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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 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**





PERPETUAL EMOTION MACHINES

President's Message **A GIANT HILL TO CLIMB**

Bill Cruthis

How many of you thought you would never see the end of these things in the automobile? Vent windows, crank up windows, ash trays, suicide doors, rear facing seats, cassette or CD or 8 track tapes, automatic shoulder restraints, hood ornaments, or fender emblems, bench seats, dials on radios, antennae, tail fins, full size spares?? Well they are all gone basically. Now how many of you think you will see these items disappear from the automobile in your lifetime, steering wheels, rear and side view mirrors, brake pedals, manual transmissions, headlamps, dashboards, turn signals, bumpers, transmission tunnels?

Seems pretty radical does it not? Yet at the end of this article I will submit a photo of the future garage for most folks. It is filled with tiny subcompact computer modules that will be basically disposable just like today's televisions. It will be easier to replace one than get it serviced. They will be controlled by GPS which will be controlled by your oh so efficient government. Due to congestion, you will be told when and what route and at what speed you will be delivered to your destination. They will be promoted to our brilliant masses as a safer way to travel. You may now play your video games or do your computer work if you are techno savvy.

Many businesses will go away including: auto body shops, dealer service departments, parts houses, used car lots and auto insurance folks. These George Jetson pods will travel on plastic highways (this is close to being developed to an efficient state as we speak). These highways will have a section underneath them for cables, and heat devices. It is a little hard for me to visualize braking on plastic but we will see. These roads will also eliminate jobs in road construction and road repairs. I guess Kentucky won't need all those orange barrels anymore, so the orange barrel industry is in peril.

So what will happen to all of today's Automobiles. My guess is that as more and more folks become pod people it will be easier to tax the rest of us out of our automobiles.

Now why am I sharing all these pearls of wisdom with you? Because as I said in the meeting last night, time is like moving water in a river, in which you can only dip your hand once, then the next time you dip it is different water. So let's all stick together and fight this insanity. We need to enjoy our cars and not miss a chance to gather at all of our events to celebrate our Corvettes. We have a huge car show coming up and we better enjoy it and all attend, as it won't be as much fun when all we have to look at is a row of white pods. Although Kirkley will probably put a bigger bowser or browser or some bigger pooter in his pod to gain an edge.

As we have said before, us baby boomers had the best time to be alive on this planet since it all started. P.S. Was that not great to see all of our members at the 47th birthday party of QCCC. Good to see some folks we have been missing, Q and Margo, Danny and Elaine Bass, and Suzanne and Harold Crockett among others. Also great to see our sponsor's General Manager Cam and his wife Heidi. Cam is working to get some Rick Hendrick autographed items for the auction and Heidi is asking what can she help with at the car show. Do not embarrass yourself by not coming to this car show, the river water is flowing. Lastly, what a great evening to see the club honor Bob Denney for all he has done over these decades. I am having the authenticity of my gift of a lifetime membership in the Porsche Club of America checked out. If real it will have great value at my estate sale. Also, I hear junior the cat is quite pleased and at peace now that he has let the Smith's know he prefers Corvettes to Porsches.

And do not for any reason pull in my driveway in one of these pieces of _____ pods. All Corvettes are welcome.

See ya at the final Burt's BBQ. You are all way cool. (that's 60's lingo)



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Club Sponsor

City Chevrolet, our club sponsor, has a new General Manager. Mr. Cam Stewart has been in the position just 30 days and has already reached out to QCCC to start building his vision of a symbiotic relationship.

Cam is an admitted Corvette junkie being on his 23rd Corvette now, which is a 2014 Vet with a Mallett Supercharger. We have met with Cam and you will find the attached sheet which is his promotional promise to all club members. We know you will like it and it opens up opportunities for you to save.

In addition, Cam is rebuilding the City Chevrolet web site which has countless viewers as they have over 7000 cars listed. As he builds the new site, he is adding the Queen City logo which will be a direct link to our web site. We will be asking Bob Becker to make that reversible so that those visiting our website can click on the City Chevrolet site.

We welcome Cam into his new position and look forward to a strong relationship that benefits both parties, QCCC and all of our friends at City Chevrolet.

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Bill Cruthis, President



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Paul Mitchell, Vice President



More unnecessary ramblings about new cars.....

Adaptive cruise control. Collision mitigation braking system. Forward collision warning. Lane departure warning. Blind-spot warning. Road departure mitigation. Surround view camera system. Infotainment system. Touch-sensitive switches. Text message integration.

