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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

### *On The Cover:*

*If you attended the BBQ, you know Eddie & Jane's driveway and street were full of Corvettes. If you didn't, you missed out on some delicious food, Corvette fun & fellowship! Our THANKS to Eddie & Jane for another great QCCC Homecoming! See page 4.*

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](#), 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

A couple of months ago, Laura & I were feeling nostalgic, and wanted to go to the drive-in theatre. With the thought of checking it out for a possible club trip, we were having trouble reaching anyone by phone, so decided to actually go to the show. We didn't take the '60, I was afraid she would want us to sit on the hood like we did when we were dating, but we did take the '01 to see how the "parking" would be in a Corvette. Once we actually found it, we realized it was a pretty easy drive. We had to be a little careful pulling into our parking space, the lady next to us warned us to not pull up any further or we'd bottom out. But the angle was great and our view of the screen was good. The sound is now through an FM radio station, so it's easier to hear, and follow the plot of the movie. I think it was the bad sound system that kept me from watching the movie in high school.



We made a visit to the concession stand to talk with the owner, and when we got back to the car, a boy about 12 years old came over to tell us he had taken a picture of our car, and hoped that was okay. He asked if he could take a picture of us standing in front of the car. We thought that was pretty funny, and gladly posed. I then asked if he would like to get in the car, and we'd take a picture of him. He was so excited he could hardly breathe. He said one day he was going to have a car like ours. Laura told him that I had the same dream when I was about his age, and if he truly did want a Corvette, he would end up working to get one and

make his dream come true.

I think that's what we need to do, keep the cars in front of the young people, so they can have a dream to work toward. I'd like to hear from you about your first dream of owning a Corvette, or your "WOW" moment of first seeing a Corvette.

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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# THE BURT'S ANNUAL BBQ & QCCC FAMILY REUNION

*Just when you think last year's BBQ cannot be topped,  
Eddie & Jane (& helpers) put on one better! Will Eddie  
ever share his recipe?*



**Our Member's Choice  
Winner – Eddie Burt**



*For many more photos of the good time,  
visit our [QCCC website!](http://www.QCCC.com)*

# Deiger's VP Report



Just 3 months left in **Road Rally'11!** I hope everyone took advantage of Supercharged September. There were certainly plenty of events going on. We had a number of parades, dinners, a car care day, and even an overnight trip to the NCM for rally miles potential. The level of competition is incredible and I believe we will go right to the wire for a winner. As a reminder, the first 3 places in each group of the Rally will win a prize. Are you going to one of them?

It was a very successful meeting last month at the Burt / QCCC BBQ. I hope everyone got enough to eat, I know I did. I want to thank the Burt's again for their hospitality. Also, great big thanks also to all the volunteers that help in every aspect of the event, from check in to cooking and serving. Last, a big thanks to the car show judges. It turned out to be a great event!!



**NASCAR Technical Institute**  
220 Byers Creek Road  
Mooresville, NC  
704-658-1950

October's meeting is returning back to the **NASCAR Technical Institute**. There is a slight change to the meeting times, so please make a note of it. The address for the NASCAR Technical Institute is as follows:

Please utilize navigation systems or [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) for exact directions from where you are coming from.

## New Times:

**Social Time: 5:30pm**

**Meeting Time: 6:00PM**

Unfortunately, I will not be at the meeting this month. I will be running the Chicago Marathon!! If you have any rally or meeting questions, please feel free to email me at [matthewdeiger@gmail.com](mailto:matthewdeiger@gmail.com) or hold your questions for the November meeting. Thanks.

Stay safe!!

*Matthew Deiger*

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*Matthew, your friends at Queen City Corvette Club wish you the best as you run the Chicago Marathon once again!*

# QCCC CAR CARE DAY – Where We Solve the World’s Problems and Get an Oil Change to boot! VERY SPECIAL THANKS to Wally, Anita, Michael & David Farmer for hosting and to Nelson for coordinating! (It never rains in Wally’s Garage!)



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

# Automotive Report



QCCC Members,

**W**ow, don't the Burts throw a great BBQ! Then we had the huge number of Corvettes that had to be judged for the car show. With so many beautiful cars, the judges had a difficult time picking the trophy winners. The Best C1-C2 was **Darrell Kirkley**, Best C3-C4 was **Rich Harmon**, Best C5 was **Bob Motta** and Best C-6 was **Ken Rinehart**. There was a special Member's Choice trophy awarded to **Eddie Burt**, our longest serving board member. He has served 10 years as Membership Director and is responsible for recruiting the majority of our current members. Thank you, Eddie and Jane, for the BBQ and service to the club.

