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Where We Drive to Eat

Once Again - Hordes of Corvettes Owners Drive to Burt's BBQ



QCCC Members
Enjoy Good
Times in
Savannah



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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



We certainly had a fun and a busy June. Once again, Eddie & Jane hosted their famous BBQ and we all had a wonderful time. It's great to see so many members and friends participate in that event. The BBQ tasted especially good this year.

Eddie did his magic on cooking as he does each year. This year however the BBQ was even better than previous years with EO and me chopping up the meat. Amazingly, the three of us still have a collective 30 fingers. It got close a couple of times, but EO was wearing protective gloves....thank God!

Earlier that same day, the Great State of Matthews (in case you didn't know, I live in Matthews) had their annual car show at the CP campus in Matthews. This was not a Club event, but several members did show their cars. It was a very nice car show and I would recommend to each of you that you check it out next year. I went as a tourist and had a fun time and saw many terrific cars.

Our Savannah trip was a real winner. Again thanks to Jane & Eddie, our 5 STAR Hospitality Team, for putting together a spectacular weekend. Thanks to Chris for all of his work in getting 30 cars with crazy drivers there without incident....or speeding tickets. There is so much to see and do in Savannah; I wish we had a week there. But then I would have to enroll in Jenny Craig...maybe I should anyway.

Would you believe that Gloria is still in the Club Photo business? I'll send an e-mail reminder to those who still have not picked up their pictures. If that doesn't work, I guess I will ask for help from my Big, Strong and Mean Club Photo Parking Attendants who are still sore about the lack of tips!!

As a reminder, please bring your digital camera to QCCC meetings and events and take lots of pictures. Forward your photos to Bob Denney. Bob and Charlie Binder will use your pictures for the video at our 2007 Prom. Next year's video promises to be even better than this year's.... with your help that is.

In closing, CONGRATS to Robert, Vanessa and Payton Morgan on the birth of their son, and brother, Pearson. Rumor has it (actually I'm trying to start the rumor myself) that Robert is buying a 2007 ZO6 for Pearson and has graciously agreed to drive it from time to time to keep the parts from freezing up. What a generous Dad.

Well, that's it until the next time.

Jerry

Remember, the book says, "All Corvettes are RED", (but they really wish that they were BLUE!!)

VP REPORT



June was an exciting month for QCCC and its members. Starting out the month was the annual bar b-q social and meeting, followed by a great 3-day excursion to Savannah, GA and ending with the cruise in to Oakboro. Even when the skies look to open up and give everyone the much needed rain, QCCC members show up and lend their support to the planned events. It is great to see everyone at these events and the summer months ahead will continue to give members an opportunity to participate in a variety of different venues.

Business Meeting Recaps And Updates

Our June business meeting was held on 6/10/06 at Eddie and Jane Burt's house and all revolved around the famous bar b-q Eddie has become an expert at preparing. While many familiar faces were in attendance, some we haven't seen in quite awhile were there and everyone welcomed more new members into QCCC. With plenty of great food and camaraderie, the threat of rain showers held off until all in attendance had an opportunity to eat, mingle, sing happy birthday to Margo, and participate in the business meeting. Every year this meeting is becoming more of an "event" so be sure to plan your schedule next year to be in attendance.

Our July meeting will be held on the 8th at Cornelius Town Hall in Cornelius, NC. This is a new location for the QCCC meetings. A map and location information is located elsewhere in the newsletter as well as being posted on the web site. C.T.H. has plenty of parking behind the hall and a new larger meeting room. We have this location scheduled for additional dates in the months ahead.

The August meeting date is scheduled for the 12th at the North Cross Medical Center. A QCCC bowling event at North Cross Lanes will immediately follow the business meeting. **PLEASE NOTE the 12th is the correct meeting date.** The meeting will be held in the community room of North Cross Medical center with plenty of parking at the rear of the building. Additional information on both the meeting and bowling event will follow with information posted on the QCCC web site as well.

