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at AutoFair*

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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.

On The Cover:

Congratulations to Robert Morgan on winning Best of Show at AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway. For a complete list of all the winners, see Nelson's Automotive Report on page 5.

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!**

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The President's Vault

September has kicked off a little cooler, and hopefully we'll have some dryer weather soon to get out on some day trips and enjoy driving our Corvettes.

This month I have a follow-up report to our January newsletter article. In November I researched back forty years and found the previous owner of my 1960 Corvette. Last month Laura & I were on vacation in Michigan. We trailed the '60 to Flint for the 100th year anniversary of Chevrolet, and visited several car museums in southeast Michigan. A major reason for bringing the '60 was to visit with the previous owner, Thomas Day.



We started off early one morning for our 2 hour drive to Thomas's house, very excited to meet him & his wife Nancy, and hopefully find out more information regarding the car, or even some old pictures or paperwork. I had to chuckle, when I was on the phone with him to arrange the day and time, he commented that it should be easy to find the house, since he was living at the same place. The last time I saw him, I was only sixteen years old, and had never been to that part of the state before or since.



We met Thomas & Nancy, and had a great time getting to know them. I had hoped Thomas would be able to go for a ride, but his knees are bad and he didn't feel he could get in the car. Their son Michael was there, and he & I went for a drive, and visited his sister a few miles away. She remembered the car, but the last time Michael saw the car he was only two years old. Thomas currently has a 1981 Corvette parked in the same garage that I first saw my '60. I offered him \$500 for the '81, but he didn't jump at the offer. Unfortunately, their basement flooded a few years ago, so there was no chance of finding old pictures or paperwork. However, he did remember the name of the person that he bought the car from, the original owner, so

that's my next project.

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

Steve Pelchat

*When You Drive a Corvette,
the View is Always Nice.*



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Deiger's VP Report



Well, first and foremost, congratulations to **John and Linda Meadows, Cruisers**, our current overall leader in Road Rally '11 and **Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Working Stiffs**, our 2nd place overall leader. Please see me at the BBQ to obtain your prizes. Thanks also to everyone for your excellent participation in the Road Rally! You are certainly making it the success that I hoped it would be.

However, let's not slow down now. As I announced at last month's meeting we are now in "SUPERCHARGE SEPTEMBER!!!" This means that all events, including meetings are double miles! (Dinners are still limited to 12 miles per year. Once you hit 12 miles you are done). I look forward to seeing everyone at this month's meeting. It is the meeting that everyone looks forward to.



BURT'S FAMILY BBQ / CAR SHOW / MONTHLY MEETING

Burt Compound
251 Amanda Drive
Matthews, NC 28104



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

- Arrival Time:** 4:00pm
- Car Show Judging:** 4:30pm
- Pig out Time:** 5:00 pm
- Meeting Time:** 6:30pm – 7:30pm

This meeting is a little different from our other meetings in the fact that a lot of VOLUNTEER WORK goes into this meeting. Time, effort, and monies are donated from various members. Be sure to thank the many that put these efforts forward. Watch for those handling registration, cooking, cutting and chopping, serving, etc. It is because of the efforts of those people that this event happens every year. Also, make sure to say "Thank You" to the Burts for opening up their home to us.

As a side note please be sure to bring the following items:


- Chairs
- Sunscreen
- Refreshments
- Tent (if you volunteered to bring one)
- Covered dish (A – Q: Side Dishes; R – Z: Desserts)

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!

Be safe out there!!

Matthew Deiger

Corvette Friendly Hotel?

This brochure was seen in Denton, Texas in June of this year. Notice the Corvettes lined up out front when the photo was taken.

Automotive Report



QCCC Members,

Our second *AutoFair* for 2011 had a good turnout. All 15 spots were filled for Saturday and only an unavoidable personal situation caused us to have 13 of the 15 signed up for Sunday. As we would expect, the weather was hot but it didn't rain, so there were lots of cars and vendors to visit. The *AutoFair* trophies for this show went to: **Jim Cerniglia-Best Coupe**, **Ken Rinehart-Best Convertible**, **Keith Cross-Best Engine** and **Best of Show to Robert Morgan**. I want to thank everyone who attended this show, with a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to **John Walton** and **Ken Krupa** who hosted this show in my absence.



We had 12 Corvettes participating in the Labor Day parades. The *Matthews Alive Parade* had 9 young ladies riding on our cars and the *Charlotte Labor Day Parade* had 3 more pageant queens. Remember, V.P. Deiger has designated September as *Double Rally Points month* and participation in any club sponsored event this month increases your Rally Points standing. The *Mint Hill Madness Parade* is September 24th. The signup sheet will be at the Burt's BBQ meeting or you can email me if you would like to drive one of the young ladies in this parade.

Car Care Day is scheduled for September 17th at *Wally and Anita Crawford's Garage Mahal* in Stanfield. In addition to performing oil and filter changes, there will be hot dogs, salads and chips provided

by the club plus other goodies brought by our members. Besides showing us pictures of their wonderful trip to Alaska, Wally and Anita can give us some real insight into how the people live who drill for, produce and deliver oil to the lower 48. I recently resent my March 30th Car Care Day flyer with attachments showing directions and safety information. Contact me if you have any questions. We need to thank Wally and Anita for letting us invade their privacy one more time.

