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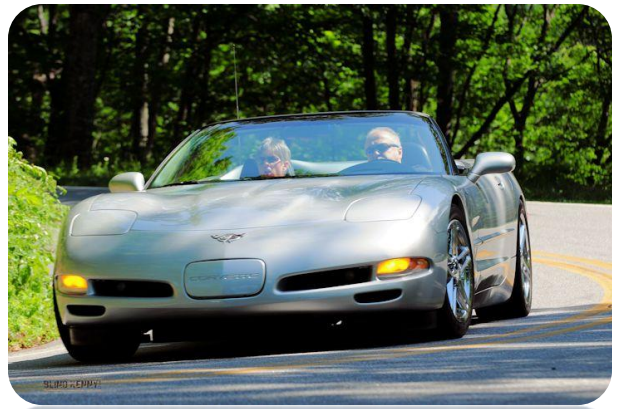
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To become a member of the [QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB](#), you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. *Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!* Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting and be voted in, begin paying dues and having fun! If you can't join us, **please WAVE!**



Crossroads

With the President Keith Cross



Since February is the month of “Love” let’s talk about falling in love, because I know the promise and commitment of love is happening out there right now. I am sure many of you remember the day you fell in love with America’s Sports Car...the Corvette. You can bet that January 2013 will stick in the memory of many, both young and old, as they saw the C7 for the first time. Many probably made that famous promise to themselves that one day they will have one of those Corvettes. Think back for a minute. Can you remember the day you made the promise to yourself? In our club, I enjoy hearing about everyone’s day they said, “One day I will own a Corvette”. For some it was at an early age and for others it was later in life. For some it was brand new and for others it was used or that fixer upper. For some it was a long planned event and for others it was a spur of the moment. But you can still hear the excitement in their voice as they tell their story of the day they first fell in love with the Corvette.

For me it started early. My great uncle started his first Chevrolet Dealership in Huntersville in 1923. I use to think if you didn’t drive a Chevrolet then you might not be allowed to sit on the family pew in church on Sunday. Yes I grew up all” Chevy”. To the best of my memory, it would have been 1964 when I got my first ride in a Corvette. I would have been seven years old. It was on a Sunday afternoon when my uncle talked someone into letting him have the keys to a 1963 Split Window, black on black, 327, 4- speed that they had brought to a family get together. He said he just wanted to take us kids for a ride. So with my older brother calling shotgun, I had to sit in the back with my uncle’s two girls. I remember we sat three across in the back with our legs crossed like little Indians. The ride up the road was great with the strong sound of the engine as he shifted through the gears; then came the turnaround at Long Creek Elementary School. Now my uncle saw one of his friends in the yard near the school. Yep you guessed it, like all men he had to show his buddy what this car could really do. I think he said something like “You kids hold on”. I remember was being flipped backwards and rolled into a pile of kids up under the back glass. Amongst a roaring engine and spinning tires I can remember the screams of us kids as if we were on a roller coaster ride at the fair. Then after all the fun had quieted down I remember having to make a promise not to tell our moms about how much fun our ride really was. And the coolest part was that people talked for weeks about the long set of black marks someone had left in front of the school house. That was the day I said “One day I will have me a Corvette”. Mine came forty-two years later and actually how I got it is another story. Do you remember the day you made your promise?

See you at the Crossroads.

Keith

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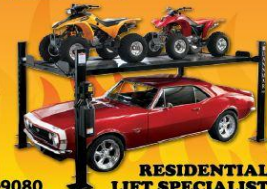
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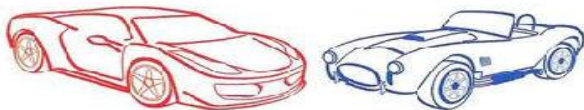
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The Wave

With the Vice President Bill Rambo



I saw this a while back and though, well interesting. So, with a little laugh, please read on!

Ever since Corvette No. 00001 first met Corvette No. 00002 on the road, their drivers saluted each other with waves. Today, unfortunately, this grand and glorious tradition is wavering.