50th Anniversary Ramblings and Trivia

The 2003 50th Anniversary package included RPO F55 Magnetic Selective Ride Control. This replaced the earlier F45 Real Time Damping system. The faster response time in the newer system is made possible by the use of magnetic fluid within the shock absorbers. The magnetic system adjusts shock damping at the rate of 1,000 times per second and equates to the ability of reacting to every inch of road surface at 60 mph. Magnetic Selective Ride Control continues as an option on new C-6 models.

Trivia question time... Last month's answer of 1985 pertaining to the return of genuine fuel injection was inadvertently left out of the June newsletter. This month's trivia question involves a model year that featured several firsts as well as a last. What model year Corvette first featured

kilometer-per-hour subfaces on the speedometers, first year with a headlight warning buzzer and the last year for Astro Ventilation? The answer to this question will be found on another page in the newsletter.

Final Thoughts

And before you take off across the state or book that flight to pick up a great deal on a low mileage used Corvette, be sure you really understand the used car classified translations:

MUST SELL...before it blows up.

NEEDS SOME BODY WORK...was side swiped by an SUV.

LOOKS LIKE NEW...just don't try to drive it anywhere.

ALL ORIGINAL...nothing was ever fixed, adjusted, or replaced.

LOADED WITH OPTIONS...each one more troublesome than the next.

WELL MAINTAINED...the oil was changed occasionally.

NEEDS MINOR REPAIR...doesn't run.

LOTS OF POTENTIAL...doesn't run.

PROJECT CAR...doesn't run.

Like they always say, buyer beware!

Until next time, be safe, save the wave and see you all soon!

Q. Gross



Corvette Racing assembles before the running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans last week. The team achieved its fifth win in six tries at the world's most prestigious endurance race this month at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

The Corvette Racing # 64 C6.R driven by Olivier Beretta, Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen battled with the No. 009 Aston Martin DBR9 throughout the race. But with just under three hours to go in the race the lead went to the Corvette.





Minutes of QCCC Business Meeting Saturday, June 10, 2006

The June business meeting was held at **Eddie and Jane Burt's home** in Matthews and was called to order by President, Jerry Scienski at 7:00 PM.

Officers Present: Jerry Scienski, Q Gross, Florence Prather, Chris Patton, Margo Gross, Eddie and Jane Burt

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the May business meeting.

Visitors were: **Robert & Tony Hardison** – 1997 Black Coupe **Jim & Glenda Wesson**- 2001 Yellow Coupe; **Jay & Chantal Zampella** – 1999 White Coupe

New members voted in: **Ed & Linda Fesmire** – 1999 Mag Red Coupe; **Darrell Kirkley** – 1965 Red Convertible; **Jay & Kelly Pool** – 2002 Blue Z06 Coupe

Jerry Scienski, President

- Thanked Eddie and Jane for all the work they put into hosting the club's annual barbeque.
- Reminded members that Ecklers is promoting Drive Your Vet to Work Day on 6/30/06.
- Asked members to forward their vacation pictures and stories to Charlie for publication in the newsletter.

Quentin Gross, Vice President

- Reviewed meeting sites through December.
- Mentioned that the points listings for second quarter will be coming out shortly – reminded members to remember to sign the sheet at meetings and events.

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- Presented treasury report.

Chris Patton, Automotive Events Director

- Freedom car show was very successful and they are looking forward to having QCCC back for another show. The next scheduled car show will be at Parks Chevrolet in October.
- Those going on the Savannah trip will meet at rest stop on NC/SC line. There will be 3 groups leaving in 10-15 minute intervals.
- Spoke briefly about the Taste of Ballantyne event 6/22/06.
- Any members who want to participate in the Oakboro event on 6/23/06 should meet at Wally Crawford's home between 5:30-6:00.
- Asked for volunteers for several 4th of July parades. Chris has received requests from Hickory Grove and Indian Trails. All cars including coupes are welcome to participate.
- Another car care day has been scheduled for July 22 at Wally Crawford's garage majal.

