

August  
2004



Where We Drive to Eat

July was busy  
for QCCC  
Members:  
Parades,  
Meeting, Car  
Care Day,  
Lowes Motor  
Speedway  
Corvette Tribute  
and the Pool  
Party!



# Queens City Corvette Club, Inc

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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.

## The President's Message



I discussed at the last business meeting the need in finding someone to help with our QCCC website. Well, we've found the able bodied person to help. E.O. Oakley has volunteered to provide his assistance in being our new webmaster. The club has purchased the necessary software (at cost, thanks John Meadows) to be able to maintain the site. The software was provided previously by John Meadows whose company maintained the site at their own expense. Now we'll have our own copy of software to move to whoever is in charge of the site. E.O. mentioned his first order of business will be to clean up the site and then start reconstruction with current information. The software should be in shortly and work will start soon after. Thanks E.O. for the help!

This past weekend many of our members passed the oil wrench and changed their oil at Wally Crawford's Garage Mahal. More showed up at this car care day than previous and I venture to say that more will show at the next. The question of the day was, does one C5 look different underneath than another C5? As one to another C5 was lifted in the air, most had to look underneath to make sure everything was in order. Or at least to make sure our car was cleaner underneath than the other. Honestly, it makes a difference in the aerodynamics which makes more horsepower which lets us go faster. Yeah right. Anyway, thanks to Wally for opening his house up to a bunch of car fanatics. I don't want to know what you did with the old oil, but if the fish rise to the top of the pond, I'll call the EPA!

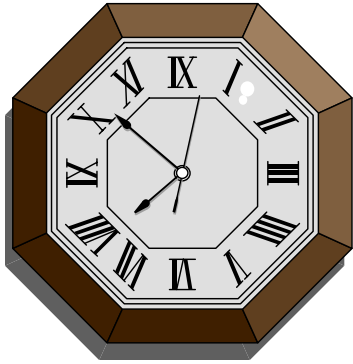
August will be a busy month. We have a trip to Bowling Green to visit the Corvette assembly plant on August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. A trip to Gatlinburg is planned for August 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. And some of us will be heading up to Carlisle August 27<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. That's a lot of windshield time, but then again we're driving Corvettes so who cares!

I've planned a Knight's Baseball game on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> for those who won't be going on the Gatlinburg trip. There'll be a picnic with all you can eat picnic style food, the game and then fireworks afterwards. I'm still working on us driving around the field before the game. Cost of the picnic will be \$11.00/person and the game tickets will be \$9.00/person for a total cost of \$20.00/person. If anyone would like to attend, please send me an email at [RMVette@AOL.COM](mailto:RMVette@AOL.COM) so I can get you on the list for future information. I'd like to gather the monies at our next meeting if possible. I'll be sending out more emails as the game date approaches.

Again, I hope to see you at the next meeting. 'Til then, save the wave!

**Robert**





## Minutes from the QCCC Meeting Saturday

July 10, 2004

The July business meeting of QCCC was held at Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Florence Prather, 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:

**Chris & Martha Davidson** – 1974 Coupe (in restoration) & 2000 Green Coupe, **Richard & Linda Craig** – former QCCC members in 1970's & 80's – 1985 Coupe & 2001 Navy Blue Convertible, **Dee & Pam Putnam**, son **Will** – 1999 Mag Red Coupe, 1996 Grand Sport, 1981 Gray Metallic Coupe, 1972 Green 4-speed Convertible, **Eric & Mary Forgach** – 1990 White Coupe, **Brian Weyneth & Teresa Patterson** – 1977 L-48 Black Coupe, **Mike Gullede** – 1974 Brown 454 Convertible, **Sheila Cable- Ken Smelter's** co-pilot.

New members voted in: Chris & Martha Davidson !!!