At the BBQ and then in a flyer, I presented the information on the new *City Chevrolet 10% discount* for parts and service we can receive on our Corvettes. This discount does not extend to body shop parts and repairs. Remember, it is *your responsibility* to ensure the information on all your Corvettes is properly listed on "*QCCC Cars by Owner*" which is prepared and updated monthly by Paul Pelkey.



We had a good time at Car Care Day. The weather wasn't the best but we had 21 members and prospective members attending. *Wally, Michael and David Farmer* changed the oil and filters on 11 Corvettes plus answered many questions concerning Corvette repairs. The hot dogs were good and the slide show of *Wally and Anita's Alaska trip* were very informative and beautiful. Thanks again to *Wally and Anita* for opening their home to the club.

Pretty girls and beautiful Corvettes make a great parade. Our club members carried 8 pageant queens in the *Mint Hill Madness Parade* on September 24th. The weather was a little iffy but our members, *Al Bunda, Forrest Kelly, Ken Krupa, John Meadows, Jim Ramandanes, Nelson Sprague, John Walton, Les Wandler and Jim Weisberg* all showed up and made the girls we carried very happy.

*The NASCAR Technical Institute Open House* is scheduled for November 5th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There are tours of the school that are very interesting and a free lunch. The most fun is visiting with your club friends and discussing Corvettes with all who will listen. The signup sheet will be at the October business meeting. There is no limit to the number of cars that can attend.

Thank you letters from all charity donations approved by the members at the August business meeting have been received and posted on our website. Your generosity is making a difference. 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.

Your participation makes ours the *premier club of the Southeast*. Thank you for all your help.

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## *Queen City Corvette Club Gives Back*

Many thanks to *Nelson* and the *Charity Committee Members* for their efforts with our *2011 Charities*. For more information and to read the *Thank You* letters, visit our [Charity Link on the QCCC Website](#)



*Nelson Sprague* delivering Charity Funds to *Amber Tracewell, Director, of the Matthews Free Health*



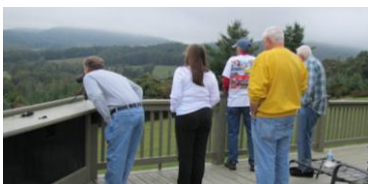
*Bob Motta* delivering Charity Funds to *Bob Marcurda, Chairman of the Board, Hope Cancer Ministries*



*Walt Krupowicz* delivering Charity Funds to *Megan Grady, Director of the USO in Charlotte*

## *Corvettes Cruise to the Cabin in the Mountains*

Wade & Sue Stickels opened their 'Retreat' to QCCC. The group cruised the back-roads to Sparta for 'Country Cookin' before desserts at the cabin
















## QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 6, 2011** TIME: **6:00 PM – 7:30 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

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-  **President Steve Pelchat called the meeting to order.**
  -  **President's Report – Steve Pelchat**
    - We will submit an amendment to the By-Laws at the September meeting to allow the President to appoint a Charity Chairperson and to make changes to the provisions concerning the Lifetime Membership status.
  -  **Vice President's Report – Matthew Deiger**
    - Reviewed the point standings for the club members.
    - October meeting will be at the NASCAR Technical Institute.
    - November meeting will be at Hendrick Motorsports.
    - December meeting will be the Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.
  -  **Automotive Director's Report – Nelson Sprague**
    - August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> – AutoFair – good turnout. We had 15 member cars on Saturday and 3 on Sunday.
    - September 10<sup>th</sup> – We will have a show at the Burt's BBQ. Judging will be at 4:30 pm.
    - September 17<sup>th</sup> – Car Care Day at Wally & Anita Crawford's garage.
    - November 5<sup>th</sup> – NASCAR Institute Open House 9 am – 1 pm.
    - Charity Committee met in June – all checks have been delivered.
  -  **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 254 members and 7 prospective members.
  -  **Social Director – Susan Kurt**
    - October 21<sup>st</sup> – Helen, Ga. Pat Bonino is working on this trip, an email will be sent out this week.

*The next board meeting is on October 4th at 6pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Linda S. Lewis* Secretary


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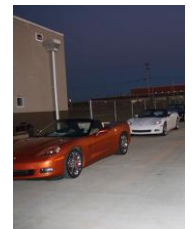
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# QCCC Corvettes Carry the Queens

QCCC Members shined up their Corvettes to carry the Queens during local Homecomings and Labor Day Parades



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# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## CLUB BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Date: September 10, 2011

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Eddie & Jane Burt's

### BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF PRESENT

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

**President - Steve Pelchat** - Called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- Introduced the Board Members.
- Minutes approved and seconded.
- Amendment was passed by the majority of the club to allow the President to appoint a Charity Chairperson and to change the By-Laws concerning the honorary membership. Check your copy of the By-Laws for details.
- Laura Pelchat took pictures for the new directory.