There's one item of standard equipment that comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It's an instant wave of recognition he or she receives when he meets one of their kind on the road. The first time it happens, they will be taken by surprise. He immediately thinks:

1. He has been mistaken for (fill in the Blank).
2. His lights are on.
3. He has just been given the bird.



Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, he experiments with his waves, running the gamut from the gaping "yoo-hoo" to the ultra-cool "two finger flip." He perfects his timing, making sure he affects neither a too-early wave, nor the jaded "oh brother" too-late variety. Determined not to be one upped, he even develops a defense mechanism for non-wavers, usually settling on the "Wave", my hand was just on the way to scratch my head" approach. (This is especially useful when you're not driving your Vette, but you forget, and like a dummy, you wave anyway. Besides, I don't have any hair to brush, adjust, or whatever is was I did.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving next to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going in opposite directions is one thing. Greetings are exchanged, and that's that. But what happens, when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and then pull up to him at the next light, a block later? Wave again? Nod bashfully? Grin self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're expecting an answer, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have any.



Girl-type Corvette drivers also have a unique problem: to wave or not to wave. This Miss or Mrs. who borrows her man's Corvette for the first time is immediately faced with this quandary. Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies who drive their own Vettes prefer to suffer the latter rather than take a chance of being misread. For this reason, all girls are excused for occasionally failing to return a well-meaning wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is no excuse, however, for a guy who refuses to return the wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems a few owners of newer models refuse to recognize anything older than theirs, while some others simply won't wave, period. Boo on them. These ding-a-lings don't seem to realize that they are helping to squash a tradition that had its beginnings back when most of us were still driving tootsie toys.

Whatever, save the wave,,Ya'll!!

Bill





Queen City Corvette Club Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2013 **Time:** 6 PM

Location: Belk Scout Camp

Board Members and Staff Present: Keith Cross, President; Bill Rambo, Vice-President; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary; **Staff:** Bob Denney, Photographer.

DISCUSSION:

President: Keith Cross

- Called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Belk Scout Camp.
- Member Staton Boyette, coordinator for the meeting location, gave Camp overview.
- Minutes of the December 2012 meeting were approved.
- Keith announced 50-50 Drawing, coordinated by Nelson Sprague.
- Keith recognized and thanked outgoing Board Members.
- Introduced 2013 Board Members and Staff.
- Alerted members that Newsletter input must be received by Boyd Kurt by 1st of Month.
- Want pictures of all member cars on website. Please send digital pictures to Bob Becker.
- Reminder: Send all Car Directory changes to Paul Pelkey.
- Nelson and Barbara Sprague will partner with Pat and Bob Motta on Charity Committee.
- Michele and Brian Moore will assist Bob Denney with Club Photography.
- Keith thanked Laura and Steve Pelchat for coordinating hot dog and chili contest dinner.
- Awarded Steve Pelchat a special crown as Weiner King for the evening.

Membership Director: Chris Wood - (Steve Pelchat covering for Chris)

- George & Allison Ganzhorn were approved as New Members.
- Prospective members Brian and Barb Kruse attended their 2nd meeting.
- After vote, QCCC currently has 284 members (151 families).

Vice President: Bill Rambo

- Thanked members for all the cards, thoughts and prayers during his hospital stay.
- February 9 meeting to be held at Streetside Custom Classics, Charlotte – **Bring Chairs.**
- May meeting will be held at Harley Davidson on Independence with Ice Cream Social.
- Please send any ideas for business meeting locations to Bill Rambo.
- Door Prizes were won by Wade Stickels and Jack Goodison.
- Total of 94 members present at this meeting

Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin

- Currently Planning for 2013 Automotive Events
 - Car Shows, Auto Fair, Parades, etc.
- Encouraged Members to consider signing up to Host/Coordinate a Day Trip
 - Location should be about 50 mile radius
 - Lunch or dinner in afternoon
 - Good Corvette driving roads
 - During the week or on weekends
 - Try to avoid Club Meeting Saturdays
- Any ideas for new Automotive activities, please contact Tommy
- Check QCCC Website Calendar for automotive activities

- Parades in area: Tommy would like volunteers for a Parade Committee to coordinate multiple parade venues.

