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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.

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### About the cover:

QCCC Member Bill Cruthis ran across this interesting photo he took years ago of his **1963 Split Window Coupe**. The photo was featured in *Vette Vues Magazine* in 1980. Ask Bill if he wishes he had this '63 beauty back. Thanks for sharing, Bill!

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## The President's Thoughts,

The top of my Corvette has not been down for several months. We have had a very hot summer but it is almost over. We are looking forward to cooler weather and many driving trips. Burt's BBQ, Columbia, and Savannah come to mind. Get ready for some more fun.



We just wanted to let all of our members know that elections in QCCC will be in November and nominations are being accepted by your President. Please be sure to talk to the person nominated before you put their name in the hat. Yes you can nominate yourself. Serving this club has been enjoyable and a lot of fun, why not try it. If you have any questions about any board position, just talk to a board member and they will be able to answer them.

Some members have asked me what is going on with Corvette Racing. No they haven't placed first this year but you have to remember they are driving a new car with different rules in the GT class this year. So far they have two third place finishes and do lead laps in almost every race. They are close, so keep tuned. Corvette will win soon, that is a promise. Johnny told me.

"Save the Wave" and remember all racing Corvettes are still Yellow. Petit Le Mans will be here before you know it. October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for your friendship and support,

*Boyd*

An advertisement for City Chevrolet. The background is a dark, blurred image of a blue Corvette driving at high speed, with a bright light flare in the center. Text at the top left reads "SLOW DOWN. TAKE A PIT STOP." in white. Below it, in red, are the words "PERSONALIZE.", "CUSTOMIZE.", and "ACCESSORIZE.". In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "Pit Stop" with two crossed checkered flags and the text "www.citychevrolet.com". In the bottom center, there is a "City Chevrolet" logo with the Chevrolet bowtie. In the bottom right corner, the website "www.CityChevrolet.com" is displayed. The phone number "1.800.868.CITY" is in the top right corner.

# VP Report

## C-4 1988-1991

Big changes are ahead for the C-4 platform, but the '88 model year was much like the '87. Changes in '88 were optional 17" wheels, which came on 85% of the 88s. Also a revised cam shaft and freer flowing exhaust boosted horsepower in the L98 to 245. A 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition was a \$4795.00 option with 2050 being built. All had white exteriors, white interior including steering wheel, and white 17" wheels. The Callaway twin turbo option increased in price to \$25,895, compared to the '87 price of \$19,995, with only 125 Corvettes so equipped. This was also the last year for the Doug Nash "4 + 3" manual transmission. By 1988 they had worked out the problems with this transmission, but with only 18% of Corvette owners ordering this option, it was time for a change, total production 1988 was 22,789 units.



Finally in 1989 the Corvette received a proper manual transmission, the new ZF-6 speed, another new option was FX3 Selective ride control, and a fiberglass hardtop for convertibles. Total production for '89 was 26,412 units built.

"King of the Hill" was the nickname given to the new 1990 ZR-1. The backbone of this \$27,014 option was the LT5 engine, a dual overhead cam 32 valve V-8 producing 375 horsepower. All ZR-1s came with 6-speed transmission, widened rear fenders to accommodate the P315 / 35ZR17 rear tires, and squared off taillights. Motor Trend magazine tested the new ZR-1, top speed was 175mph, 0 – 60 time in 4.7 seconds, quarter mile times of 13.13 seconds at 110 mph. This car was designed to compete with all the hot cars in the world: Ferrari, Porsche, Lamborghini, and it did not disappoint. It was a real world beater. The 1990 Corvette also got a new dashboard with vastly improved mixture of analog and digital gauges, better ventilation, better sound system and a driver's side airbag. Total production in 1990 was 23,646 units – of which 3049 were ZR-1s.

Restyling of the Corvette body occurred in 1991 with a slicker front end incorporating wraparound fog lights and a new rear fascia to look like the ZR1. The base Corvette still used the L98 engine that has been used since 1985, but the six-speed transmission now was ordered on 30% of new Corvettes. The ZR-1 option now cost \$31,683, the Callaway twin turbo option that was still available in '91 was now \$33,000. Chevrolet produced 2044 ZR-1s and 71 Callaways in 1991. Total production for '91 was 20,639 units.