Jane Burt, Social Events Director

- Reminded members to pick up their banquet pictures from Adina Ledford.
- Recapped plans for the upcoming Savannah trip.

Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- Introduced guests and those who will be eligible for membership tonight.
- Mentioned that we currently have 214 members.
- Introduced and thanked the Harris Teeter meat manager for helping out with the meat for the barbeque.

Charity Committee Report

Chris Patton reviewed the Charity committee’s choices for donation. After presentation of these the membership voted for the following:

- Air National Guard Readiness Fund - \$500*
- Boys Club Summer Camp Fund - \$500*
- Caring Bridge Foundation - \$500*
- Crisis Assistance Ministry - \$500*
- Thomson Child and Family Services - \$1000*

John and Linda Meadows presented Jane and Eddie Burt with a statue done by artist Tom Clark as a thank you for all their many efforts throughout the years.

Walt Krupowicz reviewed plans for the Bowling Green trip. To date 47 members have signed up for the trip. The plant tour will cost \$5.00/pp and should be paid to Jane Burt by August. Reminded members to be sure and make their hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Mark and Adina Ledford donated their karaoke machine to the club for use at future events.

Respectfully submitted by,

Margo Gross, Secretary

Did You Know

The National Corvette Museum is running a High Performance Driving School at Carolinas MotorSport Track (Kershaw SC) on October 28 –29th. To find more information click on www.corvettemuseum.com.



Minutes of the QCCC June Board meeting Thursday, June 8, 2006

The June Board meeting was held at Jerry and Gloria Scienski's home and called to order at 7:40 PM. Officers present were, Jerry Scienski, Jane and Eddie Burt, Margo and Quentin Gross, Chris Patton and Florence Prather.

Officer reports were as follows:

Jerry:

- Thanked Chris for the fun day and great success of the Freedom Chevrolet car show. Mentioned he heard advertising on radio and tv.

Q:

- Meetings have been booked through January.
- Discussion was held on moving the August meeting to the 3rd Saturday due to a Panthers pre-game.
- Points will be updated and sent out the end of June.

Florence:

- Emails have been sent out to those members who have not yet paid their dues.
- A mid-year budget recap will be given to the membership at the July meeting.

Chris:

- Reported that Freedom Chevrolet did not wish to donate to our charity fund because they already donate over 10k to "**Home Town Heroes**".
- Will call Wally to confirm the car care day of 7/22/06.
- Oakboro event will be 6/23/06. Cars will be given park space in a secured lot at the bank.
- Charity report and donor list will be presented at the June meeting.

Eddie:

- Reviewed members who will be eligible for membership at next meeting.

Jane:

- Reviewed Savannah trip – 63 people have signed up, all will be taking the trolley ride.
- Reservations have been made at Northcross Bowling costs will be \$4/shoes, \$9.50/pp for 2 games, 8-10 lanes will be held for our group.
- To date 50 people have signed up for Bowling Green. Walt Krupowicz will be doing most of the planning.
- The Helena, GA trip in October so far has 28 people signed up.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Gross, Secretary

Head to Bavaria with Queen City Corvette Club

NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2006

Spend a weekend with your Corvette in the beautiful Alpine Village of **Helen GA** with Queen City Corvette Club www.helenga.org. We will be spending Friday and Saturday nights at:

Alpenhof Motel

15 Yonah Street, Helen GA 30545

800-535-8678 or 866-464-3536

- Make your reservation by * AUGUST 1 * by calling 800-535-8678 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$89.52 per night.
www.alpenhofmotel.com
- After you've made your reservation, be sure to register on the QCCC Website under "Events"

Helen GA is an Alpine Village in the mountains of north Georgia. In addition to the beautiful mountain scenery, there is river rafting, shopping, golfing, horseback riding, a winery, model railroad exhibit hall, gold mine, arts and crafts, and best of all, this is the last weekend of a 7-week Oktoberfest !

