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2004



Where we drive to eat!



QCCC does the
St. Patrick's
Parade in
style!

QCCC Members Feast at
Daniel Boone Inn



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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 Message

Dear Fellow QCCC Members:

It's hard to believe that we are already into Spring, but I think we're ready for it! It's time for us to take our cars out of hibernation and get them cleaned up for cruising, car shows and fun. I'm a little busy myself trying to clean the car while trying to quiet a newborn. Amazing how you adapt to life's little changes. And speaking of Peyton, she's doing great. She's already grown two inches and gained over a pound. I'm sure if you ask Vanessa or me, we'd gladly show you a ton of pictures. Her first outing to a club meeting may be to Eddie's BBQ. Look out everyone!



Since the last meeting we've participated in the St. Patrick's Day parade with a good turn out and great weather. We received an online thank you card from Brenda Wells the organizer of the Miss Mecklenburg beauty queens. Our club is the "official" car to carry their beauty queens in parades around Charlotte. It's great exposure for the club and fun for the drivers. What other time can you drive down the center of Charlotte and wave at onlookers? Thanks Wally for organizing this.

This past Sunday we took our first cruise to the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, NC. If my count is correct, Wally led 29 cars most of which were red and C5's. The day was clear but cool for our drive up Highway 321. We even encountered a little snow as we left the restaurant. But that didn't stop us from eating our fill of fried chicken, mashed 'taters, green beans, sweet corn and strawberry shortcake for desert. Those were some of the best country ham biscuits I've had. Thanks to Kay and Wally for getting this put together for us to enjoy. We love to drive our cars to find a place to eat.

AutoFair is just around the corner. Wally is organizing this so please contact him to sign up. This year we're back on pit road. Hopefully the concession stands will be far away from us so the flying grease won't be a problem. If you're not showing your car, come on out and support the club. We're usually sitting around our cars telling some sort of story about our car.

Nice weather also means car shows that raise money for our charity fund. Car shows are an easy way for the club to raise money showing our cars at local dealerships. Car shows also build future enthusiasm for Corvettes. Who knows, the twelve year old that you're talking to one day might be encouraged to buy a Corvette in the future. So don't think there's only one place to show off your car. Sign up and enjoy your car with others.

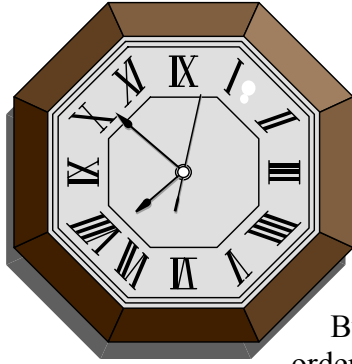
At the last board meeting, we discussed the bylaws review committee's progress. Eddie Burt, chairman of the committee, showed proposed changes in form of amendments that will be distributed to the membership for review. Hopefully, we will discuss these proposed changes at the next club meeting.

The calendar is full of events this year. Kay Weisberg and Wally Crawford have spent a lot of time organizing day trips, weekend trips and a whole lot more. Check our QCCC website at www.queencitycorvette.com to see what might interest you. We can always learn a lot about our fellow club members on these outings!

Until next time, save the wave!

Robert





Minutes from the QCCC Meeting Saturday March 13

The March business meeting of QCCC was held at the Northeast Medical Center, Huntersville, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, Kay Weisberg, Florence Prather, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President, Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Sean & Candace Storey – 2004 Red Coupe, **Charlie & Lynn Tew** – 1997 Red Coupe, **Bob & Carolyn Ryan** – 2003 Red Coupe, **Gary & Char Linsenmayer** – 1978 Anniversary

New members voted in: **Sean & Candace Storey** !