These are just some of the terms I am reading in the 2016 new car guides in the magazines. Some headliners have lights that look like stars at night. A system that squirts out a scent of your choice (that would be cool if you could get the scent of chocolate chip cookies and Miller Lite.) One car has 29 speakers!

What are mainstream cars becoming these days? What are the major design goals of the manufacturers? It seems cars are becoming less of a driving tool and more of a tool to do everything but drive them. Last time I checked, the majority of drivers do not have chauffeurs. The cars need to be driven by someone with ability, common sense, and the desire to drive. And that desire to drive is what may be going away. People want everything under the sun to help them do everything but drive. That can be scary.

As I have said (ranted) before, we are the kind of people that want to drive. We want to enjoy the fun and thrills we get driving our Corvettes. That is why we got one in the first place. And other than a back-up camera, and now one in the front, we don't need any of that other crap. Not in a Corvette. It's a driving car made for drivers. And I hope it stays that way for a long time. No telling what the C8 (or Zora, or ???) will have in it, but my bet is that it will continue to be a driver's car. Maybe it will be a mid-engine, but I hope they will continue with the C7 at the same time. Let's keep what has worked for us for so long.

And let's get them out for all our activities this fall. Our annual picnic at the Burt's, our car show, Auto Fair, and other day trips that we will have. The fall color trip sponsored by the Foothills Club. We still have lots of great driving weather to come, and with our beautiful roads and good places to eat beckoning us, we've lots of good times ahead. Come join QCCC on all our fall activities! You'll be glad you did!

Love 'em, cherish 'em, drive 'em. It'll make you and your car smile.



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Club Board and Business Meeting Minutes

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<http://queencityCorvette.com/Archive/Archives.htm>

Snapshot of Planned Events in the next few months:



September

3-5	*National Corvette Museum - Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction*	See Paul Mariano
12	QCCC Business Meeting & BBQ	Details & Information
19	4th Annual All Chevy Charity Car Show - The NCM Store will be at the Show	Details & Information
26-27	AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway	Details & Information

October

10	QCCC Business Meeting	Details & Information
11	Run to the Colors Fall Corvette Tour - Foothills Corvette Club	Details & Information
17	Black Top Fun Road Rally	Details Coming Soon

November

14	QCCC Business Meeting	Details & Information
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Bonino Banter

– The Social Scene

The \$15,000 Push-up Bra!

This story is by Cora Pandey from Bellmore, New York.

This is story of love. Before I start telling you how I acquired my 1982 Corvette – silver green with silver green interior (a rare color), I must tell you a little about Bob.

In 1988 a bouncer introduced us at a club. Bob, being in his 40's never married, no kids, seemed highly improbable we would get together, as I was 36 divorced with three daughters. We had a great conversation and I admired his two loves – Corvettes and fishing. Driving home that eve, I thought, not a drinker, gambler or womanizer, Corvettes and fishing – I can live with that. With that we started a romance, which grows stronger every year.

By 1992 after sharing his passion and being involved in the Corvette Club, I wanted my own Corvette! I favored the 1978 Anniversary model but wanted an automatic and air conditioning, a chick car. I hated that my feet got hot riding around in Bob's 1970 Marlboro Maroon. We were going to Carlisle to look. I figured the credit union at my work would handle everything else. My two oldest daughters would be going back to college that weekend and they were going to leave a day early and come to the fair grounds to help me look.

I was really psyched! Talking to a fellow club member who had bought a car there the year before, I found you have to bring cash! The only place there was money on hand was my girl's college fund, which their father had set up! Till this day he does NOT know I borrowed from it to buy a Corvette! So now I was set, off to Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Being from New York and having some street smarts, I wasn't going to walk around with \$15,000 in my fanny pack, so what to do? I counted out \$7,000 and \$8,000 – it wasn't all 100's – and laid it neatly into my bra cups!

Carlisle was really HOT that year. I remember wandering around the corral area with Bob and couldn't find a thing near what I was interested in. It is only Friday, he assured me, more cars would be arriving

tomorrow and we would look again. All I wanted was a smoothie, which gave me a brain freeze, and then I needed to rest. We finally went up and down the aisles to our club's booth for a rest. As I expressed my woes to Richie, the club President, he told me there was a pretty car down one row and over two that I should look at. I was hot and tired and told him I would do so later. Now let's not forget Bob's got a '70 he's had since '72. It needs "stuff" so we went shopping, then finally at around 5:00 we left for the day. Back at the motel, needing a shower before hitting Hoss' Steakhouse, I discovered that every single bill I had tucked away was totally wet. EVERY SINGLE ONE!