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Reminded Members to **Pay Dues** and send checks for Banquet (due by January 23).
- 2013 Budget will be sent via email to all members prior to voting at February meeting.

Social Director: Laura Pelchat

- Thanks to all who brought Chili for tonight's Chili Cook-off competition.
 - Kathy Miller (1st), Tom Rockhold (2nd), John Meadows (3rd), Pat Bonino, Eddie Burt, Steve Pelchat, Gerri Kessel, Sally Boyette, Jeff Crosby, Tracey Comfort, MJ Maples, John Callahan, Kay Cook
- Chili contest voting collected \$226 for Charity.
- Laura is working from results from last year's survey to plan Social Events for the year. Some events being planned include:
 - Hockey Game
 - Trip to Asheville
 - Ice Cream Social at May meeting at Harley Davidson
- Reminder: QCCC Awards Banquet coming up on February 2, 2013
 - Cost: \$25 per person. Payment due by January 23, 2013.
 - Place: Vintage Motor Club in Concord (view website for info)
 - Buffet, DJ, Dancing, Silent Auction (Bring checks or cash for auction)

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Announced January Birthdays and added some new ones to the list
- Reminder that Club Jackets are available for purchase. Contact Carolyn if interested.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador: Paul Mariano (Steve Pelchat covering for Paul)

- THANKS to all the QCCC Members who collectively donated a total of \$15,470 in 2012 for the NCM Motorsports Park, One-Acre Club program.

Old Business

- Reminder of the Corvette C7 Reveal streaming online on Sunday 1-13-13.
- Please keep our members who are ill in your thoughts and prayers
- Notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, etc., and cards will be sent.

New Business / Other

- Approximately 8-10 members indicated possible interest in a dyno opportunity.
- Keith asked everyone to consider volunteering and participating in the hosting and coordination of QCCC activities and events and to provide backup to Board Members in their duties.
- Donna Perry won 50-50 raffle.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary





Queen City Corvette Club
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

When: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 Time: 6 PM Where: Smith and Stevenson

2013 Board Members Present: Keith Cross, President; Bill Rambo, Vice-President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary. Also 2012 Board Members present: Steve Pelchat, Past President; Florence Prather, Past Treasurer.

DISCUSSION:

President: Keith Cross

- Introduction and thoughts for 2013
- Looking forward to the Board working as a team
- Bob Becker prefers PDF or WORD files for posting on the Web
- Boyd Kurt requests Newsletter articles and pictures the FIRST day of the month
- Important to keep online Calendar current with detailed information on events
- Acceptable to schedule multiple events on weekends. Avoid conflicts with business meetings and large events (e.g., QCCC car show).
- Keith has event information from past years if Board wishes to review
- Need to be sensitive to what personal information is posted on the website

Membership Director: Chris Wood

- Reviewed methodology for calculating membership numbers.
- Proposed memorial for Judith Hannon, wife of Bill Hannon – Approved
- Adams Car Care discounts on HOLD until we hear back about sponsorship

Vice President: Bill Rambo

- Thanked the Board members (and others) for all the support while hospitalized
- Welcomes ideas for Meeting Locations for 2013
- January 2013 business meeting to be held at Belk Scout Camp in Midland, NC
- February 2013 business meeting to be held at Streetside Classics in Charlotte
- Bill will send Carolyn number of business meeting attendees for monthly Minutes

- 2013 QCCC Awards program: Bill expects to calculate similar to 2012
- Keith reminded Bill that Board needs to be informed if sign-in tables are needed for meeting venues.

Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin

- Recommended Club Inventory should be conducted in November for future years
- Keith and Tommy will schedule planning meeting with Club Sponsor, City Chevrolet
- Tommy discussed some of his Automotive thoughts for 2013
 - Car Shows with Drive and Stay (e.g., Carlisle, etc.)
 - NCRS Judging Events
 - Local Area Car Shows (e.g., Auto Fair, Shelton Vineyards, etc.)
 - Weekday/Weekend Day Trips, a couple a month, hosted by individual members
 - Car Care Days
 - Parades – coordinated by individuals on Parade Committee

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Balanced Financial information transferred from 2012 Treasurer
- Board reviewed potential 2013 Budget detail
- All pending Dues checks have been deposited
- Some dues still outstanding – expect many will be paid at business meeting
- Jim will review updated 2013 Budget with Board and Members in February
- Charity Committee is responsible for 50-50 raffle dollars for Charity

Social Director: Laura Pelchat

- Laura and Tommy will coordinate when planning events and trips
- Request May meeting at Harley Davidson for Ice Cream social
- January meeting: Fourteen people are scheduled to bring Chili for contest. Social will also serve hot dogs and chips.
- Club Banquet scheduled for February 2.
 - Silent Auction planned - proceeds for Charity
 - Attendees should bring Cash and Checks for Auction
 - Board approved Keith's proposal that a 1997 QCCC Trophy/Pennants be entered into Banquet Silent Auction.
- Considering some day and overnight trips (e.g., Asheville, Octoberfest-Helen,GA, etc.)

- Laura will continue to coordinate Picture Directory – received some printing proposals.

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Will send Get Well card to Fred McCoy
- Will bring Charity Report to Board Meeting as requested.
- Will purchase and coordinate signing of LARGE Get Well cards for those who are sick for lengths of time

Old Business: None

New/Other Business:

- Keith discussed forms and other 2013 Board communication process information.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary





By the time you read this, our annual awards banquet will be over. I hope you had a good time. IF you didn't attend, we missed you! If you have any suggestions for next year, please let me know. I'll have to start working on the date for next year's banquet within the next couple of months.

I'd like to thank everyone that helped make the Chili Cook-off a success. I had a taste of each one, and liked all of them. Who knew there were so many varieties? I have to admit though; I'm partial to the North of the Border chili (Canada), because of the potatoes.

Now that the Christmas Party, Chili Cook-off, and Banquet are over, it's time to start planning some fun stuff. We're going to a Charlotte Checkers hockey game Sunday, March 17th. Details will be on the website. Tickets will be \$15; the game starts at 3:00. We can ride the train or meet downtown and have lunch at the Queen City Q before the game. It doesn't matter if you don't know much about hockey, it's a fun, quick, game to watch, and there will be enough people around that can explain the rules. We can even have a short tutorial at lunch.

Keep an eye on the calendar on the website; we'll be adding items on a regular basis. It's your best place to look first for any details of what's happening in QCCC. As always, if you have something you'd like us to do, let me know.

Hope to see you at the meeting Saturday February 9th.

Laura Pelchat
QCCC Social Director
704-806-1113

QCCC Cornerstones

**Building a Great Corvette
Club,
one MEMBER at a time**



"It's more than just a car; it's more than just a sports car. It's an emotion, a passion, a vehicle that is larger than life." ~ GM VP of Global Design Ed Welburn at the C7 Reveal on 1-13-13

If you saw the 1-13-13 C7 Reveal I'm sure you heard these comments made by Ed Welburn describing the Corvette during his intro at the beginning of the event. His words stuck in my head because I still find myself a little bit in awe of the whole Corvette Lifestyle phenomenon anyway. He made a great point, but I believe we should take it a step further. I believe there is much more to it than "a vehicle that is larger than life," although many would argue they are as passionate about their Corvette(s) as they are most anything else.

