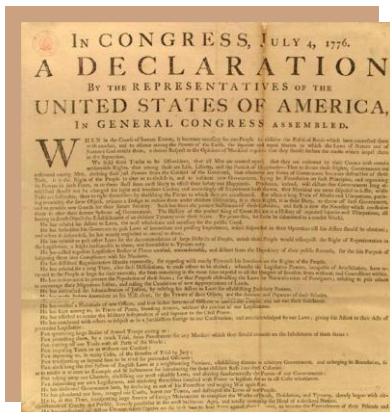




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To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.

# The President's Thoughts,



Just a quick update on Kamp Kurt - We had four Kampers for a week and believe me the counselors were worn out after that week. We are back down to two and life is easy. Swimming, swimming and more swimming. The youngest one loves to ride on the center console (of the Corvette) and dry her hair as we drive back to the main cabin.



If you were not at the June meeting, you missed a great speaker. We learned about the NASCAR Hall of Fame and enjoyed hearing some unusual stories about the early days of NASCAR. We would like to thank Buz McKim, Historian of the NASCAR Hall of Fame. We also would like to thank the NASCAR Technical Institute for hosting our June meeting and particularly Barbara Lopez for all of her help.

We hope you like the changes to the web site and newsletter. Bob, Marilyn, Chris and Peggy stepped up to the plate and both the website and newsletter are looking great. Our thanks to all of them for a smooth transition. Also, great big thanks to Charlie, Iris and E.O. for their help in making this change seamless.

Enjoy the summer and watch for the activities planned in the upcoming months. Remember to sign up and let the event planners know you are participating. You don't want to miss any of the fun times.

"Save the Wave" 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**

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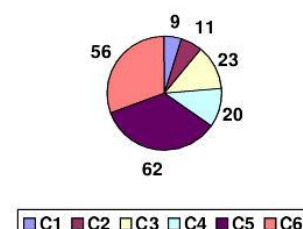
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Queen City Corvette Club  
Corvettes by Generation



# VP Report

## C-3 – Continued....

An extensive 1980 redesign of the front and rear bumper caps resulted in integral spoilers for each, instead of the add-ons of the earlier models. The Feds were at it again, mandating a top speedometer reading of 85 mph. California's tough emission standards resulted in all Corvettes sold in California to have only the 305 cubic inch engine rated at 180 horsepower. All the rest of the states received Corvettes with 350 ci rated at 190 horsepower, or the optional L-82 rated at 230 HP. In 1980 air conditioning became standard equipment on all Corvettes. Production dropped significantly in '80 to 40,614 units. Corvette interior and exteriors for 1981 were unchanged from 1980 with only one engine offered, a 350 ci designated L-81 rated at 190 horsepower. This was also the last year for the manually shifted 4 speed. A new computer became standard equipment on the L-81 to control ignition timing and carbureted fuel / air mixtures. Mid way through the model year production moved to the new assembly plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Production remained about the same as 1980 at 40,606 units.



In its last year of production the C-3 was showing its age: the basic body dated to 1968 and the basic chassis dated to 1963. A 1982 collector's edition was built with special badging, two-tone paint, aluminum wheels styled after the bolt on 1967 aluminum wheels and a lifting rear glass for easy storage access, 6759 collector edition would be built in 1982. Only one engine was available the new L-83 with "cross fire injection" rated at 200 horsepower this was the first fuel injected engine for the Corvette since 1965. In 1982 all Corvettes were built at the new assembly plant in Bowling Green. The next generation Corvette design was started in 1981, with customers anxious for a new Corvette production dropped to only 25,407 units the lowest number of units since 1971. Next month the highly anticipated C-4 would arrive six months late, but better late than never.

### Corvette Milestones for July

**July, 1953:** Zora Arkus-Duntov begins working on the Corvette.

**July, 1956:** Richard Thompson races a production Corvette to first place in C class – Production, in the Seattle Seafair race, the first SCCA National title for the Corvette.

**July, 1958:** Bill Mitchell assembles the XP-700, a highly modified Corvette with a long oval nose, and twin-bubble plastic roof. The rear design is later adopted for the 1961 model.

**July, 1962:** Production begins on the Grand Sport, designed for racing in World Championship races. Production is intended to be 125.

