





St Patrick's Day Parade, Spencer Tansportation Museum, Gary's BBQ, Meeting and Brake Workshop Keeps QCCC Members Very Busy! Where We Drive to Eat







Jody Austin likes to keep his driving habits secret!

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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

Dear Fellow QCCC Members;

Spring has officially sprung! The birds are chirping, the weeds are growing and soon we will be mowing our lawns. How much fun is that? I'd rather be out in the yard playing with Peyton. She's a little young to take out in the Vette, so I'll reserve the rides with



the top out for when her Nana and Poppy have her for the weekend and Vanessa and I can cruise alone! That's a treat!

Get ready for AutoFair. It's fast approaching and it looks like we have met our quota for the club participation. AutoFair, for those who haven't participated before, is the largest auto parts swap meet in the US. You'll see tons of cars for sale, parts for sale and other Corvette clubs and car clubs displaying their cars. If you need restoration parts for your car, this is the place to be. If you're displaying your car with the club, don't forget to bring a chair, sunglasses and drinks. Your day will surely be occupied by others in the club swapping car stories. Why do you think it's called a swap meet?

Due to AutoFair, our club meeting will be delayed till the next weekend and it will be at Wally Crawford's house/garage/temple or whatever you want to call it. Actually it will be a sock hop and chili cook off with a meeting in there somewhere. Girls come dressed in your poodle skirt and guys don't forget to use plenty of VO5! (For those too young to remember VO5 I can't explain it.) April 21st thru the 23rd is the C5/C6 birthday bash at the National Corvette Museum (not a club sponsored event). Then on April 29th and 30th the Coastal Corvette Association will conduct their annual Savannah Gathering. The Savannah Gathering is also a non club sponsored event, but Vanessa and I have been three times before and have had great fun. See our website for details.

At the last meeting, it was mentioned that a QCCC member locked his keys in his car while stepping out to take pictures during the Richard Childress Winery road trip. I certainly won't mention the name, but his initials are Bob Denney. Nevertheless after that unfortunate event, I coincidentally received an email from my brother with an interesting article attached. Now take this story with a grain of salt because I haven't tested it. As the story goes, if you lock your keys in your car, use your cell phone to call someone that may have a spare key to your car. Have that person hold your spare key near their phone and press the unlock button. Hold your cell phone a foot away from your car door while the other person is pressing the unlock button on the spare key. Your car will unlock! From what the article says that distance is not a factor. Supposedly my brother tested this and it worked. I'm not saying he's right or wrong but it is an interesting concept!

The next time you visit our website, you'll see a lot of changes. Events, tech tips and a classified page have either been added or updated. Check it out at <u>www.queencitycorvette.com</u>.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. Save the wave!

Robert





April Business Meeting:

Our April Business Meeting will be in the great Nation of

Stanfield... which is even smaller than Troutman. (Better bring your passports.) This meeting is our Sock-Hop at the Crawford's Garage Mahal. Come dressed as a Greaser, Surfer, Hippie, bobby socks, poodle skirts or whatever you want. <u>Please bring your chairs</u> and your own beverages. A map leading to the festivities is in this newsletter. One consideration, the hotel space in and around Stanfield has been booked for years with all of the world events taking place there. You may need to toss a coin with your partner and determine a designated driver...or bring sleeping bags. Seriously we want everyone to have a fantastic time at the party and be safe afterwards.

The Childress Road Trip:

Our trip to the Richard Childress Racing Museum and Winery was a home run. We had fortythree (43) members and prospective members on this trip. There were more than twenty beautiful Corvettes and one five door vehicle....Heather Artis has not yet passed her driver's test so she could not drive one of Gary's Vetts... so the Artis' had to make the trip in their van It sure felt good to get back out on the road after a winter's break. The Richard Childress organization did the two facilities right. I couldn't help but feel a lot of nostalgia in the museum. We are very lucky to live where there are so many great places to see.