Oktoberfest features a 700-seat Festhalle and beer garden, with lots of wurst, German potato salad, kraut, pickles, beer and wine as well as bands, singing, dancing, and fun. The admission price for groups of at least 25 is **\$8 per person**. (food and drink sold separately) On Saturday, the hall is open from 1:00 pm to 11:30 pm and your ticket allows all day and evening access privileges. Checks should be payable to and sent to Jane Burt by August 1. (251 Amanda Drive, Matthews NC 28104)

The motel is in downtown Helen and within walking distance of shops, restaurants, and the Chattahoochee River. Mark, the hotel manager has hosted other Corvette Clubs at the Alpenhof Motel and is providing the Conference Room to us for the weekend and will serve a free continental breakfast there on Sat. & Sun. mornings. He is also preparing a scenic driving route for us.

Departure time and location will be determined at a later date.

QCCC Calendar of Events for 2006

July

- 8 Meeting in Cornelius Town Hall
- 15 Shatley Springs Caravan and Overeating Jamboree
- 22 Car Care Day and Ladies Day Out

August

- 12 Meeting in Huntersville and Bowling Event
- 26 Victory Junction Day Trip Caravan

September

- 9 Meeting at Ledford's House. Poker Run Down to Ledford's in York SC
- 16,17 Auto Fair
- 21-24 Trip to Bowling Green - Corvette Museum

October

- 14 Bank of America Race at Lowe's Motor Speedway
- 21 Car Show and Meeting TBA

November

- 3-5 Weekend trip to Helen, GA ,
- 11 Meeting
- 18 Monroe Christmas Parade

December

- 9 Meeting and Christmas Party at Tryon House in Matthews

January 2007

- 27 Banquet at Lowe's Motor Speedway

They Came and They Ate Well

Certainly a crowd pleaser – Eddie and Jane Burt's Annual Meeting and BBQ. This event naturally draws the greatest number of members to a business meeting. The combination of the Burt's slow cooked BBQ and the many side dishes that members bring can't be beat!





QCCC GOES TO THE BALLGAME

Charlotte Knights vs Rochester Red Wings

*** * * FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME * * ***

Saturday AUGUST 5, 2006

KNIGHTS CASTLE

2280 Deerfield Drive
Ft Mill, SC 29715
(I-77 Exit 88 Gold Hill Rd)
704-357-8071

www.charlotteknights.com

Meet in the grassy area in front of Knights Castle at 6:15 pm
Jane will hand out tickets for lower level, reserved seats

