



*The Official Newsletter of the  
Queen City Corvette Club  
of Charlotte, NC*

**October  
2010**

*Right – The Annual Burt's BBQ hits another  
HOME RUN! (See Page 12)*



*Left - QCCC Club Member Gary  
Artis' 2004 Indy Pace Car was chosen  
for the "Chip's Choice" display at the  
2010 Corvettes at Carlisle (See page 6).*

*Right – QCCC VP Steve & wife Laura's 1960  
Horizon Blue Roadster was displayed in the  
"1950 Corvette Reunion" at the 2010  
Corvettes at Carlisle (See Page 6.)*



*Left - QCCC Club Member Ron Barr's 1965  
Nassau Blue Coupe greets Corvette  
enthusiasts at the QCCC display area at the  
2010 Fall AutoFair (See page 10).*

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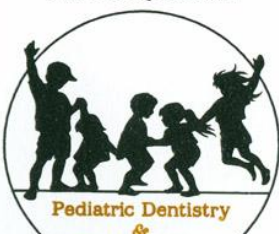
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# The President's Thoughts




I think I am still full of BBQ from the wonderful Burt's BBQ. The rain held off and the food was plentiful. The members and guests had a great time and all is well in the world. Our great big thanks to Eddie and Jane for a wonderful time.

The club has a very full October. Rick Hendrick's Heritage Center tour, club meeting and to finish it off, the Savannah trip. What a fun month. We hope everyone will take advantage of these events. Also please remember that nominations for the new 2011 board will close at the club meeting in October.

As we look forward please remember those who are in need. We have the 145<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard children to take care of this year. Please help us make their Christmas a very special one. An act of kindness goes a long way and a thank you does wonders. I know I really appreciate the job our board does and we need to thank them. They and our staff work very hard so the rest of us can have fun.

Remember all racing Corvettes are Yellow and "Save the Wave",  
Boyd

*Boyd*



**Reminder:**  
NASCAR Technical Institute  
"Open House"  
220 Byers Creek Road  
 Mooresville, NC 28117

**November 6, 2010 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

This is the forth year we have been invited to be part of NASCAR Technical Institute's open house. This is a fun event and can be a learning experience if you take one of the tours of their facilities.

Also, as in past open houses we will have lunch provided.

They will be making space inside their garage for 20 cars; all others attending will have a roped off area in front of the building. The number of cars is not limited, so let's have a great turnout.

**SIGN UP** will be at September and October business meetings

**Go to the QCCC calendar for details and information.**  
[www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com)

Directions to facility: Take I-77 to Exit 36 – go east off I-77 on W Plaza Drive (Hwy 150) – go to Talbert Road (3rd street on left) and turn left – go to Bryers Creek Road (4th street on left) and turn left. NASCAR Technical Institute is near the end of the street on the right.

The more members participating, the more fun everyone has.

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*QCCC Members & Friends Caught on Webcam at the NCM Anniversary & HOF Event*





# VP Report

## C-4 1992-96



For the 1992 model year Chevrolet introduced a new base engine in the Corvette, the LT1 with 300 horsepower which was an increase of 50 HP over the L98 that it replaced. Also new for '92 was acceleration slip regulation or ASR, a new traction control system which used the Corvette's brakes, spark retard and throttle close down to prevent excessive wheel spin and loss of control. The ASR could be switched off by the driver. All new Corvettes in '92 came from the factory with Mobil 1 synthetic oil in the LT1 engine and Chevrolet recommended its continued use. The synthetic oil did not require an engine oil cooler because the synthetic runs cooler. In July of 1992 Chevrolet produced the millionth Corvette, a white convertible. Production for 1992 was 20,479 units.

A special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary package was offered in 1993 on the LT1 and ZR-1 models, consisting of special badges, Ruby Red paint, and embroidered seat backs. In '93 the ZR-1's LT5 engine's horsepower increased from 375HP to 405HP, a result of cylinder head and valve train modifications. The '93 Corvette was also the first GM car to have the new passive keyless entry system. Total production for 1993 was 21,590 units.

The '94 model year saw very little change. All interior seating was now leather, no more cloth option. The ZR-1 model got new 5 spoke wheels and all convertibles now had a glass rear window instead of plastic. Chevrolet provided 25 Corvette convertibles to Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the inaugural NASCAR Brickyard 400. Production for 1994 increased to 23,330 units.

The 1995 model year was the last year of production for the ZR-1 with total production from 1990 to 1995 of 6939. The ZR-1's demise was most likely the introduction of the LT1 engine in 1992. At 300HP the LT1 was a good performer, but it was hard to justify the \$31,258 option for the ZR-1. There were small changes to the body in '95, but most everything stayed the same as '94. The Corvette paced the Indy 500 for the third time. Total production slipped to 20,742.

1996, the last year for the C-4, saw two special editions. First was the Collectors Edition, available in coupe and convertibles. It consisted of special emblems, 5-spoke ZR-1 wheels and Sebring Silver paint. 5412 Collectors Editions were produced. The other special edition, the Grand Sport, is the rarer of the two with only 1000 produced: 810 coupes, 190 convertibles. The Grand Sport got its name and paint job from the '63 racing Corvettes. The paint was Admiral Blue with white stripe down the middle and 2 red stripes on the left front wheel arch. The Grand Sport engine was an amplified version of the LT1 called the LT4, with 330 horsepower. It only came with the 6 speed transmission. The Grand Sport remains very collectable today. Production in '96 increased a little at 21,536, but after a 13 year run for the C-4, it was clear that Chevrolet needed a new Corvette.

