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### **On The Cover:**

**Queen City Corvette Club is 45 years young. Started in 1968.**

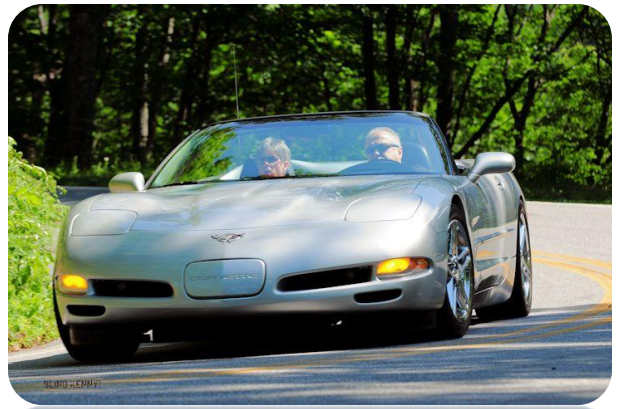
QCCC is a non-profit club (501-C7) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money for and participates with various local charities. We strive 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



This year the Corvette turned 60 and Queen City Corvette Club turned 45. Both of those numbers are pretty impressive. But how did they get there? Well both started with people that showed an interest and both the Corvette and QCCC were considered worthwhile undertakings. Both were designed for enjoyment. Both required some effort to get them started. Both required some work to see that both would not die off after a few years. Both required a continued passion or love to see them to this point. Yes, both the Corvette and QCCC required a little dedication to make sure they did not become just something in the past that people said they remembered. So how do we as individuals help to continue the success of both of these? Well, we need to exert a little effort and support them.

For the Corvette you can continue to purchase the car, whether new or used. Drive your current cars so that others can see them on the road. Continue to maintain the older cars as survivors. Restore and bring back to life cars that have been forgotten. Participate in car shows and put your Corvettes on display for others to enjoy also. Share your knowledge and favorite Corvette stories with others. Be an enthusiast and an ambassador for the car by encouraging others to own Corvettes and join local Corvette Car Clubs. Visit, join and support the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Remember that any and all exposure of the Corvette will keep it in the minds of the public which will continue the interest and encourage its continued production. So with your help America's Sports Car will see many more birthdays to come.

For QCCC you may ask, "What can I do to ensure that our club continues for many years to come?" Keep in mind what you do for the Corvette will not guarantee the success of QCCC. The success of our club all revolves around taking an active role in our club. This does not mean just paying dues, attending meetings and activities. That will not guarantee our clubs success. Like, with all club memberships, we should not only take what the club offers us but consider how we should be willing to serve and give back to our club. Yes there is a place in our club that you can serve. There is place for everyone to serve at some point. It could be a car show volunteer, a committee member, charity fundraiser, board member, day trip planner, webmaster, newsletter editor, photographer and the list could continue. So how much do you care about our

club? What are you willing to do to make our club the best Corvette Club it can be? What would you like to do as your part as we work towards that 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2018?

So, like any good southern preacher, at the end of the sermon you always leave them with something interesting for everyone that was paying attention. I saw the article below by James Tate for MSN Autos. Click on the url below and hopefully you will get to the article and some really nice history making Corvette Racers.

So be thinking about where you fit in our club and what you want to do so QCCC will see its 50<sup>th</sup> and ...

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/corvette-classics-rule-at-monterey-reunion>

## Corvettes rule at Monterey Reunion



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- 60 years of racing and design converge upon the Mazda Raceway. [See gallery](#)
- [Corvette](#) turns 60 this year, and what better way to celebrate one of the most iconic American cars than to feature it at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion? In attendance at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca were some of the 'Vettes that helped solidify the nameplate as a true competitor on the international stage, including winning cars from Le Mans, Sebring and Daytona. But it wasn't just the race cars that made the weekend special. The gathering also featured key development and concept cars that helped usher in the designs that have stood the test of time. Click on through to see some of the baddest 'Vettes ever built.

*Keith Cross*



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# The Wave

With the Vice President Bill Rambo



**Ok, so we all have our reasons for buying the Great American Sports Car...the Corvette. So we will start with 9 great reasons why we sit in the best two seater automobile that GM produces.**

**(CNN)** -- The pounding of her heart, the adrenaline racing through her system, the vibrations buzzing through her bones: At 16, Andrea Interlicchia got hooked on the idea of owning a Chevrolet Corvette. She became hung up on the classic American sports car after her father nonchalantly tossed the keys to his 1975 "vette" at her and asked if she could go to the local store to grab a loaf of bread. The car's acceleration, the smell of its exhaust and the feel of its engine made that grocery trip like none other. The Chevy Corvette has left years of memorable experiences for many drivers, and now the American sports car is in its seventh generation and celebrating its 60th anniversary since it first went into production.

Throughout those years, the famous two-seater sports car has found its way onto American driveways, racing tracks and pop culture. The Corvette was selected as the pace car 11 times for the Indianapolis 500, has been featured in songs like Prince's "Little Red Corvette" and even made some big screen appearances like the 1978 "Corvette Summer." Corvettes are even anticipated to show up as Autobots in Michael Bay's "Transformers 4."

To celebrate six decades of this American car, auto enthusiasts like Interlicchia give a must-read list of the top 9 reasons why Corvettes rev up people's systems.

## **1. It is the accessible sports car**

50 years ago, Gene Beenenga found himself on a Chevrolet showroom floor in LaSalle-Peru, Illinois, and the 1963 Split-Window Sting Ray Corvette caught his eye. A memory rushed back to him as he recalled the exhilaration he felt driving around with his high school friend in a Corvette years earlier. When he saw the Sting Ray's sleek body and design, pure desire made him take the plunge to pay the listed showroom price of \$4,875. Throughout the years he has gotten offers from sellers to buy up the classic model, but the 72-year-old says the car gives him too much pride to let go of. "Doesn't every youngster want the mystique

of owning a high-performance car?" he asked. "This model of car, being the Corvette, was accessible for the average-income buyer, and still could deliver on that thrill of a high-powered sports car."