\$9.00 per person
Send money to Jane Burt by July 25

Register on the Events page of www.QueenCityCorvette.com

Highlights From Oakboro Trip

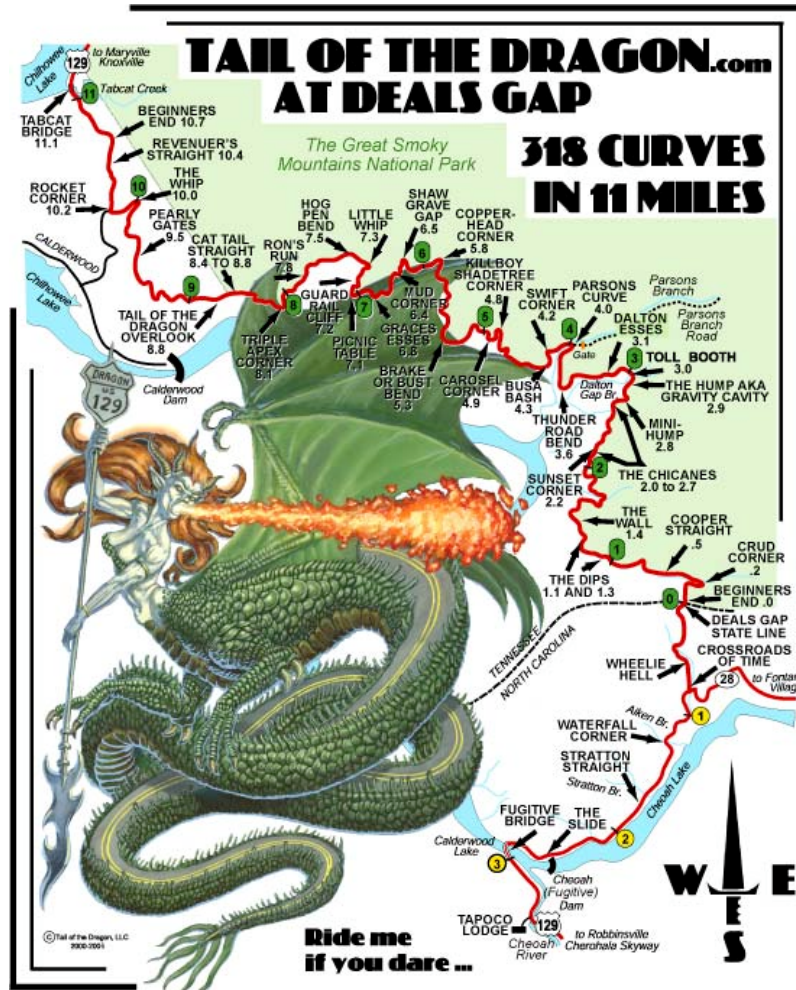
The Oakboro “Burnout Trip” turned out to be a “Rain Out Trip.” Mother Nature decided to give us a month’s worth of rain on that Friday evening. We had quite a few members show up at Wally’s House for the staging for the ride into town. Chris had made arrangements for us to enter as a parade of Corvettes and park in a prominent area of town. The rain held off until just after arriving – then the clouds let lose. Surprisingly many of the custom cars lining the streets stayed out the rain.

Many of us took advantage of the rain to scoot inside for a bite to eat then return to the main road to observe the vehicles on display.



The Tail of the Dragon

Road and Track magazine recently did a two page spread on the famous Deal's Gap road, known officially as Highway 129 – AKA “the Tail of the Dragon.” It claims it to be one of the most addictive roads in the US. In addition to elevation changes of approximately 800 feet, there are 318 turns in the 11 miles of roadway nestled on the boarder of Tennessee and North Carolina. It's an ideal place to test out a sports car or motorcycle due to its secluded location: having no intersections, businesses, homes or driveways to watch out for.

