

## This month's QCCC Newsletter Edition is dedicated to

Charlie & Iris Binder, our Editors for <u>7 years</u>! Thank you for making <u>our</u> QCCC Newsletter a National 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award Winner!



# <u>and</u>

*E. O. Oakley,* our Webmaster for <u>7 years!</u> Thanks for making our place in cyberspace one to be proud of!





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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 Thoughts,



I am having a tough time with my thoughts this month. We have a great club and a lot of very friendly people. Our members are the best and we keep growing every month. What makes us do this? I can think of several reasons.

When I attend Corvette events with our members I always have someone from another club come up to me and ask how they can join QCCC. I ask them why and they say we are the happiest and funest people they have met. Keep up the great work members.

When we ask new potential members why they want to join QCCC it is always the same answer. We have a lot of events and the members make them feel at home. Again, keep up the great work members.

Finally I think our board does an excellent job in running our club. Without them we would just be an ordinary Corvette Club. So the next time you enjoy an event be sure to tell the leader of that event you appreciate them. I know I do. Thanks.

On a personal note, Kamp Kurt is about to start. Grandkids are a ball and we plan to spend the next 8 weeks making sure they enjoy themselves. Look for them at Wednesday dinners, meetings and events. Our Corvette doesn't like Kamp Kurt because it doesn't get out as much.

Enjoy your summer and plan to attend as many QCCC events as you can. Summer is definitely Corvette Time.

<u>"Save the Wave</u>" and remember all racing Corvettes are still Yellow. Road Atlanta will be here before you know it- October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your friendship and support,

Boyd







C-3 Continued 1975-1979

The 1975 Corvette was the model year of firsts and lasts. First year for not having true dual exhaust and first year for catalytic converters. With the restricted exhaust system, horsepower dropped to an all time low with the base L-48 350CI engine having 165 HP, and the optional L-82's at 205 HP. It was the last year for the C-3 convertible with only 4629 produced. Even the low horsepower did not detour sales as production jumped to 38,465 units.

In 1976 Chevrolet engineers started to figure out the emission system and horsepower start to rise again. The base L-48 engine moved up to 180 HP and the optional L-82 went to 210 HP. Most 1976 Corvettes were ordered with a lot of items from the option list: automatic trans, A/C, power windows, power brakes, tilt & telescoping steering wheel, AM/FM stereo, and the very nice looking aluminum wheels built by Kelsey-Hayes. The mid-seventies Corvettes were becoming more of a grand touring car than the sports car they were intended to be. This is what the public wanted, so production rose through the 70s with the '76 production at 46,558 units, an over 8000 increase from '75.

The 1977 Corvettes were unchanged from '76, engine horsepower were the same. This would be the last year for the tunneled roof treatment and flat back window. Also, the Stingray name was dropped in 1977, ending 13 model years of Sting Ray and Stingray, which were synonymous with the Corvette. Production continued its climb as 49,213 units were built.

To celebrate Corvette's first quarter century in 1978, there were two special Corvettes – the silver anniversary edition painted silver on top and dark grey on the bottom, plus special badging. Corvette was also picked for the first time to pace the Indy 500. The pace car edition was painted black on top and silver on the bottom. It also came with front and rear spoilers and dealer installed Indy 500 decals on the doors. The 1978 Corvettes were also fitted with a new fast back glass rear window, doing away with the tunneled back of the previous models. Engineers once again bumped up horsepower with the L-48 now rated at 185 HP, and the L-82 getting a new dual snorkel air cleaner, raising horsepower to 220. Interior dash and gauges were all new for '78. Production slipped a little in 78 with 40,274 standard coupes and 6502 pace car replicas for a total of 46,776 units.

The '79 model year was pretty much a carryover from '78. In '79 the previous pace car interior became standard equipment, with front and rear spoilers from the pace car being optional. A dual snorkel air cleaner was now used on the L-48 base engine, increasing HP to 195, and the L-82 received a redesigned cam and larger valves to bump HP to 225. Production for '79 set new records with 53,807 coupes built.



#### **Corvette Milestones for June**

June, 1953: Chevrolet begins production of the Corvette on a tiny assembly line in Flint, Michigan.