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

**Robert Morgan**, President

- Thanked **Jane & Eddie Burt** for hosting the June meeting BBQ and **Walt Krupowicz** for inviting the Corvette Assembly Plant's **Bill Merritt** who brought the beautiful black C6 Coupe
- For years, the QCCC Website had been graciously hosted & updated by John Meadows. However, his employee is no longer available to maintain it and the new IP provider now charges a monthly fee. A volunteer is needed to maintain & update the QCCC Website.
- Charlotte Knight's baseball game will be Sat. night Aug. 21 with an all-you-can-eat picnic before the game & fireworks after the game for \$20 person. We will also be able to drive through the stadium!

**Ben Horack**, Vice President

- Aug. meeting will be at **Mark & Adina Ledford's** house at Lake Wylie. Hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided. Bring chairs, drinks, & a side dish.
- Sept. & Nov. meetings will be at Northcross Medical Center, however, the meeting room is being moved to the left side of the building

**Ben Horack** for **Wally Crawford**, Automotive Events

- July 24 will be Car Care Day at **Wally & Anita Crawford's**. Hot dogs, hamburgers, & BBQ will be provided. Bring chairs, drinks, & a side dish, along with oil & filter.
- July 4th Parades: Indian Trail – had more cars than needed \* \* GREAT \* \*, Tega Cay – there was no one to carry, so we were sent home. We will not be doing the Tega Cay parade next year.
- QCCC is now Coca-Cola's "official carriers of dignitaries" for the Spring & Fall races at Lowe's Motor Speedway!
- Asked for a show of hands of those leaving Fri. Aug. 20 for Pigeon Forge.
- The presentation of our donation (from the Charity Fund) to the National Guard Chaplain's Relief Emergency was featured in the National Guard Newsletter
- Please sign the Attendance Sheet

**Florence Prather**, Treasurer

- Reviewed the June Treasury Report
- Third quarter dues are now due
- Copies of the Year-to-date Budget vs. Actual Report are available

**Jim Weisberg**, for **Kay Weisberg**, Social Events

- Aug. 20 – 22 – trip to Gatlinburg. **Wally** will lead a group on Friday morning. Staying at the Holiday Inn in Pigeon Forge. Can run Deal's Gap Sat. morning, if you dare.
- Oct. 1-3 – trip to Charleston. Staying at the Holiday Inn Riverview. Setting up a dinner Sat. night & a walking Ghost Tour
- Dec. Christmas Party – need help finding a place for 125 folks with a kitchen
- Jan. – Banquet at Hyatt at SouthPark
- Thanked **Vernita & Victor Reveron** for providing refreshments

**Eddie Burt**, Director of Membership

- Handed out the QCCC Member Status Report as of July 10, 2004 listing the New Members Joining in 2004, Members Resigning/Terminating in 2004, and Summary of Current Membership: 107 families/190 members

**Walt Krupowicz**, Member & NCRS Representative

- Thurs. Aug. 8 – will lead a trip to the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green. Leave Thurs. morning, tour the Assembly Plant & the National Corvette Museum on Fri., spend Sat. night in Pigeon Forge, and return Sun. Email Walt if you're interested in going. The C-6's are being built now.
- Aug. 27-29 – **Robert Morgan** and **Karl Slavetsky** are going to Carlisle PA for the Corvette Swap & Auction where **Chip Miller's** 1957 Corvette will be auctioned

*John Meadows*, Member

- *Linda's* partial knee replacement surgery went fine & she is on the road to recovery

*David Sigman*, Member

- He has a 3M clear front-end protective cover on his car. A manufacturer's rep will be at *Wally's* on Car Care Day if you have any questions.
- David will also share how to reprogram your tire pressure sensors

*Skip Koski*, Member

- He and *Patty Wright* will be married on August 21!!!

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Burt*, Secretary

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**Somehow, I think  
the secret is out!!**



Photos in this issue courtesy of Bob Denney, Ken Smelter, and Charlie Binder.

## **QCCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY JUNE 29, 2004**

The June Board meeting was held at Robert and Vanessa Morgan's house, Matthews, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Florence Prather, Kay Weisberg, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt.

