 and they may come to our Car Show at City Chevrolet.

Rick Witcher, Member

 Parks Chevrolet at Lake Norman will honor QCCC discounts offered by Parks Chevrolet on N.Tryon.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt,

Secretary

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

The September officers' meeting was held at Artis & Associates, 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 7:15 pm

Robert:

Corvettes in the Queen City - only 15 – 20 non-members have registered, the rest are QCCC members.,

Discussed nominations for 2004 Officers

Gary:

Reviewed 2003 dues payment status

Will order 250 black & yellow badge/eyeglass straps mid-November

Ben Horack:

Sept 13 & 14 – Auto Fair – has enough cars for both days

Oct 25 - Car Show at City Chevrolet - want as many cars as we can get

Kay Weisberg:

Beach Trip Caravan – meet Friday Oct 10 at 8:00 am for breakfast at New York, New York Restaurant on Independence Blvd, and leave for beach at 9:00 am.

Discussed DJ vs. a band for the Banquet in January

Will work with Ben on a Drive For Food road trip Nov 15 to either Little Switzerland Inn or Caesar's Head

Eddie

Read a letter from someone with a 40-year-old Corvette go-cart for sale

E.O:

Oct meeting at Aviation Museum – park with the planes & set up food at 5:00 pm
Robert will bring the PA system & EO will bring an extension cord
Will reserve Northcross Medical Center for Nov meeting
Needs the QCCC banners & flag after Auto Fair, for Corvettes in the Queen City

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt,
Secretary



Automotive Events

Wow!!! Fall's here already. Where did the Summer go? September Parades, Auto Fair and Corvettes In The Queen City. There were lots to do. Walt and his group really get lots of cheers for a hard job well done. Speaking of cheers: thanks to every one who participated in the Matthews Alive Parade and the Auto Fair. For the 1st time in modern history, **IT DIDN'T RAIN** on the Matthews parade. We had a great turnout and put on quite a show.

Auto Fair turned out far better than ANYONE expected. We were outside on the 2nd level on Saturday and it was GREAT. Cool breeze, great crowd, plenty of shade and most importantly, REST ROOMS near by!! It truly worked out great. Sunday we were on the grass in front of Pit Road. We put up the tents for shade and just enjoyed a beautiful day. We had a number of guests show with us and even picked up 5 prospective members. Suzie Black took the C-1 honors, while Butch Willis won the C-2 class. Bob and Trudy Schillo ran away with both the C-3 and C-4 winners. New member, Joe Corl walked away with Best C-5. I thought the Black on Black "Rag Top" should have won. I guess I should have given the judges more \$\$\$. The Top Award, Best of Show, went to former member, Dave Sanders' Red Z-06, not new territory for Dave.

October brings cooler weather and a great time to own a Vette! There will be a caravan going down to the beach leaving New York, New York on Independence Blvd. in Matthews at 09:00 AM on Friday, October 10th. Bring your radios and enjoy the ride. October 25th is the Charity Car Show at City Chevrolet. The show starts at 09:00 AM so you'll need to be there by 08:30 AM. There will be trophies for C-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Survivor and Best of Show. City will provide hot dogs, and drinks. Remember this is the way we raise money for our charities. We had 40 cars this spring at Parks, I'd really like to top that number this fall. Speaking of City Chevy, remember that they will give ant club member 25% off all Parts and Labor on any GM product. For those of you with C-5's with Run Flats, they will do this on the Goodyear run flat tires as well. Just bring your membership badge when you go in. This applies to non-Corvettes as well. For those of you who didn't get the letter, I'm attaching it on the next page. Their price on new Corvettes ain't all-bad either, not good enough for Barbara to get rid of her Miata, though.

We had talked about a Poker Run on October 18th, however there is a conflict with that date. We will look at an alternate date and let you know later. Looking ahead to November; it's Christmas Parade time! Maybe the '62 will be back by then, MAYBE! There will be more on those later, but it's a great way to start the Holiday Season. Speaking of which, anyone interested in helping out on the Charity Committee, please contact me.