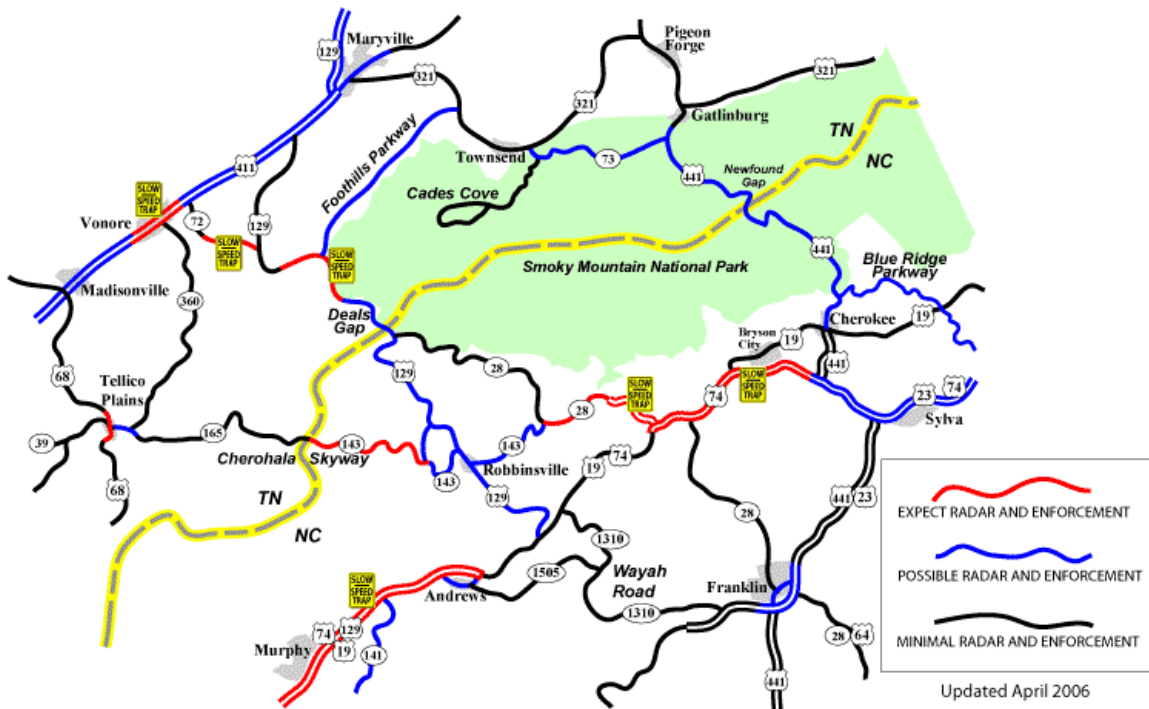


They claim that famous Ferrari Formula 1 Race Car Champion Michael Schumacher takes the drive on his motorcycle to experience the “whoop-de-do” turns. Apparently this road started out as a cattle path in the 30's and was discovered about a dozen years ago by motorcyclists from Atlanta. It has been a favorite for “bikers” and unfortunately it has had some fatalities for bikers that over estimate their abilities on this winding road.

It has been used in a number of movies and commercials. Apparently there are speed limits posted (30mph) but not enforced that well. The website www.tailofthedragon.com posts all kinds of information regarding the road and nearby events.

People do try to set record times for the roadway. The official timing involves a run from the Overlook to the Crossroads of Time and then back, an 18.6-mile distance. Taking the round trip time and dividing by two, The Deals Gap Riding Society record for an amateur rider was a 22 minute round trip run, which averaged out to 11 minutes that's 50.7 mph. The overall record was 18 minutes, that's a 62 mph average! We should note that these records were established in the early 1990's and would be more difficult to achieve today due to increased patrols in the area.

The map below is from their website and show a number of speed traps in and around the area.



Did You Know?

That the Bowling Green Assembly Plant just celebrated its 25th Anniversary? Yep, on June 1st, 1981 the very first production Corvette rolled off the assembly line.

QCCC LUNCH IN THE MOUNTAINS

Saturday July 15, 2006

SHATLEY SPRINGS INN - CRUMPLER, NC

(8 miles south of the VA state line)

Shatley Springs Inn

407 Shatley Springs Road

Crumpler, NC 28617

336-982-2236

www.shatleysprings.com

Massive quantities of food are served family style – country ham, fried chicken, vegetables, biscuits, and desserts for only **\$15.00 per person** (includes tax).

Jane will collect this before leaving exit 36

Depart I-77 exit 36 9:30 am

I-77 North to exit 36

Turn right onto Hwy 150

Turn left at the first light & park behind Denny's

Bring your FRS radios and appetites.

Register on the Events page of www.QueenCityCorvette.com.

Daytona Sunset Orange to Fade Away!

Daytona Sunset Orange will soon fade into the sunset. GM is discontinuing the color and replacing it with Atomic Orange which is supposed to be lighter and brighter. But you can still get your C6 in Daytona Sunset Orange if you hurry. Also, note the National Corvette Museum will be raffling off 500 tickets for the final 2006 Daytona Sunset Orange coupe at \$250 per ticket. Drawing for the winning ticket will be July 22 as part of NCM Z06 Fest. You don't need to be present, just buy some tickets and as a bonus the winner will get a free Museum delivery!