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Asked **Vanessa Morgan** to give a baby **Peyton** report – she's 3 weeks old today and is performing her baby duties very well
- Reported for **Ben Horack** that the April meeting will be inside at City Chevrolet
- Congratulated **Mark Ledford** for having the winning hand at the Poker Run in February
- Reported that the QCCC carried 5 dignitaries (including the Grand Marshall & Charlotte's Mayor) and 3 beauty queens in the St Patrick's Day parade, along with about 15 QCCC Corvettes parading as a group – a very colorful bunch of cars!
- Presented Jack & Sandy Warlick their 2003 Participation Awards gift certificates
- Prospective Member **Brian Weyeneth** is coordinating a Road trip up Hwy 16 to Virginia on May 8 & 9 (non-QCCC event)
- Saturday May 15 – Road Trip to Bluefield, West Virginia (for lunch)

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- Reviewed the Treasury Report

Kay Weisberg, Social Events

- Thanked **Margo & Q Gross** for providing refreshments tonight
- Sunday March 21 will be a road trip to the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, NC (for lunch)
- Friday April 16 – Sunday April 18 – Myrtle Beach trip to the Crown Reef Resort. **Ben Horack** has reserved tickets to the sold-out show at the Alabama Theater featuring the Coasters, Platters, & Drifters
- Saturday June 26 – day trip to the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia, SC (with lunch of course)
- Friday October 1 – Sunday October 3 – trip to Charleston, SC – details will follow

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

- Resignations: none since last meeting
- Notify Eddie of car info changes so the Car Log can be updated. By the way, **Eddie & Jane Burt** have a 2004 Spiral Gray Convertible with light gray interior!

Wally Crawford, Automotive Events

- Reviewed details of the Sunday March 21 trip to the Daniel Boone Inn
- Sign up for Auto Fair April 3 & 4 -will know next week where we will be displaying our cars
- Has registration forms for the Savannah Gathering April 23-25
- Clarified that ALL cars are welcome in parades, and that Corvettes are NOT required to be driven on road trips (although you'll probably be at the end of the line)
- Thanked everyone for their participation in today's St Pat's Parade
- Tuesday May 25 Parade of Lights – this is a GREAT night-time parade to be in – details to follow
- Car Show updates – City Chevrolet is not responding, Parks Chevrolet may have us in the Fall, will respond to an invitation from Freedom Chevrolet in Monroe
- Reported that fellow QCCC Member David Carlton is in Iraq training their Police force and would like to have some cookies, popcorn, blondes, & Eddie's BBQ. Wally has prepared some address labels to use.

Walt Krupowicz, Member & NCRS Representative

- Thurs. April 15 to Sun. April 18 – NCRS Regional Judging Event in the infield at Lowes Motor Speedway for 1953 – 1986 Corvettes. Track laps will be available Fri. at 6:00 pm for \$30. To participate, you must be an NCRS member, which is only \$30 a year

Dave Gregorino, Member

- Thanked Corvettes in the Queen City for donating part of their proceeds to Hope Builders for brain research at Duke Hospital

Boyd Kurt, Member

- September 25 – 27 Road Atlanta Race – his motor home will be there and all QCCC members are welcome to drop by

Linda Meadows, Member

- Saturday March 27 – Chick-Fil-A on Independence at Windsor Square Shopping Center is having a Car Show

Joe Corl, Member

- Thanked Wally for his efforts on the sun & fun-filled Poker Run

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

St. Patrick's Day Parade - A chance to display GM's finest!



Wally puts some last minute shine on his C5



Pulled over for looking too good!



VP REPORT



April Business Meeting:

The April Business Meeting will be held on Saturday April 10th. at City Chevrolet's Service Department. Robert Scognamillo, City's Corvette mechanic will be available from 5:30 -6:30 PM to answer any questions any of you might have. This is an opportunity to get all those unanswered questions resolved, so come early. There will be a social time from 6:00 – 6:30 PM with snacks for those wishing to come early, the business meeting will begin, as usual, at 6:30 PM. As usual, please remember to bring your own nonalcoholic beverages. I'm attaching the map & directions to the meeting for those not familiar with the location.

Future Meetings:

We will continue using Northcross Medical's Community facility for May, July, September & November meetings. The meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is included further in the Newsletter. This will be changed if better and more interesting locations become available. Don't forget that the June meeting will be the annual Bar-B-Que at Eddie & Jane Burt's house. This is always a must do event. Jane will be letting everyone know what "side dish" to bring as we get closer.