I've heard stories about the Corvette Corrals at each ALMS race, and now the Grand-Am races, being filled to capacity with Corvettes and Corvette fans that come to cheer on their favorite marque. Fans of the other brands just can't figure it out; why do the Corvette fans always turn out in large numbers at these races? I've seen the large number of enthusiasts at *Corvettes at Carlisle* and the *National Corvette Museum* who come to see the latest in Corvette "bling" or learn how to squeeze a few more horsepower out of their Corvettes, or who come to listen to the engineers describe the most recent design developments in the newest Corvette. I've had folks ask me why I belong to a Corvette club and why are there so darned many of them all over this country and in many other countries as well? Then there's the question I get the biggest kick out of: *"...why do you Corvette folks seem to have so much fun?"*

In my own humble opinion, I believe the Corvette, its history, and the enjoyment we all get from polishing, driving and talking about it is the glue that holds us all together. But I must also say there is a special kind of people to which the Corvette appeals and these special people tend to seek out others like them who also enjoy the Corvette hobby and all that goes with it. That is why we have Corvette Clubs, or gatherings of like-minded Corvette enthusiasts who want to come together in organized activities and enjoy them with other enthusiasts who share their love for America's Sports Car.

Queen City Corvette Club is made up of these special people. We all come together because of our love for the Corvette, this "vehicle that is larger than life." We're the beneficiaries of the fun, great times, and camaraderie because each member brings something new and interesting to the table. Thanks to each of you for being members and making QCCC so much fun to belong to!

This month, I'd like to dedicate my page in memory of three special people, Ken Krupa, Tom Grizzle and Phil McGwier. Each shared a smile for their friends, a love for their Corvettes and helped make QCCC the special club it is. In our hearts, each will forever remain "larger than life."

Chris Wood

Membership Director

This month, we're excited to welcome our newest members, George & Allison Ganzhorn! Unfortunately, we couldn't get a photo so we'll include one next month.

Thanks for joining us George & Allison and helping us build a Great Club!

The Ride

TOMMY LOFTIN, AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



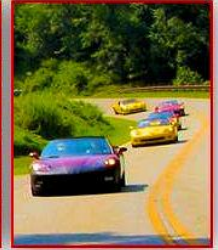
During this time of short days and winter blues, it is time to start thinking about the fun in the sun days of summer. We need your thoughts and ideas as to what you, the QCCC members, would like to do as a club this year. One of the new things we are going to do this year is day trips. We have a sign-up sheet for members to host a fun filled day of your favorite places to go and share with the club. To host a day trip, all you need to do is sign up on our day trip planner log with information about the trip, we would like to keep the trip to about 100 miles round trip and include a fun thing to do. Plan things exciting with a lunch or dinner and try to use back roads and run at a slower pace. We are going to try to have at least two trips per month. We can include Saturdays or Sunday evenings or even a week day. We will limit the trips on meeting nights or if the club has a major event planed, however the trip could end up at our meeting place as part of the ride.

We are signed up again this year for the Spring Auto Fair at the speedway on April 6th and 7th. This year we are going to make the two days fun, with a hotdog roast, all the fixin's and drinks for all QCCC participants. Our cars will be judged and we will receive six Auto Fair trophies, one for each class of Corvette. Along with the Auto Fair trophies there will be three LARGE Best of Show trophies from QCCC. Judging for these trophies will be done by all QCCC participants. Shine up your old Corvette and let's make a real show this year.

This year we plan on doing more car shows and participating in other Corvette club events such as Vettes Doin' Charleston, Broadway at the Beach by the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club and Foothills Corvette Club Fall Tour. We will also organize trips to local car shows such as Kat's Patch in Troutman on Friday Nights, Buster's Ice-cream on Wednesday nights, and Sports Page on Saturdays and so on.

Till next time,

Tommy



National Corvette Museum Corner

We're back from the big city of Detroit and the Reveal of the C7 Corvette. Was it worth it? Oh Yeah. There is no way we could have pulled this off without the generosity of Chevrolet and their management working with the NCM to set up this event. We computed the benefits received monetarily versus what we paid and quit counting when it looked like we may owe more than we were charged. Forget the cost, what an experience to be at the unveiling to get the first glimpse of the new Corvette and to interact with all the engineers and designers who worked on the car. The car is absolutely gorgeous and you just have to see it in person to fully appreciate it. A technological marvel that I may not be qualified to drive. I guarantee you will read the owner's manual on this one.

A great big thank you to Bob & Marilyn Becker for all the photos on the QCCC website of our trip.