All charity donations approved by the members at the August business meeting have been delivered. I am currently working with the *145th Air National Guard* and the *Matthews Help Center* on plans for the children's gift program and food donations. I will keep you informed on these programs as more information becomes available.



Attending events will make your membership in QCCC more enjoyable. Thank you for participating.

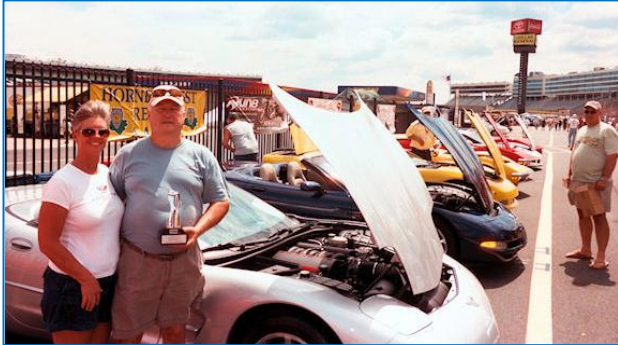
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Attention: QCCC Members -

You should have received an email on September 2nd concerning the upcoming vote on proposed By-Law changes. A discussion & vote will take at our monthly meeting Saturday, September 10th. Please familiarize yourself with the proposed changes & be prepared to vote at the Burt's BBQ, Meeting & Car Show this Saturday. *Thanks!*

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QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **AUGUST 9, 2011** TIME: **6:00 PM – 7:10 PM**

LOCATION: **SMITH & STEVENSON**

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



DISCUSSION

- 🔊 **President Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order.**
- 🔊 **President's Report – Steve Pelchat**
 - Nelson submitted a motion to the Board to amend the Club Bylaws. Susan Kurt seconded the motion and the Board unanimously passed the motion. Linda will email the amendments to the membership by September 1st. These changes will be presented to the membership in the September meeting.
 - Steve will be in charge of the Rocky River Homecoming Parade in September.
 - Steve will present the slate of officers for 2012 at the October meeting.
 - Matt Deiger will not be running for Vice President. Anyone interested should contact Matt or Steve.
- 🔊 **Vice President's Report – Matthew Deiger**
 - Reviewed the point standings for the club members.
 - Will give an award at the August meeting for the member with the most rally points at mid-year.
 - August Meeting – FANZ Sports Grill
 - September – Eddie and Jane Burt's BBQ and Meeting
 - October – To be announced
 - November – To be announced
 - December – Christmas Party and Meeting at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
- 🔊 **Automotive Director's Report – Nelson Sprague**
 - Charity Committee met and will present their recommendations to the membership at the August meeting.
 - Nelson will have sign-up sheets for the following parades at the next meeting: Matthews Alive, Labor Day Parade and Mint Hill Madness.
 - AutoFair on August 26th and 27th will be hosted by John Walton and Ken Krupa. Judging the cars on Saturday only will be the Generations Corvette Club.
 - Car Care Day is September 17th at Wally & Anita Crawford's home.
 - We will have a food drive for the Matthews Help Center in November and December.
- 🔊 **Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis**
 - No Report.
- 🔊 **Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather**
 - Reviewed budget and gave report on delinquent members.
- 🔊 **Membership Director's Report – Eddie Burt**
 - We have three new advertisers.
 - Four families are eligible for membership at the next meeting.
 - Membership – 260 people or 141 families.
- 🔊 **Social Director – Susan Kurt**
 - October 21st – Helen, Ga.
 - Working on a trip to the Belmont Drive-In Theater.
 - Work is proceeding on the Banquet.

The next board meeting is on September 6th at Smith and Stevenson at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted

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Corvettes In Racing

The Latest Corvette News from the Race Tracks



Corvette Racing Scores 3rd Straight Runner-Up Finish at Mid-Ohio on August 6th

Rain, rain, go away! After leading in GT for the first two hours, *Magnussen and Gavin* brought the #4 Compuware Corvette C6.R home second behind the #17 Porsche in the rain shortened *Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge*. *Milner and Beretta* finished 6th in the #3 Corvette C6.R after a spin on the rain slicked track. [More>](#)

Corvette Racing Takes 5th at TWC Road Race Showcase on August 20th

After running in front, a couple of scrapes with close competitors dropped the #4 Corvette C6.R of *Magnussen and Gavin* to a 5th place finish at *Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI*. *Beretta and Milner* came in 14th in the #3 Corvette C6.R after retiring with suspension damage due to a spin at the 3-hour mark. [More>](#)



The next event is the *Baltimore (Maryland) Grand Prix* on September 3rd. 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](#).

Pirelli World Challenge Update



Patrick Lindsey brought the *Competition Race Parts (CRP) / Hawk #12 Corvette* home in 2nd place in the August 7th *Pirelli World Challenge Round 8 at Mid-Ohio* behind *Johnny O'Connell's Cadillac CTS-V*. *O'Connell* gave Cadillac its first win in the series since 2007 after a last lap incident knocked out *Mike Skeen* in the # 2 *CRP / Crager Wheels Corvette*. As *Skeen* was passing for the lead and possible race win on the final lap, his Corvette and the lead #9 Volvo made contact. *Skeen* came in 13th. If you're a fan of racing, especially those involving Corvettes, watching this race is certainly a treat and will get you hooked even more. You can watch the entire race at [www.world-challengenetv.com/#/races/386](#). If you're short for time, watch the final 2 ½ laps beginning at the 57:30 minute mark. You will not be disappointed!



