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On The Cover:

Queen City Corvette Club members receiving our "One Acre" Plaque from the National Corvette Museum. Also the cover page from our web site. "Great job Bob & Marilyn Becker"

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 \$10.00, club dues are \$100 per year to be paid semi-annually 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!**



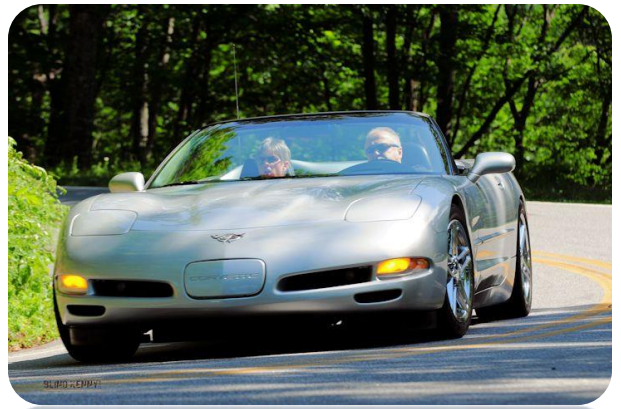
Crossroads

With the President Keith Cross

Well summer has arrived and it won't be long before we are saying, "Where did the summer get to?" I bring this up because now is the time to get out there and enjoy our cars by driving them every chance we get. And especially the older cars need to be seen more before the hot days of August arrive. I know that summer can be a very busy time with family vacations, but a little time cruising in a Corvette on a cool evening can be the best relaxation a person can get. As the midyear closes in on us, the club will continue to have events each month for everyone to enjoy. Some of you may have a special place you like to drive to that you may want to share with others. If so, please plan a little drive so we can maybe discover a new spot. If you want to plan a day trip or just a short drive please sign-up to do one at any of our Monthly Business Meetings or contact Tommy Loftin directly. So keep your eyes open for emails and calendar additions that may come out in between meetings.

Also, I want to thank you all for the support you give our club. Many of you have stepped up to help organize, plan and carry out our many successful activities, AND there will be many more ways you can serve our club in the future. No task usually has too many volunteers. If you are interested in helping with something in our club please see a Board Member or myself so we can get you involved. Plus remember our annual car show will be coming up in September and we will need everyone's help to make it another success. Please see the Car Show Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets at our meetings.

Recently I was given the privilege to lead a group of 25 or so Corvettes from our club as we traveled to Shelton Vineyards for a car show. I say "I lead" and some would probably say all I did was hold up traffic as I kept us at a nice pace going up the interstate. But at least one guy in a black Mustang Cobra GT appreciated me because it will be the only time he will ever get to pass that many Corvettes again. Can you imagine what his story sounded like when he went to work on Monday..."and here we were racing up I-77, I was passing Corvettes as if they were stuck in the slow lane and that's when I noticed I had just passed the legendary Darrell Kirkley". Now back to my thought. Anyway as we traveled in the right lane many people had a chance to pass us if they were in a hurry or if they just wanted to see all the Corvettes. As they passed they would look over to check the car out and many looked to see who was driving the cars. I think they were looking to see if it were their doctor, lawyer, senator or their ex-wife's divorce attorney. You know many people think that Corvette owners are wealthy people that are usually more involved in themselves than others. You know, people that will not take time to speak to people other than those who own Corvettes. People who think because they own a Corvette they are better than others. Then we arrived at Shelton Vineyard. Here over the grassy hillsides was nothing but Corvettes and their owners sitting around and talking. But these people were talking with everyone. They were taking time to answer any questions that anyone had. They spoke to a Corvette owner or someone who had just come out to see the cars in hopes that someday they might have one too. The scene was like a family reunion full of people all tied together some way. Watching people at the car show you realized fairly quickly that Corvette owners do not put themselves on a



pedestal. And our club members are shining examples of this. You make everyone feel welcome when they come visit us. You care about and check on others not only during the good times but during the other times too. You give to the less fortunate and those in need. You are always willing to give a helping hand for someone who needs one. You are patient, understanding and work well with each other when things maybe don't go as planned. I have watched you let strangers sit in the car you have spent hours to detail just so they can get a picture of themselves behind the wheel. You are the people that help give Corvette owners a good name. QCCC is truly like a large family and I just wanted to take time to say Kelly and I are very proud to be a part of you. So please remember it is not the car that makes the club great...it is the members. Take care and ...

...I'll see you at the Crossroads.

Keith Cross



Keith is talking about you, You are what make this club the best club in the country. Thanks for all you do .

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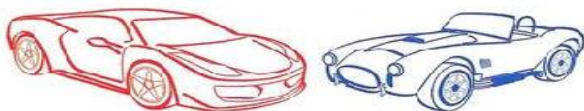
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The Wave

With the Vice President Bill Rambo



Final C6 Corvette Rolls into History

It was far from perfect, but the outgoing C6 Corvette proudly carried on the legacy of its nameplate for nine years.