## Corvette Milestones for October

**October 15, 1943:** Zora Arkus Duntov writes a memo to Ed Cole and Maurice Olley, noting that the Corvette appeared to be a failure. He suggests that to drop the Corvette would be an admission of failure. He urges General Motors not to cancel the car, but to create a separate department within Chevrolet to oversee Corvette Development.

**October 7, 1960:** The CBS TV show, "Route 66" debuts with two young men driving a Horizon Blue 1960 Corvette around the US in search of adventure.



**October 13, 1962:** 1963 model production Corvettes make their racing debut at the Los Angeles Times Three-Hour Invitation Grand Prix in Riverside, California. The Ford-powered Shelby Cobra also makes its debut. Four Z06 equipped Corvettes enter, but only one finished, driven by Doug Hooper. The lone Cobra breaks its rear axle one hour into the race. Hooper's Corvette wins the race.



**October 26, 1988:** The Callaway Sledgehammer Corvette reaches a top speed of 254.76 mph at the Transportation Research Center in Ohio.

**October 1992:** The last (number 10) Callaway Twin Turbo Speedster Corvette is completed.

**October 19, 1992:** Corvette program manager, Russ McLean informs his staff that the GM Strategy Board has placed all projects after 1996 on hold or cancelled, including the 1997 Corvette and later projects.

**October 19, 1995:** GM names Dave Hill, Corvette's vehicle line executive, a new title in General Motors' ongoing restructuring.

**October 1, 1996:** The first production 1997 model Corvette is completed.

This month's meeting is earlier than normal, due to the tour of Hendrick's Heritage Center that day. The meeting will be at AutoBarn Classic Cars, 325 McGill Avenue, Concord, NC. Plan to arrive between 4:00 and 4:30 at AutoBarn, the meeting will start at 5:00. More meeting information at the end of the newsletter, or see our website for additional details.

Remember, real Corvettes have solid axles.

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## Name the Newsletter Contest

**Rules:**  
It's simple!

- Send us an email with your Newsletter name suggestion.
- Deadline for entries is Friday, November 26, 2010.
- Our QCCC Board will narrow the list down to the top entries.
- Attend the Christmas Meeting / Dinner December 11, 2010 to vote for your QCCC favorite!
- Send us as many suggestions as you like!
- \$25 Gift Card to the person submitting the Club's choice!

**Help QCCC Personalize our Club Newsletter**  
**Win a \$25 Gift Card**

Queen City Corvette Club is very unique and we want our Newsletter to be unique as well. That's why we're asking you, our members, to help us name our Newsletter to identify it with our special club.

Many Corvette Club Newsletters across the country have names that identify it with the club, region, state, or something unique to it's club. Examples are:

The Spoiler, Stingrays, Vette Ventures, CCRaisin' News, The Corvettter, Vette Gazette, Vette Bies, Tire Smoke, Kaleidoscope, Red Line Times, Corvette Courier, Glass Reflections, Vetter's Letter, Fiberglass Bulletin, etc. You get the idea.

Although not required, but something to consider, is a name that connects our Newsletter with our club, our region, the Carolinas, etc. If you like "The Queen City Corvette Club Newsletter", send it in! Any suggestion may become the member favorite.

Send as many ideas as you like to [2redvettes@carolina.rr.com](mailto:2redvettes@carolina.rr.com)

Put on your thinking caps!

**Some Ideas to get You Started -**

Carolina Corvette Connection	Queen City Corvette Wave
Carolina Corvette Cruiser	The Fast Lane
Queen City Corvette Gazette	Carolina Corvette Cruiser
Queen City Corvettter	Carolina Corvette Flags
Queen City Corvette Headlights	Queen City Corvette Enthusiast

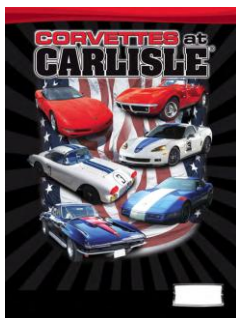
*Don't forget to submit your ideas for our*  
**Queen City Corvette Club's**  
*Name The*  

## Newsletter Contest

*You could win a \$25 Gift Certificate!*  
*Entry deadline is Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>!*



# 2010 Corvettes at Carlisle



Over 40 QCCC Members made the trek to the **2010 Corvettes at Carlisle** event August 26 – 29. Very special thanks to **Boyd & Susan Kurt** for coordinating our hotel and hosting a very enjoyable cookout on Friday night and to **Matthew Deiger** for coordinating our caravan to Carlisle and helping us get great parking each day in the Corvette Fun Field.

QCCC was honored to have member's Corvettes displayed at this prestigious event. **Steve & Laura Pelchat's 1960 Roadster** was among approximately twenty 1960 Corvettes on display at this year's 50 Year Reunion. Steve & Laura also spent some time talking to and having their Corvette photographed by Corvette Fever Magazine. **Gary Artis' 2004 Indy Pace Car** was featured as the winner of "**Chip's Choice Award # 285**" and prominently displayed at the event.

