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visions of sugar plum fairies fade?*



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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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On The Cover:

This photo of our '69 Roadster was snapped at the square in Birkdale Village, Huntersville, NC.



The President's Thoughts

This will be my last article as your President. The last two years have flown by and we as a club have grown greatly. It has been a great honor to serve you these last four years as your Vice President and then as your President. I hope I have done a good job. I have made a lot of fantastic friends and enjoyed the events we have put on. Queen City Corvette Club is the best club because of its members. We do a lot for the community and present ourselves in a very positive manner.



My sincere thanks to all of our board members and also our great staff. Without you we would be a just so-so club. You truly make us great. I know our 2011 board will keep up the good work. I would also like to thank our advertisers who help us grow and prosper.

My challenge to all of our members is to become more involved in our club and support the events for 2011. I know you will as will I.

Just a few reminders - We vote on male and female rookies of the year and member of the year at the December meeting. Our Awards banquet is scheduled for January 22nd. Our dues are due January 5th. We do not send out bills so please help by remembering to send a check to Florence our treasure.

My final thoughts are thanks and remember you are what makes this club awesome.

Thank you for your friendship and support,

Boyd

"Save the Wave"



MATTHEWS HELP CENTER 2010 FOOD DONATION REQUEST

In the past, Queen City Corvette Club members have shown great generosity in donating food to the Matthews Help Center to help those less fortunate who are in need during this special time of the year. As we are all aware, the economy has taken a downturn and joblessness has increased substantially in the past year. Kim Rhodarmer, Executive Director of Matthews Help Center, said the number of people requesting food assistance has increased even more since our 2009 food drive.

Not all members can attend every meeting so we will be collecting your donations at the November business meeting, 11/13/10 and the December business meeting, 12/11/10. This will make it possible for members who want to donate to be at one or the other of the meetings.

If you desire more information about the Matthews Help Center, you can visit their web site at: www.matthewshelpcenter.com. They are a very active organization helping the community in many different ways. The Matthews Help Center does not receive assistance from the United Way or any government agency.

VP Report



C-5 2001 - 2004

The real reason for the fixed roof coupe introduced in 1999 became obvious with the 2001 model year, as Chevrolet brought forth the Z06 that year. Running a revised high-compression, low-reciprocating-weight version of the LS1, dubbed the LS6, the Z06 went into battle with 385 horsepower, shooting its exhaust out a titanium system. The Z06 also got a special FE4 suspension system that was stiffer and had thicker anti-sway bars than other C5s, special lightweight wheels and bigger, lighter, more aggressive Goodyear tires that weren't run-flat in design. In just about every way, the Z06 either matched or exceeded the ZR-1's performance, and did so for far less money.

Regular C5 owners weren't completely overlooked during 2001, with the LS1 seeing its output increase from 345 to 350 horsepower. It was also an even more flexible and torque-rich engine. Total production for 2001 was 35,627.

As good as the '01 Z06 was, the 2002 Z06 was even better, as output of the LS6 jumped to 405 horsepower-matching the highest output of the ZR-1. Furthermore, the Z06's suspension was re-tuned to perform even better than before. On the LS1 powered side of the Corvette equation, there were revisions to the sound systems and a new Electron Blue paint color. Production for 2002 was 35,767.

Chevrolet acknowledged the 50th anniversary of the Corvette for 2003 with, naturally, a 50th Anniversary Edition Corvette. Available either as an LS1-powered hatchback coupe or convertible, the 50th Anniversary car got special deep red paint, a new Magnetic Selective Ride Control system and a bunch of logos. Of course, it was also used to pace the 2003 Indianapolis 500. Other Corvettes got more standard equipment, including a power passenger seat and dual-zone climate control system. The Z06 was basically unchanged. 2003 production was 35,469.

The C5 entered the 2004 model year with everyone fully aware that this would be the last year for this beloved Corvette. There were commemorative editions, painted Lemans Blue in honor of the C5R racing Corvettes, of all three models. The Z06 featured a carbon-fiber hood and revised shock valving. If there was ever a car that didn't seem to need changes, this was it. 2004 has a production of 34,064.

Corvette Milestones for December

December 24, 1953: Production of 1953 Corvette stops for the year, yielding a total of 300 Corvettes built for 1953.

December 1953: Corvette production moves from the Flint, Michigan assembly plant to a General Motors Assembly Division plant on Union Boulevard, in St. Louis, Missouri.

December 1954: Production of the 1954 Corvette ends with a total of 3,256 built and 1,076 left unsold.

December 1958: Zora Arkus-Duntov hits 183 mph on the General Motors Proving Grounds, Phoenix, AZ in a Corvette SS.

December 6, 1963: At the International Bahamas Speed Week races in Nassau, the 112 mile Governor's Trophy race is held. The Corvette Grand Sport, driven by Richard Thompson, blows its engine, ending its participation. Grand Sport No. 003, driven by Roger Penske, takes first in prototype class and third overall. Grand Sports No. 004 and 005 take second and third in class, and fourth and sixth overall.

December 1964: Roger Penske races Jim Hall's Grand Sport Corvette #005 at Nassau against vast and powerful Cobra opposition, winning the race. His win established the last General Motors victory over the Ford-powered Cobras for years to come.



