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QCCC is a non-profit club (501-C7) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money for and participates with various local charities. We strive to promote exciting, safe and fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates social time. Our socials are always fun and are focused around fellowship, food & drink. We've had swimming parties, bar-b-ques, cookouts, day cruises and weekend trips. We participate in / conduct mountain tours, holiday parades and several homecoming parades at local area high schools. We also support and participate in local auto shows and hold charity Corvette shows each year. After an initiation fee of \$7.00, club dues are only \$8.00 a month, per family, and are to be paid quarterly or annually. These dues go to cover the costs of running the club, mailing newsletters, and subsidizing the costs of our meetings. Club officers and supporting staff serve as volunteers.

To become a member of the [QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB](http://www.qccc.org), 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:

Nope, it is NOT photo-shopped! The cover photo was taken by Peggy Wood through the windshield of the moving Corvette between Sedona, Arizona and Deming, New Mexico on June 23rd during the 2011 National Park Tour.

The little fellow stood at attention and waited patiently as the caravan of Corvettes passed. We are almost certain he winked at us as we flew by!



The President's Vault

Vacation called and we answered so the President's Vault will return in next month's *Gazette*.

Until then, remember the wave, and let's drive 'em and enjoy them!

Steve Pelchat



Don't Miss THE ANNUAL EDDIE BURT BBQ



Eddie & Jane Burt's version of the Queen City Corvette Club Family Reunion

Thanks again to Eddie & Jane Burt for hosting this annual event!

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Office Hours By Appointment

September 10, 2011 QCCC Meeting and Annual Eddie Burt

BBQ

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4:00 pm Arrival

5:00 pm Pig Out Time

6:30 pm Meeting

Please bring covered dishes according to your last name as follows:

A – Q Side Dishes and Salads

R – Z Desserts

Bring chairs & your preference in beverages.

We need 10-12 canopies for shade. If you can bring one, please call or email Eddie

Note:

Please park along the streets and make **SURE** there's enough room for emergency vehicles.

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*** Directions from I-485**

Exit 57 – Hwy 16/Providence Rd – Turn north.
Turn Right at the light, onto McKee Rd. Go half a mile.
Turn Right at the light, onto Tilley Morris Rd. Go 1.8 miles.
Turn Right onto Weddington-Matthews Rd (Seminary is on the left). Go half a mile.
Turn Right onto Amanda Dr.
251 is the second house on the left.

Deiger's VP Report



What a great turn out for the July Meeting!! It was great to see so many members and guests showing a strong interest in our club. I would also like to give a big thank you to everyone for helping to restore the meeting room back to its original condition for the weekend biking class. I hope everyone had a chance to walk through the store and look at all the great merchandise and bikes.

As an additional reminder, don't forget about the **QCCC Road Rally '11!** We just have 4 months left to participate. I promise you I have something up my sleeve for September that should add some "Spark"! Stay tuned for details. For August we still have 2 great events to participate in. Both are happening the same weekend, so pick one and have some fun. We have **Corvettes of Carlisle** and the **Lowe's AutoFair!** Both events are Rally Mile eligible. See our calendar section at www.queencitycorvette.com for further details.

This month's meeting takes us to a new meeting place, **Fanz Sports Grill!** Those of you who have attended one of our Wednesday night dinners there, know what to expect. For those who have never been, come and see what the excitement is all about! **Fanz** is setting aside a private room for us, allowing a number of you to have dinner before or after the meeting. There are a number of TVs and pool tables, if the mood strikes you. Details for the restaurant are below:

FANZ SPORTS GRILL
3425 David Cox Road
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<http://www.fanzsportsgrill.com>



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

Social Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Meeting Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!

Be safe out there!!

Matthew Deiger



More Patriotism on Parade

QCCC Corvettes Shine in the *Faith & Indian Trail 4th of July Parades*



Automotive Report



QCCC Members,

July got off to a great start with three 4th of July parades. We had 17 Corvettes participate in the *7th Annual Troutman Independence Parade*. After the parade, we went to the Sports Page Restaurant for a nice lunch. We appreciate *Tommy and Brenda* setting this up for us. We had one Corvette drive Little Miss Rowan County in the *Faith, NC 4th of July Parade*. Thousands showed up for the parade in a town with just a few hundred residents. *Bob Denny* had to use his GPS to find Faith, NC. Then we carried 10 pageant queens in the *Indian Trail 4th of July Parade*. I want to thank all of the members who participated in these parades.

Then to round out the month, there were 18 Corvettes and 33 members and prospective members who took a very nice drive to *Shatley Springs Inn* for lunch. They had family style service or you could order off the menu. I personally preferred the family style so I didn't miss out on any of the main course items or the great desserts. It was a little bit of a drive getting there but the food and service made it well worth the time. After lunch some members went back home, others drove the parkway for the scenery or to visit other towns close by. When lunch was over, *Sue and Wade Stickels* graciously invited everyone who wanted to follow them to their mountain home to enjoy the view and the company of QCCC friends. I want to thank *Fred and Gloria McCoy* for suggesting this drive and for their assistance in setting it up and leading us up to Shatley Springs.

Thank you for all your help with signing up for *Food Lion AutoFair*. All spots for Saturday, August 27th have been filled and there are only 2 openings for Sunday, August 28th. I will be attending *Corvettes at Carlisle* this year so I can't thank *John Walton and Ken Krupa* enough for volunteering to host this AutoFair for me. If you would like to take one of the Sunday spots, please contact me at 704-847-8374 or on email barnel@carolina.rr.com.