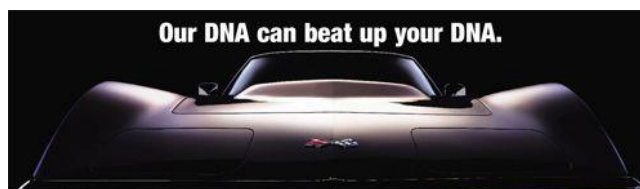
**July, 1975:** The last 1975 model-year convertible Stingray rolls off the assembly line.

**July, 1977:** Bill Mitchell resigns from General Motors.

**July 2, 1992:** The one millionth Corvette is built. It is a white LT1 roadster, with red interior.

**July 17, 1999:** At Knebworth House in Essex, England, 120 Corvettes take part in the longest convoy of Corvettes ever in England. 344 cars in total take part in the main event, the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Nationals of the Classic Corvette Club United Kingdom.

*Steve Pelchat*





# *Automotive Report*



The Automotive Director was out of the country for most of June and does not have a report for this period.



Thank you to the members of Queen City Corvette Club for your continued participation and support.

*Nelson*

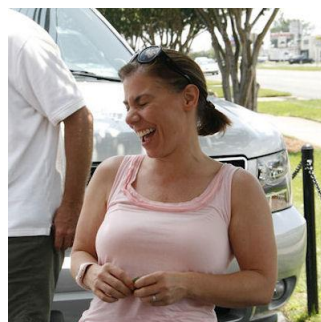
Congratulations to the following winners at the City Chevrolet Charity Car Show on June 5<sup>th</sup>:

Ken & Lois Watts –	C1 / C2
Jud & Sylvia Self -	C3 / C4
Rick & Linda Mills -	C5
Chris Wood & Peggy Marlowe-	C6
Reggie & Suzie Black -	Member Favorite

*Our thanks to City Chevrolet and their Staff for hosting this event!*

A large advertisement for City Chevrolet. On the right, a blue sports car is shown from a front-three-quarter view, driving towards the viewer with motion blur in the background. The text 'SLOW DOWN. TAKE A PIT STOP.' is in the top left. Below it, 'PERSONALIZE. CUSTOMIZE. ACCESSORIZE.' is written in red. In the bottom left is the 'Pit Stop' logo with the website 'www.citychevrolet.com'. In the bottom center is the 'City Chevrolet' logo. In the top right is the phone number '1.800.868.CITY'. In the bottom right is the website 'www.CityChevrolet.com'.

# *June Charity Car Show at City Chevrolet*





# *SOCIAL NOTES...*



## July 17<sup>th</sup> – Mystery Trip

Pat has been working feverishly planning this much anticipated event! I have received the signup sheets from the last meeting – but it seems that no-one put their email addresses on the sheet, and nobody specified if they were interested in taking the bus or taking their car.

PLEASE – RSVP to me via email at [adinaledford@yahoo.com](mailto:adinaledford@yahoo.com) and that way I will have your email address so that we can update everyone on meeting times and locations.

PLEASE ALSO advise if you will take the bus if we have one, or if you would prefer to drive your car.

We will be sending out trip details to those who have signed up next week – PLEASE email today so we can get event information (and clues) out to you right away!

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## DATE CHANGE –



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

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The above “date change” was also in last months’ newsletter. There has been much confusion about the date of this trip. I posted the date change when we changed the date due to various conflicts. At the meeting, the sign-up sheet had the correct date printed on it – but someone crossed that out and wrote November 5<sup>th</sup> – the old date.

I apologize for the confusion over this change. *The Savannah Trip correct dates are October 15 -17<sup>th</sup>.*

I have received many emails this week with hotel, restaurant and sight-seeing ideas. I am beginning to compile all this info, make phone calls and sending emails. Once we have more details set in stone – I will send an email out with those details.

I have also received the signup sheets from the last business meeting, and we have names, but no email addresses. Kindly email me to confirm that you want to join us in Savannah from Oct 15 - 17, 2010. I will update my RSVP list, and send out more details to those who have RSVP’d shortly.

If you have any questions – feel free to email me at any time – [adinaledford@yahoo.com](mailto:adinaledford@yahoo.com)

Thank you!