Barbara and I will miss Corvettes In The Queen City, due to a prior commitment, but thanks to everyone that helped make it happen. It's that spirit that makes this club what it is. Until later, we'll be "flopping" down the road, wishing our good old "solid ridding" '62 were back.

Ben '62 & 00 Horack



Follw the blue dotted line to the Aviation Museum for our October meeting.



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• 6:30 PM October Business Meeting

Business Meeting, 2nd Saturday of the Month

| 2003 | Event | Time |
|------------------------------------|---|---------|
| • | October | |
| 4 th | Business Meeting @ Aviation Museum | 5:45 PM |
| 10 th –12 th | 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 | |
| 6 th | Christmas Party (Social)/Business Meeting | |



New Coffee Table Contributed by Eddie Burt

How 'bout a BIG HOWDY for Our New Members



Bill Brown

1966 Nassau Blue Big Block Convertible

Linda & Joe DiMillo

1966 Copper Convertible &
1996 Torch Red Convertible





New Acquisitions

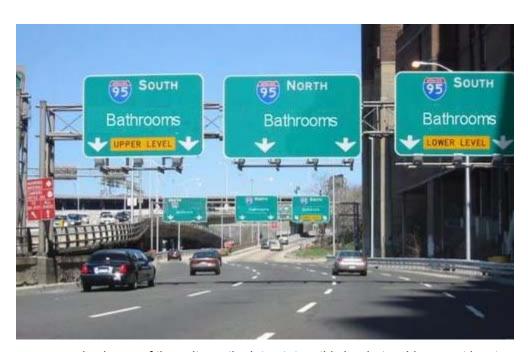
WALL STREET, NEW YORK, NY - This month the Mergers and Acquisitions Division of the QCCC would like to announce the following mergers and acquisitions:

Did y'all hear, the Stickels have a new addition....but it's not for the garage, it's for the nursery.

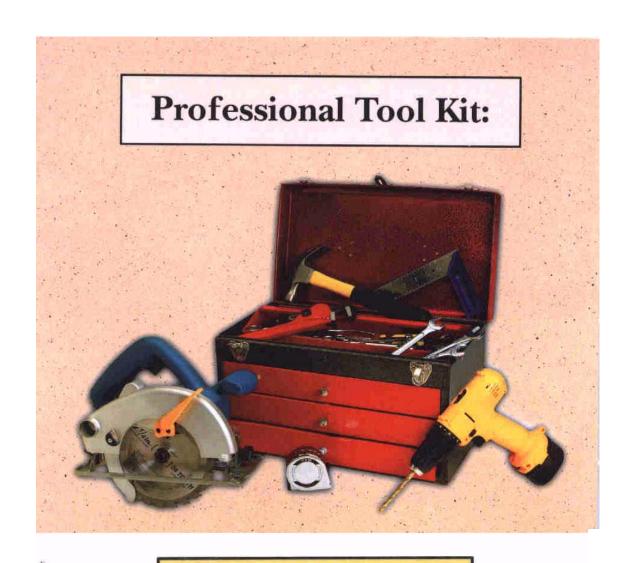
According to Wade, "Here is Sue with our first grandchild, Caroline Alexis Stickels, soon after birth. Born 09/10/03, 7lb.6oz.20 inches. Yes, she already has a Corvette Bib to wear when she visits."

Congratulations, Wade & Sue, there's little in life to compare to grandkids!





If women were in charge of the exits on the interstates, this is what we'd see...at least according to this picture submitted by Paul Pelkey!