At the August 13th meeting, I will have signup sheets for the *Matthews Alive Parade* on Saturday, September 3rd and the *Mint Hill Madness Parade* on September 24th. I will know the number of cars needed for the Matthews parade but will not know the number of cars needed for Mint Hill parade until September 2nd.

Thank you for all our help and participation in our club events,

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QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **JULY 5, 2011** TIME: **6:00 PM – 6:40 PM**
LOCATION: **SMITH & STEVENSON**

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

DISCUSSION



- ⊖ **President Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asked for Officer's reports.**
- ⊖ **Vice President – Matthew Deiger**
 - › July 9th – Meeting at Harley Davidson of Charlotte
 - › August 13th – Meeting at FANZ Sports Grill
 - › September 10th – BBQ and Meeting at the Burt's
 - › October 8th – Car Show and Meeting at City Chevrolet
 - › November 12th – Meeting at Hendrick Motorsports
 - › December 10th – Christmas Party and Meeting at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
- ⊖ **Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague**
 - › July 4th Parades – 17 cars at Troutman, 10 at Indian trail, and one at Faith.
 - › July 12th – Charity Committee will meet to review possible recipients for our mid-year charity distribution. The results will be presented to the QCCC Membership for approval at the August Meeting.
 - › Discussed a change to the By-Laws regarding the Charity Committee Chairmanship. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept. The proposed change will be presented to the QCCC Membership for approval at the August Meeting.
 - › August 27 & 28 – AutoFair – John Walton and Ken Krupa will coordinate in Nelson's absence. Saturday has 15 cars signed up, and Sunday has 13. Judging will take place on Saturday.
- ⊖ **Membership Director – Eddie Burt**
 - › QCCC has 143 families and 262 members.
 - › Seven prospective members are eligible for membership at Saturday's Meeting.
 - › Ten advertisers. Have collected \$840 for 2011. Three renewals by end of year.
- ⊖ **Treasurer Report – Steve Pelchat for Florence Prather**
 - › Reviewed families that are past due for 2011 dues.
- ⊖ **Social Director – Susan Kurt**
 - › October 21st – 23rd – Weekend at Helen, Ga. Still taking reservations.
 - › Belmont Drive-In Theater is now open – will try to schedule an evening for us to go.
- ⊖ **President's Report – Steve Pelchat**
 - › August 9th – next QCCC Board Meeting at 6:00 pm.

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A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

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

Racing America's Sports Car

An Update on Corvettes in Racing

Corvette Racing Wins Grand Prix of Mosport

Congratulations to **Corvette Racing** for winning the **Grand Prix of Mosport** on July 24th! **Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen** brought the **# 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R** to a 4.4 second win over the Ferrari 458 Italia of Jaime Melo and Toni Vilander. **Tommy Milner and Olivier Beretta** finished sixth in the **# 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R** after contact with the # 11 Porsche GTC knocked them out of contention on the high-speed Canadian circuit. Milner had fought his way to 4th before the incident. After qualifying sixth and eighth on Saturday, Corvette Racing rebounded with a strong race day setup that ultimately broke BMW's three-race winning streak. Gavin and Magnussen are in 2nd place in the overall ALMS GT standings behind the BMW team of Joey Hand and Dirk Mueller. The top 10 Mosport GT results are:



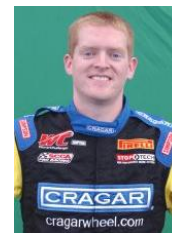
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You can watch most ALMS races, tape-delayed on ESPN2 or follow them *live* by streaming them on your computer at www.ESPN3.com. For scheduling information, go to AmericanLeMans.com.

SCCA World Challenge Update

Congratulations to **Mike Skeen of Charlotte, NC** for sweeping both **Mosport SCCA World Challenge GT** races May 22nd driving the **CRP / Crager Wheels Corvette Z06**. Race one saw **Johnny O'Connell** finish 2nd in the **Cadillac Racing's CTS-V Coupe**, **Andy Pilgrim** 5th, also in a **CTS-V Coupe**, **Tony Gaples** was 7th in the **#72 Corvette**. In the 2nd race behind **Skeen's Corvette**, **Johnny O'Connell** finished 3rd, **Andy Pilgrim** 5th, **Tony Gaples** 6th, and **Patrick Lindsey of Santa Barbara, CA** came in 8th in the **Hawk Performance Corvette Z06**. Unfortunately, coverage of these races is difficult to find in the usual media. The next race(s) in the 12 race series takes place at **Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course** on **August 5-7**. You can follow the schedule, results, and news, at www.world-challenge.com.



On a side note, while testing the **World Challenge Corvette** at **Carolina Motorsports Park in Kershaw, SC**, on Sunday, February 13th, **Skeen set the overall NASA-SE lap record at 1:32.8**. You can follow Mike on his website at www.mikeskeen.com.