The next race is the *Grand Prix of Sonoma at Infineon (Rounds 9 & 10) September 17 & 18*. Live-streaming of the *Pirelli World Challenge Sports Car* races is available at [www.World-ChallengeTV.com](#). *The Pirelli World Challenge Championship race will be at Road Atlanta Friday, September 30th at 1:25 pm*. Watch the Corvettes compete against *Johnny O'Connell's Cadillac Racing CTS-V, Volvo, Ford, Viper, Mazda, Porsche, Camaro, BMW, etc.*

Corvette Race Teams Call Charlotte Area Home

Competition Race Parts (CRP) is located at 5540 Morehead Road near Charlotte Motor Speedway in Harrisburg, NC and fields the #2 Corvette driven by *Mike Skeen* and the #12 Corvette driven by *Patrick Lindsey*. The CRP Racing Team is sponsored by *Crager Wheels, Hawk Performance and Carlisle Companies*.

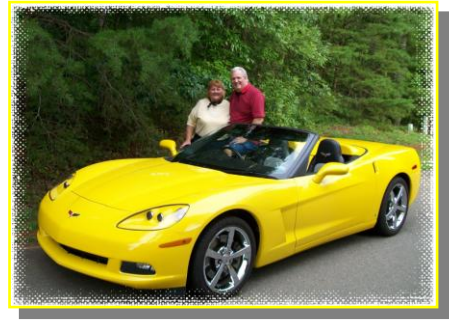
Four QCCC Members had the opportunity to visit the CRP Race Shop on August 16th. *Chris Wood, Bob Becker, John Jensen and Don Zimmer* had the pleasure of meeting *Nick and Jenny Short*, their team and learn about the operation. Work was underway on both Corvettes preparing them for the upcoming races at Infineon. We hope to host some of the CRP Racing Team at a QCCC meeting in the near future. You can find more information on their webpage at https://competitionraceparts.com/Home_Page.php. If you are in the area, visit them at the shop. You won't find any friendlier folks...of course, they're Corvette fans!



The QCCC August Meeting at Fanz Sports Grill



Socials - With Susan



We had 21 club members join us for *Corvettes at Carlisle*. We had a great time socializing, touring the PPG Glass Plant and shopping, although the men were more interested in car parts. Unfortunately Irene decided to join the party Saturday night and the show closed early. That didn't stop us from having fun.

Several members headed over to Bowling Green to attend the *National Corvette Museum 17th Birthday Bash* and join other QCCC members for the installation of *Ron Fellows* into the *Hall of Fame*. For you corvette race fans we not only saw Ron Fellows but Johnny O'Connell and Bob Bondurant. What fun.

Hope to see you at the BBQ and don't forget to register for the Helen, GA trip.

See You in August,

Social Susan

Susan Kurt
Social Director



QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

CLUB BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Date: August 13, 2011

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: FANZ Sports Grill

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF PRESENT

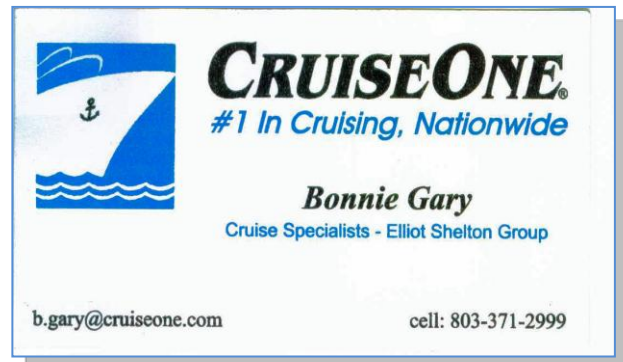
Board Members: Steve Pelchat, President; Matthew Deiger, Vice President; Eddie Burt, Membership; Nelson Sprague, Automotive; Susan Kurt, Social Director; **Staff:** Bob Denney, Club Photographer; Bob & Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Chris Wood & Peggy Marlowe, Newsletter Editors

Steve Pelchat – President's Report

- Called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- Thanked FANZ for hosting our meeting.
- Requested a motion that was made, seconded, and approved to accept the July minutes.
- Introduced the QCCC Officers, NCM Ambassador, QCCC Gazette Editors, Webmasters, Photographer and Directory Coordinator and asked for their reports.

Eddie Burt - Membership Report

- Invited visitor's to stand and introduce themselves and their Corvettes:
 - Paige Moore – Paul Mitchell's guest
 - David Everhardt – 2001 Magnetic Red Convertible
 - Jim Ramandanes – 2005 Red Coupe
 - Bill & Virginia Moss – 1966 Blue Convertible, 2005 Red Coupe
 - Travis & Sharon Meredith – 1964
- Held election of new members:
 - Steve & Terri Ebert – 2005 Le Mans Blue Convertible
 - Steve & Suki Ham – 2010 Blade Silver Grand Sport
 - Darryl Kirkley – former member – 1965 and 2001
- With the 5 new members added tonight, the membership stands at 264.
- Sign the sheet if you're coming to the September 10th BBQ – 130 folks have signed up so far.