*Adina Ledford* ☺ Social Director

# NCM Corner

Our Museum Ambassador has been away on vacation. Thanks to **John Jensen**, NCM Ambassador-At-Large for providing this month's information.



Paul has reserved 5 rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bowling Green for the NCM anniversary celebration. The dates are September the 1st through the 4th. The cost is \$109.00 plus tax. Breakfast is included. All rooms are king, non smoking. Anyone wanting one of these rooms, please e-mail Paul at [vettltd@aol.com](mailto:vettltd@aol.com) and he will give you the confirmation number to reference when you call in. Should we need more than 5 rooms, Paul will call for more.

Should you feel lucky, many Corvettes are being raffled off at the Museum, You can purchase the \$10.00 tickets from Paul. Should you want to purchase more expensive tickets, they can be purchased on line at the Corvette Museum web site.

The next NCM event is the [R8C Museum Delivery / NCM Xperience Reunion](#) held August 12 – 14.

Corvette Racing's next event is the American Le Mans Series Larry H. Miller Dealerships Utah Grand Prix at Miller Motorsports Park near Salt Lake City. The 2-hour, 45-minute race will begin at 2:35 p.m. MT on Sunday, July 11, and will be televised live on SPEED at 4:30 p.m. ET.

John Jensen, NCM Ambassador-at-Large  
for  
*Paul Mariano*, NCM Ambassador

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## ***WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS! We're glad you're here!***



Keith & Kelly Cross  
2003 Silver Anniversary



Vernon Maher  
1978 Silver Anniversary



Bill Hannon  
1966 Milano Maroon Roadster  
1966 427 White Roadster  
2008 Red

*We all come in as strangers and soon become family!*



## Vettes in the Valley – 2010

Thanks to Steve & Laura Pelchat and Tommy & Brenda Loftin for providing this report.



"Vettes in the Valley", May 29 & 30th in Maggie Valley, NC was again a great show to attend. Total number of Corvettes was down slightly at over 285, but the variety was great. Coming from 15 different states and 38 Corvette Clubs, they ranged from a 1954 in pristine condition, to survivors, to brand new models. Custom paint, special engines - a great chance to see everyone's interpretation of their favorite Corvette.

The chrome bumper group left Friday morning and taking the northern route ran into a thunderstorm. We made a quick stop to put up the tops, and get out the cloths to mop up drips. There goes all the polishing and the whitewalls need cleaning again. After a sightseeing tour of the Bohemian section of Asheville, we stopped for lunch. The speedy group left in the afternoon and missed the storm on the southern route. Saturday was a perfect mix of sun & clouds. We were met at the entrance of the fairgrounds by our own "Flash" Denny, he had driven up that morning to join us and take pictures.



The good news is that **Queen City Corvette Club** regained the **top club award**, for the most corvettes from a club, but the Myrtle Beach group was right on our heels. **Brenda & Tommy Loftin** won the **Participants Choice Award** for the second time for their *1961 Honduras Maroon*, and also **First Place in the C-I class**. **Steve & Laura Pelchat** received an **Award of Distinction in the C-I class** for their *1960 Horizon Blue*. **Rick & Linda Mills** won an **Award of Distinction in the C-5 class** for their *2003 grey convertible*, and **Wade & Sue Stickels** won for the **lowest license plate lottery**. Judging had to be difficult, with over 50 trophies given out.

The rain didn't hold off, and again we went through the awards ceremony with umbrellas.

A good showing for **Queen City Corvette Club!** Mark your calendars for May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Vettes in the Valley".

Check out the winners, slide show and video by clicking [here](#).







[More photos](#) available on our QCCC website



## *The Chrome Bumper Group Leads another Corvette Cruise!*



Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> was a treat for all who participated in the CBG led road trip through the country side to the beautiful mountains of Sparta, NC! Many thanks to **Wade & Sue Stickels** for hosting a terrific day! Corvettes from the past 51 years were represented – from a 1959 to a 2010 Grand Sport. The weather was great, the food delicious, the fellowship and fun exceptional. We cruised to Sparta for lunch, then on to Wade's & Sue's mountain retreat for cool drinks, dessert and relaxation, enjoying the view from their deck. Wade & Sue had even prepared a trivia contest with prizes to the winners. The group then split up, some returning home and the remaining group cruised over to Galax, Va. for BBQ at the Galax Smokehouse. The older Corvettes lead the way on CBG Cruises, and *all* Corvettes welcomed. Stay tuned for future cruises.



