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### **On The Cover:**

**Cruisin the Carolinas with the Queen City Corvette Club.**

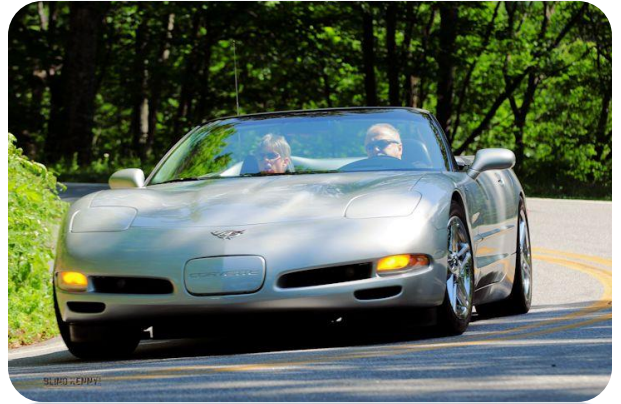
QCCC is a non-profit club (501-C7) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money for and participates with various local charities. We strive to promote exciting, safe and fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates social time. Our socials are always fun and are focused around fellowship, food & drink. We've had swimming parties, bar-b-ques, cookouts, day cruises and weekend trips. We participate in / conduct mountain tours, holiday parades and several homecoming parades at local area high schools. We also support and participate in local auto shows and hold charity Corvette shows each year. After an initiation fee of \$10.00, club dues are \$100 per year to be paid semi-annually or annually. These dues go to cover the costs of running the club, mailing newsletters, and subsidizing the costs of our meetings. Club officers and supporting staff serve as volunteers.

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



# Crossroads

With the President Keith Cross



Well, it looks like Fall Season has finally arrived. The leaf colors are beginning to show and too soon they will be gone. This is the perfect time to get some really great pictures of our Corvettes. Whether it is on a trip you're on or in your back yard the Fall colors can make a great backdrop. Remember we are always trying to increase the number of member's cars pictured on our website. So if you get a nice shot make sure you send it to our Webmaster so it can be added. Speaking of colors, per the CorvetteBloggers.com website, they have announced the results of the 2013 Corvettes by color statistics. They are quoted as saying that Black has been the most ordered color for every year it was offered on a Corvette. So for last year Black and Artic White both tied at 21%. They feel the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition was responsible for Artic White to move up so high from past years. The following colors rank as follows. Torch Red at 14%, Night Race Blue at 11%, Crystal Red and Cyber Gray at 9%, Blade Silver at 7%, Velocity Yellow at 4%, Supersonic Blue at 2% and Inferno Orange at 1%. They noted that Inferno Orange orders were so low that the color was discontinued before the end of the year.

Many of us associate the Fall Season with the Thanksgiving Holiday. And Thanksgiving leads us into Christmas. So as we enter into the next several months of giving, please keep in mind the opportunities you will have through QCCC to share your blessings. The [Matthews Help Center Food Donations](#) will be collected at both our November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meetings. We have emailed out a list from the MHC showing the items they most need this year. Then there is the [145th Air National Guard Christmas Gifts](#) for the children of deployed parents. For those of you who signed up to help those 23 children remember your gifts are due at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting. And then the [Corvette Angels Toy Drive](#) on November 23<sup>rd</sup> is open to everyone. QCCC and several other local Corvette Clubs will be participating. It is a great drive and a perfect way to donate toys to the Salvation Army's Christmas Toy Drive.

QCCC has a great track record for helping others and giving back to the communities. With the holiday season quickly approaching, I am excited that we have a chance to share some food and gifts with others and show that we have not forgotten the Spirit of Giving.

So even though at this time of the year we are all busier than a stump-tailed cow in fly time keep your eyes peeled while you're driving and...

