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Diamond Chevrolet
Car Show - A Success!



St. Augustine Trip - A Fun Weekend!



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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:

Seems the year is flying by and we're already into June. Last month was a blur and as my Dad told me when I was younger; the days seem to go faster as you get older. Remembering that sage advice, I better go jump in the Corvette and take it for a ride!



Where do I begin for the month of May? We started out with our first car show at Diamond Chevrolet. It was well attended so many thanks go to Wally Crawford and Karl Slavetsky for heading it up. I'm not sure of the final count but it was close to 50 cars. It was a great Corvette showing especially with the older ones located at the entrance of the dealership. I hope everyone was pleased with the door prizes in lieu of awards. I think this "spreads the wealth" so to speak. Next was something totally new and different. We took a cruise down to St. Augustine, FL for an extended weekend. Vanessa and I went down early so we got to see more of the city. On

Saturday we took the city tour which was very informative. We then had a chance to tour Flagler College which was built as a prestigious hotel by Henry Flagler and was named the Ponce de Leon, but was converted into a private college in 1968. The Spanish Renaissance architecture was amazing to see considering it was built in a year and a half. What was more amazing was the twenty five million dollars worth of Tiffany stained glass that surrounded the dining hall. But enough on the history lesson! We had a wonderful time and Jane Burt did a fabulous job putting this together. Thank goodness the "love bugs" were not out in swarms!



We have been invited to attend the National Guard family fun day on June 5th. This will be attended by the families of the National Guard and we'll have our cars around old aircraft which should make for good pictures! The event starts at 10:00 a.m. and we are asked to be there no later than 9:30 a.m.. It should conclude at 4:00 p.m.. I'll send out directions to the Guard next week. I'll be the point contact so let me know if you can attend, it should be fun!

Our next business meeting is at Eddie and Jane Burt's house scheduled on June 11th. If you're a new member listen up. Eddie cooks some of the best home cooked BBQ that I've had. It's probably the most attended meeting due to that fact! Bring your beverage of choice and chairs. You may want to bring some "skeeter" repellant too! Don't worry about the parking because there's plenty on the street in front of the house.

Check the website out for new tech tips and upcoming events. You can find it at www.queencitycorvette.com.

Until next time, save the wave!

Robert



June Business Meeting:

This planet must be spinning around the Sun faster than ever because it is once again time for Eddie & Jane Burt's famous BBQ. This event/business meeting is



always the most well attended meeting of the year. Eddie is awake and cooking long before the roosters are even thinking about getting up. The food is great and the friendships are greater. This is one of the best opportunities we all have to relax, get to know each other and lie about how fast we drive our Corvettes. Plan on arriving around 5:00 to 5:30pm. Bring your chairs and your beverages, adult beverages allowed. Jane has published a list of food for each of us to bring. Especially you dessert people....this is an event where diets go out the window...so sock it to us!! There is a map in this newsletter to Eddie and Jane's home. Again, this is a party you do not want to miss. I attended my first Eddie & Jane BBQ riding in the back seat of Gloria's Avalon and on crutches.

The Diamond Chevrolet Car Show:

Our first ever car show at Diamond Chevrolet was a big success. We had something close to 45 beautiful cars out there. There was a nice number of older cars and special ones like Pace Cars, Anniversary Editions, Grand Sports in addition to great looking <u>BLUE C-5's!!</u> Wally & Karl, as always, did an excellent job with this event. Diamond treated us royally and provided a catered BBQ lunch complete with banana pudding for dessert.

Crate Balls of Fire:

According to the July 2005 edition of <u>Corvette Magazine</u>, GM Performance Parts (GMPP) will start selling crate versions of the new ZO6's seven-liter LS7, the most powerful passenger-car engine ever offered by GM. Over the counter sales are set to begin nationwide this August with pricing to be finalized at that time.

As with the factory installed LS7's, GM Powertrain will assemble each crate engine by hand at its new Performance Build Center in Wixom, Michigan. GMPP will also offer LS7 components such as crankshafts, rods, heads and titanium valves individually.

