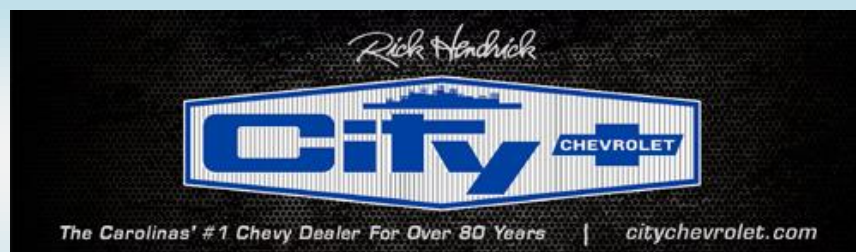




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To become a member of the [QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB](#), you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings within a six-month time period. *Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!* Express your 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 *Boomers Make Good Students*

Bill Cruthis

Our group of 340 folks studied under the greatest generation and we learned well. While we have a smattering of youth, and an equal number of the “aging” who refuse to act their age, the bulk of the group falls in that 60 to 70 bracket. My observations this year and especially at the All Chevy Charity Car Show are that we Boomers will push on past our parent’s generation for longevity and activity and set the bar very high for the Generation X kids. I would bet, to a person that we all started out without a lot of stuff. In fact I talked to one of our greatest members at men’s lunch the other day, where we discussed having to get the push (no power) mower out weekly to cut the grass as kids, and he said he had to sweep his yard since there was no grass. He got me laughing so hard when he said he was so poor as a child that he was poor. He could not even afford the second o in poor. I know I started life in one of those shiny silver travel trailers while my folks worked their way through college. When I think back to those times, the most important lesson we learned had to be the work ethic. If you want something, get off your duff and go to work. I know that really played a role in most of us acquiring that first car, which for me was a black 1962 Catalina convertible, white top, with Pontiac’s tri color interior of base burgundy, accents white and silver stripes. Great looking car and had it not been for me wearing those darn Buddy Holly birth control glasses, I might have been, as they say now, a real dude. Making 50 cents an hour at the drugstore and supplementing that with my yard mowing cash still left me short of the Cragar mags that I wanted. I was able to afford a set of the fake Cragar hubcaps which of course went well with my Buddy Holly birth control glasses.

I know you all have similar stories, but the point is when it is time to go do it the Boomers just roll up their sleeves and get it done. It is never more evident that at the car show, where an aging group of gear heads just show up and take care of things. Look at all aspects, registration, parking, auction, Hendrick Tour, door prizes, cook books, awards, judging, set up, tents, tables, vendors, NCM museum, DJ, goody bags, 50/50, charity money, then when it’s over the tear down and the last group the trash collectors walking the entire lot picking up any litter. Folks that is a ton of work. Think back about our parents, at age 70 would a group of them be doing this, I think not. Now we have been much more blessed than they were with modern medicine and modern contraptions, but I still don’t see my father doing what I did this last Saturday. I say we have been taught well that anything worth doing you do to your best and you stick with it until done. How about the barbeque? The same can be said, the planning, the tables, the tents, the setup, the cookers, the choppers, the food, the tear down, and the trash. The result was another 200 member attendance party.

Then it was on to the Auto Fair where it rained for 4 days and the show visitors all curled up at home with a good book while 28 Saturday, then 25 Sunday, hardy QCCC souls packed their chairs and tents and trudged out into the rain with their shiny Corvettes. How awesome was that. We had members wiping their cars off as fast as the rain would fall. We had members with towels on the dash of their C-1s and wet interiors of their C-2s, and the C-3 owners had to bring some dry socks. A bigatta girl to those that showed up, and for those that did not, just remember that water has gone on down the river now. You missed a great time with your Corvette family.

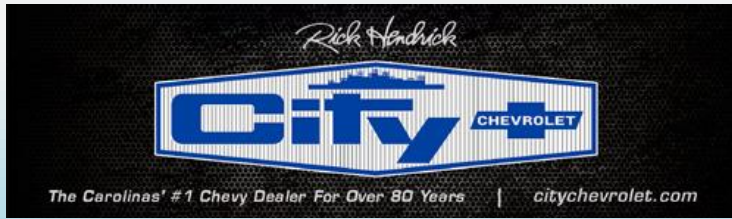
Now why does this group do so well, I will tell you we stay young because we have been chasing this dream of owning a Corvette all of our lives. From gluing them together as model cars to that day when we got the first one. These great cars keep us young and yes we all say this is the last one but we have that same dream going on all the time, maybe I could sell this or that and get just one more new one. Perhaps starting out poor is good for us. I really wanted one in high school but no money, so off to college, where for 5 years I kept thinking on graduation day I would get my first Corvette. So in November of my senior year, even with the draft looming over me upon graduation, off I went to my hometown Chevrolet dealer to place the order. A 1969 green convertible 350/350 black, 4 speed, white top, price \$4600. The delivery date expected was May 1969, perfect. They went on strike so I bought a used 68 for \$3800. Eleven Corvettes and 2 Corvette Clubs later I got my "last" one for just a tad shy of \$100,000. That is 5 times more than I paid for my first house. So how did I get there? That work ethic that my parents instilled in me very early plus I was born with the Corvette gene. I have had both since day one and both have served me very well. Thank you to Darrell and Patricia Cruthis and to General Motors.