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

*Keith Cross*



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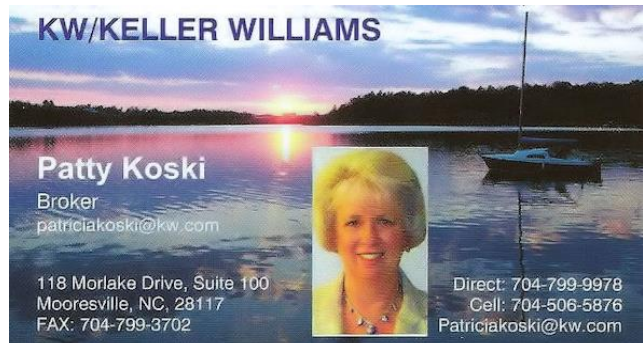
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# The Wave

With the Vice President Bill Rambo



## **1. What was on the original Corvette emblem that had to be changed?**

Right before the Corvette's release in 1953, Chevrolet had devised a plan to use a checkered flag and an American flag – the two things that best signified the Corvette – as a part of its original emblem. Well, 10 years prior to the Corvette's release, the U.S. passed the National Flag Code into federal law (Public Law 77- 623; chapter 435) and one of the provisions is that “the flag may not be used for advertising purposes.”

For this reason, we can now only see the original emblem in the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

## **2. What year and month was Zora on the cover of Hot Rod?**

Corvette hero Zora Arkus- Duntov is featured on the cover of the December 1967 issue of HOT ROD. The Chevrolet executive was seated among a group of experimental Chevy power plants, over a banner headline screaming, "Inside Chevy's Secret Engines!" However his name is also listed on September 1967.

## **3. Who is Vinny?**

A Corvette in a children's book.

## **4. How many chief engineers have there been for Corvette?**

In the six decades Chevrolet has built the Corvette, only five men have served as its chief engineer.

**Zora Arkus-Duntov**

**Dave McClellan**

**Dave Hill**

**Tom Wallace**

**Tadge Juechter**

## **5. What astronaut members had Corvettes?**

Released in 1979, author Tom Wolfe's bestselling book, "The Right Stuff," recounted the beginnings of America's space program. The book's success sparked a revival of interest in the original Mercury 7 space heroes—and their Corvette adventures. Prior to that, astronaut- related Corvette stories were just kind of folklore... thanks to Tom Wolfe that the Corvette is today so solidly cemented to the legend of the pioneering astronauts. The 1995 movie “Apollo 13” featured two era- authentic Corvettes, one of them used in a key scene featuring Tom Hanks as astronaut Jim Lovell. The 2009 movie “Star Trek XI” opens in the year 2245, with a 12- year old James T. Kirk driving a 280- year old 1965 Corvette Sting Ray.

## 6. How many women are in the NCM Hall of Fame?

One.... **Betty Skelton Frankman**..... (2001 Induction). Betty Skelton (Frankman), frequently referred to as the "first lady of firsts", worked side- by- side with some of the biggest names in Corvette, and established unbelievable records of her own in racing, aviation and automotive history. The first woman to be inducted in to the Corvette Hall of Fame was also the first woman in the world to drive racing cars to new records through the famous NASCAR measured mile on the sands of Daytona Beach. Skelton established records for Chevrolet behind the wheel of the Corvette, and appeared at major auto shows, as well as national ads and TV commercials. Working as the first woman technical narrator for GM at major shows, Skelton attended and participated in many major races where Corvettes were showcased. She was on the committee that originated the "Corvette News" currently "Corvette Quarterly", and worked as the agency's editor for many years. Harley Earl at the GM Tech Center along with Bill Mitchell designed a special Corvette for Betty in 1956- 57. Skelton drove the translucent gold Corvette to Daytona for Speed Week and then paced all the NASCAR races with it in 1957. In 1959, she was invited by NASA to become the first woman to undergo physical and psychological testing for the first seven astronauts, and was directly involved with arranging America's first astronauts to become Corvette Owners.



Up Yonder Dinner



## **Queen City Corvette Club**

### **Club Business Meeting Minutes**

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**Date:** Saturday, October 12, 2013 **Time:** 6 PM **Location:** Harley Davidson Charlotte

**Board Members and 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; Bob and Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Boyd and Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editors; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob Denney, Bryan and Michelle Moore, Photographers.

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

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

- Keith called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone to meeting, and thanked the folks at Harley Davidson of Charlotte for allowing us to meet in their facility.
- Minutes from September Meeting were approved.
- Discussed Board Elections for 2014. All Board positions have a one-year term and are up for election or re-election every year. Anyone may be nominated (with nominee's permission) to serve in any Board position until nominations are closed. Two current Board members will not be running for 2014 re-election. All other Board members have offered to serve another year and will be on the ballot in November, but welcome others who may want to serve in their place. Those not seeking re-election are Bill Rambo (VP) and Laura Pelchat (Social). Keith announced that two club members have volunteered to serve in those positions on the 2014 Board – Bill Cruthis (Vice President) and Pat Bonino (Social Director). Their names will be added to the ballot with other 'returning' Board members to be voted on at the November Business Meeting.
- Keith called for nominations for the Board from those present. Hearing none, a motion was made and approved to close the nominations for the Board for 2014.
- It was announced that City Chevrolet will have a C7 Corvette Reveal at 6 pm on October 24, 2013. City Chevrolet will have Rick Hendrick's VIN 001 and VIN 002 C7 Corvettes on display along with some cars from his private collection. Contact City Chevrolet for more information.

