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QCCC Members Jack & Betty Ann Brunton - *Celebrity Choice Winners at C5/C6 Bash*
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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:

Congratulations to *Jack & Betty Ann Brunton* on being one of the winners of the *Celebrity Choice Corvette Show* at this year's *C5/C6 Bash at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY!* The attention to detail in preparing their "*Bad Boy*" 2007 Z06 certainly caught the judge's eye as they narrowed down the many entries to the *best of the best*. Jack & Betty Ann were interviewed by a video team and their interview will be posted on YouTube in the coming days. The drive to Bowling Green, in a serious rain storm, made detailing their Z06 to get it show ready just a little more challenging. Their efforts certainly paid off as many Bash attendees came by to offer their congratulations and very positive comments. *Bad Boy* had plenty of fans. *Way to go Jack & Betty Ann!*

The President's Vault

I was recently asked what makes Corvette a sports car icon. I've been thinking about it, and here are some of my thoughts regarding that.

First of all, I think the Chevrolet and GM commitment to build a sports car, and stick with that platform, gave it a chance to become what it is today. When it began, it was underpowered with a six cylinder engine and a two speed automatic transmission. No one in the world considered it a sports car with the automatic transmission. In 1955 when the Corvette got some competition with the Ford Thunderbird, it looked bleak for Corvette. The Thunderbird sold 16,155 units compared to Corvette's 700. But, the new V-8 and three speed manual transmission in 1955 gave Corvette some spark. A passionate letter from Zora Arkus-Duntov to the GM executive board kept his dream of the Corvette sports car concept alive. Through 55-57, Ford's Thunderbird, considered a two seater personal luxury car, continued to outsell Corvettes five to one. Chevrolet stuck with their concept of a two seat sports car, and didn't follow Ford's step of changing to a four seater luxury car, as the '58 Thunderbird. Corvette continued to improve engines, transmissions, and chassis to make it a world class competitive sports car.



Duntov continually raced the Corvette, and used the knowledge learned to improve the production cars. By 1960 Briggs Cunningham took a three car Corvette team to Le Mans and raced it to first in its class and 8th overall. This made an impact on the Corvette brand in the automotive world, and secured the sports car image for Corvette. Zora, in continuing the evolution of the sports car, built five 1963 Grand Sports for racing. At that point GM cut off the money and said there would be no more factory sponsored racing. Corvette continued to race for the next 30 years in the hands of privateers. Over these 30 years the production cars had various personalities, from grand touring to flat out straight drag cars. In the mid-eighties, when the C-4 chassis came out, Corvette was back on track as a sports car contender. The C-4 has some racing success with records in endurance racing. The chassis improvements continued with the C-5 and also heralded the Corvettes return to a factory sponsored race team. They have had great success with many podium finishes in Le Mans and Petite Le Mans series in the United States. Chevrolet stayed committed to the two seater and worked their way to a level of competing with what is considered the world class sports cars such as Jaguar, Ferrari, Porsche, and Aston Martin, beating them week after week at tracks around the country, and at less than half the cost.

These are some of my thoughts of what makes it an American icon. I also think that it's the little boy's dreams of owning a Corvette, that keeps it alive. Let me hear from club members, when was your first Corvette moment. What made you decide that you had to have a Corvette?

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

Steve Pelchat



Deiger's VP Report



Queen City Road Rally '11 is entering its 5th month and things are getting very interesting. With the first "Supercharged V8" event happening last month, we are beginning to see some leaders moving to the front. However, don't lose hope yet. Activities are plentiful in the coming months. With the **City Chevrolet Car Show, NCM C5/C6 Bash**, and numerous group drives just to mention a few; there is plenty of time to get some miles and push yourself to the top. Keep coming to the meetings and dinners, but don't forget about the big events where you can meet new friends, form bonds, and truly experience what QCCC has to offer! Come on "Drivers," shine up that ride, ignite that V8, crank up the tunes, and come out and enjoy some rally time with your fellow members!!!

We are going to "SHAKE THINGS" up a bit with the May 14th meeting. Nelson has done his magic again with another great car show at **City Chevrolet!** Check out the [calendar](#) and his flyers for the details. We will then follow the car show with our monthly meeting. Yes, we are going to make an attempt for another outdoor meeting. Hopefully, no wind this time.

Check out the details below, and put a close eye on the time schedule for the day, *A LITTLE DIFFERENT!!*

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<http://www.citychevrolet.com>



Please utilize navigation systems or <http://www.mapquest.com> for exact directions from where you are coming from.

There are a few details about the meeting:

- 1) Please bring chairs (for both car show and meeting)
- 2) Please bring sunscreen (if coming for the car show)
- 3) Please bring water (if coming for the car show)

We will be under a cover, but in the event of inclement weather we will move inside.

TIME SCHEDULE:

SOCIAL TIME: 1:30 PM (or during car show)

MEETING START: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

As a side note, great opportunity for some great miles, it is a Car Show and a meeting in the same day!! Plus bring a Chrome Bumper Car and get an extra mile!! (BTW: you must bring a corvette to get car show miles.)

I DOUBLE DOG DARE YOU TO SHOW UP!!!!

Be safe out there!!

Matthew Deiger

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Announcement – New Additions to the QCCC Family: LADIES and Their CORVETTES



Guess what guys – the ladies get as excited as you do when they get new Corvettes! Look at the smiles on the faces of **Julia Davidson**, beside her 2011 Crystal Red Metallic Grand Sport, and **Florence Prather**, beside her 2011 Torch Red Grand Sport.

Congratulations on the new additions! Enjoy your new RIDE!

Traveling With QCCC Members



QCCC Members **Charlie & Iris Binder's** magnificent view of the Grand Canyon taken during their 3rd trip to the "big hole in the ground". Charlie says if you're traveling to Arizona in the Vette, better have a front mask to catch the rocks & bugs!



QCCC Members **Ben & Jamie Hinson** sport QCCC attire at the Colosseum in Rome during their Mediterranean Cruise. They plan to ask VP Deiger if they get *Rally Miles* for recruiting QCCC Members abroad.



"Where oh where is Spring?" QCCC Member **Joan Murray** shoveling more "Canadian Spring" during her visit with family in Saskatchewan. Joan plans to return in May following her Mother's 88th birthday and the completion of her sister's medical treatments. Leave the snow up there, Joan, and give our best wishes to your family.

QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

CLUB BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Date: April 16, 2011

Time: 4:00 PM – 4:20 PM




Location: NC Transportation Museum

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: 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 4:00 PM.
-  Introduced the Board Members.
-  Minutes approved and seconded.








