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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. Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts! Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting and be voted in, begin paying dues and having fun! If you can't join us, please **WAVE!**

### ***On The Cover:***

*If you came to our QCCC Business Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> at AutoBarn, you saw Tommy and Brenda Loftin arrive in their latest family addition, this 1954 Polo White Corvette. To stumble upon a Corvette in this condition, with under 41,000 actual miles, is truly amazing. But the real story is how they found it. Read their story in this edition of the Gazette. (Page 5)*

*Even though the 1954 Corvette had many mechanical improvements over the '53, by the end of '54 only half of the 3640 produced were sold. Rumors started that the Corvette would be axed! The Auto Magazines, however, loved the Corvette. Motor Trend said "Chevrolet has produced a bucket seat roadster that will hold its own with Europe's best..." Road & Track said of the '54 "Frankly, we like the Corvette very much...it's really a good combination of ride and handling qualities." Thankfully, the right people at Chevrolet were committed to the Corvette and the rest, as they say, is history! Congratulations, Tommy and Brenda! To view a great GM vintage video advertisement of the '54 Corvette [click here](#).*

# The President's Vault

We just back from the "Charleston Outer Limits" trip with several other QCCC members, and it was a great time. We avoided most of the bad weather, had a pleasant harbor boat tour, toured a plantation, ate too much food, and had lots of time to visit with each other and share stories. I think everyone that went had a good time. Thanks Susan & assistant Boyd, for setting this up.



Driving to Charleston we passed several Vettes, and had an opportunity to observe "wave" etiquette. Sometimes it's tough to tell if the other driver waved, but we'll give them the benefit of the doubt. I'm not sure what the etiquette would be for the Vettes that our group passed on the trip. Do they need to wave continuously, wave to each, wave to first & last? Personally, I wave to each in that situation; it's always fun to see a group out enjoying their cars.

Last month we went over the history of the wave, and had examples from a few of our members. This month I have some examples of wave styles, and more member stories. For the complete article that I took the information from, just Google "Save the Wave". It will bring up an article that was in "Corvette News", which, in the beginning, was a free publication sent out by Chevrolet to Corvette owners, beginning in 1957.

A few example of "Wave" techniques:

- ☹ The Gaping "Yoo Hoo!" – good for waving at Vettes on the other side of divided highways.
- ☹ The Two-Finger Flip – hand stays on wheel; index and middle finger pop up.
- ☹ The Four-Finger Pop-up – hand stays on wheel, all fingers pop up. Less likely to be misinterpreted than the two finger flip.
- ☹ The Eight-Point Spread – thumbs around wheel, all fingers up, reminiscent of Al Jolson at his best.
- ☹ The Pointer – Sort of a wink, a click and a bang combination.
- ☹ The Wiping Swipe – sort of a "hi, guys".
- ☹ The Right-handed "Hi-g'bye – a desperation move, given only at the last minute. Hand shoots straight skyward, occasionally scrunching fingernails or knuckles in the process.

I asked Walt Krupowicz if he remembered how he learned about the wave. He said it was from reading this August or September 1969 issue of the Corvette News, which he received when he & Wendy bought their 1969 Vette.

For the "newbie" drivers, it takes a while to get used to waving. Laura was so worried about waving during the first month of driving her car, that she embarrassed herself and waved at an old Camaro. The other day, she told me a guy in a truck waved at her - that he must have forgotten which vehicle he was driving.

Bob Becker had the best "wave" story, but it was about a different wave. He was in his early 20's, and had a 1970

350/350 and was coming back from a wedding. He had run a few miles with a Jag XKE, when a New York state trooper "waved" him over for doing 135 in a 50. The trooper told Bob that when they hear about a Corvette accident on the highway, they send 3 vehicles to the scene. A pickup truck to pick up the fiberglass pieces, a wrecker for the frame, and a hearse to "pick up your dumb a—". He received a ticket for no registration.

Remember the wave, and let's drive 'em and enjoy them!



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*Steve Pelchat*



# Deiger's VP Report

Well, I guess the groundhog was right for an early spring. There have been plenty of beautiful days to get the Corvette out for an enjoyable drive. Thank you for a great showing of cars, members, and guests at **AutoBarn** last month. That place never ceases to amaze me with the collection of cars. Thank you also to everyone for your help and cooperation in getting the member pictures taken. The teamwork was just outstanding! A big thanks to **"Flash", Mr. Denny** for taking the time to take all those great pictures!



**Road Rally '11 update:** Things are really getting exciting! We have several members already into the 20-mile range and an even larger number in the high teens! Potential mile accumulation right now is 32 miles. Keep up the great work and as I always say come out and enjoy 1 or 2 events next month and get some miles for yourself. If you are not registered for the Rally, it is never too late. Just see me at the next Business Meeting and we will get you signed up!

Next business meeting is bringing some new surprises. We will be combining Nelson Sprague's automotive function with our business meeting. Please take note of the details of the day's meeting times, *a little different* this month.



**North Carolina Transportation Museum**  
411 South Salisbury Avenue  
Spencer, NC 28159  
704-636-2889  
[www.nctrans.org](http://www.nctrans.org)

The automotive event will begin at 1pm. Check the [Queen City website](#) for exact details. Social time is 3:30pm with Meeting time at 4:00pm – 5:00pm.

Please utilize navigation systems or [mapquest.com](http://mapquest.com) for exact directions from where you are coming from. May I suggest if you are coming on I-85, *take exit 79 vs. coming through downtown Salisbury.*

**\*\*Please bring some folding chairs, as seating may get tight if we have a large showing.\*\***

## Starting times at as follows:

3:30 p.m.: Social Time

4:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m.: Business Meeting

## Eligible Rally Events for April 2011:

April 2nd: April Drive – Shiloh General Store

April 9th – 10th: Food Lion AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway

April 16th: North Carolina Transportation Museum – Business Meeting

April 28th – 30th: National Corvette Museum – C5/C6 Bash

Be safe out there!!

*Matthew Deiger*

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## THE "BARN FIND" TO END ALL "BARN FINDS"!



