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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**

On The Cover:

QCCC displays our cars at Shelton Winery Car Show.

Photo by The Moore's



Crossroads

With the President Keith Cross



Wow, do you realize that we are half way through 2014. It just seems like yesterday we were telling everyone Happy New Year! So have you driven your Corvette many miles in the first six months of 2014? Have you gotten out there and just started driving to see what you could see? Or driven somewhere new just to see things that you have not seen before? You know too many times we find ourselves in a hurry and take the same path or the fast four lane road when we go places or run our errands. We are all creatures of habit and like the comfort of knowing where we are at all times. But sadly we are missing out on seeing new things, places and beautiful scenery. So I challenge you all to take a different path next time you're out. Take it just to see where it goes and what is down that road. Some Sunday afternoon's Kelly and I will just start out driving and make turns right and left just to see what's there. We have found beautiful country and neat old places that time seems to have forgotten. Take the challenge and find someplace new.

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

Also, I want to thank you all for the support you give our club. Many of you have stepped up to help organize, plan and carry out our many successful activities, AND there will be many more ways you can serve our club in the future. No task usually has too many volunteers. If you are interested in helping with something in our club please see a Board Member or myself so we can get you involved. We are currently looking for a Charity Chairperson. Nelson and Barbara Sprague are stepping down after about 6 years. And I want to take this time to thank them again for serving the club so well during those years. If you would like to volunteer to be our new club Charity Chairperson please contact Carolyn Zimmer for the details of the position. Also Bob Denny one of our club photographers is going into semi-retirement after many years of photographing QCCC events. I want to also thank him for being there to record QCCC and his service over the years. We are looking for more club photographers that we can call on to help us record our activities through pictures. Please let me know if you have an interest in becoming one of our QCCC Shutter Bugs. Plus remember our annual car show will be coming up in September and we will need everyone's help to make it another success. Please see the Car Show Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets at our July Business Meeting so our committees can start organizing. And remember all volunteers who work our car show will be getting a QCCC Car Show t-shirt. Last but not least there is always opportunities to serve on the board of directors. Keep in

mind the reason QCCC has been so successful for 46 years now is that club members step up and volunteer to keep us always moving forward. So be thinking about what you can do to help QCCC continue down the road of success and ...

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

Keith Cross



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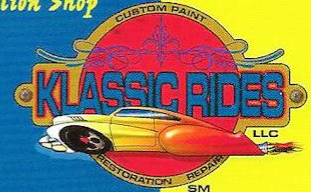

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V P Report Bill Cruthis

I wonder, would I really go back, would you?

I must confess to being one of the bigger nostalgic nerds you will ever come across. I do think that the older you get the more you look back at the good ol days and think they were so much better. This is partially due to the fact that the older you get the harder it gets to keep up with all the new technology and your defense is simply, we never had that back in the day so we don't need it. So I have decided to do a little experiment and really challenge myself to a little comparison. As I start my Michael J. Fox journey, I think I will reward myself the luxury of traveling back in my Z06. This will make the old days seem even better as it will alleviate all the problems I had with that used 68 Corvette that I bought in such a rush, and later found out it had been hit so hard in the nose that it should have been totaled. As we travel back in the Blue By U I am feelin great. I will be the coolest dude in town with this car, a big fish in a very small pond. Just think about driving around a town of 15,000 in a C-6 Z06 while everyone else is driving mid sixties cars. What could go wrong? Let me count the ways.

1. It is my only car, so in Illinois in November I am driving to work in 12 inches of snow, leaving work means scraping the ice and snow off the car. Then tracking tons of snow on the carpet when you enter. Arriving home, I stop in front of the garage, get out, open the door, drive the car in on the dirt floor, get out making the floor more mud than dirt. Close the garage door and walk thru the snow to the house. No garage door opener yet.
2. Time for a quick supper then go out to clean the car. Quick supper, oops no microwaves yet. Supper from scratch takes a while.
3. Turn on the t.v., sit down to eat. Oops don't like the channel. Get up to change. No remotes yet.
4. Just get down to eat, the phone rings better answer it. Get up walk over to the phone. Oops no caller i.d. no answering machine
5. This weekend the Corvette Club is having a rally. I am in charge. It takes 6 pages, we expect 150 entrants, I must make copies, where will I find the ditto machine. Oops no Xerox yet.
6. Time to see if my committee approves the rally directions. Better contact them, must call each one. Oops no e-mail, no fax machines yet.
7. The rally is Sunday at noon, better get the yard work done Saturday. Really need to trim and edge the walk. Won't be quick with these hand trimmers. Oops no gas or electric edge machines yet.
8. The rally starts on Sunday, myself and navigator soon make a wrong turn, let's get in touch with the other competitors. Oops no c.b. radios, no walkie talkies, no cell phones yet.