It's had a good run, but the final C6 Corvette has just rolled off the production line in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Sure, all of the attention lately has been going to the new Stingray, but the outgoing C6 is still one hell of a sports car, spawning variants such as the Z06 and the supercar-killing ZR1. The final C6 was a 427 Convertible Collector Edition outfitted with the 60th Anniversary design package, which consists of an Arctic White exterior and a Blue Diamond leather-wrapped interior with suede-microfiber accents.

The car's 7.0-liter V8 was hand-assembled by Corvette chief engineer Tadge Juechter himself, and the car will soon reside at General Motor's Heritage Center museum. All told, the Bowling Green plant produced 215,100 C6 Corvettes during its nine year lifespan. Less than 30 minutes after it was completed, plant workers began the retooling the factory to prepare the assembly lines for the Stingray. Factory employees will return to work later this month when they will learn everything there is to know about the C7's production.



The Corvette's performance as a sports car was disappointing relative to its European competitors, and early sales were unimpressive. GM kept refining the design, however, and the addition of its first V-8 engine in 1955 greatly improved the car's performance. By 1961, the Corvette had cemented its reputation as America's favorite sports car. Today, it continues to rank among the world's elite sports cars in acceleration time, top speed and overall muscle.

Here are some basic production and model statistics for the C6 era Corvettes:

2005

Total Production: 37,372

Coupes: 26,728

Convertibles: 10,644

Base price: \$43,710 coupe/\$51,445 convertible

Built in: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Engine: V8 364 c.i.

Horsepower: 400

Notes: New 6.0-liter/364 cubic inch engine, new GPS navigation, and first exposed headlights since 1962, base horsepower rises to 400

2006

Total Production: 34,021

Coupes: 16,598

Convertibles: 11,151

Hardtop Z06: 6272

Base price: \$44,190 coupe/\$51,890 convertible/\$65,800 Z06

Built in: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Engines: V8 364 c.i. or V8 427 c.i.

Horsepower: 400/505

Notes: Return of Z06 option with 427 cubic inch engine at 505 horsepower, new 6-speed automatic paddle-shifted transmission

2007

Total Production: 40,561

Coupes: 21,484

Convertibles: 10,918

Hardtop Z06: 8159

Base price: \$44,970 coupe/\$52,910 convertible/\$66,465 Z06

Built in: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Engines: V8 364 c.i. or V8 427 c.i.

Horsepower: 400/505

Notes: No major changes

2008

Total Production: 35,310

Coupes: 20,030

Convertibles: 7549

Hardtop Z06: 7731

Base price: \$45,170 coupe/\$53,510 convertible/\$70,175 Z06

Built in: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Engines: V8 376 c.i. or V8 427 c.i.

Horsepower: 430/505

Notes: New 6.2-liter/376 cubic inch engine raises base horsepower to 430 or 436 with optional exhaust, Indy pace car edition available

2009

Total Production: 16,956

Coupes: 8737

Convertibles: 3343

Hardtop Z06/ZR1: 4876

Base price: \$47,895 coupe/\$52,550 convertible/\$73,255 Z06/\$103,300 ZR1

Built in: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Engines: V8 376 c.i. or V8 427 c.i.

Horsepower: 430/505/638

Notes: ZR1 package returns with supercharged 638 horsepower engine, competition sport special edition available

2010

Total Production: as yet unknown

Base price: \$49,880 coupe/\$54,530 convertible/\$75,235 Z06/\$107,830 ZR1

Built in: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Engines: V8 376 c.i. or V8 427 c.i.

Horsepower: 430/505/638

Notes: Return of the Grand Sport designation, with base engine, sport suspension, and some Z06 features





Queen City Corvette Club
Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2013 Time: 6 PM Location: Harley-Davidson of Charlotte

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; Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editor; Bob and Pat Motta-Nelson and Barbara Sprague, Charity Committee; Bob Denney, Photographer; Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum Ambassador

DISCUSSION:

President: Keith Cross

- Called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the May meeting.
- Introduced QCCC Board and Staff members.
- Thanked Harley Davidson for use of the great facility.
- Thanked Laura Pelchat and volunteers for coordinating the Ice Cream Social prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of April meeting were approved by the members.

Membership Director: Chris Wood

- Welcomed Prospective Members / Guests in attendance:
 - Prospective Members:
 - Jim and Dao Clarke – 2nd Meeting
 - Guests:
 - Brandon Clarke, son of Jim and Dao Clarke
- Membership: QCCC currently has 268 active and provisional members (141 families).
- Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc., and Secretary will send cards.
- **Vice President: Bill Rambo**
- Thanked Harley Davidson for graciously allowing us to use their facility for our meeting.
- Upcoming Meeting locations planned:
 - June at Auto Barn
 - All members need to bring chairs
 - Member car pictures will be taken for those not in directory
 - July, TBD