Eddie Burt - Membership Report

-  Visitors and Prospective Members:
 - o Denny Wade, Dave and Kay Cook, Carl and Sylvia Metz, Craig and Donna Smith.
-  No new members voted in for membership.
-  Queen City Corvette Club presently has **250 members**.


Matthew Deiger – Vice President’s Report

-  May 14th – Car Show and meeting at City Chevrolet.
-  June 11th – Jocks & Jills Restaurant.
-  July 9th – Harley Davidson Motorcycles
-  No gift certificates awarded.

Nelson Sprague – Automotive Director’s Report

-  AutoFair – We had a great turnout with 30 cars on Saturday and 29 cars on Sunday. The trophies were as follows: Best Daily Driver – David Faircloth; Best C1 – C2 – Tommy Loftin; Best C3-C4 – Robert Morgan; Best C5 – Rick Mills; Best C6 – Paul Mariano; Member’s Choice – Tommy Loftin; Best of Show – Ken Watts.
-  May 7th – Asheville Trip, check web site for details.
-  May 14th – City Chevrolet Car Show and meeting. Members need to be at City Chevrolet at 8:30 AM. The car show runs from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The meeting will start at 2:00 PM. Bring chairs and non alcoholic beverages. Lunch will be provided.
-  May 28th & 29th – Vettes In The Valley. Tommy Loftin is leading this event.
-  June – Planning a trip to the Benny Parson’s Rendezvous Ridge and Winery. Detail will be posted on the web site soon.
-  August 27th – 28th – AutoFair. Let Nelson know if you are interested in attending.
-  Sept. 17th – Car Care Day at Wally & Anita Crawford’s garage.




Florence Prather – Treasurer’s Report

-  Reviewed the bank balance. 95% of the dues have been collected.




Linda Lewis – Secretary’s Report

-  Announced the April birthdays: Donna Peterman, Jack Ross, Don Zimmer, Jo Graham, Susie Black and Wade Stickels.


Susan Kurt – Social Director’s Report

-  Helen Ga. Trip has been moved to October 21st – 23rd.
-  Corvettes At Carlisle – August 25th – 28th.
-  Urged everyone to attend at least one trip during the year and get to know your fellow members.

Chris Wood – National Corvette Museum Ambassador’s Report for Paul Mariano

-  There is competition for the best club newsletter and web site beginning May 1st at the Museum.
-  Members should start thinking about the 2014 National Corvette Museum Corvette Caravan.
-  Challenged all members to gather supplies for the military. Peggy and Chris will bring boxes to the next meeting to collect donated supplies. The military is serving around the world to protect and serve all of our citizens. They need reminders from home. We would like to send supplies, such as socks, candy, magazines, etc., and well wishes from the Queen City Corvette Club. Bring your items to the next meeting.

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Tommy Loftin – Chrome Bumper Group Report



No report.

Steve Pelchat – Other Business



April 23rd – Road trip to general Store and Winery Tour.



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



QCCC now has an online store where you can buy QCCC shirts, tote bags, coolers, etc. At the end of the year, some of the money collected for all items will be donated back to the Charity Fund.



If you have any ideas for day trips, etc. Email Steve at lspelchat@yahoo.com.



ANNOUNCEMENT – Eddie Burt, Membership Director and Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director are abdicating their positions at the end of this year. If you are interested in either position, please contact one of your Board Members!!!!



Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Next meeting is Saturday, May 14th at City Chevrolet at 2pm. The car show will run from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We will line up Cars at 8:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda H. Lewis, Secretary

Chevrolet Aims For Sinister Corvette and Hits Their Mark

QCCC Gazette Chief Field Correspondent Wade Stickels has been scouring the autoblogs in cyberspace to bring us the latest secrets that Chevrolet can't keep. Wade alerted us that the latest special edition package for the Corvette is black and loaded with technology. The racing inspired 2012 Centennial Edition package will be available on all models – including the Grand Sport, Z06 and ZR1. Carbon Flash Metallic paint with black graphics, satin-black wheels and red calipers will identify the new edition's exterior. Inside, ebony leather wrapped instrument panel and doors are complimented by red stitching. A closer look shows upgraded seating with suede inserts. Magnetic Selective Ride Control, the world's fastest-reacting suspension and a technology advance initiated by Corvette, is included on all Chevrolet Centennial Edition Corvette models. The Centennial Edition also features special badges that signify Chevrolet's racing history. A graphic logo featuring an iconic image of Louis Chevrolet appears on the B-pillars, the center caps of the wheels, and the center of the steering wheel. The seat headrests also carry an embossed centennial logo. Aficionados will note one other small detail: The historic crossed flags badge contains a small adaptation, with "100" in place of the traditional fleur-de-lis symbol, only for the Centennial Edition.

The real shocker has to do with the elimination of a color. Black – the top selling color for every year since 2004 has been deleted for 2012. The only way to get a black Corvette in 2012 is to order the Chevrolet Centennial Special Edition which only comes in Carbon Flash Metallic. The other new color for 2012 is Carlisle Blue Metallic, which replaces Jetstream Blue. But never fear, black will return for 2013 according to the Design Team.

QCCC Members attending this year's C5/C6 Bash were treated to the unveiling of the Centennial Edition package on several models. The presentation by the Corvette Design Team confirmed what Wade had discovered.

Keep the "scoops" coming, Wade!





April QCCC Meeting at the NC Transportation Museum

Even 40 MPH winds and the threat of storms didn't keep QCCC Members from enjoying a day at the museum and the shortest club meeting in recent history.



You guessed it! More photos available on our [QCCC web site](#) !

Automotive Report



QCCC Members,

AutoFair was a success even with the unusual weather on Saturday. We left the speedway early on that day so our attendees could get their Corvettes home before any bad storms could catch them in the open. You filled up the 30 spots for both Saturday and Sunday and it was a beautiful site to see.

Pictures will be in the next Gazette and on the website. As usual, the Metrolina Corvette members judging our Corvettes had a very difficult time determining the trophy winners. As one of their members said "it is more like visiting a new car dealership than a car show because they all look so good." We did award the trophies to the following members: *Best Daily Drive - David Faircloth, Best C1-2 - Tommy Loftin, Best C3-4 - Robert Morgan, Best C5 - Rick Mills, Best C6 - Paul Mariano, Member's Choice - Tommy Loftin and BEST OF SHOW - Ken Watts.* It was a great show and lots of fun; thank you for your participation.