9. I notice on the rally the other cars are struggling, no air conditioning, no power windows, no power disc brakes, no power door locks, lots of engine heat in the cockpit of those 68 Corvettes. The radio, not real good in the reception arena. Bet they wish they had a new Z06. Oops not there yet.
10. Arthritis is acting up in my knee. Surely a replacement is in the future. In the meantime drugs will help. Oops only prednisone is available, and a knee replacement, replaced with what?
11. Maybe I should put the top down , splash on some Iodine in water and get a little tan, surely no harm. Oops the cancer is there we just did not know it.
12. I sure make a lot less money, and I have a lot less to buy the really cool stuff. Even though it is cheaper, I still have less. Oops it takes a while to build up any wealth.

I am starting to see why I was so skinny back then. This is a lot of work without most of the modern gadgets. I am finding it hard to be such a cool dude in my Z06. Now every story has 2 sides so let's see what all that really good stuff was in the good ol days.

1. No crowds , anywhere. Not on the roads, the stores, the events. There are just less people.
2. Less officers hiding behind every billboard. They were there but not nearly in such high density.
3. Gosh the music was great and you could tell what they were saying.
4. The world seemed safer, although you may just not have heard about the crimes.
5. People treat each other better. It is not a time of what can you do for me. Except the Corvette people seemed the same. They always treated each other very well.

So what makes the old days seem so good is our familiarity with them. New stuff is always a little harder to relate to.

As I analyze my trip I think I am starting to come round to the current side. I realize I really like all the new gadgets and that they really do make my life so easy. I now am thinking what is perhaps my only complaint is really that the world has shrunk too much. When a bus goes off a cliff in Brazil, I really do not want to see it on u tube or tv within 5 minutes. Besides why isn't the person taking those pictures helping those people?

So if the genie will bring me back home now, I think I would rather be a small fish in a big pond. Being a big fish in a small pond with a Z06 maybe wasn't as cool as I remembered back in the day. I hope you all made it back and no one decided to stay. This exercise has been good for me. I believe I will be more appreciative. I am really glad to have been in both the past and the present especially my time with the Corvette people of QCCC. You are the best.

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Bonino Banter

– *The Social Scene*

To be social is to interact with other people and enjoy it. We must be the most “social” Corvette Club around!!!! At our June meeting at the Masonic Lodge during our “social time” ...the decibel levels got so high, I thought the lights would pop! Maybe Jim Ramandanes and Craig Smith ought to gage our “pipes” sometime!

We are having fun! This is what is so special about coming to QCCC meetings and events. And in the name of having a common passion for Corvettes we come together to laugh, meet new friends, eat, drive our cars and have JUST PLAIN FUN!

Speaking of fun.....

*Don't forget to come early to our July 12th meeting to see a Corvette movie, popcorn by request and popsicles. This beats mowing the lawn in the heat.

*Starting at the July meeting we will have sign-up sheets for multiple day trips and activities in the fall. Flyers for these events will be in the website.

*Please plan to attend our August 9th meeting for QCCC's birthday party, other surprises and pictures of us by car models. We will be having special refreshments prior to the meeting.

*A few upcoming day trips to wet your whistle (flyers will soon be in the website)

* September 27th Mystery day trip

* October 25th Earl Scruggs Museum and more in Cleveland County

*November 15th Day trip Ross E. Beard's Gun

Collection in Camden, SC - with lunch

There definitely can be impromptu ice cream trips, etc. during the summer!!!

Just remember..."The best things in life aren't things...except Corvettes!"