Guests: Jim Weisberg, John Meadows

President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

### Robert:

Corvette Appreciation Night at the Speedway July 2

Pool party at Wade and Sue Stickles' July 4

Knights baseball game Sat. Aug. 21 with buffet and tickets for only \$20 per person

Welcomed John Meadows to the meeting and thanked him for all his time and efforts in creating and maintaining the QCCC website for all these years

### John Meadows:

Gave the status of the QCCC website. Is changing the IP website host because of problems with the former one. The new one charges \$8 per month. The QCCC Board approved this expense. We now need someone, preferably with web design experience, to take over the maintenance and updating of the website. Robert will email the club members for volunteers.

### Florence:

Gave the bank account and dues status

Will present a mid-year Expense vs. Budget Report at the next meeting

### Ben:

Discussed future meeting locations

Read a thank you note from Coca-Cola for our participation in the 600 pre-race laps

Has an attorney working on an indemnification agreement for the club

### Kay:

Discussed the Gatlinburg trip in Aug., the Charleston trip in Oct., and the Banquet in Jan.

No location for the Christmas Party yet

Discussed possible local Christmas Charities

### Wally:

Car Care Day will be at his Garage July 24

Reviewed July 4 parade details

### Eddie:

Will contact members who have not paid January 2004 dues

Will prepare QCCC Business Cards for Wally to give to Dealerships to distribute to buyers of Corvettes

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Jane Burt**, Secretary

## **QCCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY JULY 29, 2004**

The July Board meeting was held at Robert and Vanessa Morgan's house, Matthews, NC.  
Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Florence Prather, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt.

President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

### Robert:

Thanked Wally for Car Care Day at his garage  
Knights baseball game Sat. Aug. 21 with buffet and tickets for only \$20 per person  
EO Oakley will assume the maintenance of the QCCC Website from John Meadows. The Board approved the purchase of the appropriate software to accomplish this.  
Need to start getting Door Prizes for the Banquet  
Wally will solicit members for the Charity Committee

### Florence:

Gave the bank account, budget, and dues status

### Ben:

Discussed future meeting locations  
Has given QCCC Business Cards to City Chevrolet  
Has arranged a tour of Jamison's Custom Corvette during the Charleston trip in October

### Wally:

Discussed future Road Trips, MDA Picnic, Auto Fair, & Parades  
Discussed possible dates for the next Car Show at City Chevrolet

### Eddie:

1 family resigned this week  
Printed 250 QCCC Business Cards & gave to Wally & Ben to give to Dealerships to distribute to buyers of Corvettes. Gave some to Jimmy Morrison last week.  
Presented quote for QCCC car window flags

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

**Jane Burt**, Secretary



# VP REPORT



**August Business Meeting:** Our August Business Meeting will be at Mark & Adina Ledford's home between Lake Wylie & York, SC. Lots of food & fun for all. Maybe we can talk Mark into giving truck rides. As usual, please remember to bring your own beverages; Big People's & regular. Get all "Tuned up" 'cause Mark will have everyone doing Karaoke. I'm attaching the map & directions to the meeting for those not familiar with the location.

**Future Meetings:** The September & November meetings will have us back up North in Huntersville. For those not at the last meeting, we'll be meeting in a new community room at the medical center. It's on the back side, as you come to the building, go around to the left to the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of sliding doors PAST "Urgent Care" and look for the brightly colored cars. October we're back at City Chevrolet's Service Dept. December will be our Christmas party.

**Road Trips & Parades:** Congratulations to Wally for pulling off the Independence Day Parades. Don't forget the Matthews Alive Parade at the end of this month, also known as the "let it rain" parade. Speaking of our Automotive "King of the Road," his car care day was bigger & better than last time. There were cars on the rack from before 09:00 AM until after 5:30 PM. I'm not sure how many cars got serviced, but the drivers went through around 50 hamburgers, 30 hot dogs & a pork butt; all in the comfort of Wally's air conditioned garage. Chuck Baird even let Wally put his red '62 on the lift. Now that's a NICE CAR!!!!