**Next month – the new base engine.**

## Corvette Milestones for September

**September 29, 1953:** The automotive press gets their hands on a Corvette for test and review, as the Corvette is officially released. Eight Corvettes are made available to the press at the Milford Proving Grounds.

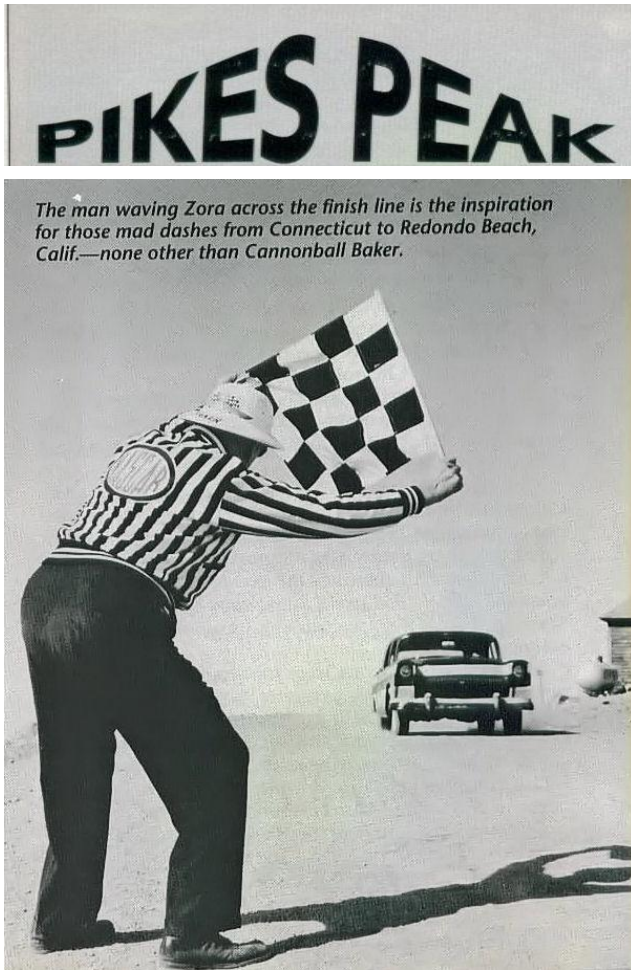
**September 9, 1955:** Zora Arkus-Duntov races a disguised 1956 model Corvette with a V-8 engine at the **Pike's Peak Hill climb**, setting the stock car record with a time of 17:24.05

**September 13, 1973:** General Motors show a 266 ci two-rotor Wankel engine test Corvette at the 45<sup>th</sup> German Motor Show in Frankfurt, Germany. The car is called Corvette 2-Rotor, (code name XP-897GT) with a steel body.

**September 24, 1974:** General Motors president Ed Cole announces that the company is postponing the introduction of a Wankel-based rotary engine, due to difficulties in meeting proposed emissions standards.



*Zora Arkus-Duntov on the day of his record breaking Pikes Peak Hill climb in 1955*



**September 1, 1992:** Corvette chief engineer Dave McLellan formally retires, staying on as a consultant until his replacement is named.

**September 2, 1994:** The **National Corvette Museum** opens in Bowling Green, Kentucky. 4000 Corvettes attend. Over the three day weekend, 118,000 people visit the museum. The gift shop does \$1,000,000 in business.

**September, 1997:** 9,000 Corvette owners attend a special weekend gathering at the **National Corvette Museum** in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Chevrolet introduces the 1998 convertible Corvette.

**Our next meeting will be September 11<sup>th</sup>, at Jane & Eddie Burt's for their famous BBQ. Bring your chairs, a tent if you have one, and your beverage.**

Jane & Eddie will be sending a notice regarding what side dish to bring. **Let them know ASAP** if you will be coming, so they can get the right amount of meat. More meeting information at the end of the newsletter, or see our [website](#) for additional details.

Remember, real Corvettes have solid axles.