What a great month September was. The group that traveled to the National Corvette Museum to see Rick Hendrick inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame, the last and best Burt's BBQ, a fantastic All Chevy Charity Car Show, and a soggy but successful Auto Fair. How many senior citizen groups can boast that? You are all amazing people, what a great time to be a baby boomer.

Ok now come on folks, I need 30 more cars for the fun road rally. This will be a guaranteed good time. Remember this water is also moving downstream. So if you fail to go just remember you can't go back and dip in that water later, it will be gone.
See in the left lane with the hammer down,



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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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TALES AND TRAILS FROM UP YONDER

Paul Mitchell, Vice President



Boy, did we have an exciting month of September. Starting with a large QCCC group going to the Museum and seeing Rich Hendrick getting into the Hall of Fame. Then our annual BBQ at the Burt's – one of the best party/meal/meetings to occur in the Southeast! And then the car show. What an outstanding display of teamwork and efficiency. We had lots of positive feedback, so we should have many return customers next year. Thanks to everyone that did their part to make the show such a success.

Then came Auto Fair, a very good boat show. Oh sorry, those were cars floating around in the infield. Regardless of the leaky weather, QCCC still knows how to have fun. I really enjoyed visiting (pestering!) everyone both days. As always, lots of world problems are solved when we spend time together.

Then we had a weekend break, to watch football and watch even more rain. Some of our hearty souls spent the weekend at the Petit Lemans in Georgia. So there is always something going on that we can enjoy.

Now we are getting ready for our October meeting at Streetside. The new management is looking forward to seeing us, and we will have another excellent meeting there. And the day after is the Foothills CC annual ride to the Fall Colors. This is a beautiful ride into the mountains, and surprise – we will be enjoying a great meal.

Then we have our first annual Road Rally on October 17. This is going to be a really fun time, with nice scenery and good roads. As long as you answer the questions properly and pay attention, you have a really good chance to win prize money or a trophy. And as just announced, if you don't want to participate in the rally, you can caravan to the final meeting spot and enjoy food and beverages with all. More good times!!

Hopefully I can get in a day trip shortly after, to our normal trip into the Yadkin Valley, Brushy Mountain Smokehouse, and Brushy Mountain Road. Another really fun and scenic trip.

So stay tuned. We still got lots to do before the fall season ends. Keep the Corvette polished and shiny, and we will continue to enjoy then right up to Christmas. And as always –

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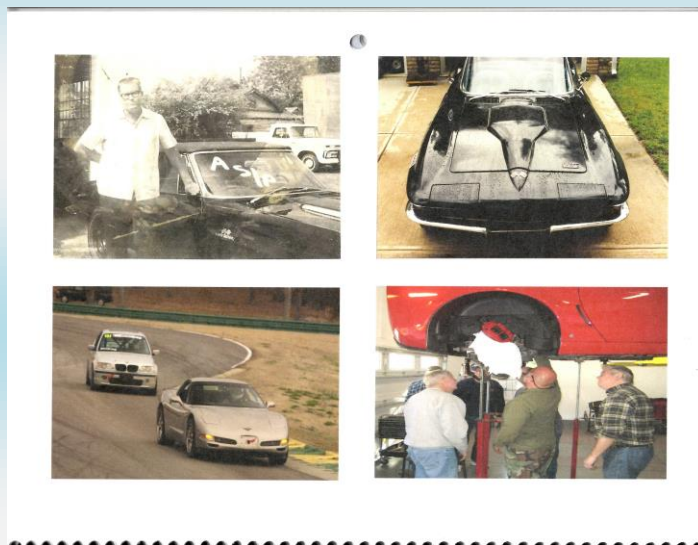


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Snapshot of Planned Events in the next few months:



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 & Information

November

14	QCCC Business Meeting	Details & Information
21	Corvette Angels Toy Drive	Details & Information

December

12	QCCC Business Meeting	
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Bonino Banter

– The Social Scene

Just recently I had the opportunity to go hear Dennis Maione, an author of a book called “What I Learned from Cancer”. His Cancer journey was much more brutal than mine, a constant reminder that there always will be people out there with far worse medical situations than our own. Most of the book was about the actual facts of his Cancer experience. Each person I come in contact with who has had Cancer offers hope and experience that I find I can draw from.