### Membership Report - Eddie Burt

- Invited visitor's to stand and introduce themselves and their Corvettes:
  - Prospective Members: Denise Wade (members Denny Wade's wife), David Everhardt, Steve & Suzy Kravitz, Ursula Baird, Ed & Jan Federle, Jeff & Krissie Furr, Sal Giuliano, Dave & Gail Megenis, Tommy Gurley (member Patti Hamrick's fiancée) were introduced.
- Held election of new members and approved for membership:
  - Travis & Sharon Meredith – 1964 Red Coupe & 2003 Red Z06
  - Bill & Virginia Moss – 1966 Blue Roadster & 2005 Red Coupe
  - Jim Ramandanes – 2005 Red Coupe
- The club presently has 269 members.

### Vice President Report - Matthew Deiger

- Rally Update
- Gift Certificates – Vernon Maher and Suki Ham.

### Automotive Report - Nelson Sprague

- Informed the club of the rules governing the 10% discount offered by City Chevrolet. You must have your car updated on the Car Directory to receive this discount.
- We will have a food drive for November and December.
- We will support the Air National Guard this year at Christmas.
- Car Show Winners: Best C6 – Ken & Debbie Rinehart; Best C5 – Bob & Pat Motta; Best C3 / C4 – Rich & Marilyn Harmon; Best C1 / C2 – Darrell Kirkley. Member's Choice Award went to Eddie Burt, the longest serving Board Member.

### Treasurer's Report - Florence Prather

- Reviewed the bank balance.

### Secretary's Report - Linda Lewis

- Announced the September birthdays: Diane Liebe, Becky Ross, Judy Goodison, Pat Bales, Gloria McCoy, Larry DeMontegre, Phillip Lewis, Steve Bales, Richard Fisher, Sharon Meredith, and Vanessa Morgan.

### Social Director's Report - Susan Kurt

- Helen, Ga. trip is October 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>.
- January 28<sup>th</sup> is the date scheduled for the Banquet.

### National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report - Paul Mariano

- QCCC was recognized at the NCM during the Anniversary weekend for being a Museum Member for 10 years.
- Boyd Kurt received his 10 year membership pin from the Museum.
- Our Newsletter, The Queen City Corvette Gazette, was chosen 3<sup>rd</sup> best On-Line Newsletter in the country by the NCM.
- Planning is beginning for the 2014 National Corvette Museum Caravan.
  - Wade Stickels will be our local leader and Chris Wood is coordinating the Caravan Route Book, Sponsorship and Advertising.
  - Chris Wood asked for assistance from the club to help with sponsorship and advertising. Pat Bonino has volunteered to help. Anyone willing to volunteer should contact Chris.

### Chrome Bumper Report – Tommy Loftin

- Nothing to report.

**Other Business**

- ✦ We need nominations for the 2012 Board.
- ✦ John Meadows needs drivers for the homecoming parades this year.
- ✦ Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

*Next meeting is Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at the NASCAR Institute. Social at 5:30 pm, meeting to start at 6:00 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda A. Lewis* Secretary

**Welcome to Our Newest Members!**  
*We're glad you joined us!*



*Travis & Sharon Meredith  
1964 Red Coupe,  
2003 Red Z06*



*Bill & Virginia Moss  
1966 Blue Roadster,  
2005 Red Coupe*



*Jim Ramandanes  
2005 Red Coupe*

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

**QCCC Car Show Winners**



*Ken Rinehart  
Best C6*



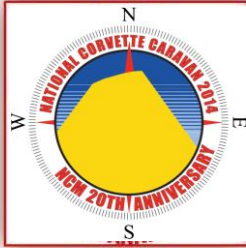
*Bob Motta  
Best C5*



*Rich Harmon  
Best C3 / C4*



*Darrell Kirkley  
Best C1 / C2*



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## National Corvette Museum Corner

What is a *National Corvette Museum Caravan*? It occurred to me at the last business meeting that not everyone knows what the origin and content of said caravan really is. First, let's visit a little history of the museum and the caravan phenomenon.