## **2. It is a car for men and women**

Interlicchia was a stay-at-home mom for 15 years before she got her first job, her first paycheck and then her first Corvette, a 2001 Pewter Convertible. After falling in love with her father's Corvette in her teens, she knew she had to have one. During the months of April through October, when she is driving around Webster, New York, with the top down, she says she and her car know how to turn heads. "Most people are surprise when they see a woman driving it. It has long been known for older men driving this model car. That is why my license plate reads 'IPAY 4IT,'" she said.

## **3. It melts the stress away**

Agnes Grubbs' son, Mack, introduced her to his first Corvette back in 2000 and took her out for a spin. "The next thing I know, he had me take the wheel. It was silver with a black convertible top and the top was down at the time. I guess that is when I got hooked," she said. The 58-year-old has been driving Corvettes for the past four years. Between them, she and her son own three Corvettes now, and she says there is just something about cruising in one that melts her stress away. "Sometimes I drive them to work and if I have a stressful day, I can get in these cars, take off, and my stress level goes way down."

## **4. It is an attention grabber**

Calvin Burgart, 70, took his driving test in his teens with his grandmother's 1942 Studebaker. It had no power steering, none of the works, and he still passed. While attending graduate school at the University of Tennessee, Calvin Burgart came to the revelation that he could take out a loan and buy a Corvette, so he ended up purchasing a 1966 Corvette Roadster in Nassau blue. At the time it had no power steering, brakes, windows, seats, "A man's car," he described it. The car has had some upgrades, and he still drives it around San Diego. "Nice car' is what I get at most stop lights every time I drive it. And in gas stations it's 'Is that car for sale?'" he said. "It is the oldest car marque made in America that has remained true to its origins."

## **5. It represents the American Dream**

Matthew Colver and his wife decided to get a sports car after their kids moved out of their California home back in 2001. After seeing the top down on a Corvette, he says there was no other car as beautiful around. He and his wife decided to order a customized 2002 Corvette Convertible. "I remember driving it across the desert on I-40 and getting it up to 120 mph before my wife noticed how fast I was going and she yelled at me to slow down. That was fun," he said. He says owning and driving the Corvette is like fulfilling a dream. "I remember when the '66 Stingray came out when I was a kid and I thought that was the coolest car I ever saw," he said.

## **6. It is a perfect fit for two**

Allen Lineberry, 57, and his family were doing their last family vacation with his wife before his two daughters were to move out and start college. They were heading to Chicago, but stopped at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Lineberry decided to make a little gamble while touring the museum and bought a raffle ticket for the just released C6 Corvette. "My wife and girls could not believe I would spend a \$100 on a small piece of paper ... but I figured it was as close to a 'vette as I would ever be," he said. After their road trip, Lineberry got a phone call that he had won the car in the raffle drawing. "This was perfect timing, it just has two seats and its just enough," he said.

## **7. It is a piece of American history'**

After graduating Grantham University with an MBA, Jim Zingg decided to reward himself with a C7 Corvette, which he named Lailani. When he was stationed in Germany for work, he decided to bring his Corvette with him to Europe so he could travel around with a piece of American history. "I've always liked Corvettes. My high school buddies own a couple and I was at a place in my life where I wanted one. I searched for almost two years to find the perfect one," the 41-year-old said. "They have the best of both worlds -- style and beauty."



### **8. It is a social experience**

At 12, Eddie Hicks would see his friend's uncle, Harry, drive around town in a Corvette, a new model every two years. "Everyone in town would wait with anticipation to see what the next one was like," he said. It was his lifelong dream to own a car like Uncle Harry's. Upon retirement, Hicks, 71, finally got a red 2013 coupe. "I drive it around town, a much bigger town. I can see people pointing and talking about my Corvette and I wonder if they are pointing at me, like Uncle Harry, and saying 'One of these days I am going to get me one of those,'" he said. "All sports cars look good, but a Corvette is truly 'America's sports car.' The history, the clubs, the events and most importantly just the fun of driving it," Hicks said.

### **9. It is a car you can pass down for generations**

Dave DiVito, 40, was introduced to his first Corvette when he was 5 years old. His father took him to see a yellow one. From then on, he and his father worked on restoring, detailing and participating in Corvette shows with the Corvette club, forging a relationship and hobby between the two. He owns a 2004 Corvette Z06 Commemorative Edition now, and when he had his own two daughters he shared with them a passion for Corvettes. "They enjoy helping me wash the car. They pick out Corvettes when we are driving, and they have numerous Hot Wheels Corvettes and a Barbie Corvette," he said. "The Chevrolet Corvette has been a part of the family for over 35 years. Keep on vettin!"



*Matthews Alive Parade*



*1<sup>st</sup> C7 Owner in QCCC*



## **Queen City Corvette Club**

### **Club Business Meeting Minutes**

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**Date:** Saturday, August 10, 2013 **Time:** 6 PM **Location:** Hendrick Motorsports Concord

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

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

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

- Keith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to QCCC's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and meeting.
- Keith thanked Laura Pelchat and all those who brought the outstanding refreshments.
- Keith talked about having to cancel the outside Corvette photos prior to the meeting due to weather, and why he wants a picture of 100+ corvettes in the future. He asked the members present to vote -- whether they would like to try the photo again prior to a meeting or have it scheduled as a special event. By a show of hands, the clear choice was to have a special event in the future to take the Photo.
- Minutes of July club meeting were approved by the members.
- QCCC Board and Staff members were introduced.
- As part of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program, Keith shared some major, and not so major, events that took place in 1968.