AutoFair:

AutoFair is the 1st. weekend in April and a great time to enjoy cars and good fellowship. I know Wally still needs cars for Sunday. Please help out, if you can. If we don't meet our quota of 30 cars each day, we'll be cut back in the future, with no way to get our "slots" back. It's really important for QCCC to have a good showing.

Final Thoughts:

Congratulations to Wally & Kay for another **OUTSTANDING** event last Sunday. The road trip to Boone & the Daniel Boone Inn was a huge success. The weather was perfect and the attendance great. Nice job, Wally & Kay! Lots of **FUN CAR** times ahead for everyone so check your schedule.

More importantly, the '62 is being finished up!!! Hard to believe!!! The hardware and trim are going back on and the interior is being finished. They say mid April, maybe by the Parade of Lights.

We now have a "sister" chapter in Barbados, West Indies, but that will have to wait for next month's newsletter with full details and pictures.

Until then, hope we'll see you at AutoFair



Ben

FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT...

March is all but over and April is upon us. We had a good turn out for the St. Patrick's Day Parade with 20 cars including some potential new members with C3's that have Robert Morgan very worried. We had an even better turn out for the road trip to Boone and the Daniel Boone Inn. The count was 27 cars and 53 people. Kay Weisberg did her usual outstanding job of setting us up at the Daniel Boone Inn and the road trip up the Parkway afterwards was a lot of fun. Eight cars including Walter Ahrens, our 89 year-young member, went on the road trip. Weather for all of our events this year has been near perfect considering the time of year, and Sunday was no exception. There were a few snow flurries and it was COLD, but a pretty day nonetheless. The camaraderie and friendship within QCCC warms us all. Special thanks to Charlie and Iris Binder for leading the Huntersville Group over to Lincolnton.



April is the busiest month so far this year. AutoFair kicks off the month and the whole summer for the gear heads among us. We are so blessed to have the largest car show/swap meet/ gathering in the Southeast right here in our back yard. Once again we are inside the track and have our familiar spot on pit road for both days. If you have never been to AutoFair and are a car enthusiast, you need to treat yourself to the experience. Those who display their cars both days save \$40.00 in admission fees which amounts to about half of the yearly club dues. If you add the costs of the banquet that the club pays, belonging to QCCC is a moneymaking proposition

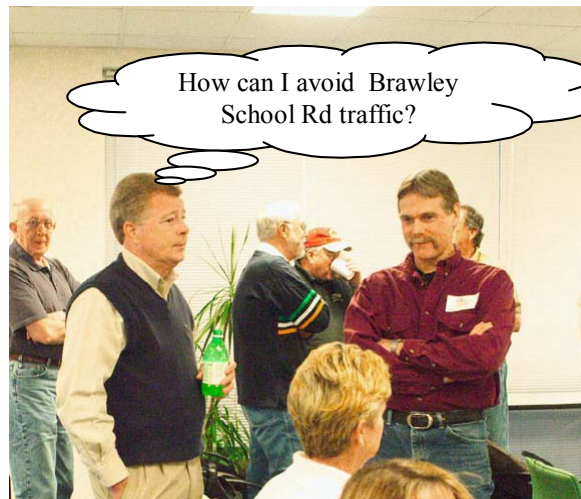
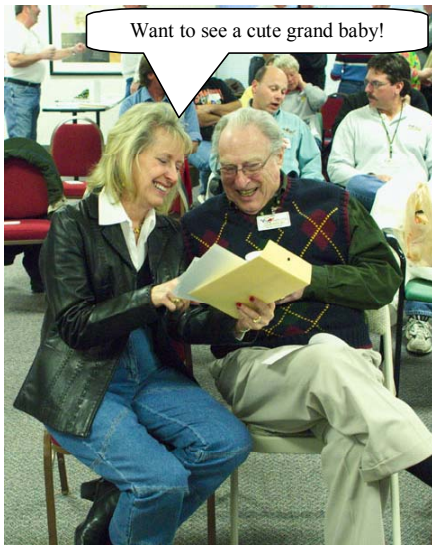
Two weeks later we head for the beach and a long weekend in the sun. We will gather at the NY,NY Restaurant on Independence Blvd at I-485. Those that want to join Anita and me for breakfast, be there about 8:00. We will pull out at 9:00. First planned stop will be at Bojangles in Pageland, where we usually meet up with some other members, then on to Myrtle Beach. We will stop at the NASCAR Café for lunch then to the hotel. Kay has set up lunch and a full agenda for us.

