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### **On The Cover:**

**QCCC Corvettes at their best. February Meeting at Street Side Classics. Photo By Bob Denney**

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

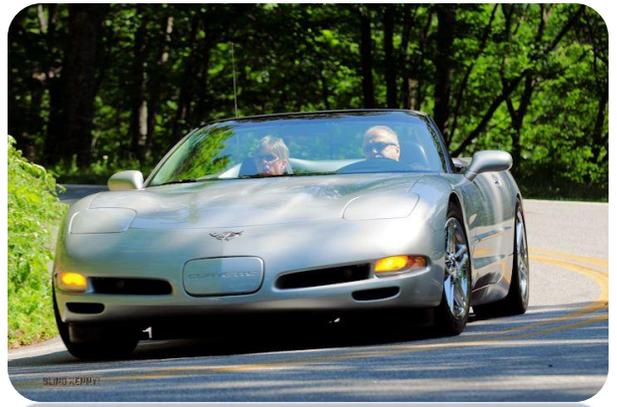
To become a member of the [QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB](#), you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. *Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!* Express your wishes for membership during a monthly 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

I have always liked to wonder about the future. But to start let's review what history has taught us. First there was the C1 and it was produced for 10 years. Some say these changes set the Corvette's course.



## C1 1953 - 1962



Then we had 5 years of the C2. Here the hide away lights started and lasted for 42 years.

## C2 1963 - 1967



Next came 15 years of the C3. Do you know that the 1979 model still holds the record for most cars produced at 53,807.

**C3**  
**1968 - 1982**



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And there was the C4 with its 14 years. Some would debate that saying that 1983 really doesn't count?

**C4**  
**1983 - 1996**



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Up next was the C5 which was with us for 8 years. Some say this car made the most technical advancement.

**C5**  
**1997 - 2004**



Now another generation has come to an end on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 8:04 am as the last C6 rolled off the production line at the Boiling Green Assembly Plant after a 9 year run.

**C6**  
**2005 -2013**



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So how long will the C7 run for before more change will be needed to keep up the constantly changing automobile industry? The more I look at the C7 the more I like it. And when I saw the C7 Corvette Convertible I told Kelly I am definitely going to have one of them.

**C7**  
**2014 - ?**



So I really hope the Corvette stays around for many more years to come. I hope it goes all the way up to C9. Because I figure by the time the C9 comes out I might be able to buy me that C7 Corvette Convertible.

See you at the Crossroads.

*Keith*

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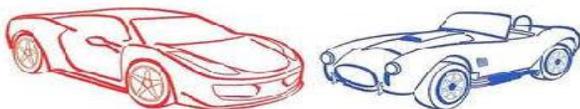
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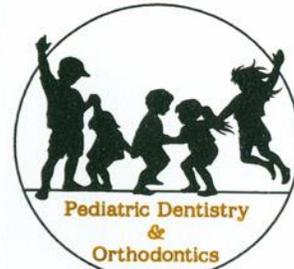


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# The Wave

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*With the Vice President Bill Rambo*

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So everyone lately seems to be telling funny stories of their first Corvette. Some tell of their first ride in one, some about the trip to see the new generation they yet cannot get. So I will give you a story of an in between type.

Most of you remember the purple colored convertible C-4 I had. Actually the color was called Black Rose; I never did and still don't see that color, just purple. Folks asking, "what color is that car," were just being polite...just purple!

I was married at the time of purchase of the "purple" car. Oh, and you do not need," why can't it be four doors if you got have one, I am not riding in a purple car, it's hot, it's cold, and you are out of here". Now that I have that off my chest, comes the story of being back from Boston, MA, and folks, let me tell you, I was ready to go to the beach after being in the cold.

I had dated this lady for a couple of months and weather was right for a beach run for the weekend. I took Friday off to get an early start to the weekend and I drove to her house. Now keep in mind, I told her that we were taking the Vette, so pack light. Upon arrival, three suitcases where sitting outside and that was probably not all that would be coming out the door.