**Final Thoughts:** Don't forget the road trip to Gatlinburg on August 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a side trip up the Tail of the Dragon at Deal's Gap, 318 curves in 11 miles. Sure don't want to miss that, then 2 nights in Pigeon Forge. Sounds like more fun & food to me and all this time I thought we were a car club. The Holiday Inn Resort in Pigeon Forge still has rooms available at \$79.00/ night for QCCC members.

For those of you who can't make the Gatlinburg/ Deal's Gap adventure, Robert has an evening at Knight's Castle for, you guessed it, more FOOD and baseball.

September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Auto Fair. Wally's going to be looking for another big turnout! This is the toughest job for your Automotive Director, so please put this on your calendar so you can see John Meadows, Reggie Black & Rob Gallman win more trophies.

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Charleston trip. We'll be camped out at the Holiday Inn Riverview on the Ashley River. The rooms are \$99.00/ night. Reservations can be made at 800-766-4451, code COR. Want to bet we're talking More Food! There'll be carriage rides, Ghost walks and more. The deadline on the rooms is Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. If there's enough interest, I'll try to get a tour through Jamison's Custom Corvettes shop in North Charleston on Saturday.

Summer may be winding down, but there will be plenty of activities yet to come.

**Ben**

## FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT

With July almost behind us and August around the corner, summer continues to roll along. Last month I made some remark about a slower pace in summer. Not sure where that came from, but my life, within the club or outside the club, certainly hasn't slowed. Maybe it was just wishful thinking.



Our second car care day was a big hit with members. We had 15 cars up for oil change, did a couple CAGS jumper installs, convinced a few people that they may want to run a FilterMag or something similar on their cars, switched a few over to magnetic drain plugs, and ate a hell of a lot of food. The sign up sheet shows 25 people in attendance, and they ate enough food to sustain a third world country. 37 hamburgers, 21 hotdogs, most of a barbecued pork butt, chips, not nearly enough baked beans, and all of the "accouterments". **THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!**

I think there are some revelations about our club in these statistics. We like to eat. (duh). Check out Charlie's by line for the newsletter. There is untapped performance potential in our cars. Less weight=more power. Personally I just buy speed parts. We are a socially responsible group as witnessed by all the left over baked beans. No wonder Jane's Wednesday night dinners are popular. Any restaurant owner in his right mind would welcome this group.

Special thanks to Burger Ben Horack for doing the cooking, Steve Trece with Zaino Products for coming out and making his products available, my son Michael for helping with all the cars and my wife for letting me have the workshop of my dreams..

August is full of events. Walt and Wendy K are starting the month off with a trip to the museum and manufacturing plant in Bowling Green. There is an MDA (Jerry's Kids) picnic that we have been asked to attend on 8/11,

followed by our trip to Gatlinburg and then Corvette's at Carlisle the end of the month.

We need to start looking ahead to September and AutoFair at Lowe's Motor Speedway on September 18/19. I am opening signups via email with the publication of this newsletter. If you want to sign up, please email me and I will put your name on the list. Please read the *Guidelines for Participation* that is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. Those guidelines will apply. We will also have a sign up sheet at the next meeting. I have been in touch with the AutoFair people and we have 30 slots for both days. I have no idea where we will be positioned again, but hope to know by next meeting.

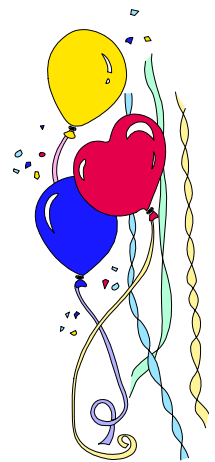
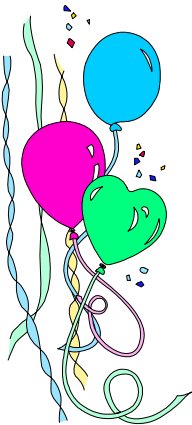
Till next time.....