December 1982: At the Riverside International Raceway in California, Chevrolet previews the 1984 (not 1983) Corvette, where the automotive press test the car.

December 1992: General Motors' Corvette group secretly contracts with TDM, Inc. to build a test car of the 1997 Corvette. The test car is officially called CERV-4 (Corvette Engineering Research Vehicle). Corvette directs the project, with Chevrolet paying for it. General Motors management is not told about it; for fear that they would cancel it.

This month's meeting will be our Christmas Party, Saturday, December 11th. It will be a Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, 15000 York Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278. You cannot enter the church until 5:30 PM, the meal will be served at 5:45 PM. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. If you will be joining us for the meal, be sure to let Adina know what food you plan to bring. There will also be a gift exchange for those interested. More meeting information at the end of the newsletter, or see our website for additional details.

Remember, real Corvettes have solid axles.

Steve Pelchat



Corvettes and Christmas Parades—

Once again, *Queen City Corvettes* were popular in local *Christmas Parades*. The shine on the Corvette is only eclipsed by the shine in that beautiful smile! Thanks to *Charlie Binder* for these photos.



QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

CLUB BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Date: November 13, 2010

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: NASCAR Technical Institute

ATTENDEES	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice 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	
Social hour from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	
President – Boyd Kurt – <ul style="list-style-type: none">✉ Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Introduced the Board Members.✉ Thanked our host, Pam Liner for allowing the group to meet at the Institute.✉ Minutes approved and seconded.	
Membership Report – Eddie Burt <ul style="list-style-type: none">✉ Visitors and prospective members: Dale Carter, Jack Goodison, David and Dawn Faircloth, Dick and Elaine Coulter, Gary and Karen St. John, Jeff Crosby, Denny Wade, Buzz and Carrie Brescoll, Mike and Carole Callea, Sylvia Stallings.✉ New members voted in for membership were as follows: Jerry and Pam Liner, Staton and Sally Boyette, Ben and Jamie Hinson, Forrest and Deborah Kelly, Bill and Nancy Laverty, Tony and Deb Lisi.✉ The club presently has 249 members and 135 families.	
Vice President Report – Steve Pelchat <ul style="list-style-type: none">✉ December meeting will be at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church for the annual Christmas Party.✉ The following people won gift certificates: Debbie Rockhold (2 certificates), Patti Hamrick, Al Kessel, Jeff Stallings, Lois Watts, Sue and Ken Thomas.	
Automotive Report – Nelson Sprague <ul style="list-style-type: none">✉ November 20th – John Meadows will host a car show at Hendricks Motor Sports.✉ We will sponsor a food drive for the December meeting for the Matthews Help Center. We have signup sheets for the Christmas presents for children of the Air National Guard. We will sponsor 14 children for the Matthews Help Center. Gift cards are welcome.✉ December 8th – Dinner and trip to see the Speedway Christmas lights.✉ Parades – Need cars for Concord, Indian Trail, Monroe and Lake Wylie.	
Treasurer’s Report – Florence Prather <ul style="list-style-type: none">✉ Reviewed the bank balance.	
Secretary’s Report – Linda Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none">✉ Announced the November birthdays.	
Social Director’s Report - Adina Ledford <ul style="list-style-type: none">✉ Christmas Party – Eddie and Jane will purchase the ham. We will have a signup sheet for the side dishes. There will be a \$10 gift exchange.✉ January 22nd Banquet – The banquet will be held at the downtown Hilton again. All rooms will be \$99 per night. We will provide free parking for members who spend the night. Cost for the banquet will be \$35 per member and \$50 for non-members. Boyd will handle the programs. Justin Michaels will perform.✉ We will have gift baskets for the membership to bid on, with all proceeds going to the Charity Fund.✉ Check the website for updates on planned trips.	
Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano <ul style="list-style-type: none">✉ Signup sheets are available for the C-5 and C-6 Bash in April at the Corvette Museum. GM engineers will be on hand.✉ Discussed Top Tier gasoline for Corvettes and General Motors approved oils.✉ Urged everyone to join the Museum.	



Chrome Bumper Report – Tommy Loftin

✉ December 12th – Statesville parade.

Other Business – Boyd Kurt

- ✉ The membership voted in the new 2011 Board as follows: Steve Pelchat, President; Matt Deiger, Vice President; Florence Prather, Treasurer, Linda Lewis, Secretary; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Susan Kurt, Social Director.
- ✉ We will vote on the Male and Female Rookie of the year and the Member of the year at the December meeting.
- ✉ For Membership jackets see Carolyn and Don Zimmer.
- ✉ Corvettes at Carlisle is coming up and Sebring is March 16th- 19th.
- ✉ Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting is Saturday, December 11th at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, set up at 5:00PM and dinner at 5:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda H. Lewis, Secretary



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS! We're glad you're here!



