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On The Cover:

60 Years in the making. Corvette "The Worlds Sport Car". Happy Birthday. Thanks to the NCM for this picture.

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!**



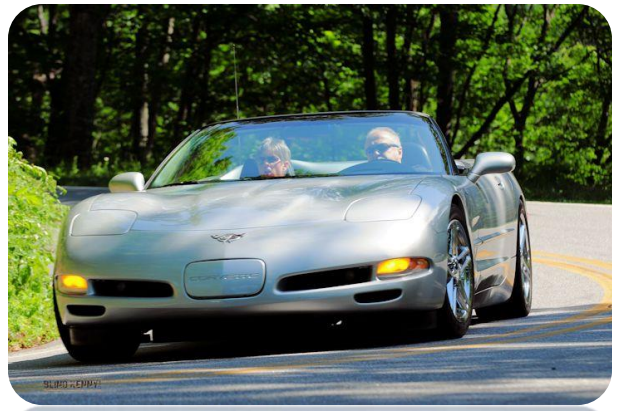
Crossroads

With the President Keith Cross

Wow, do you realize that we are half way through 2013? It just seems like yesterday we were telling everyone Happy New Year! So have you driven your Corvette many miles in the first six months of 2013? Have you gotten out there and just started driving to see what you could see? Or driven somewhere new just to see things that you have not seen before? You know too many times we find ourselves in a hurry and take the same path or the fast four lane road when we go places or run our errands. We are all creatures of habit and like the comfort of knowing where we are at all times. But sadly we are missing out on seeing new things, places and beautiful scenery.

On a recent Sunday afternoon Kelly and I loaded up to go check out a future possible club drive. We went straight up I-77 North and then took NC 421 East and ended up in N. Wilkesboro in no time at all. After scouting around town to see what we had traveled there for we stopped and spoke to a N. Wilkesboro Policeman and ask for a suggestion of maybe a good place to catch a little dinner. He suggested the Brushy Mountain Smokehouse Restaurant. He said their Sunday Dinner Buffett was usually pretty good. Well we found our way there along with a good many of the “after church dinner folk”. (For those of you that are confused with what time of day it was this will help you. In the old south there are four types of meals. There is Breakfast which is the first meal of the day. The next meal around noon is called Lunch if you’re eating sandwiches and if it is a cooked sit-down meal it is called Dinner. And then the evening meal is called Supper. Sorry I digress.) This was a small town diner with old photographs of Race Legends Enoch Staley and Junior Johnson on the walls. Oh and up in those parts if you confuse Junior with Jr. that might be grounds for a good ole fashion “yard whoopin”. (And for those of you that don’t recognize Enoch Staley then may I suggest goggling “Enoch Staley Curse”. And for those who don’t know what a good ole fashion “yard whoopin” is see me at the next meeting. But again I digress.) Now back to dinner and yes the BBQ Beef Ribs and Pull Pork were delicious. But their homemade, hand breaded, white meat Chicken Tenders were so tender they melted in your mouth. Plus then they also had their own Brushy Mountain Creamery where they severed their hand churned ice cream. Needless to say I waddled back out to the car. So as we started our return trip I ask Kelly what she thought...the highway or the country. We opted for the country. On our way back, which did take a little bit longer, we saw places like: Osbornville, Hunting Creek, New Hope, Central and Call. Some of these were just towns that looked like they had been forgotten or they were communities located at crossroads. It made you think about that, at one point, they were locations that people referred to as where they lived. Now they are places that most people don’t even know exist.

Today people just say I live outside some larger town name. Then there were all the roads we saw. Roads like: Gobblers Knob, Farm House, Old Timer, Round House, Sweet Creek, Race Path, Pony Run, Snow Creek, Red Chimney, Sprinkle, Crider and Zeb. There was also many family name Farm Roads. I think every family had a road named after their farm. We saw beautiful county, rolling fields of farm land, ponds, creeks, old churches, and old store buildings. We saw kids playing in their front yards and families sitting on porches watching us watch them as we went by. And many times they took time to wave as if they were welcoming us into their community. Remember the old jingle



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

Keith Cross



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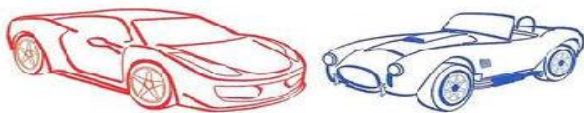
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The Wave

With the Vice President Bill Rambo



I found this article while researching just how far Vettes owners are willing to go to put more horsepower under the hood. Now I might be a bit of a shade tree mechanic, the story you are about to read should not be attempted under that tree. I will cruise on along with 400+ horsepower cause I can. But with 1100, well, I would be worried about how long the tires are gonna last, just saying, and cellphone is still faster than Vette. -BR

Number of the Beast

With a devilish 1,100-horsepower supercharged big block under its hood, it's no wonder this Corvette is called Z0666.