And see it in person you will if you have signed up for the NCM Bash in April. At the present count, we have thirty-eight (38) couples making the trek to Bowling Green. It appears the QCCC is ready to overwhelm the event. For those of you who have not made the trip before, prepare to have a great experience. If this isn't your first time, you already know what's coming.

I have signed up for the 60th Anniversary celebration at the Corvette Assembly Plant in June to get a back stage look at how the new Corvette will be built. This event is limited to 200 people and it is almost sold out. If you would like to go, now is the time to check it out on the NCM website.

And the hits just keep coming. As most of you already know, Johnny O'Connell has been elected to the Corvette Hall of Fame and will be inducted during the Anniversary Celebration in August. I will certainly be going and if anyone wants to join in, please let me know ASAP so I can get the hotel rooms set aside and reserve the corporate tables for the banquet.



Don't miss the February meeting as we did bring back some collectible items from the Detroit event that will be given away to a few lucky attendees.

Save the Wave!

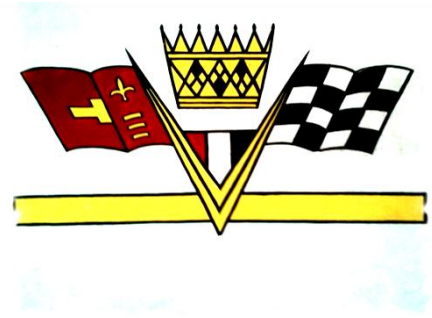
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With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith



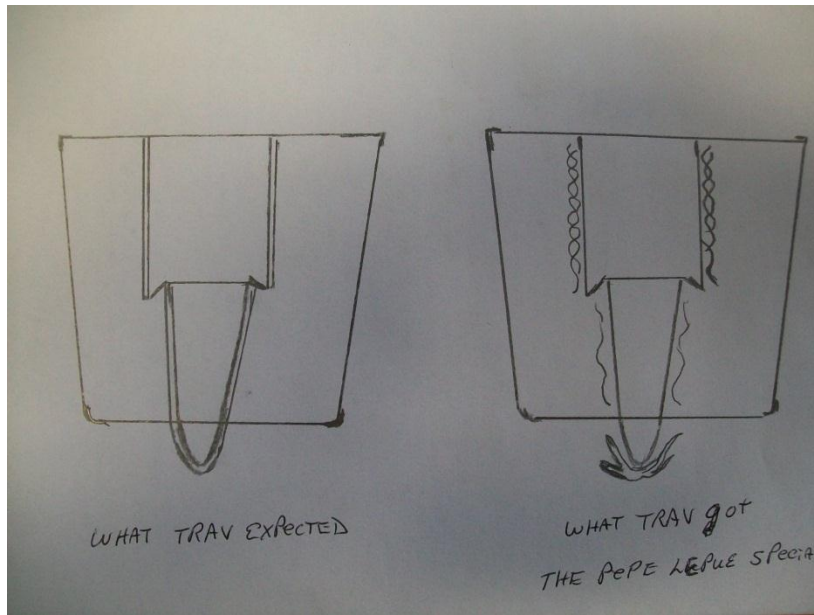
More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past

RUB AND RUB QUICKLY

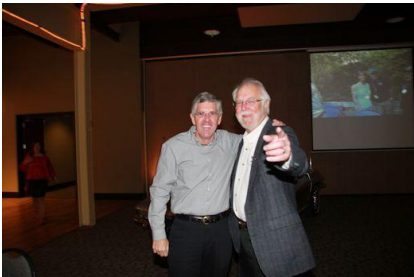
Early 70's Trav had purchased his 64 coupe. (He wanted a C-3, which he could afford, but he could not afford the insurance). The car had been hit a few times and during one of its rehabs a previous owner took a liking to the aftermarket big block hoods. Since it was aftermarket it did not come with all the striping that the factory hoods had.

This always bothered Trav.....until, one day!