Brenda's "barn find", a 1954 Corvette Roadster with side curtain windows

We all have heard of barn finds where people find a special car in someone's barn that has been there for years untouched, well this is actually a garage find. On Tuesday March 1<sup>ST</sup> Brenda was riding our Granddaughter, of 3 years old, around trying to get her to go to sleep for an afternoon nap. As she drove through our old neighborhood which was only a couple of miles from our current house she spotted an old Corvette in a garage and the owner was outside working in the yard. She stopped and began to talk to the gentleman and found out that the car was a 1954 Polo White Corvette. As they talked she told him we were Corvette people and we had a 61, 66, and a 2010 Corvette. She also told him that I had been looking for a 1954 Vette and had made several offers on different cars and had even placed bids on them at auctions. He then looked at her with a surprised look and asked if she would like to buy this car and that he was going to put it on the internet for sale the following week. She was so surprised it left her speechless for a moment and as she got her breath she then ask the price. I was out of town so she immediately called me and explained the condition of the car, which she said was in perfect condition and the asking price. I told her not to hesitate and to write the man a check before he changed his mind. I arrived home on Saturday to find a 1954 Corvette in near perfect condition setting in our garage.



This car is unbelievably perfect with all original parts that came on the car in 1954 except the tires, top and ignition coil. I have all the documentation on the car from the original owners who bought the car in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida on November 11, 1954 and had a lien amount of \$1,903.92 which was cancelled "Paid In Full" on October 24, 1956. The owners had the car for 30 years, and drove the car 39,876 miles during that period (1954 - 1984). The car now has 40,926 documented miles on it and we are the 6<sup>th</sup> owner. We have all the original registration cards and copies of the titles with documented odometer readings and dates of transactions with owner's names. The gentleman that we purchased

the car from bought it in 2002 and the car had only 40,016 original miles on it when he bought it. They only drove the car 900 miles in 10 years.

The car had a complete frame off restoration in 1991 and received a fresh coat of lacquer paint from top to bottom and looks as fresh today as when it was applied. The carpet, seat covers, trunk liner, gauges, Wonder Bar AM radio, windshield and everything else is from the factory in 1954. Everything works as it should including the radio. The engine received a full rebuild, balanced, and blueprinted in 2005 and has only 500 miles on it, all of which is documented. The car is the 1,461<sup>st</sup> Corvette built in 1954 and has a 235 cubic inch, 150 HP Blue Flame straight 6-cylinder engine with a Powerglide two speed transmission,





and BF Goodrich 670-15 wide white wall tires. This Polo White exterior with Sportsman Red interior and Tan top is a beautiful combination on this vintage Corvette. The car has not been NCRS judged, but we plan on having it judged this year.

We are proud to own such a near perfect classic 1954 Corvette and look forward to sharing it with all of our Corvette friends.

**Tommy and Brenda Loftin**



**We understand several QCCC Members have asked Brenda to let them know the next time she's out riding around in neighborhoods; they want to have 1st dibs on her next "find"! Better get on the list!**

## Does sheriff need 198-mph cruiser to enforce 65-mph law?

By Michael Biesecker | Raleigh News & Observer

RALEIGH, N.C. — If you plan to outrun the law in Wake County, you'd better have a very, very fast car.

Or maybe a rocket.

Wake deputies have been spotted using a black Chevy Corvette Z06 to pull over speeders on Interstate 40. Among the fastest production cars in the world, the Z06 has base sticker price of \$74,875 and a V8 racing engine that turns out 505 horsepower.

The car has a top track speed of 198 miles per hour, according to Chevrolet.

Though the car has set tongues wagging among Triangle sports-car enthusiasts, Sheriff Donnie Harrison declined to talk about the Corvette Monday or Tuesday. He did show the car to crews from local television stations.

"You're not going to force me to talk about anything, you understand?" the sheriff said by telephone late Tuesday, his voice raised. "I've got a schedule to run. I don't sell papers."

Harrison said he was upset by an N&O reporter calling county commissioners for comment about the Corvette before he was ready to hold a media conference about it.

County Manager David Cooke said it is his understanding that the Corvette was seized from a drug dealer, but that he could provide no further information, such as how much county money had been spent to upgrade the car.

Gary Buchanan, a Raleigh resident who owns a 2007 Corvette, saw Wake deputies last week utilizing the stealthy, unmarked Z06 to enforce the 65-miles-per-hour speed limit on I-40 in Cary.

"It had blue lights in the back and blue lights in the front," Buchanan said. "It was the most amazing thing I've ever seen. Something like that is so extreme. I mean, if my wife was out driving and this thing came up behind her and the light's started going off, man, she'd be scared to death."

**This article originally appeared in July, 2009 but it's never too late to be prepared. Keep your eyes open when traveling through Wake County!**

### MORE ON THIS STORY

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Don't try to outrun the Wake County, N.C., sheriff. | View larger image



Pixar recently announced that NASCAR racer **Jeff Gordon** will make an appearance in the upcoming *Cars 2* movie as a "respected competitor – and legitimate threat – at the World Grand Prix." The character of **Jeff Gorvette**, "an up and coming *Chevrolet Corvette C6.R* that's turning hoods wherever he competes" will wear the number 24. *AUTOBlog*, reporting on the announcement, commented that "Pixar needed an accomplished road-racing car and probably wasn't interested in a character named Jeff Gimpala."

**Darrell Waltrip** also returns reprising his role as racing announcer **Darrell Cartrip**, although he's graduated from being a Piston-Cup announcer to a World Grand Prix announcer in the sequel.

You can check out more characters at [www.autoblog.com](http://www.autoblog.com). Thanks to Wade Stickels for alerting Gazette readers!

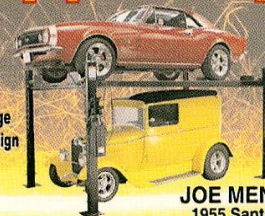
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# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## CLUB BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Date: **March 12, 2011**

Time: **6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**




Location: **AutoBarn, Concord**

### BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF PRESENT

**Board Members:** Steve Pelchat, President; Matthew Deiger, Vice President; Eddie Burt, Membership; Nelson Sprague, Automotive; Susan Kurt, Social; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary;  
**Staff:** Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob Denney, Club Photographer; Bob & Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Chris & Peggy Wood, Gazette Editors



### DISCUSSION

#### Steve Pelchat – President’s Report




-  Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
-  Introduced the Board Members and thanked AutoBarn.
-  Requested a motion that was made, seconded, and approved to accept the February minutes.