*Steve Pelchat*



*Jocks & Jills Has Become a Popular Meeting Place for Queen City Corvette Club -*



# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## MEETING MINUTES



**Date:** August 14, 2010

**Time:** 5:30 P – 7:15 P

**Location:** Jocks and Jills

### ATTENDEES

Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President; Eddie Burt, Membership; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Nelson Sprague, Automotive; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob Denny, Club Photographer

### DISCUSSION

#### Social hour from 5:30 – 6:30

##### President - Boyd Kurt

- ☐ Called meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Introduced the Board Members.
- ☐ Thanked our host for allowing the group to meet at the restaurant.

##### Membership Report – Eddie Burt

- ☐ Visitors and prospective members: Ed Cecil and Mark Chavis.
- ☐ New members voted in for membership were as follows: Bob and Pat Motta and Ron and Priscilla Worley.
- ☐ The club presently has 236 members.

##### Vice President's Report – Steve Pelchat

- ☐ September meeting will be at Jane and Eddie Burt's house for the annual BBQ.
- ☐ October will be a car show.
- ☐ The following people won gift certificates: Gerri Kessel, Linda Roberts, Becky Ross, John Walton, Dennis Kish and Tommy Loftin.

##### Automotive Report – Nelson Sprague

- ☐ Thanked Wally and Anita Crawford for hosting Car Care Day and John Meadows for coordinating.
- ☐ Linda Lewis read a thank you note from Pilgrims for our \$750 donation.
- ☐ August 19th - Matt Deiger will be leading the Corvettes to Carlisle.
- ☐ August 28th & 29th – Auto Fair
- ☐ Labor Day Parade – Matthews Alive and the Mint Hill Parade is coming soon
- ☐ September 19th – Riverbanks Zoo and eat at California Dreaming

##### Treasurer's Report – Boyd Kurt for Florence Prather

- ☐ Reviewed the bank balance.

##### Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis

- ☐ Announced the August birthdays





##### Social Director's Report – Boyd Kurt for Adina Ledford

- ☐ October 15th & 16th – Savannah trip. \$79 per night. Will have a boat ride or tour of Savannah with dinner reservations at Tybee Island.
- ☐ Check the website for updates on planned trips.




***Queen City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes – continued...***

**Corvette Museum Report - Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador**

-  There are still rooms available for the Labor Day Celebration if anyone is interested.
-  In 2014 there is a Corvette Caravan scheduled.
-  Urged everyone to join the Museum.
-  Bill Davidson and Chris Wood will be attending the Ron Fellows driving school next month in Las Vegas.

**Chrome Bumper Group Report – Tommy Loftin**

-  No new business. Check the website for upcoming events.

**Next meeting is Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> at Eddie & Jane Burt's for the annual BBQ. check our [QCCC website](#) for details.**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda H. Lewis*  
Secretary



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



***Ron & Priscilla Worley  
2006 Triple Black Convertible***



***Bob & Pat Motta  
2001 Black Targa***

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

***28 NEW MEMBERS in 2010!***



**More Scenes from the August Meeting -**



# *Automotive Report*



QCCC Members,

For QCCC **Car Care Day** on July 31st, Wally and Anita Crawford opened their Garage Mahal to members and prospective members who wanted to change the oil and filter on their Corvettes and to get a good look at the underside of their cars. The oil was changed on 13 Corvettes during the day. Wally told me Michael, his son, provided most of the labor. We appreciate Michael's expert assistance. There were 29 members and prospective members present. Anyone who was around during the lunch hour had John Meadows to thank for cooking the hot dogs and Anita for making sure all the side items and snacks were on the table. Car Care Day is always a lot of fun with good conversation, so you should try to make it to the next one in January.



We are ready for **Food Lion AutoFair**. Currently we have 19 members and prospective members signed up for both Saturday and Sunday for AutoFair. The packets with the passes and information have been mailed. Now we can only wait and hope that Mother Nature will be kind and give us some cooler weather for the weekend.

We have been requested to provide 7 Corvettes for the pageant queens who will ride in the **Matthews Alive Parade** and 2 Corvettes for the **Charlotte Labor Day Parade**. I want to thank the nine members who have signed up to participate in these parades.