Matthew Deiger – Vice President's Report

- September 10th Meeting – BBQ at Edie & Jane Burt's house. Bring chairs, drinks and side dishes.
- October 8th Meeting – TBD – either Jocks & Jills or NASCAR Tech.
- November 12th Meeting – Hendrick Race Shop
- December 10th Meeting – Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church – covered dish Christmas Party
- ALL events in September will be supercharged! *Earn double miles for attending any event!*
- Reported the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place leaders of Road Rally Miles at mid-year:
 - Working Stiffs:* 1st – Tommy & Brenda Loftin, 2nd - Ken & Lois Watts, 3rd – Jack & Judy Goodison
 - Cruisers:* 1st – John & Linda Meadows, 2nd – Boyd Kurt, 3rd – John & Beth Walton
 - Big Time Muscle Car Die Cast cars (black 1957 and 2009 Concept Corvette) will be presented to the Loftins and Meadows at the next meeting.

Jane Burt, Member for Linda Lewis – Secretary's Report

- Announced the August birthdays.

Steve Pelchat for Florence Prather - Treasurer's Report

- Expenses are in line with the budget and funds in the bank.

Paul Mariano – National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

- QCCC Members are welcomed to come greet the NCM's Museum-In-Motion Hendrick Tour participants when they arrive in Concord on Thursday. Four QCCC members will be leading caravans from the hotel to the race shops on Wednesday and Thursday.
- New NCM Lifetime Members: Steve & Pat Bonino, Bob & Marilyn Becker, Don & Carolyn Zimmer. Also becoming Lifetime Members this year are Boyd & Susan Kurt and Walt & Wendy Krupowicz.
- Plans for the National 2014 Caravan are coming along and the excitement is building.
- Caravan to Corvettes at Carlisle, PA Thursday August 25 – leaving at 8:00 am from I-77 Exit 36.
- Out of business – the "bling shirt lady" in Texas. Barbara Mariano will try to find a replacement.

John Walton - Member

- Effective Sept. 1st, 2011 Monogram magic in Mint Hill will close their retail shop, but will continue their business relationships – you just have to call them to make arrangements.

Wade Stickels - Member

- ✿✿ Sign up for the September 17 Chrome Bumper day trip to Wade and Sue's cabin in Sparta, NC. Watch for an email with the details.

Susan Kurt - Social Director's Report

- ✿✿ September 23-25 - Murder Mystery has been cancelled.
- ✿✿ October 21-23 – Oktoberfest trip to Helen, Ga. – sign up now.

Chris Wood - QCCC Gazette Editor

- ✿✿ Explained that instead of sending the newsletter as an attachment to emails, future emails will provide the link to the newsletter on the QCCC website – just click on the picture of the newsletter cover page (or the link also provided) and wait for it to connect. The newsletters were so large (each newsletter contains up to 150 pictures) some members could not open them.

Jim Weisberg - Member

- ✿✿ Keep bringing supplies for our troops and he will keep sending them to the APO address. They especially need snacks such as Slim Jims, and black sharpies.

Bob Denney, Member

- ✿✿ Based on last month's presentation by a National Guard Chaplain, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to continue collecting items for the troops through the end of the year.

Nelson Sprague – Automotive Director's Report

- ✿✿ August 27th – 28th – AutoFair – 2 openings for Sunday – Ken Krupa and John Walton will be handling since Nelson is in Carlisle
- ✿✿ September 3 – Matthews Alive Parade – sign up now.
- ✿✿ September 5 – Charlotte Labor Day Parade – sign up now.
- ✿✿ September 17th – Car Care Day at Wally & Anita Crawford's garage. Bring your motor oil and filter. This is an open event – anyone can come. Hot dogs & chips will be served.
- ✿✿ September 24 – Mint Hill Madness Parade. Sign up at September meeting.
- ✿✿ November & December – Food Drives for the Matthews Help Center.
- ✿✿ Air National Guard – there will be 200 troops deployed from Charlotte this Christmas, so we will have lots of children to provide for.
- ✿✿ Presented the Charity Committee's recommendations for our mid-year donations. A motion was made, seconded and approved to disburse amounts as suggested to: Matthews Free Health Clinic, USO, Pilgrim's Inn, Hope Cancer Ministeries, and the National Corvette Museum.

Steve Pelchat – President

- ✿✿ Two amendments to the QCCC By-Laws will be presented at the September meeting:
 - The Charity Committee Chairman will be the President, rather than the Automotive Director
 - Honorary Lifetime Member benefits will be listed.
- ✿✿ Gift Cards drawn: Judy Armstrong, Staton Boyette
- ✿✿ 50/50 Raffle drawing:
 - Postage to mail supplies to Servicemen – each box costs \$12.95 to send.
 - Bob Becker – donated his share to the postage fund.
- ✿✿ Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Burt, For Linda Lewis, Secretary



Corvette Cake

Thanks to Charlie Binder for sending this photo from the International Cake Exploration Soci t  show at the Charlotte Convention Center on August 6 – 7.

