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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:**

Carolina Blue Skies, moderate temperatures and blooms bursting into beauty make that asphalt ribbon even more inviting to Corvette Fans. But the real draw is that itch to get *America's Sports Car* out of the garage and on some open road with great friends. *Queen City Corvette Club Members* got to do just that on a trip to the *Blue Ridge Mountains and Black Forest German Restaurant* on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to *Jamie & Ben Hinson* for sending this photo of the caravan.

Read the *Gazette* and visit the [QCCC web site](#) often to keep up with all the adventures planned for members.

# The President's Vault



I'd like to thank everybody that made it to our last meeting, even with the last minute changes. We had over 80 people including guests, and welcomed in several new members. Matt had to really scramble to get things arranged on short notice, and Jocks & Jill came through for us. April's meeting was another challenge; it shows Corvette owners can function well in a wind tunnel. Lets keep our fingers crossed for next month's meeting and car show.

We're almost halfway through the year, and looking back we've had some good trips, lots of good food, and more opportunities to visit with friends than I can count. We have more day trips planned, and the Oktoberfest weekend. If you have ideas for trips or activities, let me know and we can get them planned and on the calendar.

We've been working on a picture directory of the members. Bob Denney had pulled together pictures of many of us as a sample, and we hope to get that out to you soon.

Even though we're only half way through the year, we need to start planning for next year. We have two positions open on the board now, Membership and Automotive Director. There will probably be other openings as the year continues, we need a few people to step up and bring their ideas and energy to the board.

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

*Steve Pelchat*

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# Deiger's VP Report

We are rapidly approaching the halfway point in the **Queen City Road Rally '11!** Yet still plenty of time to accumulate miles and make a run for that 1st place spot! As I mentioned at last month's meeting, it is not too late to sign up for the Road Rally. Simply see me at one of the monthly meetings and I will give you a signup sheet and you are off and running!



There are some great events coming up in June for Rally Miles. Since the **City Chevrolet Car Show** was called due to rain, it has been rescheduled for June. If you participate in the car show (with your car) and then stay for the business meeting to follow, you get 5 miles. All those miles for just hanging out with friends and some "HOT" cars! In addition the Benny Parson's Winery trip is in June also. Now here is a great idea, hop in that HOT LOOKING SHOW CAR and see if it has some GO!! In the coming months we have a lot of events to be attended. Be sure to log on to the [Queen City Corvette Club website](http://www.queen-city-corvette-club.com) and see the great events your board has planned. One word, "AWESOME!"

Meeting update: We will try to repeat last month's attempt at one of our sponsors.

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## **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.) This is a time sensitive event for show miles. Check out our website for line up for the show.

**Bonus 1 Mile Rally Question:** "This sticker is dangerous and inconvenient, but I do love Fig Newtons." (Name the movie this quote is from and give it to me at the meeting on a piece of paper with your name.)

Be safe out there!!

*Matthew Deiger*



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***Denny Wade  
2011 Blade Silver Coupe***



***Carl & Sylvia Metz  
2001 Red Convertible  
2007 Yellow Convertible***

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

***Thank You QCCC !!!***



**WENT TO THE**



THANK YOU to the 73 members and prospective members who turned out for the museum and meeting on the somewhat rainy and windy day. There were 39 cars driven; they weren't all Corvettes, but who was counting. I hope everyone enjoyed the museum. During the meeting it helped to pretend you were riding in a Corvette convertible going about 40 mph with the top down.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting at City Chevrolet on May 14th. I am sure we will have better weather??

Thanks again,

Nelson

***The Gazette Editors wish to thank our QCCC Board of Directors for your time, hard work and dedication in all you do, but most recently accomplishing last minutes changes in our club meeting venue and car show. It was not an easy task and we salute you for volunteering your time to make the Queen City Corvette Club so great!***

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# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB



## CLUB BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 14, 2011

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM




Location: Jocks & Jills Restaurant

### 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; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob & Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Chris & Peggy Wood, Gazette Editors

### DISCUSSION







#### Steve Pelchat – President’s Report

-  Called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
-  Introduced the Board Members.
-  Minutes approved and seconded.









#### Eddie Burt - Membership Report

-  Visitors and Prospective Members:
  - o Norm & Marge Jungmann, Bill & Donna Graves, Carl Bartlett and Tracey Comfort.
-  The following were voted in as new members – Denny Wade, Carl & Sylvia Metz, Buzz & Carrie Brescoll.


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

-  Thanked Jocks & Jills for allowing us to meet at the last minute. The car show was cancelled due to bad weather.
-  June 11<sup>th</sup> – City Chevrolet Car Show
-  July 9<sup>th</sup> – Harley Davidson Motorcycles
-  Rally Update – *Working Stiffs* – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tommy & Brenda Loftin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ken & Lois Watts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Steve & Laura Pelchat.
-  Rally Update – Cruisers – 1<sup>st</sup> Place: John & Linda Meadows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Body & Susan Kurt, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: John & Beth Walton.
-  Gift Certificates awarded – Florence Prather, Bill Davidson, Margo Gross, and Fred Lentz.