By David Newhardt Photos by The Author
January 27, 2012

UPGRADING A CORVETTE'S PERFORMANCE often puts an owner on a slippery slope. More power usually leads to even more power, and street cars slide into race-car territory. It happened to David Busch, owner of Loud Pedal Motorsports, Inc, in Tempe, Arizona. He decided he wanted to increase the horsepower of his sixth-gen Z06. One thing led to another, and before he knew it, he had more than doubled the car's power output. Dubbed Z0666, the Corvette is like the Four Horseman on four wheels.

Busch got into Corvettes like many have, with a friend lending him the keys to one—in this case, a red C3 convertible. In 2000, Busch bought a Corvette of his own: a new C5 convertible. At that point, he knew that Chevrolet's sports car was going to be a major part of his life. Business needs saw the 2000

go to a new home, but by 2004, another Corvette was in the garage—a 2003 50th Anniversary convertible. The Corvette's performance impressed Busch, but he felt that with a handful of standard hop-up tricks, it could deliver more of everything. In went a more aggressive camshaft, an aftermarket exhaust was bolted on and the standard tires were swapped out for a sticker set of rubber. Busch was stunned with the results, but the changes only whet his appetite for increased performance.

In 2005, when he heard that Chevrolet was going to be releasing the C6 Z06, he immediately placed his order. Busch and his wife flew to Kentucky to pick up their 505-horsepower machine at the factory, and the twisty roads around Bowling Green were the perfect venue to break it in. Busch swore that he'd keep this Corvette bone stock, as surely 505 horsepower was enough for anybody. Sense where this is going?

After about two years, Busch was itching for a little more power. The same engine and exhaust modifications he'd installed on the C5 were applied to the Z06, and he ended up with 535 horsepower at the rear tires. The exhaust note was burly and commanding, and the engine idled with the lazy lope of an old big block. After founding Loud Pedal Motorsports in 2008, Busch decided to ramp up the Z06's performance even more as a demonstration of LPM's engineering prowess. It ended up being a very steep ramp.

The stock LS7 V8 didn't have the room for power growth that Busch was envisioning, so it was yanked out, and an LSX454 crate engine from GM Performance Parts was installed. As delivered, this mill cranks out 620 ponies—no insignificant increase over a stock LS7. But Busch had “more” on his mind, and the path to “more” is often paved with forced induction. Busch knew that the LSX454 block and LS7 6-bolt heads could handle considerable boost levels, so he approached Procharger about designing a supercharger package that could churn up a lot of boost while still fitting under the OEM hood. The result was the F1D blower, delivering a maximum of 14.5 pounds of boost.

But just bolting on a supercharger and expecting a livable powerplant is an unrealistic proposition. Busch paid attention to the entire package, from engine components to driveline survivability. A Nick Williams 102mm throttle body sits atop a FAST LSXR intake manifold, and 95-pound High Impedance injectors fill the combustion chambers with pump gas.

Other projects in Loud Pedal Motorsports past had used superchargers to help generate serious power, but belt slippage, even with the use of an 8-rib belt, had been an issue. Busch solved this problem on his Z0666 by using an HPE Flip Drive dedicated belt system. Even though the Corvette's engine reaches its horsepower peak at a lofty 6,200 rpm, the HPE belt is as happy as a clam. In addition, a Ron Davis radiator was fitted, and during the protracted photo shoot, on a hot Arizona day, the temp needle was locked in the lower portion of the gauge.



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2013 Time: 6 PM Location: Auto Barn – Concord

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; Boyd and Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editor; Nelson and Barbara Sprague, Charity Committee; Bob Denney, Photographer; Brian and Michelle Moore, Photographers; Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum Ambassador

DISCUSSION:

President: Keith Cross

- Keith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the June meeting.
- Minutes of May meeting were approved by the members.
- Introduced QCCC Board and Staff members.
- Thanked Auto Barn for use of the great facility.