**June 30, 1953:** The first production Corvette rolls off the assembly line at Chevrolet Plant, Number 35, near Flint, Michigan. Sticker price: just over \$3,000.

**June 4, 1957**: The Automobile Manufacturer's Association passes a resolution recommending that member companies (including General Motors) not participate in auto racing.

**June, 1960:** In Le Mans, France, the 24 Hours of Le Mans race is held. Briggs Cunningham enters three white Corvettes with 283 ci engines, driven by Joh Fitch and Bob Grossman, Cunningham and Bill Kimberley, and Fred Windridge and Richard Thompson. The Fitch/Grossman car reaches 151 mph, and finishes 8<sup>th</sup> overall, 5<sup>th</sup> in GT class. Racing team Camoradi USA enters two factory prepared Corvettes. One place 10<sup>th</sup> overall, 7<sup>th</sup> in GT class.

**June, 1967:** In Paris, France, the 24 Hours of Le Mans race is held. California car dealer Dana Chevrolet enters a 1967 Corvette coupe with 427 ci L-88 engine, driven by Dick Guldstrand and Bob Bondurant. The lone Corvette is the heaviest car in the race. Dick Guldstrand sets a new record speed of 171.5 mph on the Mulsanne straight, 22 mph faster than the GT class winning Ferrari. In the 13<sup>th</sup> hour, the engine fails, ending the race for the Corvette.



June, 1978: The first Bloomington Gold Corvette show is held. It was formerly called Corvette Corral.

**June 1, 1981:** Production of Corvettes begins at a new plant in <u>Bowling Green, Kentucky</u>. The first Corvette is a beige 1981 model.

**June, 1985:** Group Lotus in Norfolk, England, proposes building a new engine for Chevrolet, who quickly approves the project. The engine would become the LT5 for the ZR1 Corvette.

June 2, 1990: Ground-breaking begins on the National Corvette Museum, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**June 14, 1993**: Corvette program manager Russ McLean and chief engineer Dave Hill meet with the General Motors Strategy Board, including General Motors president Jack Smith, to get approval for Concept Initiation of the 1997 Corvette program. The plan is approved.

**June, 1994:** General Motors' Strategy Board meets again with the Corvette group, continuing their arguments defending their request to proceed on schedule toward production building of the new 1997 model Corvette. It is agreed that plant conversion would begin in April 1996, with final current model production ending on June 21, 1996.

**June, 1995:** Three Reeves Callaway SuperNatural Corvettes enter the Le Mans race in Paris, France. One qualifies for the pole position in the GT2 class, and finishes second in class, 10<sup>th</sup> overall. Another finishes third in class, and 11<sup>th</sup> overall.

**June 11, 1996:** General Motors holds a press conference to announce and display the new Gen II engine for the 1997 Corvette. The engine will be known as RPO LS1, a 5.7 liter V-8.

**June 17, 2000:** The 24 Hours of Le Mans race is run in Paris, France. For the first time, Chevrolet's Corvette group officially enters two Corvette C5-R race cars. They place  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  in GTS class,  $10^{th}$  and  $11^{th}$  overall.



Our meeting this month will be at the NASCAR Technical Institute, 220 Byers Creek Road, Mooresville. Social hour will start at 5:30, with the meeting at 6:30. Details are posted on our Queen City Corvette Club website.

Remember, real Corvettes have solid axles.

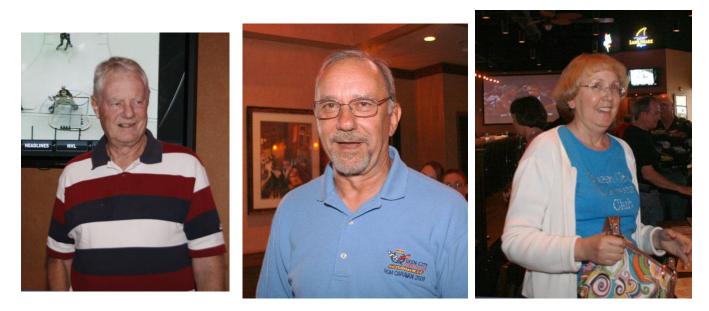
Steve Pelchat



If you participate in QCCC events, you were busy in May! There were Dinners "*Up Yonder"...* 























...and dinners on *Wednesday...* 





















QCCC Members,

I want to thank all 51 members, prospective members and the one guest who attended the Bill Mullis "All Corvettes Are Black" event. The collection of black Corvettes, collector cars and motorcycles was unique not because of the cars but the setting. Mr. Mullis's farm and buildings made the event even more enjoyable. Randy Stout, our host for the day, guided us through all three buildings housing the collection and shop. He answered any questions we had about the cars and farm.