Pat



The Ride

Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director



June has been the most active month for automotive thus far. We had 28 Corvettes head south to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for Myrtle Beach Corvette Club's 19TH annual Corvettes at the Beach car Show. QCCC had 28 Corvettes and 55 people attend the show. This was a record for the show with over 305 Corvettes attending which was up from last year which was 277 Corvettes. QCCC walked away from the show with numerous trophies including, John Walton, Bill Miller, Danny Bass and Reggie Black each received a second place trophy for their prospective cars. Loraine Mill won a first place trophy for her C-6 and Tommy Loftin Received a 3RD place Most Original Trophy for his 1954 Corvette.

Streetside Classic Cars held their car show also on June 7TH. QCCC had 7 cars participate in this event and received 3 of the Top 15 Car Award. Recipients of the awards were Jack Brunton, Brian Moore and Kelly Cross. As a bonus for the club Streetside gave away \$500.00 to a lucky person and the money was designated to go to that person's Corvette Club, and thanks to Gary Artis Queen City Corvette Club is now \$500.00 better off.

Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Charity Auto Show was held at Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet on June 14TH. The show was down slightly from last year, but still had over 260 cars compete. QCCC had 18 Corvettes participate and Kelly Cross received one of the Top 100 Awards.

Shelton Vineyard had a Summer Concert on June 21ST with good music from The Entertainers. I am not sure how many attended this event but I am sure they had fun.

Troutman Independence Day Parade was held on June 28TH with 25 Corvettes attending from QCCC. After the parade all club members had lots of fun and fellowship at the Sports Page Restaurant in Mooresville.

July is going to be one of those lazy summer months with little going on as far as automotive. We need your help with some day trips or evening rides to your favorite burger joint or maybe even ice-cream.

One final note is our car show which will be held on September 6TH at Hendrick Motorsport in Concord. We need help from all club members, so please sign-up for your spot of expertise and don't forget your T-shirt size. This is a rain or shine event so make your plans and register your car. Also the Hendrick Museum will be open and limited to 125 people at a cost of \$25.00 per person. We will have 5 time slots of 25 people each. I will have sign-up sheets for the museum and you can call or text and I will put you in.

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

Till next time,

Tommy Loftin

QCCC Cornerstones

Building a Great Corvette Club
One MEMBER at a time



Long may it wave!

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die". ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS! We're glad you joined us!



Alan & Deborah Wilkes
2004 Black Coupe



**Gerald & Carolyn
Yarborough**



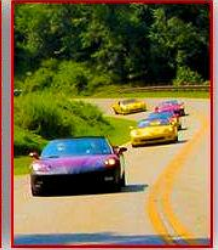
Chuck & Margo DeWitt
2014 Crystal Red Coupe

Not Pictured (Photo coming later): Ron & Donna Berst
2004 Red Convertible

Each time we participate in **The Troutman Parade**, it brings back memories of growing up in a small town in America. I grew up in a very small town with one stoplight and a population of about 500. This number nearly doubled on Saturday night because weekends would bring out the "car-guys" anxious to show off their rides at the local drive-in soda shop. Young folks would come from surrounding towns to "cruise" the strip in an attempt to outdo the local Hot-Rodders. The results were a loud, colorful and exciting spectacle for a teenager not quite at the driving age. This *small-town Saturday night* phenomenon left an impression on me.

This loud, colorful and exciting spectacle continued during each 4th of July parade as everyone came out, including the "car-guys", to help celebrate our nation's independence. I was fortunate to witness small town pride – pride in those who participated in the parades and pride in the folks watching. I didn't realize back then how small towns moved a nation and created stability not completely healed from the scars of a war. Families in small towns believed in the *American Dream* and understood how hard work would allow them to provide for their families and live a comfortable life. "Small town", back then *was* the way of life. I understand now the impact this had on me and I am thankful I experienced it.