The show featured "cake decorators" using their creativity and skills to create many different designs on cakes. The Corvette was almost life size, and was a featured exhibit.

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



***Steve & Terri Ebert
2005 Le Mans Blue Convertible***



***Steve & Suki Ham
2010 Silver Grand Sport***



***Darrell Kirkley
1065 & 2001***

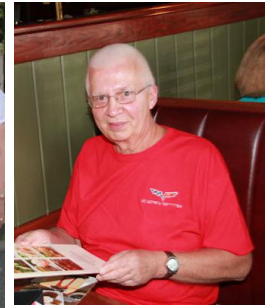
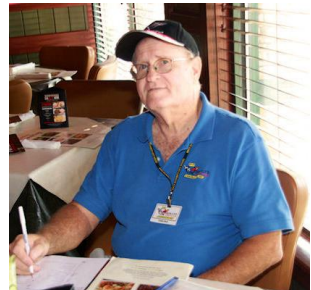
We all come in as strangers and soon become family!

More Smiles Caught on QCCC Cameras



*Driving Your **Corvette**
on Your Favorite Back Road
Is One of Life's Little **Treasures**
Another is Having **Friends** To
Share It With!*

***QCCC Had Plenty to Share
During August!***

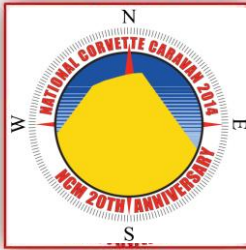




AN ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP OF QCCC MEMBERS GREETED THE *NCM MUSEUM-IN-MOTION TOUR* IN CONCORD ON AUGUST 16TH, ASSISTING THE PARTICIPANTS AND ENSURING THEY REACHED THEIR TOUR DESTINATIONS ON TIME.



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



National Corvette Museum Corner

The NCM “Your Museum in Motion” Tour arrived in Concord on Tuesday, August 16 with 53 cars participating. A great big thank you to all who turned out to meet and greet the arriving visitors. Thanks, also, to *John Meadows, Chris and Peggy Wood, Bob and Marilyn Becker* and *Boyd Kurt* for leading the groups to the various venues on Wednesday and Thursday. And a special shout out to Bob Becker for laying out a scenic route to *JR Motorsports* in Mooresville. Our hospitality was much appreciated and several on the tour commented that they had never attended a “meet and greet” before. Our club received many compliments and heartfelt thanks. You are a good group.

Congratulations to newsletter editors *Chris and Peggy Wood* and to all those who provide inputs to *The Queen City Corvette Gazette*. Our newsletter won the third place award for best electronic newsletter in the country. The competition is getting stiffer and stiffer as more clubs are joining in on the contest.



QCCC’s new banner at the NCM. Check out more photos & club banners [Here>>](#)

The \$500.00 donation to the NCM from our charity committee was used to hoist our club banner on one of the light poles in the museum parking lot. Thanks to the charity committee and the club for the NCM support.

Our club continues to make points with the museum with our volunteer efforts around the country. Several couples volunteered to man the NCM booth at Carlisle and good that we did. With a storm alert issued on Saturday, all pitched in to box and load all the merchandise into the trailer. Sunday morning found most of the tents down and out with the wares of the less astute scattered about the fairgrounds. Last year our club helped with the inventory and loading and had them on the road by 5:00pm instead of midnight like years before. Needless to say, QCCC is held in high esteem by the NCM.

The birthday celebration was once again lots of fun. The more we attend, the more friends we make and it’s always a pleasure to renew friendships from past gatherings. It was great seeing *Ron Fellows* inducted into the *Hall of Fame* and being congratulated by his past teammates from the *Corvette Racing Team, Johnny O’Connell* and *Andy Pilgrim*. Things got a little emotional. Lots of terrific seminars on the program provided entertainment for everyone all day long. Try not to miss this event next year.

By my accounting, our club now has *twelve lifetime members*. Your support is greatly appreciated. I encourage all our new members to consider joining the museum and making the journey over to the promised land at least once a year. If you are not sure about a membership, I invite you to join us on a run over to Bowling Green and see what it’s all about.

Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano,
NCM Ambassador





Often humorous and at times touching, the NCM's Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony capped an eventful and fun weekend at the 17th Anniversary Celebration. Ron Fellows, Corvette Racing Driver, Clare MacKichan, Chevrolet Chief Designer, and Ray Quinlan, Corvette Enthusiast were the 2011 inductees.

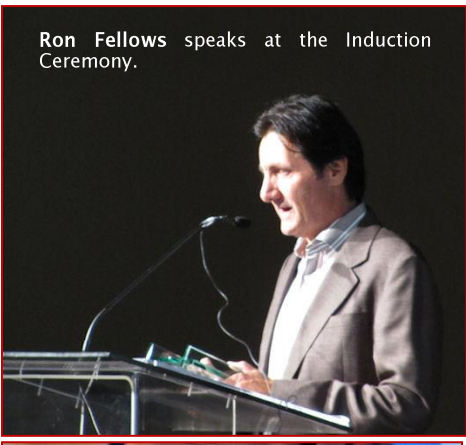
Several QCCC members volunteered their time to work during the event. The smiles all indicate a good time was had by all!