#### Eddie Burt - Membership Report








-  Visitors and Prospective Members:
  -  Buzz & Carrie Brescoll
  -  Darrell Kirkley
  -  Norm Jungmann
  -  Paul Mitchell
  -  Carl Bartlett
  -  Carl & Sylvia Metz
  -  Bill & Donna Graves

 New members **voted in for membership** were **Jim Spencer** and **Bill Rambo**. Welcome new members!!!!  
 *Queen City Corvette Club* presently has **250 members**.


#### Matthew Deiger – Vice President’s Report

-  The April meeting will be held at the NC Transportation Museum. Please bring chairs.
-  Road rally Update – “Working Stiffs” current leaders are David & Dawn Faircloth. “Cruisers” current leaders are Boyd & Susan Kurt and Paul & Barbara Mariano with Bill & Julia Davidson not far behind.
-  The following people won gift certificates: Gloria McCoy and Sally Boyette.



#### Nelson Sprague – Automotive Director’s Report

-  Car Care Day at Wally & Anita Crawford’s garage was a great success. Thanked Wally & Anita for hosting.
-  We had record participation at the February 26th road trip to see Tom Smith’s car collection with 66 cars and 125 people.
-  St. Patrick’s Day Parade is on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. He has all the cars he needs.
-  For the NASCAR Technical Institute on March 19<sup>th</sup>, we have 22 cars signed up. If you are interested, please sign up.
-  April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – AutoFair. Saturday is full and we still need cars for Sunday.
-  April 16<sup>th</sup> – NC Transportation Museum – Tours are from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The social will start at 3:30 PM and the meeting will be from 4 PM to 5 PM. Our cars will be in an area all by themselves. The Studebaker Club will have their cars on display also. So, if you like all cars and trains this will be a wonderful event for the club.
-  May 14<sup>th</sup> – City Chevrolet Car Show and meeting.




#### Florence Prather – Treasurer’s Report

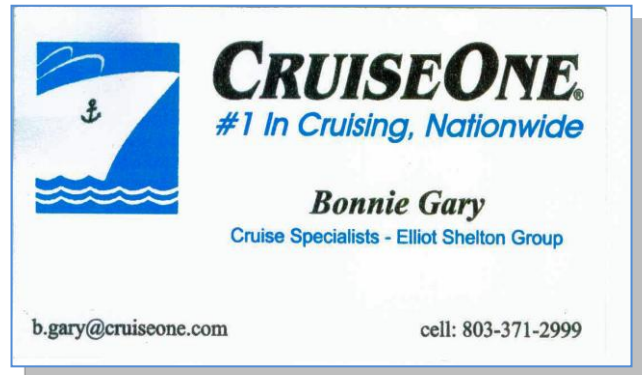
-  Reviewed the bank balance.

#### Linda Lewis – Secretary’s Report

-  Announced the March birthdays. There were three additions to the birthday list, Reggie Black – 3/26; Helen Jensen – 3/24; and Karen Day – 3/1.
-  Thanked Bob & Marilyn Becker for all the work on the website and Peggy & Chris Wood for their work on the newsletter.

#### Susan Kurt – Social Director’s Report

-  Handed out a questionnaire to gather information for next Year’s banquet.
-  Charleston trip is on for March 25<sup>th</sup>.
-  Helen, Ga. trip has been moved to October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.





**Paul Mariano – National Corvette Museum Ambassador’s Report**



Gave an update on the status of Corvettes. GM is losing money, as they have not sold their quotas for the past two years. They urged everyone to support our club by taking your cars to events and being members of the Museum.



In August the Museum will sponsor the “Museum in Motion”. They will be at *Hendrick Motor Sports* and will probably need volunteers. Information to follow.

**Tommy Loftin – Chrome Bumper Group Report**



Nothing to report.

**Steve Pelchat – Other Business**



Thanked Bob Denny and Matt Deiger for organizing the photography session before the meeting.



April 22nd – Road trip to General stores and Winery tour. This even is full. We will split the group in half and take another trip on April 23rd.



We have a possible day trip to the mountains in June and we are working on a night at the Belmont Drive In.



Bill Cruthis gave an update on archiving the old newsletters.



If you have any ideas for day trips, etc. Email Steve at [jspelchat@yahoo.com](mailto:jspelchat@yahoo.com).



The photographs will be available tonight. Please let Bob Becker know which photograph you would like on the website.



Bonnie Gary is taking an Anniversary Cruise to Italy in September and invited all members to join them for this special event. For details, email Bonnie at [Bonniec5@Comporium.net](mailto:Bonniec5@Comporium.net).



Meeting adjourned at 7.45pm.

*Next meeting is Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the NC Transportation Museum at 4pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda H. Lewis, Secretary*



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



*Jim Spencer - 1969 Red Roadster  
2007 Z06*

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and soon become family!*



*Bill Rambo  
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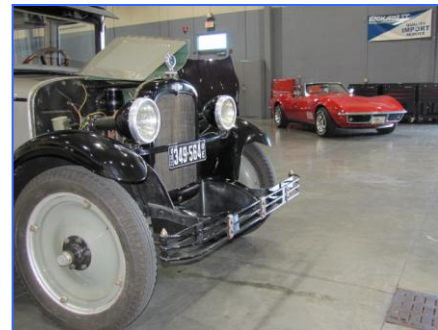






# NASCAR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SPRING OPEN HOUSE

NASCAR TECH AGAIN ASKED QCCC TO BE A PART OF ITS BIG DAY, ALWAYS A GREAT WAY TO WELCOME SPRING! AND THIS TIME, THE CORVETTES HAD A GUEST.



Many more photos available on our [QCCC web site](#) !

# Automotive Report

QCCC Members,

The sun was shining, the Bartlett pear tree flower petals were falling like snow and the Corvettes were looking great. It was perfect weather for the *St. Patrick's Day Parade*, and all 16 cars and drivers and guests had a good time. Most of us were able to get together at the *Red Rocks Cafe* for lunch after the parade. The food, service and conversations with friends just topped off a fabulous day. Adding excitement to the parade was having the *Budweiser Clydesdale team* located in the block next to our staging area; Heather and Christopher Artis especially enjoyed seeing them.



That same day, the weather was just as nice at the *NASCAR Technical Institute's Open House*. We had 28 Corvettes and 43 members and guests signed up for the day. We were allowed to put 20 cars inside their garage. Nineteen were Corvettes, and we had a special appearance of Steve Pelchat's *1927 vintage Chevrolet*. The hot dogs and hamburgers were good and of course, there was the enjoyment of visiting with our QCCC friends.