One of the decorations on my Vette was a luggage rack. An accessory item, it was to there to improve the look of the plain top of deck lid...just a nonfunctional, luggage rack, period. That's where two of the larger suitcases

might end up riding...luggage rack no longer to be nonfunctional. Next one bag can go behind the front seats. No, there are not front seats in a Vette, only two seats. No, I cannot put the other two suit cases in the trunk case there isn't no dang trunk. Well now, maybe there was one on his, that's because it was newer model, and this particular model one does not have one.

Well, in a short time, I was headed to the beach. Suitcase problems solved. My bag with my things fit nicely behind my seat right next to my beach cooler and yes, beach chair. And the day was sunny and warm, and the top was down, deck lid closed perfectly, and my decorative luggage rack was empty. Only thing in passenger seat was a beautiful box of Bojangles. I would not be using my secret, James Bond aftermarket installed purple car ejection seat after all. I think you might get that picture.

I made one quick return to the house to retrieve one remaining item – golf clubs. If any of you know me, my driver has a head cover that is an Orangutan. Big, red, ugly thing. Now imagine if you can clubs in the seat (notice I said seat, not front seat, and cause why...) and this head cover is about all you can see when behind me. Much fun was had as people slowly drove up beside me only to discover that is was not a red headed woman, but just a golf club head cover. Watching the guys trying so hard not to look, because the wives do notice that kind of behavior, it is so funny when both realize what the fuss is all about nothing but golf clubs with a tacky head cover. I'm the one with the big smile cause I'm driving a Corvette, on the way to the beach (just pasted a sign back there that says so), and I have my golf clubs with me. You have what, kids and the in-laws, wife, Chevy Suburban with those decals of a dad, mom, two young boys, one young girl, and dog and cat.

So that summer was fun, life moves on, and as far as funnies go, now I am bald headed due to treatments and heard it will grow back, got rid of the purple car, and I have MJ to share the road with in a red Corvette that has a trunk, still the same set of golf clubs with same head cover, no ejection seat button, and no luggage rack. Life improves.

Y'all remember to wave when you see us will you!

*Bill*





## **Queen City Corvette Club**

### **Club Business Meeting Minutes**

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**Date:** Saturday, February 09, 2013      **Time:** 6 PM      **Location:** Streetside Classics

**Board Members and Staff Present:** Keith Cross, President; Bill Rambo, Vice-President; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary; **Staff:** Bob and Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Nelson and Barbara Sprague, Charity; Bob Denney, Photographer.

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

##### **President: Keith Cross**

- Called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the Streetside Classics.
- Introduced QCCC Board and Staff members.
- Minutes from last meeting were approved by membership.

##### **Membership Director: Chris Wood**

- Welcomed Prospective Members / Guests in attendance:
  - Andy Molodovitch - first meeting
  - Bob and Benita McCall - first meeting
  - Chris Weant - first meeting
  - Christian Sales – second meeting (our host at Streetside Classic Cars)
  - Bill and Lorraine Miller – second meeting
  - James and Elaine Ford – second meeting (and daughter Abigail)
  - Carrie Maleck – second meeting (friend of member Sal Giuliano)
  - Guest: Zoe Poindexter (daughter of QCCC member David Poindexter)
- Approved and Welcomed as New Members:
  - Brian and Barbara Kruse
  - Neal Roselle
- After new member approvals, QCCC currently has 276 members (148 families).

- Announced and welcomed a new advertiser – J. Jerome Miller, Attorney at Law, Miller Walker & Austin. Jerry is a long-time member of QCCC.
- Chris requested 4 to 6 volunteers for a newly established Membership Committee. Purpose of the committee is to occasionally reach out to members via telephone who may be ill, etc. Please contact Chris Wood if you are interested in serving on this committee.
- Notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc., and cards will be sent.

**Vice President: Bill Rambo**

- Shared the current status of his treatment, and thanked members for their thoughtfulness.
- Introduced and thanked Christian Sales, our host for the meeting at Streetside Classics. Christian welcomed QCCC to Streetside and spoke briefly about their process of consigning and selling classic cars.
- Bill announced location of next few meetings:
  - March – at Victory Lane Karting in Charlotte (no dinner served at this meeting)
  - April - at Tommy and Brenda Loftin’s Corvette Garage in Troutman (Picnic)
  - May - at Harley Davidson Charlotte with Ice Cream social
- Door prizes were won by Craig Smith and Walt Krupowicz.
- Total of 106 members present at this meeting.

**Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**

- Check the QCCC Website Calendar often for the latest details on automotive events. Events sponsored by QCCC and events not sponsored by QCCC, but deemed by the Automotive Director to be of automotive interest, will both be posted on the website.
- Events discussed (Details available on the QCCC website calendar):
  - QCCC is sponsoring and leading a trip to the Corvette Expo Spring Meet in Sevierville TN, March 22-23. Hotel is the Hampton Inn.
  - QCCC will participate in Auto Fair on both Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7. Drinks and snacks will be provided by QCCC both days for our participants, along with Lunch on Sunday.
  - Coastal Carolinas Corvette Club is sponsoring the car show “*Vettes Doin’ Charleston*” April 19 and 20. Tommy is requesting a QCCC volunteer to lead this event for QCCC.
- Day Trip Planner (Details on the QCCC website calendar):

- Nelson Sprague has planned a trip to the NC Music Hall of Fame and CURB Museum of Motorsports and Music, both in Kannapolis, on Saturday, March 23. Lunch will be at Restaurant 46. Sign up at least a week in advance to be included in all the reservations.
- Day Trip Hosts should contact Laura or Tommy as soon as possible for approval to avoid major schedule conflicts. It is OK for day trips to be planned for the same day as other overnight trips, or prior to and ending up at the business meeting. But we should try to avoid planning day trips that conflict with other major events (e.g., Club Car Show).
- Parades: QCCC participates in a number of holiday, homecoming and other parades around the region. Some parades include local ‘pageant queens’, and other parades are just members and their cars. Requests for QCCC members and their cars (convertibles and coupes) to participate in area parades are increasing. Tommy is requesting volunteers to serve on a Parade Committee to coordinate the multiple parade venues. John Meadows has volunteered to assist, however more parade committee participants are needed. To serve on the Parade committee, contact Tommy.
- QCCC Car Show: On September 14, 2013, QCCC will once again sponsor a Car Show at Hendrick Motorsports. Volunteers are needed for publicity, judging, reservations and other show teams (aka workers). To serve on a QCCC Car Show team, please sign up at the club meetings or contact Tommy directly. With the size of our club, we should have lots of folks who can volunteer to support this event.

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg**

- The QCCC 2013 Budget, electronically distributed prior to the meeting, was approved.
- Monthly status of actual vs. budget financials will be distributed to members monthly.

**Social Director: Laura Pelchat**

- Thanked everyone who helped with the Chili cook off at January meeting.
- QCCC Banquet held February 2 was a great success. Thanks to all who participated. An outstanding amount was raised for charity from the silent auction and 50-50.
- Hockey: QCCC will attend the Charlotte Checkers hockey game on March 17. Game starts at 3 pm, ticket (reduced) price is \$15, and attendees will meet for lunch prior to the game. If you wish to travel on light rail to uptown, attendees can park at the Woodlawn light rail station. Contact Laura if you wish to attend.
- Club Meeting Refreshments: Volunteers are needed to help with bringing refreshments for club business meetings when needed. Club will reimburse volunteers for the cost of food. Contact Laura to volunteer.

- Book Club: Laura is forming an informal book club within QCCC, with sharing (via email) of thoughts and information on various books. Contact Laura to sign up.

**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- Announced February Member Birthdays and added some new ones to the list.
- In addition to publishing Club Business Meeting Minutes in the monthly Newsletter, the intent now is for these minutes to also be distributed via email within a week after the meeting to aid in distribution of time-sensitive information to those unable to attend the meeting.
- Reminder that QCCC Club Jackets are available for purchase. Pictures of the Jackets and the process to order are on the QCCC Website under the “Club Regalia” bowtie. Contact Carolyn if you have any questions.

**National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano**

- Paul and Barbara traveled with the Beckers and the Woods on an NCM coordinated trip to Detroit in January, to participate in the 1-13-13 Corvette C7 Reveal weekend at the Detroit Auto Show. Paul brought back collectibles -- a Reveal press kit on a flash drive to give as a door prize, and a Stingray lapel pin to be auctioned for QCCC charity. Member Carl Bartlett won the raffle and then was also highest bidder in the auction.
- Paul announced that 38 QCCC Cars are currently signed up to travel to Bowling Green, KY for the 2013 NCM Bash the last week in April. In addition to the new C7 coupe, Chevrolet recently announced that a C7 convertible will also be available at Bash for attendees to view (and sit in) up close and personal.