After a full day at the event on Friday, QCCC members were treated to a cookout hosted by Boyd & Susan at their Motorhome. Saturday was also filled with trying to squeeze in as much of the event as possible before heading to downtown Carlisle for the All Corvette Parade. Matthew & Dena Deiger, Steve & Pat Bales and Steve & Laura Pelchat were among the 400+ Corvettes to thunder down the streets of Carlisle four wide.



Steve & Laura Pelchat with their 1960 Horizon Blue Convertible

Corvettes at Carlisle is an amazing spectacle for Corvette enthusiasts from all over the USA. We even met folks from Canada, Germany and Australia. The weather was near perfect, the local Carlisle folks very hospitable, and the event provided sensory overload for even the casual Corvette fan. If you are considering the 2011 event, talk to one of the QCCC members who attended this year's event. See "**Heads-Up**" in this newsletter (page 21) for further information.



Gary Artis' 2004 Indy Pace Car on display



**OWNED BY: GARY ARTIS**

"A true 2004 Indy Festival Car, my convertible is further evidence that the Corvette is the only true American Sports Car. A picture is worth a thousand words so I'll leave it at that."



## *QCCC at Corvettes at Carlisle -*



*Capturing all the sights and sounds of Corvettes at Carlisle is impossible to do in a few pictures. For many more photos, visit our [QCCC website](#).*



# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## MEETING MINUTES



Date: September 11, 2010

Time: 6:20 P – 7:25 P

Location: Burt's BBQ

ATTENDEES	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Eddie Burt, Membership; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Nelson Sprague, Automotive; Adina Ledford, Social; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob Denny, Club Photographer
DISCUSSION	<p><b>Social hour from 4:00-6:20</b></p> <p><b>President - Boyd Kurt</b> – called the meeting to order at 6:20pm. Introduced the Board Members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thanked Jane and Eddie for hosting the BBQ.</li></ul> <p><b>Membership Report – Eddie Burt</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Visitors and prospective members: Mark &amp; Lisa Chavis, Staton &amp; Sally Boyette, Jack &amp; Judy Goodison, Walt Harfmann, Ben &amp; Jamie Hinson, Forrest &amp; Deborah Kelly, Bill &amp; Nancy Laverty, Tony &amp; Deb Lisi.</li><li>We had no new members voted in today.</li><li>The club presently has 230 members.</li></ul> <p><b>Vice President Report – Boyd Kurt for Steve Pelchat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>November 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting – NASCAR Technical Institute.</li><li>December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party at Pleasantville Presbyterian Church.</li><li>The following people won gift certificates: Wayne Gary, Reggie Black, Ken Rinehart, Eddie Burt, Lea Hogan and Mimi Rambo.</li><li>The following people won BBQ: Carolyn Zimmer, Paul Schultz, Tom Rockhold, Robert Morgan, Lynne Solland, and Wade Stickels.</li></ul> <p><b>Automotive Report – Nelson Sprague</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thanked Phillip Lewis for coordinating the 50/50 raffle. We collected \$500 dollars. Clark Belvin won \$250 with the remainder going to the Charity Fund. Thank you everyone for contributing.</li><li>Auto Fair was a great success. Thanks to all who participated. Mark Ledford won Best Coupe and Ron Barr won Member's Choice.</li><li>We had seven cars for Matthews Alive Parade and one car for the Labor Day Parade in Charlotte. We need two cars for the Mint Hill Madness Parade.</li><li>September 19<sup>th</sup> – Riverbanks Zoo and eat at California Dreaming</li><li>September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Open house at the NASCAR Institute</li><li>October 9<sup>th</sup> - Private tour for Rick Hendricks Heritage Center.</li><li>November 6<sup>th</sup> - NASCAR Institute Open House.</li><li>The City Chevrolet Car Show is on hold for the present time.</li></ul> <p><b>Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reviewed the bank balance.</li></ul> <p><b>Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Announced the September birthdays.</li></ul> <p><b>Social Director's Report - Boyd Kurt for Adina Ledford</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>October 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> – Savannah trip. \$79 per night. We presently have 46 people signed up to go. Will have a boat ride or tour of Savannah with dinner reservations at Tybee Island. Check the website for updates on planned trips.</li><li>January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Banquet at the Hilton, details to follow.</li></ul>

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

### Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano

- ✉ In 2014 there is a Corvette Caravan scheduled.
- ✉ Urged everyone to join the Museum.
- ✉ September 16<sup>th</sup> – Z06 Fest.
- ✉ September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pace Car Reunion.
- ✉ November 4<sup>th</sup> - Vets in 'Vettes'.
- ✉ Thanked Boyd Kurt and Matt Deiger for handling the Carlisle Trip and thanked the Davidsons, the Kurts and the Jensens for helping clean up the Inventory for the Museum.
- ✉ Bill Davidson and Chris Wood will be attending the Ron Fellows driving school next month in Las Vegas.

### Chrome Bumper Report – Tommy Loftin

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

### Other Business

- ✉ Chris Wood – The Newsletter needs a name. We are going to have a contest and the winner will be announced at the Christmas Party.
- ✉ Barbara Mariano has Bling Shirts, get your order in today.
- ✉ Bill Cruthis and Richard Craig gave an update on the history of our club. They are putting together a CD for the clubs viewing pleasure. Details to follow.
- ✉ Margo Gross gave a presentation on the Race for the Cure for Susan B. Komen and urged everyone to participate. She introduced the director of the Susan B. Komen Foundation, former member Gloria Scienski. Dena Deiger is the Race Chairman this year. Registration is \$30 and the walk is approximately 45 minutes.
- ✉ John Meadows will need volunteers for three home coming parades. Let him know if you are interested.
- ✉ Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.
- ✉ The October 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be at the Auto Barn. The social hour will start at 4pm with the meeting at 5pm. We will come straight to the meeting from the Rick Hendricks Heritage Center.