Guys, it looks like it just might be a good time to be extra attentive to our wives!!

Pseudo-Doctor

Here we go again with more sage advise from our "pseudo-doctor department":

Despite an unnerving increase in reports of bed bugs at hotels and motels, experts say the "blood-sucking" creatures have not been linked to any health conditions other than itchy welts on the skin. Recent data from the CDC suggests that bed bugs, unlike mosquitoes, are not able to spread diseases and pose no public health risk.Sleep Tight!!.....Day Trips Anyone???

Final Thoughts:

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

June 2, 1952: Harley Earl gives Chevrolet Chief Engineer Ed Cole a sneak preview of an art and color mock-up of a secret two seat sports-car code named Opel. Cole, in his Chevrolet position for only a month and determined to inject excitement into the staid division, enthusiastically seeks permission to produce the vehicle as a Chevrolet product.

June 30, 1953: The first production Corvette rolls off the assembly line at a temporary facility on Van Slyke Avenue in Flint, Michigan.

June 1957: The Automotive Manufacturers Association suggest its members stop active participation in automotive racing. GM agrees.

June 1, 1981: A new Corvette assembly plant in Bowling Green, Ky. completes its first build.

June 5, 1992: Ground is broken for the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky.

June 29, 1993: Jim Perkins, Chevrolet's General Manager, announces that the General Motors management has approved design and construction of the C5, Corvette's fifth generation, scheduled to debut in 1997.

Jerry

Remember, the only scent sweeter than a bouquet of flowers on a special day to a special someone is the smell of the pesticides used to kill those bedbugs in your motel room. YIKES!!

Quentin and Margo Gross Adopt a Corvette!

See that big smile on Q's face as he puts the top down for a ride in his newest acquisition an 'O3 Anniversary Edition with less than 600 miles on it!



FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

This month has turned out to be a hoot.

The car show at Diamond Chevrolet turned out very well with 51 cars on display. Diamond Chevrolet turned out to be an awesome host and included a catered lunch with BBQ and all the trimmins. Doesn't get



much better than that. We had a good mix of cars with all generations represented, and I think traffic flow for the dealership was increased by our presence. Diamond supplied us with 2 dealer's choice trophies and 6 gift certificates to Home Depot that were awarded on luck of the draw. QCCC members sat around and swapped lies and got a chance to catch up with one another. The meeting immediately following the car show was held in Diamond's service area, which gave everyone a chance to get out of the sun.

One of the real treats for me at Diamond Chevrolet was the appearance of Col. Keith Martin of the NCANG and the privilege of introducing him to many of our members in attendance at the car show. Col. Martin is the squadron commander for the NG unit that we have been supporting both at Christmas time and with monies raised in our charity fund. The National Guard has invited the entire club to attend their "family appreciation day" at their Armory near the Charlotte Douglas Airport. We have been invited both as guests and to lend our cars for display during their family day. We will be provided with a secure area to park our cars and there will be coffee and Danish early and hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch. I had a pre-arranged track event for the same weekend and will not be there, but Anita is coming and bringing Kermit with her. Robert Morgan will be picking up the lead on this activity and providing maps and instructions for everyone. Lets continue to show our support for and our appreciation of these soldiers and their families by having a good turnout for their event.

The trip to St. Augustine turned out well also. With the exception of two mechanical problems, (1 minor, 1 not so minor) we all got there on time and the trip was uneventful. We met up at Hooters just off the interstate and the real treat for everyone had to be Eddie's surprise police escort. Our disruption of St. Augustine's 5:00 traffic may not have won any converts to Corvettes, but it was a hoot for all that were there. Way to go Eddie!!

St. Augustine turned out to be a great destination and, at least for Anita and me, we had just enough time to spend there to see the things we wanted to see. Weather was perfect,

and for the most part, the rain held off for the day. We had beautiful weather for the return ride home and dropped the top for the last 75 miles.