Membership Director: Chris Wood

- Jim Clarke was welcomed and he and Dao were Approved as new members.
- The following were Prospective Members in attendance:
 - Rich Randall – 2nd Meeting
 - Steve Bunn – 1st Meeting
 - Lee & Debbie Ruth – 1st Meeting
- The following were Guests in attendance:
 - Stephanie Faircloth – Daughter-in-law of David & Dawn Faircloth
 - Madison Brackett – Granddaughter of Boyd & Susan Kurt
- Membership: QCCC currently has 270 active and provisional members (141 families).
- Chris sent 22 *Hello Cards* to members who have not attended any recent QCCC meetings or events, letting them know we hope to see them soon.
- Member News:
 - QCCC made a Donation to the National Corvette Museum in memory of Lifetime Member Ruth Williams
 - Vern Maher fell and had surgery

- Pat Motta recovering from surgery and starts chemo on June 21st
- Steve Kravitz's mother passed away.
- Ann Oakley's brother is ill in the hospital
- Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc.

Vice President: Bill Rambo

- Thanked Auto Barn for allowing us to use their great facility. Tom Marshall of Auto Barn said a few words.
- Upcoming Meeting locations planned:
 - July - TBD
 - August – Hendrick Motorsports – QCCC 45th Anniversary Meeting
 - September – Eddie and Jane Burt BBQ, Matthews
 - October - TBD
 - November - TBD
 - December – Christmas Party, location TBD
- Door Prizes won by Buzz Brescoll and Jack Ross
- Board continues to search for meeting venues that will accommodate 100-125 people. Members are asked to notify the Board of any ideas for meeting sites.
- QCCC Dinner and Event Hosts are reminded that they need to complete the Attendee List and forward to Bill Rambo for QCCC points calculations following the activity.
- Total of 95 members present at the meeting.

Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin

- **Prior Events**
 - May 18 – Trip to Asheville Comedy Tour was the Day Trip for May.
 - May 25 - Shelton Vineyards Vettes for Vets Car Show
 - Shelton's largest show ever with over 190 cars and fabulous weather.
 - QCCC Members who won Trophies: Steve Ham, Tommy Loftin, Jack Brunton
 - Dinner at The Depot in Dobson with lots of good fun.
 - June 1 - Myrtle Beach Car Show
 - Great pre-party, banquet and dancing on Friday, May 31
 - Over 275 Cars attended the show – 12 from QCCC
 - QCCC Members who won Trophies: Brenda Loftin, Jack and Betty Ann Brunton, Bill and Lorraine Miller, and Glenn and Andrea Johnson who traveled the furthest (from Texas) for the show.

- Great Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast coordinated by Charlie Meade. Met a lot of great Corvette folks.
- **June 15: Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Car Show, Newton NC** – Chris Wood Coordinating on behalf of the 2014 Carolinas and Virginia Caravan Committee
 - 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
 - QCCC participants can meet at 6:45 am to enter show with Chris or arrive anytime between 7 and 11 am.
- **June 22, 2013: Day Trip: O'Charley's for Lunch and Charley O's Corvettes:** Nelson Sprague
 - Contact Nelson Sprague to join the group
 - 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
- **June 29, 2013 Troutman's Independence Day Parade:** Contact: Tommy Loftin
 - Great Parade - Over 20 Cars already registered.
 - The only celebrities in the Corvettes will be the Members.
 - After the parade, the group will drive to Sports Page Restaurant in Mooresville for lunch.
- **July 4th – Indian Trail Parade**
 - Six Cars needed. Beauty Queens will ride.
 - Contact John Meadows to participate or for more information.
- **July 20, 2013 – Foothills Corvette Club – North Wilkesboro**
 - Vettes and Beach Music featuring *The Embers*
 - Free Event, 5-9:30 pm: Signup or Contact Keith Cross to participate
 - Will meet to caravan at the I-77 Rest Area just North of Exit 36 at 3:30 pm or so
 - Details / Flyer on the QCCC Website
- **August 23-25, 2013 – Corvettes at Carlisle** – Tommy Loftin
 - Member John Meadows will display his 1963 at the show.
 - Hotel Rooms still available two miles from the event. Contact Tommy Loftin

- Show information - <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/events/corvettes/>