*Staton & Sally Boyette
2006 White Coupe*



*Ben & Jamie Hinson
2009 White Coupe*



*Forrest & Deborah Kelly
2006 White Convertible*



*Bill & Nancy Laverty
1984 Blue Coupe*



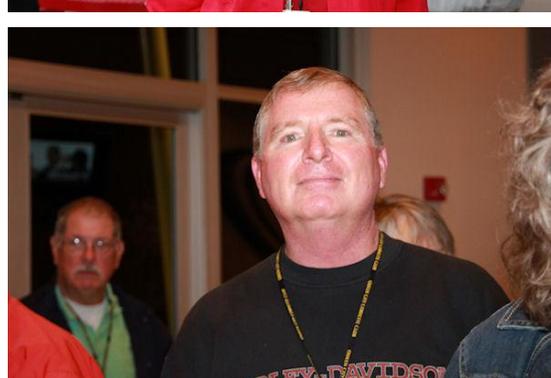
*Jerry & Pam Liner
2000 Millennium Yellow Convertible*



*Tony & Deb Lisi
1999 Magnetic Red Convertible*

We all come in as strangers and soon become family! 47 NEW MEMBERS in 2010!

Scenes from the QCCC November Business Meeting at NASCAR Tech –



Please visit our [Queen City Corvette Club website](#) for Hundreds of photos!



QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **NOVEMBER 3, 2010** TIME: **6:40 – 8:00 PM**
LOCATION: **RED BARRON TRUCKING**

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

DISCUSSION



Boyd Kurt called the meeting to order.



Vice President Report – Steve Pelchat

- November – NASCAR Institute.
- December – Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian.
- Discussed the member gift for the Banquet.



Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague

- NASCAR Institute was a great success. We had 22 cars.
- December 8th – Dinner and trip to view the Speedway Christmas lights. Cost is \$20 per car.
- December - We will have a food drive for Matthews Help Center and presents for the Air National Guard.
- We have Christmas parades coming up. Will send out an email and have a sign up sheet at the meeting.
- Thanks to Jerry Farrell for helping to arrange our tour of the Rick Hendrick's Heritage Center.



Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis

- Will send a Thank You note to John Elliott for his previous help with the newsletter.



Treasurer Report – Florence Prather

- Reported on the bank balance.



Membership Director – Eddie Burt

- We have 237 members.



Social Director – Adina Ledford

- Christmas Party – Eddie and Jane will purchase the ham. We will have a sign up sheet for the side dishes. There will be a \$10 gift exchange.
- January 22nd Banquet – The banquet will be held at the downtown Hilton again. All rooms will be \$99 per night. We will provide free parking for members who spend the night. Cost for the banquet will be \$35 per member and \$50 for non-members. Boyd will handle the programs. Justin Michaels will perform.
- We will have gift baskets for the membership to bid on with all proceeds going to the Charity Fund.



President – Boyd Kurt

- Nominations for the 2011 Board of Directors are closed and the member ship will vote at the November meeting.
- We need to publish the inventory in the next newsletter.



Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 6:30pm on December 7th at Boyd's home.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda H Lewis,
Secretary*



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Automotive Report

QCCC Members,

It is hard to believe this is the last newsletter of 2010. I hope you were able to attend many of the different social and automotive events that were on our club calendar this year. The new board for 2011 will continue to provide the type of events that will give everyone something they can participate in and enjoy.



November was a busy time for our club. We attended the NASCAR Technical Center's second open house on 11/6/10. Twenty-two Corvettes were in attendance; the members enjoyed each other's company and the free food provided by the institute.



We also drove pageant queens in the Concord Parade on 11/20/10 and the Monroe Parade on 11/21/10. I want to thank the drivers who were in these parades: Ken Krupa, Charlie Binder, Tony Lisi, Staton Boyette and Jim Appleyard. We will be participating in two more parades before our next meeting. The Indian Trail Parade is on 11/28/10 and the Lake Wylie Elementary School Parade is on 12/4/10.

During our November 13th business meeting we held our first of two food collections for the Matthews Help Center. I want to thank John and Linda Meadows for providing their Suburban for transporting the donations. Your generosity filled the SUV's cargo space. We delivered the food on Tuesday, 11/16/10. Kim Rhodarmer, Director of the Center, told us they have had a 690% increase in the number of families requesting assistance since early 2009, so they were very appreciative of our donation. I want to personally thank everyone who donated.

During our December 11th Christmas party and business meeting we will collect the gifts for the 145th Air National Guard and Matthews Help Center children. This can be a very confusing time if the gifts are not properly marked. If you have gifts for these children, please review the information on how to properly identify who is to receive the gifts. Remember not to wrap them. Also, at the December 11th meeting we will conduct our second food drive for the Matthews Help Center. We hope we can help restock their pantry so they can help others have a Merry Christmas.

It is hard for me to believe, but our first event for 2011 is here already; it is Car Care Day on January 15th. Go to the Queen City Corvette Club calendar for the details. This is a fun event with lots of friendly conversation and a free lunch. What more could you ask for to start the New Year?

Barbara and I wish everyone - **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Your participation has made this another great year for QCCC.

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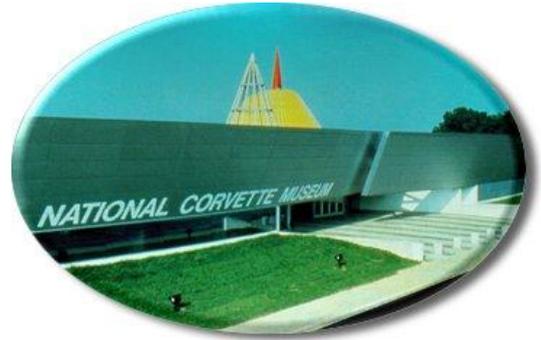
QCCC at NASCAR Tech's Open House –

QCCC was invited to participate in NASCAR Tech's Open House November 6th. We always appreciate the invitation and opportunity to show off our Corvettes!