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

- The following were Prospective Members in attendance:
  - Clifton & Bronwyn Abare – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - Craig & Carla Sullivan – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - Harold Crockett – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
- Membership: QCCC currently has 284 active and provisional members



- Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc.

**Vice President: Bill Rambo**

- Upcoming Meeting locations planned:
  - **November 9, 2013** – Streetside Classics, Charlotte, NC
  - **December 14, 2013** – Christmas Party & Meeting, Cornelius, NC
  - **January 11, 2014** – TBD
  - **February, 2014** – Pleasant Hill Church (Boyd & Susan Kurt)– Hwy 49 Charlotte
- Door Prizes were won by – Gerry Kessel , Tracey Comfort, Elaine Coulter, Barbara Mariano, Reggie Black, Susan Kurt, Rosalie Kirkley.
- 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 100 Members were present at the meeting.
- **Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**
- **September 14, 2013: Second Annual QCCC Charity Car Show - Results**
  - Total of 170 Cars participated.
  - Tommy reviewed Car Show Income and Expense sheets at the meeting.
  - Raised \$4000 for Charity for 2014.
  - QCCC September Car Show Results and trophies awarded, detailed in the QCCC Corvette Gazette (October Newsletter), were discussed.
  - Third Annual QCCC Car Show will be held on the first Saturday of September, 2014.
  - Extra Staff Car Show Shirts were given out at the meeting until gone.
- **September 21-22, 2013 Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway - Results**
  - Tommy discussed Auto Fair Results and trophies awarded. Details are listed in the QCCC Corvette Gazette (October Newsletter.) QCCC cars were judged by Victory Lane Corvette Club.
  - QCCC well represented in considerable media coverage prior to and during the event.
- **October 13, 2013 – Foothills Corvette Club – Corvette Fall Tour**
  - Multiple Corvette Clubs. - About 40 QCCC cars have registered – Expecting over 150 cars total.
  - Meet at Kat’s Patch in Troutman at 8am for drive to N. Wilkesboro

- During Tour, all intersections are closed to Traffic by local police. No stops on the Run.
- Lunch on the “Tour” will be served at Shatley Springs
- Tour will continue with a no-stop drive to Galax, Virginia, and then home.
- **October 26, 2013 - Day Trip: Reggie and Susie Black to West Jefferson**
  - Enjoy the Drive, the Local Sights, Good food
  - Meet at Kat’s Patch in Troutman - \$14 per person for lunch
  - Contact Reggie asap if you wish to attend – needs payment for meals.
  - See Details and more Information on the QCCC Website Calendar
- **Dyno Day #2 – November 2, 2013**
  - Contact is Merrill Quintrell
  - Sign up to dyno (\$45) or sign up to just be a guest
  - Serving hot dogs for lunch.
  - More details and information on the QCCC website.
- **November 16, 2013 – Vettes for Veterans Charity Run**
  - To Salisbury VA Hospital to visit and honor Veterans
  - Sign-up sheet at the meeting
  - Will meet in Mooresville prior to run.
- **December 1, 2013 Foothills and Country Corvettes Christmas**
  - QCCC invited to attend if anyone desires to attend.
  - Buffet starts at 4 pm with ribs and chicken – Cost is \$20 each
  - To be held at the Depot (restaurant) Cody Creek in Dobson
  - Sign-up sheet available at the meeting.
- **To Host a Corvette Day Trip, please contact Tommy Loftin\**