Live-streaming for Round 7 of the **Pirelli World Challenge Sports Car** season is scheduled to start at 10:40 a.m. Eastern on **Saturday, August 6**, while Round 8 will start at 11:25 a.m. Eastern on **Sunday, August 7**. You can catch the action on the **Versus Channel** or at www.World-ChallengeTV.com

Calling All QCCC Corvette Racing Fans – Your *Gazette* Editors are looking for a few good men and/or ladies, who follow Corvette's success in racing – not only **Corvette Racing** in the **American Le Mans Series**, but also in the **SCCA World Challenge GT** series, the **FIA GT1 World Championship**, etc. We need someone to write a short update, each month or quarterly, on the various racing series that Corvettes compete in and keep our QCCC members up-to-date with the latest in Corvette racing news. If you have a little time, wish to contribute to the *Gazette* and immerse yourself in the fast paced and exciting world of newsletter publishing, send us an email and let us know. Hey, we'll even give you complete credit for the stories. Come on, what else do you have to do?



Socials - With Susan

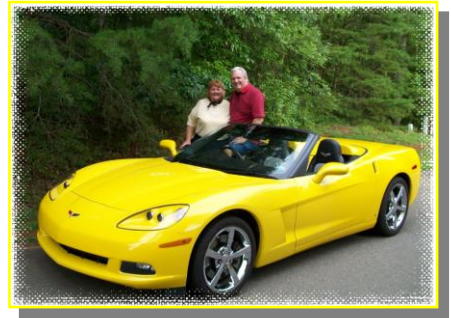
Happy summer to Y'all, remember when we thought it would never get warm????!! Here are just a few reminders about up-coming events.

We hope you're signed up for the trip to Helen, Ga. It should be great fun. We're stopping at Toccoa, Ga. on our way down for lunch and to see the Currahee Military Museum. Even more fun things are planned for Saturday so be sure to look on the web-site for more information. We're still working on a night at the drive-in movie if we can find an appropriate movie and it would be nice if it would cool down a bit too. So keep an eye on your email for new updates and stay cool.

See You in August,

Social Susan

Susan Kurt
Social Director



Speaking of Socials... We always find time for fellowship at QCCC's many Social Get-to-gethers!



QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

CLUB BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Date: July 9, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Harley Davidson of Charlotte

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF PRESENT

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

DISCUSSION

Steve Pelchat – President’s Report

- 🇺🇸 Called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- 🇺🇸 Introduced the Board Members.
- 🇺🇸 Requested a motion that was made, seconded, and approved to accept the June minutes.
- 🇺🇸 Thanked our hosts for allowing us to meet at the Harley Davidson of Charlotte.

Matthew Deiger – Vice President’s Report

- 🇺🇸 Will update membership on Rally Points in August.
- 🇺🇸 Gift certificates awarded to Wendy Callahan and Phillip Lewis.
- 🇺🇸 August 13th meeting is at FANZ Sports Grill. Check website for details.
- 🇺🇸 September 10th – Meeting at Eddie & Jane Burt’s for our annual BBQ.
- 🇺🇸 Check the QCCC Gazette for Corvette trivia.
- 🇺🇸 Please note if you are planning a day trip, etc., you need to contact Vice President, President or Automotive Director two weeks in advance in order to qualify for Rally Points.

Eddie Burt - Membership Report

- 🇺🇸 The following were voted in as new members:
 - Dave & Kay Cook
 - Craig & Donna Smith
- 🇺🇸 Visitors and Prospective Members -
 - Steve & Terri Ebert
 - Jim Ramandanes
 - Bill & Virginia Moss
 - Denise Wade
 - Steve & Suki Ham
 - Bill & Lorraine Miller
 - Travis & Sharon Meredith
 - Tom & Joanie Cramer
- 🇺🇸 The Club presently has 266 members.

Nelson Sprague – Automotive Director’s Report

- 🇺🇸 July 12th – Charity Committee Meeting.
- 🇺🇸 August 27th – 28th – AutoFair. Let Nelson know if you are interested in attending.
- 🇺🇸 September 17th – Car Care Day at Wally & Anita Crawford’s garage.
- 🇺🇸 October 8 – Car Show and meeting at City Chevrolet

Florence Prather - Treasurer’s Report

- 🇺🇸 No report.

Secretary’s report – Linda Lewis

- 🇺🇸 Announced July birthdays: Debbie Rockhold, Tom Rockhold, Larry Prather, Priscilla Pelkey, Jane Burt, and Al Kessel.

Susan Kurt - Social Director’s Report

- 🇺🇸 Pat Bonino gave an update on the Helen, Ga. Trip. Rooms are available until Sept. 1st. Make your reservations now.
- 🇺🇸 See Kay or Jim Weisberg if you would like to attend the Mariette, Ohio Murder Mystery.
- 🇺🇸 Boyd Kurt gave a brief presentation on Corvettes at Carlisle on August 26th – 28th.

Paul Mariano – National Corvette Museum Ambassador Report

- 🇺🇸 Gave an update on the Museum trip in September – Birthday celebration and induction of Ron Fellows, and others, into the NCM Fall of Fame.
- 🇺🇸 Members should start thinking about the 2014 National Corvette Caravan.

Tommy Loftin – Chrome Bumper Group Report

- 🇺🇸 Vettes in the Valley was a huge success. The following awards were won by our members: Reggie & Susie Black for their 1960, Ken & Lois Watts for their 1963 and Rich & Merrillyn Harmon won first place for their C3. Congratulations to all!