Mother Nature was not so kind to us for the North Carolina Transportation Museum and business meeting on April 16th. Storms in the area kept some members home but we still had 73 members and prospective member and their 39 cars in attendance. The museum was very interesting and had expanded its displays of all modes of transportation. With the wind blowing like we were in a GM wind tunnel test, the business meeting lasted only 24 minutes. That's maybe a record?

We have a day trip set for May 7th leaving from Shelby and taking a nice drive through some of North Carolina's beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and ending at the [Black Forest Restaurant](#) in Arden, NC. There are currently 17 Corvettes and 33 members and prospective members signed up for the trip. As always, the more who sign up, the more fun you have.

May 14th is our *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. Also something new, during this car show we will have *Chris Pardo from WAVO* radio stations on 1410-AM and 1150-AM broadcasting his [car service and information program](#) live from our City Chevrolet Spring Car Show. His show is aired from 1 to 2 PM. 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 May 14th City Chevrolet Car Show and meeting.

Thank you for your participation,

Nelson Sprague

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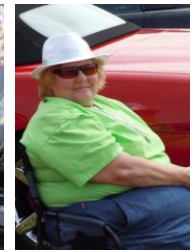
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QCCC CORVETTES WELL REPRESENTED at the 2011 SPRING AUTOFAIR

Kudos to Nelson Sprague and all who assisted in executing another fun weekend at AutoFair! View more photos at the [QCCC web site](#)



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





QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **APRIL 12, 2011** TIME: **5:55 PM – 7:30 PM**
LOCATION: **SMITH & STEVENSON**

Board Members & Guests Present: Steve Pelchat, President; Matthew Deiger, Vice President; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Susan Kurt, Social Director; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Eddie Burt, Membership Director; Jane Burt, Member

DISCUSSION



Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order at 5:55 PM and asked for the Officer's Reports.



Vice President – Matthew Deiger

- ~ April 16 – Auto Fair was a Supercharged event so double points were awarded to attendees.
- ~ June 11 – Meeting to be at Jocks & Jills.
- ~ August 13 – Meeting possibly at Dilworth Neighborhood Grill.
- ~ November 12 – Meeting at Hendrick Motorsports.



Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague

- ~ April 9 & 10 – Auto fair was good – there were 30 cars on Saturday and 29 cars on Sunday with a total of 66 members and prospective members attending. Gift certificates were won by Rockhold, Liner, Loftin and Crosby. Trophies were won by Loftin, Morgan, Mills, Mariano and Best of Show was Ken & Lois Watts.
- ~ April 16 – Day trip to NC Transportation Museum – 52 cars (about 90 members) have signed up for special parking and a tour. Monthly meeting to follow at 4:00 PM.
- ~ May 7 – Day trip to Black Forest Restaurant.
- ~ May 14 – Car Show at City Chevrolet from 9 AM to 2 PM. Monthly meeting to follow at 4:00 PM.
- ~ June 18 – Working on a day trip to Benny Parson's Rendezvous Ridge Winery in North Wilkesboro.
- ~ August 27 & 28 – AutoFair – conflicts with Corvettes at Carlisle so there may not be enough members to participate.



Treasurer Report – Florence Prather

- ~ Reviewed first quarter budget vs. actual report to be sent to all members.
- ~ Nine families are past due for first quarter dues. Steve will send Suspension Notices to each by email.



Membership Director – Eddie Burt

- ~ QCCC has 136 families and 250 members.
- ~ Five prospective members are eligible for membership.
- ~ 100 lanyards will be ordered upon acceptance of the proof to be sent by the end of the week.
- ~ Discussed some possible candidates for next year's Membership Director.



Social Director – Susan Kurt

- ~ Discussed Banquet Questionnaire responses – food is the most important factor, a DJ and hotel are preferred, favors are not important. All responses and comments were appreciated.
- ~ Researching having a banner made with a group picture of QCCC cars, to be used as a backdrop at the Banquet.



President's Report – Steve Pelchat

- ~ Will have samples of QCCC apparel at the April meeting.
- ~ April 23 – Day trip to Amish General Store in Union Grove, NC.
- ~ Will ask for volunteers for a Bylaws review committee.
- ~ Working on an evening at the Belmont Drive-in.
- ~ Working on a day trip to Mt Mitchell in June or July.
- ~ Suggested and received agreement to not have a QCCC Board Meeting in June.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 7:30 PM.

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

April Country Day Cruise

QCCC Members were treated to a day of wine tasting at *Shadow Springs Winery*; visits to old country stores & a delicious lunch during April. Kudos to *Steve & Laura* for a great day cruise!





AUGUST 28 - 30, 2014 ALL ROADS LEAD TO BOWLING GREEN THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ALL ROADS LEAD TO BOWLING GREEN THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

National Corvette Museum Corner

I sure hated to miss the April meeting but fortunately, we have a most able substitute in Chris Wood. I understand Chris most eloquently presented the program to collect small items for our troops serving overseas. Many thanks to him and those who stepped forward to lead the charge in this effort; Jim & Kay Weisberg and Paul & Rita Shultz. Thanks also to David & Kay Cook (prospective members) and Keith & Kelly Cross who offered their assistance. We want to assure you guys and gals that you will not be doing this by yourselves. We will all pitch in to help collect, package, and pay for the shipping. Way to go QCCC, you make us proud.

I no more than got back from the mountains and it's time to head to the NCM for the C5/C6 Bash. We have a large group going this time, some for the first time and it will be interesting to see their reactions. If you have never made the pilgrimage to the museum and were unable to make it this trip, there will be another one for the annual birthday celebration in September. If you are interested in going, see me for all the particulars on how to register and obtain hotel rooms.

Most of us are always buying small (and not so small) gifts for our Corvettes and you probably don't realize that the Corvette Store at the NCM stocks hundreds of these items. The good part of this is, you can get a 10-15% discount by buying through the store if you are a NCM member. Go on-line and peruse through all the catalog pages and you will be surprised at what you find.

All the features for the 2012 Corvette have been announced by Chevrolet. They are listed on www.corvetteactioncenter.com and the new models will be on display during the C5/C6 Bash.

Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano,
NCM Ambassador



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Announcement:

If you plan on attending the **2014 NCM Corvette Caravan** and also plan to visit the National Corvette Museum anytime during 2011, 2012, and/or 2013, check out the special offer from the Hampton Inn to Caravan participants. Any stay prior to the Caravan will result in a savings off the room rate during the Caravan. Example: Stay during 2011, receive \$10 off per night during the Caravan, stay another night during 2012, receive another \$10 off the room rate during the caravan. A stay during 2011, 2012, and 2013 gets you \$30 off the normal room rate per night at the 2014 caravan. Visit www.bowlinggreenky.hamptoninn.com or see Chris Wood or Wade Stickels for details.