We rose early wanting to get to the campgrounds early to see what came in overnight and to be there when anything new showed up. I had told the girls to ask for the corral when they got there and look for me there, otherwise they might not find me at all! It was going to be another sweltering day. I saw a few cars that morning that could work, but nothing that really excited me or was what I really wanted. Was I going to get a car just to have a Corvette or was I going to find the car I wanted? I didn't have the biggest bankroll but it seemed so if you looked at me! It was a lot of money for me that I would be paying my credit union with interest for 3 years, so I didn't want to settle. Bob kept going back to a 1964 convertible "project" car. He saw the possibilities; I saw a stick shift mess. (I have never regretted not getting it but through the years now understand Bob's vision). The girls arrived and after an hour with them in the heat again they started to annoy me. Every shiny car or handsome seller they thought was a good choice for me. They said I was being too picky. I mentioned to my oldest daughter that the people in Pennsylvania were so nice. She assured me everyone was because of my new imitation wonder bra!!!

So around 1:00, after being heat exhausted and disappointed, we trekked back to the club booth for a soda and some shade. After introducing my girls to a few of the club members around and telling my woes, Richie again asked me if I looked at that car that was the color of my eyes. It's the color of my eyes? Okay, after we cool off we will go over, I told him. Twenty minutes later we were walking down this aisle in the dirt (Carlisle had not yet paved the aisles) and we spotted this pretty silver green car shining in the sunlight. Halfway down the aisle the girls on either side of me are saying, "Mom, look at that, that's your car, it is so beautiful!"

Remember, they'd been swaying me all morning and I wasn't buying it. Although, upon getting there and seeing it, it was sweet! Bob was stooped down looking at things I had no knowledge of, and I was casually speaking to the guy about the basics of the car trying to seem not too interested – remember I'm from New York! Bob left to look for a club member who owned a collision business and before long this tall burly guy was lying on the grass in 90-plus degree weather checking out the frame and such.

Cosmetically the car was in near mint condition. It did have 72,000 miles on it and the guy was asking \$15,500. Once we got the thumbs up on the body and the guy saw we were interested he told us he had come down to spend some time with his friend who had the booth so he brought the car just in case it would sell. He had parked with his buddy and didn't buy a spot in the corral. Till this day, I believe the only reason that car had not already sold is because people who were looking to buy cars were looking down in the car buying area NOT in the upper selling areas! He also mentioned he was leaving that evening. Once we let on that we were interested he offered to take it for a ride. I left that up to Bon as he knew about sounds and noises and smoothness of drive. It seemed like forever as they cleared a way to get out, went for a spin and returned. In the meantime I hit the bathroom – not the porta-pottys – took out all my soaking wet money from my "safe" and deposited it in my fanny pack.

Bob came back, and with the wink of an eye I took my New York heritage and started to haggle. A dollar saved is a dollar earned! We finalized at \$15,000 even. That's the best I could do, and off to the office to do the paperwork. My heart sank when he handed me the title in someone else's name! But the notary checked it all out and gave me the OK.

I counted out the wet stuck-together bills 3 times before handing it over, commenting how I couldn't imagine how it got so damp! Paper license plates were issued and I was good to go! We were all so excited. The girls had to leave to get back to school but said they couldn't wait to get back home again to see the car. Did they actually think I would let them drive it?

We celebrated all evening with friends from the club and hung around the next morning, and then I followed Bob all the way home. I called in sick to work the next day and was at the Department of Motor Vehicles first thing that morning because I was not at ease until the registration checked out. The other reason I went to the DMV was to order my vanity plates. Had I mentioned my name in this story? Oh, I'm Cora, so what better plate for me than "Coravette"!

I have owned my beautiful 82' silver green for 15 years now and have won a few awards including people's choice. I love it as much today as the day I purchased it. Bob and I were married in 1997 and live and fish on Long Island. I love him as much today as the day he introduced me to Corvettes...this was a story of love!

Save the Wave!!!!

See all of you soon,

Pat

Automotive Director's Report

Gary Cunningham

Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and Chevrolet

As I continue to reminisce about summer, music, and the goings-on of the season, I keep remembering the tune from the Chevrolet TV commercial in the Super Summer of 1975.....