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

-  June 11<sup>th</sup> – 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 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Vettes In The Valley. Tommy Loftin is leading this event.
-  June 18<sup>th</sup> – Planning a trip to the Benny Parson’s Rendezvous Ridge and Winery. Detail will be posted on the web site soon.
-  July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Troutman Parade
-  July 4<sup>th</sup> – Indian Trail Parade
-  August 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – AutoFair. Let Nelson know if you are interested in attending.
-  Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Car Care Day at Wally & Anita Crawford’s garage.
-  February 12 – 26, 2012 – National Corvette Museum Cruise. If you are interested, email Walt Krupowicz.




#### Florence Prather – Treasurer’s Report

-  Reviewed the bank balance.

#### Linda Lewis – Secretary’s Report

-  Announced the May birthdays: Hazel & Ken Aycocock, Peggy Wood, Lea Hogan, John Jensen, Pat Belvin, Morris Graham, Pam Paynter, Jim Weisberg, Lois Watts, Ann Oakley, Linda Roberts, Pat Bonino, Bob Denney, Mike Callea.
-  Safe journey to the 2011 National Park Tour participants: Paul & Barbara Mariano, Chris & Peggy Wood, Bob & Marilyn Becker, John & Helen Jensen, Bill & Julia Davidson, Larry & Florence Prather, Steve & Pat Bonino, Wade & Sue Stickels, John & Linda Meadows, Carolyn & Don Zimmer and Boyd & Susan Kurt.
-  Bob Becker will post photographs on the QCCC website and Boyd Kurt will be posting reports on Facebook.

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

-  October 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Helen, GA trip, Pat Bonino is sending an email. We have 30 rooms reserved.
-  August 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Corvettes at Carlisle.
-  Jim Weisberg gave an update on the Marietta, Ohio Murder Mystery trip. We need to have a count by next meeting.

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



Gave a report on the C5/C6 Bash.



Recognized the following Lifetime Members of the NCM – Boyd & Susan Kurt and Walt & Wendy Krupowicz.



September – National Corvette Museum Anniversary & Hall of Fame – we have two seats left at the Hall of Fame table if anyone is interested.



Asked the club to consider a \$350 donation to the NCM for the Club Banner competition.

### Steve Pelchat for Tommy Loftin – Chrome Bumper Group Report



May 21<sup>st</sup> – Chrome Bumper group led by Tommy Loftin will drive to the Daniel Boone Inn for lunch.

### Steve Pelchat – Other Business



We are working on a night at the Bessemer City Drive-In.



July day trip is planned for Mt. Mitchell. Details to follow.



We would like to thank all members who participated in items donated to the troops.



We received a very nice letter from Laurie Beaver, mother of one of the Little Miss Mecklenburg girls in the St. Patrick’s Day parade.



If you have any ideas for day trips, etc., email Steve at [lspelchat@yahoo.com](mailto: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 7:20 PM.

**Next meeting is Saturday, June 11th 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*



## License Plates to Commemorate the Corvette?

The *Mississippi Corvette Club, Inc.* has sponsored a law authorizing a specialty car tag to celebrate the Corvette and support the NCM. Mississippi residents can reserve a tag with part of the cost going to the NCM. Tags will be available for any automobile, not just Corvettes. When 300 tags are

sold, the tags will be printed. If 300 tags are not sold, money will be refunded. Wouldn't it be great to also have North & South Carolina plates, not only for our Corvettes, but our daily drivers as well and support the NCM at the same time? **Any QCCC Member who wishes to champion this project, please contact Chris Wood ([2redvettes@carolina.rr.com](mailto:2redvettes@carolina.rr.com)).** We'll take 2.

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## May QCCC Meeting at Jocks & Jills

Our thanks to *Jocks & Jills* restaurant for hosting our May QCCC Meeting after our City Chevrolet Charity Car Show was postponed. *We really appreciate it!*





# Automotive Report



QCCC Members,

Our May 7th drive through the **Blue Ridge Mountains** to the **Black Forest Restaurant** in Arden, NC was a great day trip. We had 23 Corvettes and 42 members and prospective members attending. The service was very good and everyone enjoyed the German food and beer. And to make a good day even better, our senior member Walter Ahrens made his 2011 debut trip. Walter has had some health problem this year but is looking forward to attending more functions.

Mother Nature scrambled our plans for the May 14th **City Chevrolet Spring Car Show**. Due to the possibility of severe thunderstorms we rescheduled the car show to **June 11th**. The Crossroads Chapter of the Vintage Chevrolet Car Club of America is already booked for that weekend so they cannot make this show but we are hoping to have them at the City Chevrolet Fall Car Show. **Chris Pardo from WAVO radio stations on 1410-AM and 1150-AM** will still be broadcasting his car service and information program live from our **City Chevrolet Spring Car Show**. Our June business meeting will be after the show under the carport at City Chevrolet. See the QCCC calendar for the rescheduled date and information.

We have a day trip set for June 18th to the **Benny Parsons Rendezvous Ridge Winery**. We will have wine tasting, lunch and a visit to the **Benny Parsons Museum**. The total cost will be \$12 each. We will be leaving from the parking lot behind the Denney's restaurant at Exit 36 on I-77. The signup sheet will be at the June meeting or you can email me at [barnel@carolina.rr.com](mailto:barnel@carolina.rr.com). See the QCCC calendar for more information.