*Linda H. Lewis*

Secretary

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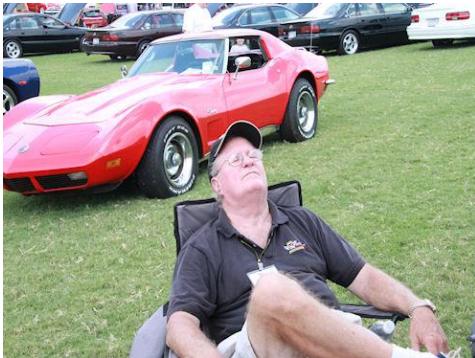
  
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*Queen City Corvette Club at the*  
*2010 Fall AUTOFAIR*

**QCCC** was again well represented at this year's **Fall AutoFair** at Charlotte Motor Speedway. See Nelson's Automotive Report for winners (Page 12)! More photos available on our [QCCC website](#).





# *Automotive Report*

QCCC Members,

October is almost here and hopefully some cooler weather will arrive. We had some nice events in September and more parades and events are coming in October and November.



AutoFair was a smaller event for us because of the date change and members going to Corvettes of Carlisle. We had 16 Corvettes show up for Saturday; three others couldn't make it due to human or car illness. On Sunday all 19 who signed up were present. Except for the heat and the inexcusable vandalism of one of our cars, I think we had a good time. Trophies were awarded for: Best Coupe – **Mark Ledford**, Best Convertible – **Rick Mills**, Best Engine – **Robert Morgan**, Members' Choice – **Ron Barr** and Best of Show – **Jim Cerniglia**.

For the Matthews Alive parade on September 4th, I would like to thank the six drivers participating with me: **Jim Weisberg, Boyd Kurt, Eddie Burt, Jim Appleyard, Mark Chavis** and **Ken Krupa**. **Bob Denny** was our only driver in the Charlotte Labor Day Parade.

Twelve Corvettes went on the California Dreaming Restaurant and Riverbanks Zoo outing September 18th. Everyone enjoyed the trip down and the food at California Dreaming. I don't know how many members went to the zoo, but I'm sure they had an enjoyable visit.

The NASCAR Technical Institute held a special presentation on September 22nd with Johnny O'Connell, Corvette C6.R ALMS GT1 and GT2 driver, as the speaker. We had between 12 to 14 Corvettes attending. Mr. O'Connell parked his C-5 with our group.

There was great response for the Mint Hill Madness parade. I want to thank the members and prospective members who signed up for the September 25th parade. They were **John Walton, Ken Krupa, Kelly Moore, Les Wandler, Forrest Kelly** and **Staton Boyette**.

Mark your calendars for October 9th; it is the day we have an invitation for a private tour of Rick Hendrick's Heritage Center. This is a very special opportunity for our club members. Review the QCCC calendar for more information and a map. Currently we have 155 members signed up to attend. The attendance list will be closed on September 30th.

The signup sheet for the NASCAR Technical Institute Open House on November 6th will be on the table at our October meeting. There is no limit on the numbers wanting to attend.

Thank you for participating in our club events,

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# THE ANNUAL BURT'S BBQ

*(Queen City Corvette Club's Version of Our Family Reunion)*

170 QCCC members, perspective members and guests signed up and *almost* that many attended this year's event on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Even a little "downpour" didn't curb the appetites at what has become one of the year's biggest and best events. Our thanks, again, to our phenomenal host and hostess Eddie & Jane Burt. For *MANY* more photos, visit our [QCCC website](#):-





*More BURT'S BBQ...*





# NCM Corner



With the year winding down (how did that happen?) there



aren't many events left to attend. The ever growing in popularity Vettes 'n Vets event at the NCM is being held November 4-6 and is a fun time without the crowds of other events. The town of Bowling Green turns out to welcome veterans and show their respects. It is a grand patriotic time and highly recommended.

Now, jumping ahead to next year. Thought about a vacation with your Corvette friends? Thought about making new Corvette friends? May I suggest you check out the upcoming NCM Cruise to Hawaii next February 26 through March 5. Pre-cruise packages are available for one to three nights. What better way to beat the winter blahs than to take off on a cruise ship for a few days to the Hawaiian Islands? Go to [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com) and click on "Events" and then click on "Hawaiian Cruise" to get all the details.

I trust that everyone who intends to go to Carlisle next year has signed up for their hotel rooms. As we did this year, Barb and I will be going directly from Carlisle to the NCM for the Birthday Celebration. If you would like to take an extended trip and go to the museum, as we did, please let me know so I can set up the rooms for us. Also, don't forget the C5/C6 Bash on April 28-30. If you would like to join us for that fun event, let me know so I can block rooms for it. That's not too far in the future to start booking rooms.

For you newer QCCC members, I urge you to sign up for the NCM eNews by visiting the Museum website at [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com) and pulling down on "newsletter" and click on "subscribe to NCM eNews". Follow the prompts and once subscribed, you can keep up with all the happenings at the NCM.