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

- Chris acknowledged members present, by their show of hands, those who were in QCCC over previous decades – as part of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- Welcomed to their 3<sup>rd</sup> QCCC Meeting and Voted in as new members:
  - Lee and Debbie Ruth
- The following were Prospective Members in Attendance:
  - Bob and Sandy Chichester – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
  - Larry Newsom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
  - Kurt Berger – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

- Jack and Barbara Higgins – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
- Gary and Gwen Cunningham – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
- Jason Broady – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
- Tony Smith – Guest with Kurt Berger
- Chris announced his sponsorship of Art and Barbara Pipek, who live in Purllear, NC, and made a motion that QCCC approve the Pipeks for QCCC Provisional Membership. Members voted and the motion passed.
- Membership: QCCC currently has 276 active and provisional members (145 families).
- Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc.

**Vice President: Bill Rambo**

- Upcoming Meeting locations planned:
  - **September 7, 2013** – Eddie and Jane Burt BBQ, Matthews
    - Jane Burt discussed the BBQ planned for the meeting. Email has been sent regarding food assignments for members. Members are also requested to **bring tents** if they have them.
    - Ken Watts talked about his scheduled Car Show Judges Meeting to take place just prior to the start of the Burt’s BBQ.
  - **October 12, 2013** -- TBD
  - **November 2, 2013** – Streetside Classics
  - **December 14, 2013** – Christmas Party, location TBD
- Door Prizes were won by – Barb Kruse, Carl Bartlett, Michelle Moore, Merrilyn Harmon, Bruce Trefz, Jane Burt, Bill Laverty, Wendy Krupowicz.
- QCCC 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.
- Total of 143 Members (plus Prospective Members) were present at the meeting.

**Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**

- **August 23-25, 2013 – Corvettes at Carlisle**
  - John Meadows will display his 1963 Corvette
  - Contact Tommy Loftin for more information.
  - Carlisle Show information - <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/events/corvettes/>
- **August 17, 2013 – Little Switzerland Day Trip – Laura Pelchat coordinating**



- **August 28 – September 1, 2013 – Trip to National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green**
  - Information – contact Paul Mariano
- **August 31, 2013: Matthews Alive Parade**
  - Contact John Meadows
- **September 14, 2013: Second Annual QCCC CHARITY Car Show**
  - QCCC Members are encouraged to register ASAP for show, for judging or just showing.
  - Show will be held rain or shine
  - City Chevrolet will be represented at show
  - City Chevrolet will provide bags for ‘goodies’ at the show
  - Tommy has collected handouts for Goodie Bags for the show.
  - Rick Hendrick will display cars from his personal Heritage collection at the QCCC Charity Car Show, including his new C7 Corvette.
  - Trophies will be awarded in classes along with Plaques (awards of distinction) for second and third place.
  - Other Corvette Clubs in the Region have been contacted and invited.
  - Flyers-Registration Forms for the Show are available on Website
  - Ken Watts will hold a Judges meeting at Burt’s BBQ Meeting on September 7.
  - Show participants will be provided with a map handout when entering show.
  - Silent auction will be held.
  - **QCCC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist with Show – **Keith Cross requested ALL Members volunteer and attend.** Sign up at a meeting or contact Tommy Loftin.
- **September 19-22, 2013 Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway**
  - Theme for Auto Fair is 60 Years of Corvette. Tommy has shared information with the club on cars being requested for displays. Special year Corvettes will be on display.
  - QCCC Cars will be judged
    - By another Corvette Club for Auto Fair Trophies
    - By QCCC Members and the QCCC President for the QCCC Trophies
  - QCCC Trophies

- QCCC President's Award and QCCC People's Choice Award will be presented. Must participate both days to receive one of these awards. President's Award may only be received ONCE.
- **October 5-6, 2013 - Vettes at the Point - Virginia**
  - For member awareness only. This is not a club-sponsored event.
  - See their website for more info: <http://virginiacorvetteclub.com/5th-annual-vettes-on-the-point/>
- **October 13, 2013 – Foothills Corvette Club – Corvette Fall Tour**
  - QCCC will participate. Sign up at the Meeting or contact Tommy Loftin.
  - See flyer on the QCCC Calendar for More Info.
- **Day Trips:**
  - To Host a Day Trip, please contact Tommy Loftin

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg**

- Jim provided YTD status of actual vs. budget financials via email prior to meeting.
- We have a new QCCC advertiser – Patty Koski – Keller Williams

**Social Director: Laura Pelchat**

- **Membership Picture Directory**
  - Laura will coordinate update of the Picture Directory
  - Laura will contact members who want or need new pictures taken
  - Folks who have acceptable pictures in the Directory – no action needed
  - Plan is to potentially distribute new Directory via CD to mitigate expense of printing
- **August 11, 2013 – *I Love Lucy Live on Stage***
  - Blumenthal Performing Arts Center – Knight Theatre - Charlotte
- **August 17, 2013 – Day Trip to Little Switzerland**
  - Meet at 10:15 at Ingles Shopping Center in Shelby, NC
  - Have lunch at the Inn
  - Tour Linville Caverns
  - Ride Diamond Back - 180 Curves in 12 Miles
  - Contact Laura Pelchat for more information
- **August 24, 2013 – Lawn Mower Races in SC –**

- Boyd Kurt coordinating. Contact Boyd for further information.
- **September 7, 2013 -- Burt's BBQ**
  - September Meeting at the home of Jane and Eddie Burt
  - Jane has sent out emails for food assignments
  - Bring tents if possible
- **October 18-19, 2013 – Octoberfest Trip to Helen, GA**
  - Leave on Friday, October 18, Return on Sunday, October 20, 2013
  - Rooms Available at the Best Western, \$149/night - Walking distance to the Beer Garden
  - Planned Activities and Lunch on way up
  - Saturday night – Festival Hall
  - Off street parking available
  - See Website for more details – Pat Bonino coordinating
- **November, 2013 – Potential Day Trip to Biltmore in Asheville**
  - Laura asked for interest by show of hands.
  - Significant interest indicated, so she will schedule a trip.
- **December, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting**
  - Working to finalize date, venue and menu
- **January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet**
  - Vintage Motor Club in Concord, NC – New Owners and New Caterer.
  - Laura is working to contract for live music for the event.
  - Need Silent Auction Items for the Event.
- **Other Potential Day Trips:** NC Flight Museum and Billy Graham Library