Keep the rubber side down.

**Wally**

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## Wedding Bells Will Soon Be Ringing !



**Skip Koski and Patty Wright will soon be tying the knot!**

## QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>.                    MARK & ADINA LEDFORD'S

SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>.                NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER

OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>.                    CITY CHEVROLET

NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>.                NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER

DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>.                CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

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**Note For the August meeting at Mark and Adina's please bring the following items according to your last initial.**

**A - B** -> Side Dish (anything that goes with a cookout)  
**C - H** -> Desserts  
**I - R** -> Snacks (chips & dips, etc.)  
**S - Z** -> Salads (of any kind)

They will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Please call: they need to get a head count, and want to find out if they need to get any chicken in case people want something other than hamburgers and hot dogs.

They are requesting people to bring chairs and drinks, and also portable tents in case of rain, or excessive heat. They have a deck - but it is not covered.

**Arrive any time after 4. -- Eat at 6 -- Meeting at 6:30.**

They will have lawn games such as volleyball, horseshoes, croquet, etc.

## July Meeting at Northcross Medical Center



Robert keeping QCCC members mesmerized with his presentation!



Like what's on her plate Gerry??



## Queens City Corvette Club 2004 Automotive Events Schedule

### AUGUST

8/5-8/8 Road Trip- Bowling Green, KY Corvette Museum + Factory  
8/20-22 Road Trip, Gatlinburg/Deals Gap, TN  
8/27-29 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  
10/24 Road Trip, Columbia Zoo

### NOVEMBER

11/7 Tom Smith Garage 2:00PM  
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

  
The following is a excerpt from *Performance Press*, an in house publication from the Bowling Green Assembly Plant dated June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Bill Merritt**, manager of Vehicle Assembly Engineering, spent quality time with members of the Queen City Corvette Club in Charlotte, North Carolina last weekend. In talking with dozens of customers, he found that they are really excited about the 2005 Corvette. They like the new headlights, he said, but they also love their C5s. An overwhelming majority said the C6 would have to be “nearly perfect” to impress them as much as their C5s do.

## Car Care Day at Wally's Garage is Huge Success!



Yep, the plaque at the door says it all!



25 Members enjoyed the good food and companionship as Wally and his son Michael paid careful attention to QCCC members' cars.



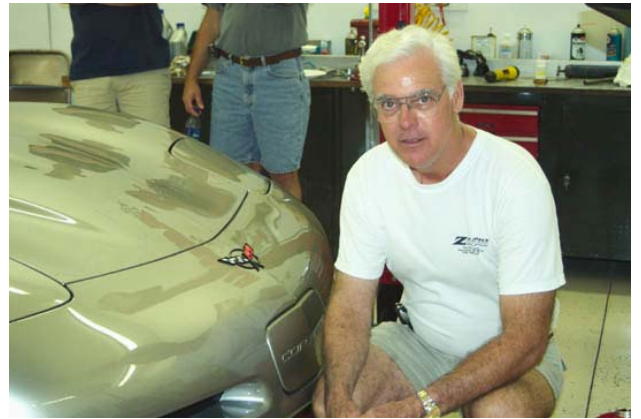
Wrestling with an oily filter!





**Phil Smith showed members where road debris flipped up and penetrated the floor board of his new Torch Red Z06.**

**Steve Trece featured Zaino products and the new “invisible bra” on Dave Sigmon’s coupe.**



**I don't know what they are all looking for, but they sure are having fun doing it!**



## Guidelines for Participation Limited Venue Events

- All QCCC Members will be limited to entering one car to give the most members an opportunity. Members wishing to enter a second car should make their intentions known ASAP and will go on a waiting list for the 2<sup>nd</sup> car. 2<sup>nd</sup> cars will be allowed as space permits in the order that they were registered.
- Prospective members will be given an opportunity to enter provided there is adequate space. Contact the Automotive Events Director ASAP and indicate your interest. Slots will be awarded based on sign up.
- Cut off is three weeks prior to the first day of the event. Director of Automotive Events will use his discretion, subject to these guidelines, to fill the allocated slots.
- Remaining slots, if any, will be awarded to anyone who wants to show with QCCC whether or not they are members.