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*Among all the Activity –  
A Cruise to  
**California Dreaming Restaurant**  
and the **Riverbanks Zoo***





# **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

### **Friday – 10/15**

Depart SC Welcome Center on Rte 77 (just South of Carowinds Blvd. just after entering SC) @ 9am

Lunch stop along the way - TBD

Visit the 8th Air Force Museum (optional) - [www.mightyeighth.org/visit.htm](http://www.mightyeighth.org/visit.htm) 175 Bourne Avenue ~ Pooler, GA 31322

Sweet Stop - Carolina Cider Company (optional) - [www.carolinaciderco.com](http://www.carolinaciderco.com) 81 Charleston Hwy ~ Yemassee, SC 29945

Hotel Check-In – Courtyard Marriot Midtown - 6703 Abercorn Street ~ Savannah, GA 31405

Dinner at THE CRAB SHACK on Tybee Island @ 7pm - [www.thecrabshack.com](http://www.thecrabshack.com) 40 Estill Hammock Rd ~ Tybee Island, GA 31328 ~ (912) 786-9857

“Savannah Fun Tours” ~ Party Bus @ 9:30pm - [www.savannahfuntours.com](http://www.savannahfuntours.com) “Savannah Fun Tours” will take us on a bus tour of local bars and whatever else we want to see. I have paid for the first 2 hours. The only cost to you is a tip for the driver if you are happy with their service. We will get picked up at our hotel at 9:30pm!

### **Saturday – 10/16**

Trolley Tour of Savannah at 9am and then on/off privileges for all day site-seeing - [www.trolleytours.com/savannah](http://www.trolleytours.com/savannah)  
Discounted price \$21.40 per person – final head count required by 10/4 – and payment must be made in full to secure your seat!

Dinner at THE PIRATE HOUSE in Savannah @ 7pm - <http://www.thepirateshouse.com> 20 East Broad Street ~ Savannah, GA 31401 ~ (912) 233-5757

Haunted Pub Tour @ 8pm – [www.taratourssavannah.com/pubcrawl.asp](http://www.taratourssavannah.com/pubcrawl.asp) (Those choosing to do the Haunted Pub Tour – we will need to have dinner at The Pirate House at 6pm. I will create a reservation for that time as well). This is a 2 hour tour and our discounted rate is \$15 per person. There is only ½ mile of walking over the 2 hour period. We will be sitting in different areas and listening to ghost stories and learning about the haunted history of Savannah! Check out the website – these locations have had REAL ghost hunters visit them in past! This will be a blast!! Reservations required – please pay on night of tour!

### **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.**

WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION – PLEASE EMAIL ME ([adinaledford@yahoo.com](mailto:adinaledford@yahoo.com)) THAT YOU HAVE MADE YOUR RESERVATION AND THAT YOU WILL BE JOINING US.

In your RSVP email - please include your Cell Phone Number,  
AND if you are interested in:  
Caravan down to Savannah / visiting the 8th Air Force Museum  
(decision not required immediately for this) / Trolley or River  
Boat tour.

THANK YOU!!

Any questions – just send me an email!!

*Adina Ledford* ☺ Social Director





# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES



**DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 TIME: 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION: LAURA PELCHAT'S OFFICE**

Officers Present: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President, Adina Ledford, Social Director; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Eddie Burt, Membership Director; Jane Burt, Guest

### DISCUSSION



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



#### Boyd Kurt, President

- Welcomed everyone and thanked Laura for hosting the meeting
- Presented nominations received so far for 2011 QCCC officers, to be elected at the October meeting
- Made a motion and received unanimous approval to make Bonnie Hudnall a Lifetime member of the QCCC



#### Steve Pelchat, Vice President

- September 11 – Meeting and BBQ at the Burt's
- October 9 – Meeting at Auto Barn in Concord, NC - Social at 4:00 and Meeting at 5:00
- November 13 – Meeting at NASCAR Tech
- December 11 – Meeting and Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church



#### Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director

- August 28 & 29 - Auto Fair was good – there were 16 cars on Saturday, and 19 cars on Sunday
- September 4 - Matthews Alive Parade had 7 cars
- September 6 - Charlotte's Labor Day Parade had Bob Denney in it
- September 18- Zoo Trip has 6 cars signed up so far
- September 25 - Mint Hill Madness Parade - will need 7 or 8 cars
- Will contact Air National Guard and Matthews Help Center for lists of families to support for Christmas
- February 26 – Fantastic Day Trip planned



#### Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- QCCC has 125 families and 230 members
- 178 people have signed up for the BBQ so far. Five prospective members are eligible for membership.



#### Boyd Kurt for Florence Prather, Treasurer

- QCCC finances are in order



#### Adina Ledford, Social Director

- October 15-17 – Weekend trip to Savannah, GA – 23 cars and 46 people have signed up so far. A caravan will leave Friday at 9:00 am from the SC Welcome Center
- January 22, 2011 – Banquet at the Uptown Hilton. Rooms are \$99 per night. Discussed themes, gifts, and silent auction.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, for Linda Lewis, Secretary  
**Jane Burt**, Member

*And We Still Found Time to Cruise to Dinner!*





## *Queens Ride in QCCC Corvettes – Labor Day 2010*



**QCCC Member *Craig Perry***  
**Pursues His Passion for Road Racing -**  
*Craig & Donna Perry sent this update*  
*on their latest visit to Virginia Int'l Raceway:*