It is time to start thinking about The Parade of Lights. We need EVERYONE to participate in this parade on May 25. This is the **GM Parade of Lights**, and guess what the flagship of the GM line is: you're driving it. We cannot have too many cars, and we always need more than we have. Coupes, removable hardtops, convertibles, old, young, it doesn't matter. Shine em up and get em there. I know it's early, but sign up starts now. Email me and let me know you are in. There will also be a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Keep the rubber side down.

Wally

Members Having Fun at March Meeting in Huntersville



Next Meeting April 10th at City Chevrolet, Charlotte

Social: 6:00 PM

Meeting: 6:30 PM

Reminder: Corvette mechanic available for answering questions from 5:30 to 6:30

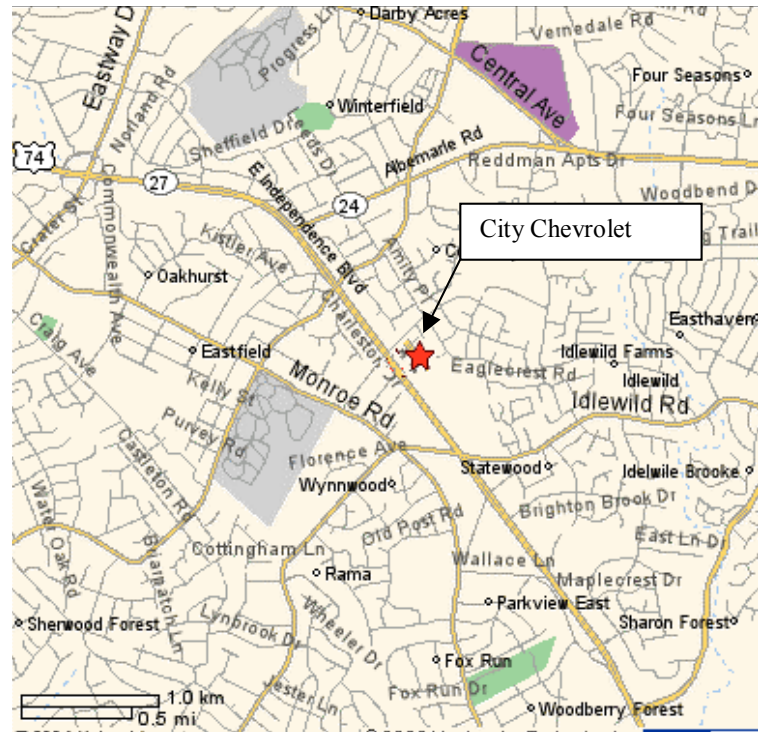
5101 E. Independence Blvd

Charlotte NC

Phone 704-536-1410

www.citychevrolet.com/en_US

Located on the West bound side of East Independence Blvd between N. Sharon Amity Rd and Idlewild Rds



Reminder Please Bring :

- 1)non-alcoholic beverages
- 2)chairs

Meet New Members :

Sean and Candace Storey
From Denver, owners of a
2004 Red Coupe



Photos for this edition are courtesy of : Gary Artis, Jody Austin, Bob Denney, Skip Koski, Robert Morgan and Charlie Binder.

Corvette to be Indy Pace Car in 2004! Get Ready Gary !

Corvette will be the Indy 500 pace car for a sixth time!

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway has been the site of many memorable events since the facility opened in 1909. Similarly, Chevrolet has a rich heritage in racing that extends back to company co-founder and namesake Louis Chevrolet, a gifted engineer and talented race car driver who competed in the Indy 500 four times. More recently, Chevy Indy V8 engines have won 103 open-wheel races, including seven Indianapolis 500 victories!