**Old Business**

- Awards: 124 Membership Participation Awards (QCCC Logo Tervis Tumblers) were announced at the Club Banquet on February 2. Tumblers were given at the meeting to those eligible who were not present at the Banquet.

**New Business / Other**

- QCCC Board Member email addresses are being removed from our public QCCC Website for personal security reasons.
- QCCC Website Calendar will continue to grow. In addition to club sponsored activities, non-club-sponsored activities of club interest will be posted, as approved by the QCCC Board.
- QCCC will celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary with a party at our August meeting, to be held at Hendrick Motorsports. Laura is currently planning the big event, and the Board is sponsoring a QCCC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo Design Contest – specifically for the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The intent is for member ‘designers’ to use the current QCCC logo as a base, and then add design enhancements to reflect the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary theme. NOTE: This is not intended to be a redesign of our current QCCC logo – just a fun contest for our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Due date for contest entries will be announced shortly. Entries will be voted on

by the QCCC Board, and a prize or prizes will be awarded. Watch your email for more information.

- Carl Bartlett reminded members of a QCCC Wine Tasting afternoon, hosted by Tom and Debbie Rockhold at their home in Shelby from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday, February 16. Wines provided by PRP International Wine Co.
- Christian Sales, our Streetside Classics host, provided some Streetside Classic T-Shirts and other memorabilia to club members present at the meeting. Keith thanked Streetside Classics again for their outstanding hospitality.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer*

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



*Queen City Corvette Club*  
**Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes**

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**When: Tuesday, February 5, 2013 Time: 6 PM Where: Hickory Tavern Northlake**

**2013 Board Members Present:** Keith Cross, President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary.

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**DISCUSSION:**

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**President: Keith Cross**

- Bill Rambo ill but planning to attend Club meeting on February 9.
- Applauded Laura and team for a GREAT Feb 2 club Banquet at Vintage Auto Club
- Distributed Calendar Planner for use in meeting.

**Vice President: Bill Rambo (Keith Covering)**

- Upcoming Meeting locations planned:

- February – Streetside Classics, Charlotte
- March – Victory Lane Karting, Charlotte
- April – Tommy/Brenda Loftin Corvette Garage, Troutman
- May – Harley Davidson, Charlotte

**Membership Director: Chris Wood**

- Six prospective member families plan to attend Feb 9 meeting, with two prospective member families to be approved for membership.
- Board approved Memorial for Ken Krupa.
- Feb 9 meeting: Will ask for volunteers for a new Membership Committee.
- Paul Pelkey will send emails to Board when members request database adds or changes.
- Next Board meeting, need to discuss potential bylaws for dues payment for new members

**Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**

- Will meet with City Chevrolet (Club Sponsor) on February 7 to discuss QCCC Car Show.
- May try to plan a Poker Run prior to Loftin Garage meeting in April. Tommy will work with Steve Pelchat on potential caterer for picnic at the meeting.
- Tommy plans to have event sign-up sheets and calendar entries through April.
- Upcoming Events planned for Calendar:
  - Corvette Expo at Sevierville
  - Auto Fair – 30 Cars each day
  - Parades and Homecomings with assistance from John Meadows. Will also request volunteers for Parade Committee.
- Also discussed were:
  - Car Care Days
  - Myrtle Beach Car Show early June

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg**

- Reviewed proposed 2013 Budget in detail. Board approved. Jim will distribute to members prior to vote at February 9 meeting.

- Short discussion on possible charitable donations for 2013. Motion was made and passed to allow Charity Committee to complete their work and Board to review as appropriate.
- Emails will be sent to those who have not paid dues to date, per bylaws.

**Social Director: Laura Pelchat**

- Charlotte Checkers Hockey Game event planned for March 17.
- Day Trip Hosts should notify Tommy or Laura for Dates as soon as possible for approval to avoid major calendar conflicts.
- Reviewed actual banquet expenses vs. budget. Significantly reduced expenses this year.
- Possible trips this year to Asheville and another trip to Floyd in Virginia.
- Board should think about venues for 2013 Christmas Party and 2014 Banquet.