The NCM opened its doors in 1994 and an impromptu grass roots movement began all across the country to caravan to Bowling Green, KY to observe the ribbon cutting ceremony. Approximately 4,000 Corvettes made the pilgrimage, overwhelming both the hotels and the interstates. To celebrate the Fifth Anniversary in 1999, same scenario, more Corvettes (6,000). Both these caravans were outside the auspices of the NCM and lacked any central control. This chaos was soon resolved with the NCM and Chevrolet hosting and controlling the 2003 Caravan, when over 8,000 Corvette participated. Yes, you heard right, it was 2003 not 2004. The 2003 event did not coincide with the 10th Anniversary of the museum (2004) but with the 50th Anniversary of the Corvette. Things got back on track in 2009 to celebrate the 15th Anniversary. Attendance was down in 2009 (approximately 6,000 Corvettes) due to the state of the economy at that time. Which brings us to 2014 and the NCM 20th Anniversary - Planning has been in progress for over one year to make it a huge event.



Now a little technical insight of "the Caravan": It is actually made up of nearly thirty separate caravans with some including six states. Each caravan is led by a captain who is responsible for selecting the route and arranging all the activities on the way to Bowling Green. These captains are selected and installed by the National Chair for the caravan. Their job is to get you to BG safely and with maximum enjoyment. Once you arrive at the museum, all events there are planned and hosted by the NCM. The events there are held from Thursday through Saturday with most participants returning home on their own route on Sunday. Depending on their starting point, caravans will depart anywhere from two (2) to six (6) days prior to the

Thursday events. I have the distinct honor of being selected to serve as the *National Chair* for the 2014 Caravan and will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this unique and Corvette only happening.

Now, what about the museum? What's in it, what can you do there, and why should you see it? Obviously those questions are directed toward those who have never been there, so I'll try to shed some light on them. If you think it's a large Butler building with a bunch of old Corvettes in it, you couldn't be more wrong. It is considered one of the *top ten automotive museums in the world* and trust me, it isn't in tenth place. Yes, there are lots of pristine Corvettes from bygone eras but there are also concept cars, race cars, memorabilia, a library, a club area, a diner and an enthusiast's display section. Plus, across the street is the Corvette Assembly Plant. For Corvette lovers, this is nirvana and the NCM represents that unseen intangible of being the center of the Corvette Nation where you can partake of the essence of all things Corvette. So, if you have never been and would like to make a three or four day trek during the week to see it all in action, let me know and it can be arranged. Of course, if you have been, you're welcome to come along also. Otherwise, the next trip over is for the C5/C6 Bash in April.

The momentum for funding the NCM Motorsports Park is picking up speed. The Corvette Racing Team is firmly behind the project and team leader, Doug Fehan, recently purchased an acre. The project is being funded by NCM members, like

ourselves, by selling an acre for \$15,000.00. Well, not really selling, but the symbolic purchase of the acre will fund the land purchase and track construction. Individual members, Corvette clubs, and groups around the country are pitching in to bring it to fruition. A few months ago several of you approached me about purchasing an acre and I had commitments from eleven (11) of our club members to help fund an acre. At the time, we were looking at dividing up the \$15K evenly and we sort of ran out of steam. Since then, interest has revived and we are getting commitments from outside QCCC to form a group to buy one acre with each participant pledging only the amount they are comfortable with, instead of an even division of the monies. So once again, I will start a ledger of names and dollars committed until we reach the magic \$15K. Now all we need is a catchy name for the group. Please go to [www.motorsportspark.org/](http://www.motorsportspark.org/) for a full description of the project and its end usage. Thanks for the support.

Save the Wave!

*Paal Mariano,*  
NCM Ambassador



### ***Hello Fellow Corvette Fans and Caravaners!***

Our fundraising efforts for the **2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan** are ramping up and will soon be full speed ahead! We are now soliciting help from any and all Corvette Enthusiasts in our three-state area.



To have a successful Caravan for our participants, we plan to fund as much of the administrative cost as we can by securing corporate and individual sponsorships. The **2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan** will rely on business and individual sponsorship to raise the funds it needs to purchase supplies, fund the Route Book, pay expenses for our "Kick-Off" events and activities, purchase Caravan souvenirs for participants, etc. Any money left over after the event is donated to the **National Corvette Museum**.

Our sponsors benefit by *advertising their business to one of the largest and most passionate groups of buyers – the **Corvette Enthusiast**.*

**This is where we need your help!** The Corvette Community is a made up of many passionate fans of the Corvette from every corner of NC, SC and Va. Corvette fans have a lot of buying power. We utilize dealerships, restaurants, suppliers, and neighborhood businesses regularly. Every Caravan participant knows of businesses and individuals who would like the chance to get their name, products and services out to this group of buyers. If each Caravan participant would secure one sponsor, our **2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan** would be the most successful to date and we would be able to support our **National Corvette Museum** even more. *Please click on this link >>[2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan](#) for more information.*

For 2014, we have expanded the options by adding more ways for our sponsors to benefit. The **new** options are briefly described below:

- **Caravan website Ad and Link** – In addition to the Route Book ad, sponsorship at this level provides for the sponsor's ad on the **2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan** webpage linked from the **NCM** webpage. The sponsor's webpage will be linked to the sponsor's ad.
- **Special Start-Up Sponsor** – Sponsorship at this level will be the same as described above, but will provide almost three years of sponsor's advertising on the **2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan** webpage linked from the **NCM** webpage. These special '**Startup Sponsors**' are those who understand and appreciate the cost of planning and coordinating an event like the **2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan** and wish to support our efforts now. '**Startup Sponsors**' will receive a **\$100.00 ¼ page color Route Book ad** at no additional charge for committing **on or before June 30, 2012**, when this option ends.
- **Personal Donation** – Participants of the **2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan** and anyone else may choose to support by making a personal contribution in any amount. Checks should be made out to the 2014 NC/SC/VA 2014 National Corvette Museum Caravan, a 501 (C) (3) non-profit foundation.

Any Caravan participant, individual, or business interested in becoming a 'Start-Up Sponsor' or a Sponsor of the **2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan** should contact Chris Wood by email at [2redvettes@carolina.rr.com](mailto:2redvettes@carolina.rr.com).

As all who were a part of the 2009 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan know, this is a fun and rewarding event. Please help by getting involved in the 2014 Caravan now. You will not be disappointed. Contact me via email at [2redvettes@carolina.rr.com](mailto:2redvettes@carolina.rr.com) or see me at a future QCCC event for more information on how you can help with fundraising and sponsorship.

Don't forget to wave!

*Chris Wood*

2014 NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan  
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# Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

*Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith*

*More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past*



## Close to the Ground Speed



Place Mall was more than a cow pasture and Archdale and Scalybark Roads were the hot areas on South Boulevard. It did not take long before the next idea was hatched, probably over some brewskies at the clubhouse. We know Shaver, Kirkley, Larry Alexander, Jim Nichols and Dollar Bill Ingram and others were in on it. They decided that once and for all they would decide who the real race driver was. All agreed to buy identical go karts of a fairly hot nature. There were to be no modifications ala IROC Z28 Camaros so that all things being equal the best man would win. The group raced most Sundays on the abandoned track. It did not take long before one of them showed up with bigger tires, then Travis remembers Shaverstein getting work done on his '73 rat corvette and talking about his kart getting larger piston, longer rod, stroked crank, milled head etc. Soon all those that could afford it and some that could not were matching the mods. Also Shaver used his fuel business and was running nitrous. Dollar Bill's deep pockets kept in the game for a while, but in the end even with all the changes Kirkley still remained the champ, much to Danny's chagrin. This racing got so intense and wicked fast that near the end they even hired an ambulance and medic to stand by for emergencies. Worst injury we can remember was a broken arm. It is not recorded what ended this escapade, maybe the land owner, maybe Charlotte Mecklenburg Police, but it was a very wild time. No one really can explain why racing Corvettes almost every weekend was not enough but we suspect knowing the 3 lead amigos that one of them said he could beat the other two and that was all it took for game on. So when the club meets at the Karting center and races afterwards, here is some advice, don't wager with Kirkley, his times there match the board times of Kurt Bush and Jeff Gordon. Last year he suckered Brillo into giving it a try. Bill says he had too large a stomach to do well, while we know that to be true, it was not the real reason that Darrell lapped him 3 times in an 8 lap race. 1976, there may have only been 27 members but they were full of competitive juice, whether drag racing, autocross, sandkhana, hill climbs or go karts all you had to do was wave a green flag and it was on. What a fun time it was for QCCC in the late 70's.



Back

around 1976 QCCC just could not get enough racing, even though we went to all the area tracks almost every weekend. As it all progressed there was a small group of 10 or so that found a new endeavor. We think it all started with Shaverstein and Turkley. They found that the old abandoned go cart track on South Boulevard did not have a locked gate. Keep in mind this was way before Carolina



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 QCCC Had Plenty of Opportunities in September!*



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

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



## *From Barn (Garage) Find to Blue Ribbon*

Most of you can recall the April Newsletter and the article “*The Barn Find*” to end all “*Barn Finds*” which talked about Brenda finding our 1954 Corvette in our neighbor’s garage. This is an update of the ‘54 Vette as it progresses down that road of the NCRS (*National Corvette Restorers Society*) in its quest to achieve the highest award deserving of the car.

As we examined the car and found that all the dates and numbers were correct we decided to go for a flight judging by the NCRS. The car was in such good shape I felt it would take very little to achieve this. As we began to work on the car we kept finding little things not correct. Thanks to the help of my close Corvette buddies we were able to correct most of the problems and get the car ready for judging.