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Steve Pelchat – Other Business

- Mr. Thomas Watson, a National Guard Chaplain, gave a presentation on care packages and how to help our military personnel. If you are interested in more information, email thomaswatson@kw.com. Chaplain Watson presented Kay Weisberg with a T-shirt and water bottle.
- A Saturday night trip to the Belmont Drive-In is in the works, details to follow. \$8 per car.
- 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 7:30 pm.**

Next meeting is Saturday, August 13th at FANZ Sports Grill at 6:30pm. Check the website for directions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda H. Lewis, Secretary

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



*Dave & Kay Cook
1989 Red Convertible*



*Craig & Donna Smith
2004 LeMans Blue Convertible*

We all come in as strangers and soon become family!

Meet the New Family Addition



Congratulations to Tommy & Brenda Loftin on their latest edition, a 2011 Supersonic Blue Metallic Convertible!

Hot Enough For You?



Many thanks to all who sent in this photo of the melted Ice Cream Truck! It feels hot enough to do just that!



*The Harleys made way for the Corvettes
at the July QCCC Meeting at
Harley-Davidson of Charlotte*



Thank You QCCC!!!

Nelson Sprague received the following message regarding the QCCC Care Packages from our Adopt-A-Platoon Program.



THANK YOU!!!

I just received 4 care packages, and we opened them up in the hallway for everyone. Just about everything is gone. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all your generosity.

Our unit – the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing, is responsible for training the Afghan air force. We fly daily with them, training them to become independent. The days are growing shorter.

Thank you all so much!!

Brian Christiansen



Chris Wood received the following message from **Geoff Oriet** regarding the charity donation made by the participants of the **2011 National Park Tour**. The group met Geoff during the lunch stop in **Missoula, Montana at Karl Tyler Chevrolet Dealership**. The **HellGate Corvette Club** provided lunch for our group. Jeff also enclosed photos of his Corvette. Check out that blue Montana sky!

Chris,

It was sure nice to meet you great people. Thanks to your club's help, we raised almost \$15,000 for "Guide On" that helps kids of Fallen American Heros. The pictures are fabulous. Thanks for sending them out. Much appreciated and I hope you all had a safe and memorable trip. What a fun thing to do.

Highest regards,

Geoff & Melodie Oriet, Montana Benefit Car Show Coordinators

PS: Attached is a picture of our '02 Z06 Corvette, it has just 7000 miles on it now.



Carolina Blue Skies, Chrome Bumpers & Cruising to the Daniel Boone Inn

The July Gazette featured photos of the Chrome Bumper-led Cruise to the Daniel Boone Inn in May. However, the description of the day's ride, provided by Reggie & Suzie Black, was unintentionally omitted. Thanks to Reggie & Suzie for sharing their experience and making us hungry all over again!



The QCCC Chrome Bumper Cars made a trip to Boone, NC Saturday, May 21st... to enjoy fellowship, fun and to EAT! Four Chrome Bumper Cars and six newer-type plastic cars drove to the *Daniel Boone Inn* and enjoyed a wonderful family-style lunch of fried chicken, country style steak, ham biscuits with all the trimmings... topped off with your choice of banana puddin', chocolate cake or strawberry shortcake... YUM - YUM!!!



The weather was delightful for the drive up and back... as well as for the walk we made to the Mast General Store and other local shops while we were in Boone. We all agreed we definitely needed the short walk after most of us had stuffed ourselves beyond reason!

Attendees included the Blacks, the Loftins, the Watts, the Pelchats, the Lentzs, the Rosses, the Metzts, the Faircloths, the Grosses, Patti Hamrick --- and Bob Denny, aka Flash! Look for pictures of the trip to this beautiful part of the North Carolina mountains. We literally roared up the mountain viewing Mountain Laurel and Rhododendron in full bloom and breath-taking mountain vistas. And speaking of roaring... Tommy and Brenda's '66 Corvette which has side pipes... was just ahead of Steve and Laura's '60 going up the mountain. When we arrived at the Daniel Boone Inn... Steve told us he could not hear his car's motor to determine when to shift gears... so he just shifted when he heard Tommy shift in his '66. Now that's some good music coming from some side pipes!

As we returned down the mountain the chrome bumpers stopped off at a car show at Empire Chevrolet in Wilkesboro. Lots of great Chevys showing for a good cause!

Thanks to all those attending... making this a fun and enjoyable trip.

Reggie & Suzie Black





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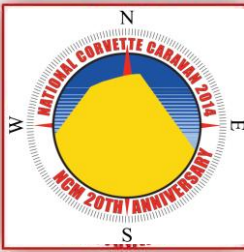
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Family Style Country Dining

More QCCC Corvette Cruising in July





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

The NCM is coming to town in the form of the *Hendrick Motorsport/Tail of the Dragon Tour*. The participants will be arriving in Concord, NC on August 17th and enjoying the festivities through August 18th. I have volunteered the services of our club members should they be required to assist in movement of the group. So far, I have not heard from the organizers if we will be needed, so I wait on Standby.

Next up on the museum schedule is the *17th Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Dinner* on September 1-3. I trust that by now all of the members attending have registered for the event and completed their hotel reservations. There will be no organized caravan to the museum this time due to some going to Carlisle first, others going early and some on their own schedules. So, we will see everyone at the Montana Grill on Wednesday evening at 7:00PM. If you are going to the celebration but do not plan on joining us for dinner, please let Peggy know at chrisowood@carolina.rr.com so she can adjust the reservations.