**Only members in good standing are  
eligible for trophies !**

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### Meet the New Members

Chris and Martha Davidson  
Of Charlotte , have two  
Corvettes:  
2000 Bowling Green Coupe  
1974 Coupe - work in progress



## Coca Cola 600 Brings Thanks

Ben Horack believes that the QCCC caravan of Corvettes will be a permanent fixture at Lowes Motor Speedway for parading officials.

June 17, 2004

Dear Ben,

I wanted to express sincere appreciation on behalf of Coca-Cola Consolidated for all the help that the Queen City Corvette Club provided us at the Coca-Cola 600. Our guests were thrilled to get to ride around the famous Lowes Motor Speedway in such spectacular vehicles! The club will soon be receiving some hats and T-shirts as a small token of our sincere thanks. We hope to see you all again next year at the Coca-Cola 600.

Sincerely,  
Alison Patient



## Directions to Mark and Adina Ledford's House

### From North Carolina

Take Route I-77 South to Exit 90 – Carowinds Blvd.

From exit ramp, make Right turn onto Carowinds Blvd.

Follow Carowinds Blvd. to Route 49 (approx. 1.5 miles)

Make a Left turn onto Route 49

Follow South towards Buster Boyd Bridge and S. Carolina

From Buster Boyd Bridge – go to your third traffic light.

Make a Left turn to continue on Route 49 at the intersection with  
Winn-Dixie / Wendy's & Burger King.

Follow Route 49 another 5.25 miles.

On the Left will be a community named "The Timbers".

Make Left turn here onto Clegg Farm Road.

Make next left onto Timber Creek Dr.

Make next Right turn onto Fawn Forest Lane. Follow to end.

House is on the far right.

**Parking will be up Fawn Forest Lane. It is a cul-de-sac with only four houses – there will be plenty of parking!**

Mark & Adina Ledford  
739 Fawn Forest Lane  
York, SC 29745  
803-628-6415 - home  
803-526-1653 – Mark cell



## Items of Interest

**Deals Gap Run:** We will be staying in Gatlinburg at the: Holiday Inn Resort 3230 Parkway Pigeon Forge, TN: Phone 800-782-3119 August 20-22. To make reservations, tell them you are with Queen City Corvette Club in order to ensure the rates. Rooms will be \$79.99 per night plus tax. They will have either 1 king size or 2 double beds with 1 to 4 people occupying a room. All standard rooms have refrigerators, coffee makers, hairdryers and iron and ironing boards (I know you wanted to hear that) They also have mini suites for \$99.99 per night plus tax. The Holiday Inn has an indoor swimming pool, hot tub, and exercise facility, and full service restaurant. For more information, please visit the web site @ [www.4lodging.com](http://www.4lodging.com) Wally will be planning a wonderful drive through Deal's Gap and we will plan a group dinner for Saturday night.

**Charleston Trip:** October 1-3 Staying at the Holiday Inn Riverview ,301 Savannah Hwy & Hwy 17 Charleston, SC Phone 1-800-766-4451, Rooms are \$99.00 per night. To make reservations, Reference code "COR" to get this rate, They will be held until 9/10/04. The Holiday Inn Charleston Riverview is a 14 story circular high rise located on the banks of The Ashley River. It has recently been redone. For more information go to their web site [www.holiday-inn.com/chs-riverview](http://www.holiday-inn.com/chs-riverview). A group dinner is planned for Saturday night and a special Ghost Walk to follow. More details at the July and August meetings.