The sign-up sheet for the **Riverbanks Zoo and California Dreaming** day trip to Columbia, SC will be on the table at the September meeting. This is an easy drive with great food at California Dreaming and beautiful gardens and a very interesting zoo to visit after lunch. If you have not seen this zoo, you are in for a real treat.

Only your participation keeps QCCC a great Corvette club.

*Nelson Sprague*

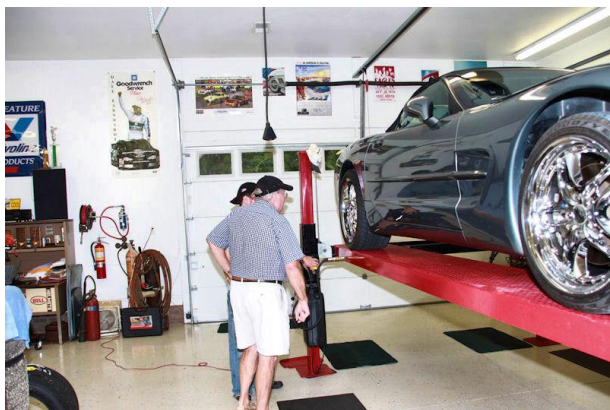
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## *Car Care Day – A Great Way to Spend a Saturday Morning -*





*September 18th, 2010*

## CALIFORNIA DREAMING RESTAURANT

And



**What a great way to spend the day:** driving your Corvettes, visiting with your QCCC friends, eating at California Dreaming and then finishing off the day with a visit to Riverbanks Zoo - - all in Columbia, SC.

Our schedule for the day will be:

1. 9:00 AM – Meet at the South Carolina Welcome Center. (About 2 miles south of Carowinds Blvd on Interstate 77 going towards Columbia, SC)
2. 9:30 AM – Depart for California Dreaming Restaurant in Columbia, SC. (map and directions provided)
3. 11:00 AM – Arrive at California Dreaming for lunch (reservation time)
4. After lunch caravan over to Riverbanks Zoo. (map and directions provided)

Additional information:

**California Dreaming Restaurant**, 401 Main St., Columbia, SC 29201

803-254-6767 **web** [www.centraarchy.com/californiadreaming\\_Col.php](http://www.centraarchy.com/californiadreaming_Col.php) for menu and directions.

**Riverbanks Zoo**, 500 Wildlife Pkwy., Columbia, SC 28210

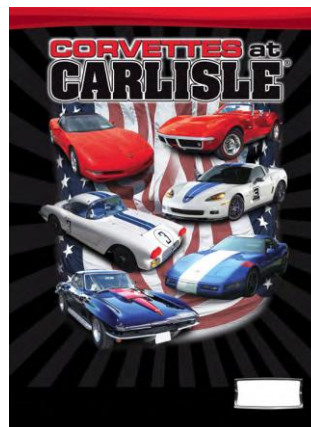
803-779-8717 **web** <http://www.riverbanks.org/> for directions.

**Sign up sheet will be at the August and September meetings.** It should be a nice day trip and the more who attend the better the trip. Contact [Nelson](#) for more info.

### *Announcement -New Family Addition:*



***Congratulations to John & Beth Walton on their new addition – a 2008 Victory Red Coupe! Can't have too many Corvettes!***



Many QCCC Members participated in last weekend's [AutoFair](#) or made the trek to [Corvettes at Carlisle](#). Photos are being accumulated and experiences are being documented. Watch for full coverage in the *October Edition of the QCCC Newsletter!*





# NCM Corner



We're off to Carlisle and then over to the NCM for the 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. It should be a fun event as the main theme will be honoring past and present Le Mans Corvettes and Corvette drivers on the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Corvettes at Le Mans**. Also, three more inductees into the **Hall of Fame** will be feted. I'm sure a good time will be had by all.