*In all the years that I've been living, a lot of things have surely changed.
A lot of things have come and gone; and a lot come back again.
But through all the many changes, some things are for sure.
You know it's a mighty fine feeling and it makes me feel secure.....
'Cause I've got baseball, hotdogs, apple pie and Chevrolet;
Baseball, hot dogs, apple pie and Chevrolet...*



On the **BASEBALL** side, the Little League World Series final is today, with the championship game set to be played between Japan and the kids from Pennsylvania. In the majors, the mighty Pittsburgh Pirates have the third best record in baseball and will be in the playoffs for the third year in a row. That's a BIG deal to Pirate fans after years of futility.



On the **Hot Dog** side, our event at the Kannapolis Intimidators started great, with a large turnout of QCCC members, a good group from the Road Runners club and from Victory Lane Corvettes. No one controls the weather, the game was rained out. Still, many of us had a chance to use our food vouchers and get a ball-park hot dog.



On the **Chevrolet** side, I was watching the 1973 movie *American Graffiti* yesterday. It was set in 1962, on a night when a group of high school students were leaving for college the next day. I had to laugh at the scene where one of the characters, his name was Toad, was having a

conversation with a used car salesman, who was trying to clear out his inventory of early 60's Corvettes "for the great price of \$98 down and \$98 a month." Wow, where were you in 1962?

On the **QCCC** side, the Burt's BBQ is quickly approaching: now that's a party. Don't miss this meeting on Saturday Sept 12th.

Our **Fourth Annual All-Chevy Charity Car Show** is Sept 19th at the Hendrick Motorsports Complex. You should have received your registration card in the mail from Brian and Michelle, if you've pre-registered. This year's show has been kicked-up several notches in the area of vendors, trophies, silent auction, door prizes, and anticipation. Thanks to everyone for all your help in registering your Corvette, passing out flyers, and volunteering to help. The show continues to grow and get better every year.

Our last event for September is the **Fall Auto Fair** at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. QCCC attends and displays on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th. Thanks to many of you for contacting me and signing up to bring your Corvettes and support QCCC. I will have your tickets and info to pass out at the Burt's BBQ. I still need 12+ cars on both days.

Summer has come and gone, October and its busy calendar is staring us down as we move quickly through this year.

My last quote for the summer:

A good day on the golf course is when I hit the ball farther than I throw my clubs.

I will see all of you at the Burt's BBQ. Oh, yeah, what made the summer of 1975 the Super Summer of 75? Ask me at the BBQ party.....

Not gonna let them catch me, no, not gonna let them catch the Midnight Rider.

Gary



Membership Director's Report

Darrell Kirkley

Building a Great Corvette club One MEMBER at a time



It takes 8,460 bolts to assemble an automobile, and one nut to scatter it all over the road.

~Author Unknown

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The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers. ~Dave Barry, "Things That It Took Me 50 Years to Learn"

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Arthur & Barbara Pipek

They have a 2008 Metallic Silver Convertible, 1990 Bight Red ZR-1 Coupe & 1970 Daytona Yellow Convertible. Their hobbies are anything corvette, photography, reading & gardening.



Associate members Arthur and Barbara Pipek were voted in as full voting members.

Quinton & Gail Friesen

They have a 2015 Artic White Convertible. Originally from Geneva, Nebraska.



Peter & Betty Bizzoco

They have a 1997 Maroon Coupe. Their hobbies are cars & sewing. Originally from New York.



Thomas & Gayle Uhl

They have a 2008 Atomic Orange Convertible. Their hobbies golf, boating, fitness & reading.



Rick & Gerry Leppert

They have a 1999 Light Metallic Pewter Convertible. Their hobbies are travelling, coaching BB & photography.



Mike & Helena Watts

They have a 1965 Red Coupe. Their hobbies are golf & cars.



Brad Starr

He has a 2009 Yellow Convertible. His hobbies are cars & motorcycles.



QCCC has been and continues to be a destination for Corvette enthusiasts who want to share great times with great friends.

Thanks to each member for making QCCC that destination



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

Trivia for the trivial minded. A list of NCM members by state was published by the Museum and North Carolina was in 12th place overall. The total membership in state was 1,108. Considering QCCC has 92 members, it makes you wonder what the other clubs are doing. The real shame is that 1.6 million Corvettes have been produced and a fair guess is that at least half are still on the road but we still only have around 45,000 NCM members. I just continue to wonder why.

By the time you read this, the group will have returned from the Anniversary Celebration at the museum. It will be a smaller group than usual but I'm sure that is due to the club visit in July. The Hall of Fame dinner is always the big attraction at this event and with Rick Hendrick being inducted this year, it has a special meaning. We have a few first timers for the NCM events, so that always adds to the fun.