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg (Keith Cross covering)**

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

**Social Director: Laura Pelchat**

- **October 18-19, 2013 – Octoberfest Trip to Helen, GA (Pat Bonino)**
  - Leave on Friday, October 18, Return on Sunday, October 20, 2013
  - 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
- **November 15, 2013 – Overnight Trip to Biltmore Candlelight Viewing**
  - Quality Inn Biltmore South
  - Evening House Tour 7:30 PM - \$59
  - Includes Tour of the Grounds next day
  - Need money by October 25, contact Laura Pelchat.
- **November 16, 2013 – Day Trip to Biltmore**
  - Arrive by 10:30 am for Group picture of Vettes in front of Biltmore
  - Lunch at Deer Park Inn
  - House Tour \$40 per person
  - Contact 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
  - Some print copies will be ordered, potentially with a cost to print.
- **December 14, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting**
  - The Pearl - 19501 W. Catawba Avenue – Cornelius
  - Buffet Meal - \$12.50 per person tea and water
  - Details will be posted on the QCCC Website
  - Gift Exchange again this year – Dirty Santa \$15 - car related items went well.
  - Cash Bar available.
- **January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet**
  - Vintage Motor Club in Concord, NC



- New Owners and New Caterer
- Live Band – *The Extraordinaires*
- \$35 per person for Buffet
- Need Silent Auction Items for the Event, proceeds go to Charity fund.

**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- **October Member Birthdays** announced. If you would like your name added to the Happy Birthday list, please contact Carolyn.
- **Club Volunteer List**: Board has been encouraging folks to assist the Directors and other leaders at the meetings and during social and automotive events. Board has decided to start a list of members who are willing to volunteer, as their schedule permits, to assist in these activities. PLEASE sign up at the meetings or send an email to Carolyn to volunteer and please indicate any preferences of areas in which you would like to volunteer.
- **QCCC Club Jackets** are available for purchase. Cost again this year is \$113 per jacket. 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.
- **Registration for the 2014 C&VA Corvette Caravan** -- The 2014 Carolinas and Virginia 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 200 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 C&VA (C&VA) Corvette Caravan Registration Chair. Contact her at her Caravan email [VelocityVette77@yahoo.com](mailto:VelocityVette77@yahoo.com) .

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

- **NCM Bash, Bowling Green Kentucky, in April 23-27, 2014**
  - Paul has rooms blocked at the Hilton Garden Inn and will lead the group.
  - Sign up on list or email Paul Mariano
  - Assembly Plan Tours are now open for booking
- **2014 National Corvette Caravan, Bowling Green, KY – August 2014**
  - About 2000 cars registered so far
  - Clings and Flags are available for purchase (see Chris Wood)
  - Assembly Plant Tours now open
  - QCCC Members are encouraged to Register at [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.
- **2014 C7 Corvette Raffle Tickets** – Available from Helen Jensen \$10 each.

## **Charity Committee – Nelson Sprague**

- **2013 QCCC Christmas Season Charity Activities**

- Matthews Help Center – Food and Holiday Toys and Gift Cards
- Air National Guard - 27 local members deployed this year - Christmas
  - See Nelson's Wish List for Children of deployed members
  - Will have gender and age of children
  - QCCC Members will have opportunity to buy gifts for the children.
  - Collect gifts at December 14 Christmas Party

- **November 23, 2013 - Corvette Angels - Bill Miller Director**

- To Support Salvation Army Toys for Tots
- Area Corvette Clubs Come Together for Family Event
- 8 am – 9:30am –Carolina Place Mall Corvette Family Event
  - Park as many Generations of Corvettes as possible up front with the Salvation Army Truck
  - Kids Events at the Mall
- After Events at the Mall, Vettes will Caravan to Mimi's Café Northlake Mall
  - Caravan will have a non-stop Police Escort
  - Special Parking area and Seating Area in Restaurant
- Everyone asked to bring at least one toy.
- Details on QCCC website.

- **50/50 Raffle for Charity**

- Won by Ron Worley

- **Raffle Gift – Model Car**

- Won by Carl Bartlett

## **Old Business**

- As part of the 2013 QCCC Car Show, QCCC raised **funds to support the National Corvette Museum.** The Board approved a motion to ask Paul Mariano (our Club NCM Ambassador) for recommendations to determine the best options for donating the funds to provide benefit to the NCM while providing tangible recognition of the donation for QCCC.

- **QCCC is selling QCCC logo Corvette Blankets – Made in USA**
  - Colors are Blue or White with QCCC Logo
  - Cost \$55.00 each.
- **Lids for QCCC logo tumblers** are also available for sale.
- **Palm Gifts** present at the meeting selling QCCC logo apparel.