**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- Get Well Card sent to Fred McCoy.
- Sympathy card sent to Deb Krupa and family.
- Carolyn proposed Minutes of Club Business Meetings (only) be sent to all members via email week after the meeting in addition to end of month distribution via Newsletter. The purpose is to allow folks not attending the business meeting to be informed as soon as possible of time-sensitive event information. Board approved.

**Old Business:**

None

**New/Other Business:**

- Keith discussed upcoming QCCC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Celebration in August and planned contest for enhanced logo design for use during Anniversary celebration. Club will vote on designs submitted and present awards.
- Discussed special email addresses for Membership and President for outside contacts.
- Next Board meeting will be held on March 5 at Smith and Stevenson.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



The calendar is filling up! We have a really great group already signed up for the Charlotte Checkers hockey game. If you're interested, let me know and get your money to me right away, we'll be buying tickets March 4<sup>th</sup>. One disappointment though, the tracks for the light rail train are being worked on, so the train won't be running that weekend. However, the restaurant we are going to, Queen City 'Q, will validate our parking. We'll be sending directions and all the details to everyone that has signed up.

Our April meeting will be a good one. We're having a catered picnic for \$10 per person, reserve your spot at the March meeting. I'll be asking a few people to bring their favorite dessert to share. The weather should be nice, so plan on a poker run before the picnic. More details at the March meeting.

I can't wait for May! Save the dates of May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, maybe the 19<sup>th</sup>. I'm planning an Asheville trip that I've been thinking about for a year. Great restaurants, lots of comedy, interesting places to see. Plan to come for one day or the whole weekend. Limited to 40 people for the comedy bus tour on Saturday, so make your decision quickly.

We'll squeeze in a spring winery tour, and I think it's time for an ice cream visit. Be on the lookout for these and some other day trips.

Hope to see you at the next event.

Laura Pelchat  
QCCC Social Director  
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# QCCC Cornerstones

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



*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." ~ Maya Angelou*

One of the things Peggy and I remember from attending our first few QCCC gatherings is the way the members made us feel. The club seemed to be one big family. Eddie Burt, Membership Director when we joined, and Jane went out of their way to make everyone feel welcomed. They raised the bar high for anyone following in their footsteps. The Queen City Corvette Club family continues to grow and with the growth comes more opportunities to reach out to members in a variety of ways. That is why we are creating a Membership Committee. I am very excited to introduce the following members who have volunteered to help Peggy and me: *Fred & Gloria McCoy, Jack & Judy Goodison, Steve Pelchat, Jean Bisling, Marilyn Becker and Barbara Mariano*. You will be seeing and hearing them assisting in many ways and I really appreciate their commitment to QCCC! Now, please join us in welcoming our newest members. Thanks to each of them for choosing Queen City Corvette Club!

*Chris Wood, Membership Director*



**Brian & Barb Kruse**  
*2011 Cyber Gray GS & 2000 Pewter*



**David Poindexter w/Daughter Zoe**  
*2005 Silver Coupe & 1984 Blue Coupe*

*Please welcome our  
newest members!*

*We're glad you  
joined us!*



**Neal Roselle**  
*2003 Millennium Yellow Z06*



**George & Allison Ganzhorn**  
*1993 White 40<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Coupe*

# The Ride

**TOMMY LOFTIN, AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR**



## Groundhog Day 2013: 'Punxsutawney Phil' Predicts Early Spring



An early spring is on the way, according to groundhog "Punxsutawney Phil." When the Pennsylvania groundhog emerged from his dwelling at Gobbler's Knob on Feb 2, 2013, he did not see his shadow. This is a good thing for people with Corvette fever, so let's get ready for some cool rides in our Corvettes this spring. Following you will find 3 car shows that are planned for March and April with 2 of them being overnights. Make your plans early as I will be scheduling evening meals and short rides at the overnight trips.