March Business Meeting:

I know that during my short time with the Club, we've never had so many prospective members join our meetings. It must be Jane and Eddie hanging around parking lots and our excellent web site, courtesy of our Web Master, E O Oakley. We all want to see those cars you have. Sign up for our car shows at Auto Fair in April and our car show at City Chevrolet in May. We have a lot of fun and it is a great way to get to know your fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

Corvette verses Viper

It's finally over and the Corvette wins ...hands down!!! The February 2005 issue of "Car and Driver" finally puts this issue to rest. There is an article with very interesting data on each car. Let's compare:

	CORVETTE C-6 ZO6	VIPER
Cubic inches	427.6	505
Est. Base Price	\$62,500	\$86,000
HP	500 @ 6,200rpm	500 @ 4,200rpm
Torque	475 lb-ft @ 4,800rpm	525 lb-ft @ 4,200rpm
Weight	3150	3450
0 - 60	3.8 sec	3.9 sec
0 - 100	7.7 sec	8.5 sec
¹ / ₄ mile	11.7 sec @ 127 mph	12.1 sec @ 121 mph
Fuel	16 city, 22 hwy	12 city, 20 hwy

The only question is...who will be the First in QCCC to own a C-6 ZO6 ???...GLORIA??

Final Thoughts:

And now for your monthly dose of Corvette history straight out of the Corvette Black Book:

April 18, 1959: The Sting Ray racer appears at Maryland's Marlboro Raceway. It is privately entered by William L. Mitchell and driven by the "flying dentist" Dr. Dick Thompson. Using the chassis from a left over SS Corvette test mule, Mitchell directed the design of a spectacular new body, which will lend its design theme to production Corvettes in 1963.

April 10, 1960: John Fitch and Bob Grossman bring their #3 Corvette home in eighth place overall at the 24-hours of LeMans.

April 1, 1967: The L88 big block sees its first race action at the 12-hour Sebring event, winning it's GT Class and placing 10th overall.

April 22, 1980: Dave McLellan makes a formal presentation for approval to design and build an all new generation of Corvettes, tentatively scheduled for 1983. GM's Product Policy Group approves.

April 19, 1989: Chevrolet notifies its dealers that, due to insufficient engine availability, the ZR-1will be delayed and released as a 1990 model.

April 21, 1996: Zora Arkus-Duntov dies in Gross Point, Michigan.

From the May 2005 issue of <u>Corvette Magazine</u>: At 1:15 PM CDT on April 28, 1995, a Torch Red ZR-1 rolled off the line as the last King of the Hill ever built. There to greet it was its creator, Dave McLellan, plus Chevrolet head Jim Perkins and hundreds of ZR-1 owners who'd come out to pay their respects. At 2:30 that afternoon, the car was driven by Perkins and McLellan to the National Corvette Museum and put on permanent display, marking the end of an extraordinary era in the model's history.

Jerry

Remember, the only scent sweeter than a bouquet of flowers on a special day to a special someone is the smell of the interior of a new C-6

A.J. Storey gives a big "high five" as he rides in style in Candace and Sean's Coupe!





Minutes from QCCC Meeting Saturday, March 12, 2005

The March business meeting of QCCC was held at Carolinas Medical Center in Huntersville.

ⓒ Kudos to Pam Putnam for providing the delicious snacks before the meeting. ⓒ

Officers present were: Robert Morgan, Jerry Scienski, Margo Gross, Florence Prather, Jane Burt, Eddie Burt and Wally Crawford

President, Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Visitors were: Lisa Yeager, Bill Locke, Eric & Tamara LeBoucher, Bill Cox & Beth Perrell, Bruce & Linda Keith, Chris & Melissa Patton, Adam & Stacey Shuster, Nelson & Barbara Sprague, Mark Curtis, Paul Gresham, Ken Roughen, Paul and Rita Schulz, Jim & Martha Vaughn

New members voted in: *Joe Korchmar* – 1973 Orange Coupe, *Larry Yeager* – 1999 Red Coupe, *Kelly Walker* – 1996 Silver Coupe and *Debbie Rockhold* – 1981 Silver/Charcoal Coupe.

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Related a recent experience with repair work done at City Chevrolet and how nice the 25% discount was.
- Mentioned the damage that was done to a members' car at the recent road trip to Childress Museum and Winery. Melissa Patton suggested that perhaps several members could carry a walkie talkie with them when the group is indoors. In that way if anyone spots suspicious activity going on or near cars it can be relayed to those who are a distance from their cars.
- Reminded members we can get the club logo monogrammed at Monogram Magic in Mint Hill.
- Mentioned that anyone who has not had a picture of their corvette taken should get with Bob Denny. These pictures will be appearing on the QCCC website along with your first name. Please let E.O. Oakley know if you do NOT want your car shown on the website.

Jerry Scienski, Vice President

- Informed new members and guests about the point system and the importance of signing the attendance sheet at all meetings and functions.
- Mentioned that this Quarter's Point report will be coming out in April.

