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On The Cover:

QCCC 2014 Spring Auto Fair Winners. Congratulations to all

Photo by Brian Moore

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

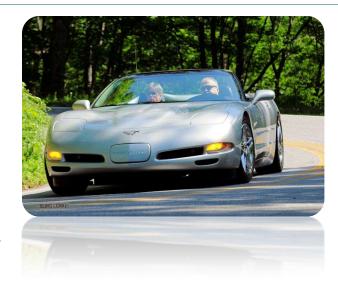
a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. *Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!* Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting and be voted in, begin paying dues and having fun!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



Crossroads

With the President Keith Cross

Well the **2014 BASH** at the National Corvette Museum was great. So first off let me start by saying to all those naysayers on the internet the sinkhole is for real and not a made up publicity stunt of some toy cars in a hole. And while I am busting their bubbles let me also say Neal Armstrong did walk on the moon. We not only got to go



in and see the sinkhole but we got to see "The Great Eight" up close. I have no clue how some of those cars can be restored. But moving on the new Corvette ZO6 was gorgeous along with the weather except for a late night rain.

Kelly and I had a chance to take the factory tour to see the C7 being built. When in Bowling Green, never miss a chance to go take the factory tour. Best \$7.00 you will spend. Also I got to meet Dave Chrisley a retired GM employee who has the great task of keeping all the club patches on display at the factory. They are in display cases in the entrance hallway. Anyway our QCCC New Patch with our slogan on it has arrived but was not yet on display. He promises it will be up in the next few weeks as he starts to rearrange the patches in the case that our old patch is in.

Next we met with Stephanie Morrell of the NCM staff as she presented Paul Mariano, our Club NCM Ambassador, with our **QCCC Lifetime Club Membership** and all the credentials that came with it. I want to again thank all of you for taking this step as a NCM Lifetime Club Member.

Then along with as many members as I could round up we set off to find our place in the courtyard. We were given the chance to go select our spot for our **QCCC Granite Monumental Bench**. After walking around and seeing all the spots available we all decided on several things. We wanted it to be visible to the entranceway sidewalk and we wanted it in a prominent spot or place of honor. So we decided to select the spot in front of the American Flag pole.

So with all my Presidential Duties handled on Thursday I was given time off the rest of the weekend to play, tour, eat and enjoy the company of good friends. One of the things I really got enjoyment out of was the high regard that so many people held for our club when they spoke of us. Even when you met new people and said your club name many times they would say I know someone or I just met someone in your club. Now I know there are many clubs that do a lot for the NCM but to think that we are held right up there in the top with those others makes you feel proud. So as a club and as individuals **THANKS** for what you have done to make sure that the NCM and Motorsports Park will be here for many years to come. So YES we do make a difference and everyone should be VERY PROUD of our club's accomplishments.

So as they say "See the USA in your Chevrolet" and ...I'll see you at the Crossroads.

Keith Cross





Don marking our bench spot.



Paul receiving our Club Lifetime Membership





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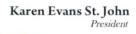