The upcoming QCCC all Chevy Charity show is shaping up to be the best ever. I hope every member brings at least one Corvette and takes part in all the activities. We are fortunate to have the NCM Corvette Store bringing their wares to our show which shows all the status we are achieving. I urge everyone to carefully look over the merchandise to see if there is anything you must have as a Corvette enthusiast. The larger the sales volume the booth achieves, the more likely they will return once again next year. Your business will be greatly appreciated.

Have you considered the NCM in your estate plans? Like any other charity you can bequeath part of your estate to the museum but unlike most you can enjoy the benefits of your generosity now. Once your plans are in place, you will be inducted into the Duntov Society and partake of the recognition immediately. A yearly invite to the VIP function is yours to enjoy along with the prestige of being a major contributor to the continued existence of the NCM.

Those of us that were at the TUDOR race (oops – parade) at VIR were bored out of our minds. The Corvettes have been made so non-competitive by the Balance of Performance (BOP) rules that there are no longer races, just pre-determined winners. An on-line petition is being circulated on Facebook asking IMSA to make the series more competitive. Look it up and sign it.

Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano,

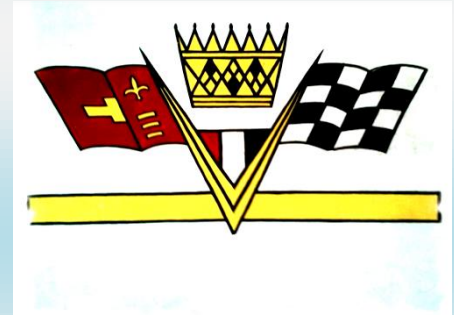
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Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Since early 2010 we have been submitting articles about the old days of QCCC. While visiting with Travis last month, we discussed perhaps you would be interested about knowing more of some of the as they say now "bitchin rides", we had back in the day. So this month I will start with the story of my 63 coupe.

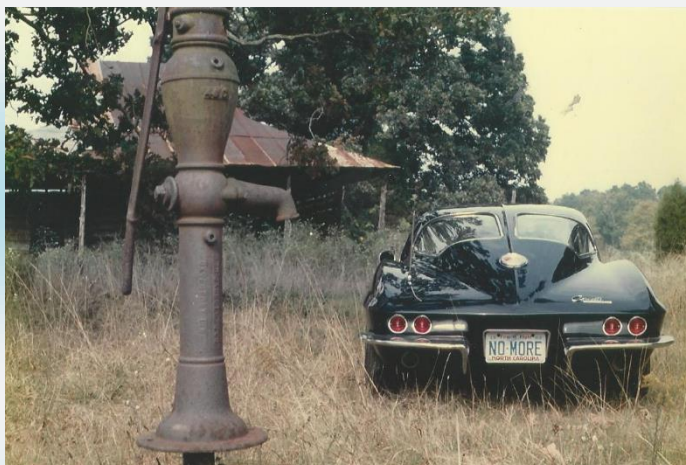
In 1973, while living in Illinois, and the C3's were starting to lose their shine, it became popular to buy C2 Corvettes for their uniqueness plus the fact that the used one's prices had fallen dramatically. All of the sudden everyone wanted a C2 coupe, since the convertibles leaked like a hair net. Also at that time the design of the coupe with the doors going up into the roof was way cool. I decided I wanted a C2 coupe and put feelers out, never mind the fact that I had no money. A young man, Emerson Roderick, was restoring Corvettes in his home garage (today they would call it flipping them). My central Illinois Corvette Club friend Dale Lael mentioned to him that he knew someone looking for a C2. Shortly, Lael contacted me about a Daytona Blue/Blue 63 coupe that Roderick was passing on as too expensive. I eagerly asked the price and it was \$1200. I arranged for the owner to drive the coupe to Roderick's place in Pawnee, Illinois from Litchfield, on a cold wet snowy Sunday a.m. When I got there, the car was in the driveway, the original hubcaps had 8 inch icicles on each spinner point, and the paint was cracked all over from the usual "spider webs". You could see the ground thru the hole in the passenger floorboard. Fender flags showed fuel injection but it was a 327, 340 HP, and the glass pack mufflers were deafening. However it was all there, original motor, rusty bumpers and all. That week I made the deal by borrowing even more money from my bank and agreeing to pay \$50 a month for the rest of my life. I was excited to drive the car home where it sat in the front yard forever, less the hubcaps and gas cap door that I took inside to prevent theft. Within 12 months, I had patiently taken the gas cap door apart and repainted it, (no reproductions back then). That summer, I met Mike Dusterhouse from Quincy Illinois Corvettes who had a bronze 63 coupe with knock offs. He was hill climbing it and hit a tree bending one knock off. He had found a set of 6 Kelsey Hayes originals but only needed one, therefore I purchased the other 5 for \$500 bucks and spent hours painting the fins black when they were gold.