**New Business / Other**

- QCCC Corvette Boutique
  - Christmas Boutique items and bake sale
  - Proceeds benefit the 2014 Corvette Caravan
  - Held at November Meeting
  - Contact: Pat Bonino

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*





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

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**When: Tuesday, October 8, 2013 Time: 6:00 PM Where: Hickory Tavern**

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

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**DISCUSSION:**

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**President: Keith Cross**

- Keith Reviewed the current QCCC Calendar of Upcoming Events
- Discussed Board Elections for 2014. All Board positions have a one-year term and are up for election or re-election every year. Anyone may be nominated (with nominee's permission) to serve in any Board position until nominations are closed. Two current Board members will not be running for 2014 re-election. All other Board members have offered to serve another year, but welcome others who may want to serve in their place. Those not seeking re-election are Bill Rambo (VP) and Laura Pelchat (Social). Keith announced that two members have volunteered to serve on the 2014 Board – Bill Cruthis (Vice President) and Pat Bonino (Social Director). Their names will be added to the ballot with other 'returning' Board members to be voted on at the November Business Meeting.
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- Briefly discussed the need to review the By-laws and be ready in 2014 to recommend any desired changes.

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

- Discussed upcoming Meeting locations planned:
  - **October** – Harley Davidson of Charlotte
  - **November** – Streetside Classics – Charlotte
    - Special 2014 Caravan Fund Raiser, approved by Board, will be held.
  - **December** – Christmas Party, location TBD
  - **January** – TBD
  - **February** – Pleasant Hill Church (Boyd & Susan Kurt) – Hwy 49 Charlotte

- The Quest Movie will be shown prior to the meeting. Details to be announced.
- 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 VP for compilation of appropriate Award Points.

**Membership Director: Chris Wood**

- Discussed Membership Report and prospective members who will be attending October meeting.
- Board approved *Monogram Fever*, in conjunction with their club sponsorship, to offer QCCC logo products on a special website portal designed for QCCC members. Chris will provide additional information in the next meeting.
- Discussions concerning Lifetime QCCC Members, and the possibility of a QCCC Hall of Fame, were tabled for November meeting.
- Motion was approved to donate \$50 in memory of Ken Rinehart to charity of Debbie Rinehart's choice.

**Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**

- **September 14, 2013: Second Annual QCCC Charity Car Show**
  - Tommy will review Car Show Income and Expense sheets at the October Business Meeting.
  - QCCC September Car Show Results and trophies awarded, detailed in the QCCC Corvette Gazette (October Newsletter), were discussed.
  - Board approved a motion to target the annual QCCC Car Show in 2014 beyond on the first Saturday of September.
  - Extra Staff Car Show Shirts will be presented as door prizes at the October meeting.
- **September 21-22, 2013 Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway**
  - Auto Fair Results and trophies awarded, detailed in the QCCC Corvette Gazette (October Newsletter) were discussed.
- **October 13, 2013 – Foothills Corvette Club – Corvette Fall Tour**
  - QCCC will participate with over 30 cars registered. Flyer available on website.
- **Day Trips:**
  - **October 26, 2013** Reggie and Susie Black are planning a Day Trip to West Jefferson. More information to be announced at the meeting and on the website.
  - To Host a Day Trip, please contact Tommy Loftin

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg**

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

**Social Director: Laura Pelchat (Keith Covering)**

- **October 18-19, 2013 – Octoberfest at Helen, GA**
  - Pat Bonino coordinating. (Website contains detailed info)
- **November 15, 16, 2013 – Overnight and Day Trips to Biltmore**
  - Laura will discuss at Business Meeting
- **December 1, 2013 – Sunday afternoon at 4 pm**
  - Foothills Corvette Club invited QCCC to join for Christmas celebration.
  - Will be announced to the club as information if they wish to participate.
- **December 14, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting**
  - Laura is working to finalize date, venue and menu
- **January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet**
  - Vintage Motor Club in Concord, NC
  - New Owners and New Caterer.
  - Live Band is booked – The Extraordinaires
  - Need Silent Auction Items for the Event.

**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- Greeting Cards sent since our last Board Meeting:
  - Debbie Rinehart - Sympathy
- Distributed Club Minutes to members following September meeting and forwarded September Board and Club Minutes to Boyd Kurt for Newsletter publication.