Let's start breaking out the **red**, white and **blue** because at the June meeting you will need to sign up for two Independence Day Parades: **SATURDAY, July 2nd**, the **7th Annual Troutman Independence Celebration Parade** hosted by Tommy and Brenda Loftin. This is a fun parade and you will not be carrying any riders. Afterwards our hosts will have a lunch set for us at the Sports Page Restaurant.

**MONDAY, July 4th**, the **Indian Trail Parade** will need drivers to carry pageant queens. We usually need 6 to 8 drivers; I will have an

accurate number early in June and put out a request for participants.

**"Vettes in the Valley"** in Maggie Valley, NC is May 28th & 29th. It is too late for pre-registration but if you are interested in going look at the QCCC calendar for information and contact Tommy Loftin at [tloftin@setube.com](mailto:tloftin@setube.com) to get included with the other QCCC members.

Start planning for **Fall AutoFair**, August 27th and 28th. I need to know at the June meeting the members who want to show their cars at this AutoFair so I can request the correct number of spaces for our display area. I cannot be at the show so *I need two members who will help me with the show*. I have one member who has offered to help but I need one more. I will have all the work done except for what has to be done the two days of the show. The signup sheet will be at the June 11th meeting.

Thank you for your participation,

**Nelson Sprague**

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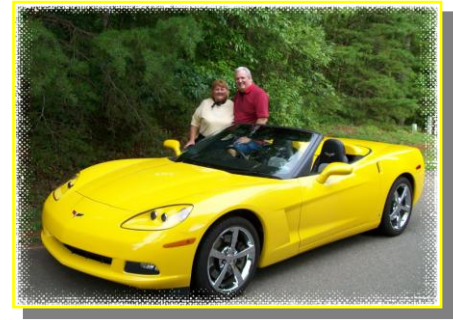
# Black Forest Restaurant

## QCCC Cruises To the Blue Ridge & the Black Forest For Fun, Food & Fellowship



See more photos at the [QCCC web site](#)

# Socials - With Susan



Summer is not even officially here and we're already thinking about our Fall events. Be sure to get your name on the sign-up sheets for the *Murder Mystery in Marietta, OH* on September 23-25 and the *Octoberfest in Helen, GA* on October 21-23. You will find the info for Helen on the web site. We only have 30 rooms reserved so make your reservations early. The Murder Mystery is still in the planning stages so keep an eye on the web site for more info. Kay and Jim Weisberg are in charge of this and can be reached by email if you want to sign-up. You'll want to get your spot saved for this event early too. Boyd and I will be on the Park Tour trip for the month of June but since it is now the Tech Age we will have our computer with us so if you have any questions we will still have email. Of course with any luck most of the park won't have wifi and we can stay blissfully unconnected!!!

See You in July, Susan

**Social Susan**

Susan Kurt

Social Director



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DATE: **MAY 10, 2011** TIME: **6:00 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; Bob Denney, Club Photographer; Laura Pelchat, Member





### DISCUSSION

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





 **President's Report – Steve Pelchat**

-  The Board is going to review the Bylaws of the Club and report to the membership. The Charity Committee has grown along with the membership over the years. The Board feels this is too much work for the Automotive Director and would like to separate this function.
-  The online store is ready but we are going to add pictures of items for sale. Members will be able to buy men's and women's polo shirts, denim shirts and aprons.


 **Vice President – Matthew Deiger**

-  Reviewed the points standing for club members.
-  Will give an award at the July meeting for the member with the most rally points at mid-year.


 **Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague**

-  May 14<sup>th</sup> – City Chevrolet Car Show and meeting at 2:00 PM.
-  May 21<sup>st</sup> – Chrome Bumper group led by Tommy Loftin will drive to the Daniel Boone Inn for lunch.
-  August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – AutoFair.
-  Charity Committee will meet in June.


 **Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis**

-  No Report.




 **Treasurer Report – Florence Prather**

-  Reviewed the budget and gave report on delinquent members.



 **Membership Director – Eddie Burt**

-  No report.

 **Social Director – Susan Kurt**

-  June 18<sup>th</sup> – Benny Parson's Winery Tour.
-  September 23<sup>rd</sup> – National Corvette Museum Anniversary & HOF and possible Murder Mystery trips.
-  October 21<sup>st</sup> – Helen, Ga. Pat Bonino is working on this trip, an email will be sent out this week.

 **Other Business -**

-  Bob Denney worked very hard and has collated a pictorial membership directory. We will present this idea to the membership at the next meeting.
-  **No Board Meeting for June.**

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

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda H. Lewis, Secretary*

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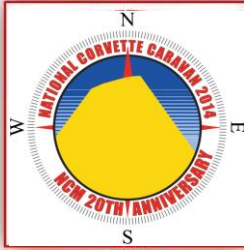
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## Fellowship & Fun at QCCC Luncheons & Dinners –





## National Corvette Museum Corner

If you missed the 2011 C5/C6 Bash, you missed a fine time indeed. The seminars alone were worth the price of admission. Representatives from Chevrolet, Mobil 1, Michelin and experts from technical automotive fields presented all you ever wanted to know about many topics. Then there were all the dinners, parties, beer trucks and other social happenings in case you got bored with getting smarter. Folks, you are truly missing out on maximizing the fun you can have with a Corvette if you don't take advantage of the NCM events.