The car sat in the yard until I suddenly moved to Charlotte in December 74. I had to buy a trailer to bring the car with me. Once in Charlotte I found QCCC within one week and the next thing I know I am in the 63 at Charlotte Motor Speedway going onto the road course when the rear end broke. QCCC's car Dr. Billy Coates fixed that and it was on to the sandkhana. After getting married and settling down, it was time to strip the paint, put in new carpet and seat covers and take it to Trav for a paint job. New chrome finished it off nicely. After almost losing the trailer coming back from an autocross in Statesville, it was obviously time to make it a show car. Thru my QCCC connections I did purchase a fuel injection unit. Then life changed and it went in the garage for decades. I had to winch it onto a trailer to move to Arkansas and then winch in onto a trailer to move back. Its final resting place was on the lift as a piece

of artwork here at this house. When I made the mistake of driving a C5 Z06 it became time to move on. After 31 years the car moved to Monroe to Los Angeles and now resides with a great Corvetter in Ohio who has put it all back to stock. It has a great home now. The \$1200 bill of sale was still in the glovebox and I sold it for enough to buy a new C6. What a great looking car it was and I was proud to be the caretaker all those years, but the best thing about it is the memories that Travis, Darrell, and Richard and I all have of those years. It was and is a great car but when I think of it I think how it got me into QCCC and to meet some of the best people in my life.

So cars do have personalities and just like pets they can really influence your life.
What a joy to have found QCCC then now and always.

Happy Motoring , Bill Cruthis



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

Corvette Racing at VIR









From Track to Street

NEXT EVENT: From Corvette Racing Site.

The next race for Corvette Racing is the Lone Star Le Mans at 11:35 p.m. CT on Saturday, Sept. 19 from Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas. The race will air live on FOX Sports 2 at 12:30 p.m. ET with a replay on FOX Sports 1 scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 20.

CORVETTE RACING AT VIR: Still in the Running for GTLM Titles Corvette Racing remains in the hunt for the GT Le Mans (GTLM) championship in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship following the Oak Tree Grand Prix on Sunday at Virginia International Raceway.

With two races remaining in the season, the two Corvette C7.Rs are embroiled in a tough fight for the GTLM Manufacturer, Driver and Team championships. Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R stand second in Driver points after their sixth-place finish at VIR. The pairing won the first two races of the season at Daytona and Sebring. Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner placed eighth in GTLM with their No. 4 Corvette C7.R after running as high as fourth mid-race on pace. The car had to stop on the final lap for a late splash of fuel.

Boyd's Comments:

Many of you have asked why the Corvettes are not winning. The main reason is that the governing body IMSA has placed many restrictions on the Corvette because they won the first three races. This is their way of slowing down our Corvettes. I suggest you write IMSA and let them know what and why you feel this is unfair. www.imsa.com

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



Other Interesting QCCC Stuff



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Thank You all

A little history about Sandy & I and QCCC. We met John Elliott and his wife Betsy at one of the eating establishments in South Park. Because we had a Corvette they took us under their wing and introduced Sandy and I to the QCCC life. Our first activity was the May business meeting at John & Betsy's house. While there before the meeting we had some eats.... Yup we drove to eat then also. anyway we were introduced to the President, VP, and VP of Completion, We were told that the Regional Sectional was to be held at Rockingham We learned how this race was run, and what was Autocross, High Speed and Low Speed. We got our assignments for the race days.

The caring of this group of people set a tone for me... Everything from then on could be traced to John Elliott, Jeff Estridge, Robert Morgan & Rick Witcher.

Parades were one of the activities I enjoyed... our first 4th of July entailed among several parades was one at a school called Coulwood. This parade wound thru the neighborhood of Coulwood. While running that Parade route, I met a man who said his name was Pat McCorory and he said he was the Mayor of Charlotte...needless to say I carried Pat on every Coulwood parade and when Hickory Grove had theirs, we ran that one also. We always made sure QCCC was promptly mentioned.

I was retired so I had more time than many of our members so it was just natural for me to jump in to make thing work more smoothly, fulfill empty slots for whatever reason.