**Old Business**

- QCCC Logo Stadium Blankets and Tumble Lids will be sold at the October business meeting.

**New/Other Business:**

- Palm Gifts will attend October business meeting and offer logo apparel for sale.

**November 5, 2013 Board Meeting** will be held at Smith and Stevenson at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*





## November

TBD	Biltmore House Tour	
2	Dyno Day	<a href="#"><u>Details &amp; Information</u></a>
9	QCCC Business Meeting	<a href="#"><u>Details &amp; Information</u></a>
15-16	Biltmore Estate Tour	<a href="#"><u>Details &amp; Information</u></a>
16	Concord Parade	See John Meadows
17	Monroe Parade	See John Meadows
23	Concord Christmas Parade	See John Meadows
23	Corvette Angels 2013 - Christmas Toy Drive	<a href="#"><u>Details &amp; Information</u></a>
24	Union County Christmas Parade	See John Meadows

## December

8	Indian Trail Christmas Parade	See John Meadows
14	QCCC Christmas Party & Business Meeting	
14	Kannapolis Christmas Parade	See John

# QCCC Cornerstones

Building a Great Corvette Club  
One MEMBER at a time



When President Keith asked me to write a monthly Gazette article about Membership I had some reservations. How much is there to say about membership? Once I began to think about it while preparing for each article, I realized there is quite a lot to say about membership. I've written about QCCC membership and what it means to Peggy and me several times in these pages. Now indulge me for a minute and consider your membership in the larger Corvette Community.

The Corvette Community is special. We witnessed this at the ALMS race at VIR a few weeks ago. The Corvette Corral was the most popular place with standing room only during visits by Ron Fellows, the Corvette Racing drivers and Doug Fehan. The number of Corvettes in the Corral far surpassed the number of cars in the other Corrals. The C6.Rs got the most ovations as they roared past each lap. A quick stroll to the paddock during the driver autograph session said a great deal about this Corvette Community. The autograph line at the Corvette Racing garage area was only eclipsed by the line that snaked up to Patrick Dempsey. And those folks were not in line because Dempsey drives for their favorite race team (*you know what I mean*). Beside the Corvette Racing garage area was the BMW and Flying Lizard Porsche Teams. I counted four people in line for autographs at the Flying Lizard table. I couldn't count how many were waiting at the BMW table because the large crowd around the Corvette Racing Team obscured my view. We witness this Corvette Community phenomenon when we visit the National Corvette Museum. It's not the brick, mortar and glass that folks come from all over the country for. It's the people, the Corvette Community that folks come to be a part of.

No matter what Corvette you own, C1 – C7 or a combination, you are welcomed in the Corvette Community. It's always fun when we meet other Corvette owners from distant places and learn about their clubs, their Corvettes and how they enjoy them. How many of you have worn something with a Corvette logo and had folks come up and tell you they have one too? It's happened to us many times where ever we go.

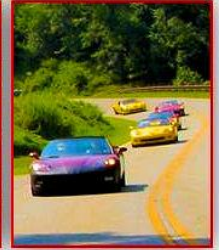
I know the folks just discovering the Corvette Community will be welcomed, just as we were welcomed when we first discovered it. It's contagious and just something you want to share!

*Chris Wood, Membership Director*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Larry & Cindy Newsom – Sept.  
2013



## National Corvette Museum Corner

Hopefully, everyone is feeling at ease for the caravan next year. If you are planning on participating in the grand event, you should have registered with the museum and registered with the Carolinas/Virginia Caravan management team. If you have completed those two steps then I will presume that Carolyn Zimmer has arranged for you to have rooms in Sevierville and Bowling Green. These are the main hurdles, with only a couple more to go. The agenda of events at the museum should be up and open for registering in January or February of 2014. The one event that remains in turmoil is a tour of the Assembly Plant. Tours for Thursday and Friday of the caravan week are fully booked and no walk-ins will be allowed. With no tours on Saturday, and Monday being a holiday, it doesn't look promising to get a booking during the event. What I have requested on the caravan facebook page and the Caravan Chat is for everyone who has managed to book a tour and lives close enough to visit the factory at another time to make their space available to those traveling long distances on the caravan. Some of those travelers only get to visit Bowling Green every five years and some for the first time. I hope that those with a booked tour from our area will be generous.