### Corvette Expo Spring Meet @ Sevierville, Tennessee

March 22-23, 2013 9:00 Am to 6:00 PM

This will be a 3 night event for QCCC. We will meet at the Kats Patch parking lot in Troutman across from Iredell County Fair Grounds on Thursday March 21 at 1:00 pm and travel to Sevierville, TN vi I-40. We will stay at the Hampton Inn (865-429-2005) with a room rate of \$99.00 per night. You need to make your own reservations and use Queen City Corvette Club for your discount. We also get a full breakfast daily and Cracker Barrel, Ruby Tuesday, Ryan Steakhouse, Golden Corral, Etc. are within walking distance.

Friday and Saturday will be "Park N' Show" and we can park our Corvettes outside the Convention Center at no charge for outside judging. Friday at 6:00PM will be "Corvette Cruise in the Smokies" leaving the Event Center parking lot with a police escort.

For all show information visit [www.corvetteexpo.com](http://www.corvetteexpo.com)

### Charlotte AutoFair Spring Meet

Charlotte Motor Speedway

April 6-7

This is a 4 day event Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Each day gates open at 7:00 am for participants and at 8:00 am for the public. Car Shows take place on Saturday and Sunday and they will have over 50 car clubs showing off their prized beauties. The event covers over 150 acres and more

than 10,000 vendor spaces. They expect over 150,000 attendees and the Car Corral on the track to have over 1,600 cars for sale.

As you can see this is a **BIG** event and as we are the biggest Corvette Club in North Carolina and beyond we should be proud to be involved in such an event in our home town.

This year we are going to try to spice up the day by having water, sodas and snacks provided both days and lunch provided on Sunday. We will have the regular show and shine judging with 6 AutoFair trophies and 3 additional Large(36")QCCC trophies for our Best of Show, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up's and all QCCC AutoFair participants will be the judges. We will all have 1 vote for each day and the tally will be Sunday at Noon and trophies presented at the end of the day.

For more information about AutoFair go to: [www.charlotte-autofair.com/](http://www.charlotte-autofair.com/)

## Vettes Doin' Charleston

April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Meet and Greet

April 20, 2013 Car Show Registration 10 am – 12 Noon, Awards 3 pm

This is the 6<sup>th</sup> annual show hosted by Coastal Carolina Corvette Club who we have interacted with on other Corvette functions in the past.

*This event can be a 1 night event or even a 2 night event; however I need someone to host this trip. Coastal Carolinas Corvette Club has a block of room reserved for the event at the Holiday Inn in Charleston. For reservations call (843-576-0300) and mention Vettes Doin Charleston Corvette Show. Room rates are \$119.00 per night and include a refrigerator and microwave*

For more information go to [www.4cccc.org/](http://www.4cccc.org/)

## Vettes for Vette @ Shelton Vineyards

& Supper at The Depot Restaurant

May 25, 2013

This is sponsored by RTP Corvette Club which is their 3<sup>RD</sup> annual event and Memorial Day celebration. Admission is free and you can preregister on line at [rtp-corvette.com](http://rtp-corvette.com) or at the day of the show. After the show we will gather for supper at The Depot Restaurant for a time of food and fun.

## Corvettes at Myrtle Beach

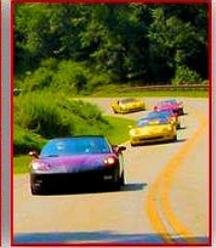
May 31<sup>ST</sup> and June 1, 2013

This is the 18<sup>TH</sup> annual Corvette show 'Corvettes at Myrtle Beach' sponsored by Myrtle Beach Corvette Club. They will have a "Pre Car Show Party" at Springmaid Beach Resort on Friday night before the car show. More information and room reservations can be found at

[www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com](http://www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com)

Till next time,

*Tommy*



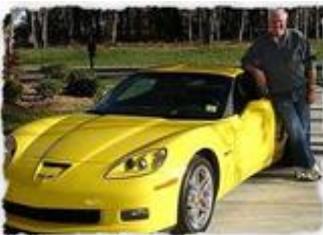
## National Corvette Museum Corner

This issue of the newsletter is the last chance I have to offer a room in Bowling Green for the NCM Bash in April. I will have to release the remaining two rooms back to the hotel prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let me know as soon as possible if you want to join the large group we have traveling to BG. We will be leaving on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and returning on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be getting a firsthand look at the new C7 convertible and coupe and a chance to ask questions of the Corvette design team.