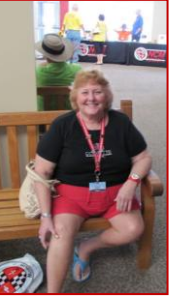
INDUCTION CEREMONY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011



Congratulations to QCCC Members Jim & Beth Cerniglia for being selected by Ron Fellows in the Celebrity's Choice Car Show!



Ron Fellows speaks at the Induction Ceremony.



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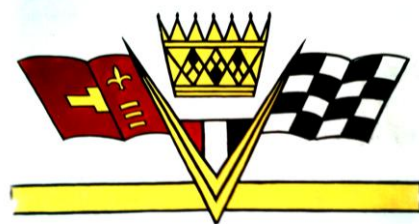


Vintage QCCC

More "Adventures" from QCCC
of Decades Past

By Vintage Guys ~

Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig



Sand in Your Shorts and Everywhere Else!"

(Special thanks to *Travis Meredith* for help with this article)



In 1971, QCCC started an annual trip to North Myrtle Beach for a party weekend. At this time driving on the beach was allowed in the winter months. That seemed like a natural place to get some hot-rodding in and it started with President Jim Whitley who was the one the police chased down. What started as a drive on the beach soon turned into doughnuts and full-fledged drag racing. We have over an hour of super 8 footage now on disc that was shot from the motel balcony with all the cars giving it a try. Then in the film North Myrtle's finest arrive and the fun ends quickly and he parked our hot rods. They did say the city would help us organize racing if we were serious. So Richard Breyare ('69 coupe) and future president Travis Meredith ('64 coupe) went to the beach and met

with police Chief Bellamy on Saturday. He got us permission to race the next year. Back then the winter off season resulted in a deserted beach (no golfers) and we even had to search for an open restaurant. The Mar-Vista Motel was our host motel with the beach course right in front of the balcony. We left in caravan on Friday and that night was a rousing party that lasted forever. Brillo's '63 coupe never got off the trailer in time for inspection but passed anyway by Travis who wrote the car number on the window with shoe polish along with the words "fool infected" (something to do with alcohol). So by noon Saturday the orange cones were set and the start /finish line was given a wide berth with the timing equipment. We began racing, sliding and spinning with nothing to hit. Low speed with smoothness was the winner but most of us kept gunning and spinning (all on our disc film now). Two down sides we found; first the start finish line kept getting deeper with each burnout and we had to keep filling it with sand but that was loose sand which came right back out with the next Corvette. Secondly we never got the sand out of the cars particularly underneath, where, if there was any oil or grease it now was impregnated with sand. As those cars got sold new owners had to wonder where all that sand in the frame came from. The North Myrtle Beach "Sandkana" was a blast. We are sure it descended from NASCAR racing at Daytona. Wish you all could have been there. One of the cheapest thrills we had in the early days of QCCC.

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 **“The Pride of Bowling Green, Ky. Has Not Lost Its Swagger”** – A recent article in a MarketWatch publication reviewed the 2011 Grand Sport and apparently they were impressed. “Years after its birth and with lots of massaging, the basic Corvette formula still works, and works very well. That is, you plunk a big old American V-8 inside a sports car, give the suspension lots of massaging over the years, and you end up with a first-rate sports machine that’s ‘still crazy after all these years.’ The ‘Vette can hold its own with some of the greatest performance cars in the world.” [More>>](#)

 **More on the “Black Box”** – While some view technological advancements very positively, others just wish things could remain less complex. The Black Box debate certainly probably has more of us in the later. If you own a car, do you then own the information recorded in the black box in your car? Should the information about your driving be made available to insurance companies, dealerships and the police? If so, can the information be used against you in court? These are some of the many questions being asked as OEM manufacturers are increasing the amount of information gathered by the black boxes. The case can be made that the only way the information can come back to haunt you is if you are doing something wrong. Or can it? [More>>](#) (See page 10).

 **Corvette Has Roll in a Johnny Depp Movie** – *The Rum Diaries*, a new movie starring Johnny Depp in theaters this October also stars a 1960 Red Corvette. Rumor has it that the Corvette Depp drove in the movie was presented to him as a birthday gift after filming was wrapped up. Nice present!

 **New Web Site for NCM Motorsports Park** – Check out the new web site for the planned NCM Motorsports Park. Save the link to your “Favorites” and keep up with the progress. [More>>](#)

 **Next Corvette Will Be Powered By Small, High-Revving Turbo V-8** – Thanks to Keith Cross for providing this info from Yahoo! Autos on the next-gen Corvette. “We have to target a very different sort of buyer” said a “well-placed source.” “Let’s face it; the current customer is getting old.” But without making significant changes, that source acknowledged, younger sports car fans will continue to be “conquered” by more modern, high-tech imports. (Let’s hope “Mr. well-placed source” takes good care of his old current customer until he is successful in drawing the younger sports car fans...Ed.) Corvette won’t abandon its more classic powertrain roots entirely. There will be several different types of engines offered for the C7, including a more classic, big-block OHV V-8 designed to appeal to traditionalists. Read the entire article [here>>](#) The hype continues to be interesting.