**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- Announced August Member Birthdays. If you would like your name added to the Happy Birthday list, please contact Carolyn.
- Carolyn encouraged all QCCC Members to Register, Volunteer, and Attend the 2013 QCCC Charity Car Show to benefit our Charities. Registration form available on our Website.
- **Registration for the 2014 C&VA Corvette Caravan is now OPEN .** The 2014 C&VA Corvette 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. Currently over 100 cars are registered for the C&VA Caravan Event. Detailed information and the registration process are available at [www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/). Carolyn Zimmer is the 2014 Carolinas and Virginia (C&VA) Corvette Caravan Registration Chair. Contact her at [VelocityVette77@yahoo.com](mailto:VelocityVette77@yahoo.com). (Special registration email address)

- 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](mailto:carolynz77@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

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

- **Museum History** - Paul shared information about the inception and continued growth of the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, KY. He reminded members that 2014 is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum, and it will be celebrated with a National Corvette Caravan and special Events. Paul is the National Chairperson for the 2014 National Caravan, and a founding member of the National Corvette Museum.
- **2014 NCM National Corvette Caravan – Bowling Green, KY** -- QCCC Members are encouraged to **Register early** for the 2014 National Caravan [www.corvettecaravan.com](http://www.corvettecaravan.com) AND the Carolinas and Virginia Regional Caravan [www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/](http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/) so organizers can plan appropriately. Contact Carolyn Zimmer for additional registration information.
- **August 28, 2013 to September 1, 2013** Group of QCCC members are traveling to the NCM for the 2013 NCM Birthday Celebration and Hall of Fame Dinner. – Contact Paul Mariano for information.

### **Recognition of Past Presidents**

- At this time in the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program, Keith Cross recognized the Past QCCC Presidents present at the meeting, and presented them with a special ID badge to acknowledge their service to the club and recognize them as a **PAST PRESIDENT**. Those recognized were:
  - **Travis Meredith**
  - **Quentin Gross**
  - **Boyd Kurt**
  - **Robert Morgan**
  - **John Meadows**
  - **Steve Pelchat**
- After recognition of the Presidents, **Travis Meredith** was recognized by Keith, and asked to share with the club some of his memories from his tenure in the 1970s. Travis will share more memories in upcoming Newsletters.

### **Old Business**

- Charity 50/50 Raffle won by Prospective Member Gwen Cunningham

- Keith reminded members of QCCC Logo Items currently for sale.

### **New Business / Other**

- **Steve Pelchat** spoke briefly and thanked everyone for cards, phone calls, well wishes and prayers since suffering his stroke a few weeks ago. Steve said he is recovering well and really appreciates the membership for all their thoughtfulness.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

*Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*



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

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**When: Tuesday, August 6, 2013    Time: 6:00 PM    Where: Smith & Stevenson**

**2013 Board Members/Staff Present:** Keith Cross, President; Bill Rambo, Vice-President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary. Staff: Nelson and Barbara Sprague, Charity Committee.

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### **DISCUSSION:**

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

- Introduced **Nelson and Barbara Sprague who discussed status of Charity Committee:**
  - Reviewed potential Charities and how monetary gifts are presented to Charities.
  - Board passed a motion to commit a set amount of 2013 charity funds to the charity committee immediately to enable them to make final decisions on the charities of choice.
  - Board passed a motion to present gifts to Charities at the QCCC Car Show on 9/14/13.
  - Board passed a motion that annual Charity budget will now run September 1- August 31.
  - Board passed a motion to move all financial gifts to the National Corvette Museum from the Charity Committee to the General Budget. Board will discuss NCM gifts further at next Board meeting.
  - Nelson will finalize the specific charity allocations with the full Charity Committee, and present recommendations for final approval to the club at the September 7, 2013 meeting.
  - Board thanked Nelson and Barbara, and the committee, for all their efforts.
  - After the discussion, Nelson and Barbara excused themselves from the meeting.

- Keith Reviewed the current QCCC Calendar of Upcoming Events
- Keith discussed the Saturday, August 10, QCCC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting Agenda
  - Board should arrive by 3:15 PM if we do outside pictures, or 4:15 if no outside picture.
  - Keith will send email the day before if we cancel outdoor picture due to rain
  - Upon Arrival at Hendrick Team Center, QCCC Board will:
    - Help park cars for outdoor picture
    - Set up Team Center, Tables for Social and Meeting
  - Keith will bring extension cord for computer and sound
  - Keith and Bill will bring computers and screens to run CDs of vintage QCCC club pictures
  - Formal Pictures will be taken of members by Corvette Generation
  - Travis Meredith, past president from the 70s, will share past stories of QCCC
  - Members have been invited to wear late sixties attire to celebrate anniversary
  - New logo license plates and other QCCC goodies will be awarded as door prizes
  - Nelson and Barbara Sprague will conduct a Charity 50/50 Raffle

**Vice President: Bill Rambo**

- Discussed upcoming Meeting locations planned:
  - **September 7, 2014** – Burt’s BBQ at home of Eddie and Jane Burt, Matthews
  - **October** – TBD
  - **November** – Streetside Classics - Charlotte
  - **December** – Christmas Party, location TBD
- Bill is considering various Gifts for Membership Awards to be given at Banquet
- Board continues to search for meeting venues that will accommodate 100-125 people.
- Hosts of dinners, day trips and other events are reminded to send List of Attendees to Bill Rambo for compilation of appropriate Award Points.