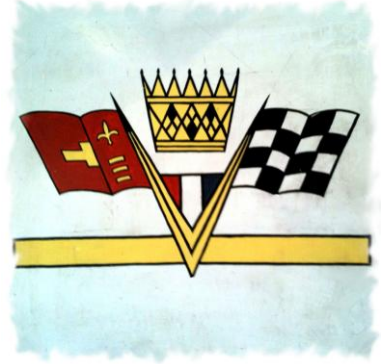
We went to VIR with the First Settlers Region of the Porsche Club of America for an HPDE scheduled for three days (Sept 25 - 27) - two days on the South Course and one on the Full Course. We had a great time on the south course with a C6 Z06 driver as my instructor - Richard Holland Jr. Unfortunately Monday was rained out but I certainly had lots of opportunity to continue learning my way around one of VIR's signature turns - *OAK TREE*. The reason for the name is fairly obvious (see below). You go around this tight corner just prior to a long uphill straight where you can really let a Corvette run hard. It was a great time - all I need now is some new tires, um, brake pads, a change of brake fluid, and let's see.....



# Vintage QCCC

By Vintage Guys –

Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



## Hill Climb Racing – the Spring of ‘75

In the spring of 75, racing fever was rampant in QCCC. Someone decided a new and different venture should be tried, “hill climbing”, that’s right *Pike Peak style*. We are not sure whose idea it was but suspect David Morse, an ex president and avid racer. The idea was to try *Tweetsie Railroad* (the highest peak east of the Mississippi). By today’s standards it is unthinkable that we would try this, but we made the right connection and it was game on.



Little known to the public there is a service road up the back side of the mountain to the top and tourist attractions. Saying service road is kind, it was more like a paved one car driveway barely 6 feet wide that snaked around to the top. With ditches on both sides, there was no room for error. Why we wanted to risk this is beyond us now but at the time it made sense. Bill remembers not wanting to subject his split window coupe or pristine 70 to this abuse and thus agreed to haul Pete and Peggy Walthers’s C-3 coupe, with custom paint and side exhaust, on his trailer from Charlotte to the Blue Ridge. Our recent finding of 4 hours of

super 8 footage that has been put on a DVD has this event with cars all over the place. Going up was not bad, but gravity took over coming down with many cars on the edge or out of control. We do not recall any serious wrecks except Pete stuck the right front corner in the ditch doing damage to the fiberglass and custom paint. His car was prodded back on the trailer and headed for the body shop.

One car stood out all day (3 runs each). It was a 1965 fuelie coupe that just flew up and down the mountain. The driver seemed almost suicidal in his approach. He just drove with reckless abandon and was so much faster than anyone else. This was a style we would see over the next few years from our own club member Darrel Kirkley. After the last car ran we hustled down the mountain to see just who this crazy man was. Turns out he was with Corvette Charleston in South Carolina. He was in the Navy stationed on a submarine and had just gotten into port after 6 months stay on the bottom of the ocean. We were told he was kind of nuts anyway but that anytime he got his feet on solid ground after a stint in that “tub” he just had to let loose. He was just glad to see his Corvette and could not control himself, plus it helped that he could really wheel that car.

Great time, great fun, maybe not the wisest decision, but back then you could repair fiberglass on the cheap. By today’s standards Pete’s car would have been well over \$10,000 to fix. So the good ol days were not just old they were a blast. Many thanks to the gang in QCCC for the memories that always bring a smile.

Many thanks to The Vintage Guys, Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig for preserving Queen City Corvette Club history and sharing their many memories. *BCW*



February 1978 Newsletter cover  
of the Queen City Corvette Club



## *Up Close & Personal With Johnny O'Connell at NASCAR Tech*

QCCC members displayed their Corvettes and got a special treat at a *NASCAR Tech* gathering with the *Corvette C6.R ALMS GT1 and GT2 driver*. As always, the *Corvette Legend* gave a riveting speech to the crowd on hand. And some will be proudly displaying his autograph under their hoods for years to come.



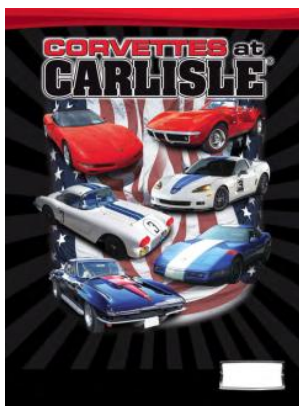
Please visit our [Queen City Corvette Club website](http://www.queen-city-corvette-club.com) for Hundreds of photos! You're sure to find one of you... snapped when you least expected it.



# “Heads-Up”



The ninth annual **Concours d'Elegance** will be held at Hilton Head Island October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 7<sup>th</sup>. This year, Chevrolet will be showcased in the four *Concours d'Elegance* events. The festival kicks off when Corvettes, Camaros and other Chevrolets join other car models at the Historic Sportscar Racing 2010 championship point series in Savannah, Ga., the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. All other events take place at Hilton Head. Chevrolet Clubs from around the country will gather at the Car Club Jamboree on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> to vie for prizes. More information is available at [The Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance & Motoring Festival | Welcome](#)



If you plan on attending, don't forget to make your reservations for the 2011 **Corvettes at Carlisle** to be held August 26 – 28, 2011 at Carlisle, Pa. Boyd has blocked a few rooms at the Fairfield Inn & Suites. Rates are \$139 for Thursday night and \$169 for Friday and Saturday night. Due to offering our group two rates and a discounted rate contact Tom Biesecker directly to make your reservations either by phone or email so there will not be any problems. Unfortunately rate information cannot be entered into their system so Tom will handle our reservations personally. His email is: [thomas.biesecker@marriott.com](mailto:thomas.biesecker@marriott.com) and the hotel phone number is 717-243-2080. Please direct questions to Boyd Kurt at [boyd-qccc@earthlink.net](mailto:boyd-qccc@earthlink.net). If you're curious about what to expect at *Corvettes at Carlisle*, ask one of the 40+ QCCC members who participated in this year's event. No one came away disappointed!