- **September 14, 2013: Second Annual QCCC Car Show**

- QCCC Members should register ASAP
- Show will be held Rain or Shine
- Dash Plaques to be presented to all participants
- Waiting on formal response from City Chevrolet to our Car Show Proposal.
- 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 is contacting Club Advertisers to give them the opportunity to donate items and/or business cards for goodie bags.
- Coastal Carolina Charleston Club will bring group up for QCCC Car Show
- Flyers for the Show available online and being distributed
- Planning meeting for Show Team Leaders to be held June 11, 6pm at Hickory Tavern.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist with Show (see QCCC Website for details)
 - ALL QCCC members are asked to 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 Trip Hosts:** If you wish to host a QCCC Automotive Day Trip, please 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).
- To purchase personalized **Car Show Banners** w/PVC Holders - contact Steve or Pat Bonino
- Tommy reminded everyone that QCCC is about the members and the fellowship, and he encouraged all the members to get involved in the Automotive and Social events.

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Jim provided YTD status of actual vs. budget financials via email prior to meeting.

Social Director: Laura Pelchat

- **Prior Event:** Asheville Comedy Bus Tour – 10 members attended. Pictures on website.
- **July 27, 2013: Lawn Mower Races - Phat Bottom Speedway, York, SC**
 - Admission is \$5 – Starts at 7 pm

- Contact Laura for more information
- **July 28, 2013: Sunday Knights Baseball Game, Fort Mill SC**
 - Game time 2:15pm
 - Tickets around \$32 which includes meal and parking
- **August 10, 2013 – QCCC 45th Anniversary Celebration Social**
 - QCCC founded in 1968, so we will have a 60's theme/clothes for the meeting
 - See additional details under Old Business section below.
- **August 11, 2013 – *I Love Lucy Live on Stage***
 - Blumenthal Performing Arts Center – Knight Theatre - Charlotte
 - Simulates Audience watching the filming of episodes
 - Tickets \$39.50 or \$20
 - Contact Laura for additional details or to sign up.
- **October 18-19, 2013 – Octoberfest Trip to Helen, GA**
 - Rooms Available at the Best Western, \$149/night
 - Walking distance to the Beer Garden
 - See Website for more details – Pat Bonino coordinating
- **December, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting**
 - Laura is working to finalize date, venue and menu for the party.
- **January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet**
 - To be held at the Vintage Motor Club, Concord
 - New Owners of the location and New Caterer for the Event
 - Laura is working to finalize music and other details for the event.

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Announced Member June Birthdays. If you would like your name added to the Happy Birthday list, please contact Carolyn.
- **Registration for the C&VA caravan is now OPEN** . 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 are available at www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/ . Carolyn Zimmer is the 2014 Carolinas and Virginia (C&VA) Corvette Caravan Registration Chair. VelocityVette77@yahoo.com . (Special registration email) Contact Carolyn for more Caravan information.
- 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.

- **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano**
- NCM met its fund raising goal of \$2M to construct the Motorsports Park at the NCM in Bowling Green KY. Maintenance of the Motorsports Park is expected to be self-funding, due to the large number of groups and businesses signing up to use the facility.
- Paul entered QCCC in the NCM Drawing to display QCCC information in the Enthusiast Display at NCM. QCCC was not selected, but we'll try again next year.
- The QCCC Newsletter was submitted to the NCM for recognition.
- **August 2013.** Group of QCCC members are traveling to the NCM for the 2013 Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Dinner – Contact Paul Mariano for information.
- A large number of people have already registered for the **2014 NCM National Corvette Caravan.** See the website for additional information. www.corvettecaravan.com
- Other NCM Events, Museum Store, etc. are listed on the Corvette Museum Website www.corvettemuseum.com

Old Business

- **August 10, 2013 - 45th QCCC Anniversary Meeting**
 - To be held at Hendrick Motorsports Complex in Concord
 - Group picture of Cars and Members will be held outside
 - Group pictures to be taken inside of Members by Corvette Generation
 - Event Social, Munchies, Cake, Soft Drinks, Water
 - Videos, Prizes, Recognition, etc.
- **QCCC Tumbler Travel Lids**
 - Keith will order lids for sale to members
 - Please contact Keith to order