For all the new members in our club, I encourage you to sign up for the NCM on-line newsletter. It's free for all and will keep you up to date on all the museum happenings. Just go to www.corvettemuseum.com, look at the pull-down under "Newsletter" and click on "subscribe to NCM eNews". Fill out the form and enjoy the news.

Congratulations to *Bob & Marilyn Becker*, *Steve & Pat Bonino*, and *Don & Carolyn Zimmer* on becoming our latest NCM Lifetime Members. Your commitment to the preservation and continuation of the Corvette lifestyle is greatly appreciated.

I am still attempting to determine if I am missing a name for the Hall of Fame Dinner in September. Below is a list of the names that I have recorded for seats at the reserved tables. If your name is not on the list and you have reserved them through me, please let me know ASAP. *Becker, Boyette, Cerniglia, Davidson, Faircloth, Jensen, Kurt, Mariano, Wood, Zimmer*. Thanks for a prompt reply.



Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano,
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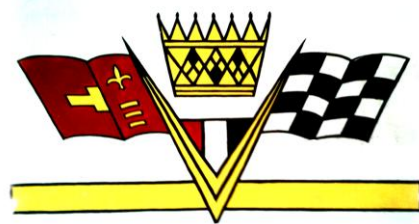
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Vintage QCCC

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past

By Vintage Guys -
Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



"Trailer Queens and Bad Ass Rides"

The mid '70's saw 3 distinct groups in QCCC; avid racers, guys with show ponies and a third group that drew folks from the other two, social partiers. This is a summation of mostly the avid racers.

We are not sure when it started, but being located in Charlotte, there were many race tracks within a couple of hours that had a huge influence, as did the growth of NASCAR, SCCA, and Can Am. As racing caught fire in QCCC it became obvious that the sole purpose was to go as fast as you can until you win or break something. We attribute the influx of trailers to the break something part of the equation. It was not deemed wise to drive your car to Rockingham Speedway and drop the rear end in turn one as you were 2 hours from home. Enter the trailer brigade. We think it started with President Dave Morse whose C2 roadster was borderline street legal, even though he could not drive a lick (a.k.a. crash). Soon there were many regular and borrowed trailers, Melvin Pace, Joey Hunter, Tommy Wood, Steve James, Billy Coates, and Harry Jackson, to name a few. Some we remember well were Brillo's (a.k.a. Bill Cruthis) Silver I-Beam with mahogany floor, Darrel Kirkley with the black trailer with the checkered flag pattern floor, and of course, Dollar Bill Ingram had to have a rollback. Kirkley should get the award for best of show trailer and as usual with Darrel it was spotless and fancy.

Then things got out of control. A trailer was no good without fenders. So Bill headed off Plaza road to get some diamond plate fenders installed. As he veered off Harrisburg road he saw something over in the ball field to his left, yep it was his trailer that had come unhooked along with the safety chains. The trailer passed him and stopped over second base where he was informed kids were playing an hour ago.



Kirkley's El Camino with Ingram's '67 big block on the trailer followed by Bill Cruthis' Rancho and '70 Coupe. Man in photo is Dollar Bill Ingram looking at Ward Marsh's '69 Maroon Coupe on his trailer at the Charleston show



Bill Cruthis' '70 350/350

As is human nature, bigger and better took over and the trailers kept getting fancier. They started with mobile home axles and wheels and tires, but soon were equipped with mag wheels and wide ovals. Now what was missing on an open race trailer was, you guessed it, places for tools, tires, etc. So Kirkley added a tire rack, while others went to fancier tow rigs, El Caminos, Vans and Pickups. Then of course the tow rig and trailer eventually had to match in color to the Corvette. So now weekend caravans went down the interstate to the race track with some Corvettes driving but many on a trailer. Bill trailered his '70 show pony to Knoxville, Washington D.C., Laurens S.C. and Charleston. Kirkley trailered Ingrams '67 big block to D.C. and Charleston where Dollar won his class and Brillo got shutout. A large group went to Charleston where

Ward Marsh from Knoxville won a '59 Corvette with his '69 maroon coupe which had no fluids in the engine, was pushed on and off the trailer. That was Brillo's last show, how do you compete with that? But we had fun all day watching the girl in the short pink shorts.

Shortly after getting the split window painted, Brillo, Ingram, and Shaverstein went to a small hill climb and autocross in Statesville. After one run it started raining so we loaded up and headed back. Bill, in a rush to get out of the rain, loaded the split too far forward. Note to trailer owners; don't screw up the tongue weight. As we started down I-40 and up a steep hill on a curve all the sudden Bill could see the side of his split window in the passenger side mirror then the other side in the driver side mirror. Whoa! All you can do is hang on and hope. Shaverstein said you could not drive a 10 penny nail up Brillo for a while after that.

That was it for Brillo and he sold the trailer soon after. Looking back, the most amazing part of all this is we were mostly all strapped for cash yet when it came to our Corvette there was no expense spared to travel in style. Racing--- it gets in your blood then in your wallet, but they sure were some good times. Just try pulling off for a pit stop at Burger King with 10 or 12 trailered Corvettes, you gotta be young.

Such is the way it was in QCCC circa 1976.

Loss of Corvette A Turning Point – In More Ways Than One

In June, 1981, Corvette production moved from St. Louis to Bowling Green, KY. The total impact of GM's decision would not be felt for decades.