**Membership Director: Chris Wood**

- Discussed QCCC Logo Memorabilia
  - Brenda Loftin displayed a ‘stadium’ blanket purchased on a recent trip. Board authorized Brenda to order 10 QCCC Logo blankets to be used as awards or for purchase.
  - Logo License Plates – Board authorized 5 to be given as 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting Door Prizes



- New QCCC Logo Window Clings are on order
- Five Prospective Members have indicated they will attend the August 10 meeting.
- Chris made a motion, unanimously approved by the Board, to give our approval to the addition of Art and Barbara Pipek as Provisional Members of QCCC. A final vote of members will be held at the August 10 meeting.
- Discussed the potential of a QCCC Sponsorship for 2014 Carolinas and Virginia Caravan Route Book, as the club did in 2009. Will discuss further at the next Board Meeting.

### **Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**

- **Prior Events Update:**

- Tommy and Brenda Loftin earned and were awarded the coveted NCRS Duntov Award for their 1954 Corvette at the recent judging event.

- **Upcoming Automotive Events:**

- **August 23-25, 2013 – Corvettes at Carlisle**

- John Meadows, Tommy Loftin, and a number of others will attend.

- **September 1, 2013: Matthews Alive Parade**

- Coordinated by John Meadows

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

- QCCC Members will be encouraged to register ASAP for show
- City Chevrolet will be represented at show
- City Chevrolet will provide bags for 'goodies' at the show
- Tommy has collected handouts for Goodie Bags for the show.
- Rick Hendrick will display cars from his personal Heritage collection at the QCCC Charity Car Show, including his new C7 Corvette.
- Trophies will be awarded in classes along with Plaques (awards of distinction) for second and third place.
- Other Corvette Clubs in the Region have been contacted and invited.
- **QCCC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist with Show – Will be asked to sign up at August and September meetings or contact Tommy Loftin.
- Ken Watts will hold a Judges meeting at Burt's BBQ Meeting on September 7.
- Show participants will be provided with a map handout when entering show.
- Silent auction will be held.

- **September 19-22, 2013 Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway**
  - Theme for Auto Fair is 60 Years of Corvette. Tommy has shared information with the club on cars being requested for displays.
  - QCCC Cars will be judged and Auto Fair and QCCC Trophies will be presented.
  - QCCC President's Award and QCCC People's Choice Award will be presented. Must participate both days to receive one of these awards. President's Award may only be received ONCE.
  
- **October 5-6, 2013 - Vettes at the Point - Virginia**
  - For member awareness only. This is not a club-sponsored event.
  - See website for more info: <http://virginiacorvetteclub.com/5th-annual-vettes-on-the-point/>
  
- **October 13, 2013 – Foothills Corvette Club – Corvette Fall Tour**
  - QCCC will participate. Sign up at the Meeting. See flyer on the QCCC Calendar for More Info.
  
- **Day Trips:**
  - To Host a Day Trip, please contact Tommy Loftin

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg (Keith Covering)**

- Jim sent YTD detailed Treasurer Report to Board and all Members prior to August meeting.

**Social Director: Laura Pelchat**

- **August 10, 2013 – QCCC 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Social**
  - Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, NC
  - See Website for additional information
  - Will have Refreshments and members are encouraged to dress in late 60's attire.
  
- **August 11, 2013 – “I Love Lucy” Performance at Blumenthal**
  
- **August 17 – Little Switzerland Day Trip**
  - Laura will provide details at the meeting.
  
- **October, 2013 – Octoberfest at Helen, GA** -Pat Bonino coordinating. (see Website)
  
- **November, 2013 – Potential Day Trip to Biltmore** – will ask for interest at the Club Meeting
  
- **December, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting**
  - Working to finalize date, venue and menu

- **January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet**

- Vintage Motor Club in Concord, NC – New Owners and New Caterer.
- Laura is working to contract for live music for the event.
- Need Silent Auction Items for the Event.

- **Other Potential Day Trips:** NC Flight Museum and Billy Graham Library

**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- Greeting Cards sent since our last Club Meeting:
  - Wendy Krupowicz – Get Well
  - Steve Pelchat – Get Well
  - Tom Rockhold – Get Well
  - Linda Lewis – Get Well
  - Ken Rinehart – Thinking of You
  - Dick Coulter – Get Well
  - Patty Koski – Sympathy
  - Bill Davidson – Sympathy
- Distributed Club Minutes to members following July meeting and forwarded July Board and Club Minutes to Boyd Kurt for Newsletter publication.

**Old Business: Keith Cross**

- Movie THE QUEST: Keith will schedule showing prior to a QCCC business meeting..

**New/Other Business:**

- Need Door Prizes for the January 2014 Banquet.
- Motion was made and approved to remove words “and sponsored by” from QCCC Website for selling cars.
- QCCC Club Directory – time for a new Directory. More cost effective to distribute CDs than printed copies.
- Board agreed to conduct a 50/50 Raffle at the QCCC Charity Car Show, proceeds to benefit the National Corvette Museum.

**September 3, 2013 Board Meeting** – Keith will schedule and notify Board Members.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer*





*Laura's Lane*



Trip to Little Swisserland Fun time had by all.

# QCCC Cornerstones

Building a Great Corvette Club  
One MEMBER at a time



**TRADITION** – Mr. Webster and friends describe “*tradition*” as an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior.

If you’ve perused the QCCC Event Photos on our website, you’ve no doubt seen photos of QCCC members having a great time in the backyard of Eddie & Jane Burt. What you’ve seen in those photos is a tradition in the making. Our annual QCCC BBQ not only is becoming a tradition, but is a QCCC “family reunion” as well. For some time, the most attended event of the year has been the annual QCCC BBQ. Eddie & Jane and all the members and family who assist make this the one event not to be missed each year. And after the cleanup and everyone has departed we always wonder how it can get any better, but it does. No matter what the weather decides to bestow upon us, the BBQ gets a little better, the crowd grows a little bigger and the fun becomes a little more fun.