The 2004 Corvette that will serve as the Indy 500 Pace Car is virtually identical to the Convertibles available today through local Chevrolet dealerships. Being a pace car is not all-glamorous; the duties of a pace car can be long and strenuous. During the last two races, for example, the Chevy pace vehicles cars led the field for a combined 84 laps (210 miles) of the total 400 race laps (1,000 miles) run, at an average lap speed of 75 mph. The pace cars are at idle, ready for action at a moment's notice, even during green flag laps.

Very few modifications were made to the Corvette to prepare it for this year's role: heavy-duty transmission and power steering coolers, a lower restriction muffler system, four-point racing-type safety belts and a safety strobe light system. A white and blue two-tone paint treatment incorporates Americana-themed graphics, tying into Chevrolet's new "An American Revolution" marketing theme. The theme captures Chevrolet's pride and passion for innovation, and for success not only in motorsports, but also as it launches 10 new car and truck products in 20 months.



A pretty site – QCCC Vettes on the Blue Ridge Parkway

SOME C5 CORVETTES TO BE RECALLED

General Motors will recall certain Chevrolet Corvettes to correct a condition in which the vehicle can operate when the electronic steering column lock fails to unlock. The vehicles included in this recall are:

- Model year 1997-2000 Corvettes with automatic transmissions in the United States, Canada, and Mexico;
- Model year 1997-2004 Corvettes with automatic transmissions in Europe and export countries;
- Model year 1997-2004 Corvettes with manual transmissions in North American, European, and export countries.

GM estimates a total of about 127,000 C5s will be involved. During the second quarter of 2004, owners of the affected vehicles will be notified, instructing them to bring them into their Chevrolet dealers. For the Corvettes with the automatic transmissions, dealers will remove the column lock plate. For the manual transmission vehicles, the dealers will reprogram the Powertrain Control Module software. The repairs will be performed at no cost to the customers.

GM has not confirmed any occurrences of this condition in the field. There are no confirmed crashes, injuries, or fatalities related to the condition. These vehicles may have a condition in which the electronic column fails to unlock when the driver starts the engine. When this happens, an electronic message is sent to shut off the fuel to the engine if the vehicle starts to move. If the power supply to the Powertrain Control Module (PCM) is interrupted or voltage is low, the PCM resets and the message is not processed. Fuel is not inhibited and the driver can move the vehicle with the steering column locked. Until their vehicles are repaired, owners can easily verify that the column is unlocked by turning the steering wheel a full turn before shifting into gear. If drivers hear a ratcheting noise while turning the wheel or experience column lock after starting the engine, they should contact a dealer to arrange repair.

I guess it looked shallow enough!



Items of Interest

Car Show: Steel on Wheels Car Show - Main Street Downtown Monroe, NC

On Saturday, May 15, 2004 in addition to many regular awards there will be a special award : *Most Likely to Get a Ticket Award* presented by Monroe Police Dept. Entry fee : \$10 in advance or \$15 day of show. Dash Plaques and T-shirts will be given to all entrants, \$100 goes to the Car club with the most entrants, a DeeJay, a Poker Run-Walk, and Vendor booths. Mail check payable to: Downtown Monroe, Inc send to :Steel on Wheels, c/o Downtown Monroe, Inc., PO Box 3382, Monroe, NC 28111-3382

Fun in Georgia. The Costal Corvette Association is putting on their annual event the "GATHERING VII" @ the Lighthouse on Tybee Island, GA to be held April 23rd - 25th, 2004. They feature a leisurely Road Tour of Tybee Island followed by a car show/display at the lighthouse. There will be lighthouse tours, relaxing on the beach, and lunch will be provided. In the evening there will be a low country boil & BBQ dinner and awards. For more info check their web site www.coastalcorvettes.com or email Bill@bflammer@cs.com

A Corvette Cruise for May 8-9. Brian Weyeneth is getting as many Corvette owners as possible to participate in a two day drive along the historic and scenic NC Highway 16, from Waxhaw to Grassy Creek, at the VA border. Along the route will be opportunities for photographs, stops in small towns to browse and carouse, eats and overnight accommodations. It's an open model event and not affiliated with any one club. For information reach him at ltru48@corvettemail.com or at 704-398-8330.