Putting on these two events in the same day and getting the great turn out for both makes me glad to be a member of QCCC. We are a club that enjoys our Corvettes, food and fun and we had all of that on March 19th.

Our next big event is the *Food Lion AutoFair*. Saturday's 30 spaces have been filled and we have just a few openings for Sunday. The

*AutoFair* is April 9th and 10th. If you like looking at all brands, models and ages of cars, this is the show to attend. Plus there are all the vendors from the national companies down to the shade tree mechanic who has some old parts you might need.

Then we have our trip on April 16th to the *North Carolina Transportation Museum*; our monthly meeting will be held at a pavilion on the Museum grounds after the tours are over. The visit to the museum and its grounds and displays starts at 1:00 PM and ends at 3:30 PM. We will have our social time from 3:30 PM until the meeting starts at 4:00 PM. There will be a separate parking area just for our Corvettes. Don't forget that there should be members of the *Studebaker club* visiting the museum that day. There are currently have 41 cars and 77 members signed up for the tour.

We are now getting ready for our May 14th [City Chevrolet Spring Car Show](#). This spring we are going to have a special guest car club at the show with us. The *Crossroads Chapter of the Vintage Chevrolet Car Club of America* will be displaying some of their beautiful Chevrolets dating from the early 20th Century up to the 1950s and 1960s. What a showing of the history of the Chevrolet and the Corvette! City Chevrolet is giving us more space for the two club display, so come out and have a good time. Our May meeting will also be held after the car show at City Chevrolet.

The more you participate the more enjoyment you get from belonging to QCCC. See the [QCCC calendar](#) for information on the April 16th tour and meeting and the May 14th City Chevrolet Car Show and meeting.

*Nelson Sprague*

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## QCCC Corvettes Carry the Queens

Who Needs a Green Corvette when the Queens look this good riding with QCCC! The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Charlotte saw perfect weather, large crowds and beautiful Queens in Corvettes!





## QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **MARCH 8, 2011** TIME: **6:00 – 7:20 PM**  
LOCATION: **SMITH & STEVENSON**



**Board Members & Guests Present:** Steve Pelchat, President, Matthew Deiger, Vice President; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Susan Kurt, Social Director; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Eddie Burt, Membership Director; Jane Burt, Member; Laura Pelchat, Member

### DISCUSSION





 **Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order.**







 **President's Report – Steve Pelchat**

-  Would like the Board to make a recommendation to the Club to form a committee to review the By Laws of the club.
-  On-line Store will be ready by the end of March. Members will be able to buy men's and women's polo shirts, denim shirts and aprons. More items will be added later.

 **Vice President – Matthew Deiger**

-  March 12th – Auto Barn – 14 cars signed up to have pictures made.
-  Reviewed the points standing for club members.


 **Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague**

-  Car Care Day at Wally and Anita Crawford's garage was a great success with 37 members and 22 cars.
-  Road trip to view Tom Smith's car collection with lunch at O'Charleys was a great success with 117 members and 66 cars.
-  March 19th – NASCAR Technical Institute - have 17 cars signed up.
-  April 9th and 10th – Auto Fair. Need 3 cars for Saturday and 14 cars for Sunday.
-  April 16th – NC Transportation Museum, meeting to begin at 4pm.
-  May 14th – City Chevrolet car show and meeting at 3:30.





 **Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis**

-  No report.





 **Treasurer Report – Florence Prather**

-  Reviewed budget and gave a report on delinquent members.

 **Membership Director – Eddie Burt**

-  We have 248 members and 134 families.
-  We have a total of 10 advertisers.
-  Ken and Lois Watts have shown interest in the Membership Director's position. Jane and Eddie will give them an overview and information about the position.
-  The Board had a request from Bill Rambo to reinstate his membership. The Club will vote on the request at the next meeting.

 **Social Director – Susan Kurt**

-  March 25th – Charleston trip. Check the website for details.
-  September 23rd – Museum Anniversary & HOF Ceremony and possible Murder Mystery trip.
-  October 14th – Helen GA.
-  Will distribute a questionnaire at the next meeting to gather information for next year's banquet.

Next meeting is scheduled for **6:00pm** on April 12th at Laura Pelchat's office, Smith & Stevenson.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda H Lewis, Secretary*

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# Socials - With Susan

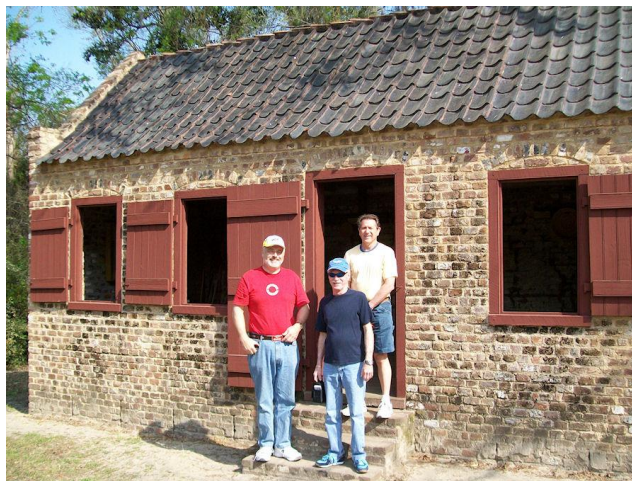


Why is yellow the best color for a Corvette? PINE POLLEN!!!! Our *"Outer Limits Trip"* to Charleston was great. Fortunately, the rain held off until Saturday night and we enjoyed a boat tour of the harbor on Friday and a tour of Boone Hall and its surrounding area on Saturday. We also found and ate at several terrific restaurants. But as with most QCCC functions, the best part was the fun and fellowship we had with our QCCC friends.

We are still compiling the result of the survey we passed out last meeting and hope to have the result in the near future. It would help the process some if Boyd and I stopped going to Florida and Charleston. Love that retirement!! Enjoy the Spring!

## Social Susan

Susan Kurt  
Social Director







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## National Corvette Museum Corner

Lots of big events coming up from the museum. Such as, how about a tour for two to France for the *24 Hours of Le Mans*? It's an eight day tour which includes a tour of *Paris* to the *Eiffel Tower*, *The Louvre*, *Notre Dame* and a cruise on the *Seine*. Not cheap, but reasonable. The cost is \$7,000.00 for two (does not include air fare). Full details on the [NCM site](#).