**A Special Challenge
to the Members of**

**Queen City
Corvette Club**



A Corvette Wave and THANK YOU to those who volunteered to help lead the **Queen City Corvette Club's Adopt-A-Platoon Program**. **Jim & Kay Weisberg and Paul & Rita Shultz** will lead in coordinating the collection and shipping of supplies. Boxes will be available at the May 14th City Chevrolet Car Show and Meeting to collect items brought by the members. Please remember our troops while you are shopping and pick up items we can share with them to remind them they are not forgotten! *Let's remember that Freedom is not Free."*

Additional information is available at the following web sites:

www.etownchamber.org/adopt-a-platoon.asp

www.thenewsenterprise.com/content/adopt-platoon

Care Package Suggestions:

- ✉ Try to send at least one care package per month.
- ✉ Send the packages to the platoon point of contact. The items will be shared among troops.
- ✉ Theme packages are fun – try sending packages for 4th of July, Halloween, Holidays, possibilities are endless.
- ✉ Please always include a card or letter with your package that has your logo, name and address on it so soldiers can send notes of thanks.
- ✉ Use postal service's flat rate boxes. You will be able to send heavier items at a flat rate.
- ✉ Put all items in plastic bags to prevent spillage from items that may open. The plastic bags will be reused by the soldiers.
- ✉ Cushion the items in the boxes with baby wipes. Baby wipes are popular with soldiers. Boxes should be full to prevent items from jostling around during shipment.
- ✉ Remember that the things we send will have to be carried and put in pockets. Please send small items.
- ✉ Postage stamps are not needed. Soldiers that are deployed can send letters back to the United States for free.
- ✉ Please do not send liquids or aerosol cans. Send dry drink mixes (pre-sweetened) instead.
- ✉ Please do not send items requiring a can opener.
- ✉ Please do not send articles of civilian clothing. Soldiers can wear only their uniforms.
- ✉ Alcohol, pork / pork products cannot be sent.
- ✉ Please do not give out the unit's APO address to others.

Items Ideas For Care Packages:

Air fresheners	Disposable cameras	Mints	Soap
Antacids	Disposable razors	Mouth sprays / Breath mints	Summer sausage
Anti-bacterial gels	DVD movies	Music CDs	Sunflower seeds
Aspirin or pain relievers	Ear swabs	Nasal Spray	Sunscreen
Baby wipes	Envelopes	News magazines	Sweetened drink mix
Beef jerky	Eye Drops	Newspapers	Tissues, travel size
Blank Post cards	Flyswatters	Paper	Toaster pastries
Board games	Foot powder	Paperback books	Toilet paper (SOFT)
Body powder	Fragrance spray	Peanuts	Toothbrushes
Books	Gallon size resealable plastic bags	Pillows	Toothpaste
Canned cheese	Granola bars	Popcorn	Train Mix
Chewing Gum	Hard candy	Pretzels	Travel games
Chewing tobacco	Ink pens	Protein bars	Vacuum sealed baked goods
Chips	Insoles (cushioned)	Protein Powder / shakes	Velcro (all sizes-but only in black or green)
Crackers	Instant soup	Ravioli (Pop top cans)	Video games
Crossword / Word find puzzles	Lip balm	Shampoo	Vitamins
Dental Floss	Lollipop	Small packs of fruit	Waterless hand wash
Deodorant	Magazines	Snacks that can stand the heat	

Please remember there are females in our military so include some items with our brave ladies in mind.

After collecting the items, please mail them to: 2LT Adam Smith
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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) – Men’s Luncheon – held the 3rd Thursday of each month
- Peggy Marlowe (chriswood@carolina.rr.com) – Ladies’ Luncheon – held the 3rd Thursday of each month
- Eddie & Jane Burt (eddieburt@carolina.rr.com) – “Up Yonder” Dinner – held the last Monday of each month
- Eddie & Jane Burt (eddieburt@carolina.rr.com) – Wednesday Night Dinner – held MOST Wednesday nights

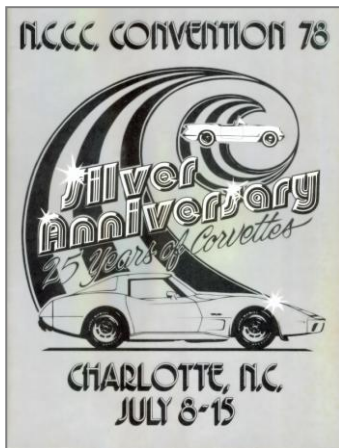
Vintage QCCC

By Vintage Guys ~

Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



“So Much By So Few” Part 1



In 1978, QCCC celebrated our *tenth anniversary*. Racing and social were our lives and we were 31 couples strong. The Club was active in the *National Council of Corvette Clubs* which was necessary to get insurance for sanctioned racing events. We applied for and were awarded the opportunity to host the *NCCC National Convention*. We were not sure we knew what we were getting into, but Chairman David Morse did a fantastic job of enlisting help from all our friends in the neighboring clubs. Event wise, there was an *autocross* at Charlotte Motor Speedway with Chairman Dave Morse, *high speed event* at the speedway with Chairman (and current member) Darrell Kirkley, road rallye with Chairman Dave Styles, a drag race event with Chairman President Joey Hunter, and a concours with Chairman Lane Self. Harry Jackson was in charge of the Tech Inspection for any racing Corvettes.

The ladies of the club did a great job organizing the social side of things. Charlene Gunter put together a 37 page magazine with sponsors which you will soon be able to view on the QCCC web site. Chairpersons Earl and Martha Ferrell held registration downtown at the Sheraton which also housed a gift area for Convention shirts, caps, etc. Larry Gunter was commercial coordinator for the convention. As it was also the 25th anniversary of the Corvette, many Silver Anniversary items were sold.

So on July 8th, a Sunday in 1978, hundreds of Corvettes and enthusiasts consumed downtown Charlotte basically filling both the Sheraton and Radisson Hotels and parking lots.