 **Helen, Ga Trip Update** – A few rooms remain for the mountain get-away to Helen, Ga on October 21-23. Reservations need to be made as soon as possible and no later than September 15th. Let Pat Bonino (sbonino@carolina.rr.com) know that you have reservations and plan to join the group.



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Go ½ mile, turn right onto Amanda
and to the 2nd house on the left.

4:00 pm - Arrival

5:00 pm - Pig Out Time

6:30 pm – Business Meeting

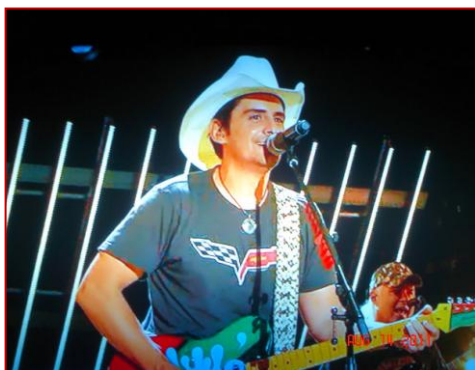
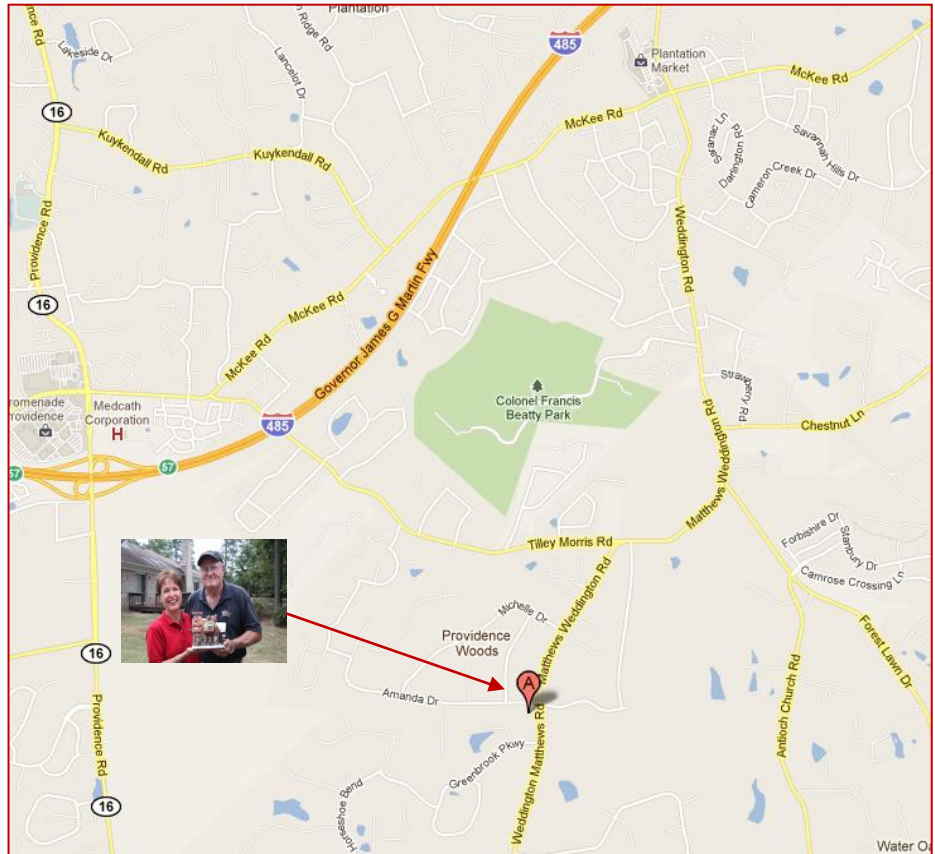
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IN THE REAR VIEW



Upcoming Events

- 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 17-18- [Pirelli World Challenge](#) - CRP Corvettes Racing in GP of Monterey @ Leguna Seca Raceway. www.World-ChallengeTV.com
- Sept 16-18 - [Mid-America Funfest](#) - Effingham, IL
- Sept. 17 - Corvette Racing @ Monterey Sports Car Championships - Salinas, CA
- Sept. 24 - [Mint Hill Parade](#)
- Sept. 28-30 - [Pirelli World Challenge](#) - CRP Corvettes Racing in Road Atlanta Grand Prix. www.World-ChallengeTV.com
- Oct 1 - Corvette Racing @ Petit Le Mans - Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga
- Oct 1 - [Vettes on the Point](#) @ Smith Mtn Lake, VA.
- Oct 8 - [QCCC Business Meeting](#)
- Oct 15 - [QCCC Ladies Block Party](#)
- Oct 21-23 - [Ocktoberfest - Helen, Ga](#)
- Nov 5 - [NASCAR Tech Open House](#)
- Nov 12 - [QCCC Business Meeting](#)
- Dec 10 - [QCCC Christmas Party & Business Meeting](#)