On September 17<sup>th</sup> the Carolinas Chapter of the NCRS had its fall meet and judging at West Jefferson. They had 6 cars to judge and had about 50 NCRS members at the event. Friday was check in day and you had to have your car lined up the night before so they could do a cold start the next morning. Well as you may remember it was raining that day and the ‘54 was not going to sit out all night in the rain. The judges agreed that I could leave the ‘54 in the trailer for the night and they would do the cold start in the trailer the next morning, then move the car to the judging area. The next morning brought more rain as we did the cold start, in the dry, in the trailer then moved the car under the entrance shelter of the hotel. We had 5 teams of judges with 2 people on each team and they judged operations, interior, exterior, mechanical, and chassis. They took 5 hours to judge the car which was a total of 50 man hours. The judges were so excited about judging this car that they could not stay away from it.

That evening was the meeting and awards ceremony at a local BBQ place. The food was fine but the owners of all 6 cars being judged were so anxious we could hardly eat. Finally it was awards time and they had 1 Third Flight, 1 Second Flight and 4 Top Flights. They started out with the oldest car first and progressed to the newest and the ‘54 was the oldest so it got its *first TOP FLIGHT, Blue Ribbon Award* presented by *The Carolinas Chapter of the NCRS* with a total score of **96.6%**. They also announced during the meeting that this was the chapters first judging of a ‘53, ‘54, or ‘55 Corvette.



With a score of 96.6% we are planning on correcting the things that the judges found incorrect and take the car to the Southeast Regional NCRS meet in Florida in January of 2012 and hopefully bring home another Top Flight Blue Ribbon.

And so the quest goes on.

*Tommy Loftin*



# “Heads-Up”



**Congratulations to QCCC Members for Achieving National Corvette Museum Master Ambassador Status!** – Each Labor Day weekend during the NCM’s Anniversary Celebration the NCM awards ‘Master Ambassador’ Status to those Ambassadors who accrue 200 or more points the previous year (July – June). At this year’s event Paul & Barbara Mariano and John & Helen Jensen earned the recognition.



**Corvette A “Best Bet” on IntelliChoice List** – This year, Chevrolet made IntelliChoice’s “Best Bets” list three times, with Corvette as one of the twenty listed models. For 25 years, IntelliChoice has been known world-wide for providing automotive cost and practical car purchasing expertise. Each year, the company announces vehicles from the new model year that demonstrate the highest potential for achieving outstanding value over time. In determining these vehicle “best bets”, vehicle models are compared with current models and the basis for expected ownership costs. Costs include depreciation, fuel, financing, insurance, repairs and maintenance. The twenty vehicles chosen are then re-evaluated at the end of the year for a chance to win the “Best Overall Value of the Year” award in January. In addition to the Corvette, the other Chevys on the list are the Chevrolet Camaro SS and the Equinox. The Cadillac CTS Sedan also made the list of twenty.



**“You Don’t Want To Be the Guy That Screwed It Up”** – GM’s VP of Global Design Ed Welburn spoke with Automotive News while he was at the Frankfurt Motor Show and the subject of the Corvette’s redesign came up (of course). Specifically, Welburn talked about the difficulty in designing a new Corvette, which has 58 years of history and a very loyal fan base. “Everyone wants to design a Corvette, but it is hard work,” Welburn said. “Finding the right balance is a challenge. You want it to be a new design, but it needs to be recognizable as a Corvette.” Welburn said the new Corvette must have a wider appeal. The redesigned Corvette will make “a bit of a shift to appeal to younger customers.” He did not comment on what that appeal needed to be. As the date grows nearer for the C7’s debut, there is an overriding thought in the back of Ed Welburn’s mind: “You don’t want to be the guy who screwed it up.” Talk about pressure!



**ALMS Most Popular Driver** – Voting for this year’s *From the Fans award* is complete. Voting is now underway for this year’s ALMS Most Popular Driver. The 10 finalists – and those moving on from the preliminary rounds include Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen from Corvette Racing. The winner will be announced at the annual Night of Champions banquet Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the day after the Petit Le Mans.