Note that our July trip to the mountains has been shortened slightly and will instead be a poker run toward the mountains and back. The poker run will be followed by a picnic. I am still putting all the final touches and details on the course and such, but can tell you that it will be approximately 100 miles, leave from the Lake Norman area, end at a state park, and turn the corners of your mouth up. © I do need 4 volunteers to man checkpoints. They will also run the course and participate in everything, but they will be the first 4 cars out and the last 4 back. Please email me and let me know you will help. Pack the picnic baskets - no adult beverages please - and I think you will enjoy this road course. Till then... Keep the Rubber Side Down

Wally

Next Corvette Trip Being Planned - Sign Up Early!

It was unanimously decided by the Executive Board of QCCC that there was too much fun and excitement at the St.

Augustine Trip. So, they found a place where it would be more relaxing and members would not be distracted by good restaurants, historic or fancy places to visit. There would be no police escorts and suggested that you all bring the family mini van instead of the Vette!





Minutes of the QCCC March Board meeting Thursday, April 28, 2005

The March Board meeting was held at Robert and Vanessa Morgan's home and called to order at 7:10 PM. Officers present were Robert Morgan, Jane and Eddie Burt, Wally Crawford, Margo Gross and Jerry Scienski.

Officer reports were as follows:

Robert:

- Discussed Auto Fair and thanked Wally and Carl for a great day and a great club turnout.
- Thanked Jerry for sending out the quarterly reports.

Jerry:

• Is looking into leads for north corridor meeting location. Has several good leads:one in Concord and another possibility being Park Chevrolet in Huntersville.

Wally:

- Diamond Chevrolet is very excited about the upcoming car show and will be providing a free barbeque for those participating.
- Discussed the caravan breakdown for St. Augustine trip.
- Talked about substituting the mountain weekend with a Poker run and picnic to follow.
- Mentioned we don't have full details on the Coca Cola 600 parade lap at this time. Bob Denney will be in charge of the parade. Original sign up sheets were lost, and an email has been sent to members instructing them to email Bob if they wish to participate.

Eddie:

- Mentioned that almost all of the license plates and cuzzies that are given to new members have been depleted. Said he will check various vendors and get prices so we can discuss at next meeting.
- Discussion was held on whether or not we should offer cuzzies for sale to existing members.
- Membership is now over 200 members and growing.

Jane:

- Contracts will be coming shortly for the November weekend at Lake Lure.
- All plans are in place for St. Augustine.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Gross, Secretary

HEAD TO THE HILLS WITH QUEEN CITY CORVETTE (LUB

<u>1004MB4R 4 & 5, 2005</u>

Spend a weekend with your Corvette in the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina this fall with Queen City Corvette Club.

We will be spending Friday and Saturday nights at the newly remodeled 1927 LAKE LURE INN AND SPA.

The rate of \$99.00 plus tax per night includes:

2 tickets to Chimney Rock Park breakfast for 2 each morning

- MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY CALLING THE INN AT 888-434-4970 AND ASK FOR THE QUEEN CITY CORVETTE (LUB GROUP RATE.
- AFTER YOU'VE MADE YOUR RESERVATION, ALSO REGISTER ON THE Q(((WEBSITE AT EVENTS

Friday November 4

10:30 am Leave Charlotte for 2-hour drive to Lake Lure Lunch at Lake Lure area restaurant (TBA) QCCC Hospitality Room on first floor of Lake Lure Inn. Please bring snacks to go along with the hotel-provided keg of adult beverage. Dinner at Lake Lure area restaurant (TBA)

Saturday November 5

9:00 am Hill Climb to Chimney Rock Free time to sightsee, shop, and drive in the mountains Dinner at Lake Lure area restaurant (TBA)

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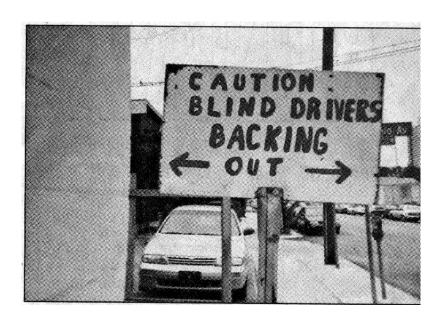
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QCCC Members Do Spring Break At Daytona Beach



Pictured above are Jane and Eddie Burt, Iris and Charlie Binder, Ann and E.O. Oakley, and Florence and Larry Prather, enjoying the sun and surf in Daytona Beach. In addition to the beach they spent some time at Daytona Speedway, the NASA Center, and visited Ecklers in Titusville for a few Corvette goodies.