Jody Austin had the next meaning full place in my life. Jody was our newsletter editor. Jody and I always made fun while we were traveling. Jody was always looking for articles for the NewsLetter... so Jody would take pictures to help fill the empty space. As time wore on I started to take some extra pictures of Jody's article. Then I started to just take pictures ... some were slanted to a particle event and some just freelance. Jody's motto was if you took the picture send it to me ... you never know I may use it.... As time wore on I started to get questions such as "Bob I didn't see my picture in

the newsletter why not". You have to understand these questions were ask in fun. Many of the Ladies would hide their faces so I couldn't get them. As time wore on it became a game to see who could hide from me.... and who couldn't. Then I introduced the who's eating picture....

Over time I have developed best friends.... If you don't believe me just have a problem... you will have to beat these folks off with a big stick.

Again let me iterate You are the finest group of people ever put together under Gods Blue Skis.



We must “SAVE the CORVETTE WAVE”!

Well ever since the C7s have hit the road something has been bothering me. What has happened to the Corvette Wave? Either we are losing it or nobody likes me.

Here is my first theory. I think this happens every time a new Corvette generation comes out. Why do I say that? See with every new generation there are a lot of new people introduced to America's Sports Car. One half of this equation is that the new Corvette generation car (in this case C7) excited NEW first time owners to purchase it. The other half of the equation is that there is an influx of now NEW first time used Corvette owners. See like good Americans we keep older things until we replace them with new ones. We keep those really nice, clean, low mileage Corvettes until we are ready to trade/sale them for that new generation Corvette. And sometimes we will trade/sell several of them to get that new Corvette. When the new C7 started hitting the road there were some very nice used Corvettes introduced into the market. The key here to keep in mind is not how they got their first Corvette but that they are NEW owners. Ok, we have established there is an influx on NEW Corvette owners on the road. Could it be that I am waving to just the NEW owners and they are so excited about their NEW ride's features that they are too busy to look up? Not sure, but I don't think so.

For my second theory. Next let's look at why they don't wave to me. With today's multitude of drivers on the road there are many obstacles and other drivers to look out for. Could it be that they are just focused on the road and do not see me? Of course then again there is so much road rage these days many drivers are afraid of making eye contact because you never know if it might lead to some one getting shot. Could it be that an overweight guy with very little gray hair left is intimidating? Kelly doesn't think so and tells me that she is not afraid of me. But wait, the regular Corvettes I see around town wave to me. It's just those NEW Corvettes that I have not seen before that don't acknowledge my friendly gesture. So I guess this theory is shot and we are back to those NEW owners again.

My third theory is based on that they have not owned their NEW Corvette long enough to have joined a local Corvette Club or the National Corvette Museum. Because either of these would make them aware of the **“SAVE the CORVETTE WAVE”**. This wave thing started back in 1953 when there was only you and 299 other Corvette owners to wave to in the world. Then in 1954 and 1955 they added about 3000 more and things have been growing ever since. Now for the first several years what were the odds that you passed a fellow Corvette owner and had the chance to wave? But since then

there is no excuse. Just think of how many Corvettes are on the road today as the C7 generation is now in production. Maybe that is it. Maybe these NEW owners have never seen any C1 through C5 Corvettes before. They don't wave to me because they just don't know what a '61 Corvette looks like. Naw, that can't be it either. Because who didn't watch Route 66 growing up? Everyone knew that Tod and Buz drove a 1960 Corvette that was Horizon Blue in the pilot episode of the first season. Then they drove a Jewel Blue 1961 Corvette for all the rest of first-season episodes. It was a 1962 Fawn Beige for the second season — although in the episode "To Walk with the Serpent" it is described as green. Then Buz and his new sidekick Linc, drove a Saddle Tan 1963 and 1964 Corvette Sting Ray for the third and fourth seasons. (Why light color cars you ask? The producers wanted the cars to show up well on Black and White film in case you were wondering.) Now that I think about it they don't wave to me in the '13 GS either. So there goes theory number three out the window. Back to theory one and those NEW owners.

Oh well there could be many theories. I need to skip to my last theory. It is that they have not been taught to wave to another Corvette owner and they just don't know better. They don't know we are a close knit group of Corvette owners that share the same passion. The passion to drive a Corvette and **WAVE AT EACH OTHER!** Now how do we fix it? We **WAVE TO THEM** every time we see them until they learn. Yes, we shower them with Corvette owner kindness until they get it right and start waving back. These cannot be just little waves. They have to be big WAVES that get their attention. Even if we have to embarrass them into it. With 330+ members, QCCC can **"SAVE the CORVETTE WAVE"**. You will have to be observant. You will have to pay attention and look for those Corvettes in traffic. Remember that two Corvettes traveling at approximately 55 mph towards each other have only 1.83 seconds of good "Wave Time" before you have passed each other. Now remember this is not called "Save the Corvette Nod" on purpose. "Nods" are not visible enough to be considered. If you don't want those friendly "Corvette Waves" to die beside the road then it is up to us to remind/teach all the NEW Corvette owners that we are family. And family acknowledges each other. Well most of the time.