Your Tool Kit:



My Daugher & Son-In–Law gave me this card for Father's Day



Robert Denney Mooresville, NC 28115 704|662-0000 rddenney@alltel.net



Fall Autofair

Folks, I attended my first Autofair in over two years. Frankly I wasn't expecting it to be anything other than a bore. Lets face some facts, we were relegated to outside the track, near Gate 5 to be exact. Heck, nobody would even find us way out there. Anyway, bright and early, even before the due was off, and before it was warm enough to drop the top, I started out from the metropolis of Mooresville thru the hill and dale toward that great playground in the sky. A traffic jam, yep, you guessed it, coming down Speedway Blvd. Can you imagine there were cars and trucks, trailers and bikes, as far as the eye could see. So with some perseverance I followed the yellow line all the way to the famous entrance to the promised land, Lowe's Motor Speedway. Now wouldn't you know it, wrong lane... nope, can't enter the fabled playground... turn right make a "U" turn... and hope that Jody's friends don't see the villainous act... finally entrance!!! Then follow the map so meticulous prepared by our Director of Automotive affairs, yep, the one and only Ben Horack, to Gate 7. Entering this palace of speed I was awestruck by the numbers of cars already parked and being polished to a gleaming shine. Well, maybe those Lincolns, Birds and the pony cars didn't have quite the shine of our glorious steeds, but their owners were proud of them, nonetheless. Don't know why? Finally, arriving at the appointed spot as outlined on my trusty map, I pulled in and backed in beside, no other than, the Tan Man. Yep, Deputy Dave (David Carleton). With some squirming and twisting I was able to get my new steed positioned and proceeded to unload the chairs and table in preparation of a long day. Looking up who do I see but John Meadows with his gorgeous 02 Commemorative Edition ZO6, backing in beside me. John immediately starts to clean. I was at a loss as to what he could clean... lets fact it folks that car is always meticulously kept. Think Linda does it? Now beside John there appears another beautiful car with this babe driving it. It was a Red and White 60, yep, it's Reggie and Suzie Black bracketed John and me with 60's. Now folks how can you beat that for a crowd attraction. We didn't have to urge them folks to stop by our stand, those two 60's were the real draw.

I immediately noticed that one of the fringe benefits of being way out here like we were was the shade and the fact it was substantially cooler in our location.

Well, would you believe folks started appearing, up here in the hither lands? And they were real interested in Corvettes? Met bunches of nice folks and some prospective members and finally lunchtime arrived. John, being a member of the Speedway Club, volunteered to be the host of everybody in the Club for lunch. Can you believe it, I was the only one who availed his generosity. Just as we were sitting down we saw Ed Williams who was by himself and we invited him for lunch. Good Lunch!! Back to the grindstone of meeting folks.

As time progressed the judges came by and picked the best of the best and from this writer's view that had to be one humongous task. So many beautiful cars, and of course there were some other distractions, some in the form of short shorts, nicely filled out, others with other

appendages being exhibited. With this high degree of excitement you would think that dropping off for a nap would be the last thing that would occur. Well, you would be thinking wrong, Eddie Burt says with this degree of excitement you have to grab a quick nap every now and then. It seems that his eyeballs got dry from bulging out during this runway of forbidden delicacies.

Anyway, folks, I have to say this was a very memorable day. It was not boring and I find that crow is very distasteful. Ben, you Done GOOD.





And the winners are:

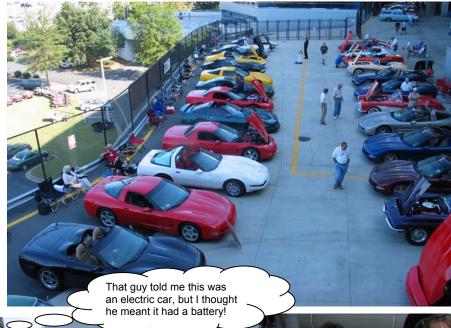
C1: Suzie Black C2: Butch Willis

C3: Bob and Trudy Schillo C4: Bob and Trudy Schillo

C5: Joe Corl

I think she likes me!

Below is Gary Artis checking the plug for his new electric '86 Pace Car.







Above is Eddie Burt enjoying another day in paradise.

To the left is Dennis and Beverly Guessford's 1971 convertible with that sensational hood painting.

Memory For Digital Image Files

Part 2 of a series on digital photography
By Charlie Binder

Fortunately some savvy pioneers in computing have developed compression techniques for squeezing those rather large image files into much smaller files for both storage and ease of transportation.