Entertainment -

- ◆ Sunday night was a **Wine & Cheese Party** with music by *Bill Deal and the Rhondels*
- ◆ Monday was **Carowinds Day**, then back to the hotels for **Bar-B-Que** at 6:00 PM, then dancing with “*Rocking Ray*” **Gooding at the disco**.
- ◆ Tuesday night was **Carnival Night** at the Civic Center with a Casino Theme.
- ◆ Wednesday night including dancing with *J.T.S. Boogie Band* and a Fashion Show by *Fantasy Boutique*.
- ◆ Thursday night we were “Strohing” a party by Stroh’s Beer with music by **the Spontanes** with “*Harley Hog & the Rockers*.”
- ◆ Friday night was **Banquet Night**, sponsored by Chevrolet, with music by *Cornelius Brothers and Sister Rose* and a free giveaway of a ’78 **Corvette Pace Car**.
- ◆ Saturday morning featured our **Awards and luncheon** before adjourning.

Are you getting the feel yet for the massive undertaking that QCCC tackled? We had to enlist the help of our neighboring clubs for many of the speed events.

For the **Concours** held at Carowinds Park, we had help from *Dixie Vettes* and *Carolina Classic Corvettes*.

Drag Races were worked by *Greater Columbia Corvettes* and held at **Blaney Drag Strip in Blaney, SC**.

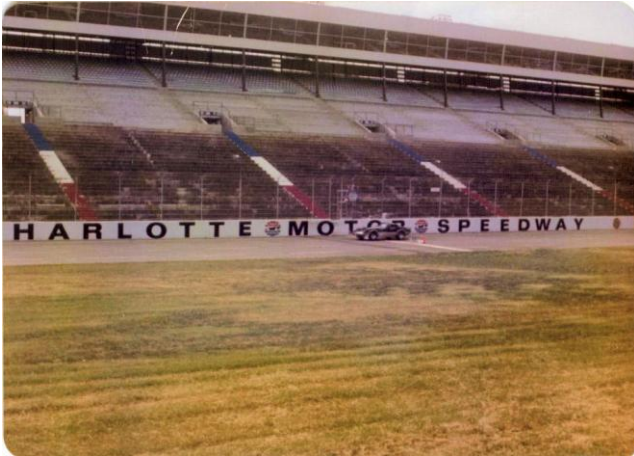
The **Silver Anniversary Gum Ball Rallye** had help from *Appalachian Corvette Club of Boone* and *Confederate Corvette Club of York, SC*.

Our **High Speed Event** had help from *Corvette Charleston* and *Spartanburg Corvette Association*.

Our **Autocross** had help from *Plastic Cars, Ltd. Of Statesville* and *Coastal Corvette Club of Myrtle Beach*.

Since we raced all over the Carolinas almost every weekend, we made great friends with other clubs and they were more than happy to help. We could not have done it without them. Looking back, it is still amazing to us that we pulled off such a Convention without a hitch and it was a great Corvette Week in Charlotte, NC!


Next month – “*So Much By So Few*” – **Part 2 - The Events and Results**



A Member of *Central Illinois Corvettes* crossing the starting line in a '78 Pace Car



Bill Cruthis (aka “Brillo Pad”) with Dick Walker of *Central Illinois Corvettes* on Pit Road. The “CRC building” in the background was the old scoring stand. Is it just us or does Bill remind you of Art Garfunkel?




PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Conventioneers,


Just a word of welcome from your host club, Queen City Corvette Club, Inc. We hope everyone has an enjoyable time and something to tell the people about when you get back home.

Our club and every club in the Carolina Region has put a lot of hard work into this convention just to “Make It Great In 78”!

Joey Hunter, President
Queen City Corvette Club, Inc.



STANDING: Earl Farrell, Dale Tatar, Cathy Henderson, Bill Henderson, Linda Pace, Renee Lanier, Jim Robertson, Terry Sudreth, Dave Stiles, Nancy Hulett, Skip Hulett.
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ENTERTAINMENT

Happy Birthday, COVETTES! There's gonna be a hot time in the grand Queen City during the week of our celebration. Along with all the events planned, there are parties every night to finish off the day's activities. So, have fun in the sun and be ready to swing under the stars. We're having a PARTY!

Sunday night kicks open the celebration for everyone with a “Wine and Cheese” party. To go along with the treats, “Bill Deal and the Rhondels” shall sing and play our way “til midnight at the Civic Center. This evening's bash is sponsored by Chevrolet, of course.

Be ready to eat, drink, and dance. Shake that travel fatigue and Celebrate.

“Monday, Monday, so good . . .” to everyone! The Carowinds amusement park opens at 10:00 a.m. So wear comfortable shoes, plan to spend the day at the Concours, and be ready for some thrilling rides. If your tummy's still intact after the White Lightnin' or the Thunder Road ride, get set to feast at the Bar-Be-Que at 6:00 p.m. Dance the calories away with Rockin' Ray Gooding from WBT of Charlotte. Rockin' Ray will host the Disco at the Carowinds picnic area, starting at 9:00 p.m. until midnight when Carowinds closes. This fabulous day and night event is brought to you by T. Michaelis.

Find the funny money, play the games—get ready to bid! Oh yes, it's Carnival night, Tuesday! What's in those boxes? Ah, we'll never tell! Just maybe, Lady Luck will smile down upon you. Step right up. Take a chance. Carnival Nite begins at 8:00 p.m. ‘til ? (who knows) at the Civic Center. You won't believe the prizes! No one shall drag Tuesday evening, 'cause it's Carnival Nite.

Wednesday night heralds in the “B. F. Goodrich Party” with the **J. T. S. Boogie Band** —oh, get down tonight! Take time from dancing because there will be a Fashion Show at 9:00 p.m. A. J. Thompson, another WBT Charlottean, will have the honor of being master of ceremonies. The “Fantasy Boutique” is providing the models and (get this) the lingerie! After the vision of fantasy, get back to dancing and use up that energy!

We're “STROHing” a party Thursday night at the Sheraton. The Merrymaking starts at 8:00 p.m. To help STROH the party, the “Spontanes” will be making the music for us. The “Spontanes” are a Carolina Happening. During their act you shall be entertained by Harley Hog and the Rockers! This versatile group plays 50's, rock, Carolina Beach music, you name it. The night belongs to you.


To wrap up a week of super nights, Friday's party given by CHEVROLET is the best. First, it's Banquet Night at the Civic Center, at 8:00 p.m. After all the awards are received, stick around for dancing the night away. “Cornelius Brothers and Sister Rose shall be there to start the Dancing at 10:00 p.m. until 2 a.m. Get yourself ready to Dance!

P.S. Don't forget—this is the night! The Pace Car will be given away . . . oh, such an award!


Saturday, at 10:00 a.m., the Convention awards will be showered among the lucky. At noon, the luncheon begins. This earmarks the beginning of the end. All too soon, the week of celebration comes to a close.

Enjoy yourself and have a super time at our, BIRTHDAY PARTY!