QCCC's Youngest Member Has Arrived!

Pearson Brady Morgan weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 oz and 18" long.

Mother and baby doing fine – Father's condition unknown at this time.



Meet the Other New Members



Jay and Kelly Pool
2002 Blue Z06



Ed and Linda Fesmire
1999 Magnetic Red Coupe



Darrell Kirkley
1965 Red Convertible

Join the Pilgrimage to Bowling Green, KY with QCCC

September 21 - 24, 2006

Spend a long weekend with your friends at the Corvette Mecca of **Bowling Green KY** with Queen City Corvette Club. We will be spending Thursday and Friday nights at:

Courtyard By Marriott – Bowling Green Convention Center *

1010 Wilkinson Trace Bowling Green, KY 42104 - 270-783-8569

(Make your reservation by AUGUST 21 by calling 800-321-2211 or 270-783-8569 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$85 per night. After you've made your reservation, be sure to register on the QCCC Website under "Events")

Thursday September 21

Lunch at Cracker Barrel near NC/TN border, Arrive in Bowling Green KY, Dinner at Montana's

Friday September 22

Tour the Corvette Assembly Plant (\$5.00 for nonmembers)

Lunch at Santa Fe Restaurant

Tour the National Corvette Museum

Dinner in the Dome of the NCM (about \$30 per person)

Saturday September 23

Option 1 Clarion Inn – Willow River 1990 Winfield Dunn Parkway Sevierville TN 37862

(Make your reservation by AUGUST 23 by calling 865-429-7600 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$103.90 per night)

Tour the Muscle Car Museum

Dinner at Apple Farm Restaurant

Option 2 Courtyard Nashville Downtown ,170 Fourth Avenue North Nashville TN 37219 615-256-0900

(Make your reservation by SEPTEMBER 1 by calling 800-321-2211 or 615-256-0900 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$110 per night)

If you have any questions, contact **WALT KRUPOWICZ** at
oneowner6901@charter.net or 704-735-8454.

Highlights of Monday Evening Dinner

Members Jim and Martha Vaughn have got something going! They have been busy encouraging the “northern group” to get together for dinner on Monday evenings. One of their popular sites is Safari Miles restaurant on Highway 16 in Denver.



The Wheel Deal

Bankruptcy concerns of wheel supplier Amcast Industrial caused delays with Z06 wheels for the C6. Amcast was the sole supplier of these wheels. GM has negotiated a contract with Chinese firm Zhejiang Wanfeng Auto Wheel Company (ZWAW) to supply the wheels. As it turns out ZWAW was a subcontractor of Amcast as well as a manufacturer of many automotive parts from electronics to engines and complete SUVs.

QCCC GOES BOWLING

Saturday AUGUST 12, 2006

8:00 pm

We can walk across the parking lot immediately following the QCCC
Monthly meeting at Northcross Medical Center

NORTHCROSS LANES AT THE LAKE

16317 Statesville Rd
Huntersville NC 28078
(next door to the monthly meeting location)
704-892-7177

\$9.50 per person for two games
Send money to Jane Burt by Aug 1

Bowling shoes can be rented for \$4.00 upon arrival

Don't want to bowl? That's OK, just come on anyway, there is a full service Food
Court, Snack Bar, and Lounge so you won't be hungry or thirsty.
There are also pool tables, karaoke (note Mark!!)& lazer tag.

For details and menu see www.northcrosslanes.com

Register on the Events page of www.QueenCityCorvette.com

July 8th Meeting in Cornelius NC

In the Town Hall at 21445 Catawba Avenue

Social Gathering 6:00 PM
 Business Meeting 6:30 PM

Directions: From InterState 77

Get off at Exit 28, travel East on Catawba Ave approximately ten blocks,
 Parking is in rear.

Don't Forget: **Bowling Afterward!**



Answer to Q's Trivia Question is 1975