**More C7 News or Just Hearsay?** – Popular Mechanics magazine is getting in on the C7 rumor-mill by sending one of their reporters to places they *think* employees of suppliers, engineering firms and vendors who support the Corvette hang out. Here is what the reporter picked up along the way: the new Corvette will have “Ferrari-styled quarter windows for the first time since the C2. (T)he C7 will knock the current Vette out of the water. It won’t be an old guy’s car anymore.” Another “contact” who claimed knowledge of the C7 program said the base horsepower will “approach that of today’s Z06 (505 hp) and that the Z06 power levels will climb within a stone’s throw of the 638-hp of the ZR1.” A so-called “insider” also said square taillights will replace the round taillights of the C6. And just before the Gazette goes to press, Wade Stickels emails us that *Edmunds Inside Line* quotes a ‘trusted source’ as saying the C7 will have a 7-speed manual. Read more [here>>](#)



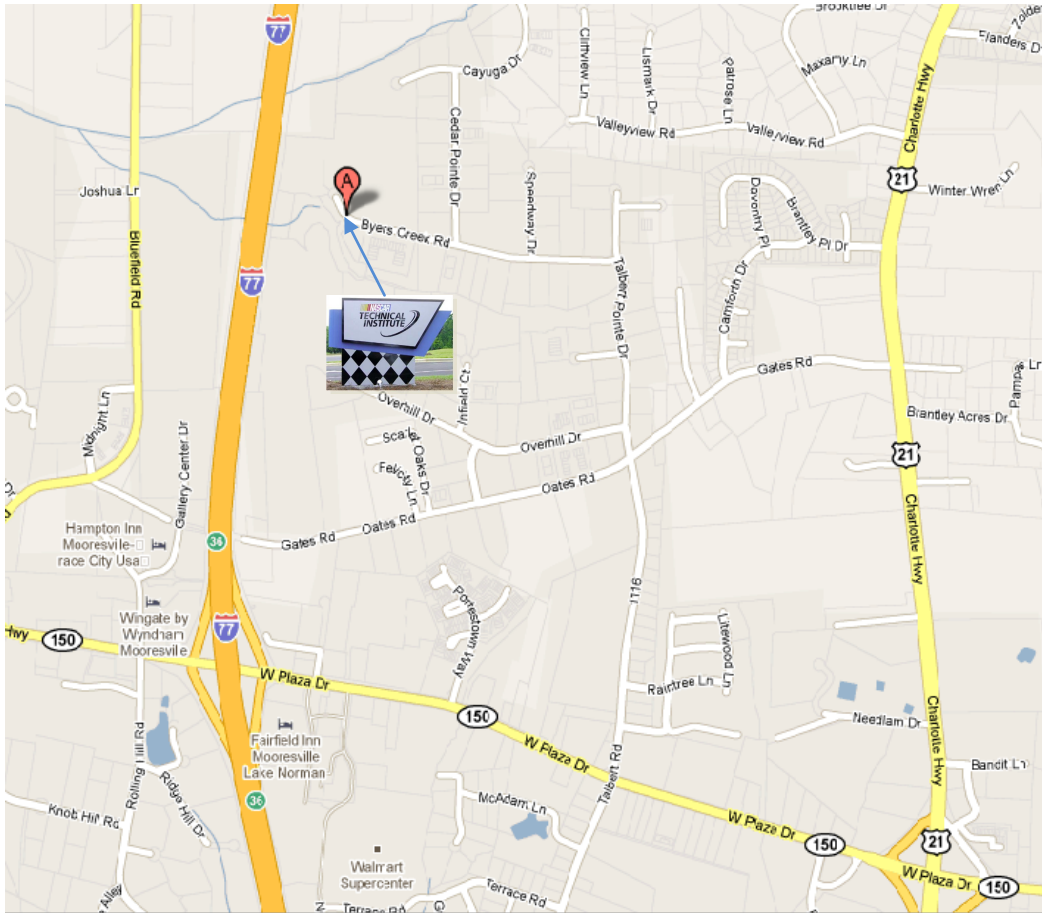
**More Things That Make You Go Hmmmmmm** – Vendor SPEEDVETTE is advertising its custom C3 to C6 coupe and convertible widebody conversions. The kit amounts to adding a C6 front and rear clip onto a C3 body and is easy enough that anyone can do it, claims the Vendor.





**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT  
BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 8th 2011**  
**NASCAR TECHNICAL  
INSTITUTE**

220 Byers Creek Rd. Mooresville, NC 28117 704-658-1950



**Directions from i-77 North:**  
 Take Exit 36 - Go East on West Plaza Drive (Hwy 150)  
 Turn left at 3<sup>rd</sup> light onto Talbert Rd.  
 Turn left onto Byers Creek Road (4<sup>th</sup> street on left)  
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**5:30 pm - Social**  
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## IN THE REAR VIEW