That is why seeing the community come out with their flags, banners, babies, lawn chairs and red, white and blue at the Troutman Parade allows me to reflect back on my childhood and remember why small towns are so special. The folks watching small town parades taking place all over our country still have the pride, still want to show their patriotism and still want to say thanks to those who've made it possible for them to celebrate their independence. The Troutman Parade reminds me that small town America is alive and well and I'm proud to be a part of it, once again, if just for one Saturday afternoon. *Chris Wood, Membership Director*



National Corvette Museum Corner

Well the challenge has been laid down by El Presidente', Keith Cross. He is determined that our club membership in the National Corvette Museum reach, or exceed, a 65% level. As an enticement to reach that number, Keith has dictated that I will not be allowed to make a presentation at our club meetings for three (3) months thereafter. I realize there was a run on the application forms after he made that promise but I am counting on all of you non-members to make sure we only reach a 64% level. If it is exceeded, I will have to come up with a strategy to make sure you will still have the opportunity to enjoy (?) my presentations and the NCM still benefits. This challenge has yet to be settled.

If you don't have a great time at the 20th Anniversary celebration in August, shame on you. The Motorsports Park will be completely paved and everyone will have an opportunity to enjoy it in some fashion. There will be several sessions of Parade Laps where you can drive your car under controlled conditions and you can also have your car driven by a celebrity driver for \$50.00 (you will be the passenger) on a Hot Lap session. The sinkhole will be open (pun intended) for viewing along with the poor smashed Corvettes. Seminars, dinners, displays, vendors, and the opportunity to make new friends abound. And of course, don't forget the QCCC extra-curricular activities for dinners and gatherings at the hotel. There is still time to sign up so don't be left out.

Yes, the Motorsports Park track will be ready for the August celebration. Paving on the track and skidpad was completed on June 21st. The track is reported to be the most level and smoothest in the country, should be a blast.

Your local caravan committee has lots of swag to show off your Carolinas/Virginia Caravan involvement, but you know you will need more than one or two shirts in Bowling Green in August. The NCM Corvette Store has lots of caravan attire and accessories which you will want to have as souvenirs of the event. Check on the "Corvette Store" at the museum website and select the "Caravan Participants 2014" category. You will look so cool in those duds.

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



WE WORE OUR BADGES WITH HONOR

Last month Travis did a great article about the cars of QCCC in the early 70's, the first 5 years of our club. This month as we approach the 46th birthday of our great organization this August, I would like to cover the apparel of those early days. First we must recognize that we were deeply into racing to the extent that almost every weekend we went somewhere to race, and not just one day but usually Saturday and Sunday plus some Fridays. This was not done without a lot of effort by the members and a lot of sacrifice by the ladies. Many times the boss had to understand we had to leave early, it was just that important.

Some of the awards for racing included a dash plaque of the event and a jacket patch of same. Travis still has a group of old dash plaques on the glove box door of his 64 coupe). As with any racing not everyone wins a trophy and the above were given to all as thanks for attending and hopefully making it worth your coming back. Once the patches started to mount up someone suggested that we get a club jacket to display our forays into battle. Therefore in 1973 we selected a navy windbreaker which was clean on the front but had a license plate size white patch on the back. The patch had embroidered the old QCCC logo and stated Queen City Corvette Club , Charlotte North Carolina. The bottom line listed sponsored by Lapointe Chevrolet. Soon the fronts of the jackets and the sleeves were full of race results patches. Just some were Corvette Porsche challenge 75,76,77, southeast sectional 75, national convention Dallas Texas 72 , national conventions 78 and 91, a national council of Corvette clubs circular patch. I reflect perhaps the Boy Scout in us came out and this was our uniform. Then in 1977 QCCC became incorporated and we changed sponsorship to John Hurley Chev. on South Boulevard. We changed the patch to read Queen City Corvette Club Inc. The sponsor name was dropped to prevent constant new patches needed when we changed sponsors.

Of great historical note was the race attire, unusual as it may seem, that almost all of the men adopted, was bib overalls. I think it started with Buzz Cagle and Harry Jackson (a Hee Haw look alike). Soon Travis and Wayne Marlowe, and Rick Wilson, plus Mitchem and many others were so adorned at the track. I remember they were comfortable, could be worn with or without a t-shirt weather depending and they had excess pockets for things like a tire pressure gauge, screw drivers, and multiple others. I am sure some of the guys liked to sport as much skin to the ladies as possible. You know 27 years old with a Corvette, we all had too much testosterone puming, and QCCC had and still has an abundance of really gorgeous gals.