Doug Fehan, Corvette Race Team Manager, made the best case yet for proceeding with the [Motorsports Park](#). With his inputs and careful analysis of the business model, the park will be developed in four stages with the first stage being a complete road course that shows it can be self supporting when completed. It will take two million dollars to start moving dirt and to date almost \$600K has been raised. I only wish everyone could hear Doug explain what this park means to the race team, other teams, and the museum overall. I attempted to get a movement started several months ago for our members to buy an acre for the park but it has sort of fizzled out. Should we reconsider and make QCCC a real contributing member of the Motorsports Park?

Did you catch the latest test on the [allaboutvettes website](#)? They tested five spark plug brands in the same car, same dyno, and on the same day and the results were eye opening. The brands tested were NGK Platinum, Nology Silver, Pulstar Iridium, E3 Diamond Fire, and AC Delco Iridium. Long story short, there was an eight horsepower spread over the five and the winner was the AC Delco plug. You can pay more, but you can't buy better. See all the results on <http://www.allaboutvettes.com/>.

Founding, Charter, Individual and Family members who renew their membership through Saturday, September 3, will be automatically entered to win a complimentary registration to the High Performance Driving School at Autobahn in Joliet, IL on October 3. You must renew through the Corvette Store, online, by mail, or phone. Use code DRIVERNWL11. This code must be entered in the special instructions box on the shipping summary page online. Winner is responsible for travel and hotel costs as the prize is for the cost of the school only.

Thanks to Chris Wood for expediting this issue of the newsletter. We're just back from the Bash and getting ready to head out on the five-week National Park Tour and he is managing to work this task into his hectic schedule. And just watch, I bet you won't miss out on the July issue. What dedication!

Save the Wave!

*Paul Mariano,*  
NCM Ambassador



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## Don't Forget the Queen City Corvette Club Adopt-A-Platoon Project



Please direct questions regarding **Queen City Corvette Club's Adopt-A-Platoon Program** to **Jim & Kay Weisberg and Paul & Rita Shultz** who will lead in coordinating the collection and shipping of supplies. Boxes will be available at the QCCC Monthly Meetings 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."**

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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	Lollipops	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.**

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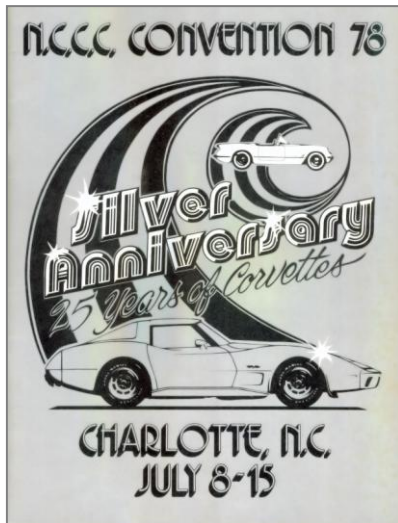
# Vintage QCCC

By Vintage Guys –  
Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



## “So Much By So Few” Part 2

*More adventures of the Queen City Corvette Club’s hosting of the 1978 National Council of Corvette Clubs Annual Convention in Charlotte*



**Speed Events** – Harry Jackson ran the *Tech Inspection* which, for the speeds we ran, was way short of good. Helmet, battery secure, shake the front wheels for “play”, view the tires for wear and ask if lugs were tight, glance at belts and look for leaks. Were we safe? Nope!

**Autocross** was  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile, basically the road course on the infield at Charlotte Motor Speedway. The big curve was hard to apex correctly and one car did go through the chain link retaining fence. He was from South Carolina. Not to worry, however, he told his insurance agent the car came off the trailer on the interstate so he got it fixed for free.

**High Speed Event** was backward down pit road, 180 around a barrel, down the front straight, onto the road course, off the road course onto turns 1, 2, 3 and 4 and through the timing lights at the start / finish line. Pure stock and modifieds clocked the lights in the 135 MPH range while several race prepared Corvettes were pushing 160 MPH. Darrell Kirkley controlled it all from up in the Press Box high above the speedway. To his credit there were no incidents and it was a great event.

**Rally** was two hours and with the Boone Corvette Club helping it had a “mountain direction” but ended up at the speedway.

**Drag Event** was held at *Blaney Dragway* South of Camden, S.C. It also was incident free. Chairman Joey Hunter was one of our most avid racers so we were in good hands.

**Concours, Cleanup and Tech** were at the speedway which, looking back, made no sense as we then had to drive to Carowinds for the Corvette Show. But it went well with hundreds of great looking cars.


The biggest downside to hosting the convention was the difficulty of hosting and participating in the events. So, you missed out on some of the fun of being in the events. But the tenacity of our former QCCC members was amazing. Richard says we took in \$48,000 in revenues for the convention. Did we make a lot of money? Nope. Between paying for the entertainment, the rooms, the souvenirs and dividing what was left between all our neighboring Corvette Clubs, it was gone. But we sure had a great time and we put Charlotte on the map in the Corvette World. We know “Brillo” (Bill Cruthis) had 8 cars in his driveway from Illinois and they still talk today about racing Charlotte Motor Speedway.