Dennis offered so much more in his book though. He experienced Cancer twice – once at 27 then again at 42 only to learn he has a genetic proclivity to getting Cancer – something no one in his family knew about until his Cancer surfaced, but the interesting thing about his two experiences were the Life Lessons he learned.

Low and behold what he learned loud and clear was “Community” helped him thru both his Cancer experiences more than anything else. He had biological family, co-workers, his church family, college buddies, neighbors and more step forward to offer prayers, support, meals, etc. beyond what he could ever imagine.

He also learned that an illness, our jobs...things like this should not define the very core of who we are!!! We each have a uniqueness of our own to offer to the world, why succumb to anything less?

I feel we have a very strong “community” in our Queen City Car Club. We offer to anyone amongst us so much more than our common bond of owning Corvettes. Last year as we were making some By-Law changes we all recognized that the friendships we have established far outweigh anything else – in fact many of us feel this is an extended “family”.

I have had the opportunity to experience “community” during my Cancer Journey. No matter what you drive, where you live, what job you have....there is nothing as special as people who extend their love to you! I have been overwhelmed with the kindness coming from my QCCC family and so appreciative for this support.

Let’s continue to be a “community” of caring members who happen to love our Corvettes.... AND LET’S HAVE FUN WHILE DOING THIS!!!

Save the Wave!!!!

See all of you soon,

Pat

Automotive Director's Report

Gary Cunningham



The Weather is here,
I wish you were beautiful.

This song is from Jimmy Buffett's Coconut Telegraph album, released in 1981. Jimmy says "*Graffiti in the bathrooms of good bars has always been a great source of material. I think this one came from Captain Tony's or the Napoleon House in New Orleans.*" Jimmy Buffett spoke great wisdom to a young couple living in Tampa Fla, too. The chorus goes like this.....

*The weather is here, I wish you were beautiful,
The skies are too clear, life is easy today.
The beer is too cold, the daiquiri's too fruitful,
There's no place like home when it's this far away....
I don't care what they say.*

The weather was there for Auto Fair on Saturday and Sunday, Sept 26 and 27, and the QCCC club was beautiful. Rain, rain and more rain. But what can I say about the QCCC community except THANK YOU for coming out, fulfilling our (or should I say MY) commitment to the Hornet's Nest people: that we will bring out 30 Corvettes each day and show up strong as they agreed to my determined requests for a better location for our club. We are one of the largest, strongest, consistent and committed car clubs in the Southeast United States and we represented very well at Auto Fair.

Winners for Fall Auto Fair were:

- C- 1 Kelly Cross's 1961
- C- 2 Karl Slavetsky's 1966
- C- 3 Gwen Cunningham's 1978
- C- 4 Michael Bullard's 1987
- C- 5 Craig Smith's 2004
- C- 6 Keith Cross's 2013
- C- 7 Danny Bass's 2015

Andy Molodovitch won the President's Award

Danny and Elaine also won **Best of Show** and represented QCCC in the Auto Fair Best of Show Parade.

For the Participant's Choice Awards, the winners were:

Overall Winner was Gwen Cunningham and her 1978 Silver Anniversary, the Midnight Rider.

First Runner Up went to Kelly Cross and her 1961 beauty "Squeaky" and,

2nd runner Up went to Steve Ham and "the new hole in the hood of his 2013 convertible". You'll have to ask him about it.

On the beautiful side of the weather, the previous weekend did us proud. For our 4th Annual All Chevy Charity Car Show on Sept 19th, we didn't have a cloud in the sky. Beautiful blue skies, easy temps in the low 80's and a great crowd. We had a great turn-out of 227 cars and everyone enjoying the show, the food, the vendors and the Heritage Center tours. I can't say enough about the quality job that the team leaders did and of course, all the volunteers that showed up bright and early at 6AM! We will discuss the \$\$ specifics of the show at our October meeting at Streetside Classics, but let me list the QCCC winners here:

C- 1 Keith and Kelly Cross

C- 2 Darrell Kirkley

C- 3 Robert Morgan

C- 4 Jack Goodison

C- 5 Ron Berst

C- 6 Tom and Gayle Uhl

C-7 Don Short

Keith and Kelly also won QCCC Best of Show

For **Overall BEST OF SHOW**, Ollie Southard won with his 1969 Camaro.