**Bowling Green Trip:** Thurs. Aug. 8 - Walt Krupowicz will lead a trip to the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green. Plan on leaving Thursday morning. Then tour the Assembly Plant & the National Corvette Museum on Friday. They will spend Saturday night in Pigeon Forge, and return home on Sunday. Email Walt if you're interested in going at [oneowner6901@carolina.rr.com](mailto:oneowner6901@carolina.rr.com) . Reminder: The C-6's are being built now.

**A New Lotus is on the way.**



### LOTUS ELISE 1,975 lbs.

The skinny here is that the car's chassis, made of bonded, extruded aluminum, weighs just 150 pounds. And the molded composite body is significantly lighter than standard fiberglass. Introduced in the U.S. in June as a 2005 model, this mid-engine roadster has a 1.8-liter, four-cylinder Toyota Celica engine that produces 190 horsepower. That may sound anemic, but the engine needs to push only 1,975 pounds. The result? Zero-to-60 in 4.8 seconds, and it moves like a cheetah. Even the pedals are extruded aluminum. Says Steve Swift, the company's engineering chief: "It's the most Lotus Lotus we've ever made." \$40,000; [lotuscars.com](http://lotuscars.com)

# July Pool Party a Big Splash!

**QCCC Members enjoyed the hospitality of hosts Sue and Wade Stickels as well as the hot weather and cool water.**

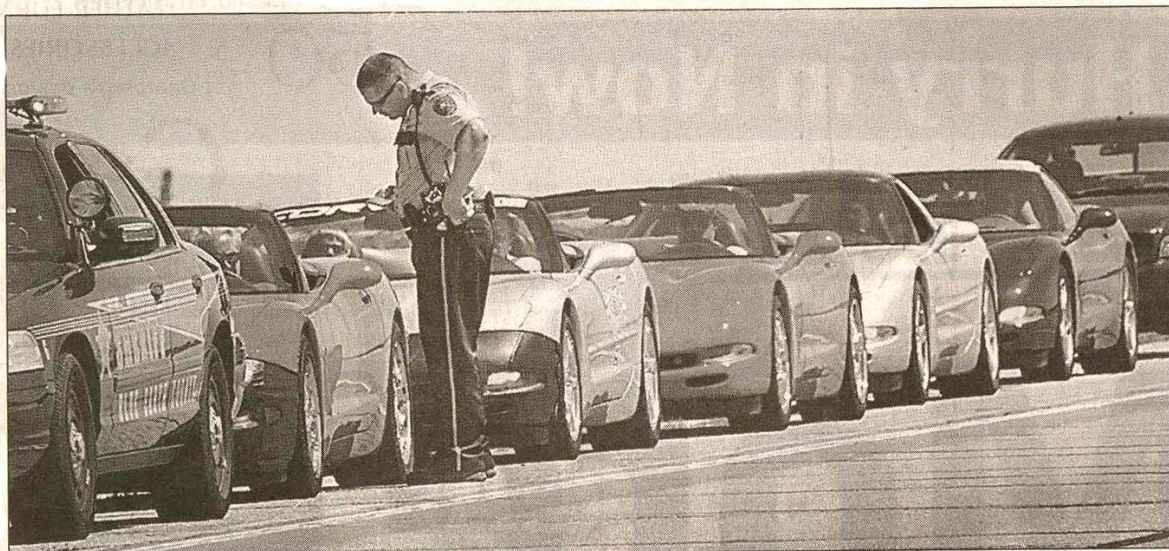


**Apparently some forgot their bikinis and made the best of it by just enjoying the atmosphere!**



## Got your radar detector on??

### BUSTED



JOHN CROSS/AP, The Free Press

**Blue Earth County, Minn., Sheriff's Deputy Rick Miller** works his way down a line of five of the eight Corvettes he stopped Wednesday for speeding to issue citations east of Lake Crystal, Minn. Miller stopped the sports cars, all enroute to the 33rd Annual Black Hills Corvette Classic in South Dakota, at the same time after clocking them on Highway 60 driving 95 mph in a 65 mph zone. Each driver faces a \$162 fine.