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# Vintage QCCC

by Vintage Guys -

Richard Craig and Bill Cruthis



## '78 Pace Car Mania

In 1977 the club Corvette guru and visionary was "Dollar" Bill Ingram, a CPA whose real passion was cars. Ole "Dollar" had a photographic memory and being a CPA he could spout Corvette data endlessly. He was always ahead of the game. Just a few of the fleet that passed thru his garage that I recall were, '67 big block silver coupe with a black stinger, a '72 LT1 with air (one of 250 made), a red '65 roadster taken on trade from pro golfer Jay Haas for a '78 308 red Ferrari, and his wife's (a real sweetheart) '77 black L82 with saddle that Richard bought. (Don't feel sorry for Richard, he later sold that car for a big time profit) Bill left the CPA business in '77 and started selling cars out of his basement on Summerhill Drive (between Monroe Road and Independence Blvd. in Charlotte). He was so successful that he later built Southern Imports on the Boulevard. (Note: he retired and sold that business to someone else and that man was later busted for selling drugs.)

He was working from his home in '77 where the basement housed 5 Corvettes and an office with the long wall covered with a billboard poster of a '78 silver anniversary (several of us at his guidance bought the billboards for \$10 each from GM, I sold mine in 2001 for \$100). Being a student of Corvettes he early on noted that GM would make one '78 Indy Pace Car for each of their 6502 dealers. Bill figured that they would be hard to come by very quickly, and never hesitant to spend and make money he pounced on the opportunity. He visited local dealers and put a down payment on their pace car at sticker price, acquiring the allotment from City Chevrolet, LaPoint Chevrolet, Larry Jay Chevrolet and 2 other dealerships. With those commitments in hand he advertised in "Vette Vues Magazine" and sold the cars sight unseen with blank titles. Then he went to the bank and laid out the plans to borrow money to buy more.

Around this time I was at his home and noticed a map of the southeast in his office with red, green and yellow push pins. I inquired what was up with that, and he informed me the red pins were dealers who refused to sell him their pace car, the green ones he had successfully bought and the yellow pins he was still negotiating. The final tally was 28 pace cars bought in 90 days and sold within 60 more days. He never laid eyes on any of the cars, net profit to him for 5 months work was \$125,000 less a little interest to the bank, quite a tidy sum in 1977. This was only rivaled years later at Southern Imports when he would buy Mercedes in Germany, ship them to Charleston port, straight onto a truck to avoid the \$10,000 U.S. pollution upgrade, then driven to Mexico and sold there. (Richard helped hatch this plan as he was selling for a German company at the time). Dollar Bill always had cars that later we would say "why didn't we buy one of those?" He was a money making machine, a great fun person and a walking Corvette Black Book. We think he may still be in Charlotte and would love to hear from him. He kind of reminds us of what we saw at Charley O's.

Dollar Bill Ingram - part of the rich history of our QCCC!

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## A Weekend at Carolina Motorsports Park – Kershaw, SC

(A first-hand account of a fun weekend – contributed by Queen City Corvette Club Members Craig & Donna Perry)

Each year, near the first of June, the **Carolina Regional Mustang Club** puts on a **High Performance Driver Education (HPDE)** event at the **Carolina Motorsports Park** (2.28 mile, 14 turn road course) just outside of Kershaw, SC. It is always nicely organized and a safe, fun time. We have participated before so once again we signed up and trekked down that way to enjoy attacking the asphalt without worrying about tickets, cross traffic, or what's around the next corner. This particular event is unique in that it allows convertible cars to participate without the requirement of a roll-bar, so if you drive a drop top you may want to make a note for next year.



We met up with the **Boninos**, the **Marrons**, **Russ Brasher**, **John Liebe**, and the **Davidsons** (brought their ZR1 and their nephew with a nice Mustang). **Wally Crawford** joined us on Sunday to lend a helping hand and add some fun anecdotes from the "been there" voice of experience. We setup a small QCCC encampment with nice amenities - the Boninos brought their mini-van so we had lots of room to bring "Stuff" and everyone finished prepping their cars and got a final once over by the Mustang Club.