Mr. Mullis called while we were there; he told me he enjoyed having people visit his collection and we would be welcome to visit again in the future. For all members who missed this trip, I think it should be a must see the next time it is planned.

LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT JUNE 5TH. Our club sponsor, City Chevrolet, is hosting the



spring car show on June 5th. June is the month City Chevrolet is celebrating their 75th Anniversary, so it would be great to have a very large attendance of Corvettes at this show. We will have lunch provided by City Chevrolet, trophies, drawings for gift cards and the enjoyment of visiting with our friends and the dealership's customers and staff. City Chevrolet contributes a lot to our club and it

would be nice to show our appreciation by participating in this event.

<u>SATURDAY</u>, July 3rd, the Troutman, NC Old Fashioned Hometown Independence Day Parade will be hosted by Tommy and Brenda Loftin. This is a "just for the fun of being in a parade" event. You will not be carrying any riders and afterwards your hosts have planned lunch at the Sports Page Restaurant. See the QCCC calendar for details and contact information.

<u>SUNDAY</u>, July 4th, the Indian Trail Parade will need drivers to carry pageant queens. We usually need 4 to 6 drivers. I will try to get an accurate number early in June and put out a request for participants.

SATURDAY, July 31st is our Car Care Day. Please look on the QCCC calendar for details.

Only your participation keeps QCCC the best club in town.

Nelson





#### <u>Saturday – June 19<sup>th</sup> – Carolina Raptor Center</u>

Let's take a self guided tour and see over 23 different species of raptors on their 3/4 mile long nature trail nestled inside of Latta Plantation Nature Preserve on the banks of Mountain Island Lake. They're just 15 minutes away from Uptown Charlotte.

Live Bird Presentations on Saturdays at 11am, 1pm & 3pm. Join us in their amphitheater for a raptor presentation. Programs focus on a new topic every month!

Trail Trivia 3rd weekend of every month at 2:00 p.m. Follow a guide down a nature trail and learn about raptors and our environment.

We will decide on a time for the Live Bird Presentation, and where and when to eat lunch once we have our group signed up!

GROUP RATES- \$4.50 per person if we get 15 or more people. (If we do not have 15 people the rates posted on their website is \$8 per person.

Website - <u>http://www.carolinaraptorcenter.org/index.php</u> Newsletter - <u>http://www.carolinaraptorcenter.org/March\_CRC\_Newsletter.pdf</u> Trail Map & Bird Listing - <u>http://www.carolinaraptorcenter.org/pdf/CRC\_Trail\_Map.pdf</u> For more info, please see our **QCCC Website Events Calendar** - <u>http://queencitycorvette.com/</u>

#### <u>REMINDERS –</u>

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Mystery Trip.... More info to follow shortly!

#### <u> DATE CHANGE –</u>

#### The SAVANNAH weekend trip has been changed to October 15th thru October 17<sup>th</sup>.

We have put this in the time frame of the GSMR train ride and overnight trip. We may try to do that on a weekend during the summer to escape the heat!

#### Please send me an email to "sign up" for this weekend event. More info to follow shortly.

Would you like to join the 2010 Social Committee? It's a fairly easy job! Help come up with event ideas, and help facilitate an event if you like! You can contact me with any questions, suggestions and ideas, or if you would like to help with the Social Committee! <u>adinaledford@yahoo.com</u> / 803-524-2647.

Thank you!

Adina Redford 👳

Social Director

There were *birthdays celebrated* at Wednesday night dinners...