As always, please visit our [QCCC Website](#) for many more event photos.



NCM Corner



The holidays have not arrived, winter has not yet arrived, and yet it is time to start planning for spring. The agenda for the C5/C6 Bash in April has been published and registration is now open. Go to www.Corvettemuseum.com, put the pointer on "Events" and click on "C5/C6 Bash" when the drop down appears. The agenda is lengthy (14 pages) so you need to look it over carefully to digest all the events available to you. Follow all the prompts to register for the event and the activities that interest you. I presently have twelve couples interested and I will be blocking rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn in the near future. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this activity.

Be sure and check out all the upcoming raffles on the museum website. Someone has to win all these new cars, so, why not you?

A gentle reminder to all regarding buying raffle tickets, bricks, or joining the NCM for the first time, please let me know as I get recognition, as Ambassador, for our club involvement with the museum.

Christmas shopping becomes a breeze at the NCM Store. There are literally hundreds of Corvette related items to choose from for your favorite Corvette person or car. There is free shipping on orders of \$100.00 or more if placed by December 5th. If you haven't browsed through the on-line store for some time, take a new look as there are dozens of new items listed.

Barb and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.



Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador



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QCCC SOCIAL NOTES..... DECEMBER 2010

Happy Holidays Everyone! Let The Season Begin!

QCCC HOLIDAY PARTY & BUSINESS MEETING

Please See Flyer For Complete Details!



Saturday December 11th ~ Dinner @ 5:45 / Business Meeting @ 6:30

When you **RSVP** by 12/6 to adinaledford@yahoo.com - Please let me know what **Side Dish** you plan to bring (if we have too many of that dish, you may be asked to bring something else). Also – please let me know if you plan to participate in our **Gift Exchange!**

Don't forget your Holiday Charity Gifts! Final Drop Off is tonight!! See Nelson's information for complete details!



QCCC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Please See Invite Flyer & Charity Auction Flyer For Complete Details!

Saturday January 22, 2011 ~ 6pm until ???

Time to get ready for our Annual Awards Banquet! We are having a Star-Studded Affair at the fabulous **Hilton Center City** filled with Great Music (**Justin Mychals** will be back), Great Food and Great Friends!

Banquet Cost is - \$35 per member and \$50 per non-member / guest.
Parking is FREE (Valet not included).

Plan to stay overnight – great rate of \$99 per night!
We have "2" Hospitality Suites this year to extend our Banquet into the wee hours of the night!

RSVP to adinaledford@yahoo.com. Please send payment to Florence Prather.

Big Bountiful Baskets

Our Charity Auction this year is different than years past. I hope this new idea works well for the Charity's of the QCCC! We need YOU our MEMBERS to help! We are going to create 10 baskets, but we need your help in filling them! Please see the Auction Flyer for the complete details! Please email me at adinaledford@yahoo.com and let me know what items you would like to contribute to our **Big Bountiful Baskets** Charity Auction!! Thank you!

Please contact Adina at adinaledford@yahoo.com

When we hear the word "Marathon", many of us associate it with a very long drive in our Corvettes. But the word took on a whole new meaning for QCCC Member and Incoming Vice President Matthew Deiger. Here is a very brief account of his inspiring story. Thanks, Matthew, for sharing. We salute you!

To Believe is To Achieve: Chicago Bank of America Marathon 2010

By Matthew Deiger

While supporting a good friend of mine, Mike, in the 2009 Chicago Bank of America Marathon, he inspired me to add another item to my bucket list. You know the bucket list, those things that we dare ourselves to do while we are on this earth.



I have run recreationally on and off for the past 5-6 years, but no more than 6 – 9 miles a week. So this was definitely going to be an accomplishment. I gathered advice from Mike from his experience last year, my wife, Dena, with her Sprint Triathlon experience, and the Nike Training program, and I embarked on my journey.

My journey was one not without injury. I began with a shin splint in my left leg, which required the wearing of a brace all through training, more for psychological reasons than physical. Then lower back tendonitis that occurred during my 20 mile training run, and finally the Mac-daddy - an 8mm kidney stone 1 week before the race. This required the insertion of a 10 inch stint on my left side. The kidney stone and stint joined me for the running of the race, as time did not permit resolution prior to the race. Training for the marathon was a 16 week journey, running approximately 440 miles, and many sacrifices; those who have done it before know the commitment. "Not running the marathon" was not an option. I was strong enough mentally and physically to do it, so let's see what will happen.

The Race:

The start was amazing - 45,000 runners registered and a record 38,000+ actually started the race. I started out at a very fast pace initially, around 8:45 min. /mile. I then calmed down to my 9:30-10:00 min. / mile pace. No real pain, but a little discomfort. It was around mile 13 that things got a little rough. Because of the stint, I had the constant sensation to go to the bathroom, but a no go. Then with every step the pain started to set in, only about 4 or 5 on the pain meter. I decided to walk a couple of miles. At mile 15, I picked the pace back up to my 10 min. / mile. That lasted about another 2 miles, and then I decided to make some stops along the course. To keep loose I walked, did every stretch I could think of, and kept hydrated. The next 8 miles was a walk / run endeavor. At mile 23 a welcome site, Dena and Mike, were there to cheer me on. Dena even joined me on the track and walked 2 miles with me, and gave me support. The temperatures that day started out at a comfortable 61 degrees, but quickly climbed to 86 degrees by 1pm. However, Chicago residents were great with water hoses, drinks, and encouragement. Even the city's finest opened up the fire hydrants and sprayed water on us with fire hoses (fan technique of course).