Each of us was assigned an instructor, and put in a class group based on experience. Saturday morning was beautifully clear and after a driver's meeting to reinforce safety, we started the cycle of each group going to class, grid the car, **OUT ON TRACK!!** Come back in, get some water (very warm temperatures but a good breeze), and after what seems like a fairly short period, it's time to go again (**WOO HOO**). There were big smiles all around, to be sure. Driving the car is a ton of fun and enjoying the dynamic performance is built-in. Our cars are fast, handle nicely and have great brakes - good stuff.



There were four sessions per group each day - averaging about 25-30 minutes on track per session. Each day at noon the track was open for parade laps so folks not driving in the event, or just visiting for the day could take their car out and experience the track first hand. Several folks from the club stopped by to visit and check out the event making the between session times go even faster.

Sunday was another pretty day with everyone getting more comfortable with their cars and getting around the track a little bit quicker. Both Tom Marron and I were declared sufficiently experienced to solo towards the end of the weekend and got a chance to do it by ourselves – it was exciting and feels good to know you're getting the hang of things.



I was moved to Bill Davidson's group to do my solo track time and got to see, first-hand, how fast a ZR1 can pass you by. "Shot from a cannon" comes to mind.

All in all it was a perfect Corvette weekend with lots of visiting, taking pictures, learning, meeting all kinds of very friendly folks, and some super memories of having a ball driving the

**Great American Sports Car.**







*June Meeting at NASCAR Technical Institute*





# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## MEETING MINUTES



**Date:** June 12, 2010

**Time:** 5:30 P – 7:30 P

**Location:** NASCAR Technical Institute  
 Mooresville, NC

### ATTENDEES

Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President; Eddie Burt, Membership; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Bob Denny, Club Photographer

### DISCUSSION

- ☐ Social hour from 5:30-6:30

#### Boyd Kurt, President

- ☐ Called meeting to order at 6:30 pm
- ☐ Thanked Barbara Lopez, Admissions Tour Coordinator, NASCAR Tech, for hosting our meeting
- ☐ Requested a motion that was made, seconded, and approved to accept the May minutes
- ☐ Introduced guest speaker Buz McKim of the NASCAR Hall of Fame, the QCCC Staff, and the QCCC Officers and asked for their reports

#### Buz McKim, Historian, NASCAR Hall of Fame

- ☐ Gave a remarkable presentation on Charlotte's recently opened NASCAR Hall of Fame

#### Eddie Burt, Membership

- ☐ Invited Visitors to stand and introduce themselves and their cars:
  - Bob & Pat Motta – 2001 Black with awesome flames Coupe
  - Ronald & Priscilla Worley – 2006 Triple Black Convertible
  - Danny Pittman and Susan Johnson – 2003 Red Convertible
  - Darren Versace
  - Klas Kalla
- ☐ Held election of **new members**:
  - **Bill Hannon** – 2008 Red Z06, 1966 White big block Coupe, 1966 Maroon Convertible
  - **Vernon Maher** – 1978 Silver Anniversary Coupe
  - **Keith & Kelly Cross** – 2003 Silver Convertible
- ☐ With the 4 new members added tonight, the **membership stands at 235**
- ☐ Income from Advertisers so far this year is \$600.00
- ☐ Today would have been the QCCC Annual BBQ - good idea to reschedule it to September since today's temperature is 95!

#### Steve Pelchat, Vice President

- ☐ May's Vettes In The Valley weekend was a lot of fun! QCCC won the Participation Award with 14 Corvettes from our club attending. Individual award winners were Tommy Loftin, Rick Mills, and Steve Pelchat.
- ☐ June 25 is Drive Your Corvette To Work Day
- ☐ July 10 meeting will be at Harley-Davidson of Charlotte with the Social beginning at 6:00 pm

#### Florence Prather, Treasurer

- ☐ Reported the current bank balance
- ☐ QCCC tote bags are for sale for \$10

**Gift cards drawn:** John Jensen, Doug Wright, Scott Hamilton, Paul Pelkey, Florence Prather, Jill Peterson

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**Boyd Kurt for Nelson Sprague, Automotive**

- ✉ Thanked everyone for a great turnout (51 cars) at last Saturday's Charity Car Show at City Chevrolet
- ✉ February 26, 2011 – Save the date for a *very special surprise* day trip
- ✉ July 3 Parades
  - *Indian Trail* – need one more car
  - *Troutman* – all are welcome as we will not be carrying any beauty queens. Let Tommy Loftin know if you'd like to participate.