I provide this information for your consideration regarding the **2014 Caravan**. The new website is now up at [www.corvettecaravan.com](http://www.corvettecaravan.com) and on that site you can sign up for the caravan chat room. If you are bothered by a plethora of e-mails, you may want to wait until closer to the day in 2014 as the threads tend to get burdensome at times. But, if you are one of those that really like to keep tabs on things, sign up now. I do encourage you to sign up for the museum e-news to get the latest scoop on all the NCM happenings. Go to the website at [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com) and under the "newsletter" pull down at the top of the page, click on "subscribe to e-news and fill in the two simple lines.

You still have time to buy your raffle tickets for a GS Coupe on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 500 tickets @ \$250.00 and a Black Convertible on September 4<sup>th</sup>, unlimited tickets at \$10.00. You can buy them on line.

A big thank you to our newest NCM members, *Al and Gerri Kessel*, who also signed up for the Birthday Celebration at the same time they joined. Welcome to the best automotive museum in the USA.



Save the Wave!

*Paul Mariano*, NCM Ambassador

John Jackson  
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*August Luncheons and Dinners Offered More Opportunity for Food and Fellowship -*





# **SOCIAL NOTES...**

## ***The Queen City Corvette Club visits Savannah, GA***



**WHEN -** October 15 - 17, 2010  
**HOTEL -** [Marriott Courtyard Savannah Midtown](#)  
6703 Abercorn Street ~ Savannah, GA 31405  
912-354-7878

**ROOM RATE -** \$79.00 per night + Tax / Breakfast Buffet (optional) \$10 per person

**20 ROOMS ARE BEING HELD AT THIS RATE UNTIL 9/15/2010.**

**ASK FOR THE QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB RATE.**

**IF YOU WANT TO JOIN US IN SAVANNAH – BOOK YOUR ROOMS ASAP!!!**

### **Friday – 10/15**

Depart SC Welcome Center on Rte 77 @ 9am

Lunch stop along the way

Visit the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum (optional) - [www.mighty8th.org/visit.htm](http://www.mighty8th.org/visit.htm)

Stop for sweets... Carolina Cider Company (optional) - [www.carolinaciderco.com](http://www.carolinaciderco.com)

Hotel Check In

Dinner with Savannah Corvette Club (still working on this, more info shortly)

### **Saturday – 10/16**

Trolley Tour of Savannah and then on/off privileges for all day site-seeing

[www.trolleytours.com/savannah](http://www.trolleytours.com/savannah) - posted price \$22.50\*\* per person.

~~ OR ~~

Savannah River Boat Cruise – [www.savannahriverboat.com](http://www.savannahriverboat.com) – posted price of \$18.95\*\* per person

\*\* - discount pricing and more details about tours to follow shortly

Dinner on Tybee Island at “The Crab Shack” [www.thecrabshack.com](http://www.thecrabshack.com)

### **Sunday – 10/17**

Hotel Check Out and Leisurely Drive Home

We will have a hospitality suite at the hotel for gathering and socializing throughout the day and evening. A list with things to do in Savannah will also come shortly to help you find things to do and places to see while there.

**...More complete details to follow...**

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In your RSVP email - please include your Cell Phone Number, AND if you are interested in:

Caravan down to Savannah / visiting the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum (decision not required immediately for this) / Trolley or River Boat tour.

THANK YOU!!

*Adina Ledford* ☺ Social Director

# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES



**DATE: AUGUST 3, 2010 TIME: 6:35 – 7:35 PM**

**LOCATION: BOYD KURT'S HOME**

Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President, Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Eddie Burt, Membership Director; Jane Burt, Member

### DISCUSSION



Boyd Kurt called the meeting to order.



Vice President Report – Steve Pelchat

- August - Jocks and Jills.
- September – Eddie Burt's BBQ.
- October – Car Show
- November – NASCAR Institute
- December – Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian



Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague

- Charity Committee- Checks have been cut and should be given out by the next meeting.
- Car Care Day a great success with 14 cars
- Next parades are for Mint Hill and Matthews Alive.
- Auto Fair is August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> need two cars for Saturday and nine for Sunday.
- December we will have a food drive and presents for the Air National Guard



Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis

- No business



Treasurer Report – Florence Prather

- Reported on the bank balance.



Membership Director – Eddie Burt

- We have 236 members.