If you’re a long time member, you know what I mean. If you are a new member or guest, I know you’ll be able to join in this year and help us, once again, make our September meeting and Burt’s BBQ a little more of a QCCC tradition.

*Chris Wood, Membership Director*

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**



**Lee & Debbie Ruth**  
2006 Yellow Convertible



**Art & Barb Pipek**  
(*Provisional Members*)  
'08 Silver Convertible, '90 Red Convertible,  
'70 Daytona Yellow Convertible



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](http://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)

# The Ride

Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director



1969 Convertible bought from City Chevrolet with both tops and a 427 / 390 HP Big Block with numbers matching, air condition with only 40,000 miles on it. The car was found in a back yard in south Charlotte. You can still find them in the barn, so to speak.

September is upon us and it marks the time for school to start and reminds us that summer is close to an end. It also is the busiest time for our club and a good time for "top down" Corvette rides.

We start the month out with Matthews Alive Parade on the 1<sup>st</sup> then we are at The Annual Burt's BBQ on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The following weekend we have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual QCCC / City Chevrolet Car Show on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

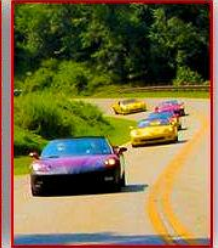
The car show has a potential of being the biggest thing the club has done in a long time. Hendricks Motorsport has come to the plate with a host of activities including a public display of some of Mr. Hendricks prized collector cars and will include Corvettes, Camaros and muscle cars to represent the All Chevy line-up. They will also be opening up the Hendricks Museum for tours during the show. There will be a cost of \$25.00 per person which will go to the Hendricks charity fund. We will have 2 shows and limited to 50 people each with sign-up sheets as you register. This is a first come basis. QCCC members will be able to go to a special private showing at 3:30PM after the car show completion. This special private showing is for our club only and is being done so we, QCCC member can hold down our post and keep the car show going. They are donating items for our silent auction, with proceeds going to The Corvette Museum, and items for our goodie bags. We will also be honored with some of Hendricks staff, including Dale Ledbetter. We were also to have Hendricks 2014 Corvette on display; however it is not scheduled to be ready for delivery until the 20<sup>th</sup>. City Chevrolet is our major sponsor and they will have a number of representatives on hand and will display some of the new Chevys for the year. They too have donated items for the show, as well as, paid all expenses leaving us with a huge profit potential for our charity fund. We hope to have over 200 cars this year and remember it is a rain or shine show.

The 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> is time for the Fall AutoFair. This year the theme is 60 years of Corvettes and the Pavilion will be full of special Corvettes representing the past 60 years. There will be a number of cars from our club and from the Carolinas Chapter of NCRS. Because of this year's theme we will be parking our Corvettes on one side of the pavilion and Generations will be parked on the other side. There are 21 doors on each side of the pavilion and we will park a car in front of each door. The balance of our cars will park at the end of the pavilion and all other Corvette clubs will be parked there also. In other words all Corvettes will be parked in the same area to show off our beautiful cars. I am asking that you bring your older cars to make this a special showing. We will have drinks and snacks provided both days and lunch on Sunday. Trophies will be for best of each 6 generations with a best of show from AutoFair and 3 large Participants Choice Trophies and a Presidents Choice Trophy. We still have room for 4 cars on Saturday and 9 cars on Sunday so give me a call or I will be calling you!

Keep your ride on, till next time.

*Tommy Loftin*





## National Corvette Museum Corner

Here we are back from the 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the NCM with all sorts of tales to tell. For once we did not get rained on during the event, but not to be disappointed, we did get rain on the way home. Attendance was down this year but after the huge turnout for the Bash in April, I guess that's understandable.

Bob Denny was honored for his fifteen years as a NCM member and is now proudly wearing his new 15 year pin. Thanks for all your support through the years, Bob.

After sitting in on the Motorsports Park presentation by Roc Linkov and Tom Blair, we heard that there were only eleven (11) acres left to push it over the edge. So, twelve insane people decided that we could buy two acres and do our part to make it happen. Two groups of three couples were formed (3RedVettes and the Velocities) to make the plan come together (see photos for explanation of the group names). These acres, along with the individual acres from Bob and Marilyn Becker, Charlie and Debbie Meade, and the Queen City Corvette Club, our members are, in one way or another, responsible for five (5) acres. That night at our club dinner in downtown Bowling Green, we had in attendance the Chairman of the Board, Jack Matukas, and his wife Donna, who made the announcement that all 184 acres had been sold and thanked us for our contribution



and all the contributions of the Queen City Corvette Club. Quote – “you guys are the greatest”.



I have blocked rooms for next year's NCM Bash which will be April 23-27 I know the caravan is coming up next year, but if you are interested in going to the Bash, come see me for further

information.

I encourage everyone to visit the Motorsports Park website at [www.motorsportspark.org](http://www.motorsportspark.org) to watch the construction and the progress being made.

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*



## THE URKEL MOMENT, DID I DO THAT???

March 1981, we find Brillo Pad living in Mint Hill, a two car garage (1970 Corvette show car, and 1963 split window coupe show car), and in the drive way a 74 454 Corvette coupe and a 78 El Camino SS. However boredom had set in and something was missing; there were no side exhaust cars in the fleet. Brillo's decision making on when and which Corvettes to buy could be the subject matter for a college psych study. Where in the 2 car garage was there space for the 3rd car going, especially a project car. Logic would not prevail. So on a Friday nite in the Charlotte Observer there was the ad, 1965 Corvette roadster red on red, white convertible top, 4 spd \$6500. A quick phone call showed the car to be in Myers Park area and it could be seen that nite, but early, as it sat on the street. Of course it was raining that nite and it got dark early. The car presented as all original although hit hard in the front with a poor repair, but it was all there and seemed a perfect project, just surface restoration to yield a street driver, and side exhaust would have to be added.