It's still in the planning stages, but the NCM is organizing a trip from the museum, through the *Tail of the Dragon*, and on to tours of *Hendrick NASCAR facilities*, the *Heritage Collection*, and other *NASCAR garages*. The planned dates are August 16-18. Several of our club members have already offered their volunteer services and I have passed it on to the museum. I'm sure we will be asked to help out.

I'm not getting a very big response to the query of whether or not our members would like to form a group to purchase an acre for the [NCM Motorsports Park](#). So, unless I see an upsurge in positive responses, we'll just let the matter die.

Have you signed up for the NCM eNEWS? If you are a member of the museum, you should be automatically receiving them. If you want to receive the news, just go to [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com) and sign up for eNEWS. It's free and you can stay tuned into all the activities and raffles.

If you would like to attend the [17th Birthday Celebration](#) and participate in the *Hall of Fame* dinner to see *Ron Fellows* inducted, now is the time to let me know. I have reserved three corporate tables for our group and thanks to your great support, there are only seats left for two couples. I will not be able to attend the April QCCC meeting, so you will have to respond via e-mail. The cost is \$60.00 per person and payment will be made to me. When you sign up for the celebration on-line and select the events you want to attend, do **not** select the HOF dinner as it is reserved through me.

The NCM is requesting all Corvette clubs to become involved in collecting items for care packages to our troops in Afghanistan. I suggest that someone bring a box to each of our club activities to drop the articles in until we have enough to make a shipment. I would hope we would be able to make shipments every couple of months. Please see the companion article elsewhere in this newsletter (Page 16).

Save the Wave!

*Paul Mariano*, NCM Ambassador



## A Special Challenge to the Members of

## Queen City Corvette Club



Our NCM Ambassador, Paul Mariano, received a message from *Wendell Strode, Executive Director of the NCM* asking for our help in gathering and sending much needed personal items to our troops in Afghanistan. Included in Wendell's email was the following message from *Major Michael C. Greene*:

"Would you approach the *Corvette Clubs/National Corvette Museum* and the *Corvette Assembly Plant* on supporting a donation drive for comfort items (snacks, toiletries, socks, books, magazines) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> "Duke" Brigade recently deployed to Afghanistan for a year? Corvette Clubs are known for their generosity, and I wanted to do something for the Brigade for their support of the Corvette and Cadillac Teams. Task Force Duke's mission is to assist Afghan National Security Forces and government leaders in conducting counter-insurgency operations, restoring stability and security, and setting the conditions necessary for future transition of governance and security to the Government of Afghanistan. *Task Force Duke* is comprised of more than just the six organic battalions that make up the 3/1 *Brigade Combat Team* at Fort Knox (these being the Blue Spaders of 1-26 Infantry, Ramrods of 2-2 Infantry, Raiders of 6-4 Cavalry, Centaurs of 1-6 Field Artillery, the Valiant Warriors of 3/1 Special Troops Battalion, and 201st Brigade Support Battalion, Thor). Joining our team is 1-168 Infantry from the Iowa National Guard, the 92nd Military Police Battalion out of Fort Leonard Wood, the 1-10 Aviation out of Fort Drum, 703rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal and other Counter-IED elements, two Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT), and Agriculture Development Teams (ADT) out of both Indiana and Oklahoma. All together we have just under 5,000 Soldiers on the team. Some Soldiers live better than others here. We have a good number, however, that don't even have running water, flush toilets, hot showers, you name it. They don't complain about the lack of amenities, but won't refuse care packages full of good will! Some suggested items for the care packages: **Snacks - cookies, candy, peanuts, Toiletries - shaving cream, razors, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. Books, Magazines Socks** Check the links below--- the first has the forms/info needed to be fully informed on Adopt-a-platoon as well as a video commenting on the program. The second is also the same video, but with a motto that finishes at the end (first video cuts off the motto). <http://www.etownchamber.org/adopt-a-platoon.asp>  
<http://www.thenewsenterprise.com/content/adopt-platoon>

Wendell provided these comments as well: "NCM Ambassadors...a couple of personal thoughts on this from a Vietnam Veteran:

- I cannot put into words what hearing from back home and getting care packages meant to me personally and our entire infantry company in Nam. I ask and highly encourage each club and each entity represented by our Ambassadors to take on this project.
- Major Greene was instrumental in assisting Pratt & Miller in sending an American flag to Afghanistan, where it was flown, then returned to the U.S. and flown at Petit Le Mans in Atlanta. The flag was gifted to the NCM and is now on display. Major Green has done two tours of Iraq and is now a Public Affairs Officer at Fort Knox. He is also a Corvette owner and a member of the NCM.
- The request is that we as a Corvette community conduct a donation drive of items needed by the soldiers of the 3rd Brigade in Afghanistan. As has always been the case and going back to Valley Forge, our American soldiers make do with whatever they have and whatever the circumstances may be. Each Ambassador and their group can make a difference.
- Items that are being requested or suggested include: snacks, cookies, candy, peanuts, toiletries, shaving cream, razors, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, socks, books, magazines, cards and letters, etc. Anything you send will be appreciated and used by the soldiers. *Also, remember that females are in our military and representing our country as well, so include some things with our brave ladies in mind.*

- After collecting the items, please mail them to: 2LT Adam Smith  
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- Please do not feel this has to be done within the next 2-3 weeks. Hopefully, some of the Ambassadors and their clubs will react faster and items will start going their direction soon. The brigade will be there for a year. So you may want to do something now and then something again later in the year.
- The staff of the NCM has already started collecting items as we want to participate as well. I thank each of you for your support. Again, it means so much to our brave men and women when they see us supporting them and their sacrifice. *Let's remember that Freedom is not Free."*

*Wendell Strode*, Executive Director

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**The Gazette Editors are issuing a personal challenge to all members of Queen City Corvette Club to support this effort.** Many of you currently support our Troops by volunteering your time, donating money and supplies. We can further help by purchasing these small items *that can mean so much* when we make our weekly treks to the store. Bring the items to each meeting. They can be boxed up and shipped. Got any old magazines you can donate? The list is endless. Supporting this can cover as many as 5000 Troops in the name of the *Corvette Community*. But why stop there? Do you know of other Units / acquaintances currently deployed? We can include them as well. **QCCC, with our 250 members, can make an impact.**

**What we need:** A QCCC Member(s) to volunteer to champion this effort. Someone to collect items at our meetings, box them up and prepare them for shipment. This can be one member, a group of volunteers, or it can be rotated. It's up to us. We can do this with your help! More information will be provided at our April QCCC meeting.