Social Director – Boyd Kurt for Adina Ledford

- Riverbanks Zoo trip is planned for September
- October we will have the Savannah Trip



President – Boyd Kurt

- October we will accept nominations for the 2011 Board of Directors and vote in November.
- Planning continues for the January Banquet



*Next meeting is tentatively scheduled on September 7<sup>th</sup> location to be determined.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Linda H Lewis**

**Secretary**

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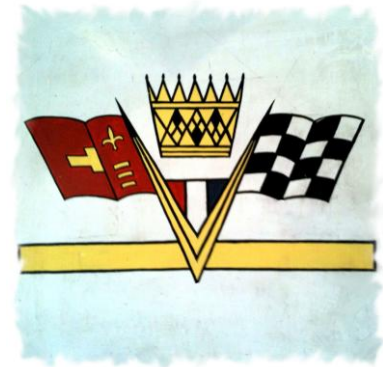
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# *Vintage QCCC*

*By Vintage Guys ~*

Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



*Original QCCC Logo, circa 1970s  
See Note Below.*

## *Big George McLeod - The Spring of '76*

Sometime in the spring of '76 on a Wednesday night at the club house, big George blew into Charlotte, migrating up from Florida. Not a lot was ever known about his personal side although Richard reminds me he opened an army navy store on Central Avenue, which is true; as I remember renting 8 army cots for Central Illinois Corvette members who came down to race the speedway one fall.

George was not tall in stature but he was very stout, and presented as if an extra on a Hollywood set of a motorcycle movie, complete with the blue jean vest, patches, bandana and a lot of facial hair. While his appearance might put you off at first he proved to be a regular Joe and blended into QCCC well. We never knew why but he always dealt with cash only, as evidenced by Bill buying a complete 63 fuel unit for \$300 at the I-hop on Central Avenue around 1:00 AM after a rousing night at the clubhouse. Seems George needed some cash right away, to the point of panic, and Bill needed the fuel unit for his split window coupe (more about that story at another time). George drove an early 70 C3 T-Top with aftermarket side exhaust and a big block motor that was really built. The car was either faded silver or gray and could pass for primer. Inside appeared as if he was living in it. He spent a lot of money trying to beat another QCCC member, Melvin Pace's 1968 Corvette at the drag races.



That spring QCCC was heavily into auto-crossing and always looking for an empty lot to use. UNC-Charlotte at the time was a commuter college built into the woods on Hwy 49. They had some classroom buildings, no dorms, and a lot of parking lots. We made a connection and got permission to use a lot surrounded by woods for a Sunday race event. We arrived around 9:00 AM and set up our cones and timing equipment and were excited at the prospect of a good all day race event. After a few cars had run the course we were surprised to hear gunfire coming from the wooded area at the back of the lot. It was apparent that someone was target practicing with what sounded like a 22 gauge pop gun. We started to gather and call off the event when we saw George go to his Corvette. He produced a 357 Magnum and started off across the lot firing in the air. We heard pop-pop of the 22 then boom boom-boom of the 357. George was reloading as he entered the woods. After a few moments he reappeared, crossed the lot, put his gun up and said "lets race", they won't be a problem again. Nothing was ever reported so we assume they saw the light and left on their own after their meeting with big George. If you saw that image coming thru the woods firing that cannon, valor would dictate flight not fight.

It was a different time in our country then, not so politically correct. We were young and did not always make the best decisions but we sure had a good time. Big George left town as suddenly and quietly as he came and we never knew if his past caught up with him or if he was just always on the move, but he sure added a different flavor to QCCC while he was here.

**Note:** The original *Queen City Corvette Club* logo sign is now hanging in *Trav's Body Shop in Matthews*, owned by **Travis Meredith, Jr., former President of QCCC in 1972 and 1976**. The picture above is a photo of the original sign that hung at the **QCCC Clubhouse**, circa 1974, corner of Independence Blvd and Commonwealth Ave. We're glad this piece of QCCC history still exists and is being preserved. *BCW*



*Even A Little Rain Didn't Dampen the Spirits of the Chrome Bumper Cruise to the Depot at Cody Creek -*



*Please visit our [Queen City Corvette Club website](#) for Hundreds of photos! You're sure to find one of you... snapped when you least expected it.*





# “Heads-Up”

🏁 We welcome QCCC's newest sponsor, [Kee Auto Top Manufacturing Co. of Charlotte](#). Thank you for your support!