The history of the car; the owner was Marshall Gilchirst, brother to long time Charlotte district attorney Peter Gilchrist. Marshall was going to grad school in Chapel Hill and owned a Corvair. One nite while he was at the movies with his future wife, someone, exercised their desire to own the bucket seats and so they were gone. He drove the Corvair home to Lapoint Chevrolet to get new seats installed in the car. While this was being done he walked into the showroom and there sat the "lil" red Corvette. He traded on the spot.

So Brillo asked, since he was the original owner, did he have any paperwork with the car. After a trip to the attic, he returned with a box containing the window sticker, protector plate, bill of sale and every scrap of receipt of work done on the car including a complete engine rebuild. SOLD

Now Brillo turned his attention to the plan. The paint was driver quality, seats and door panels ok, chrome was good. It appeared 3 areas would need to be addressed, stop the water leaks, replace the carpet and add the side exhaust. Once the side exhaust was added, Al Knoch bright red carpet was ordered and installed. At this time the temperature gauge failed to function. After testing all options it was determined to be a bad gauge and a new one was ordered to install. Now many of you have not had the thrill of removing a mid-year dash cluster, so trust us when we say it will try your patience. You have to drop the steering column and while lying on your back in the foot well, unhook all the various wires, bulbs, cables etc. In fact there are 19 connections on the back of the cluster, including 10 small bulbs, headlamp actuator, temp actuator, temp indicator, ignition, oil pressure indicator, tach, lighter receptacle, tip odometer, wiper switch, speedo, ammeter, battery, fuel gage, and manual oil pressure feed. The cluster comes out fairly easily as unplugging is quick, although some not politically correct words will be uttered. Next the new gauge goes in and reassembly begins.

By this time your back is starting to cause problems as you are lying over the door sill usually with a screw driver or two poking your ribs. Once the cluster was done and reinstalled in the dash an over

exuberance of satisfaction settled in. Surley this would fix the problem. Now we must mention Brillo Pad lived in the last house on the dead end street with an empty lot next to the garage, the lot consisting mostly of small pine trees of 3 to 4 inch diameter. The U.S. Forestry will tell you the need to thin such trees sometimes. Everything was back in place, time to crank her up and see if the temp gauge works. Brillo hit the gas bumped the key and at once there came a stream of very black oil, Blurp Blurp Blurp, from under the dash onto the brand new bright red carpet on the tunnel by the gas pedal. Rats Rats Rats, Brillo had forgotten to reattach the manual oil line to the pressure gauge. The Urkel moment had arrived. Now most normal folks would quickly stop the problem and start the clean-up to avoid excess damage. But not Brillo, for whatever reason he grabbed at 15 inch screwdriver left the garage screaming some of the worst of words and proceeded to curse and chop at a 3 inch pine tree until it could withstand no more and down in went. One could only imagine what the neighbors thought this crazy man with all these cars was up to now. The carpet did come somewhat clean but the nap on that area was never the same. So Urkel was alive and well in March of 81, but once you fired the "lil" red Corvette engine the side pipes took all the pain away. Side pipes will do that for you in case you never have had any. Maybe it is better today that the cars are so complicated we don't work on them much but it sure was fun trying back in the early days of QCCC.

So how did a group of 25 guys (with no money no incorporation, no insurance, no ambulance plans) meet with the brass at Charlotte Motor Speedway and contract a deal to rent the whole place for \$200 a weekend? Tune in next month and" Travelin" Trav will fill you in.

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



C1 Owners



C2 Owners



C3 Owners



C4 Owners



C5 Owners





C6 Owners







## Around the World With QCCC:



Jim Weisberg with Charley Taylor of

the Washington Redskins at Canton, OH



## From Track to Street

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### NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing returns to action at Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas, for the eighth round of the ALMS championship. The race, set for 3:45 p.m. CT on Saturday, Sept. 21, will air Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN2.

#### **Circuit of The Americas** (all times CT)

**Test Session 1:** 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17

**Test Session 2:** 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19

**Practice 1:** 8 a.m., Friday, Sept. 20

**Practice 2:** 12:40 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20

**GT Qualifying:** 2:10 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20

**Warmup:** 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21

**Race:** 3:45 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 31

Circuit of The Americas: Watch It!

*Friday, Sept. 20-Sunday, Sept. 22 (all times ET)*

**Qualifying:** Live at 2:40 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20 (ESPN3)

**Race (Web):** Live at 3:45 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 (ESPN3)

**Race (TV):** 1 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 22 (ESPN2)

## Corvette Racing at Baltimore: Garcia, Magnussen Lead 1-2 GT Finish

Corvette Racing scored a 1-2 class finish today in one of the wildest and unpredictable sports car races in memory at the Grand Prix of Baltimore and the seventh round of the American Le Mans Series. Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen won for the second time this season in the ALMS' GT class driving their No. 3 Compuware Chevrolet Corvette C6.R. Defending ALMS GT champions Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner were runners-up for the second consecutive season on the Streets of Baltimore in the No. 4 Corvette.

Magnussen moved from third in class to first - and around Milner - on a restart with a little less than 20 minutes to go. The 1-2 finish was the team's first since last year's Laguna Seca round. It also increased Chevrolet's lead in the GT manufacturer championship, as well as Corvette Racing's margin in the team standings.

**Other Corvette Related Items of interest.**

Is you're your next Corvette on this load?