Now onto the next topic, the NCM Bash in April. The agenda and registration aren't open yet but if you plan on attending, now is the time to let me know so I can assure you a room. I have a block of twenty (20) rooms and seventeen (17) have already been spoken for. Now is the time to book a factory tour if you would like to see the new C7 in production. We will be departing on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> so the two days available for you to book a tour are the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The Woods and Sancinetos are going over a day early and have booked the 11:30am tour on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you wish to join them for that tour, you should do it on-line now. The Bash is also the NCM event that reveals new models. Could there be a Z06 at this one?

Congratulations to the Loftins and Blacks on taking delivery of their new Stingrays at the museum. Everyone watching them on the web cams had almost as much fun as they did, but not quite. If you haven't experienced a museum delivery, you have missed a real unique part of buying a new Corvette.

I'm sure everyone knows that donations to the museum are tax deductible, but did you know that purchasing a personal brick or any other record of your commitment to the museum is also deductible? Let me show you how you can put your legacy on display and have the government pay for part of it.

Glad tidings, bad tidings, whatever, but don't look now as Christmas is sneaking around the corner. You can shop early and easily by going on-line to the Corvette Store ([www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)) and taking a large chunk out of that shopping chore. Plus you get the members discount of up to 15%. Take care of your favorite person, or Corvette, with a Corvette themed gift..

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 BEACH BECKONS

We probably need to make a little disclaimer here; the Vintage Gang was not, is not, and never will be politically correct. We make no excuses for that. We worked hard, played harder and, to our knowledge, we never hurt anyone. Although a lot of what we did in the 70's would be a felony today. Some folks today may have issues with the baby boomers but we know one thing for sure, cars and music we got right. If you do not think so compare a big block 67 and Elvis tunes to a new Honda and this rap noise of today. So if you are one of the pc police read no further it will only raise your blood pressure.

When you live this close to the beach, winter blues start setting in and the urge grows to get your toes in the ocean. So early in April around 1981 a group of 20 (10 corvettes) set out for North Myrtle. Keep in mind that, at that time, it was not illegal to have an open container inside the car, just not in the driver's hand. So it was our typical protocol to have a small amount of luggage behind the seats with a couple of changes of clothes and a small cooler with one or two six packs on ice. Our destination in North Myrtle was a vacation home with several bedrooms for Friday and Saturday nights (\$200). Brillo at the time had a 454 chocolate brown 74 with a luggage rack. Most cars carried food for the weekend, but Brillo had also neatly packed a large cooler with a lot of beer on ice and Spyder bungeed it on the luggage rack. The trip to the beach (about 2.5 hours as we drove then) was all 2 lanes and, as usual, there was always a Friday night train on the track blocking our path half way to the beach. Also, as usual, beer doing what beer does and getting processed in the body, it has to make an exit. As we waited for the train, all the cars emptied out and it was down the embankment to nature's toilet. Brillo was the last one out of the ditch and, to his surprise, the bungee and lid were off the cooler and the extra beer had been appropriated and divided up. This group could drink a lot of long neck Schlitz in a hurry.

Late Saturday afternoon it was customary to caravan down the Grand Strand and check out the action. This day we were cruisin' along when Barney Fife came out of nowhere and pulled us all over. We are not sure if he put his bullet in his gun. Sam Orender was in the lead car and he reported Barney asking for our parade permit. Duh! Seems Barney was a stickler for the rules and any group of 3 or more like cars traveling together was deemed a parade. So Barney made us all split up and go in different directions. He may not have been too good for the tourist trade but it was either split up or we followed him to jail.

Saturday night in North Myrtle in the early 80's was not as it is today. There were only 2 or 3 really nice restaurants so we decided to break into 2 groups of 10 in hopes of eating before midnight. Brillo, Dollar Bill, and Shaverstien went with Charlie outlaws group. Charlie was an electrician with arms of a blacksmith, bigger than most people's legs, so he presented a commanding appearance. As we got to the restaurant it was packed, so much you could not move in the bar, shoulder to shoulder. Charlie entered us on the waiting list as outlaw party of ten. After 15 minutes it was apparent that it would be a long night. Maybe midnight would be our eating time. About that time a waiter came pushing his way

thru the crowd hollering Johnson party of ten. You know what was coming. Charlie stepped right up towering over the waiter and said right here, Johnson party of 10. So we ate really early and had time to return to the beach for a beer blast.

What a great time and memory it was for those QCCC members. As Travis says driving a Corvette is the most fun you can have with you clothes on.