🏁 **States with highest speeding-ticket fines** - Drivers caught speeding in the states of Georgia, Illinois, **North Carolina**, Nevada and New Hampshire all are liable to be fined up to \$1000, at a judge's discretion, for a first-time [speeding](#) offense, according to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#). The severity of the financial penalty also may depend upon the number of miles *above* the speed limit when clocked and the number of points on a [driver's license](#), or if the offense occurred near a school or road works. A driver's license may also be suspended, their car impounded, or they may face jail time. Some states including Michigan, Texas and New Jersey, operate under so-called "driver responsibility" laws, which, in some cases, can result in a further fine of up to \$1000 leveled a year after the conviction. Virginia, which until 2008 had some of the strictest penalties for speeders, repealed its driver-responsibility laws last year after a public outcry. Georgia, meanwhile, has just voted to add \$200 to the fine of what it terms "superspeeders," who travel more than 10 mph over the speed limit. Other states with fines of up to \$500 -- which in many cases is then compounded with additional court fees -- include Maryland, Missouri and Oregon. More info at <http://autos.aol.com/article/speeding-100-mph/>. Thanks to Wade Stickels for this “Heads-Up”.

🏁 The [Virginia Corvette Club](#) will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual [Vettes On The Point](#) at Smith Mountain Lake October 1 – 3, 2010. With a setting like this, it should be another fine event!



🏁 **GPS device maker [Garmin Ltd.](#) is recalling about 1.25 million of its nüvi personal navigation devices** because of a potential problem with batteries overheating, possibly creating a fire hazard. Garmin, a Swiss company building a 40-employee operation in Cary, said Wednesday that the recall applies to about 796,000 units sold in the United States. The batteries, which were made by a third-party supplier and fall inside a defined date code range, can become problematic when used in Garmin devices with a specific printed circuit board design. The interaction can make the device more likely to overheat. The snag has occurred in less than 10 cases, never causing injuries or significant property damage. “Nevertheless, given Garmin’s long-standing commitment to safety and customer satisfaction, Garmin is proactively recalling nüvi units with the specific (printed circuit board) design and with batteries from the specific date code range out of an abundance of caution,” the company said. Customers should determine whether their nüvi is affected by [going online](#), where they can enter their nüvi serial number and get further instructions if necessary, Garmin said. The recall applies to model numbers 200W, 250W and 260W and to model numbers in the 700s. Garmin will provide a new battery and a spacer between the battery and circuit board at no cost to customers. U.S. customers also can call 866-957-1981. Another Thanks to Wade Stickels for this “Heads-Up”.

🏁 The last [“Groovin’ On Grayson” Antique and Classic Car Cruise-In](#) of the season will be held September 10<sup>th</sup> in downtown Galax, Va. Cruise-In at 5:00 PM and a live band begins at 6:00 PM.



🏁 **“...America Still Builds Rockets”** If you haven’t seen the latest Chevrolet commercial featuring the 2011 Corvette, check it out on our [QCCC website](#).



*Next Meeting –  
Saturday September 11th*



**JANE & EDDIE  
BURT'S  
ANNUAL BBQ**

251 Amanda Drive \*  
Matthews NC 28104  
704-846-7130  
980-322-8565 cell

**4:00 pm - Arrival      5:00 pm - Pig Out Time      6:30 pm - Meeting**

*Please bring covered dishes according to your last name as follows:*

**A – J      Desserts**  
**K – Z      Side Dishes and Salads**

**Bring chairs & your preference in beverages.**

**We need 10-12 canopies for shade. If you would like to  
bring one, please call or email Eddie**

**50/50 Drawing and Raffle**

**Note:**

Please park along the streets and make SURE there's enough room for emergency vehicles to get up and down the street.