[http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.autoweek.com/article/20130815/CARNEWS/130819909&ct=ga&cad=CACQAhgAIAAoATAEOARA48W0kAVIAVAAWABiBWWVuLVVT&cd=p4LA5qO-6GE&usg=AFQjCNE6odhu\\_xs8xrqciijESGxfc2FwOg](http://www.google.com/url?sa=X&q=http://www.autoweek.com/article/20130815/CARNEWS/130819909&ct=ga&cad=CACQAhgAIAAoATAEOARA48W0kAVIAVAAWABiBWWVuLVVT&cd=p4LA5qO-6GE&usg=AFQjCNE6odhu_xs8xrqciijESGxfc2FwOg)

# "Heads-Up"



September 7, 2013 QCCC Meeting and Annual Eddie

Burt **BBQ**



**BBQ**



**BBQ**



3:30 Car Show Judging Seminar by  
Ken Watts  
4:00 pm Arrival  
5:00 pm Pig Out Time  
6:30 pm Meeting

*Please bring covered dishes according to your last name as follows:*

**A – Q      Side Dishes and Salads**

**R – Z      Desserts**

**Bring chairs & your preference in beverages.**

**We need 10-12 canopies for shade. If you can bring one, please call or email Eddie**

**Note:**

Please park along the streets and make SURE there's enough room for emergency vehicles.

Eddie & Jane Burt  
251 Amanda Drive \*  
Matthews NC 28104  
704-846-7130  
980-322-8565 cell

\* [Directions from I-485](#)

Exit 57 – Hwy 16/Providence Rd – Turn north (toward Charlotte).  
Turn Right at the light, onto McKee Rd. Go half a mile.  
Turn Right at the light, onto Tilley Morris Rd. Go 1.8 miles.  
Turn Right onto Weddington-Matthews Rd (Seminary is on the left). Go half a mile.  
Turn Right onto Amanda Dr.  
251 is the second house on the left.

## 2013 Trip to Corvettes at Carlisle

By: John Meadows

Linda and I made the trip up to the "Carlisle at Corvette" show the weekend of August 23. Our journey actually started back several months ago when we applied and were accepted to display our 1963 Corvette along with 62 other 1963 Corvettes. We were really excited to be able to see this many 1963's at one time. Our trip up was long (12 Hours) due to road construction and bad weather. We arrived at the fair grounds on Thursday morning finding more than 20 corvettes were already there. We got our car staged and off we went to look at the other cars.

On Friday the show began and there were sixty-three Corvettes lined up along with a few extra that were outside of the tents. We saw the colors from the silver to red to beige, to white and the custom colors. There was an attempt to put like colors and coupes and convertibles together. It was truly a sight to see. Several of our club members had made the trip up to see the show. Gary Artis had made to trip up to help publicize the Pace Car owners group. Tommy Loftin, Reggie Black and Ken Watts came up to drool over the new C7's. We also saw several friends that we had met at car shows over the years.



On Saturday they had us pull our cars out from under the tents so that aerial pictures could be made. A helicopter and a crane were brought in to take the pictures. They cleared out all the people from around the cars to take these pictures. It was awesome. Looking down

the back windows of 30 Split Window Coupes is a site not many people have seen.

Talking to some of organizers, they did not believe that this many 1963 Corvettes had been together since 1963. Linda and I walked around and met many of the other owners. The couple next to us had one from each generation and was picking out the color of their new C7. We saw a white Coupe that had been owned by the individual for 47 years. He drove the car a lot in the earlier years and restored the car about 15 years ago. The car is now a true trailer queen as it is stored in the trailer and only driven to its show position.



Again Linda and I will remember this trip forever. If you have not been up to Carlisle or Bowling Green to a Corvette event, start planning today. I promise you that it will be trip you will always remember.

Linda and John Meadows





# QCCC's First Dyno Day 2013

By: Merrill Quintrell

The morning of May 4<sup>th</sup> was cool and damp. One by one the Corvettes gathered at Motion Lab's facilities located at 4500 Nations Crossing Road. These cars were here to test themselves, to prove that they were more than just beautiful, but also powerful. This was not man against machine, it was machine against machine. These Corvettes would be pitting everything they had against a Dynocom FX5000 Chassis Dynamometer. This 10 ton all wheel drive beast can swallow up to 1000 horsepower at a time and measure it with .5% accuracy.

Four cars were lined up for their turn at the dyno. First up was Merrill Quintrell's bone stock 1973 White Coupe with an L48 engine. Due to newly imposed emissions regulations 1973 Corvettes were not known for their prodigious amounts of horsepower, nevertheless this example made right at what would be expected for a factory fresh motor. The fact that this motor was 40 years old and had never been touched is a testament to Chevy small block longevity. Originally rated at 200 horsepower at the crankshaft, her best attempt yielded a modest 177 horsepower at the rear wheels. Taking into account driveline losses, that's pretty close to the factory mark.

Next on the machine was Brian Kruse's 2000 Pewter Coupe. Brian's car's best pull yielded a respectable 315.3 horsepower at 5050 rpm, and a huge 400 pound-feet of torque at a rumbling 2850 rpm. This car has seen its share of track time and promises to be back again with even more grunt under the hood.

After a timeout for hot dogs fresh off the grill, it was time to load Tom Rockhold's absolutely pristine 1981 C3 Coupe on the dyno. To say that Tom's car is a torque monster would be an understatement. That 409 stroker motor of his generated 320 horsepower and a whopping 510.1 pound-feet of torque at only 2800 rpm. Even though she was strapped down tight you could see her lift her nose and twist over to the right when given wide open throttle. The bellow out of the custom exhaust was at full chat was nothing short of awesome. That's one sweet ride Tom.

Wrapping up the day was Carl Backlett's gorgeous 2013 Black Coupe with a stonking 427 cubic inch LS7 lurking under the hood. On the first pull she actually lost traction and started spinning the tires against the heavily knurled dyno rollers, and this was in 4 gear! After shifting the car slightly for better contact on the rollers and pulling it down extra tight with the straps Carl's car knocked out a run making 471.2 horsepower and just over 500 pound-feet of torque.

Thanks to those willing to let their cars challenge the dyno, and thanks to everyone else from the club that stopped by to support their fellow club members. And finally a very special thanks to Motion Lab's Todd and Glory Marcellini for making their facilities available exclusively for members of the QCCC that day. Todd and Glory have offered to hold another dyno day for the QCCC this fall once the weather cools down a bit.