As I approached mile 25, they made all non-participants exit the course. I said an "I love you and thanks" to Dena, and proceeded to the finish line. I had almost reached what I came to accomplish, but I needed to believe to achieve my goal. One thing I promised myself was I did not want to cross the finish line walking. So I gathered up what energy I had left and went into full sprint to the finish line. I proceeded up Michigan Avenue, then made a slight right turn. Up a small hill, then turned left, and the finish line was in site. I ignored the pain and pushed as hard as I could. The crowd was still as pumped as when the first person crossed the finish line. As I crossed the finish line, every emotion came to me; crying, laughing, exhaustion, relief, and so on. I then went to get my final prize, my medal, but to my surprise, I couldn't get anyone's attention, as so many people were still coming across the line. Finally, exhausted, I walked up to a teenage volunteer and said, "Can I get a medal?" He said, "Absolutely!" He put it around my neck and then I realized I had done it! My time: 6 hours 16 minutes and 49 seconds.

It was with the help of Dena, Mike, Lauren from Try Sports, and Dr. Josh at Carolina Sports Clinic that kept me running and believing that I could achieve my goal. Thanks everyone for your support!

BTW: I plan on doing it again in 2011! (Without the stone and stint this time!!lololol)



*Men's & Ladies' Luncheons & Wednesday Night Dinners –
A Good Time Is Always Had By All!*



Vintage QCCC

By Vintage Guys -

Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



The Big Cleanup



As we have stated before QCCC did a lot of racing at *Charlotte Motor Speedway* in the 70's. The whole facility was ours for \$200 - \$500 for a weekend. Our problem was that we had a bank balance of \$400 and a monthly clubhouse rent of \$175. We were always trying to find creative ways to get to the track. So in the fall of '75, we believe it was Tommy Mitchem who contacted CMS and cut a deal. He agreed that after the fall *Winston Cup* NASCAR race we would clean the entire infield in exchange for free use of the track for a whole weekend in November during our sectional meet. Tommy figured since half the infield was a huge hole in the ground (landfill) that we could handle it. Keep in mind the infield was very empty back then with just a canopy for the NASCAR garage, a 66 Gas and Tech Station, and a small scorer stand. So how did that work out---not too good.

So on a bright sunny Saturday morning a week after the race, 27 QCCC couples set about with brooms, rakes, and shovels. We had Dan Shaver's pickup and the speedway loaned us their end loader and that was it, game on. If you ever stayed in the infield back then, it was not \$250,000 campers, but tents, pickups and old school buses. Porta-Johns had not been invented yet. We started shoveling some very weird stuff into shaver's pick up, which never smelled the same again. It seemed they had just dumped everything, packed and left. We could identify chicken bones, Vienna weenies, and some fly ridden brown stuff. You would think we could do the math. The track is a mile and a half around so the infield is huge. About noon, several members said it could not be done, went on strike and said they were leaving. We have to give Tommy Mitchem his due, because he gathered everyone together and forcefully said we would not quit on the deal we made. So in true American and Corvette spirit we went after it all weekend, finishing up at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Then to blow off steam we jumped in our Corvettes and tried to wear the track out until the sun went behind the grandstands. The track was ours for free in November.



The next time you are at the speedway take notice of the infield and imagine walking the whole area with a rake or shovel or sweeping the entire pit area. It was quite a challenge. We never cut that deal again. As the saying goes fool me once, your fault, fool me twice, I am the idiot. QCCC was a gutsy and determined close knit group in '75 and we are left with another great memory.

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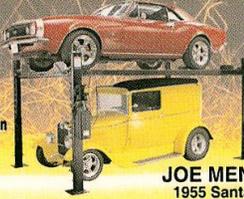
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Driving Spring Mountain

A First-Hand Account of Experiencing the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School

First of all, let me make this clear – there is no way I can adequately describe the experience of spending three days driving ZR1s, Z06s and Grand Sports around the 2.2 mile 11 turn road course at the [Ron Fellows Performance Driving School](#) in Pahrump, Nevada. Furthermore, I do not want to spoil the experience for anyone else by attempting to describe every detail. Part of the fun was not knowing what to expect. So, please indulge me while I whet your appetite over the next few months. They do offer group rates...and we're ready to go again!



Arrival and Day One:

The unincorporated town of Pahrump, Nevada is located about 60 miles West of Las Vegas and 8 miles from the California border on the major Las Vegas-Death Valley route. It was originally inhabited by the Shoshone. Several versions of how Pahrump got its name circulate. One version has the American settlers in the late 19th century reportedly choosing the name for the valley after the original indigenous name "Pah-Rimpi", or "Water Rock," so named because of the abundant artesian wells in the valley. Another version has "Pahrump" meaning *Big Spring* in the lingo of the Southern Paiute. The drive from Las Vegas offers tremendous views of the West with very little to distract from the scenery (actually, there is nothing to distract from the scenery).