\* [Directions from I-485](#)

Exit 57 – Hwy 16/Providence Rd – turn north  
Turn Right at the light, onto McKee Rd. Go half a mile.  
Turn Right at the light, onto Tilley Morris Rd. Go 1.8 miles.  
Turn Right onto Weddington-Matthews Rd (Seminary is on the left). Go half a mile.  
Turn Right onto Amanda Dr.  
251 is the second house on the left.



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



## IN THE REAR VIEW



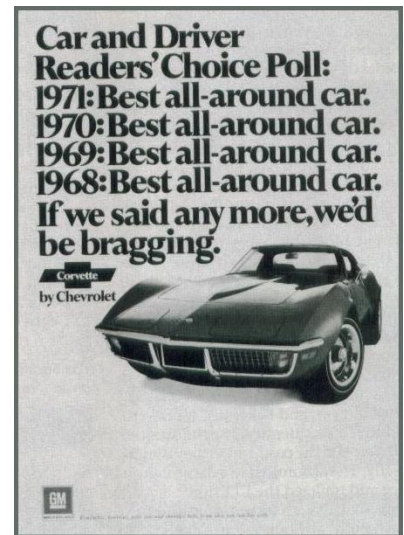
For the third time in four years, the **Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant** saw a change in leadership on August 1st. Less than a year after Bob Parcell took over the reins of the GM plant, he's now headed for a new job and the plant is getting a new boss. Production seems to be back on track... morale is up again at the General Motors plant... so it's almost a fitting time for a change in leadership. **Dave Tatman** says it's a "dream come true". "Among the plant managers in the company, the Bowling Green plant is regarded as the "crown jewel" of our assembly plant to manage a job. I'm absolutely delighted and humbled to be asked to be the plant manager of Bowling Green," he says. Tatman comes in after the Corvette plant spent a year in "dire straits". "We've gone through a period of incredible uncertain anxiety in 2009, but our company could not be positioned better as we look into 2010 and beyond." With several years of plant managing under his belt for GM, he wants the community to know his presence doesn't mean the plant will be closing or moving. "There's absolutely no intention to move any business out of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant on the part of GM," Tatman re-iterates. "We want a smooth transition because our buyers expect a lot out of a car when they're paying the type of money they do for an exclusive sports car like the Corvette." "I'm really convinced that no factory can be run effectively without a manager that's been out on the floor with these people," says Tatman. Thanks to *Craig Perry* for this info.



**Looking for production numbers for your 2004 – 2010 Corvette?** A new feature on the [Corvette Plant web site](#), under "plant info" is an "option penetration" button. It has the production options for Mid Year '04 through '10. Thanks to *Walt Krupowicz* for finding this info.



**GM has no plans for mid-engine Corvette.** That's the word from a General Motors top Global Engineer. A Corvette with a hybrid powertrain? That's a possibility. Karl-Friedrich Stracke, GM's vice president of global vehicle engineering, also said GM is not testing a V-6 Corvette. "The customer always wants power. That will not go away." That means automakers must continue to offer better performance while improving fuel economy, he said. Stracke said GM and other automakers could decide on a strategy that limits the number of conventional powertrains in their sports cars. Said Stracke: "You could keep a normal powertrain configuration for a small amount of very excited car enthusiasts and turn 80 to 90 percent of your sports car portfolio to hybridization." Read more: [GM has no plans for mid-engine Corvette](#). <http://www.autonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100811/OEM04/100819973/1261> Thanks to *Fred McCoy* for this update.



**Remember the classic TV show Route 66?** Then you'll remember **George Maharis (Buz Murdock)**, the rowdy co-star of the series who rode around the country in the **Corvette** with **Martin Milner (Tod Stiles)**. George turned 82 on September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you were a big fan of the show, you can purchase several complete seasons from the **National Corvette Museum**. Trivia question – who knows the colors of the Corvettes used in the show??



## **Labor Day: How it came about; what it means –**



**Labor Day**, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a **national holiday** in the United States and Canada since 1894.

The **first Labor Day parade** occurred Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City. The workers' unions chose the first Monday in September because it was halfway between Independence Day and Thanksgiving. The idea spread across the country, and some states designated Labor Day as a holiday before the federal holiday was created.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.



HAVE A SAFE AND FUN FILLED

**LABOR DAY !!!**