- August – QCCC 45th Anniversary Celebration at Hendrick Motorsports
- Door prizes were won by Barbara Mariano and Pat Bonino
- Corvette Clock donated by Fred McCoy was won by Paul Mariano
- Total of 105 members present at the meeting
- **Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**
- 2013 QCCC Automotive Events (Details on QCCC Website):
 - **May 25, 3024: Shelton Vineyards Vettes for Vets Car Show**
 - May register at the Show, but pre-registration is *encouraged* to reduce registration time at the show.
 - 42 QCCC Cars are planning to attend.
 - Car Show is Free
 - Tommy has requested special area for QCCC cars
 - To caravan with group, meet at I-77 Rest Area just North of Exit 36 – will LEAVE at 8:15 am sharp.
 - Bring your chairs.
 - Those interested will drive to the Depot for supper after car show.
 - **May 31- June 1 - Corvettes at Myrtle Beach Car Show**
 - To caravan with group, meet Friday 5/31 at I-77 South Carolina Welcome Center by 8 AM. Paul Mariano will lead the caravan to Myrtle Beach.
 - Pre-Show Party on Friday evening at Springmaid Beach Resort Hotel
 - QCCC attendees staying at various Myrtle Beach hotels
 - Saturday Car show Registration from 9am-12pm at Broadway at the Beach
 - Plans for Dinner with QCCC group on Saturday night and Sunday morning breakfast
 - See more detailed information on QCCC website
 - **June 15 – Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Car Show: Sponsors of 2014 C&VA Corvette Caravan**
 - Detailed information sent to members. See Chris Wood for more information.
 - Go early for prime spots. There is room for 350 cars.
 - Silent auction very popular. Items from Dale Earnhardt, the dealership, etc.
 - All Proceeds will be donated to Dale Earnhardt Children’s foundation
 - **June 29 - Troutman 4th of July Parade** – 20 cars already signed up Sign ups welcome
 - **August 23-25 - Corvettes at Carlisle PA**
 - Tommy has block of 5 Rooms at Holiday Inn Express- 2 miles from fairgrounds
 - John Meadows will be showing his 1963 Corvette in a special display
 - Contact Tommy for more information.

- <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/events/corvettes/>
- **September 14 - QCCC 2nd Annual All Chevy Charity Car Show at Hendrick Motorsports**
 - **Registration Open** - Form on QCCC Website
 - QCCC members should register as soon as possible.
 - Need Goodies for Goody Bags – ALL please solicit from businesses
 - QCCC Members should register for show as soon as possible
 - Show will be held Rain or Shine
 - Flyers are available for distribution to friends (contact Tommy).
 - Dash Plaques to be presented to all participants
 - **Need Volunteers** for the various Committees – Keith requested ALL QCCC members volunteer to assist with the show.
 - **QCCC Volunteers Needed** - Sign up with Tommy or at Meetings
 - Parking and Logistics
 - Registration
 - Judging
 - Advertising, Trophies, Vendors
- Day Trips (Details on QCCC Website):
 - **May 18, 2013** - Asheville Comedy Bus Tour Trip will be the May Day Trip.
 - **June 22, 2013** – Charley O Corvettes, (Clemmons NC), and Lunch at O’Charley’s
 - Hosts: Nelson and Barbara Sprague
 - Two departure points
 - 10:00 AM - I-77 Exit 36 behind Denney’s Restaurant
 - Group led by Paul Mariano
 - 10:15 AM Rest area North of Exit 58 on I-85
 - Group led by Nelson
 - Contact Nelson Sprague if you wish to attend.
 - Day Trip Hosts: If you wish to host a day trip, you should contact Tommy Loftin 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).

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Jim provided YTD status of actual vs. budget financials via email prior to meeting.
- *Klassic Rides, LLC* from Denver is a new advertiser.

Social Director: Laura Pelchat

- **May 18** – Asheville Comedy Bus Tour – Some couples going up on Friday
- Members indicated interest in a Charlotte Knights game – will pursue for a Thursday or Saturday
- Planning a trip to a Drive-in Movie on a Saturday evening
- Planning a theater event at Knight Theatre in Charlotte – “I Love Lucy Live on Stage” – sometime between **August 7 -18**
- Trip to the Winery and Country store to be held later in the year
- **October 18-19**, Octoberfest – coordinated by Pat Bonino
 - Rooms Best Western, walking distance, \$149/night, has a large party room.
 - Sign up ASAP first come first serve.
 - More information on the QCCC Website
- Banners w/PVC Holders for Car shows - contact Steve or Pat Bonino

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Announced Member May Birthdays. If you would like your name added to the Happy Birthday list, please contact Carolyn.
- 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 (carolynz77@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.
- **Registration for the C&VA caravan is now OPEN** . Carolyn is the 2014 Carolinas and Virginia (C&VA) Corvette Caravan Registration Chair. The C&VA Caravan is a prelude to the 2014 National Corvette Caravan in Bowling Green KY, and will kick off on **August 23, 2014** in Concord NC. Detailed information and the registration process is available at www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/
- Carolyn and Don Zimmer shared with club members their April 2013 NCM Bash Raffle-winning prizes, presented by the Corvette Plant Assembly Workers who were raising money to buy an acre for the Motorsports Park. Prizes consisted of a large Corvette 60th Anniversary Banner which hung for a year in the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, and a framed shadow box containing a set of pre-production chrome emblems and flags for the new C7 Corvette.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano

- Entered drawing at the Museum to Display QCCC memorabilia in the NCM Enthusiast section.
- The April 2013 NCM Bash was attended by 1600 NCM Members and Guests.
- **May 16-18** - C4 Bash being held at the NCM this weekend. Jeff Crosby attending.
- **August 2013**. Group of QCCC members are traveling to the NCM for the 2013 Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Dinner – Some rooms still available.
- **August 2014** - Paul is coordinating reserving some QCCC tables for the 2014 Anniversary Celebration Hall of Fame Banquet, which is part of the 2014 National Caravan Trip to NCM. QCCC Reserved Tables are currently full, but please send an email to Paul to be put on a waiting list. QCCC members attending the 2014 Caravan but not currently at a Reserved Table can register for the Banquet when they register for the 2014 Caravan at the NCM website, and they will be included in open seating areas at the banquet.
- Other NCM Events: Listed on the Corvette Museum Website www.corvettemuseum.com

Old Business

- Charity Committee - 50/50 Raffle was won by Suki Ham
- QCCC will celebrate our **45th Club Anniversary** with a party at our August 2013 meeting, to be held at Hendrick Motorsports. No Logo Design entries were received by the deadline, so the Board will work on creating something for the event.

- 2014 Carolinas and Virginia Corvette Caravan to National Corvette Museum
 - Registration with VelocityVette77@yahoo.com is Open
 - Vanity Plate Campaign (\$35 ea.) going well.
 - C&VA Caravan will have a New Route to Bowling Green for 2014
 - Business Sponsorships and personal Route Book ads are welcomed. Please contact Chris Wood at 2RedVettes@carolina.rr.com for more info.
 - Visit <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/> for more info.

New Business / Other

- Car Care Day – Will attempt to find a sponsor, venue and format for the Fall 2013.
- Keith will order Tops for the Club Tumblers and sell to those interested. Turvis tops don't work.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club
Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

When: Tuesday, May 7, 2013 Time: 6 PM Where: Smith & Stevenson

2013 Board Members Present: Keith Cross, President; Bill Rambo, Vice-President; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary.

DISCUSSION:

President: Keith Cross

- Thanked QCCC Board members for all their efforts thus far for 2013 club year.
- Provided updated 2013 Calendar for planning purposes.

Vice President: Bill Rambo

- Discussed some possible future meeting locations in Mooresville area.
- Upcoming Meeting locations planned:
 - May – Harley Davidson, Charlotte with Ice Cream Social
 - June- Auto Barn, Concord
 - July - TBD
 - August – Hendrick Motorsports – 45th Anniversary Meeting
 - September – Eddie and Jane Burt BBQ, Matthews
 - October - TBD
 - November - TBD

- December – Christmas Party, location TBD

Membership Director: Chris Wood (Keith Covering)

- Membership expenses in May included purchase of new member lanyards and koosies.
- Lifetime Member Ruth Williams passed away. No charity was designated for tributes, so the Board voted to contribute the memorial to the National Corvette Museum in memory of Mrs. Williams.

Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin

- Tommy met with City Chevrolet and reviewed the Budget and Flyer for the September 2013 QCCC Car Show.
- **September 14, 2013: Second Annual QCCC Car Show**
 - Tommy is collecting handouts for Goodie Bags for the show, and is requesting the Board and members to also collect items from known businesses and other contacts.
 - Jim Weisberg will contact Club Advertisers to give them the opportunity to donate items or business cards for goodie bags.
 - Flyers for the Show were distributed at Auto Fair and at our club meetings
 - Bill Rambo will update our club Facebook page with Car Show information
 - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist with Show (see QCCC Website for details)
- **May 25, 2024: Shelton Vineyards Vettes for Vets Car Show**
 - May register at the Show, but pre-registration is *encouraged* to reduce registration time at the show.
 - Car Show is Free
 - Tommy has requested 30 spaces for QCCC cars
 - QCCC members wishing to caravan will meet at I-77 Rest Area just North of Exit 36.
 - Those interested will drive to the Depot for supper after show.
- **May 31-June 1: Myrtle Beach Car Show**
 - Registration Deadline is May 11, 2013
 - Members interested will caravan to Myrtle Beach.
 - Charlie Meade, member of Myrtle Beach Corvette Club, and provisional member of QCCC, will coordinate dinners for interested QCCC members attending.
- **June 15:** Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Car Show, Newton NC – Chris Wood Coordinating
- **June 29: Troutman 4th of July Parade**

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Jim sent YTD detailed Treasurer Report to all Members prior to May meeting.
- *Klassic Rides*, LLC in Denver is a new club advertiser.