We were greeted at the entrance to the Spring Mountain facility by a very nice lady who was expecting us. She directed us to our condos and gave Bill, Julia, Peggy and me a brief overview of the complex, how to find our condo keys and where to be bright and early the next morning to begin our class. There are two new condo buildings, the first one completed in December, 2009 and the other completed in February 2010. Each is very comfortable, clean and stocked with everything we needed. Our condos had large windows overlooking the track and classroom building. A nice patio provided a great place to sit with some of our "classmates" and their spouses and unwind each afternoon while enjoying the mountain range behind the complex. We made a great



little discovery for our Sunday night dinner – *Symphony's Restaurant* at Nevada's only winery, *The Pahrump Valley Winery*. The winery grounds are nicely landscaped but there are no grape vines, other than a few for show. Grape vines once covered much of the grounds, but as the two-year-old vines were about to deliver their first crop, they were eaten by wild horses. Now, California growers supply the grapes for the prize winning wines.

Monday morning, Bill and I walked approximately 150 yards from the condos to the classroom building. We were again greeted by very nice ladies who helped us complete all the necessary registration. Class began at 8:00 AM with an introduction by our lead driving instructor Rick Malone. Rick introduced his staff of driving instructors, each of whom we would spend time with during the next few days. Rick provided an outline of the facility, what we would be learning, and the rules we would follow during our training. As you would expect, safety is covered in detail and is an integral part of the three days. We were all there for the same purpose – to learn and have fun and no one wanted an accident to ruin the experience.



After Rick finished his overview, it was time to get down to business. We were next introduced to the track layout which was mapped out in detail in a computer presentation. The characteristics of each turn were covered so we knew what to expect when we were on the track. Then it was time for the fun – our first laps.

The school offers 2010 and 2011 ZR1s, Z06s and Grand Sports. Since we were told to "pick a Corvette", Bill and I both jumped in ZR1s for our



first laps (Bill was there for his ZR1 driving class, but my opportunity came as a complete surprise). Since Bill had piloted his Z06 and ZR1 around the track at Kershaw several times, I was the "virgin" with the sweaty palms during the first few laps. But it didn't take long at all to settle down and get the most out of this "sensory overload".

Our instructor, Rick Malone, handled the majority of classroom instruction himself. Rick is an expert who has the skills and personality to keep students at all experience levels on track and focused. Experience levels of the eighteen students in our class ranged from a 25 year old with racing experience to an open-road racer who had never owned or driven a Corvette of any kind to some older guys just there for the fun (wink-wink). During the three-day class, Rick kept each of us on the same level – no one fell behind and no one jumped ahead – we were all "on the same page" at all times.

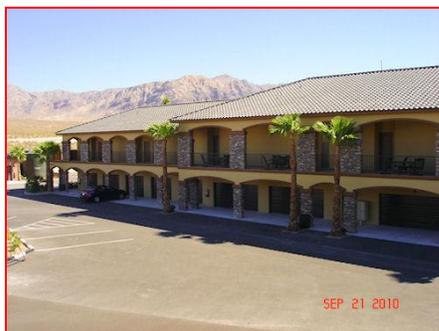


Rick continued to control the training while we were on the track, but with the assistance of his expert staff. An Instructor is often behind you, in front of you, or in the Corvette with you during track time. When not riding with us or on the track themselves, they are strategically placed at points around the 2.2 miles to offer tips and encouragement to each student. Each Corvette is equipped with radio communication so the instructors can talk to you and, if necessary, you can answer back.

A delicious, catered lunch was provided in the clubhouse. After lunch we were given a tour of the facilities – the clubhouse amenities, putting green, pools, indoor shooting range, you name it – Spring Mountain has something for everyone.

In addition to learning the track in detail, day one included the introduction to "heel & toe", cornering techniques, car control, visual skills and braking. The split between classroom time and track time was just right. At the end of each classroom session we were itching for more track time in the Corvettes. At the end of each track session, we were ready for a break and more iced cold Gatorade refreshment.

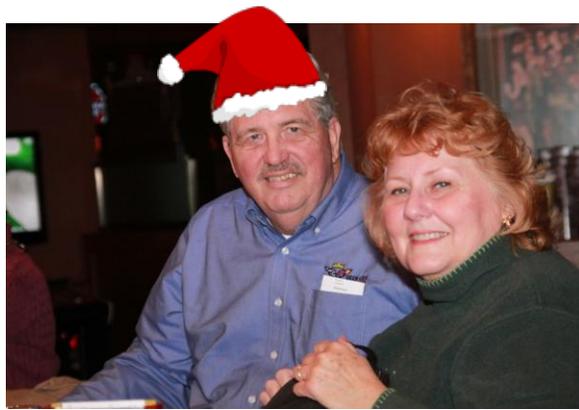
Monday afternoon, Rich announced that Ron Fellows would probably be stopping by our class because he was to be at Barrett-Jackson in Las Vegas on Wednesday. Although he didn't get to the facility before Tuesday's class had completed however, he and his brother Rob stayed in the condos a couple of doors down from us. More on that next month.... *Chris Wood*



***NEXT MONTH -
Day two, the skid-pad, Rob and Ron Fellows***

Answer to last month's mystery person – Yes, that's **Bill Davidson** anxiously awaiting his next ZR1 track session.