New Business / Other

- Keith asked for a show of hands at the meeting of who is interested in:
 - Seeing the movie **“The Quest”**
 - Received sufficient interest to schedule an event.
 - Scheduling a tour of **NASCAR Hall of Fame**
 - Received insufficient interest to schedule an event at this time.
- **Tour Hendrick Heritage Car Museum - Concord**
 - Not open to the Public – By Invitation Only
 - QCCC toured this outstanding facility at the invitation of Rick Hendrick a few years ago.
 - QCCC has received a Special Invitation once again to tour the facility, this time at a cost of \$25 per person to benefit the Hendrick Bone Marrow Foundation

- VP Bill Rambo talked about how treatments, such as the ones he received during his illness, benefit from this Foundation
- John Meadows will work with Hendrick and Keith Cross to set up the Event.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



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

When: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 Time: 6:30 PM Where: Red Robin, Northlake
2013 Board Members Present: Keith Cross, President; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Chris Wood, Membership Director, Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary.

DISCUSSION:

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- Opened the meeting with a general discussion of QCCC Calendar events.

Vice President: Bill Rambo (Keith Covering)

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 - Jim Weisberg is contacting Club Advertisers to give them the opportunity to donate items or business cards for goodie bags.
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 - Flyers for the Show available online and being distributed
 - Planning meeting for Show Team Leaders to be held June 11 at Hickory Tavern.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist with Show

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Jim sent YTD detailed Treasurer Report to all Members prior to June meeting.

Social Director: Laura Pelchat

- August 10, 2013 – QCCC 45th Anniversary Celebration Social
- December, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting
 - Working to finalize date, venue and menu
- January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet to be held at the Vintage Motor Club – New Owners and New Caterer. Laura is working to finalize music for the event.
- October, 2013 - Pat Bonino coordinating trip to Helen, GA for Octoberfest (see Website)

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Get Well Cards send to Judy Goodison, Pat Motta, Vern Maher, and Fred Lentz
- Distributed Club Minutes to members following May meeting and forwarded May Board and Club Minutes to Boyd Kurt for Newsletter publication.
- Updated Member Birthday List.

Old Business: Keith Cross

- **Charity Committee**
 - Members are Nelson and Barbara Sprague (Chairs), Florence Prather, Walt Krupowicz, Philip Lewis, Jim Weisberg
 - Will request members to recommend Charities to be considered.
 - Committee concentrates on 2-3 smaller, local charities, not supported by large organizations like the United Way.
 - Charity Committee selections will be presented to the Club for final vote.
- Board approved the purchase of a 2013-24 **QCCC Banner Flag** to fly at the National Corvette Museum for one year.
- **August 10, 2013 - 45th QCCC Anniversary Meeting** at Hendrick Motorsports
 - August 10, 2013
 - Group picture of Cars and Members outside
 - Group pictures inside of Members by Corvette Generation
 - Will need ladders
 - Social, Munchies, Cake, Soft Drinks, Water
 - Videos, Prizes, Recognition
- Charlotte Radio Station ***The Ride*** wants to partner with us for QCCC Events. Chris Wood will contact them to discuss further.

- Hendrick has invited QCCC to tour the Rick Hendrick Heritage Corvette Collection once again. We will bring to membership for interest, and John Meadows will coordinate.
- Board approved engraving of the NCM Belt Buckle, received as recognition for our donation to the Motorsports Park, with the words “Queen City Corvette Club”, and also mounting of the Recognition pin within the frame of the Motorsports Donation Recognition Plaque.

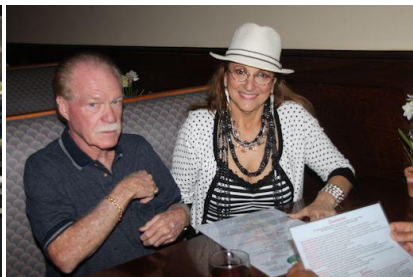
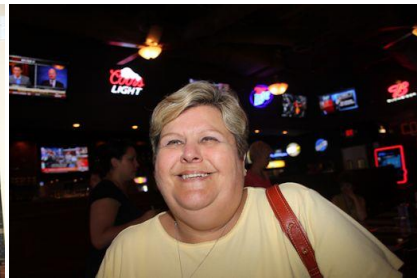
New/Other Business:

- Keith will ask a show of hands at the June 8 meeting of who is interested in:
 - Seeing the movie “The Quest”
 - Scheduling a tour of NASCAR Hall of Fame

July 9, 2013 Board Meeting will be held at Smith & Stevenson at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary





July

4	Indian Trail Parade	<u>Details & Information</u>
13	QCCC Business Meeting	<u>Details & Information</u>
20	Beach Music and Vettes	<u>See Keith Cross</u>
21-25	NCRS Nationals Hampton, VA (Overnight)	
26	24 Hours of Booty	

August

10	2013 QCCC Club Car Photograph	<u>Details & Information</u>
10	QCCC Business Meeting	<u>Details & Information</u>
23-25	*Corvettes at Carlisle*	
29-31	*National Corvette Museum - Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction*	See Paul Mariano

Hope to see you at the next event.
 Laura Pelchat
 QCCC Social Director

QCCC Cornerstones

Building a Great Corvette



One MEMBER at a time



“Nostalgia for what we have lost is more bearable than nostalgia for what we never had....” ~Mignon McLaughlin

“...I go back to a two toned short bed Chevy,
Drivin’ my first love out to the levy
Livin’ life with no sense of time
An’ I go back to the feel of a fifty yard line
A blanket, a girl, some raspberry wine
Wishin’ time would stop right in its tracks

An’ I go back to the smell of an old gym floor
The taste of salt on the Carolina Shore
After graduation and drinkin’ goodbye to friends
And I go back to watchin’ summer fade to fall
Growin’ up too fast and I do recall
Wishin’ time would stop right in its tracks

So I go back to a pew, preacher and a choir
Singin’ ‘bout God, brimstone and fire
And the smell of Sunday chicken after church
And I go back to the loss of a real good friend
And the sixteen summers I shared with him
Now *“Only The Good Die Young”* stops me in my tracks

We all have a song that somehow stamped our lives
Takes us to another place and time

Every time I hear that song I go back.

Excerpts from “I Go Back” by Kennv

I’ve written before about how songs can take us back to a time and place burned in our memory forever. How you can hear a song and feel the chill of falling snow on a country back road as you made your way home from high school with your buddies, or that song that’s playing at just the right time when you realize there’s something magical between you and that special person. Maybe it’s a song that makes you feel the same old homesick feeling you felt when you left home for college, basic training or Vietnam. Or that special summer at the lake with good friends and long necks that you had to round up and take back for the deposit so you could afford more long necks the next weekend. We keep playing those same songs over and over because they take us back. Did you ever stop to think, though, that we’re making memories right now, even at our age? As I think back over the trips and dinners and events we’ve been to with QCCC friends, I’m certain the memories we’re making now are being burned in our minds just like in years past. Maybe these memories of today have a musical soundtrack to remind us later, maybe they do not. But I do believe we’ll remember them for many years because we’re having fun, with friends, in Corvettes.

If you are a new member of QCCC, or a longtime member who has just not participating as much as you’d like, I challenge you to get involved. Sign up for a day trip, go to a dinner or luncheon, head to an NCM event with a QCCC group, volunteer to help at the QCCC Car Show, or just attend a meeting. I’ll bet you begin making a few memories, and friends, of your own. And someday, you’ll hear a song that will remind you of friends and Corvettes and you’ll also be able to say *“I go back...”* These are good times, these are great times. Don’t let them be *“Wasted on the Way”* ...

“...I am older now,

I have more than what I wanted,

But I wish that I had started long before I did.

And there’s so much time to make up everywhere you turn,

Time we have wasted on the way...”

From *“Wasted On The Way”* by Graham Nash - 1982

Chris Wood, Membership Director



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST
MEMBERS**

.Jim & Dan Clarke

The Ride

Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director



June has come and gone and we are entering into the second half of the year. This has been a fun and exciting month with the first day of summer, the longest day of the year and the brightest moon for the year. All of this ought to get you motivated to get your Corvettes wheels turning and feel the breeze on your face as you explore those new and must see places that North Carolina has to offer. When you find this new place you might want to share it with your Corvette friends and plan a day trip for others to enjoy. If this is something you have an urge to do just give me a call and I will help you set it up. This month has also been an active month for our club. We have had a huge turnout at the Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Car Show with over 30 cars participating. Nelson had another exciting day trip to Charlie O Corvette and lunch at O Charlie's, or was it the other way round? The Troutman Independence Day Parade was as good as it gets with marching bands, queens, veterans from all branches of service, tractors, hot rods and did I mention Corvettes? Oh yes we had Corvettes. Queen City did it again with 19 Corvettes and a Model "A" and I do believe we were the most exciting part of the parade as spectators picked out their favorite car. After the parade we all went to The Sports Page Restaurant for lunch and good old social time.