**Convention ’78** – part of the great heritage of our club and another part of why we remain so strong and dedicated to the club and the marque.

Not to be outdone by others, however, QCCC would *again* host the **NCCC National Convention** in 1993 QCCC’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Watch for that article soon.




## From the 1978 NCCC Convention Handbook



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<p><b>SATURDAY, JULY 8:</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Tech Opens at Charlotte Motor Speedway "Concours" Clean-Up at Charlotte Motor Speedway</p> <p>10:00 AM—Corvette Mall Opens</p> <p>12:00 PM—Press and Vendor Luncheon</p> <p>6:00 PM—Tech, Clean-Up &amp; Corvette Mall Closes</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JULY 9:</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Tech &amp; Clean-Up Opens at Charlotte Motor Speedway</p> <p>10:00 AM—Corvette Mall Opens</p> <p>6:00 PM—Tech &amp; Clean-Up Closes Corvette Mall Closes</p> <p>8:00 PM—"WELCOME PARTY" at Civic Center Sponsored by Chevrolet 'Til Midnight</p> <p><b>MONDAY, JULY 10:</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Gates Open at Carowinds for Concours Tech &amp; Clean-Up at Charlotte Motor Speedway</p> <p>10:00 AM—"T. Michaelis Day at Carowinds" Opens Concours cars are set up Swap-Meet Begins</p> <p>12:00 PM—Tech Closes</p> <p>1:00 PM—Concours Judging Begins</p> <p>6:00 PM—BAR-BE-QUE at "Carowinds"</p> <p>9:00 PM—Disco Begins</p> <p>12:00 AM—"Carowinds" Closes</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, JULY 11:</b></p> <p>5:00 AM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Opens for cars leaving for Drag Race</p> <p>8:00 AM—Hurst Corvette Nationals Drag Race</p> <p>10:00 AM—Corvette Mall Opens</p> <p>6:00 PM—Corvette Mall Closes</p> <p>8:00 PM—"Carnival Nite" at Civic Center</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 12:</b></p> <p>7:00 AM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Opens</p> <p>8:00 AM—Speedkhana &amp; Autocross Starts (R.P. &amp; Mod.) Rallye Begins</p> <p>10:00 AM—Corvette Mall Opens</p> <p>6:00 PM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Closes Corvette Mall Closes</p> <p>8:00 PM—Party Sponsored by B.F. Goodrich at The Sheraton</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, JULY 13:</b></p> <p>7:00 AM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Opens</p> <p>8:00 AM—Speedkhana &amp; Autocross Starts (Stocks)</p> <p>10:00 AM—Corvette Mall Opens</p> <p>6:00 PM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Closes Corvette Mall Closes</p> <p>8:00 PM—Party Sponsored by Strohs at Sheraton</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, JULY 14:</b></p> <p>7:00 AM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Opens</p> <p>8:00 AM—Speedkhana &amp; Autocross Begins (Pure Stocks)</p> <p>10:00 AM—Corvette Mall Opens</p> <p>6:00 PM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Closes Corvette Mall Closes</p> <p>8:00 PM—National Awards Nite Banquet Sponsored by Chevrolet at Civic Center</p> <p>10:00 PM—Band Begins</p> <p>2:00 AM—Party Ends</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, JULY 15:</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Opens</p> <p>10:00 AM—Convention Awards</p> <p>12:00 PM—Luncheon at Civic Center</p> <p>1:00 PM—Corvette Mall Opens</p> <p>4:00 PM—Corvette Mall Closes</p> <p>6:00 PM—Charlotte Motor Speedway Closes</p>
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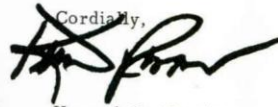
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Charlotte, North Carolina

Greetings!

As Mayor of Charlotte, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the National Council of Corvette Clubs to the Queen City. We are delighted that the Queen City Corvette Club is hosting your national meeting and hope you find the facilities we have to be more than adequate.

Charlotte is blessed with a wealth of recreational, cultural, and social opportunities. We hope you will participate in as many as possible.

May you have a most enjoyable meeting, and please return to Charlotte again soon!

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# “Heads-Up”



**We Missed You Mr. Ahrens** – QCCC’s most seasoned member joined the Blue Ridge and Black Forest cruise on May 7<sup>th</sup>. We’re glad you came and hope to see you often Mr. Ahrens!

**GM Announces the C7 Will Be Built In Bowling Green** – To many of us it was a no-brainer, but it was still great news to hear that GM announced this much anticipated plan to expand the Bowling Green Assembly Plant and create up to 250 jobs to create the next version of America’s Sports Car. GM North America President Mark Reuss announced the plans to invest \$131 million in the BG Plant. “Corvette is one of the reasons why I went to work for the company a long time ago” stated Reuss. BG will continue to build the C6 while work happens behind the scenes to prepare the facility for the C7 which is predicted to be unveiled in the Spring of 2013 (Corvette’s 60<sup>th</sup> year) as a 2014 model. Amazing, inspiring and very American is what Reuss called the special place of Bowling Green where the Corvette is built, “not just to me and GM but to Corvette lovers around the world” who come to the Mecca of true affordable sports car performance.