Social Director: Laura Pelchat

- May 18 trip to Asheville for Comedy Bus Tour will be the May Day Trip
- Other Social Activities Being Planned or Considered
 - Christmas Party

- 2014 Banquet
- Considering attending a Knights Game
- Day Trip to Hickory
- Floyd Trip delayed until construction completed
- Pat Bonino working on Helen, GA, Octoberfest Plans – details on Website
- Attending a Drive-In Movie in Bessemer City

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Thinking of You Card Sent to Bob & Pat Motta
- Get Well Cards send to Pat Motta and Sandy Welsh
- Sympathy Card sent to Donna Peterman
- Distributed Club Minutes to members following April Meeting and forwarded April Board and Club Minutes to Boyd Kurt for Newsletter publication.
- Distributed Birthday List and requested updates and Birthday list was updated.

Old Business: Keith Cross

- QCCC 45th Anniversary Celebration
 - Requested Designs for 45th Anniversary Logo Design Contest – None have been received
 - QCCC Logo window Clings were slightly modified and new ones will now be ordered.
- Charity Committee
 - Board will contact Nelson regarding soliciting members to serve on Charity Committee
 - Need to understand when and how the Charity recommendations will be presented to the members for a vote.

New/Other Business:

- At the NCM Bash, QCCC was awarded a framed certificate, and a hand-crafted belt buckle and pin, as mementos in appreciation of the club's significant donation to the NCM Motorsports Park.
 - Board considering where to keep plaque, belt buckle and pin.
 - Items will be displayed at the next few club meetings for members to see.

June 4, 2013 Board Meeting location will be coordinated and announced by Keith Cross.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



The Asheville Comedy Tour was a howling success. Good food, good shows, and a great time to socialize and get to know each other better. Donna Peterman summarized it: drive, eat, laugh – eat, laugh, drive.

I should have kept up with my piano lessons. Dueling pianos showed how much fun it could be. Amazing how many lyrics you have stored in your brain. While we were waiting for our bus, someone asked me if the guy walking toward us was one of the characters. It's hard to tell in Asheville, but yes, that was Lester, our tour guide. We heard an interesting history of Asheville, saw the highlights of the city, and Lester even found a cougar! I heard Chris ask Peggy why she was crying, she said it was because she was laughing so hard.

What did the QCCC members do during the Asheville Comedy Tour that caused a nun to chase after their bus? Well, I don't want to be tellin' tales, but they were...sinners!! At least that was according to Sister Badhabit. But, what happens in Asheville, stays in Asheville. Oops, there's a Subaru, I have to go.

Hope to see you at the next event.

Laura Pelchat

QCCC Social Director



QCCC Cornerstones

Building a Great Corvette



One MEMBER at a time



“Adversity is like a strong wind. It tears away from us all but the things that cannot be torn, so that we see ourselves as we really are.”

~Arthur Golden

I'm sure the owner of this C5 Z06 is thankful to be alive. The recent tornado in Moore, Oklahoma ripped through his home and garage where his Corvette was stored. This Corvette can be repaired, the homes can be rebuilt, and life will go on for those who survived.

My charge each month is to write an article about membership in Queen City Corvette Club. Sometimes the words flow easily, sometimes not so much. I always hope to provide some tidbit of information that will make you think. After reading the quote above, I realized what this month's membership article would be about.

Source: CorvetteBlogger.com

Over the past year, many in our Corvette family have dealt with, or are dealing with, the strong winds of adversity. From bruises and broken bones to much more serious illnesses and calamities, some may feel like they've had everything torn away from them. But as Arthur Golden says, the adversity tears away all but what cannot be, and we see ourselves as we really are. And in these times, we also see our friends as **they** really are.

CorvetteBlogger.com did an article on May 28th about a very active member of our Corvette family, Chuck Sheldon. As many know, Chuck was a Caravan Local Leader and attended our 2014 Carolinas & Virginia Corvette Caravan Kickoff Event at DEI last September, proudly showing off his new 2013 Grand Sport Convertible. Chuck was diagnosed with cancer in March of this year and passed away May 9th, shortly after he shared in the NCM Bash festivities thanks to his Corvette Club, Skype and a laptop computer. Those attending the NCM's Winner's Circle dinner April 26th at the Bash saw members of his Coastal Carolina Corvette Club carrying the computer around so Chuck could see and hear all of us say hi to him. Chuck was instrumental in helping his club donate an acre to the NCM MotorSports Park and his Corvette Club friends were determined he would participate in the festivities, even if it had to be via the internet.

On April 7th, some of Chuck's friends gathered as GM brought the very first C7 Corvette Stingray ever built to his home so he could fulfill a dream of sitting in the C7, starting it up and racing the engine. Getting this done while the C7 was returning from Barrett-Jackson was no easy task and involved many in the GM hierarchy, including Harlan Charles, Corvette Product and Marketing Manager, and Dave Tatman, Assembly Plant Manager, but it did get done. And Chuck did participate in the Winner's Circle to see his Corvette Club receive the deed for their acre just days before he passed away. Chuck did fulfill a dream, thanks to his friends.