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V P Report Bill Cruthis

HOW MANY OF US WOULD TRADE

I think we need to dedicate this article to the wonderful ladies of QCCC. A few years ago my good Corvette friend was visiting here in Charlotte right after I bought my 400 hp 2006 convertible. He actually was the person responsible for my selling the split window coupe to buy the above 2006. You see I visited him and drove his 2004 Z06 and I was hooked, I had to move up. So naturally when he came down he wanted to drive my new convertible to compare it to his Z06 –C5. Since we have been Corvette buds for 40 years I agreed even though I knew him to punish a car past its limits much more than I would. So, I climbed into the passenger seat and off we went. We went down a two lane not far from the house, not heavily traveled, but not light either. He got to the dead end, turned around and whompa!!!!! Off hard in first, whapa slammed second, tires screeching, then hard into third, yikes watch that pick up, build a little speed and a quick grab of fourth, 5th came way too soon, another lurch into sixth then coasting. Now all the while what was I doing, trying to steer, oops no wheel, then how do I brace myself without looking like a weinie, then holding back words about the pick-up, and praying first that no dog run out into the road, then to O Lord just get me out of this and I promise to do all things righteous from this day forward. In the end he did apologize for turning me white, well whiter than my non melanin at my age skin was already. So lately, for whatever reason, this incident has drifted from an old memory to a recurrent thought. So why do I bring this up now. Well let's look at it from the QCCC ladies perspective. I know I am already guilty. I now wonder how many times Judy has reached for somewhere to brace herself when I decide to see what 505 hp would be like at the moment. I did get even with David when he visited later and I took him for a ride in my Z06. I took him to Clemmons to Charlie O's. On the way back we had a stop light on the 4 lane and I just nailed it. He said @#\$%\$#@\$#%\$# Bill let me know when you are going to do that, you about broke my neck. Karma wins again. He did learn his lesson as I let him drive the Z part of the way back and he was gentle with it. I have not heard a lot of you telling stories that would parallel with this, except I remember something about John Jensen and Paul Mariano on the National Parks Tour, somewhere in Arizona running way up in triple digits for miles and miles and miles; my condolences to Barbara and Helen. The end result of this was, it got me to thinking about the early days when QCCC was a race club. Back then the ladies all took a turn racing the dudes cars from parking lot autocrosses, to drag races, to hill climbs, to Charlotte Motor Speedway. It was not only accepted, it was expected. Let me

tell you about some of them. First they got to the speedway at 6 a.m. to set up the timing equipment and except for their turn to drive they sat in the van and recorded times all day, while their young children kind of gathered somewhere out of harms-way to play in the dirt with their matchbox cars. What was also interesting a few of them beat most of the guys times. They were no different than our ladies of today, it was just different times. Just look today what the QCCC gals do, from donation of time, to food prep, to board members, to charity work, to just being there for us all the time in any way possible. They listen to the same old war stories about the cars that got away, how fast we could drive, how cool we were. All the stories get bigger and become more of a whopper every time and in proportion to the amount of beer, yet they never complain. I say it takes a very special lady to be with a car guy and even more special to be with a Corvette guy. It may mean getting an iron for your birthday, or a new screen door, no money for perfume the hot rod needs tires.it may mean a sore neck because you did not see that Mustang coming up fast in the left lane, or maybe it was just time to go thru the gears. To never hear the words, you drive tonight, or you take the Corvette, I will be there a little late with the SUV.

I guess fellas what I am trying to say......perhaps we need to take a moment and as Mother's Day approaches, thank our lucky stars for all these great gals, that put up with all of our garbage (nice word). They never complain; they seem to understand, they know they cannot change us so they don't try. Some of us, no many of us have had to go thru more than one to find a lady just right for a car guy. So if you have a corvette and you have found a car girl you have hit the lottery of life quit buying tickets, and if your car gal loves corvettes you know she is a keeper top shelf. As for myself, Judy arrived with a RAV 4 which she loved, since that day I have bought especially for her a Cadillac CTS Northstar, a 2006 Corvette Convertible, a 2011 Camaro RS/SS complete with chrome wheels and a clear bra, a beautiful 2009 Zo6, and now a small SUV of which the name escapes me right now. So you see even an old dog learns new tricks. If I keep taking my medication I may make it.....o did I mention I am looking at a new C-7 Z06 just for her. Congrats to all you Corvette dudes and the gals, job well done, so enjoy

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Bonino Banter

- The Social Scene

What would a Social Director say about "Corvette Fever"? Being this Social Director is a woman, you can only imagine that my take on this "fever" will be different then the guys!

"Corvette Fever" started in my mind, the instant we purchased our first Corvette – a 77 white Stingray. Now cars have always been a BIG part of my life. My grandfather managed a garage, my Dad always loved his cars and drove nice ones at that – in fact we never, growing up, missed an unveiling of the new models – back when we all could actually name them all!! And then came Steve....Mr. Gear Head himself!!! His first car came before he was even driving at 14 so he could be ready when he got his license. He has been and still is a "hands on" car lover. His first new car was a 67 Camaro Convertible SS RS – blue- with a racer stripe going down the center. He traded this car for a 64 E Type Jaguar, which we still have today.