*** Editor's Note: Remember while staying in North Carolina, only beer and wine can be purchased as drinks. Brown bagging is required here. Grab those bags!**




BILL DEAL & RHONDELS



ROCKIN' RAY GOODING



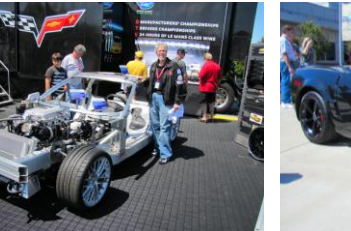
J.T.S. BOOGIE BAND



CORNELIUS BROTHERS AND SISTER ROSE

National Corvette Museum's 2011 C5/C6 Bash

QCCC Members enjoyed great weather, the introduction of the 2012 Corvettes, Seminars, Banquets, Vendors, Corvette Race Team Luncheon and Loads of Fun at this year's Bash.



Seen & Heard at the Bash

GM's Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter, Product Manager Harlan Charles, Exterior Lead Designer Kirk Bennion and Interior Lead Designer Chris Sass were on hand at the Bash to unveil the Centennial Edition, present the 2012 Corvettes and answer questions from the attending Corvette Fans. Below are a few highlights -



- ✘ *Carbon Flash Metallic* and *Carlisle Blue* will only be available for the 2012 model year. Black returns as a color selection in 2013.

- ✘ Corvette's greater performance for 2012 begins with the new, optional *Michelin® Pilot® Sport Cup Zero Pressure* tires, which are available on the two highest-performing models, the lightweight, 505-hp (377 kW) Z06 and the maximum-performance, 638-hp (476 kW) supercharged ZR1. They are competition-oriented tires, optimized for warm, dry conditions to increase cornering and handling capability. When combined with the Corvette's exclusive Performance Traction Management (PTM) technology – which manages torque delivery for maximum performance – the tires are expected to help set new benchmarks for Corvette performance. Engineers estimate an *8-percent gain in maximum lateral acceleration, to more than 1.1g*, and improved braking distance. Testing at Virginia International Raceway has demonstrated improvement of approximately three seconds per lap.



- ✘ A *carbon fiber hood* will be an available option on 2012 Z06 models, while the standard manual transmission for ZR1 will include taller gearing in fifth and sixth gears, for a 2-mpg improvement in highway fuel economy.

- ✘ All 2012 Corvette models will include a *new seat design* and a *new steering wheel*. The seats feature larger bolsters on the seat back and cushion areas, which provide better driver support, especially in high-performance driving while remaining comfortable for daily street driving. Microfiber suede seat inserts are optional and improve tactile feel, as well as add additional support.



- ✘ Also coming in 2012 is a new *Bose uplevel audio system*, which includes nine speakers (compared to seven in 2011) for improved audio quality that is more precisely tuned to the cabin's acoustics. New tweeters located in the instrument panel and improved Bose Nd next-generation bass performance is the main benefit that Corvette drivers will hear.

- ✘ Customers will be able to select *brake caliper colors* for more personalization of their Corvette. The calipers are offered in the red, yellow, silver or gray.

- ✘ Performance Traction Management will be offered for the first time on the Z06. The system also integrates traction control, active handling and selective ride control systems to enhance race track driving consistency and overall performance. When full throttle is applied upon exiting a corner, it automatically manages acceleration dynamics.

- ✘ New wheel options will be available.

- ✘ Boyd Kurt provided this info from the Bash - *Tech Talk at Bowling Green C5 & C6 Bash*: Paul Koerner gave a great talk at the C5 & C6 Bash. He was also available to talk to each of us one on one. We learned about steering column lock fixes, why top tier gasoline was important, why we should use our oil life monitor to know when it is time to change our oil and many more things. His web site is: www.corvettemechanic.com. His email address is: c4c5@thecorvettespecialist.com. Be sure to register on their website for all kinds of help.

- ✘ Several QCCC Members attended a seminar entitled "Taming Your Nav System". If you need to tame yours, see Paul Mariano and Boyd Kurt.



“Heads-Up”



☞ **QCCC Sponsor Opens 2nd Location – AutoShield has** added a 2nd location for your window tinting, front end clear mask, race ramps, Zaino, etc. The new address is 5107 East Piper Station, Charlotte, NC 28277 and is located at Rea Rd and Stonecrest in front of AutoBell. Call them at 704-542-8550 for appointments. Hours are Tues – Fri: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM and Sat: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

☞ **More good news from General Motors regarding Corvettes** - Sales of America’s sports car continue to gain momentum as outlined in GM’s monthly sales report for March 2011. 1,163 Corvettes were delivered last month, a 17.3% increase over the 955 Corvettes delivered during March 2010. This was the best sales month for Corvettes since July 2010 and the first 1,000+ selling month since October 2010. For the calendar year, Corvette sales were 2,839, a 16.7% increase over last year’s 2,433 Corvettes sold January-March 2010.

☞ **Kentucky Gives GM Tax Incentives to Keep Plant in Bowling Green** – Rumors have been circulating that GM is considering moving Corvette production to another plant as a consolidation and cost saving move. These rumors (similar rumors circulated in previous years) have not been confirmed or denied. The [Lexington Herald-Leader](#) is now reporting that GM is considering a new vehicle for its Bowling Green Assembly Plant and the Kentucky State Govt. stepped in to entice it with \$7.5 million in tax breaks. GM is mum on what vehicle, although the local union head there said he thinks it’s the next generation of Corvette. “You never know from one generation to another if you’ll get the opportunity to build it” he said. A plant spokesperson stated that other plants are being considered for the new vehicle, but declined to say if it was the next generation Corvette. Thanks to Gazette contributor Wade Stickels for this Heads-Up.



☞ **This Just In** - General Motors is expected to announce this week that it will make a major investment in its Assembly Plant in Bowling Green. General Motors employees are expected to have a plant-wide meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, presumably to discuss the announcement. Read the entire story in the [Bowling Green Daily News](#).

☞ **Prized Documentation May be Available For Your Corvette** - If you own a 1962 – 1975 Corvette you may be able to get documentation now from the NCRS. With permission granted by the GM Heritage Center, the NCRS announced that it can now offer, solely to current NCRS members, certain information contained in the '62 – '75 *Corvette Month Car Shipped Reports*. The **Corvette Shipping Data Report** consists of Chevy dealer code, dealer name and address and exact date that your Corvette was produced according to Chevy. **Corvette Documentation Validation Service** - NCRS will compare any of your current GM documents to the GM records and if verification can be achieved, will establish the authenticity of your factory documents. Fees for either service is \$40. Check www.NCRS.org for more info.