From The "Do They Really Mean That Department"



QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

Jun 11th Meeting and Eddie's BBQ and Covered Dish

Jul 9th Park Chevrolet, 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

Nov 12th Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC

Dec 10th Meeting and Christmas Party – Harley Davidson of Charlotte

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

June 11th QCCC Meeting and Eddie Burt's Bar-B-Cue

Folks should bring side dishes according to their last name as follows:

A - D	Dessert (can't have too many of these)
$\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{K}$	Snacks (chips, dips, salsa, veggies, etc.)
L - R	Salads (green, potato, pastas, jello, etc)

Descent (can't have too many of these)

S - Z Side Dish (whatever goes with BBQ)

All secret family BBQ Sauces are welcome!

Arrive between 5:00 and 6:00!

Also bring chairs & drinks.

If it's real hot, tents would be appreciated too.

We'll eat at 6:00 pm and have the meeting afterwards.

Please park on the streets but make SURE there's enough room for emergency vehicles to get through.

QCCC St. Augustine Weekend

May 20-22, 2005 By Jane Burt

First of all, Eddie and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you that participated in the trip to St. Augustine. Even though the weather did not cooperate on the drive down and some unexpected car problems rose their ugly heads, the weekend turned out to be an event that will long be remembered.

Of the 60 members that attended, some were early arrivals on Thursday with the balance of the group arriving Friday afternoon - led by **Wally Crawford**, **Phillip Lewis**, and **Ben Horack**. To make the trip more interesting, Eddie and I had arranged to meet the Caravan at a predetermined location with a little surprise. Earlier, we had a meeting with Cpl.

Anthony Cuthbert of the St. Augustine Police
Department who agreed to provide us with a police escort through the city of St. Augustine to our hotel on St. Augustine Beach. We met at a local Hooters (where else) not far from the Interstate to



assemble the caravan for the ride over to St. Augustine Beach. We were ably assisted by Corporal Cuthbert along with a couple of patrol cars as well as Motorcycle assistance. This was a terrific experience being part of a caravan of great looking Corvettes, police lights flashing, sirens sounding, traffic being detained so that we could pass through crowded intersections; something that everyone will long remember.

Upon arrival at the Hilton Garden Inn we were greeted with a designated Corvette parking area so that the group could park together. Check-in at the hotel commenced and was quickly followed by a trip to the Sunset Grill which was within a very short walking distance. This was a welcomed walk since everyone had been driving most of the day and were somewhat tired of sitting. After dinner, conversation and refreshments many chose to make it an early night while others partied the night away.

Saturday morning was greeted by a bunch of well rested "happy campers" seeking an adventurous day. At 9:30 the Corvette Caravan departed for a day of sightseeing, shopping, and dinning in historical St. Augustine. After about a 20 minute drive we arrived at "Old Town Trolley Tours" where we were greeted with our own Corvette only parking area. Arrangements had also been made for our own Corvette Club Trolley. We boarded the trolley and began an 1 hour narrated tour of St. Augustine. Our tour guide was well informed and provided us with exceptional knowledge of the city's history and

places to explore as well as recommended restaurants. After the tour everyone went their own way, having lunch, visiting the many shops and just seeking out the things of their interest. Flagler College was a popular place, as was the Winery.



Everyone convened back at "Old Town Trolley Tours" for a 5:30 departure to the famous "Outback Crab Shack" located about 15 miles west of St. Augustine on a tributary of the St. John's River. After about a 25-minute drive through the Florida countryside, we arrived at the Crab Shack where we met our only "snafu". Eddie and I had made arrangements for parking about 2 tenths of a mile from the restaurant, as parking is at a premium at the restaurant site. We had been promised a limo shuttle service, however, the shuttle service turned out to be the back of a red pickup. The guys dropped the ladies off at the Crab Shack and proceeded to drive the short distance to the parking area. It was not a total loss since

some of our "city" club members got to enjoy their first ride in the back of a pickup truck. To others, it was just a rememberance of how it used to be.