**Boyd Kurt for Adina Ledford, Social**

- ✉ June 19 trip to the Raptor Center has been cancelled
- ✉ July 17 Mystery Trip sign-up sheet is available
- ✉ November 5 weekend trip to Savannah, GA sign-up sheet is available (ed.note: date later changed to Oct. 15)
- ✉ 2011 Banquet is being planned – a possible location is the NASCAR Hall of Fame
- ✉ August 27 – 29 Corvettes at Carlisle – 50+ QCCC members are going, so far

**John Jensen for Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador**

- ✉ September 2 – 4 is the 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the National Corvette Museum. Paul has 5 rooms available at the Hilton if you'd like to attend.

**Walt Krupowicz, Member**

- ✉ July 14 – 17 NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) is holding their National Convention at zMax Dragway on Speedway Blvd. Everyone is welcome to come out and see over 270 REALLY NICE older Corvettes (1953 to 1995). The event is free for spectators with any donations going to Speedway Children's Charities. The National Road Tour is scheduled to arrive at Embassy Suites on Tuesday July 13 at 12:30 pm. Flight Judging will take place Friday & Saturday beginning at 8:45 am under the grandstands.

**Jim Weisberg, Member**

- ✉ August 20 – 22 Blue Grass Tours in Lexington, KY presents a 5 hour "Horses, Hooch, and History Tour" to a distillery and thoroughbred horse farm for \$75 per person. Please let Jim know by July 1 if you are interested in going. A minimum of 14 people is needed.

**Tommy Loftin, Member – Chrome Bumper Group**

- ✉ Saturday June 19 everyone is welcome to join the Chrome Bumper Group for a back roads ride through the Blue Ridge Mountains to Sparta, NC for lunch. A sign-up sheet is available.

- ✉ Next meeting is Saturday, July 10th at Harley Davidson of Charlotte, social at 6:00 PM, meeting at 6:30pm.

**Boyd Kurt, President**

- ✉ Meeting adjourned at: 7:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Burt*

for Linda Lewis, Secretary



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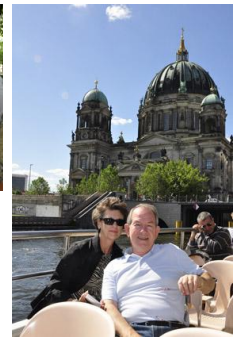
- Lifts 2-Post / 4-Post
- Tire & Wheel Equipment
- Computer Wheel Alignment
- Brake Lathes - Air Compressors
- Frame Machines - Computer Measuring

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## QCCC Members Hook Up in Berlin

A restaurant in Berlin was a meeting point for two different groups of QCCC members this month.

E.O. and Ann Oakley along with Charlie and Iris Binder had planned for quite a while to travel together through Germany. They carefully plotted their agenda, selected the sites and cities they wanted to visit and booked their rooms in early spring.



Meanwhile the Corvette Museum was sponsoring a North Sea cruise that would visit a number of ports ranging from Belgium to Russia. The two different trips would occur about the same time in June.

In May, while E.O. was reviewing his itinerary with Barbara Mariano, they discovered both groups would be in Berlin on the same date. A plan was set in motion by them to set up communications so they could meet. The Museum group was on a specific tour that day and had a designated lunch stop. The Oakleys and Binders found the restaurant and enjoyed a true QCCC meeting with them – naturally at a place to eat!

*[Corvette friends meet in a far-away land – the Marianos, Spragues, Davidsons, Oakleys, Binders, Johnson's (from Tri-City Corvette Club, Texas) and the Meades (from Myrtle Beach Corvette Club) meet in Berlin.]*

We're happy to report that all our "world travelers" have returned home safely!