**American Le Mans Series From The Fans Award** - The nine finalists who advanced from three rounds of preliminary voting:

Week 1: Bill Auberlen, Greg Pickett and **Johnny O'Connell**

Week 2: Andy Lally, Simon Pagenaud, Guy Smith

Week 3: David Brabham, Luis Diaz, **Jan Magnussen**,

The winner will be honored at the Series' annual 'Night of Champions' banquet on October 3 at Chateau Élan alongside the winner of the Most Popular Driver voting. Keep your fingers crossed for our *Corvette Racing* drivers!



Looking for a destination to drive your Corvette and take in the fall colors? Through the month of October, the **Blue Ridge Music Center** holds Mid-Day Mountain Music mini-concerts at 12:00 noon each day. Their physical location is Milepost 213 on the *Blue Ridge Parkway*. Also during October, the **Fall Heritage Series** takes music indoors on three Sundays. Seating is limited in the small auditorium. Admission is free. For directions, schedules, and further information visit the **Blue Ridge Music Center** website at [Blue Ridge Music Center \(BRMC\) hosts Virginia bluegrass music events in VA.](#)





# “Heads-Up” “Heads-Up”

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🚗 A very special **“Heads-Up Congratulations to Ken & Lois Watts** on their **’63 Roadster’s Top Flight Award** at the NCRS West Jefferson Meet! Ken provided these comments on the experience:

“We received a NCRS Top Flight last weekend at the West Jefferson Meet and we just wanted to take a second to thank everyone in QCCC for all the encouragement and interest in our 63. We wanted to especially thank John and Linda Meadows, without their help we would not have made it.

The meet at West Jefferson was something we will never forget. We have been in show / competition for several years but nothing compared to this. We did not know what to expect or do. We were welcomed with open arms by the Carolinas Chapter and were made to feel like family. It was a very intense 6 hours but the judges were very informative, explaining every deduction in detail. Midway into the event we looked up and saw some familiar faces, Walt and Wendy Krupowicz and Wade and Sue Stickels drove up to wish us well and I can’t tell you how that made us feel. I am sure I have bored many to tears talking about our car, but we just want to thank all for listening and helping us through this process. Needless to say our ride home was filled with singing the Halleluiah Chorus and reflections of our great friends.”

Thanks,

*Ken and Lois Watts*



*Join us at our next  
**Business Meeting –  
Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>***

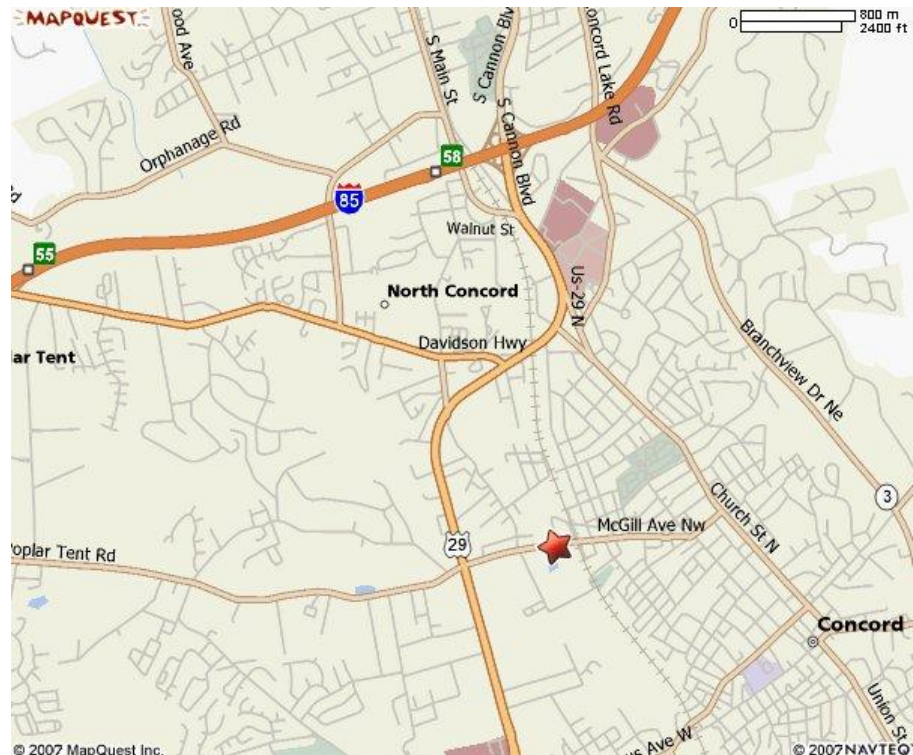
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**Directions:**

From I-85, Exit 52, Take  
Poplar Tent Rd East,  
cross Hwy 29,  
the road name changes to  
McGill Ave.,  
continue approx. ¼ mile.