**Can You Imagine the Thrill** – of watching the Corvette Race Team practice? Or having the opportunity to drive your Corvette on a 2-mile closed road course with corners designed to replicate *Le Mans in France*? Or trying it out on a drag strip?



Or getting professional tutoring at a World-Class Motorsports Facility? Or just saying you are a member of a very elite group of automotive fans – fans who have their own Museum and Motorsports Park supported *ONLY* by its members? It can all be reality if we support our National Corvette Museum’s effort to build the Motorsports Park. The project was kicked into high gear at the C5/C6 Bash when *Museum Director Wendell Strode*

announced the Park would be built in phases with phase one to include the 2-mile road course and autocross / skid pad area. Keep up with progress and see how you can help at <http://www.motorsportspark.org>. Or contact NCM Ambassador Paul Mariano for information. ***WE CANNOT WAIT!***

**2012 Corvette Unveiling** – You can now watch videos of the excitement at the C5/C6 Bash at [Unveiling of the 2012 Corvette](#). Check out that new **Black**!

**Believe It Or Not** – The U.S. Senate has issued a resolution designating Friday, July 8, 2011 as “Collector Car Appreciation Day”. Check out what’s planned at [SEMA Action Network](#). How will you recognize the day?

**Did You Know Engine Oil Affects Gas Mileage** – As automakers look at any way they can to squeeze more mileage out of their cars, every 2011 GM car that rolls off the assembly line will be filled with a new generation of oil. The new oil, known by its industry grading as GF-5 or SN, or, in GM’s case, Dexos1 is designed to help engines run more efficiently and better protect them from wear. The protection properties of the new oil also have the potential environmental benefit of increasing the mileage interval between recommended oil changes. Read the rest at [www.autoweek.com](http://www.autoweek.com). Thanks to QCCC Member E.O. Oakley for keeping us up to date on the latest!



**ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS: Queen City Corvette Club’s Member Directory** – Our club continues to grow. And with the growth comes the desire and need to remember everyone’s name and associate pictures with those names. **Bob “Flash” Denney** is hard at work on a **QCCC Member Directory** complete with pictures. He will be taking photos at each QCCC meeting over the coming months until each member’s smiling face is captured for the directory. This directory will help us all, especially our newest members, recognize each other and get to know our friends even faster. So, when Bob asks you to pose, smile and say CHEESE!



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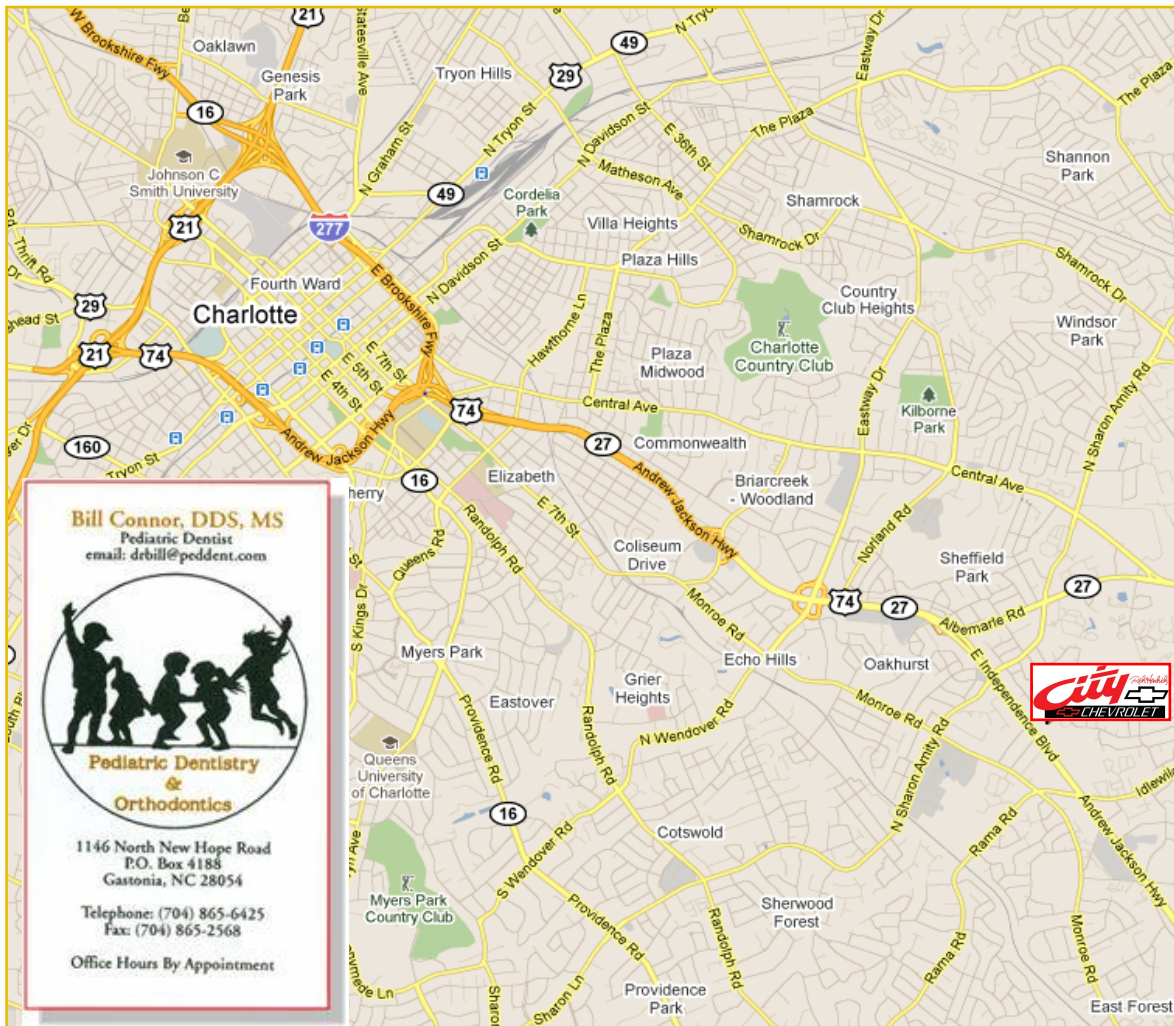
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Car Show: 8:30 AM Business Meeting: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM



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

# QCCC Adventures



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

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](http://www.smokyevents.com/Vettesinthevalley)

The Host Hotel for the event is the Maggie Valley Inn & Conference Center  
866-926-0201 [www.maggiievalleyhotel.com](http://www.maggiievalleyhotel.com)

There are many lodging options: motels, cottages, bed & breakfast.  
[www.maggiievalley.org](http://www.maggiievalley.org) and [www.maggiievalley.com](http://www.maggiievalley.com) have good information.

After registering and making your room reservation, let Tommy Loftin know that you are going. [tloftin@setube.com](mailto: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

**June 11, 2011**

### TIME:

Arrive by 8:30 AM to line up

### SHOW TIME:

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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- 2) Chairs
- 3) Non-alcoholic beverages
- 4) Sunscreen

**Lunch Will Be Provided**

### MEETING AFTER THE SHOW

Starting at 2:00 PM

## Visit Bavaria with the Queen City Corvette Club October 21-23, 2011



This is a quaint Alpine Village in the north Georgia mountains. Every year they put on an Oktoberfest every day for 7 weeks. The town comes alive!! We will plan to caravan to Helen with some interesting stops along the way (more to come). There will be lots of choices for all of you during the weekend - shops, authentic German restaurants, clubs, golfing, horseback riding, a great model railroad exhibit, arts and crafts, a winery, and more with the Chattahoochee River running through town surrounded by beautiful landscape in fall colors!

The actual Oktoberfest features a 700 seat Festhalle and Beer Garden, with lots of wurst (sausage), German potato salad, kraut & pickles. They also serve hot dogs, chicken fingers, nachos, BBQ sandwiches, giant pretzels, popcorn, chips, etc. There are lots of varieties of beer, wine and soft drinks. The best part of the Festhalle is the entertainment. Several different German bands that play anything from authentic German music to a cross section for dancing, singing, many toasts and just plain fun! The admission price is around \$10.00 per person (food and drinks sold separately). The Festhalle is open daily 6-10:30 P. M. Pat will get back to you this part. Typically we get together and go into the Festhalle Saturday night.

We will have several Saturday day trips organized - one to the mining town of Dahlonega, the other a small trip into the north Georgia mountains. All of which will be fantastic during the fall season. Some of you may want to golf or stay in town and shop on Saturday. We'll have more specifics coming soon!

We will be spending Friday and Saturday nights at:  
The Super 8 Motel 706-878-2191  
8396 South Main Street  
Helen, Georgia, 30545

This motel is on the main street of Helen - within easy walking distance of all the shops and restaurants in town. We will be offered a free breakfast at the motel and there is off road, safe parking for the Vettes. PLEASE make your reservations ASAP - no later than September 1<sup>st</sup> - we were only able to get a block of 30 rooms - with either 2 doubles or a king. It is very hard to get this many rooms within walking distance of everything during Oktoberfest. It will be first come first serve, there is no guarantee we can get more rooms! When you make your reservations tell them you are with QCCC to get our rate \$149.00 plus applicable taxes per night. After you have made your reservations, be sure to e-mail Pat Bonino [sbonino@carolionar.com](mailto:sbonino@carolionar.com) so we can keep a running log for this event. We will be getting many many more details to come.