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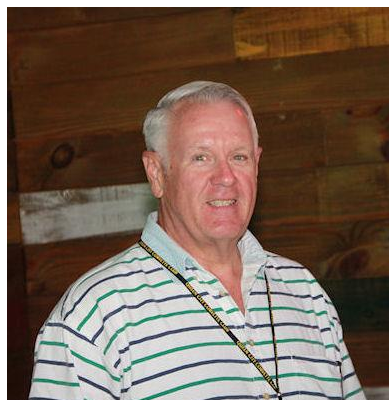
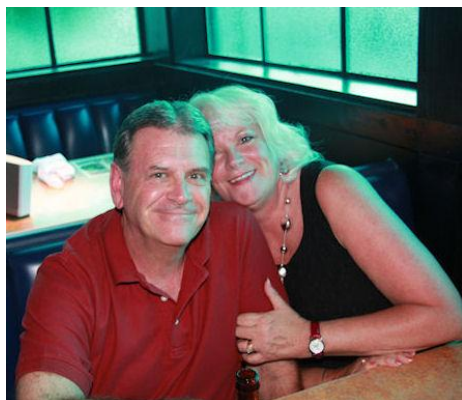
## Announcement - New Family Additions:



*Congratulations to Don & Carolyn Zimmer (2004 Coupe) and Tommy & Brenda Loftin (2010 Grand Sport) on the new additions to their families!*



*And More Dinners... With Cake, Men's Luncheons, Ladies Luncheons....*



[More photos](#) available on our QCCC website



# “Heads-Up”



Don't forget to mark your calendars for July 12 through July 18 and the 2010 [NCRS](#) National Convention in Concord. Host hotel is the Embassy Suites – Concord with convention overflow at the Courtyard, Residence Inn, and SpringHill Suites, all located in Concord. Nine Corvette Road Tours departing from New York, Florida, Delaware, Kansas, Minnesota, Massachusetts, Colorado, Texas and Pennsylvania will converge at the Embassy Suites and Concord beginning at approximately 12:30 PM on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. You may see participants in their Corvettes around town, at Carowinds, Concord Mills, the local museums and galleries, and doing track laps at Charlotte Motor Speedway. This will be a great time to practice the **Corvette Wave!** NCRS judging and events will take place at the zMax Dragway in Concord. Everyone is welcome to come out and see the many Corvettes from 1953 to 1995. The event is free for spectators with any donations going to Speedway Children's Charities.



Webmasters Bob & Marilyn Becker have been busy adding photos to the “EVENT PHOTOS” section of our [QCCC website](#). Don't forget to check out the new photos, especially the “OLD FLAMES – MEMBERS FIRST CORVETTE” section. Anyone want to guess who that guy is who looks “just too cool for school”? Bet he had an original “Iron Butterfly - In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida” 8-Track tape in that Corvette. Add your “OLD FLAMES” (Corvettes only please) to the collection. Contact Bob at [mailto:vettarosa@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mailto:vettarosa@carolina.rr.com).



Speaking of the Webmasters, take a look at the [Queen City Corvette Club website](#) changes. Bob & Marilyn have been busy! You'll still find all the QCCC info readily available. Take it for a spin today! (Can you find our National Corvette Museum Mosquito? His name is NCM.)



GM says 9 of its 11 assembly plants will continue to operate during the traditional shutdown period from June 28 to July 9. Most of GM's stamping and powertrain plants will also work to support assembly operations. One of the 9 plants scheduled to remain open is the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green, Ky. This is good news for Corvette fans thinking about trying a new C6.



Keep up with the latest 2014 NCM Caravan planning and news on Paul Mariano's Caravan Blog. Click [here](#) for the link or access it from the [QCCC website](#).




The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual **National Corvette Homecoming** takes place in Bowling Green, Ky. July 16 – 18. Host hotel and activities will be at the Sloan Convention Center, 1021 Wilkinson Trace. For info click <http://www.nationalcorvettehomecoming.com/>.



July 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> summer cruise-in of 2010 in downtown Galax, VA. Downtown streets are closed to all but hot rods, muscle cars, music and fun. Info at <http://www.galaxdowntown.com/groovinongrayson.coaspx>.