The enthusiasm changed, though, when got the 77. Shortly after we purchased it we joined QCCC. In my mind this contributed A LOT to my "Corvette Fever". Now from Steve's perspective...his fever was cranking up as he started to work on his "baby". Now the race was on to restore it to a much higher level to his liking! In the midst of this we started going to meetings and events with the club. WOW, GUESS WHAT??? There were all sorts of "Gear Heads" and their wonderful wives and girlfriends there too! This "fever" was highly contagious. For me...the people surrounding our Corvette were every inch as important as the Corvette itself! We laughed...we ate great meals...we visited new museums and venues...all because we owned a Corvette and had this common "love" to share!

Now 9 years later we had acquired another Corvette – 2004 Z06 Torch Red and we still ...more then ever...have the "Corvette Fever". But for me it means so much more than the actual cars themselves...it is also about the people and the social network – all the wonderful friends we have made....all because we love our Corvettes. So from a "Social Director's" point of view I want to keep the "SOCIAL" part alive and kicking while enjoying everything our Corvettes have to offer!

Now speaking of Social events......

Don't forget ...before our May meeting will be an Ice Cream Social...so come a little earlier

(4:30 on) to be able to enjoy ice cream and socializing!!!

Make your reservations for The Tail of the Dragon by May 1st....any questions – call me (704-418-3152)

Let me know if you want to eat dinner after the Shelton Winery Car Show, May 24th...there are three different choices for dinner

Thank you again all of you who helped to make our picnic a Huge Success!!!!
Your Social Director with the "Corvette Fever",
Pat Bonino

The Ride



I would like to thank everyone involved in AutoFair Spring 2014. It was one of the best shows ever with record crowds and beautiful weather. We had 31 cars on Saturday and 30 cars for Sunday and all of our members enjoyed fun, food, and fellowship. Keith and Kelly Cross took the QCCC Participants Choice Award with his 1961 Corvette and Fred and Donna Rice took 1st runner-up and Danny Bass took 2nd runner-up. This year hosted a new class "The C-7" and Danny Bass was proud to accept the AutoFair Best C-7 Award. The Best C-6 went to Nelson Sprague, Best C-5 to Vinny Vettorin, C-4 to Don Smith, C-3 to Fred Rice, C-2 to John Meadows, and C-1 to Reggie Black. The AutoFair Best of Show went to Nelson Sprague who proudly represented our club in the winner's circle

April meeting consisted of a day trip and Poker Run through rural Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Catawba and Iredell Counties, ending up at TL's Garage for a BBQ picnic and April meeting. Along with the poker run we had a casino slot tournament, a Corvette pin ball tournament and a corn hole toss tournament. Along with these and our 50/50 drawing we collected \$423.00 for our club charities. We had over 160 members and probably 75 Corvettes attend.

The month ended up with a ride to the Corvette Museum at Bowling Green, Kentucky for the National Corvette Museum Bash and first-hand look at the new ZO-6 and of course the big sink hole. Even though we did not attend, I heard that all who went had a good time with lots of fun and fellowship with fellow Corvette enthusiast.

May has another huge event, Shelton Vineyard – Vettes for Vets on May 24th and we have 43 cars signed up to go. I am sure we will have a Day Trip for May also so watch your e-mail for last minute information and remember you can host a Day Trip to your favorite hide away, so give me a call and let's line it up.

Till next time,

Tommy Loftin - Automotive Director

QCCC Cornerstones

Building a Great Corvette Club One MEMBER at a time



One of the problems the internet has introduced is that in this electronic village, all the village idiots have internet access. ~ Peter Nelson

Electronic devices dislike me. There is never a day when something isn't ailing. ~ Dick Cavett

A few months ago, I wrote about the positive aspects of technology and how it is changing the world around us. From the Corvette Apps on my phone to the ability to find just about anything I want to know (and more I don't care to know) on the internet, technology is changing the way we live. I'm convinced, however, that this constant stream of information bombarding me from all directions raises my blood pressure and makes me nervous. And I still am struggling with how OnStar can send me a report each month on how well our Corvette is getting along, tire pressure, miles to next oil change, etc., while it sits covered up hidden in our garage. In fact, I'm a little freaked out about it.