So what happened to all that. My research leads me to believe that as the club switched from racing to more social, there was no longer a need for a jacket to contain patches and as the membership turned over the club jackets seemed to disappear. Today only Travis , our historian, still has his original jacket(although he can only get one arm in it now) . Jane Burt informs me that shortly after they joined there was a t-shirt with a small club logo on the front breast pocket area and a large club logo on the back. Next we can appreciate the Zimmers. We believe they were instrumental getting the current jacket and patch going as they had a source and the desire to see it through. This jacket and patch has to have origin somewhere late 1996 or early 1997 because it has a C-5 emblem as part of the logo. At

this time we are adding to the patch so it becomes the 4th generation QCCC patch. We will add Crusin the Carolinas below everything else. This patch states how proud we are to have been going and improving since 1968. As we pass the 300 member level. I thought we should reflex on our history and appreciate each and every person that has passed through our lives as a member of QCCC, a fellow Corvette enthusiast, and a dear friend.

we are the very best
the vintage gang salutes you
thanks to all of you

Respectfully submitted Bill Cruthis and the Vintage gang
(the August meeting will be great , don't miss it , you will laugh and cry)



**QCCC Members & Guests Photos:
Many More on the Web Site:**





From Track to Street

NEXT EVENT

Corvette Racing's next race is the Sahlen's Six Hours at The Glen on Sunday, June 29 from Watkins Glen International. The event will air live at 11 a.m. ET on FOX Sports 1.

CORVETTE RACING AT WATKINS GLEN: One Word...FINALLY!

It's only about an hour's flight from Detroit to Watkins Glen International. But over the years, the two have been worlds away from the perspective of Corvette Racing. With the advent of the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship however, that distance is no more. America's leading production-based racing team gets its first shot this weekend at the famed road course during the Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen.

[more »](#)

TUDOR Championship - GTLM Standings

Driver Standings	Team Standings	Manufacturer Standings
1. Bill Auberlen/Andy Priaulx – 123	1. No. 55 BMW Team RLL – 123	1. Porsche – 128
2. Antonio Garcia/Jan Magnussen – 118	2. No. 3 Corvette Racing – 118	2. BMW – 126
T3. Oliver Gavin/Tommy Milner – 111	3. No. 911 Porsche North America – 111	3. Chevrolet – 124
T3. Richard Lietz/Nick Tandy – 111	4. No. 4 Corvette Racing – 111	4. SRT – 90
4. Michael Christensen/Patrick Long – 110	5. No. 912 Porsche North America - 110	5. Ferrari – 110
5. Dominik Farnbacher/Marc Goossens – 107		

Other Corvette Related Items of interest.

More NCM Sinkhole Information:

<http://corvettemuseum.blogspot.com/2014/06/museum-board-meets-regarding-sinkhole.html>

“Heads-Up”

July 12, 2014 Business Meeting

Announcement

**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
15000 York Road (NC Hwy 49)
Charlotte, NC 28278**

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church is located on Hwy49 (York Rd) approx. 1.3 miles BEFORE Buster Boyd Bridge crossing into SC. From I485 exit 4, go south on Steele Creek Road (Hwy 160) approx. 4.6 miles to NC Hwy 49 and turn right. Follow NC 49 approx. 2 miles and the church is located on the right.

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

*******PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF TIMES*******

Movie Starts at 3:00 PM

Social Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Meeting Time 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!!

“Corvette Fever”

You ask why is there no story this month? Well let me give you the short version.

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These ladies must have Corvette Fever. Who will write the first article about their Corvette Fever?

3rd Annual

Queen City Corvette Club All Chevy Charity Car Show



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Saturday, September 6th, 2014

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 Chevys and Chevy Trucks

Dash Plaques

To The First 100 Entries

Over 50 Trophies

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

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

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

Name: _____ Vehicle Model: _____

Address: _____ Year: _____

_____ Color: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Mail all entry forms to:
make checks payable to QCCC

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181 Maple View Drive
Troutman, NC 28166

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Preregistration | <input type="checkbox"/> Day of Event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 (Scored Judging and Awards) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 (Scored Judging and Awards) |
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