Just when we think the Corvette family can't be any better, we get a surprise. Let's keep those who have and are suffering in our thoughts and prayers, from those in Moore, OK to our close friends in QCCC. Get to know each other, learn the names of our newest members, and surprise someone facing adversity with a telephone call. Who knows, they may remember and call to lift you up some day when you're facing your own winds of adversity. After all, these are the times when we see ourselves, **and each other**, as we really are.

Chris Wood, Membership Director

The Ride

Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director



What an active month May has been. If you have not had your wheels turning on your Vette and joined in on the Corvette fun it is defiantly not the clubs fault. We have had activities all month long from day trips, overnight trips, ice cream social, and car shows.

Vettes for Vets at Shelton Vineyard was a huge success this year with 31 Corvettes participating from QCCC. The show had a total of over 190 Corvettes from the surrounding area and was hosted by RTP Corvette Club. The vineyard gave out awards for the top 12 cars consisting of a bottle of wine from the vineyard with a special label on them marked as "The Dirty Dozen". QCCC received two of the top twelve awards. Jack and Betty Ann Brunton received an award with their 2007 silver ZO6 and Tommy Loftin received one for his 1954 Polo White Corvette. After the show we all went to The Depot Restaurant for good food and fellowship.

Myrtle Beach Corvette Car Show was another highlight for QCCC. We had 12 cars head south for some fun in the sun at the 18th annual Corvettes at Myrtle Beach Car Show; and what a show it was. Myrtle Beach Corvette Club had a pre-show party on Friday night and we all had a blast. We had food, a DJ with dancing and a large silent auction. Saturday was the day of the show and the weather was perfect beach weather with not a cloud in the sky. There were over 400 Corvettes participating from clubs across the country. The show was held at Broadway at the Beach, and there were plenty of spectators admiring a fabulous array of Corvettes. The local helicopter tour took advantage of all the beautiful cars as they flew customers over for a quick peek all day long. At the awards ceremony QCCC stood tall with four members bringing home awards; including Brenda Loftin, Jack and Betty Ann Brunton, Bill and Lorraine Miller, and Glenn and Andrea Johnson. Charlie and Debbie Meade from Myrtle Beach Corvette Club and a QCCC provisional member hosted a private dinner party, for us and other guest Saturday night at Landry's Seafood and afterwards the gang partied at the hotel till midnight.

If you have never taken your Corvette to a car show you are missing out on some of the most fun and good times the club has to offer. The social time is much more rewarding than the show itself, so next time a club sponsored show comes around make it a point to attend.

Steve and Laura Pelchat hosted an overnight trip to Asheville and offered a day trip on Saturday for members to participate in the Asheville Comedy Tour.

June is packed with opportunities for you to get out in your Vette and enjoy the club sponsored activities. We have a car show at Earnhardt Chevrolet which is being hosted by the 2014 NCM Caravan organizers on June 15th, Nelson Sprague has a day trip planned going to Charlie O Corvettes with lunch at O Charlie's on June 22nd. The Troutman Independence Day Parade and Celebration will be on June 29th. If this is not enough to keep you busy you can go to your local car cruise-in's on almost any night of the week and enjoy showing off your car with other car enthusiast. And by the way call or e-mail your friends and make it a Corvette night out.

Keep air in your tires, grease in your axles and your wheels rolling!

Till next time,
Tommy Loftin

2nd Annual

Queen City Corvette Club All Chevy Charity Car Show



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QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB
CHARLOTTE, NC

Saturday, September 14th, 2013

Rain or Shine / Registration @ 8 AM / Judging @ 11 AM / Trophies @ 2 PM
Hendrick Motorsports, 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd, Charlotte

5 Class Awards

Including: All Corvettes, QCCC Members Only Corvettes, All Camaros, All Other Chevs and Chevy Trucks

Dash Plaques

To The First 100 Entries

Over 50 Trophies

In all 5 Classes and in each age group, plus Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, Dealer's Award, And Best of Show

Entry Fee: All proceeds go to charity
\$25.00 (Scored Judging & Awards)
\$15.00 (Display Only)
Preregister & receive \$5 off (Registration below)

For Questions Contact:
Tommy Loftin 704-902-1330
or www.queencitycorvette.com

Name: _____ Vehicle Model: _____

Address: _____ Year: _____

Color: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Mail all entry forms to:
make checks payable to QCCC

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181 Maple View Drive
Troutman, NC 28166

Preregistration

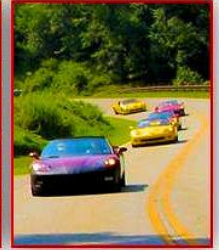
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\$10.00 (Display Only)

Day of Event

\$25.00 (Scored Judging and Awards)

\$15.00 (Display Only)



National Corvette Museum Corner

Here we are coming into another summer of shows, events, and tours featuring our favorite automobile. After all the bench racing, trophy judging and road miles are finished, what will we remember the most? Well, I'm going out on a limb and say that everyone will remember what I do. The people! We will cherish the time we spend with old friends, the reunion with old friends we haven't seen for awhile, and the new friends we make along the way. We had a great start with the NCM Bash the end of April, the gathering at Shelton Vineyards a week ago and by the time you read this, the Corvette show in Myrtle Beach hosted by the MBCC. So, what am I saying? I say the Corvettes are our passion but the people make us a unique group that others can only envy. Savor the journey, enjoy the people, and embrace your new friends. Isn't life great?