Technology was on the stage front and center at the National Corvette Museum Bash this year. The seminars on all things 2014 and 2015 Stingray and Z06 led by the engineering and design teams proved that our Corvettes are changing as fast as the world around us. Based on what we know so far, this is a good thing. I spoke with someone at the Bash who had a 2013 427 and also a 2014 Stingray with Z51. In describing the Stingray, he said he would never have dreamed they could change a Corvette that much in just one year.

But there are those of us who are still a little uncomfortable with all this new technology. I heard a story recently about a couple who was standing near the back in the self-check-out line at the local grocery. Now we've all used the self-check-out and know you scan, hit a few buttons, swipe your card and bag them yourself. We also know the computer operating these self-check-outs allows for mistakes, hence the "Go Back" button. Well, this couple in line was in somewhat of a hurry and all the checkout lines were long. The man was obviously nervous, pacing back and forth waiting their turn. One of the self-check-outs looked like it became available because the user had a problem and walked over to the store employee for help. Seeing this vacant machine, the man jumped out of line and ahead of everyone else, walked quickly up to it, and just stood there, looking at the screen. In a few moments he came back and got in line with his wife, with a rather perplexed look on his face. He told his wife when he got to the machine, a message on the screen said "Go Back" and, bless his heart, he thought it knew he had broken in line.

Looks like it may take some of us a little more time to fully embrace this new technology and changing world.

Chris Wood, Membership Director



Mal & Helen Speer 2003 Anniversary Coupe 2012 Red ZR1 WELCOME TO OUR

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We're glad you

joined us!



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National Corvette Museum Corner

With apologies to the song writer,"Oh What a Bash It Was, It Really Was". There were too many seminars, events, dinners and official tasks to take a deep breath and take it all in. Pick and choose, pick and choose, that's all you could do. It was our first opportunity to view the new Z06 and Z06 convertible along with the new Atlantic Stingray Edition. There were scads of GM folk all over the place to answer questions and show off their new models. QCCC was presented with its new Lifetime Membership and a select artistic team lead by El Presidente, Keith Cross, picked out a prime spot for our Club bench. And we should not forget the extracurricular activities at the evening dinners and the gatherings in the hotel lobby. Thank goodness for a most tolerant hotel staff. And you had to see the Elvis impersonator to believe it. The costume, lighting, music, and voice were spot on. And he is a Kentucky State Trooper who donates his earnings to a children's home. He sang for over two hours without a break. Everyone was in total awe. All in all, if you have never attended this NCM function, ask someone who was there if it was worth the journey.

Do you own a Corvette? Now that may seem like a pretty dumb question considering the readership of this publication, but let's take a closer look at this relationship. The alternate mindset might suggest that your Corvette owns you. And that is most likely the proper relationship. It should be pampered, cared for, doted upon, and allowed to be exercised whenever it has that urge. Our crack Social and Automotive leaders give us more than ample opportunities to loosen the reins and let the horses run. Take advantage of all the events the QCCC board provides us and watch how your Corvette will smile at you.

The NCM Caravan is now less than four months away and there is still time to join the adventure if you haven't already. On line registration is open until July 21st and all the events are still available. You can go to www.corvettecaravan.com and check on the North Carolina map to see what has been planned for the local caravan. If you have any questions about the event, Chris Wood, Wade Stickels, Carolyn Zimmer or I can get you the info you need. Try not to miss out on this every five year Corvette adventure.

Congratulations to David & Dawn Faircloth for becoming QCCC's latest NCM Lifetime Members.

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



Let's go back to about 1985. Brillo

Pad was working the pharmacy counter at the Revco drug on Albemarle road. It was his weekend shift which meant, in on Friday at 1 p.m. then close at 9 p.m. back to open at 9 a.m. Saturday, then close at 9 p.m. Saturday and finally back on Sunday for the 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. shift. This was, obviously, not a shift for an elderly pharmacist but at age 39 was a weekend that could be done, until the phone call came in. We should say the Corvette Fever was alive and well back then and many of us had watched Dollar Bill Ingram turn almost any Corvette he would uncover and make solid cash profit. Dollar Bill was always ahead of us, he found the best and most rare cars. For example the 1972 lt-1 with air conditioning that he raced at the 77 Porsche –Corvette Challenge. They only made 200 lt-1's with air because under hard performance they would toss the air compressor belt, so production was stopped early.