QCCC Member Q. Gross lived in St. Louis when the announcement was made and during the relocation process. He ran across this article recently in stltoday.com and wants to share it with QCCC Members, along with his comments. It describes the challenges faced by combining many of the people and traditions of St. Louis into the small community of Bowling Green that many Corvette fans are unaware of. Thanks, Q., for a look back at this important time in Corvette production history.



I came across an interesting article published recently in the St. Louis Post Dispatch recalling when the announcement was made the Corvette plant was closing in St. Louis and moving to Bowling Green. It also tells the story of UAW workers who moved from STL to Bowling Green and difficulties encountered trying to fit into the new community of BG.

Having lived in St. Louis from 1977-1999 I can remember when the announcement was made and how the city didn't appear to be too upset the Corvette plant was moving. At that time, STL had Ford, Chrysler, Boeing, Anheiser-Bush, Brown Shoe Company (my former employer), Ralston Purina, and others that had plenty of factories cranking out endless goods. Now most of those factories and plants have closed along with the GM plant.



At least back then GM had the foresight to know the move would be good for Corvette production as well as the growth the museum has provided to the Bowling Green area. In my opinion, sometimes review of history is good to really appreciate how certain things have evolved and changed, even in modern times. *Q. Gross*

Read the entire article at stltoday.com/corvette-plant

The original St. Louis plant was designed for 10,000 cars a year and Corvette production had been over 40,000 / year since 1976. The new Bowling Green plant would also feature more modern production capabilities. The last St. Louis

Corvettes were built on August 1, 1981 and on June 1, 1981 Bowling Green production started so for a couple of months Corvettes were built in two different places simultaneously.

"The Corvette emerged as its own statement; that a machine could also be art." "For 55 years, the Chevy Corvette has represented muscle and grace... and if today, many of us are rethinking our love for the automobile, this machine remains an expression of American fantasy." In 1958, **KETC TV** in St. Louis produced a short story about Corvette production in St. Louis for its **Living St. Louis** segment. Watch this interesting 8 minute video clip of Corvette history in St. Louis. [KETC / Living St. Louis / Corvettes](http://KETC.com/Living-St-Louis/Corvettes).



These photos were snapped at the *Barrett-Jackson Las Vegas Auction* in September 2010 by QCCC Member Chris Wood. The pair of '81 Corvettes sold for \$300,000, which went to charity. The buyer then donated them back to be auctioned again at *B-J Scottsdale Auction*. The last St Louis '81 Corvette has just 4 original miles while the 1st Bowling Green '81 Corvette has just 14 original miles.



More Miles and Smiles with Queen City Corvette Club!!



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Nelson Sprague (barnel@carolina.rr.com) – Men's Luncheon – held the 3rd Thursday of each month
 Peggy Marlowe (chrisowood@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

"Heads-Up"



-  **Corvette Named a "Best Bang for the Buck"** - MSN.com recently released a list of the best "Bang for the Buck" sports cars. "Each year seems to bring fewer affordable sports cars to the market. With standard passenger vehicles becoming incredibly capable in recent years — not to mention current environmental and economic concerns — a purebred performance car can be hard to justify, especially considering the tradeoffs in practicality and versatility. One thing that sports cars are sure to offer, however, is fun and excitement. So with that in mind, we present the following 10 cars, all 2011 models, which in our opinion offer great performance for the price." Making the cut is the Chevrolet Corvette, being noted as a "living classic." Check out the complete list online [here](#).
-  **New Oil Treatment For Your Classic** – A new engine oil supplement from Rislone makes new motor oils backward compatible with '87 and older Corvette engines. It is reported to be compatible with conventional, synthetic, and specialty motor oils, including those that already include ZDDP in their ingredients. It helps oil cling to metal parts to prevent wear and dry starts. It also protects your classic Corvette's flat-tappet camshaft, lifters and valvetrain from premature component failure.
-  **2011 Corvette Production Numbers Now Available** – The Bowling Green Assembly Plant has released the official 2011 production statistics. You can find them on the *Corvette Action Center* web site at www.corvetteactioncenter.com.
-  **Own A Ron Fellows ALMS GTI Championship Z06? The NCM Wants To Know** – During the NCM's Anniversary Celebration and HOF, a special display is planned of the Commemorative Z06's to celebrate Ron Fellows' induction into the HOF. Pre-registration for the event ends soon. If you haven't signed up for all the fun, better hurry! See or email *Paul Mariano* for details.
-  **Black Boxes Coming To A car Near You** – The NTSB is expected to rule that all new cars must carry "black-boxes" in the near future. Many modern cars are already equipped and this causes some concern among drivers because of the kind of data they can record, who gets access to it, etc. While some view the black boxes as an invasion of privacy, others view the data valuable insight into the dynamics of collisions. What do you think?
-  **Corvette Rates Five-Stars in Motor Trend and is in Good Company** – The September, 2011 edition of Motor Trend magazine is out and as in previous years, they feature (and rate) the new cars for 2012 – 2013. Their rating system gives one through five stars, one being the worst, up to five being the best. Of the 162 cars shown and rated, 18 received the 5 star rating. The Corvette (at \$50,500-\$113,000) is one of the 18 receiving 5 stars. Other 5-star rated cars were the Audi R8 at \$118,500-\$200,00; the Bugatti Veyron 16.4 Grand Sport at \$1,900,000; the Chevy Volt at \$39,995; the Ferrari 458 Italia at \$230,325; the Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano at \$327,130; the Ferrari FF at \$330,000; the Lamborghini Aventador at \$393,695; the Lamborghini Gallardo at \$193,895; the Mazda MX-5 Miata at \$24,000-\$30,000; the McLaren MP4-12C at \$231,400; the Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG at \$190,000-\$225,000; the Nissan GT-R at \$90,950-\$96,100, several Porsches at \$49,050-\$246,000, and the Rolls-Royce Phantom at \$385,000-\$455,000. That's pretty good company. *But we knew that, didn't we?*



Had Your Car Long?