The most popular compression is known as JPEG (also known as JPG). It stands for Joint Photographic Experts Group, the original name of the committee that wrote the standard. This is a "lossy" process: meaning that the decompressed image isn't quite the same as the one you started with. There are lossless image compression algorithms, but they do not achieve as much compression. JPEG was designed to exploit known limitations of the human eye, notably that small color changes are perceived less accurately than small changes in brightness.

The amazing thing is that your "compressed" file size is truly dependent on the content of the photo: how much of an area has the same color. Compression levels may be controlled by adjusting parameters (if the software allows) and could reach a 20:1 ratio! People that often open and re-save a file in JPEG format will see a gradual deterioration of quality as this algorithm is repeatedly applied.

Most of the simpler cameras will automatically save to a JPEG file. This is certainly the most universal file type and is able to be "read" by all graphic programs. Sophisticated digital cameras will offer the user some options: a "native format", TEFF, and maybe different "strengths" of compression using JPEG. These offer options to retain a truly "original" image or an image with a slight loss through the compression schemes.

All digital cameras have some type of memory that is removable to store the image files (the equivalent of digital film). There are about six different types and most cameras will only accept a specific one, but they do come in various capacities. (Some Sony cameras actually write to a mini-CD.)

This brings us to the matter of how large a digital memory card to purchase. Err on the side of caution, and try to get as large a memory card as possible (or maybe a spare). With a film camera once you "fill up the roll" of film, you can easily purchase another and re-load. This is not the case with digital.

The Buffalo Principle

Contributed by Jack Warlick

Long ago, when herds of buffalo roamed the plains, the herd would travel no faster than the oldest and lamest of the group. These slower buffalo would find themselves at the rear of the herd and the predators found it rather easy to "pick off" these slower members. As they "thinned" the herd of these slower buffalo, the herd would naturally became stronger and faster with their elimination. Thus, the buffalo herd benefited from this process of natural selection.

And so it is with drinking beer. While it is true that alcohol kills brain cells, it is not widely known that it is the older, slower brain cells that alcohol eliminates. This removal of the older, slower brain cells serves, as with the buffalo, serves to make the brain quicker, resulting in the sharpening of the wit and wisdom of the drinker.

So, instead of feeling guilty about destroying your mind, enjoy that cold brew this weekend, and know that you're doing yourself good by ridding your head of all those old, slow brain cells.

Holy Boat Trailers, Batman!



Al Smith, our member from Hickory, went fishing a couple of weeks ago and look what happened. He had dropped his boat off and while he was pulling it from the trailer to the dock the truck started backing up all by itself and ended up here. Damn, that ruined a good fishing trip.

Did you know.....



October 7, 1960: The CBS TV show, "Route 66" debuts with two young men driving a 1960 Corvette around the US in search of adventure.

In 1987 you could buy a Corvette without an engine installed by the factory.

The 1997 Corvette is the first Corvette to have windshield wipers that sweep in the same direction instead of opposing directions.

It takes 55 hours to build the new C5 Corvette, down from 70 hours for the previous C4 model.

Hurricane Isabel brings out the Risk Takers

We asked Elwood Wristpin, our resident wrench, and he said this isn't real good for the engine in a C5.



And then there's this guy:



Contributed by E. O. Oakley

Don't feel too bad, AI, at least you weren't in your 'Vette!

Queen City Corvette Club Dealer Program

We at City Chevrolet are proud to announce a new program only for members of QCCC.

We will offer 25% of Parts and Labor on any G.M. product

We will offer New Corvette pricing at \$500.00 over invoice, 50th Anniversery \$1500.00 over invoice and Z06 at \$2500.00 over invoice. (Floorplan)

We will also offer New Vehicle pricing of \$50.00 over invoice on any New Chevrolet in stock

The only "catch" is you must be a member in good standing at the time of service or purchase and there are limit availability models excluded such as new SSR!

Thank You in Advance,

Ken Becker General Manager

Nuggets From The Net

With the ever-present threat, airline travelers should feel better and safer when they climb aboard an airplane that has one of these. Click on the link below:

Every airplane needs one of these!

And you thought that 427 Lingenfelter was a big engine, well check out this link:

Now here's a big engine