If you missed the fun and excitement of June then get out there for July. We have a calendar of events lined up including the Indian Trail Parade, NCRS Nationals in Hampton VA, 24 Hours of Booty, and a beach party with the Foothills Corvette Club. We may have a day trip or two planned as well so watch your e-mails for information.

September is fast approaching, so just a blurb about the QCCC and City Chevy Car Show. We still need goodie bag stuffers, so if you have any contacts with vendors or suppliers or would like to make a few calls to try to get some free items to add to the bags please do so. We will have our car show helper signup sheet at the meeting, so make sure you are signed up to help with the show. Also it is time you get your pre-registrations in for judged and display cars.

Till next time if the creeks don't rise and the old Corvette holds together we will see you then,

Tommy Loftin

2nd Annual

Queen City Corvette Club All Chevy Charity Car Show



Sponsored By: 

Hosted By: 
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

Tommy Loftin
181 Maple View Drive
Troutman, NC 28166

Preregistration

\$20.00 (Scored Judging and Awards)

\$10.00 (Display Only)

Day of Event

\$25.00 (Scored Judging and Awards)

\$15.00 (Display Only)



National Corvette Museum Corner

The construction of the Motorsports Park is now fully underway. The land is almost totally cleared and the grading contract has been let. The official groundbreaking ceremony will take place during the 60th Anniversary Celebration on June 28th. Can't wait to see what will greet us when we arrive in the caravan in 2014. To answer an oft asked question, approximately 25% of the usage time will be reserved for NCM use with the remainder available for car clubs and track day sponsors.

I hate to keep beating on the same subject, but last call for going to the NCM Birthday Celebration in August. Time is running out for me to release the rooms back to the hotel. If you haven't made your room reservation with the Hilton Garden Inn by July 15, you will be on your own. Let me know when you make them.

If you have become a member of the Museum or renewed your membership in the past several months, please let me know so I can keep my records updated. Also let me know if you have purchased a brick or made some other donation to the NCM. It looks good on my resume'.

There is a website that will allow you to keep up with all things GM. Go to www.gmauthority.com and browse through all the articles. Corvette news is well covered.

I will not be at the July meeting (save the "boos" until August) as we are headed out West to see some old friends. I will have a full report on the NCM events in the August newsletter.

BOX SCORE

Number of QCCC Families.....	141
Number of QCCC Families NCM Members.....	67 (47.5%)
Number of Life Members.....	21
Number of Duntov Members.....	2

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



QCCC's FOUNDER

"DUKE, DUKE, DUKE, DUKE OF EARL"... *Gene Chandler*

Most everything starts with an idea to satisfy a want or need. The idea of starting Queen City Corvette Club in 1968 was entirely that of one man. Earl Ferrell. In preparation for our 45th anniversary, we go back to the very beginning of QCCC's history with the next two Vintage Gang articles. This one is all about Earl.

Earl J. Ferrell was born in March of 1946 in Charlotte. His dad was a mechanic and Earl was exposed at an early age to hot rodding. His first car was a blue 1952 Chevrolet that he loved but there was only so much you could do to hotrod a 6 cylinder. So the 52 was sold to purchase the ultimate teenage hotrod, a maroon 55 Chevy, which lasted him thru high school. He had little interest in anything that didn't have an engine, except for his high school sweetheart, Martha Rushing. They were married right out of high school and Earl went to work at International Harvester selling trucks and tractors.

The good paycheck meant a new car was possible and the old 55 was sold to make way for a brand new lavender 65 Chevelle SS 327 4 speed. A short time later, Corvette fever hit Earl hard. His friend Carl Brown had a new yellow 66 roadster and Earl had to have one. It was late in the 1966 model year, the new 67's were about to come out and Earl went shopping for a deal. He put together a trade with the Chevrolet dealer on South Boulevard who had a brand new 66 coupe that they wanted to get rid of before the 67's came out, so Earl got the deal he wanted.