Walter Krupowicz sent along the following list of web sites that are of interest to Corvette enthusiasts

www.corvettemuseum.com	http://www.topdownntech.com/home.html
http://corvetteactioncenter.com/	http://www.c3vr.com/
http://www.corvetteforum.com/	http://www.chevrolet.com/corvette/
www.c5registry.com	http://www.ncrs.org/
http://97vette.com/	http://www.diecastmodelcars.com/corv.htm
www.zainostore.com	http://www.c6registry.com/index.htm
http://www.invisibleglass.com/	http://www.corvetteevent.com/corvetteevent/index.php3

More Items of interest

Matthews NC: Matthews Chamber of Commerce 2004 Auto Reunion - Saturday June 12, 2004 in Stumptown Park. Contact Patty Turner at the Matthews Chamber of Commerce office at 704-847-3649.

Auto Fair - Car Show: April 3rd & 4th at Lowes Motor Speedway. We need to have you sign up early. Especially needed are cars for Sunday. Sign up and join the fun with many other cars and all the vendors!

Myrtle Beach: Road Trip Weekend of fun. April 16th to 18th. Starting from the New York New York restaurant on Independence Blvd. Staying at the Crown Reef Resort, 800-405-7333. Make your own reservations by no later than April 6 using Group #: 3224. Cost of Room: Queen \$85 / King \$89. Friday Night Cook Out \$12.85 per person, Saturday Night: Dinner at the House of Blues Alabama Theater \$33.95 per person (Carl Gardner's Coasters and Herb Reed & The Platters & The Original Drifters). Forward payment for the cook out and Alabama Theater to Kay Weisberg before the April 10 meeting. All rooms are ocean front, in Tower 3 with special parking. There is a heated lazy river and various pools and hot tubs. Two restaurants and bar. See Kay Weisberg for details.

David H. Sigman wants everyone to know that there is a car show he will be attending in his hometown Of Madison GA on May 2nd. For further info go to the May section of the calendar at www.cgcorvetteclub.com.

Skip Koski and Patty Wright took a recent vacation in Florida and were especially concerned when they looked down the road and saw this giant crustacean heading their way. A closer look revealed they had nothing to worry over.



Think of it as Spring Break for Your Car



Loretta Lynn & Merle Haggard, Spam Sandwich

Grand Road Tour

Curves, Curves, and More Curves

If this sign is an aphrodisiac for you, then you need to go on this day trip to the Virginia/West Virginia Mountains. The leaves & flowers will just be blooming, so it will be gorgeous.