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**Charlotte's Cars & Coffee** – Held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month in the parking lot behind Panera Bread at Northlake Mall on Harris Blvd. Cars arrive 7 – 7:30 AM and stay till approximately 10 AM.

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# Fellowship & Fun at QCCC Luncheons & Dinners –



*Members interested in joining the fun should contact the following to be added to the email list.*

- Nelson Sprague ([barnel@carolina.rr.com](mailto:barnel@carolina.rr.com)) – Men's Luncheon – held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month
- Peggy Marlowe ([chrisowood@carolina.rr.com](mailto:chrisowood@carolina.rr.com)) – Ladies' Luncheon – held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month
- Eddie & Jane Burt ([eddieburt@carolina.rr.com](mailto:eddieburt@carolina.rr.com)) – "Up Yonder" Dinner – held the last Monday of each month
- Eddie & Jane Burt ([eddieburt@carolina.rr.com](mailto:eddieburt@carolina.rr.com)) – Wednesday Night Dinner – held MOST Wednesday nights

# Vintage QCCC

By Vintage Guys ~  
Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



## *"That's A Big Ol' 10-4 Good Buddy"*

*"Howboutcha south bound fed-ex hauler, got ya ears on, come on back"*

*"You got the fast packer gohead 10-4"*

*"Howslookin back o yo shoulder fast packer"*

*"Got a smokey in a plain brown wrapper mile-marker 69 then nothin but clean and green  
all way to K'ville 10-4"*

*"Thanks for the shoutout fast packer keep er tween the ditches 10-4"*

*"Yall take care, them fine lookin rides 10-4"*



Such was the life of caravan travel in QCCC in 1974. The CB radio was actually quite an upgrade from hand-signals. It was not always easy; as you know, getting a good ground in a C-2 or C-3 was never assured. Some of us tried the clamp-on whip antenna. You see, the higher it went up in the air the better range. Most had 6-foot antennas. I think a few had antennas built into the radio antenna but they were not very effective. "Brillo-Pad" (Bill Cruthis) had one that was 6 feet with a magnetized base which he placed on the bar of his '74 with the T-Tops out. The magnet base was good as you could move it to your tow vehicle when you Corvette was on the trailer. I am sure it was a strange site going down the interstate with all the long antenna waving in the wind, but it sure saved some speeding tickets. Long haul truckers were the best, they loved playing cat and mouse with the troopers, just ask Fred McCoy.

So here is a list of CB "handles" from April of 1977:

Shad Alberty	=	Shadrack	Amelia McGee	=	Minute Lady (Secretary)
Brenda Alberty	=	Turtle	David Morse	=	Capt'n Crunch (Lots of racing wrecks)
Tony Alexander	=	Snow Snake	Lydia Morse	=	Money Honey (Treasurer & Bank Mgr)
Richard Breyare	=	White Elephant	Bill Murray	=	Capt'n America
Sandy McSwain	=	Porky (Self explanatory)	Jenny Murray	=	Captains Lady
Ervin Booth	=	Mad Dog	Melvin Pace	=	Pop-Top (68 T-Top loved Budweiser)
Billy Coates	=	Car Doctor (Kept QCCC Cars race-ready)	Linda Pace	=	Mama Pop-Top
Earl Ferrell	=	The Mad Mouse	Jim Robertson	=	Red Road Apple
Martha Ferrell	=	The Happy Cat	Dave Stiles	=	Soupy Sales (A Good Resemblance)
Randall Goodnight	=	Short Circuit	Jeff Tatar	=	Silver Cloud (75 Silver Coupe)
Bill Henderson	=	Spiderman (Red with black spider paint)	Dale Tatar	=	Rip Van Winkle (More Bout This Later)
Cathy Henderson	=	Spider Lady	Pete Walther	=	Spirit
David Hunter	=	Ramblin' Rat (Big-Block)	Peggy Walther	=	Mysterious Lady
Joey Hunter	=	Fox Hunter	Tommy Wood	=	Snoopy
Jenny Hunter	=	Foxy Hunter	Sue Wood	=	Peppermint Patty
Harry Jackson	=	0-69	Brillo-Pad	=	Race Carless Driver (Too many show cars)
Randy Lanier	=	Corvette Kid	Travis Meredith	=	North Charlotte Kid
Sam McGee	=	Father Time (Looked like it w/the beard)			

So y'all appreciate those 2-way radios and those cell phones, we were thankful to have the CB; they made pit stops a lot easier and stopped a lot of racing. Before CBs, if someone pulled out of line and hammered down to get a bathroom break no one knew why so it was race on. So from the *Vintage Guys* "this is a big ol' 10-4 over, out and down."





# Sebring 2011 –

*Thanks to QCCC Member Boyd Kurt for Providing a First-Hand Account of Being There*

Ever wanted to go around a 3.7 mile racetrack in 2 minutes? If so get in a 2011 C6.R Corvette and go. How about 1.47 minutes? Get in a Peugeot LMP1 car. The race week was great in many ways. The weather was perfect, the cars were fast and the people had a ball. Sebring is the first of many ALMS races this year. There were 56 cars entered and over 36 made the entire 12 hours. Corvette won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the GT class. BMW came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> but only by less the 45 seconds. The 04 Corvette came in 4<sup>th</sup> a lap down due to an early race crash caused by one of those Flying Lizards. Sebring is more than a race, it is an adventure. The Green Zone was fun to see and the music was fantastic. The Chevrolet tent had t shirts to give away as well as getting your picture taken with the race drivers. Your ticket let you up close with the drivers, crews and the cars.