We failed to get selected to showcase our club in the Enthusiast Area in the NCM once again. We won't give up, however, we will try again next year.

We have submitted our newsletter and website for judging in the annual NCM competition. Boyd Kurt has selected an issue of our newsletter and submitted it for judging. Bob and Marilyn Becker have upgraded the website to make it more competitive this year. Please take a look at the updated website and go through all the photos of the NCM Bash. You will soon realize that a trip to the NCM isn't just to look at a display of great Corvettes. It's a real happening with lots of great people.

The Beckers, Marianos and Woods are headed for the Museum the end of June to view the new floor of the Assembly Plant. The C7s will be rolling down the line by then and we will get to see all the newly installed assembly procedures. The all new frame is now being built in-house which is a big change as it was vendor provided in the past. Unfortunately, cameras are not allowed so all we can do is tell you what we saw. Please forgive us in advance if we get a little excited.

Please see John Jensen or myself on how to become a member of the NCM and all the benefits thereof. Once you join and visit the museum, you will be hooked for life.

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



“Our 1st Clubhouse”

Jim Whitley and I worked together at Burroughs Corp on Central Avenue and became fast friends. I had a major infection of Corvette fever and when Jim bought a nearly new 69 coupe, I had to have one. I tried to buy a new 1970, but with my driving record, I couldn't afford the insurance. So, I went looking for one I could “own” without borrowing any money and carry only liability insurance. In May of 1970, I found my 64 coupe and purchased it. Jim and I joined QCCC later that year.

I had been club president in 1972, and Jim had just been elected president for 1973. The transition was easy since we were together all the time. Early in QCCC's history, meetings were held at member's houses and sometimes in the back rooms of various restaurants. But early in 1972, Corvette owner and Army recruiter Bill Czarnowski moved to Charlotte to run the induction center on Pecan Avenue. He joined QCCC and offered that facility as a meeting place for the club. It was a great location with plenty of room and we used it for over a year for meetings and parties. When Bill was promoted and transferred to another location we lost that connection and our meeting place.

One day at lunch, Jim and I stopped by member Buzz Cagle's detail shop, which he operated out of a small garage behind a house that was on the corner of Independence Blvd and Westover Street. While we there, we noticed a for rent sign in the yard of the brick house across Westover from Buzz's. With the lack of a meeting place a hot topic, Jim commented, “Hell let's just rent that house and meet there.” We all laughed at the idea. Later, after work, while having our usual happy hour, the topic of having a clubhouse came up again, and the more we talked and the more we drank, the better the idea became. Jim was familiar with the rental agency, since after his stint in the Army he had rented several places in Charlotte from them. He called the rental agent the next day and we met him there for a look. The house had been vacant for quite a while and was not in a very livable condition, so the rent was cheap.

At the next club meeting, Jim had prepared a great proposal complete with facts and more importantly, the figures on how we could afford our own clubhouse. His excellent preparation work and ability to answer every question and concern sold the members to the idea. It passed. I am amazed now at how this group of “twenty somethings” took such a leap, especially since we were all on very tight budgets. It was an excellent example of youthful optimism.

From that point on, we were focused on making this place something we could be proud of. Many days were spent cleaning, hauling away trash, and painting. It was really a group effort, everybody contributed their time and without spending hardly any money it was all coming together. The most memorable project was (of course) the bar.

The bar was designated for the large back room. David Morse volunteered to head the project, claiming to have taken woodworking in high school. Now we all knew David was over his head in everything he did regarding his Corvette. He had taken a pristine 66 roadster, and destroyed it trying to race it, always driving way beyond his capabilities. So to say we were skeptical of his building skills was an understatement. But since he agreed to buy the wood, we turned him loose. To our amazement, the bar turned out great. It had a beautiful finish, complete with an elbow pad and a footrest. The

finishing touch to the bar room was the classy red and black nude print wallpaper. But we spent the most money on what we felt were two essential items; a beer tap and a juke box.

We bought a used refrigerated single keg beer tap from a restaurant supply house, and a 17gallon keg of Schlitz, the first of many. The beer sales from the bar helped finance the whole operation of the clubhouse, a very prudent investment that paid big dividends.