As Brillo fancied himself a Dollar wana-be any chance to emulate the guru of the special Corvette barn find and stash some cash while having a new story to swap was irresistible. So the opportunity came on a crisp fall Friday nite in 1985, when around 8 p.m. the phone rang and it was Brillo's Corvette friend Larry Roberts who was in the middle of restoring his 1965 red roadster. While searching for parts Larry had come across a 1963 Corvette split window coupe for sale. Larry said it was originally an air conditioned coupe which made it one of 278, and they made about 21,500 63 Corvettes. So this was in the 1% of the Corvettes made in 63. Right away Brillo's heart rate went up, the palms started to sweat and the fever was there. So where was this Corvette? Larry says," just down toward Myrtle Beach, not far, but we need to look at it tonight before it gets gone". That means drive after 9 p.m. view the car, buy the car, drive it home and return to work in less that 12 hours, not smart. So let's go, pick me up. Arrangement was made for Larry to pick Brillo up at the pharmacy at 9 p.m. and he would drive so Brillo could sleep on the way down and back. Note to self, you cannot sleep when you have the Fever. Now Larry is an honest fellow and did not fib but just down toward the beach ended up almost at the beach, I think in the small town of Pee Dee, South Carolina. All I remember was that as I exited Larry's car it was very dark and I could smell the ocean. Arriving somewhere in South Carolina we knocked on the door, and it seems the man was a volunteer fire fighter and was out on a fire saving one of the 12 houses in Pee Dee. The gracious wife allowed us in the garage to examine the car saying the owner would be home soon after he saved Pee Dee. In the garage sat the 63 and after the physical the results were, it was red, should be blue, motor was an lt—1 not correct 63 motor. Body work had been done and you could almost put a finger between the windshield molding and the fiberglass of the top. It was advertised with knock offs which was true but they were the old rubber knock off hubcaps (true, hope some of you remember them, probably more rare now that the real deal. Years ago you could not find knock offs and they were not being reproduced so some clever fellow made rubber ones) on the good side it was an original air car and the air was all still on the car. As we waited for his return Brillo went snooping out back where he found a barn full of mid year Corvettes in various states of repair, so the skepticism grew. As the owner returned on the north side of midnite, he was somewhat fatigued from his fire fight and not much in the mood for a couple of smart ass Corvette know- it- alls to pick his car apart, which is exactly what we did. We laughed at his \$10,000 asking and firm price, showing him the wrong engine code, which he claimed to know nothing about, stating he was told it was the original motor. In the end we

continued to point out every flaw and offered \$6000 for the car, at which time he asked us to leave. Larry drove us back to Charlotte and we laughed all the way back at this guy being stuck with that car and what an idiot he was not to have sold it to us . We were sure we missed out on making a couple thousand profits by not getting it at a fair price. We got back around 3 a.m. and excitement kept me from a good sleep. It was time to go back to work.

Brillo saw Larry a few years later, and we realized our laughter had died down and reality set in. What do you think an a/c split window coupe is worth, probably way north of \$100,000. So the two hucksters from the big city who thought they showed the hick from Pee Dee some Corvette Fever expertise, saw now who was laughing, not the Dollar Bill wannabees. Old Dollar would have bought that car fixed it right and sold it for a huge profit. Sometimes you have to know your place and stay in it. If not you will have some laughs but not the last ones.

Craziness ran rampant in the old days of QCCC and it sure yielded some great memories. Who among us will pass on the barn find today so we can laugh over a beer in a few years. Thank you QCCC for the memoires.

QCCC Members & Guests Photos:

How did I get so Dirty?





























From Track to Street

NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing's next event is the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 14-15. The next GTLM round of the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship takes place at Watkins Glen on June 29.