At the time Trav lived on Tipperary in the Plaza Midwood area. Great place for him, he is a genuine gearhead. That was because almost everyone on the block was like-minded, and exhaust noise was the prevalent music. One of the neighbors was Nelson who owned Ace Speed Shop on Central Avenue just a few blocks away. Nelson, being young, tended to use his speed shop as a gathering social spot for his hot rodding friends. So it came to be that, after hours, Ace Speed Shop ended up being a favorite watering hole for the gang. During one of these after-hours B.S. sessions where quarter mile times kept dropping, Nelson announced a big event. Seems he knew a fellow called Mike the Stripe who, according to Nelson, could pin stripe a car free hand better than factory. This caught Trav's attention. Nelson said that he had set up the following Friday night for Mike "the Stripe" to come by and do some pin stripping for anyone who wanted to ante up and customize their ride. This was Trav's big chance to make that hood right, so after finishing work at Charlotte Body Shop he drove to Ace Speed Shop and signed up. Two things were wrong with this scenario, first he was tired from working all week, (his father in law Dave Gray was a relentless task master), and second Nelson supplied too much beer. As Mike started working on the cars, the regulars went inside to have a few, tell some more lies and continue to get their E.T. times down. After several too many, Trav wandered out to check his new hood. His comments today are," all it needed would be some hydraulics and it could be a low rider." You see clear direction was either not given or not taken well. Mike "the Stripe" had painted the fanciest scroll he had ever done all down both sides of Trav's hood ending with what looked like a "Pepe Lepue" or "Frito Bandito" moustache at the nose end. We think Trav sobered up quickly as he drove straight home to try to remove it. Having no lacquer thinner at the house, he chose gas to get the paint off. He then spent the weekend buffing and waxing. But our story doesn't end here. A few weeks later, another Friday night, more socializing and, lo and behold, who shows up but Mike "the Stripe". During the evening he sees Trav's car and gets very upset. When he found out Trav had taken the pin-stripping off, he was prepared to work on Trav's posterior. Trav, always the quick thinker, told him that he really liked it but he was out of money and really wanted it down both sides of the car. Since he could not afford to do it all he felt it just looked wrong, so for now he would do without. As you get to know Trav you will find out he could sell ice to an Eskimo. Mike bought a lot of ice that Friday. See the drawing below of what it should have been and what it was. As it turns out it would not matter in the long run as Trav today has the right 64 hood. But we can all relate to a time with our Corvettes when our good intentions turned to "oh what have I done". This was Trav's turn. Great times in the early days of QCCC.



QCCC Members Caught on Film. See QCCC Website for more photos.







From Track to Street

NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing's next event is the 12-hour at Sebring, FL March 16th, 2013. Come see Boyd & John at the start finish line.

Other Corvette Related Items of interest.

Bowling Green to get Corvette Special engine plant:

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.kentucky.com/2013/01/31/2497242/gm-to-build-high-performance-corvette.html&ct=ga&cad=CACQAhgAIAAoATAAOABAn-qgiAVIAVAAWABiBWVuLVVT&cd=jsoSWXjw8go&usg=AFQjCNHl1rfamBEd448m8GGGo8af4avmJkg>

L88 Engine – Corvette?

<http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.kentucky.com/2013/01/31/2497242/gm-to-build-high-performance-corvette.html&ct=ga&cad=CACQAhgAIAAoATAAOABAn-qgiAVIAVAAWABiBWVuLVVT&cd=jsoSWXjw8go&usg=AFQjCNHl1rfamBEd448m8GGGo8af4avmJkg>

C7 Round Tail Light Kit.

http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.motorauthority.com/news/1082060_fans-design-round-tail-light-kit-for-2014-chevrolet-corvette&ct=ga&cad=CACQAhgAIAAoATADOANxdywiAVIAVAAWABiBWVuLVVT&cd=fafOiYwXfLs&usg=AFQjCNemoJg-HkMt5InxVhefX8tAhkDpCA

2013 Hall Of Fame Inductees

<http://corvettemuseum.blogspot.com/2013/01/2013-corvette-hall-of-fame-inductees.html>