Seriously folks please let's don't let this time honored tradition die. Don't under estimate what you can do. So let's **"SAVE the CORVETTE WAVE" !**

Just a Waving,
Keith Cross



1ST ANNUAL GREATER CHARLOTTE CORVETTE CLUBS PICNIC IS A HUGE SUCCESS

Saturday nite we gathered at the Kannapolis Intimidators Stadium for some great fellowship. Queen City had 26 Corvettes, and Victory Lane added 7 (scheduling conflicts kept their numbers down). Then Road Runners came marching in with another 12 Corvettes led by Steve Ham. You should hang out with these folks they are a blast. I told a couple of them that I did not know Steve had this many friends. Their answers ranged from, "we are all his relatives", to "he just hired us out for the night". Speakin of Road Runners, man can they tailgate. They were not there 5 minutes before the tent was up and the food spread out on several tables. I thought they had catered the meal. Then we went inside the stadium and it was a great venue to watch a ballgame. The scoreboard welcomed us and we were ready to make fun of Gary Cunningham's opening game pitch when the skies grew dark and mother nature said no no Tony, baseball been not verrrry goood to you tonite. We drove home in the rain but it could not dampen the good times we had first. So for those who could not come we will do it again next year. Let's raise the bar from 65 Corvettes this year (signed up) to 100 next year. I would tell you this is a do not miss event. We had a great time getting to visit with those outside our own organization. Corvette folks are just one big happy family.

Thanks to all that came, you made this an enjoyable evening.

Bill Cruthis, President QCCC

Correction of errors for next year

1. Move it to may to avoid the heat
2. Queen city needs to work on their tailgate effort
3. Intimidators manager told us to watch the wind when the fireworks went off to avoid incendiary ash from falling on the cars. Like we could magically move them quickly? Let's not go on a fireworks night. Too risky for our paint.

“Heads-Up”



September 12, 2015 QCCC Meeting and Annual Eddie

Burt BBQ

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3:30 pm Arrival
5:00 pm Pig Out Time
6:30 pm Meeting

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

A – Q

Side Dishes and Salads

R – Z

Desserts

Bring chairs and your preference in beverages.

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

Note:

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

Jane & Eddie Burt
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* Directions from I-485

Exit 57 – Hwy 16/Providence Rd – Turn north (toward Charlotte).

Turn Right at the light, onto McKee Rd. Go half a mile.

Turn Right at the light, onto Tilley Morris Rd. Go 1.8 miles.

Turn Right onto Weddington-Matthews Rd (Seminary is on the left). Go half a mile.

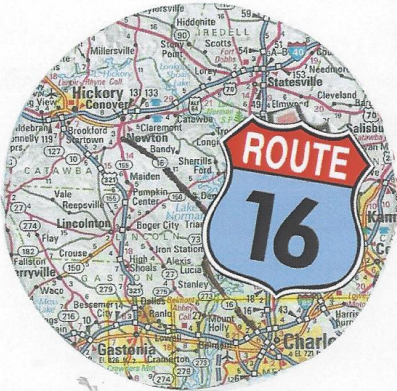
Turn Right onto Amanda Dr.

251 is the second house on the left, with Corvettes in the yard.

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For those who may never had done a fun road rally, I would like to cover a few points.

1. There will be multiple routes.
2. It is not a speed event, it is a timed event. The winning time is the time it took the organizers to run the event.
3. At stop lights/signs, T intersections, or Y intersections you may be asked a multiple choice question. The correct answer will turn you in the right direction.
4. There will be a reassurance point within ½ mile to verify you are on the right road.
5. There will be one checkpoint in the route where you will receive door prize tickets.
6. You will finish at an eating establishment where you may have dinner and beverages.
7. There will be trophy awards for the top 10 finishers, plus a cash prize of \$100 to first place and \$50 to second and third place finishers.
8. This rally is in October during the leaf season and will be on some of the prettiest back roads in the area.
9. Register early, we can only handle 200 cars.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

BILL AND PAUL