Mr. Allen Swift of Springfield, MA. received this 1928 Rolls-Royce Piccadilly P1 Roadster From his father, brand new - as a graduation gift in 1928.

He drove it up until his death last year.....at the age of 102!!!
He was the oldest living owner of a car from new.

He donated it to a Springfield museum after his death. It has 170,000 miles on it, still runs like a Swiss watch, dead silent at any speed and is in perfect cosmetic condition. (82 years)
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Thanks to Eddie Burt for this amazing bit of nostalgia.



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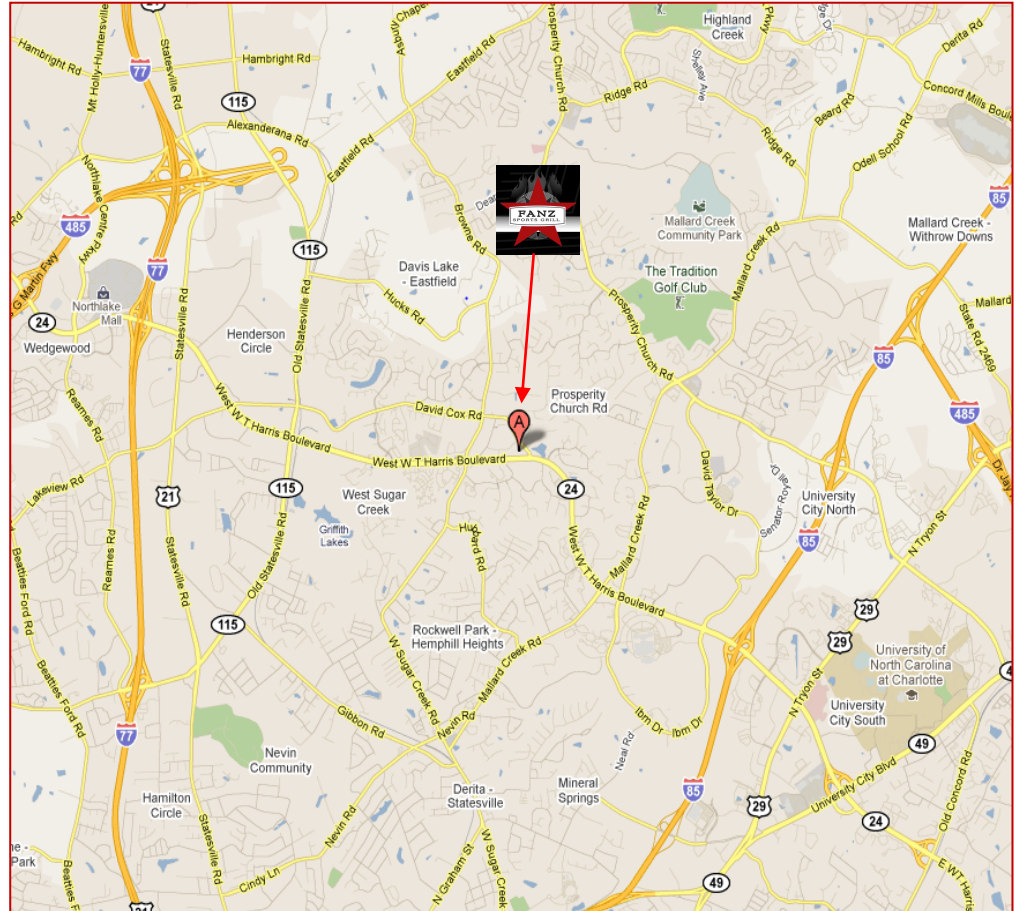
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IN THE REAR VIEW



This Month In Corvette History – August 1958: Sales of the 1958 Corvette model reach 9168 units, enough to turn a profit for the Corvette for the first time. **August, 1981:** The last Corvette built in the St. Louis assembly plant rolls off the assembly line. **August 1998:** Dave Hill officially introduces the 1999 hardtop Corvette – priced at \$38,777. **August 6, 2000:** A Sports Car America Le Mans Series race is held at Mosport Int'l Raceway in Ontario. A Corvette C5-R driven by Ron Fellows and Andy Pilgrim finishes 2nd in GTS class, 0.353 seconds behind a Viper. **August 10, 1993:** The 1997 Corvette program begins Concept Alternatives Selection, in which virtually every part, procedure and design layout is presented, defended and decided on. The program provisionally passes, pending a two-week review of some components. **August 24, 1963:** The Corvette Grand Sport records its first victory, at Watkins Glen, driven by Richard Thompson.