The juke box was Shag champion and club member Shad Alberty's idea. He had many connections with beach clubs in the area and he made a few calls and we suddenly had a decent Rock-0-La 100 play juke box. Everyone brought their favorite old 45's and we were in business.

Every Wednesday was open club night, and few members missed many. I remember the evening of October 23, 1974, leaving Sharon in the hospital and rushing over to the clubhouse to pass out cigars, as our son was born at 7pm that day. The social time at the clubhouse on Wednesdays was the key to its success. I never planned anything important on Thursday mornings because I knew I wouldn't be 100% after Wednesday night.

Another project later was converting the attic into a meeting room. We put down plywood flooring with seating of benches and nail kegs. I held the 30 to 40 people comfortably except in the summer when it was about 140 degrees. It also had a large exhaust fan, but it sounded like a P52 taking off, and would suck the paper off of the table when we tried to use it. But that just added to the experience.

The parties, especially after a club function, were legendary. The photos of club members dancing on Independence Blvd prove that. It was probably around midnight, a warm summer night, the juke box was blaring old Carolina's beach music and dancing in the street seemed like the right thing to do.

Looking back it is amazing that we did all of this for several years without getting into any trouble, especially since we had no permits, licenses, insurance, or anything that would indicate that we knew what we were doing. The clubhouse really brought the club together, and in 1974 we became the National Council of Corvette Clubs regional champions. But I think those involved are proudest of the close friendships that continue to this day. It was a great period in time to be young and have so much fun with those with common interests.

I hope this is what you had in mind, let me know if I can add anything else,

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

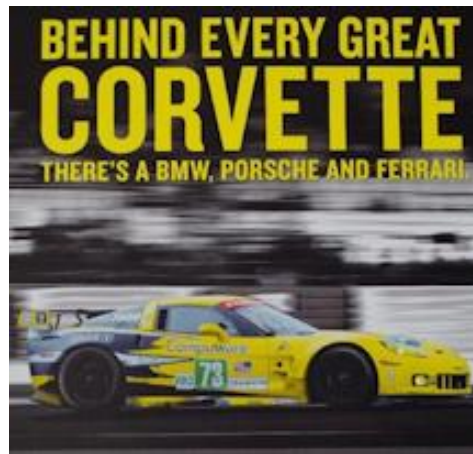




From Track to Street

NEXT EVENT

The **2013 24 Hours of Le Mans** ([French](#): *24 Heures du Mans 2013*) will be held on 22–23 June 2013 at the [Circuit de la Sarthe](#), [Le Mans](#), [France](#). It will be the 81st edition of the [24 Hours of Le Mans](#) motor race organised by the [Automobile Club de l'Ouest](#) (ACO), and will be part of the [2013 FIA World Endurance Championship](#) Covered on the “Speed” Chanel



Coming up October 2-5th the American LeMans race will be held at VIR. VIR is located just over the NC border near Danville, VA. Come join us for this 4.5 hour race and watch the racing Corvette's take on the rest of the field. This track is within 3.5 hours of Charlotte. See Boyd Kurt for more information.

Other Corvette Related Items of interest.

Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet is having a car show June 15th To sign up go to:

<http://www.earnhardtautomotive.com/autoshow/2013/>



Dear Friends,

Thanks to YOU... WE DID IT!!! Not only did we hit our \$1 million goal over the weekend, but we exceeded it by \$95,471!

Because you helped us achieve this milestone in our fundraising efforts we will be including the West Track as part of the initial construction of the Motorsports Park.

The Motorsports Park Project Committee is continuing to look at specific pricing on various aspects and combinations for development of the Park. NCM Management and the Board of Directors plan to make a special announcement at the groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, June 28 as to the amount of park development that will be included with the initial construction. We are so pleased that the West track will be included, thanks to the support of Corvette enthusiasts, members and friends, from all over.

The support each individual and club has made for this project is a strong testament to potential sponsors. We will continue to network with companies who are a good fit to have their name associated with the park. If you have any connections that could help us, please contact me (270-467-8814) or Connie (270-467-8815).

Excitement is growing as we keep driving the dream!

Wendell Strode, Executive Director

“Heads-Up”



June 8, 2013 Business Meeting

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

AutoBarn Classic Cars – Concord, NC

AutoBarn Classic Cars is an automotive company that offers marketing, selling and storage services for classic cars in their 60,000 square feet of showroom. They have invited us back and agreed to host our November meeting at their Concord Showroom. So come a little early and take time to look over the cars. Chairs will **NOT** be provided, so bring your own folding car. If you are curious about what AutoBarn is all about check out their website to learn more - <http://www.autobarnclassiccars.com/>.

The address for the AutoBarn Classic Cars is as follows:

AutoBarn Classic Cars
325 McGill Avenue Northwest
Concord, NC 28027
704-788-2765

NOTE: If you have not been to Auto Barn before it is located at the rear of the large old mill that is at 325 McGill Ave. As you face the mill go completely down the right hand side of the mill and the entrance is a large rollup door on the backside of the old mill building. 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!!