The "Up Yonder" Dinner at Mooresville's Hickory Tavern Was An After Thanksgiving Treat –





“Heads-Up”



Rumors fly about the Next-Generation Corvette - Currently slated for a 2013 introduction, the Next-Gen Corvette will reportedly be more of a “C6.5” than an all new model, combining a lightly modified version of the existing Vette’s chassis with fresh fiberglass cues seen on last year’s Sting Ray concept. Engine displacement is rumored to drop to 5.5 liters, though direct fuel injection and other technological improvements should keep horsepower on par with the current rating. It is further rumored that Corvette product planners are in talks with a well-known aftermarket company that specializes in high-end interiors. Their goal is said to provide a factory-optional cabin treatment that meets or exceeds the quality of existing offerings from Porsche and Ferrari. How the Z06 and ZR1 will fare are still unknown.



An Electric Corvette? – On November 18, 2010 a GM representative stated on MSNBC during an interview about GM’s stock offering that all GM vehicles will have some sort of electrification in the next 2-3 years.



Don’t Forget to check your license plate frame – A new law went into effect December 1, 2009 requiring the state’s name across the bottom of the plate as well as the year and month stickers on the license plate to be fully visible. Warning tickets can be issued through November 30, 2010. On **December 1, 2010**, vehicle owners can be cited **\$100 for each violation**. Including court costs, it could cost up to \$240. For more info, go to [New NC Plate Requirements](#).



2011 Calendar Now Available on QCCC Website – Webmasters Bob & Marilyn Becker are getting us ready for 2011 by updating our calendar to include events currently scheduled. These are not all as more events will be added as plans are finalized. Stay tuned!



Like To Know More About Your Corvette? – The Corvette Action Center has an amazing amount of information available to Corvette owners. From trivia to specs on every year, this website will soon become one of your “Favorites”. If you haven’t, check it out at www.CorvetteActionCenter.com.



Who Asked Them? – [The Consumer Federation of America](#) thinks Americans deserve more fuel-efficient cars and has written a letter to President Obama to request his help in getting them for us. In the letter, the CFA and 21 of its state and local groups call for a **60-mpg Corporate Average Fuel Economy standard** for cars AND trucks by **2025**, because it saves consumers money. “Savings from reduced gasoline consumption at 60 mpg would more than offset any increase in vehicle prices likely to result from adding technologies to lower gasoline consumption”, the CFA says. Read the letter [here](#). Wonder if this group receives taxpayer funds?

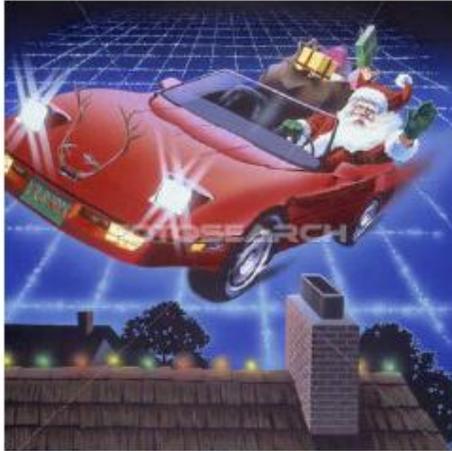


Motor Trend’s Front Page: “101 MPH! 127 MPG! The Future Is Here and It Works” – [Motor Trend’s December issue](#) features their “torture test” of the high-tech Chevy Volt and once again, an American Car Magazine sings the Volts praises. “Quick and nippy in traffic, the Volt proceeds with a silent, oozing surge of acceleration, like a downsized Rolls-Royce Phantom.”

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Queen City Corvette Club CHRISTMAS PARTY & BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010

Dinner @ 5:45pm / Meeting @ 6:30pm

Enjoy The Holiday Season With Your QCCC Friends!

Come Together For A Wonderful Ham Supper!

Please bring a side dish to share! (enough to feed 6-8 people)
QCCC will provide the ham, iced tea, water & coffee.
BYOB - or Sodas will be available for purchase - *No adult beverages!*

- **Gift Exchange!**
Bring a wrapped gift with a value between \$10 & \$15!
(Please note male or female if the gift is gender specific!)
- **Christmas Charity Collection!**
 - ~ Food for the Matthews Help Center Food Drive
 - ~ Gifts for the Children of the 145th Air National Guard & Matthews Help Center(Please see information from Nelson for complete details for these donations)
- **Voting on "Male & Female Rookie of the Year" and "Member of the Year"!**

**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
15000 York Road ~ Charlotte, NC 28278**

- Same Location as Last Years Christmas Party & December Meeting -



**PLEASE RSVP
by December 6, 2010**

to Adina Ledford

at

adinaledford@yahoo.com

Please RSVP with total number of attendees and the side dish you plan to bring.