Why We Don't Listen To the Media

We ran across an article in a June 1996 edition of *Vette Magazine* describing stepped-up security at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant due to the beginning of production of the 1998 Corvette, a.k.a. the new C5. The story went on to say a new visitor policy was being implemented and employees were being asked not to bring visitors (probably so they don't spill the beans about the new C5), creeping ever closer to a February 1997 launch date. "Media observation that the car's resemblance to a new style Mazda RX-7 is still causing much frowning of the brows" said the article.



Ft. Worth to Maggie Valley in a '67 Roadster – The August edition of *Auto Enthusiast Magazine* features an article about a Fort Worth, Texas man who drove his '67 Corvette Roadster from Ft. Worth to Maggie Valley for the 2011 Vettes In The Valley Show. The Corvette boasts 860 HP and 9.90 at 141 mph in the 1/4 mile. His mileage during the trip was not mentioned in the article. Wonder if our QCCC Maggie Valley contingent ran across him?

Now That Sounds Like Fun – A road-rally called **Rally Appalachia** took place July 19-21. It is a part of Rally North America, which runs a different rally route each year and provides financial support to the **Fallen Heros Fund**, which provides financial assistance to



families of US military personnel lost in performance of their duties. Rally Appalachia started in Winchester, Va and ended in Charleston, SC. Last year's rally took place on portions of Route 66. A total of 80 teams registered for the rally (sold out).

The rally is not a speed event, but like a "rolling car show". The route took participants down Skyline Drive in Virginia, a stopover in Natural Bridge, Va., and on to the Blue Ridge Parkway. If participants had the need for speed, stops were planned at Shenandoah Speedway, Motor Mile Raceway and Darlington Raceway. For more info, go to www.rallynorthamerica.com.

Upcoming Events

- August 6 - Corvette Racing @ Acura Sports Challenge Lexington, Ohio
- August 13 - [QCCC Business Meeting](#)
- 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 25-28 - [Corvettes at Carlisle](#) – Carlisle, PA
- Aug 27-28 - [Food Lion AutoFair – Concord, NC](#)
- Sept 1- 3 - [NCM 17th Anniversary & Hall Of Fame – Bowling Green, KY](#)
- Sept. 3 - Corvette Racing @ Baltimore Grand Prix – Baltimore, MD
- Sept. 3 - [Matthews Alive Parade](#)
- Sept. 5 - [Charlotte Labor Day Parade](#)
- Sept 10 - [QCCC Business Meeting & Burt's BBQ](#)
- Sept 17 - [QCCC Car Care Day at Wally & Anita's](#)
- Sept 17 - Chrome Bumper Cruise to Sparta
- 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](#)
- Sept. 24 - [Mint Hill Parade](#)
- 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](#)
- Nov ?- [NASCAR Tech Open House](#)
- Nov 12 - [QCCC Business Meeting](#)
- Dec 10 - [QCCC Christmas Party & Business Meeting](#)

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

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QCCC Adventures

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!

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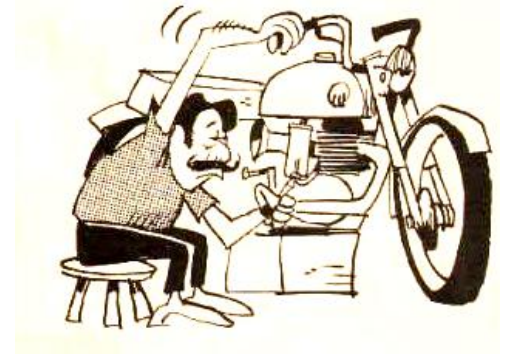
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Too Good To Leave Out

Your Gazette Editors try very hard to include only interesting topics our club members will enjoy. For that reason, we just couldn't leave this one out. The following was published in the Colorado Brush News-Tribune January 19, 2009.

Posted January 19th, 2009 at 6:50PM

My ex-husband had this annoying habit of bringing greasy old carburetors and things into the house to work on. So, last week, when my friend called to tell me this story my first response was "Where did this guy live?" Now reassured that I was never related to him by marriage, this really is too hilarious not to share. The way my friend told it this guy pushed his motorcycle from the patio into his living room, where he began to clean the engine with some rags and a bowl of gasoline. When he finished, he sat on the motorcycle and decided to start it to make sure everything was still OK. Unfortunately, the bike started in gear, and crashed through the glass patio with him still clinging to the handlebars. His wife had been working in the kitchen. She came running at the noise, and found him crumpled on the patio, badly cut from the shards of broken glass. She called 911, and the paramedics transported the guy to the emergency room. So far the story is humorous- in a "that is what you get for being a big enough lout to bring your motorcycle into the house" kind of way. But here is where I really split a gut. Later that afternoon, after many stitches had pulled her husband back together, the wife brought him home and put him to bed. She cleaned up the mess in the living room and dumped the bowl of gasoline in the toilet. Shortly thereafter, her husband woke up, lit a cigarette, and went into the bathroom. He sat down and tosses the cigarette into the toilet, which promptly exploded because the wife had not flushed the gasoline away. The explosion blew the man through the bathroom door. The wife heard the explosion and her husband's screams. She ran into the hall and found him lying on the floor with his trousers blown away and burns on his buttocks. The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance. The same two paramedics were dispatched to the scene. They loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street. One of them asked the wife how the injury had occurred. When she told them, they began laughing so hard that they dropped the stretcher and broke the guy's collarbone. Talk about instant karma.



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