I'm sure everyone is aware of the Fifth NCM Corvette Caravan in 2014 but I would like to take a few lines to highlight some needs. The success of any caravan depends on the sponsorship the caravan committee secures to give all the participants a great experience. Those of you on the 2009 Caravan can recall the BBQ's, tee shirts, souvenir route books, etc. made available to you at no cost. The Carolinas and Virginia Caravan of 2014 is dedicated to providing the same level of enjoyment once again. But to do this, sponsorship funds are needed and that's where everyone can help. Everyone has a relationship with some business, whether they are automotive related or not. You can ask them if they would like to advertise in the route book and caravan website and Chris Wood or Wade Stickels will contact them with all the in-depth information. Just supply them with the lead and they will take care of the rest.

The QCCC membership participation as NCM members is at 51% with 18 lifetime members. Any club would be proud of these figures but I believe we can do better. If you love Corvettes and the Corvette lifestyle, why wouldn't you want to be a member of the museum? The NCM is not just a museum; it is a library, a gathering place, and a generator of Corvette events around the country. If you would like to know more about what the NCM has to offer, let's sit down over a cup of coffee and explore all the benefits of being a member.

If you are interested in participating in a High Performance Driving Experience (HPDE) hosted by the NCM, you may now register on line on the NCM website. The next event will be held at the Sebring Raceway in Florida on March 29-30. To register, go to [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com) and under "Events" click on "HPDE/Autocross/Car Show" and follow the prompts. These events sell out rapidly, so don't tarry.



Save the Wave!

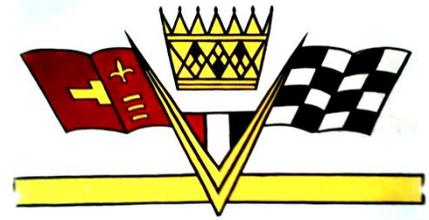
*Paul Mariano,*  
NCM Ambassador

# Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

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

*More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past*



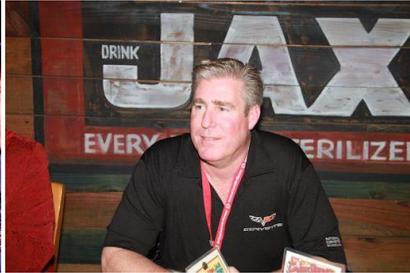
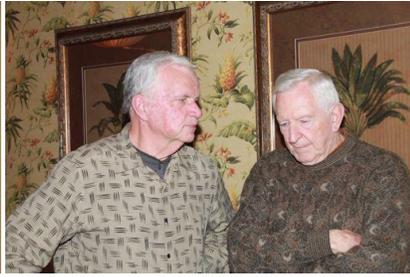
## Why He's Called "Poot" Instead of "Lucky"

The year was 1973, our old north Charlotte buddy Rick "Poot" Wilson was finally finishing his higher education at UCLA (University of Charlotte, 'Lizbeth Avenue). He was loading trucks at Johnson Motor Lines, waiting on corporate America to recognize his talents, when the Corvette bug bit. He was married and had a young daughter, so in his mind, a Corvette was the perfect family car. He bought a 63 roadster from QCCC member Rodney Floyd, and joined the club. Rodney had added his personal touch to this otherwise pristine car: a blue metal flake paint job that Rick hated. He was determined to have it red, so after many gallons of aircraft stripper, she was down to the bare glass. Rick spent about two months sanding, priming and blocking and, as was the custom back then, removed the front bumpers and dumped several gallons of red lacquer paint on her. With much intermediate sanding and polishing, the old car was finally finished and looked great. It was spring break and a road trip to Florida was the perfect time to finally enjoy the Corvette. So with the daughter sitting between them, Rick and his wife (at that time) took off. What a great trip, riding around in sunny Florida with the top down. All was well. Life was good.....Until, a German Sheppard dog the size of Trigger ran out in front of them on Highway 1 in Jacksonville, and tore the right front off the car. Great idea removing the front bumpers. With the tire exposed, they limped back to Charlotte. Having no collision insurance, Rick started to piece his pride and joy back together. And after another four or five months and some volunteer help, the repairs were complete. Everyone in the club felt bad for Rick and all the time he had spent working on his car, so President Jim Whitley suggested that the club award him the "hard luck award" for the year. Nice gesture. Sure! We'll give him a trophy. *That* will make him feel better. Club member Al Starnes, who owned a trophy shop, was commissioned to make the awards for the year end banquet. (No more hand made trophies for us). Rick was quite surprised when his name was called to receive his "Hard Luck Award" and he graciously thanked the members for the heartfelt honor. As he picked up the tall trophy, somehow the nut came off of the threaded rod and the base fell off. By the time he got back to his seat the whole trophy was in pieces. The entire ball room at the Holiday Inn on North Tryon Street was falling on the floor laughing. No one ever admitted to tampering with the trophy, but there are plenty of suspects. Rick acknowledged that his bad luck was not over and that his only regret was that he wasn't able to drink from the broken trophy. The party continued until 1.