***Social at 4:00 PM  
Business Meeting at  
5:00 PM***



***Nominations for Club officers will close at the end of the October Business Meeting.***



## IN THE REAR VIEW

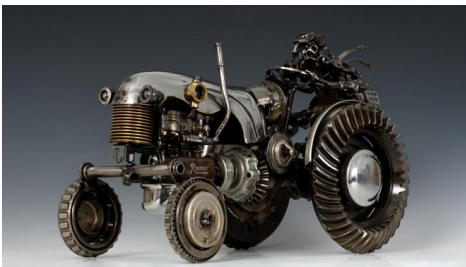
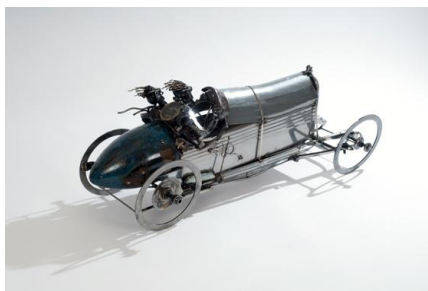
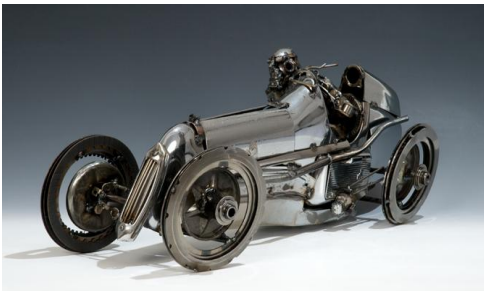


- Americans Can't Live Without *Corvette* - Hagerty's Collector Car Insurance clients have voted the **Corvette** the **No. 1 American car** they couldn't live without in a survey conducted this past spring. Of the nine cars submitted by clients, the Ford Mustang, Dodge Challenger and Chevy Camaro ranked second, third and fourth, respectively. (But we knew that...didn't we?)

- NCM Ambassadors **Paul Mariano** and **John Jensen** presented Wendell Strode the check from the QCCC Charity Fund at this year's NCM Anniversary Event and Hall of Fame Inductions.



- Jane Burt sent in the following interesting info about **Australian artist James Corbett**, who creates sculptures using only **salvaged old car parts**. These items below were all fabricated from junk 1950 and 1960 automobile parts. His sculptures are made of gears, spark plugs, exhaust, radiators, anything that the artist can achieve. Thanks, Jane, for sharing this interesting bit of automotive art with us!



## IN THE REAR VIEW

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- 📍 This Just In! – **Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta – Corvette Racing won for the first time this season** when Risi Competizione's Ferrari F430 GT stopped with two turns remaining and out of fuel. **Oliver Gavin** drove by Toni Vilander and won with **Jan Magnussen** and **Emmanuel Collard** in their **#4 Corvette C6.R**. The Team placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall. **Olivier Beretta** drove the **#3 Corvette ZR-1** to **5<sup>th</sup> place in GT2, 15<sup>th</sup> overall** with team mates **Johnny O'Connell** and **Antonio Garcia**.
- 📍 Several QCCC members attended the Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta this weekend. Hopefully, they made pictures and will return with stories to share in next month's newsletter!
- 📍 "Strength and new growth" are on tap for the **2011 American Le Mans Series**. That is the forecast Series President and CEO Scott Atherton delivered this weekend in the annual State of the Series address at Road Atlanta. The Series is closing an incredibly tight 2010 championship with Petit Le Mans. Atherton touched on virtually every aspect of Series' business in his 30-minute address. He emphasized the ALMS had made significant strides even amidst the worst economic climate in decades. He highlighted new partners, competitors, car classes, media, a new race and compelling new data from Nielsen Media Research. The most dramatic growth area Nielsen confirmed was the 18-34 year-old age group. Nielsen verified that the coveted demographic, as a percentage of the American Le Mans Series fan base, grew by 100 % over the last two years.

"In an era where headlines are being made by other sports organizations that are losing interest from this key demographic," said Atherton, "we are attracting them in record numbers. That is truly remarkable and a testament to the relevance and technology that is emphasized by our series. These types of metrics are extremely positive for not only the ALMS, but our marketing partners as well."

Additional Neilson Media Research revealed:

- Ninety (90) percent of ALMS fans believe it is important for manufacturers to develop technology through racing as opposed to lab research.
- Fifty-two (52) percent said they would be willing to pay a premium price for automotive technology that is developed through racing.
- Seventy-five (75) percent of ALMS fans report they are more likely to purchase products and services from companies associated with the Series (up 49 percent from two years ago).
- Sixty (60) percent of ALMS fans responded they had switched brand preference to Patrón as a result of its association with ALMS.

This can only lead to more and better coverage by the Sports News Media of the **American Le Mans Series and Corvette Racing**.

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We wish each of you, our friends, a **safe** and **peaceful Halloween**. Enjoy the month, Fall's colors and the little goblins that come calling.... *Your Editors*

- When witches go riding, and black cats are seen, the moon laughs and whispers, 'tis near Halloween.
- Shadows of a thousand years rise again unseen, Voices whisper in the trees, "Tonight is Halloween!"
- May Jack-o-lanterns burning bright of soft and golden hue, pierce through the future's veil and show what fate now holds for you.
- When black cats prowl and pumpkins gleam, may luck be yours on Halloween.