The Outback Crab Shack was not a "linen tablecloth restaurant" but was somewhat more upscale than the Georgia Pig. For you that have stopped at the Georgia Pig you know what I mean. Earlier in the week Eddie and I had eaten at the restaurant and we knew that everyone was due for a surprise. The food was outstanding and there was lots of it. I also feel like the service was excellent. When you put this together with TV's displaying a NASCAR race you have a bunch of contented Corvetters.

After dinner, everyone was treated to a stroll along a thousand foot Boardwalk along the 6 Mile Creek tributary of the St. John River. We were able to see a couple of alligators, egrets, and turtles in their own habitat. This was pretty neat by itself.

Finally, after an evening of good food, drink, conversation and a stroll along the river we found our cars and reluctantly drove back to St. Augustine Beach. Sunday morning was greeted with mixed emotions as this was the day we began facing reality. Even though some made detours along the way, Charlotte loomed oh so close.

In closing, I would again like to express my appreciation for the many that chose to share their weekend with other QCCC people. This was my first attempt at planning an out of town adventure and hopefully I have accomplished my goal of having a fun filled and memorable weekend for each and every one. Life doesn't get much better than last weekend and I hope that many more QCCC people can join the fun in the upcoming future. This is what the club is all about - see you guys soon

Jane Burt

Highlights of St. Augustine Trip





Servings At The Outback Crab Shack!





























Queen City Corvette Club 2005 Automotive Events Schedule

June

6/3-5	Performance Driving School – Carolina Motorsports Park – Mustang Club*
6/3-4	10th Annual Corvettes at Myrtle Beach*
6/5	NC Air National Guard Family Day
6/5	SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*
6/11	Club Meeting - Eddie's BBQ and Covered Dish
6/25	Summer Cruise-In for Special Olympics – Chick-Fil-A Matthews:
	Info-704-846-4596*
6/25	Poker Run and Picnic – Details TBA
6/24-26	Bloomington Gold*

July

7/4 Parades

7/9 Club Meeting – Parks Chevrolet, Huntersville, NC

7/10 SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*

7/21-23 Z06 Fest at NCM*

7/23 Car Care Day and Ladies Day Out (tentative)

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

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9/1-4	Corvette Celebration/HOF – National Corvette Museum*
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*
9/24	Auto Fair Mint Hill Madness Parade

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
10/13-15	C3 Extravaganza at NCM*
10/15-16	UAW/GM Parade

November

11/5-6	Mountain Trip - 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

1/21 Banquet at Speedway Club

* Non Club Event



Diamond Chevrolet Car Show/Meeting Highlights



































Your QCCC Event Calendar

June 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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NC Air National Guard Family Day at the Armory						Club Mtg &Burt's Best BBQ and covered dish
SCCA Autocross at Knights Stadium*						
Performance Driving						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Flag Day				
19	20	21	22	23	24	<i>25</i>
						Summer Cruise-In for Special Olympics at Chick- Fil- A in Matthews*
Father's Day						Poker Run and Pic
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June 11th QCCC Meeting

Barbecue Dinner Starts 6:00 – Meeting Afterwards

Location: Eddie & Jane Burt's House

251 Amanda Drive, Weddington, NC 704-846-7130

Directions From I-485:

- Exit 57 to Highway 16/Providence Rd. Turn North.
- First major intersection, turn right on McKee Road.
- Approx. 0.4 miles; Bear right on Tilley Morris Road
- Approx. 1.7miles; turn right onto Matthews-Weddington Road.
- Follow Matthews-Weddington Road to Amanda Drive; turn right.
- House is second on the left approx. 75 yds.
- Park on Amanda Drive leave sufficient room for emergency vehicles