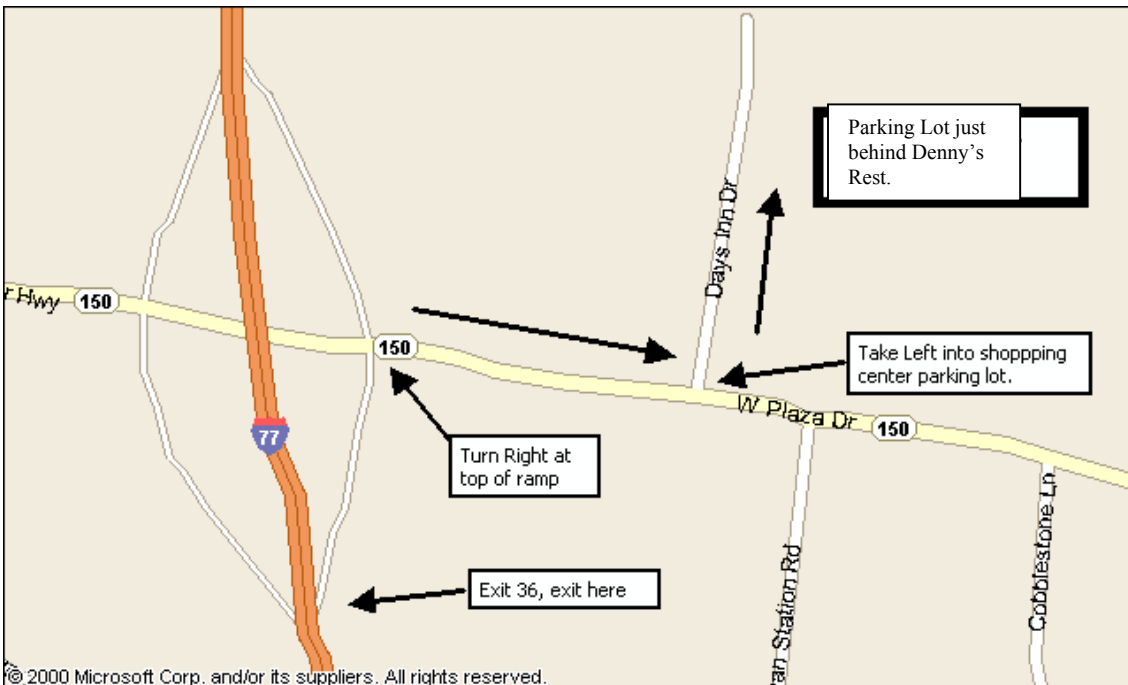
Bring Your Camera

Meeting Place for the May 15th Cruise to the Virginia Mountains.

Map to Mooresville Belk's Shopping Center. (Exit # 36 on I-77 North)

Leaving at 8:30am - Arriving back approx 5pm

Lunch at Ryan's Family Steak House in Bluefield, VA



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A view of Bluefield from the overlook on East River Mountain – 3,800 ft elevation
One of many breathtaking views of the day



Daniel Boone Lunch

contributed by Bob Denney

Gramps, you done did good again... well maybe not good but pretty well for a beginner. (Don't want to swell his head yet). Yep for the 50+ that had the fortune of following that old codger Sunday March 21st you know what a good time was. For those who unfortunately couldn't make the cruise, well as they say ... better luck next time. Let me tell you Gramps had everything lined out just like an old army Master Sergeant would have done. Right down to the foreign substance splattered down both sides of that magnificent C5. Now I hasten to



point out it was our illustrious leader, Robert Morgan who was kind enough to point this substance out to this writer. I was informed that Gramps had originally planned to hold a demonstration on the proper way to clean a Corvette when traveling but he felt that the weather... 34 degrees would be a deterrent to the viewing club members and he knew that he would not be able to keep everyone warm for the complete demonstration. Well wouldn't you know it ... I got ahead

of myself again... see our new tour guide was kind enough to not bring the cops with him... like our old tour guide did... Anyway after we all joined up at Staples in Lincoln we started up the old faithful US 321 toward din din... Gramps made sure all 26 gleaming Vettes were on the super slap before he put his little hammer down, and away we gooooo... Moving swiftly like the wind Gramps guided his chargers thru thick and thin of traffic... thru Hickory, thru Granite Falls, thru Lenoir, and Blowing Rock, this leader did flow... hitting traffic lights when necessary to keep his chargers all collected he did proceed toward that reward. What do you know ... when we arrived at the Daniel Boone Restaurant we hadn't lost anyone. Once Gramps transferred his charges to Kay Weisberg, he felt his job was done... course we all knew that was not going to be the case... Heck... we were more that 15 miles from home and my puppy hadn't learned how to use a can opener so we had to get back to the starting spot.

The lunch was great. All I heard was more corn, more chicken, more gravy, more mashed potatoes, more corn, more chicken, more gravy, more corn... and you get the picture. Before you could shake an empty plate we were all stuffed and Jane Burt was making up a giant doggy bag from anything she could cobble together. Let me tell you that girl is one crafty girl. She made a shopping bag that would have made Wal-Mart jealous. She had everything ... that puppy is going to eat well for several weeks. John Meadows celebrated his birthday with us and enjoyed his own personal cake. Linda wanted to make sure John could blow out all the candles, so she only had one placed on his slice of Cake...



Lunch and all the festivities concluded and Gramps took up his familiar role at the head of the pack going, up or down however as you see it, the Blue Ridge Parkway toward home. Stopping once for a photo op we proceeded thru the snow... yep he held the heavy snow off until we passed, to US 21 and then headed south. Finally splitting off everyone went their respective ways with warm memories. Yep

Gramps you done **Good!**

Editor's Note: Everyone that participated agrees with Bob that Wally and Kay did a great job at putting together the trip!