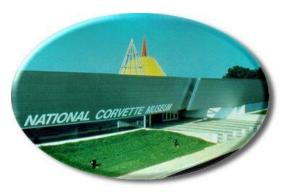
...trips to Daniel Stowe Memorial Gardens...











By now you have heard about the trip to the

C5/C6 Bash at the NCM and the monsoon of the century. Fortunately, the rain did not hit in force until Sunday morning and with it being moderate on Saturday, we managed to have a great time at the festivities. The lunch with Johnny O'Connell and Doug Fehan from the Corvette Race Team was most entertaining; highly amusing would be the words. An in-depth presentation of the 2011 Corvettes along with a walk-around of all the models kept the crowd enthusiasm at a high pitch. The presentation slides are available on the QCCC website. QCCC was recognized at the Winner's Circle Reception for its donations to the museum in 2009. Fred and Gloria McCoy were also recognized at the event and inducted into the Duntov Society for remembering the NCM in their estate planning. Congratulations and many thanks to QCCC, the McCoys and all our members for their generosity.

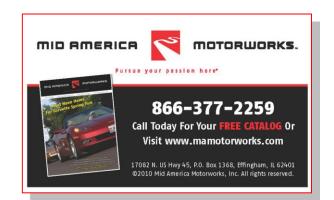
I'm sure everyone is aware of the fact that I have been asked to be the National Chair for the 2014 Caravan. I have only agreed to accepting this task knowing I can count on all the help I need from club members and my ever patient, loyal and suffering wife, Barbara. I know, as they did last year, QCCC members will also assist Frank Sancineto once again in organizing the kick-off of the NC/SC/VA Caravan here in Charlotte. Thanks in advance.

I hope everyone is tracking the various raffles being held by the NCM. Ticket sales are down and the odds of winning, therefore, increase. If you are looking for a cheap, new, Corvette, this may be your path.

Since I will be off on the NCM Cruise to the North Sea most of June, I won't have an opportunity to generate an input for the July newsletter. I hope to recruit a fill-in journalist for that issue. If not, I will catch up in the August issue.

Save the Wave! Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador



## QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday May 4, 2010

The May Board meeting was held at Nelson Sprague's house, Charlotte, NC. Officers present: Boyd Kurt, Steve Pelchat, Nelson Sprague, Florence Prather, Adina Ledford, Eddie Burt Guest: Jane Burt



President, Boyd Kurt called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### **Boyd Kurt, President**

- The Binders are working with Chris Wood, the new Newsletter Editor. Upgrades to his computer were approved.
- E.O. Oakley is working with Bob Becker, the new Web Master
- Reminded the Board to get their reports to Chris & Bob on time for prompt publication/update
- At the NCM Bash last weekend, the QCCC was recognized for its contribution to the NCM
- Reminded the Board of our practice to not publicize non-QCCC events taking place on the same day as a QCCC Meeting

#### Steve Pelchat, Vice President

- April 17 Meeting and picnic went well with great location and food
- May 8 Meeting at Jocks and Jills Restaurant folks can come early or stay late for dinner
- June 5 Car Show at City Chevrolet
- June 12 Meeting at NASCAR Technical Institute
- July10 Meeting at Harley-Davidson in Matthews. Due to a rider class ending at 5:00 pm, there will be no social time before the meeting, and the Board needs to be there at 5:00 pm to convert the classroom to a meeting room.
- August 14 Meeting location to be determined
- September 11 Meeting and BBQ at the Burt's
- October 9 Car Show and Meeting at City Chevrolet
- November 13 Meeting location to be determined
- December 11 Meeting and Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
- Corvettes at Carlisle August 26-29 will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1960 Corvette and Steve & Laura Pelchat's car will be in the special display tent! Pace Cars are also being featured and one of Gary and Linda Artis' Pace Cars will be on display!
- The Chrome Bumper Group day trip to Reed Gold Mine was a lot of fun, with 11 cars participating



#### **Eddie Burt, Membership Director**

- 2 families have resigned
- QCCC has 231 members
- 5 people will be eligible for membership at the May meeting
- Chris Wood will be performing Eddie's Membership duties at the May meeting
- There were 6 guests at the April meeting
- \$600 has been collected from Advertisers



#### Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director

- City Chevrolet's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration has been rescheduled to June 13. Will meet next week to confirm the June 5 Car Show.
- May 10 The Charity Committee will meet to discuss how to disburse the charity funds. Their suggestions will be presented to the QCCC membership at the July meeting for approval.
- May 15 Day trip to see Tom Mullis' black Corvette collection 38 cars are signed up so far
- July 3 Troutman Parade no riders, just cars. Will prepare a flyer for distribution.
- July 4 Indian Trail Parade will carry Miss Mecklenburg

#### Adina Ledford, Social Director

- Only 2 couples have RSVP'd for the Charleston trip in May, so will ask at the May meeting if June would be a better date
- November 7 Trip to Savannah conflicts with a Panther home game, so can reschedule to October 17 weekend
- Has 30 tickets to the play Wicked and will hand them out at the May meeting
- Had a nice turnout for the picnic at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens

#### **Florence Prather, Treasurer**

- Has received some dues and will send email reminders to members who have not paid first quarter 2010 dues
- Reviewed Income/Expense Report, and checking account balance
- Has set up on-line banking to avoid bank charges. Will print a transaction register quarterly for our records.

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

Respectfully submitted, for Linda Lewis, Secretary

Jane Burt, Member

# There were caves to explore and digging for gold !























And of course, there was a *MEETING*!



























## QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB



#### MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 8, 2010 Time: 5:30 P – 7:15 P Location: Jocks & Jills, Charlotte, NC

ATTENDE	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Chris Wood for Membership; Paul Mariano, Corvette Museum; Bob Becker, Webmaster; Bob Denny, Club Photographer.	
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	Social hour from 5:30-6:30	
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•	<b>President - Boyd Kurt</b> – called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Introduced the Board Members.	
	Thanked our host for allowing the group to meet at the restaurant.	
	<ul> <li>Presented plaques to Charlie and Iris Binder for their seven years of service on the newsletter.</li> </ul>	
	Presented plaques to EO and Ann Oakley for seven years of service as the webmaster.	
	Welcomed Bob Becker and Chris Wood as the new webmaster and newsletter editor, respectively.	
•	Membership Report – Chris Wood for Eddie Burt	
	Visitors and prospective members: Keith and Kelly Cross, Vernon Mayer, Mimi Rambo and Chauncey Hyde. All were attending their 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting.	

- > No new members voted in for membership.
- > The club presently has 231 members/125 families.
- > Announced the money received for advertising.
- Vice President Report Steve Pelchat
  - > July meeting will be at the Harley Davidson Shop.
  - > There is a trip to Maggie Valley for Memorial Day weekend.
  - The following people won gift certificates: Laura Pelchat, Helen Jensen, Jo Murray, Karl Slavetsky, Donna Perry and Dina Deiger.

#### • Automotive report – Nelson Sprague

- The Charity Committee will meet next week and the Board will announce their recommendations at the July meeting.
- ➤ May 15<sup>th</sup> trip to Bill Mullis' All Corvettes are Black.
- $\succ$  June 5<sup>th</sup> is the car show at City Chevrolet.
- > June 9<sup>th</sup> City Chevrolet is having their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- > July 3<sup>rd</sup> Troutman Parade with Tommy and Brenda Loftin hosting.

- Treasurer's Report Boyd Kurt for Florence Prather
  - Reviewed the budget and bank balance.
- Secretary's Report Linda Lewis
   Appounded the May birthdays
  - Announced the May birthdays.
- Social Director's Report Pat Bonino for Adina Ledford
  - Charleston trip has been cancelled.
  - Wicked tickets are ready to be picked up.
  - ➢ June 19<sup>th</sup> Carolina Raptor Center.
  - October 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Savannah Trip.
  - Planning for a Mystery Trip, a Mountain trip to the Highlands in Cashiers NC in the fall and a NASCAR Hall of Fame trip.
  - Check the website for updates.

#### • Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano

Planning for the next Corvette Bash

#### • Chrome Bumper Report – Tommy Loftin

- Memorial Day Weekend Maggie Valley trip.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> Sparta Trip.
- > July trip Reggie and Susie Black will be hosting. Details to follow.
- Other Business
  - Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, June 12th at the NASCAR Technical Institute at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

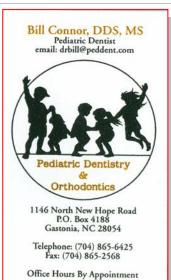
Línda H. Lewis,

Secretary

### ...and extra rims too?

Thanks to Karl Slavetsky for this vintage add.





It was discovered that all Corvettes are not *yellew...* Some are even <u>BLACK</u> (as seen at the Bill Mullis Garage) !





































Guess what? There was even an "Italian" Wednesday Night Dinner!















And just good *fun...and lots of it!* 



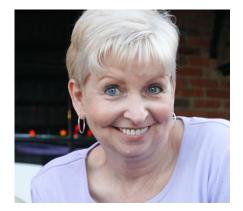
































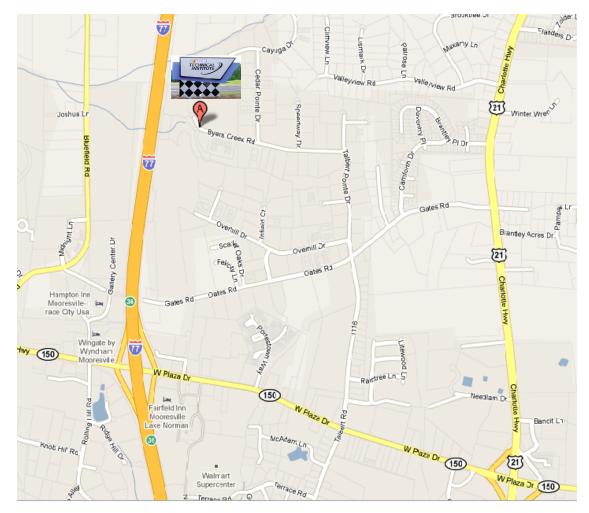






# Saturday June 12 <sup>th</sup> Meeting NASCAR Technical Institute

220 Byers Creek Road, Mooresville, NC 28117 Phone Toll Free 1-877-201-2597



# Social Time: 5:30 PM - Meeting Time: 6:30 PM Refreshments will be served & chairs provided

Please check our **<u>QCCC website</u>** for more details!





Bob "Flash" Denny has been working hard to snap us when we least expect it. And our Webmasters have hustled to get them on our website as quickly as possible. You can view <u>many more</u> photos by visiting our QCCC website and clicking on <u>"EVENT PHOTOS"</u> Check back frequently to see what's new!



Business Week's Review: 2010 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport With a 430-horsepower V8 and a sticker of only \$55K, the new Corvette Grand Sport may be

the best sports-car bargain on the planet. Read about this and other Corvette Grand sport may be introduction of the new 2011 Carbon Edition Corvette in the presentation given by the Corvette Engineers at this year's C5 / C6 Bash. The entire presentation is available on our <u>QCCC</u> website!

- Congratulations to Paul Mariano (and Barbara) for being our 2014 National Corvette Caravan Chairperson! This is truly an honor and will require much hard work, and those of us looking forward to the next Caravan know it will be planned exceptionally well. Paul's organizational skills, attention to detail and vast experience will prove to be a great asset in this endeavor. Paul will have the support of Queen City Corvette Club to make our next Corvette Caravan the best yet! Read about Paul's announcement on our <u>QCCC website</u>.
- Members, don't forget to send in a picture of your Corvette for the <u>"Member's Cars"</u> section of our club website. Catch "Flash Denny" at an upcoming event and he can snap one! Please forward them to our Webmaster Bob Becker at vettarosa@carolina.rr.com.
- The National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS) will hold its 2010 National Convention in <u>our</u> area in July. Host hotel is the Embassy Suites in Concord. Nine Corvette Road Tours that depart from Rochester, NY, Crystal River, FL, Wilmington, DE, Kansas City, KS, Minneapolis, MN, Boston, MA, Denver, CO, Weatherford, TX, and Carlisle, PA will converge at the Embassy Suites at approximately 12:30 PM on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be a site to see for all Corvette lovers who are lucky enough to find a perch to witness this parade of history. More to come......