☞ **Definitely Worth Your Time** – The *Historic Vehicle Association* is an organization devoted to all types of vintage vehicles in the U.S. and Canada. Their mission is to keep “Yesterday’s Vehicles on Tomorrow’s Roads.” The HVA tracks state and federal laws that affect the collector car hobby. Their web site includes -

- a map of the U.S. showing *Ethanol Fuel Pump Labeling Requirements* by state,
- a *Legislative Watch* providing pertinent info on bills introduced or laws passed in states effecting the hobby,
- an interactive map showing emissions laws by state,
- an interactive map showing pending bills by state,
- an interactive map showing stations selling pure gas (non-ethanol) by state and community (Charlotte has 2, Denver 2)
- and much more valuable information for the Enthusiast.



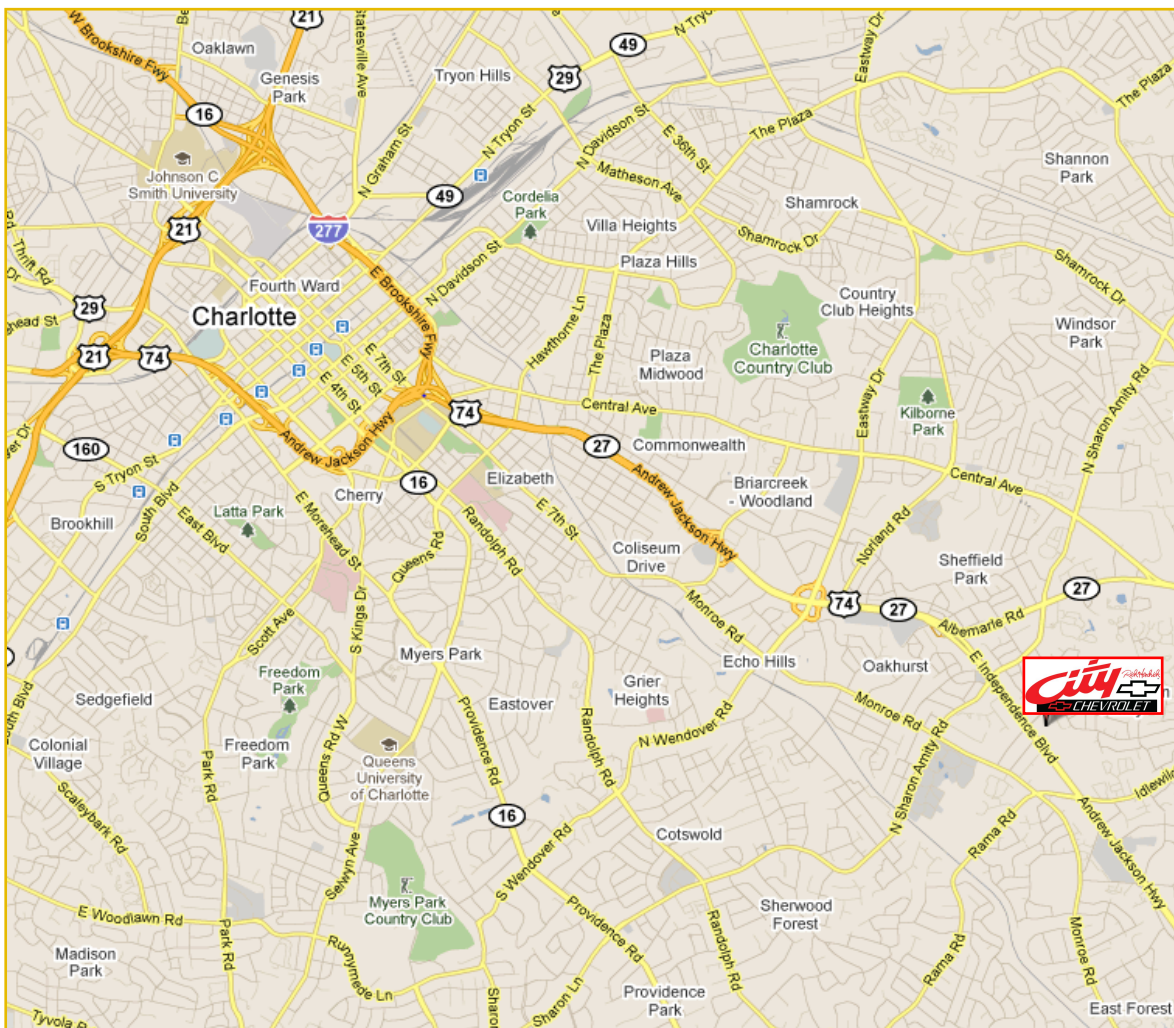
Check out their web site at www.historicvehicle.org. Whether you own a classic Corvette or a new Grand Sport, you’ll find something of interest.



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT BUSINESS MEETING –
Saturday, May 14th 2011
CITY CHEVROLET

5101 E. Independence Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28212 704-536-1410

Car Show: 8:30 AM Business Meeting: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Please see our [QCCC Web site](#) or [Matthew's VP Report](#) for more details.

Reminders ~



Join fellow members of the Queen City Corvette Club in Maggie Valley, NC for *Vettes in the Valley*, May 28th & 29th.

There's a lot going on: Car Show, judging, vendors, music, door prizes, contest, raffles. There will be a special added attraction this year - the NASCAR Nationwide Series Show Car, race car simulator, Wheel game with prizes and car carrier will be at the show on Saturday. Not a Corvette but a treat for Corvette and NASCAR fans.

Check out the website for more information and registration forms.
www.smokyevents.com/Vettesinthevalley

The Host Hotel for the event is the Maggie Valley Inn & Conference Center
866-926-0201 www.maggiievalleyhotel.com

There are many lodging options: motels, cottages, bed & breakfast.
www.maggiievalley.org and www.maggiievalley.com have good information.

After registering and making your room reservation, let Tommy Loftin know that you are going. tloftin@setube.com He will be coordinating the trip for our club. We usually have a couple of caravans from the Charlotte area. The Chrome Bumper group will be meeting at 9:30 Friday morning in Troutman, to take the scenic back roads. Anyone is welcome to join that group. When we know who else is going, we can coordinate another group for the people that want to speed and not take in the beautiful countryside.