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- Passed out 2005 budget and reviewed line items. During the review several suggestions were made to add a few additional line items.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2005 budget.

Wally Crawford, Automotive Events Chair

- Mentioned that for the Sock Hop/Chili Cook-off members will have to park on the side of the road and therefore urged members to drive something other than their Corvette.
- Reminded the club that Jodie Austin will be conducting a brake school at his home March 13th where he will show how to change the brake pads and rotors on a C5.
- Briefed the club on an upcoming high performance event being held at Kershaw, SC on June 3rd that will allow convertibles.
- Asked Carl Slavetsky to give the club a brief report about the upcoming Auto Fair being held at Lowe's Motor Speedway April 10th & 11th.

Jane Burt, Social Events Chair

- Discussed road trip March 26th to Transportation Museum and Gary's Barbeque.
- Told club that the June weekend trip to the mountains has been cancelled because of the St. Augustine trip in May.
- Gave brief summary of November weekend trip to Lake Lure Inn. Dates are 11/4/05-11/6/05. Rooms will be \$99/night.
- Mentioned that the January banquet will be held at the Speedway Club with a dinner buffet and cash bar.
- Asked Wendy to give a report on upcoming Sock Hop/Chili Cook-off that will be held at Wally and Anita's 4/16/05.
- Wendy asked that everyone bring chairs and drinks and remember to dress in 50-60's attire. Members and guests should also bring some cash along to vote on your favorite chili. Money raised through voting will go into the club's Charity fund.



Eddie Burt, Membership Chair

- Thanked guests for coming and asked each to introduce themselves and tell a little bit about their cars.
- Updated club on guests who will be eligible for membership at tonight's meeting.
- Discussed details of upcoming trip to St. Augustine.

Joe Corl mentioned that someone has purchased 200 acres near Salisbury and has plans to build a track similar to that in Kershaw, SC.

Mark Ledford suggested we have some type of set procedure in place so that in the future when we do road caravans we will be able to avoid confusion and congestion. Problems arise when the caravan is larger than 10 cars and the rear cars cannot hear the lead car instructions or warnings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Margo Gross*, Secretary

Brake Clinic - Dance Lessons?? Which is it?

Jody Austin and Wally Crawford were clever in their ability to disguise a set of dance lessons for the male members as a brake clinic. This came to our attention when numerous female QCCC members flooded our lines wanting to know why the "Brake Workshop" was held in



Men lined up for dance instruction!

Troutman instead of the Garage Mahal near Concord. The men had advised

their ladies that there was no need to come to a boring brake workshop and besides, Troutman's mall consisted of two convenience stores side by side. Wally and Jody wanted all the men to make a good showing at the April Sock-Hop. Let's hope they were successful!





Wally reviewing basics of rhythm timing!

Jody is illustrating circular floor moves as Larry practices this step!

Brake Workshop Highlights Proper Changing Techniques

Jody Austin and Wally Crawford teamed up to put on a workshop that described both theory and practical aspects of brakes on a Corvette. After an overview of the hydraulic system, they showed the proper method of raising a Corvette on jacks.





Using a floor jack with the necessary lift pads, Jody jacked up the front, and placed jack

stands to secure the vehicle. Then he proceeded to use a strong board and raised the entire rear placing jack stands under the board to stabilize the vehicle. This gave him all four wheels off the ground.





Front Brake Assembly Before Change

Close-up of old rotor showing stress cracks from excessive heat.

Jody has made a decision to invest in his 206 instead of his 401K. He is confident that Social Security will take care of all of his needs during his golden years.



Phil McGuire is checking the lift arrangement!

Jody stressed that the bolts holding the caliper assembly to the car require 150 lb ft of torque and will be difficult to remove. Below Jody is using Judy's turkey baster to remove brake fluid from the





New rotor on and now draining old fluid out!





master cylinder - please don't let Judy find out about this!



What are they pondering?

QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

Apr 16th	Meeting and Sock Hop and Chili Cook Off – Crawford's, Stanfield, NC	
May 14th	Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC (tentative)	
Jun 11th	Meeting and Eddie's BBQ and Covered Dish	
Jul 9th	Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC	
Aug 13th	Meeting and Ledford's Cookout and Covered dish	
Sep 10th	Harley Davidson of Charlotte, Matthews, NC	
Oct 8th	Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC (tentative)	
Nov 12th	Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC	
Dec 10th	Meeting and Christmas Party – Harley Davidson of Charlotte (tentative)	

USUALLY A SOCIAL GATHERING AT 6:00 PM WITH A BUSINESS MEETING AT 6:30 PM.