### Upcoming Events

- Oct 1 - Corvette Racing @ Petit Le Mans – Road Atlanta, Braselton, Ga
- Oct 1 - [Vettes on the Point](#) @ Smith Mtn Lake, VA.
- Oct 2 - [Tilted Kilt Cruise-In](#) 4-7 pm
- Oct 8 - [QCCC Business Meeting](#)
- Oct 15 - [QCCC Ladies Block Party](#)
- Oct 16 - Stewart Haas Racing – [Hot Rods at the Race Shop](#) 8 am – 3 pm
- Oct 21-23 - [Ocktoberfest – Helen, Ga](#)
- Oct 23 - Foothills C.C. [Corvette Fall Tour](#)
- Nov 5 - [NASCAR Tech Open House](#)
- Nov 12 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Drive to End Alzheimer's Cool Car Poker Rally 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
- Nov 12 - [QCCC Business Meeting](#)
- Nov 19- [Concord Parade](#)
- Nov 20- [Monroe Parade](#)
- Nov 27- [Indian Trail Parade](#)
- Dec 3- [Lake Wylie Parade](#)
- Dec 4- [Gastonia Parade](#)
- Dec 10 - [QCCC Christmas Party & Business Meeting](#)

### 2012

- Jan 28 - QCCC Banquet
- Mar 13-17- NCM Museum-in-Motion @ Sebring
- Apr 26-28- NCM Bash

*QCCC Sponsored Events in Italics*  
*For more events & details, see the [QCCC Calendar](#)*

**How's That For Thrust?** – A recent article in the Charlotte Observer about NASA's next spaceship, the Space Launch System, described the power the new spaceshift would have. "The Space Launch System, carrying astronauts in a capsule on top, would be the world's most powerful rocket." What made it more interesting was the reference made in the description of how powerful the rocket would be. "That bigger version will have the horsepower of 208,000 Corvette engines" stated the writer. How about that for putting into layman's terms for the rest of us? Yes, America is still building rockets!

**This Month In Corvette History – Oct. 15, 1954:** Zora Arkus Duntov writes a memo to Ed Cole and Maurice Olley, noting that the Corvette appeared to be a failure. He suggests that to drop the Corvette would be an admission of failure. He urges GM not to cancel the car, but to create a separate department within Chevrolet to oversee Corvette development. **Oct. 7, 1960:** The CBS TV show "Route 66" debuts with two young men driving a 1960 Corvette around the US in search of adventure. **Oct. 13, 1962:** 1963 model production Corvettes make their racing debut at the Los Angeles Times Three-Hour Invitational Grand Prix in Riverside, Ca. The Ford-powered Shelby Mustang also makes its debut. Four Z06-equipped Corvettes enter, but only one finished, driven by Doug Hooper. The lone Cobra breaks its rear axle one hour into the race. Hooper's Corvette wins the race. **Oct 26, 1988:** The Callaway Sledgehammer Corvette reaches a top speed of 254.76 mph at the transportation Research Center in Ohio.

**Did You Know?** – The Bowling Green Assembly Plant is over one million square feet under one roof, or the equivalent of 22 football fields. The Assembly Plant employs 540, 443 hourly and 97 salaried. Seventy-seven percent of the Corvette is made in the USA and Canada. From start to finish, each Corvette spends approximately 36 hours winding seven miles of conveyor systems in the plant. In the paint department, body panels spend ten hours winding two miles on a conveyor system. Approximately 50,000 tourists and Corvette fans visit the plant annually. Prior to renovation for Corvette production, the building housed a Chrysler air-conditioning unit factory. It is now twice the size of the original structure. J.D. Power and Associates not only ranked the Corvette as the top GM model for quality, but the 5<sup>th</sup> model across the entire industry.

**Schizophrenia Comes To Mind** – Found for sale on eBay is this 1977 Rat Rod Custom Corvette Pickup Truck – further signifying that customization can go too far. The contraption has a front end from a 1939 Plymouth pickup, is powered by a 350 V8 with automatic transmission and 4-wheel disc brakes. Door handles are deer antlers and duct tape covers windshield cracks. The owner claims to have driven it 800 miles to a car show in Tennessee (where else?). One commenter, upon seeing the ad on eBay said "it's got to be drugs, 'cause nobody can drink that much beer."

**Sorry We Missed It, But Who Knew?** – We'll have to keep up with this one for next year because it sounds like fun. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual [Motorsports On Main](#), in downtown Greenville, SC and sponsored by Michelin, took place Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The free event showcases the Teams and partners of the ALMS. Corvette Racing, BMW Team RLL, Aston Martin racing, TRG, Panoz, Flying Lizard Racing, etc., lined Greenville's Main Street giving fans a taste of what to expect at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Petit Le Mans.



**Gee, Who Would Have Guessed?** – *Hagerty* magazine recently did an article on the 'Top 10 Chick Magnet Cars'. The 1968 – 1982 Chevy Corvette made the list. "With the most audacious body ever to grace a factory production car, the C3 attracts attention like no other." But that certainly isn't the reason we drive them, right guys?



# 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!

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

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