**Don your Lederhosen, Dirmdls and Hutes - Polish up your Corvettes - bring your steins and Alphorns  
Have a great time at this fall outing in Helen, Georgia**

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Troutman Independence Celebration Parade



Date: Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011






Time: 11:00 AM

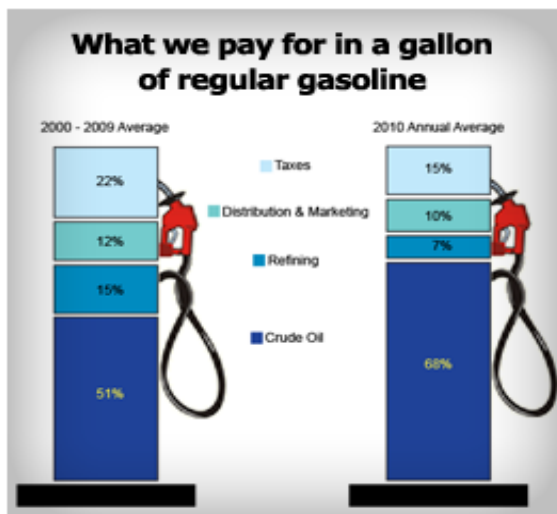
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# IN THE REAR VIEW



-  **How GM Almost Lost the Corvette Trademark** – In 2008, a man sought to register the trademark CORVOLTTE for electric vehicles, namely automobiles. GM opposed the registration saying it would cause confusion with its CORVETTE mark. But it wasn't as easy as GM may have thought. Read the story at <http://jalopnik.com>. Thanks to Wade Stickels for keeping us up-to-date.
-  **Behind The Scenes Look at Corvette Racing Videos Now Available** – A number of Corvette racing Videos are now available. Check them out on [You Tube](http://www.youtube.com).
-  **This Month In Corvette History – June, 1953:** Chevrolet begins production of the Corvette on a tiny assembly line in Flint, Michigan with the first car rolling off the assembly line on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Sticker price – just over \$3000. **June 1, 1981:** Production of Corvettes begins at a new plant in Bowling Green, KY. The first Corvette is a beige 1981 model. **June 2, 1990:** Ground-breaking begins on the national Corvette Museum. **June 4, 1957:** The Automobile manufacturer's Assn. passes a resolution recommending that member companies (including GM) not participate in auto racing. **June 21, 1996:** The last 4<sup>th</sup> Generation C4 Corvette (used since 1984) is produced. Over 300,000 cars were produced since 1984. **June 26, 1994:** The first C5 (1997 model year) alpha test car rolls out of the assembly room. **June, 1978:** The movie "Corvette Summer" premieres, in Maumee, a suburb of Toledo, Ohio. Terry Michaelis, of T. Michaelis Corvette Supplies, Inc. arranged to have the world premiere there, and raffles off a 1978 Corvette Indy pace car replica. Plus, every Corvette in the country was invited to the party. The Corvette parade set a new mark in the Guinness Book of Records, at somewhere between 5000 and 7000 Corvettes. **June, 1985:** Group Lotus in Norfolk, England, proposes building a new engine for Chevrolet, who quickly approves the project. The engine would become the LT5 for the ZRI Corvette.
-  **North Carolina Bill to Inform Consumers of Ethanol Content in Gasoline Signed into Law** - Legislation (H.B. 187) requiring ethanol content labels on all pumps that dispense ethanol-blended gasoline has been signed into law by North Carolina Governor Bev Perdue. The new law requires these labels to indicate that the gasoline contains 10% or less ethanol or greater than 10% ethanol. Previously, retailers operating pumps dispensing ethanol-blended gasoline were not required to post labels regarding ethanol content. The new law also includes a provision allowing retailers to post labels that include more detailed information than required. Ethanol increases water formation in the fuel system, especially when the vehicle sits over a period of time. Under these conditions, formic acid is created which corrodes metals, plastics and rubber. This can lead to engine/parts failures and, potentially, safety hazards. Many products on the market, including older cars, special interest collector vehicles and historic vehicles, use materials that are incompatible with ethanol. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been urged by several organizations to create national labeling requirements for ethanol blended gasoline that are placed as close as possible to the pump's product selection mechanism, but since such requirements are not currently in place, vehicle owners must rely on state labeling requirements for information about the gasoline they use in their vehicles. Auto enthusiasts have a right to know what blend of ethanol is going into their collector cars.
-  **Just To Make You Feel Better -**



**The Chevy Mi-Ray**  
 Chevrolet unveiled this concept vehicle at the Seoul Auto Show. The press release said the concept provides "a fresh look at what sports cars of the future might be. [Read more.](#)

## Announcement - New Family Additions



**Congratulations to Gloria McCoy on her new toy!** Gloria's beauty is a 2003 50th Anniversary Coupe, black on black with automatic transmission. She says it drives as good as it looks! And from what we see here, it drives really good!

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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.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com) or see Chris Wood or Wade Stickels for details.

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### Upcoming Events

- May 27-29 - [Vettes In The Valley](#) - Maggie Valley, NC
- May 28 - [Shelton Vineyards All Corvette Show](#)
- June 3 - 4 - [Corvettes at the Beach](#) - Myrtle Beach, SC
- June 11 - [City Chevy Charity Car Show & QCCC Business Meeting](#) - City Chevrolet
- 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, Marietta, OH](#)
- 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 21-23 - [Ocktoberfest](#) - Helen, Ga
- Dec 10 - [QCCC Christmas Party & Business Meeting](#)

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

## 2011 National Parks Tour



Keep up with the Road Warriors at our [QCCC Web Site](#) during the month of June. With a little luck and a good internet connection, photos of the trip will be posted at the [2011 Event Photos Bowtie](#). Updates will also be available on Facebook.



The **July Edition** of the **Queen City Corvette Gazette** will be available by **July 11<sup>th</sup>**.

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