Earl's 66 coupe was a strikingly rare combination of silver on silver, 327, 350 horsepower 4 speed, with factory side exhausts. He added a set of American Torque Thrust mags to complete the "look" of the period. Earl and Martha enjoyed cruising between Shoney's and Bar-B-Q King, but the hot rodder in Earl kept him from leaving his prized possession in stock condition. After a slight altercation on Sharon Amity Road, where the 66 had some damage to its nose, the modifications started. A 67 big block hood was added as were the popular fender flares. And of course, he removed the front bumper, (it was damaged anyway). The car was painted sun gleam maroon with a silver stinger and super wide 60 series tires on Ansen mags were added. Later, Earl's interest in drag racing finally overcame his street car. He painted it back silver and made many mechanical changes to make the 66 competitive as a strictly drag car.

Earl and Martha were loyal QCCC members from the very beginning, attending almost every event, even as they added two sons to their family, Douglas and Steven. Every time they saw Earl, Tommy Mitchem and Wayne Marlowe would sing "Duke of Earl", so the nickname stuck. Earl didn't seem to mind. He wasn't one of the hell-raisers; he was quick to lend a hand and after being the first president of QCCC, quietly let others lead the club he started.

Unfortunately, Earl battled cancer, and after a long painful fight, he passed away on October 20th, 1987 at the age of 41.

As you will learn in next month's article, Earl Ferrell's desire to form Queen City Corvette Club is the reason we are all here. And it is entirely appropriate for us to forever refer to "the Duke of Earl" as our founder.

Trav Meredith



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





From Track to Street

NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing returns to American competition July 5-6 for the American Le Mans Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park, the fourth round of the American Le Mans Series.

American Le Mans Northeast Grand Prix (all times ET)

- Qualifying: 4:35 p.m., Friday, July 5
- Race: 3 p.m., Saturday, July 6

Lime Rock: Watch It!

Friday, July 5-Saturday, July 6 (all times ET)

- Qualifying: 4:25 p.m., Friday, July 5 (ESPN3)
- Race (TV): 3 p.m., Saturday, July 6 (ESPN2)
- Web: 2:45 p.m., Saturday, July 6 (ESPN3)

Other Corvette Related Items of interest.



Come see the fastest mowers in York County!!!!!! Speeds up to 50 mph.

Join QCCC July 27th 6:00PM race starts at 7:00PM. Email Boyd Kurt – boyd-qccc@earthlink.net

Phatbottom Speedway 2610 Jim McCarter Road York, SC 29745 www.phatbottomspeedway.com

\$5.00 per person, Private parking and seating under shade. We will meet at the Buster Boyd Bridge (Hwy 49 at SC line) at 5:15PM and caravan to the speedway. Email Boyd if you want to join us and have a great time.

“Heads-Up”



July 13, 2013 Business Meeting Announcement

****Notice to Bring Chairs and the time changes****

RK Motors - Charlotte

RK Motors is an automotive company that offers purchasing/selling and service/restoration services for Classic and Muscle Cars. They have graciously agreed to host our July meeting at their Charlotte Showroom. So come 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 RK Motors is all about check out their website to learn more - <http://rkmotorscharlotte.com/index.html>. The address for the RK Motors - Charlotte is as follows:

**RK Motors - Charlotte
5527 Lakeview Road
Charlotte, NC 28269
704-596-5211**

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

Reserve parking will be available for QCCC in a nice large paved lot at the rear of RK Motors. Follow the QCCC signs when you come in the complex entrance.

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

Social Time & Car Viewing: 5:30pm – 6:00pm

Meeting Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

From you Editor:

We are going to start something new this month. If during your travels this summer and fall, you take a good picture of yourselves and display QCCC somewhere (but not necessary) in the picture, we will publish it. We would like to see if we can get around the US and World.

Below are several we found this month:



Phillip & Linda Lewis - San Francisco



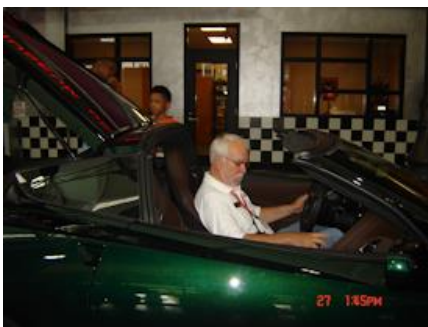
Chris & Peggy Wood -
Pikes Peak Run



Ben & Jamie Staney - Mt Vesuvius



Motley Crew heading to the Ground Breaking.



Walt – Yes I want one.



Wendy – No it's mine



Paul – To advanced for me.