Eddie Burt found an inexpensive way to enhance your Corvette with a spoiler!



March Meeting Highlights







Wendy leading us in a song!





They have the money!

















Photos in this issue courtesy of Gary Artis, Sean Storey, Bob Denney and Charlie Binder

QCCC 2005 Automotive And Social Events Schedule

APRIL

4/3



4/9-10 AutoFair
4/16 Club Meeting, Sock Hop and Chili Cook Off – Crawford's, Stanfield, NC

SCCA Autocross, G-Braves*

- 4/21-23 C5/C6 Bash at NCM*
- 4/29-30 Savannah Gathering*

May

5/1	SCCA Autocross, Intimidators*
5/5	Parade of Lights (tentative)
5/7	Rt. 16 Cruise*
5/12-14	ZR-1/C4 Gathering at NCM*
5/14	Club Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC (tentative)
5/20-22	Beach Trip - St. Augustine, FL
5/26-28	Corvette Forum Cruise-In at NCM*
5/28-29	Coca Cola 600 Parade

June

6/4	Myrtle Beach Car Show*
6/5	SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*
6/11	Club Meeting - Eddie's BBQ and Covered Dish
6/25 or 26	Drive to the Mountains to Eat Somewhere
6/24-26	Bloomington Gold*

July

7/4	Parades
7/9	Club Meeting – Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
7/10	SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*
7/21-23	Z06 Fest at NCM*
7/23	Car Care Day and Ladies Day Out

August

8/6	Road Trip for BBQ – Cashiers, NC
8/13	Club Meeting – Ledford's Cookout and covered dish
8/26-27	Corvettes at Carlisle*

September

9/3-4	SCCA Autocross site TBA*
9/3	Matthews Alive Parade
9/10	Club Meeting – Harley Davidson of Charlotte
9/17-18	Auto Fair
9/24	Mint Hill Madness Parade
9/29-10/1	Pace Car Reunion at NCM*

October

10/2	SCCA Autocross, Intimidators*
10/5	Hopebuilders 5K Race for Brain Tumor Research
10/8	Club Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC (tentative)
10/13-15	C3 Extravaganza at NCM*
10/15-16	UAW/GM Parade

November

- 11/5-6 Mountain Trip to Lake Lure Inn
- 11/12 Club Meeting Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
- 11/13 SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*
- 11/19 Concord Christmas Parade
- 11/20 Monroe Christmas Parade
- 11/29 Kannapolis Christmas Parade

December

12/10 Club Meeting and Christmas Party – Harley Davidson of Charlotte

January (2006)

1/21 Banquet at Speedway Club

*<u>Non Club Event</u>

Remember last month's challenge from E.O.??

At 60 mph, a car travels 1 mile in 60 seconds. At 120 mph, a car travels 1 mile in 30 seconds. At what speed does a car travel 1 mile in 45 seconds?

The correct answer is 80 miles per hour and the following people got it right: Jody Austin, Eddie Burt, Iris Binder and Joe Korchmar

Splitting the Atom

This was found in a US Airways Inflight Magazine (soon to be a collectors item!)

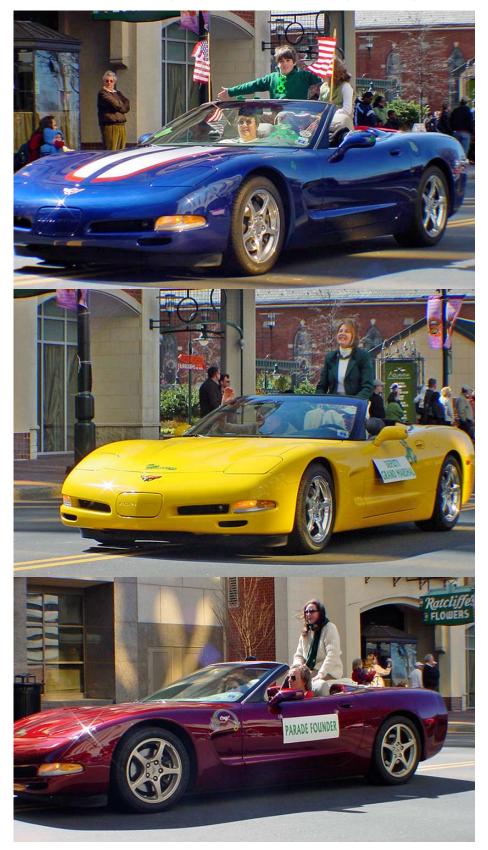
Each word defined below includes the letters A - T - O - M in some state of separation. Your job is to determine the other letters! Answers on last page (*don't peek!!*).