Queens City Corvette Club 2004 Automotive Events Schedule

APRIL

4/3-4/4 *AutoFair-Car Show*
4/16-18 *Road Trip Myrtle Beech, SC*
4/23-25 *Savannah Gathering UJJ **

MAY

5/15 *Road Trip-Bluefield, WV*
5/25 *Parade of lights*

JUNE

6/26 *Road Trip, Columbia Zoo, Columbia, SC*

JULY

7/2 *Hickory Grove Parade*
7/4 *Tega Cay Parade*
7/24 *Car Care Day, Crawford's*

AUGUST

8/20-22 *Road Trip, Gatlinburg/Deals Gap, TN*
8/27-29th *Corvettes at Carlisle*

SEPTEMBER

9/4 *Matthews Alive Parade*
9/18-9/19 *AutoFair-Car Show*
9/25 *Mint Hill Madness Parade*

OCTOBER

10/1-3 *Road Trip, Charleston, SC*

NOVEMBER

11/20 *Concord Parade*
11/21 *Monroe Parade*
11/30 *Kannapolis Parade*

DECEMBER

12/4 *Road Trip, Old Salem, NC (evening trip for candlelight tour)*

* Non Club Event

Road Trip To (Lunch) Boone NC



Getting set to start the trip to Boone



View from Robert Morgan's mirror!



Hardy group that went on Blue Ridge Parkway



We drive to eat!

QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

APRIL 10 th .	CITY CHEVROLET
MAY 8 th .	NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER
JUNE 12 th .	ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE, EDDIE & JANE BURT
JULY 10 th .	NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER
AUGUST 14 th .	MARK & ADINA LEDFORDS
SEPTEMBER 11 th .	NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER
OCTOBER 9 th .	CITY CHEVROLET
NOVEMBER 13 th .	NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER
DECEMBER 11 th .	CHRISTMAS PARTY

ALL MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM, WITH A SOCIAL GATHERING.
THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND BEVERAGES

For those of you who missed last week's dinner at Jocks & Jills,

WE WON THE TRIVIA CONTEST!!!!

QCCC Members have cars AND brains !! One of the few questions we missed was, "What is a group of apes called?" ex: pride of lions, school of fish, etc. Does anyone know?

The first prize was a \$25 gift certificate to Jocks & Jills, so the next time we go there for Wednesday night dinner, that'll buy the appetizers & liquid refreshments.

Enjoy the week & Auto Fair.

See you April 7.

Jane

“Stay In It! Stay In It! Don’t Touch The Brake!.....” contributed by Jody Austin

I hadn’t breathed in what seemed like minutes, my heart rate was probably 500 beats per minute, my eyes were wide open and frozen with terror, the sphincter pucker index meter was pegged at a solid “10,” and every sense I had was saying, “Don’t listen to him, Jody, he’s evil and he’s crazy!”

That’s what it’s like going through turn 10, AKA “The Kink,” at Carolina Motor Sports Park, at 108 mph with an instructor who really wants you to explore the outer limits of your confidence and ability and he is telling you to stay in the throttle. The biggest problem, though, is he makes you do it time after time, and it is one of the most anxiety ridden, but rewarding experiences you can have, if you do it right. There are a couple of places on the track that are faster than “The Kink,” but few with the risk involved if you do it wrong. I guess these challenges are what keep us young and the adrenaline flowing.

There’s a point in our lives when we realize there isn’t much time left to learn to do things with a high level of proficiency and then enjoy the fruits of that learning; I’m at that point right now. One of my biggest fears is waking up one morning when I’m too old and saying, “If only.....” I want to learn to drive at a high level and to be comfortable with it. These driver’s education courses offered by many of the car clubs present us with the opportunity to do just that. Yep, there’s a little danger involved, but that is somewhat mitigated with the training given at these events. For those of y’all who want to be participants in life, and not just spectators, I recommend enrolling in a driver’s education course. There’s a certain vitality derived from these accomplishments.

Below is a picture a friend sent me that says it all!



Seven QCCC Members Have Exciting Weekend at Carolina Motor Sports Park



QCCC Members busy swapping stories and lies



It was tiring on the older crowd!



Larry trying to protect his car's paint



Gary needed his afternoon nap!