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





**Yes we do have a lot of fun. Come join us.**



## *From Track to Street*

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### **NEXT EVENT**

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

### **Other Corvette Related Items of interest.**

GM has officially unveiled the 2014 C7 Corvette Stingray Convertible in Geneva this morning and we have the press release and all the photos:

<http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/forums/c7-corvette/133924-chevrolet-lifts-lid-2014-corvette-stingray-convertible.html>

[http://www.motortrend.com/roadtests/coups/1303\\_2014\\_chevrolet\\_corvette\\_convertible\\_first\\_look/](http://www.motortrend.com/roadtests/coups/1303_2014_chevrolet_corvette_convertible_first_look/)



**Oops!**

**“Heads-Up”**



# **March 9, 2013 Business Meeting at Victory Lane Karting - Charlotte**

Victory Lane Karting offers a premiere indoor karting center experience. Kart racing will be offered to QCCC members at a discounted rate. So come dressed for racing and revved up for an evening of excitement. If you are curious about what Victory Lane Karting is all about check out their website to learn more – <http://victorylanekarting.com/>.

The address for the Victory Lane Karting is as follows:

Victory Lane Karting  
2330 Tipton Dr. Suite 100  
Charlotte, NC 28206  
704-373-9740

Please utilize navigation systems or <http://www.mapquest.com> for exact directions.

**KARTING TIME: 5:00pm – 5:30pm**

**SOCIAL TIME: 5:30pm – 6:00pm**

**MEETING TIME: 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

**KARTING TIME: 7:00pm - until**

# Toms Tips



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

This segment covers the tire and wheel portion

Next we need to go to the tires. This is the area that most people don't clean good enough to win a trophy. The tires have to be cleaned with a good tire cleaner such as Wesley's Bleach White, Purple Stuff, or Simple Green. You need to use rubber gloves for this operation as the strong soaps will remove the oils from your skin. Most people think you are done at this point, wrong. Now you need to clean the rims. Corvettes have large flat surfaces behind the spokes and they are full of brake dust that is stuck like glue. To properly clean them you need to remove the wheels and tires from the car and most of us are not going to do this, so here are some tips you can use. There are a number of rim cleaners on the market that remove brake dust. The ones I use are Armor-All Wheel Cleaner or Turtle Wax Wheel Cleaner. Here is how I do it; first get a long brush such as a dryer vent cleaner brush or a long cloth duster about a foot long to scrub the flat surface of the rim. Rinse the rim with a hard spray of water, then spray the flat surface of the rim with the wheel cleaner of your choice, next scrub the rim with the long brush or duster removing the brake dust. You have to scrub it or it will not come off. Rinse the rim thoroughly with clean water, then I use a car mitt soaked in car wash soap and reach as far in the spokes as you can, cleaning behind the spokes and the brake calipers. This is a good time to wash the wheel wells and under the fender area making sure you rinse out any road gravel that may have collected in crevices. Now clean the outside of the rim and around the valve stem and lug nut area. They make a tool to clean the lug nut area that works well. It has a "T" handle and foam brush shaped to fit the lug nuts. After the rim is clean you must dry them to prevent water spots and finally you can dress the tire with a good tire dresser.

A good tip; when you have your tires replaced make arrangements with your tire dealer to allow you to wash your rims before they install new tires. I always take all my tire cleaning supplies and do the job at the dealers shop.

Next time we will cover the Engine compartment.

Keep it clean

Tommy Loftin