Want to go? The Petite Le Mans is the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in October this year at Road Atlanta. Come see what you are missing. All Racing Corvette's are Yellow,

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## Announcement - New Additions to the QCCC Family:



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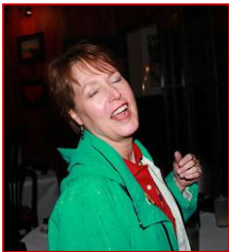
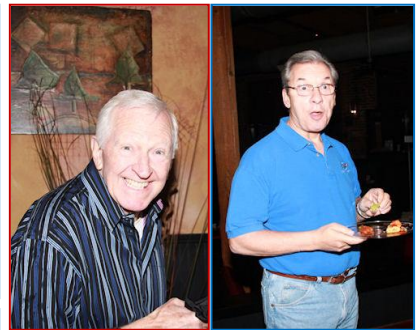
Phillip & Linda Lewis  
2006 Black Convertible



Tommy & Brenda Loftin  
1954 Polo White Roadster

*Congratulations on the new additions! Enjoy your new RIDE!*

## More Smiles Caught on QCCC Cameras



# “Heads-Up”



**Please Welcome Our Newest Sponsor** – This month we welcome **The Palm Gifts** ([www.thepalmgifts.com](http://www.thepalmgifts.com)) as a sponsor of Queen City Corvette Club. Please support our club sponsors. You can find a complete list on our [OCCC web site](http://OCCC.web.site). Thank you **The Palm Gifts!** We appreciate your support!



**Horizon Blue History** - Congrats to Steve & Laura Pelchat for having their 1960 Corvette featured in the April edition of *Auto Enthusiast Magazine*. If you haven't read it, you owe it to yourself. What is missing from the article, however, is Steve's rather unique way of picking up girls in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Laura can provide the details. This photo, included in the article, shows Steve and a friend trying to get it out of the mud. To read the entire article, see our [OCCC web site](http://OCCC.web.site).



**Smile When You Drive I-95** - Surveillance cameras along Interstate 95 in Ridgeland, SC have nabbed thousands of speeders. They also have attracted heated opposition from state lawmakers and sparked a federal court challenge. The cameras are the only such devices on the open interstate for almost 2,000 miles from Canada to Miami. Ridgeland's Mayor said the cameras in his town about 20 miles north of the Georgia line do what they are designed to do: slow people down, reduce accidents and, most importantly, save lives. But lawmakers who want to unplug them contend the system is just a money-maker and amounts to unconstitutional selective law enforcement. Earlier this month, a Ridgeland Police Officer clocked a passing Mercedes with South Carolina tags going 83 miles per hour. A camera fired and pictures of the tag and driver appeared on a monitor in the van. The motorist continued north, unaware of the \$133 ticket that would be following in the mail.



**Chevrolet Announces Customer Selectable VIN** – Chevrolet notified its dealers about the new Corvette VIN program (RPO PIN), which allows customers to “personalize” the VIN when they place an order for a new Corvette. Corvette owners are unique aficionados who seek to differentiate and personalize their Corvette. Chevy feels it is important to offer a wide variety of accessories and personalization options for customers to accomplish this goal. If the request can be accommodated when the vehicle is produced, the invoice will include a *Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP)* of \$5000 for the Customer's Selectable VIN Ending Option.



**“Order Constraints” on Cyber Grey Metallic** – We recently told you *Jetstream Blue* was no longer offered. Now Clark Belvin alerts us that *Cyber Grey Metallic*, along with *Crystal Red Metallic*, are listed as “Zero Availability”. The world's only plant that produces “Xirallic”, the enhanced aluminum oxide that creates the metallic glow when applied to paint, is located within 28 miles of the *Fukushima nuclear power station*. It is unclear when the plant, which was damaged by the earthquake, could resume production.

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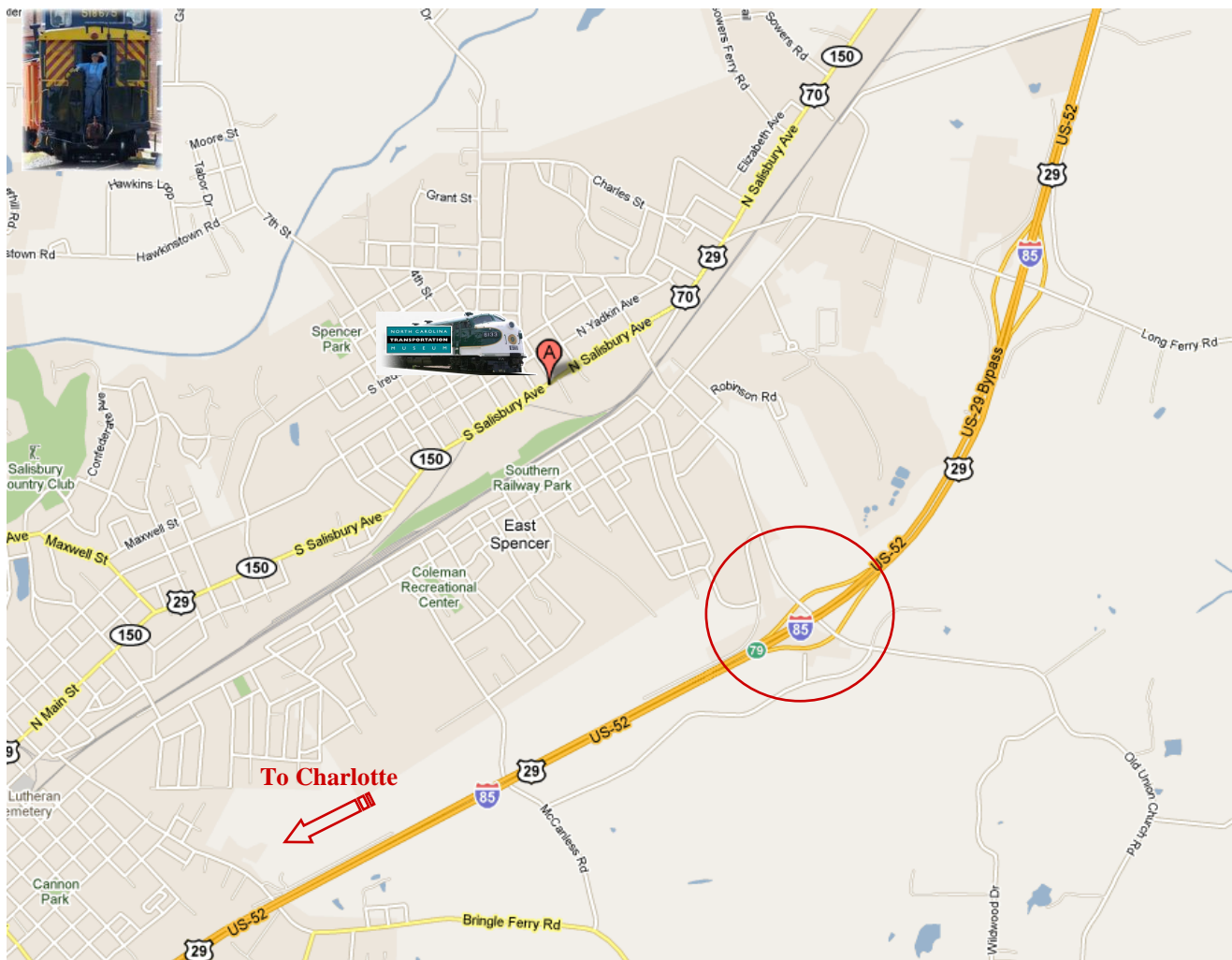
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# IN THE REAR VIEW