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

✂ **This Month In Corvette History – Sept. 2, 1994:** The National Corvette Museum opens in Bowling Green, Ky. 4000 Corvettes attend. Over the three-day weekend, 118,000 people visit the museum. The gift shop does \$1 million in business. **Sept. 3, 1996:** Workers at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant begin building the first production 1997 C5 Corvette. **Sept. 4, 1998:** The Corvette Hall of Fame inducts Ed Cole, GM President & Chief Engineer, Bill Mitchell, head of GM design staff, Joe Pike, Corvette promoter, editor of Corvette News and founder of NCCC, Larry Shinoda, designer and member of the 1963 Sting ray design team, and Zora Arkus-Duntov, first Chief Engineer of Corvette. **Sept. 9, 1955:** Zora Arkus-Duntov races a disguised 1956 model Corvette with a V8 engine at the Pike's Peak Hill Climb, setting the stock car record with a time of 17:25.056. **Sept. 29, 1953:** The automotive press gets their hands on a Corvette for test and review, as the Corvette is officially released. Eight Corvettes are made available to the press at the Milford Proving Grounds. **Sept., 1997:** 9,000 Corvette owners attend a special weekend gathering at the NCM. Chevrolet introduces the 1998 Convertible Corvette.

✂ **Stars Among Us –** QCCC Member Elyse Williams had a starring role in the Davidson Community Players production of "Moon Over Buffalo" at Davidson College recently. Elyse is no stranger to Charlotte's theatrical community. She's performed in CPCA Summer Theater, Actor's Theater Charlotte, Theater Charlotte, Charlotte Repertory Theater, Children's Theater of Charlotte and others. Elyse has received several MTA nominations and was nominated for Best Actor in a Comedy for the Fort Mill Community Players production of Dixie Swim Club and won Best Actor in a drama for her role in Benedictions. Congratulations Elyse!

✂ **Another Good Reason Men Have Pockets –** Walt Krupowicz found this bit of humor on the Corvetteforum. Seems a guy had locked his FOB in his Corvette for the 2nd time in two weeks. He pleads: "Need help or information! Twice in two weeks I've left my FOB in my 2011 GS Vert and the car has locked itself. Sure, I know I can call OnStar and they will unlock the car. Sure, I know I can get the other FOB. Just trying to figure out what's going on." And his answer from a wise Corvetteforum member: "You need to start wearing pants while in your car. Not only will you have pockets, but in some states it's the law. Keep it in your pocket."

✂ **Great Way to Get Attention –** Charlie Binder sent his recent Charlotte Motor Speedway email ad with a nice photo of Ron Barr's '65 Nassau Blue Coupe beside the Queen City Corvette Club banner from last year's AutoFair. If you look closely, you may find some QCCC members in the background.



✂ **This Guy Really Loves His Mother!** - Paul Mariano sent in this link to a hilarious video clip from a guy named Darius who tracks his Z06 at Leguna Seca Raceway...with his Mother riding along! You can probably guess what happens. [More>>](#)

✂ **Who Said You Must Sell The Vette When You Have A Family –** Wade Stickels sent this interesting photo and article about a rare 1980 Corvette (one of six made by California Customer Coachworks) for sale on eBay. The Corvette has been lengthened by 30 inches which added 500 lbs. It is reported to be completely original and only has 19,867 miles. It was listed on eBay for \$265,500.



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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 Chatahoochee 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
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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 1st – 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@caroliana.rr.com so we can keep a running log for this event. We will be getting many many more details to come.

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

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More details in next month's Gazette

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"Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)"

Where were you when the world stopped turning on that September day?
Were you in the yard with your wife and children
Or working on some stage in L.A.?
Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that black smoke
Ris'n' against that blue sky?
Did you shout out in anger, in fear for your neighbor
Or did you just sit down and cry?
Did you weep for the children who lost their dear loved ones
And pray for the ones who don't know?
Did you rejoice for the people who walked from the rubble
And sob for the ones left below?
Did you burst out in pride for the red, white and blue
And the heroes who died just doin' what they do?
Did you look up to heaven for some kind of answer
And look at yourself and what really matters?
Where were you when the world stopped turning on that September day?
Were you teaching a class full of innocent children
Or driving down some cold interstate?
Did you feel guilty 'cause you're a survivor
In a crowded room did you feel alone?
Did you call up your mother and tell her you loved her?
Did you dust off that Bible at home?
Did you open your eyes, hope it never happened
Close your eyes and not go to sleep?
Did you notice the sunset the first time in ages
Or speak to some stranger on the street?
Did you lay down at night and think of tomorrow
Or go out and buy you a gun?
Did you turn off that violent old movie you're watchin'
And turn on "I Love Lucy" reruns?
Did you go to a church and hold hands with some strangers
Did you stand in line and give your own blood?
Did you just stay home and cling tight to your family
Thank God you had somebody to love?
I'm just a singer of simple songs
I'm not a real political man
I watch CNN but I'm not sure I can tell
you the difference in Iraq and Iran
But I know Jesus and I talk to God
And I remember this from when I was young
Faith, hope and love are some good things He gave us
And the greatest is love.
And the greatest is love.

Where were you when the world stopped turning that September day?

Alan Jackson



"Time is passing. Yet, for the United States of America, there will be no forgetting September the 11th. We will remember every rescuer who died in honor. We will remember every family that lives in grief. We will remember the fire and ash, the last phone calls, the funerals of the children."

America will never run...And we will always be grateful that liberty has found such brave defenders.

We will not tire, we will not falter, and we will not fail.

--President George W. Bush