(If too many of one side dish is being brought, you may be requested to bring something different)



Please contact Adina at adinaledford@yahoo.com

IN THE REAR VIEW



- ☉ **Interesting Fact About Some of Our New Members** – Did you notice anything while looking at our newest members on page 7? Three of our six new member couples have WHITE Corvettes! Currently, of the approximately 200 Corvettes in QCCC, 20 or 10% are white. (We know, we don't have enough to do.) Who wants to volunteer to do a QCCC Corvette color study?
- ☉ **November 2, 2010 Marked the 20th Anniversary of a Very Big Deal** – In a small shopping center in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the National Corvette Museum Annex opened on 11/2/90. Even though 2011 marks the 17th Anniversary of the NCM in its current location, this NCM Annex opened in a shopping center during fund raising and construction of the current building. **Happy 20th NCM!**
- ☉ **Thank You Queen City Corvette Club Board of Directors!** – Please join us in thanking the 2010 QCCC Board for another eventful and Corvette fun-filled year! Much time and effort goes into planning and coordinating all the events, trips, meetings, luncheons, dinners, charity drives, car shows, and general fun we all have the pleasure of participating in throughout the year. We know your time is voluntary and even though you love doing it for QCCC, it is lots of work. We salute you and appreciate your hard work in 2010!
- ☉ **And We Welcome the Incoming 2011 QCCC Board** – Thank you for volunteering to lead QCCC! Each of you has our support! Please know you just have to ask if you need assistance at anytime during the coming year. Oh, and the advice you'll be getting is an added bonus.



QCCC ANNUAL BANQUET CHARITY AUCTION



"Big Bountiful Baskets!"

I have tried to come up with a new idea for our Charity Auction at our Annual Banquet. In order for this to work though – I will need help from **YOU** – our **Generous QCCC Members!**

~ THEMES OF THE BASKETS TO BE AUCTIONED AT BANQUET ~

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| > Everything Vette | > Local Charlotte |
| > Romance | > Sports Nut |
| > Date Night | > Country Picnic |
| > Car Care | > NASCAR |
| > Spa Day | > Bling! |

Please feel free to donate SOMETHING / ANYTHING towards these baskets!

You can contribute items, gift cards, or money to purchase items for the basket. All items / donations will go anonymously into the creation of the basket!

These **"Big Bountiful Baskets!"** will be on display at the Banquet, along with a list of the basket contents.

Now you are wondering – HOW DO I BID ON THESE "Big Bountiful Baskets!"?

The QCCC will be selling \$1.00 tickets. There will be a "fish bowl" in front of each basket, and you can put as many \$1.00 tickets into the "fishbowl" as you want!

Try to beat the odds, and WIN the "Big Bountiful Basket" of your choice!

DON'T FORGET – This is for CHARITY!! Please DONATE!!

**The BIGGER the BASKET – the MORE BIDS it will get -
the MORE we can RAISE FOR CHARITY!!**

Please email Adina - adinaledford@yahoo.com and let me know what you would like to contribute to the baskets. Please bring donations to the December and January Business Meetings – or contact me to meet up with me on any other day!!!

If you have any questions – please contact me for more information!!!
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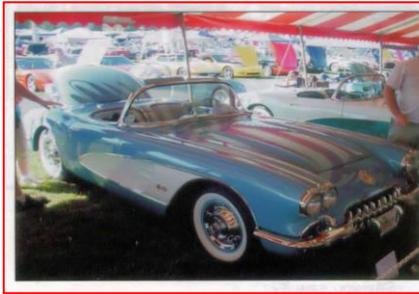
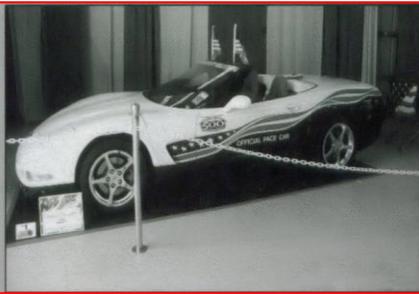
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Congratulations to *QCCC Members Gary Artis & Steve Pelchat* for having their Corvettes displayed at Corvettes at Carlisle featured in *Vette Vues Magazine!*

More QCCC Fun Caught on the QCCC Camera –



The Last Page -

Are you interested in going to Sebring, FL (south of Orlando) in March to cheer on the C6.R GT2 Teams?

Then contact:

- **Ken Aycok** at 803-518-7475 or blkvett@gmail.com

or

- **Rich Harmon** at 704-528-2455 or mzharmon@earthlink.net

They are planning a trip and want to see if anyone else is interested so they can get a group rate on hotel rooms. **Please contact them ASAP** since March is prime season and reservations need to be made now.

The 12 hour race starts at 10:00 am on Saturday March 19.

Go to <http://corvetteracing.com/> and http://sebringraceway.com/12hr_tickets.lasso for more information.

Thanks,
Jane Burt



*"There is so much **good** in the **worst** of us,
And so much **bad** in the **best** of us,
That it hardly becomes any of us,
To talk about the rest of us."*

Edward Wallis Hoch

*Hey, look what I got for an
old sleigh and a few worn
out reindeer!*



*Do you recognize a
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was taken next month in
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"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

Author unknown, attributed to a 7-year-old named Bobby

*"Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.*

The good you do for others is good you do yourself..." -Norman Wesley Brooks, 1976

We sincerely wish to thank everyone who contributed photos, articles, personal experiences, magazine and newspaper clippings, and all those emails with "gee whiz" information that helped us provide interesting information to our QCCC Newsletter readers. Please keep it coming. We also appreciate your accolades, calls and emails of support and suggestions. And a big thanks for the great photos from "Flash" Denney and our Board for getting everything in on time! We wish each of you a safe December and a Blessed Christmas Season! See you at the Christmas Party & Meeting!

Your Editors