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**But Isn't This EVERY Month?** – April is “officially” Car Care Month. But if you own a Corvette you don't wait until April to care for it. So, maybe now's the time to take the 'daily driver' to the local car wash.
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**But How Will We Get To Woodstock?** – An April 1968 edition of *Motor Trend* magazine (below) had this article – “No More Cars – The California Planning and Conservation League, a lobbying group for conservationists, has recommended and will probably ask the 1968 California Legislature to ban the sale of smog-producing motor vehicles, with a deadline set for 1980. There is a strong push for legislation to place the auto industry on notice that sale of autos which emit 'damaging pollutants' will not be allowed after 1980.”
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**Reactor?** – The same April 1968 *Motor Trend* magazine also included this bit of news – “Costly Smog Device – The Federal Bureau of Mines, part of the U. S. Dept. of Interior, has successfully tested a new device designed to virtually eliminate automobile air pollution. The new device, developed by DuPont, is called an exhaust manifold *reactor*. It changes the chemical properties of exhaust fumes by mixing additional air with them. The device would probably cost more than \$100 per car.”

 **This Month In Corvette History – April 18, 1958:** The Sting Ray makes its debut at the President's Cup Race at Maryland's Marlboro Raceway. The car is Bill Mitchell's personal vehicle for style testing of the Corvette. Richard Thompson races it to fourth place. The car was made from the last Corvette SS mule chassis, and given a new body by Bill Mitchell and Larry Shinoda. **April 21, 1996:** Zora Arkus-Duntov dies at age 86, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. **April 28, 1995:** The last ZR-1 Corvette rolls off the assembly line. During its six year lifetime, 6939 ZR-1 Corvettes were built. Chevrolet general manager Jim Perkins and Chief Corvette Engineer Dave McLellan deliver the car to the National Corvette Museum. **April 30, 2000:** Dave Hill, Chief Engineer of Corvette, unveils the 2001 Z06 model Corvette, with new 385 HP LS6 engine. **April, 1965:** The Mako Shark II (project XP-830), formerly called the Mako Shark, makes its debut appearance at the New York International Auto Show. The non-running full-size model cost nearly \$3 million to create.

**April, 1994:** General Motors holds a marketing clinic in Los Angeles, to ascertain how well the new 1997 model Corvette might sell. 60% of the clinic attendees say they would buy the Corvette over the competition.




43 Years Ago This Month –  
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**What About This One?** – Speculation on the look of the C7 continues! This one was spotted on the Corvette Action Center web site.



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# The Last Page ~



*Brrrrrrrr – another update from QCCC Member Joan Murray – “March 24th, 2011 - took this photo from the Canada #1 Hwy between Moose Jaw and Regina Saskatchewan. The high today was 17 F and the low was 10 F - about minus 10 below zero with wind chill...where is spring! Hope everyone is keepina well.” Joan*

*For I remember it is Easter morn, and life and love and peace are all new born. ~ Alice Freeman Palmer*

*No one has ever injured his eyesight by looking on the bright side of things. ~ Unknown*

*Life is like a mirror, we get the best results when we smile at it. ~ Unknown*



**We'll take on any other two cars in the magazine.**

## Upcoming Events

- April 9-10 - *Food Lion AutoFair – Concord, NC*
- April 16 - *NC Transportation Museum Tour & QCCC Business Meeting – Spencer, NC*
- April 16 - *Corvette Racing @ ALMS – Long Beach, CA*
- April 28-30 - *C5/C6 Bash – Bowling Green, KY*
- May 14 - *City Chevy Charity Car Show & QCCC Business Meeting – City Chevrolet*
- May 20-22 - *RTP Corvettes Cruisin' Biltmore – Asheville, NC*
- May 27-29 - *Vettes In The Valley – Maggie Valley, NC*
- June 11 - *QCCC Business Meeting*
- June 11-12 - *Corvette Racing @ 12 Heures du Mans – Le Mans, France*
- July 9 - *Corvette Racing @ ALMS Northeast Grand Prix – Lakeville, CT*
- July 24 - *Corvette Racing @ Grand Prix of Mosport Ontario, Canada*
- July 14-16 - *30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Corvette Homecoming - Bowling Green, KY*
- August 6 - *Corvette Racing @ Acura Sports Challenge Lexington, Ohio*
- August 16-18- *NCM Museum in Motion – Hendrick Automotive, Tail of the Dragon, etc.*
- August 20 - *Corvette Racing @ TWC Road Race Showcase – Elkhart Lake, WI*
- Aug 26-28 - *Corvettes at Carlisle – Carlisle, PA*
- Aug 27-28 - *Food Lion AutoFair – Concord, NC*
- Sept 1- 3 - *NCM Anniversary & HOF - Bowling Green, KY*
- Sept. 3 - *Corvette Racing @ Baltimore Grand Prix – Baltimore, MD*
- Sept 16-18 – *Mid-America Funfest – Effingham. IL*
- Sept. 17 - *Corvette Racing @ Monterey Sports Car Championships – Salinas, CA*
- Sept 23-25 - *Murder Mystery*
- Oct 1 - *Bill Mullis – All Corvettes Are Black*
- October 1 - *Corvette Racing @ Petit Le Mans – Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga*
- Oct 8 - *City Chevy Charity Car Show & QCCC Business Meeting*
- Oct 14-15 - *Ocktoberfest – Helen, Ga*
- Dec 10 - *QCCC Christmas Party & Business Meeting*

*For more events, see the [OCCC Calendar](#)*

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