Example Clue "understand" - answer f <u>A T h</u> O M

Solve all

1 - Ghost	AT O M
2 - Halle Berry role	A T O M
3 - Where to put a jacket	A T O M
4 - Capital City of Sudan	A T O M
5 - Big wind in desert	AT O M
6 - Acting without speaking	AT O M
7 - Whirlpool	A T O M
8 - A wiggler in the soil	A T O M
9 - Person being tardy	_ A T O M
10 - Cop on his beat	A T O M
11 - Underground burial chambers	A TO M
12 - Love of one's country	A TOM
13 - Temporary cessation	A T O M

QCCC Members Carry VIPs in St. Patty's Day Parade!



COME TO OUR SOCK HOP!!!!!

Remember the good ole 50's and 60's ? (OK< some of you were just babies!!)

Anyway, we will be rockin and rollin at our next meeting on April 16th. Dress in your favorite poodle skirt and bring your favorite "greaser" along and join the fun. There will be music and dancing, moon pies and RC cola and some of the best chili you have ever tasted! We will be voting for the best tasting chili and all proceeds will go to Queen City's charity There may even be some prizes for the Best.......



Bring your own chairs and drinks, but leave your 'Vette at home. Parking will be tight. See you there—Don't be square!!!!!



Meet The New Members

Larry Yeager Charlotte, 1999 Red Coupe



Kelly Walker Rock Hill 1996 Collector Edition Silver Coupe

April 2005 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday Saturday Thursday 2 1 March May April Fools Da S M T W T F S 0 14 1 1 1 1 3 3 1 <th1</th> 1 1 1 3 5 8 9 4 6 7 <u>[_}</u>] Daylight Savings--set ahead 1 hour SCCA Autocross, G-Braves* Auto Fair 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 QCCC Club Meeting, Sock Hop. and Chili Cook-Off at Crawford'-TAX s, Stanfield, NC Taxes Due Auto Fair 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 C-5/C-6 Bash at NCM 24 25 26 2728 2930 Passover Savannah Gathering

Your QCCC Event Calendar

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Road Trip to Gary's BBQ and Transportation Museum



QCCC'ers got together for a road trip that began in Mint Hill, had a lunch stop for BBQ in China Grove and ended up in Spencer to visit the Easter Bunny at the Transportation Museum.







Reggie was one of two (Q was the other) birthday boys - he brought his own cake to the party!



Most QCCCers were well behaved



















Directions to April 16th Meeting and Sock Hop

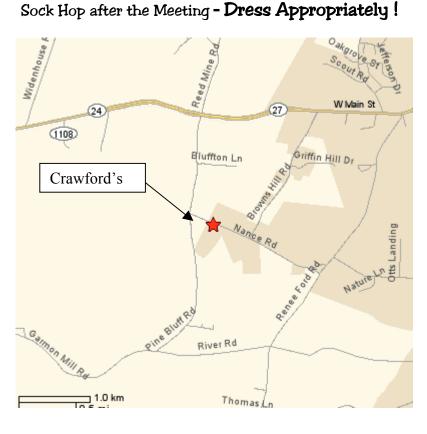
At The Crawford's Garage Mahal: 4484 Nance Road Stanfield NC 704-888-1938 Please bring your chairs and beverages and **DO NOT BRING** your Corvette! Social Starts 6:00 pm, Business Meeting 6:30 pm



Directions FROM CHARLOTTE:

Albamarle Road (RT 24/27) East about 17 miles from Independence.

Cross Rt 601 and continue on 24/27 1.9 miles, cross over Rocky River and immediately turn right onto Pine Bluff Road.



Go approximately .9 miles to Nance Road. Turn Left House is on the right. White house with white garage.

Parking will be on the road, park on only one side!

Word Puzzle solutions:

1. Phantom	5. Sandstorm	9. Latecomer
2. Catwoman	6. Pantomime	10. Patrolman
3. Coatroom	7. Maelstrom	11. Catacombs
4. Khartoum	8. Earthworm	12. Patriotism
		13. Moratorium