CHARITY CAR SHOW

With Special Club Guest
The Crossroads Chapter
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May 14, 2011

TIME:
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SHOW TIME:
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Lunch Will Be Provided

MEETING AFTER THE SHOW
Starting at 2:00 PM



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May 7th, 2011

What a great way to spend the day: driving your Corvettes through some of the prettiest county in the State, visiting with your QCCC friends, and then finishing off the day having lunch at the Black Forest Restaurant in Arden, NC. If you like German food, this is the place to go.

After lunch you will have plenty of time to visit some of the different sites in the Asheville area. The Biltmore House, Biltmore Village, Western NC Arboretum and the Grove Arcade in downtown Asheville are just a few. But, the afternoon is yours to roam or take a slow pleasant drive home.

CARAVAN MEETING AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Meeting Time: 8:45 AM
Departure Time: 9:15 AM
Location: Ingles Parking Lot (on the west side of Shelby) - The NE Corner of US 74 (W Dixon Blvd) and NC 226 (Folkville Road) See attached map.

When we depart the Ingles lot, we will drive 31 miles west on US 74 to Exit 167 and take NC-9 to US 74ALT which will take us to Asheville. It will be a leisurely drive through the country side to the restaurant. We have an 11:30 AM reservation.

Black Forest Restaurant, 2155 Hendersonville Road, Arden, NC 828-687-7980
web www.blackforestasheville.com for menu and information.

Chrome Bumper Cruise

The Chrome Bumper Group has scheduled another 'Day Trip' for **Saturday, May 21, 2011...** this time for lunch at the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, NC. The Family Style lunch is \$18.80 per person. This price includes the meal, your drink, tax and gratuity. Please bring exact change in cash so we can make a single payment to the Boone Inn. We have made reservations for the first 50 people that sign up. This is a rain or shine event.

We will meet at Exit 36 (I-77 and Hwy 150) at 8:45 in the parking lot between Fat Boy's and Belk, as we have in the past. Departure time will be **9:15**. Lunch time is scheduled for 11:30. We will travel to and from Boone led by the Chrome Bumper cars. Members will be free to leave after lunch or stay and tour a few local sites and caravan back with a 'scenic stop'. All QCCC members are invited.

Those wanting to join in on the fun and lunch need to **RSVP to Suzie and Reggie Blackat sandrblack@roadrunner.com by May 19th. (or call Reggie Black at 704-562-4665 if needed).**

IN THE REAR VIEW



Hey, What's That Smell? – *Ecovative Design*, a startup in Green Island, N.Y., is collaborating with the *Ford Motor Company* to develop a fungus-based, biodegradable foam for *automotive bumpers, side doors and dashboards*. Mycelium, the strong root system of **mushrooms**, is a natural binding agent that can knit together agricultural by-products like corn and oat husks. The mixture is kept in a dark warehouse (of course) before the rooted mixture is cooked and dried. Technicians in plastic research at Ford are also looking at other bizarre-sounding materials such as chicken feathers, algae and wheat straw. Don't believe us? Read it yourself at CNNMoney.com. Make ours fiberglass, thank you.

Why Enthusiasts Should Love The Chevy Volt – If the General had sold 10,000 Chevy Volts last year, the car would have bumped GM's CAFÉ number by 0.3mpg. That's a serious increase for a company that sold more than 2.1 million cars & light trucks in 2010. Why do we care? Because boosting the CAFÉ number means GM could keep more high-horse-power, lower mpg performance cars in the mix.

This Month In Corvette History – May 1, 1953: Zora Arkus-Duntov starts work at Chevrolet as assistant staff engineer to Maurice Olley in Research and Development. **May 13, 2000:** The eight-day One Lap of America race finishes. A 600 hp C5 entered by Chuck Mallett finishes third. Fifth is a Lingenfelter ZR-1, and 7th is a Lingenfelter twin-turbo C5. **May 28, 1978:** In Indianapolis, Indiana, the 62nd Indianapolis 500 race is held. A 1978 Corvette is the official pace car, driven by Jim Rathmann. This is the first Indianapolis 500 pace car with a stock drive train and the first time the race was paced by a Corvette.

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David E. Davis, Jr. passed away last month at the age 80 years old. A former ad man for Chevrolet, he made his mark writing ad copy that told a story instead of focusing on the technical. After leaving Chevrolet, Davis went on to be a writer and later the editor for *Car and Driver*. He founded *Automobile magazine* in the mid-1980's and was the editorial director of *Motor Trend* in early 2000's. In 2009 was back at *Car and Driver* as a columnist. "Out-Of-This-World-Travel" is just one example of a David E. Davis Corvette ad that appeared in the Feb 1962 issues of *Car and Driver* and *Road and Track* magazine:

“We can't understand all the hullabaloo about manned space vehicles. We've had something out of this world since 1953. It carries two people in royal-suite comfort and it can take the measure of any distance you'd care to name, always delivering its passengers amazed and excited. We call it the Corvette and you'll call it the greatest car you ever owned. A test drive in a Corvette with the Fuel Injection V8 and four-speed box isn't a drive at all, it's an emotional experience. Pick your favorite bit of road, fasten your seatbelt, and place your right foot on that long narrow pedal on the right. Three shifts and a quarter of a mile later you've cleared out all the cobwebs and left all your troubles, not to mention everything else on the road, behind you. It's a good thing that all cars aren't this nice. Every good stretch of road in the county would be jammed with 'em and we Corvette drivers would have to switch to sky diving or bird watching...” Our sentiments exactly!

We Really Do Buy It Just For The Articles - *Playboy* recently released an article, titled *Vintage Thunder*, which gives their picks for the ultimate classic car dream garage. The six cars named are pretty much no-brainers for classic car aficionados. These cars are the 1956-59 BMW 507 Roadster, the 1961-68 Jaguar E-Type Series I Coupe, the 1964 Pontiac Tempest/Le Mans/GTO, the 1955-57 Chevy Bel Air Nomad, 1969-73 Ferrari Dino 246 GT and lastly, the **stunning 1963 split-window Corvette Sting Ray**.

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Upcoming Events

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

May 28 - [Shelton Vineyards All Corvette Show](#)

June 11 - [QCCC Business Meeting](#)

June 11-12 - Corvette Racing @ 12 Heures du Mans - Le Mans, France

June 18 - [Corvettes For the Arts](#) - Blue Ridge, Ga.

July 9 - Corvette Racing @ ALMS Northeast Grand Prix - Lakeville, CT

July 24 - Corvette Racing @ Grand Prix of Mosport Ontario, Canada

July 14-16 - [30th 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 25-28 - [Food Lion AutoFair](#) - Concord, NC

Sept 1- 3 - [NCM Anniversary & Hall Of Fame](#) - 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

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