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*More Queen City Corvette Club Fun....*





***Next Meeting - Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>***

***Harley Davidson of Charlotte***

**9205 East Independence Blvd, Matthews, NC 28105-4501**



***Please Note:***

***We will not be able to enter the meeting location until 6:00 PM, so the Social Hour will be reduced. Bring your favorite soft drink or water, (no alcohol please) no refreshments will be available. Chairs will be provided.***

**Directions:**

**Harley-Davidson of Charlotte**  
(704) 847-4647

Note: Located in Matthews right behind the Hooters in the West bound lane of US 74.

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

**From the North:**

I-77 South to Brookshire Freeway / I-277 South to Hwy-74 East / Independence Blvd. Approximately 10 miles on left just past Crown Pointe area. Take the first left after the Crown Pointe Shopping Center. You will turn into the Shopping Area with Hooters, International House of Pancakes(IHOP), Midas, Infiniti, Krispy-Kreme and the Suburban Lodge.

**From the South:**

I-77 North to I-485 East. Take Hwy-74 West exit and head towards uptown Charlotte for approximately 2 miles. We'll be on the right just behind the International House of Pancakes.



**Please check our [QCCC website](#) for more details!**

## IN THE REAR VIEW



Throughout the QCCC Newsletter, you will see words in different colors, usually blue, that are underlined. Each one is a “LINK” to an email address or a website. By moving your mouse over the link until you see the hand appear, you can then click the “LINK” and go directly to that website or email. Try it out.



Friday, June 25th was “**DRIVE YOUR CORVETTE TO WORK DAY**”. The annual day for Corvette owners is always held on the Friday in June nearest to the 30th. If you forgot or missed it this year, mark your calendars for next June 24, 2011.



Anyone irritated at the coverage of the [American Le Mans Series](#) and [Corvette Racing](#) lately? Do you sit for hours waiting on a mention or a glimpse of action in the GT classes? Seems the announcers primarily just babble on about the LMP & LMPC classes like adolescents relishing their first kiss. Now, we have nothing against the Peugeots, Audis, Ginette-Zytek, Lolas, etc., but we all know **the GT class is where the action is!** If you want to see more coverage of the GT classes and more *Corvette Racing*, write or email [SPEED](#) channel, or the network airing the broadcasts. We love Corvettes. We drive Corvettes. We want to see them race!



**Vintage Corvette** – On June 1, 1981 the new Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky produced its first Corvette. This marked a new era for Corvette production. Over 700,000 of *America's Sports Cars* had been produced at the St. Louis, Missouri Assembly Plant since December 28, 1953. Prior to that, the first 300 polo white Corvettes with red interiors had been produced at a make-shift plant in Flint, Michigan.



Ever wonder why our members are smiling so much in the [QCCC Event Photos](#)? Each photo has its own story, but where else can you enjoy fun activities with other enthusiasts and fans of America's Sports Car, the Corvette? If you want to find out what all the smiling is about, come to the next event and find out!



**From the “How Did We Miss This” department:** National Highway Traffic safety Administration administrator David L. Strickland has announced the appointment of John Dinkel to the newly created position of director of vehicle efficiency and performance. In his new position, Dinkel will be responsible for advising the NHTSA on issues related to efficiency and performance and making recommendations on regulations **“to reduce the current proliferation of excessively high-performance vehicles”**, according to the [press release](#). The press release also quoted Strickland to say **“we have also noted a distressing increase in vehicles and engines with what can only be considered to be environmentally unfriendly levels of horsepower.”** Better buy that Corvette you've been eyeing now while you still can before our tax \$\$\$ really go to work!



Rick Hendrick purchased the 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 Corvette Z06 Carbon Limited Edition for \$270,000 (\$297,000 with buyer's commission) at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Barrett-Jackson Auction in Palm Beach. Along with the purchase of VIN 001, came the opportunity to watch his Corvette being built in Bowling Green on the Buyer's Tour.



Congratulations to Ken & Lois Watts on their recent anniversary! They can truly say the last 40 years has been “...A Wonderful World.”



QCCC members Ken and Sue Thomas have completed their cross-country journey back to Washington State. They are looking forward to joining us again in the Fall.