It pays to have your  
vehicle receive proper  
maintenance !



## The Queen City Corvette Club says “Thank You” to members of the North Carolina National Guard and their families.

By Kathleen Flaherty, *Family Readiness Program Manager*.

The Queen City Corvette Club formed in 1968 is a non-profit club which strives to organize and promote exciting, safe and fun ways to enjoy their corvettes. Many of you may not know they also raise money for and participate with various charities.

Ben Horack, vice-president of the Queen City Corvette Club, has a tremendous amount of respect for the members of the NCANC and their mission. During his military career, he along with others from Ft. Bragg was transported on our C-130s back in the 1980s. Ben has a number of friends and associates with the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

This Queen City Corvette Club, which has many veterans, wanted to do something to make a difference and help families of our deployed members during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Robert Morgan, president and Ben Horack, vice-president presented a check in the amount of \$825 to the NCNG Chaplain's Emergency Relief Fund.

This fund does a terrific job with financial emergencies. The Club's generous donation to this cause we believe is vital to the well being and morale of our airmen, soldiers, and their families.

We would like to thank the Queen City Corvette Club members for their generosity, support, and especially for keeping our military members and their families in their thoughts.



Editor's Note: This article and photo appeared in the "Tarheel Times" a publication of the NC Air National Guard

# Everyone Loves A Parade!!



This year's  
Indian Trail  
Parade was  
no exception!





## The Corvette Tribute At Lowes Motor Speedway



You have to love that drive  
on the open track!



## Check It Out!!

Get a taste of AutoWeek's Review of the C6. For a full report go to

<http://tinyurl.com/3vqr3>

**The car that they tested:**

**2005 CHEVROLET CORVETTE**

**BASE PRICE:** \$44,245

**POWERTRAIN:** 6.0-liter, 400-hp, 400 lb-ft V8; rwd, six-speed manual

**CURB WEIGHT:** 3179 pounds

**0 TO 60 MPH:** 4.2 seconds (mfr.)

Dave Hill's refinement mantra really came into play both on the Southern Virginia rural two lanes around VIR and at the track. The C6 proved easy to drive hard and fast. The 6.0-liter LS2 V8 develops a stout 400 hp and 400 lb-ft. That's enough to propel the car to 60 mph in 4.2 seconds, on up to its 186-mph top speed, a speed that makes it the fastest production Corvette in history. The engine felt like a big block, which was the intention. Acceleration was right-now, and the engine pulled and howled beautifully up to the 6500-rpm redline. And there was just gobs of torque-you could probably get away with a two-speed manual instead of the six-speed: One gear to get off the line, another to take you to 186 mph.

That six-speed is a Tremec transaxle, again mounted in the rear. The gear lever has been shortened an inch and the throw travel has been reduced. There's also a four-speed automatic available as an option. GM anticipates a 50-50 sales mix, manual to automatic. The shorter-throw shifter is a welcome improvement and worked much better than the C5's. The shifts came easier and more quickly, compared to the more bulky feel of the C5, which sometimes could remind you of a '67 Chevelle bracket racer. Clutch takeup in the C6 was also quite a bit smoother, and with a lot less pedal effort.

On both the road and at VIR the C6's ride was noticeably softer, more relaxing than a C5 Z06, thanks to the longer wheelbase, stiffer structure, longer suspension travel and new tires. The LS2 has been moved forward a couple of inches in the chassis but is 15 pounds lighter than the LS1, so the 51-49 weight distribution stays about the same as the C5. GM engineers said wind and road noise have been cut dramatically-overall the car feels a lot faster, but also more comfortable, less fatiguing

C6 prices were announced a few weeks ago, starting at \$44,245; \$52,245 for the convertible. We say the C6 is worth the wait. Now bring on the Z06.