C 7 Pictures and Specs:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.org/specs/2014/index.shtml>

“Heads-Up”



February 9, 2013 Business Meeting Announcement

****Notice to Bring Chairs****

Streetside Classics - Charlotte

Streetside Classics is an automotive company that offers purchasing and selling of Classic and Muscle Cars. They have graciously agreed to host our February meeting at their Charlotte Showroom. So come early as you like and take some time to look over the cars. Who knows your next dream car could be in their showroom right now. Chairs will **NOT** be provided, so bring your own folding chair. If you are curious about what Streetside Classics is all about check out their website to learn more. Plus to get directions to their Charlotte location visit them at – <http://www.streetsideclassics.com/>

The address for Streetside Classics - Charlotte is as follows:

Streetside Classics - Charlotte

5400 West WT Harris Blvd.

Charlotte, NC 28269

704-598-2130

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

***** PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF TIMES AND
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS.*****

Social Time: 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Look forward to seeing everyone there!!

Toms Tips



How to prepare your C-5 and C-6 for a Show and Shine Car Show

This segment covers the exterior portion

The first thing you need is a good helper to hold the water hose. Then you get into the real work. First you need to make sure that the exterior is clean and shiny. You need to spritz the car at the show field and make sure you wipe all the film from the spritz off. Next open the doors and wipe off the door sills and door post. Make sure the hinge area is clean all the way back. You will have to use a towel with an extension to get to this area. If you can see dirt it has to be removed. Now let's go to the trunk area. Open the trunk and clean around the perimeter removing any water spots or dirt. Next we need to look at the front end. You must clean all the bugs and road dirt from the front of the car. You have to look all the way under the front spoiler and remove all dirt. Now we can move to the fender and tire area. All road grime has to be removed from around the tire and fender area. Don't forget to clean all dirt from behind the wheels as they throw road grime all the way down the car. Clean the bottom of the car from the front tire to the back. Look under the bottom beneath the doors because the body rolls under the car. Now clean behind the rear tires to the rear bumper. This area gets a lot of road gunk all over it. You may have to use bug and tar remover to clean this off. Clean the butt of the car as this is an area that drafts dirt to the tail lights and tag area. You may have to use a Q-tip to get into the small places. Remember if you can see any dirt it has to be removed. Now we can raise the hood and wipe around the perimeter of the hood and the hood area of the fenders. Wipe all dirt from the wiper area and the bottom of the windshield. Clean all glass with a good glass cleaner and wipe them dry. Don't forget the side view mirrors. When you think the glass is clean you probably need to clean it again. This pretty much finishes the body; however you may have to wipe the car off numerous times if it is dusty or rainy, so bring plenty of towels. Oh yes, speaking of towels, don't use fabric softeners on car wash towels as they will not soak up water well and use colored towels to match the color of your car. Use a black towel on a black or dark car and a light towel on a light car. The reason for this is the dark lint will not show on a dark car and so on. Another trick at this point is to use a Swiffer Duster to remove lint from the car surface.

Next time we will cover the tires and wheels.

Keep it clean

Tommy Loftin

1969 Corvette Top Flight

By: Brenda Loftin

On Tuesday January 22nd we started out with the Daytona Yellow 69 Corvette, known as Butter Cup, in toe for a 600 mile ride to Kissimmee, Florida. This was the 35th annual Florida Chapter of the NCRS 2013 Winter Regional Meet held at Old Town in Kissimmee, Florida. Friday was the day for the 1968 and 1969 Corvettes to be judged. There were 4 cars in this class and they had over 100 total cars to be judged on Friday and Saturday. The meet included a swap meet with all types of Corvette parts and a used car for sale section. The 69 stood tall with a new paint job and new period correct tires. Saturday night was time for the Awards Banquet and after a good meal and long presentations it was time for the awards. You cannot believe the tension in the room as they called out each name and car for the awards. They started with C1's and finally it was time for C3's and finally they called my name " Brenda Loftin, Top Flight" and you cannot believe how relieved I was knowing that we took this car to Top Flight on its first try.