CORVETTE RACING AT LAGUNA SECA: Second Straight

Win for Magnussen, Garcia

It wasn't nearly as easy as last time, but Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen scored their second straight GT Le Mans victory in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship on Sunday. The duo won a hard-fought battle for the second consecutive season at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca – this time in their No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R.



Other Corvette Related Items of interest.

This is a weird trick to getting way more distance out of your car's remote key fob. All you need to do is use your head! The science behind it is interesting!

www.youtube.com/embed/0Uqf71muwWc?feature=player_embedded



May 10, 2014 Business Meeting Announcement

Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10500 Beaties Ford Road Huntersville, N. C. 28078

Special note about parking

Coming from the south – go in first entrance

Coming from the north take the 2nd entrance

We will be meeting in the Family Life Center – if you cannot do stairs then go into the bottom entrance.

This is located right across the street from The Latta Plantation and has a stone wall out front

Prior to our May Business Meeting, we will eat dessert first!!!

We will be having an ice cream social put on by the club. Mark your calendars and take note of the time change to be able to enjoy the ice cream and have time to socialize. Rumor has it that we might even have a Vermonster! (This is a Ben and Jerry's special!)

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

Social Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Meeting Time 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!!

Boyd's Corvette Fever

It all started in 1963 just as I was starting college in Stillwater Oklahoma. Our fraternity President had a Yellow 1960 Corvette Convertible. Since I was a pledge and you know pledges have no rights, I was afraid to ask him for a ride. I would go out to the parking lot and just look at it and ask him questions hoping for a ride.

Well as time went on I became a full member with all the rights and privileges of a member. Yea right, I was still young and only had a Fever (Corvette) that is. He was a senior and was about to graduate so I got up the nerve to ask for a ride. After much polishing, washing and drooling over his Corvette he said lets go for a ride. Now in Oklahoma in the early 60's there weren't a lot of paved country roads. We headed out and what a thrill. The top was down (now you know why I love yellow and convertibles) my hair was waving and I was in heaven. The best was to come when we turned off of the highway and got on one of those gravel roads. He asked if I wanted to drive.

My heart was pounding, pulse was racing and palms were sweating. I started My Corvette up and slipped it into first gear. Let up on the clutch and yes I stalled it. Next time we started off, shifted into second then third. We were flying and he said give it some gas. I looked down and we were doing 35. Being a new member of the fraternity I did what I was told. At 60 he asked me to slow down. We were in Oklahoma and on a gravel road.

That started my Fever but it soon was put on the back burner. My Corvette was gone the next year and so were my dreams to have a Corvette. I met Susan, got married, had kids and got a job. All of this was fantastic but somewhere in my brain was the love of Corvettes. Every time I saw one I said someday.

After raising two great kids, and yes, staying married to my first love, our son-in-law bought a 1970 Daytona Yellow Corvette. Somewhere deep inside the fever began to pulse. At Auto Fair we found a 1990 White Coupe for sale and I asked my wife if I could buy it. She said YES!!!! The fever swelled. I joined QCCC in 2000 and by 2005 we both were members and found new friends who helped our Corvette fever grow. We joined the NCM and became family members then lifetime members. Yes we are hooked on Corvette.

We kept our new found toy for 5 years then purchased the car of my dreams. A 2000 Yellow Convertible Corvette came into our lives. Kids were gone and Grandkids were small. We were retired and ready to have a ball. Corvette Fever was alive and well. Our goal was to buy a 2010 when I turned 65 but the fever of the C6 got us so in 2009 so we purchased a 2008 (yes) Yellow Convertible.

Corvette Racing Fever came to me in 2003. I love to go to Road Atlanta and meet the drivers, talk to the crew and watch our Corvettes win races. Yes they are Yellow. I have not missed a nearby race since. The new C7R is a fever dream in the making. I get a chill when I hear that big V8 kick into life.

Well, now that the fever is at a high pitch and the new C7 is out with an 8 speed automatic, what will be next for Boyd & Susan? I suspect a new C7 is in our future, but how long we will wait is getting shorter all the time.

Our QCCC family and Corvette are very important to the Kurt family. We wish you Corvette love and can't wait to have a new baby in our lives. Yes a C7 Yellow Coupe. Surprised it's not going to be a convertible?

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