QCCC was, is, and will always be the best

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







## Around the World With QCCC:



Braydon Watts 1<sup>st</sup> C7 Driver , Grandson of Lois and Ken Watts



# From Track to Street

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## NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing will open the 2014 TUDOR United SportsCar Championship with the Corvette C7.R race car at the Rolex 24 At Daytona on Jan. 25-26.

## Championship Trophies Galore for Corvette Racing

Chevrolet and Corvette Racing had ample reason to celebrate at the American Le Mans Series' annual Night of Champions awards banquet. The two organizations took home seven awards on the evening at Chateau Elan, the night after the ALMS' finale - Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta.

Chevrolet received the GT manufacturers' championship, and Corvette Racing won the GT team trophy - the second consecutive season for both. Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen, drivers of the No. 3 Compuware Chevrolet Corvette C6.R, were the recipients of the GT drivers' championship - the second for Magnussen and first for Garcia. Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner, last year's GT champions, walked away with third-place championship trophies in the driving category.

It was a doubly special night for Magnussen. The Dane won the ALMS' Most Popular Driver award for the second time in his career. American Le Mans Series fans voted on the honor through [alms.com](http://alms.com), the series' website.

[more >](#)

## ALMS GT Championship Standings

Driver Standings	Team Standings	Manufacturer Standings
1. Antonio Garcia/Jan Magnussen - 135	1. Corvette Racing - 171	1. Chevrolet - 174
2. Dirk Muller - 129	2. BMW Team RLL - 140	2. BMW - 154
3. Oliver Gavin/Tommy Milner - 105	3. SRT Motorsports - 121	3. SRT - 137
4. Bill Auberlen - 102 5. Dominik Farnbacher/Marc Goossens - 101	4. Risi Competizione - 73	4. Ferrari - 126
	5. CORE autosport - 55	

**Other Corvette Related Items of interest.**

2014 Named car of the Year: <http://autos.yahoo.com/blogs/motoramic/2014-yahoo-autos-car-chevrolet-corvette-stingray-185859647.html>



# “Heads-Up”



## November 9, 2013 Business Meeting Announcement

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

### Streetside Classics - Charlotte

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

The address for Streetside Classics - Charlotte is as follows:

Streetside Classics - Charlotte  
5400 West WT Harris Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28269  
704-598-2130

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

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



# The Ride



## **Tommy Loftin, QCCC Automotive Director**

The month of October is one of the best months for Corvette cruising as the weather is changing and the leaves are turning. We had a fantastic ride with Foothills Corvette Club's Fall Tour on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>. They had nearly 200 Corvettes gather at Empire Chevrolet in North Wilkesboro and proceed to Shatley Springs in Ash County for a lunch to die for. After lunch we continued on to Jeff Johnson's Chevrolet in Hillsville, VA where Sharon Johnson provided homemade cookies, coffee and drinks for all. Our hats were off to Sharon for baking over forty-five dozen cookies for the group. We cruised the Blue Ridge Mountains past apple orchards and Christmas tree farms, all of which reminded us of the change in seasons and the cold weather to come. The last weekend in October the club was offered another excellent ride to West Jefferson for a day trip and lunch hosted by Reggie and Suzie Black. The trip consisted of nearly 20 Corvettes traveling from Troutman to West Jefferson and back and included lunch at Smokey Mountain Bar-B-Q, a local favorite restaurant serving some of the best barbeque and fried chicken this side of the holler. After lunch we all traveled to downtown West Jefferson for some relaxing shopping at the local cheese factory, kitchen store, hardware store, Christmas store and many other places you could shop. At 2:00 we all gathered for the ride back to Paramount Classic Cars in Hickory for a private viewing of some of the finest cars in our area. Reggie found his big block 1967 Corvette and many others picked out their favorite car as well. This is a must see collection of high end collector cars, of which over half were Corvettes. November is a laid back month with a Dino Day scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Motion Lab Inc. and hosted by Merrill Quintell. See the QCCC calendar for information and times. The rest of the month is filled with Concord Parade, Monroe Parade, Concord Christmas Parade and Union County Parade. We need help with all of our parade commitments and ask that you contact John Meadows if you could help. We will still have good days for a day trip, so if you would like to arrange one please contact Tommy Loftin.

Keep your ride on, till next time.

*Tommy Loftin*