The **City Chevrolet Sponsor's Choice Award** went to Michael Mariano and his 1967 Vette.

Steve James won the **Hendrick's Choice Trophy** for his 1967 blue Vette and

Scott Landers won the **Show Chairman's Award** for his 1967 Camaro.

All in all, it was a great show and QCCC should be very proud. We did many, many things well, and received hundreds of compliments. We also learned a lot and have made notes of things to do differently and improve upon next year. As we grow the show next year, the plan is for a Host Hotel and Friday Night Show Dinner, with a goal of 300 cars....

I close this month with only one quote, from Winston Churchill:

'Let our advance worrying become advanced thinking and planning.'

Thanks again to everyone for all the help at Our Show and for standing in the rain at the Auto Fair.

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

Gary and Gwen



QCCC Cornerstones



**Building a Great Corvette Club
One MEMBER at a time**



By: Chris Wood, Membership Director

He's baaaccckkk! The Burt's BBQ & QCCC Homecoming was a fun and eventful time. So eventful, in fact, that I realized while driving home I was the Membership Guy again. It all happened so fast, it didn't quite sink in right away. I remember a motion, a second, hands going up, and tada, it's déjà vu all over again (*RIP Yogi Berra*).

Honestly, I told Darrell I missed it. It's fun being the person who greets our new members at their first meeting. I'm grateful the membership has this faith in me and will try very hard to carry out the duties expected of me. Thanks to Darrell & Rosalie for a great job this year and I know they'll be ready and willing to jump in and help out on the membership committee!

"There are two kinds of people in this world; 'I' people and 'we' people. I've always tried to be a 'we' person.

~ Clint Eastwood

"Just remember: Noah's Ark was built by amateurs. The Titanic was built by professionals." *~ Unk.*

Just about one year ago, I wrote my membership newsletter article about the folks who volunteered at our QCCC Charity Car Show in 2014. Seeing the spectacle again this year was slightly different in that many of the faces of the members present volunteering their time to make it a success were new to QCCC. But they were there, doing all they could and becoming a part of what makes Queen City Corvette Club so special. If you haven't witnessed it, it is really something to see. Months of planning all coming together with members in yellow tee shirts (*who picked out that color?*) scurrying around doing any job that needed to be done efficiently and expeditiously. Each year, the show gets better, grows larger, and it's not because of one person, a board of directors, or magic. It's the QCCC members, "seasoned" and new, who make it happen.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. Likewise, I believe it takes all its members doing their part to make a Corvette Club successful. Whether we realize it or not, anything and everything we do, no matter how small, goes a long way toward contributing to QCCC's overall success. Thank you for doing your part in contributing to that success.

There are *people who own Corvettes*, and there are *Corvette people*. You probably know the difference and what I'm talking about. *Corvette people* are 'we' people, as Clint Eastwood refers to in the quote above. QCCC members are those 'we' people and are who make our club, and events, so successful.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

You had a choice. Thanks for choosing Queen City Corvette Club!

Bob & Karyn Dillon

2008 Atomic Orange Convertible



Brian & Donna Lentell

1999 Pewter Convertible



Jim & Linda Echols

2012 Grand Sport Coupe





National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

I'm sure others will have covered our charity car show in detail in other sections of this edition, but I would like to add my observations to the tablet. The overall appearance and demeanor of the whole event were ones of organization, planning and control. If there were any hiccups in the event, they sure weren't evident. I spoke with all the vendors to see if the show was profitable to them and all were extremely pleased with their sales. And a big thank you to all who patronized the NCM Store booth as they had one of their biggest sales days at a club show. National events such as Carlisle, Black Hills Classic, conventions and Bloomington, all attended by thousands, produced higher sales and to give them credit, the Myrtle Beach CC show had a higher total but that was probably due to the QCCC ladies being there. A big thumbs up to the staff and all those yellow shirts for a very expert job.

The passing of an era. No more Burt's BBQ. Thanks so much to Jane and Eddie for hosting their annual event for all those wonderful years.

Planning can never begin too early, so I have blocked off rooms for the NCM Bash next April. Let me know as soon as you can if you plan on going so I can make sure we have enough rooms. We will start a sign-up sheet at the meetings. Remember, you will get all the lowdown on the 2017 Corvette at that time.

We welcome Chuck and Lynn Solland into the ranks of the NCM Lifetime members. Congratulations and many thanks for supporting the museum.

You probably have heard the stories about the 21st Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame dinner by now, but let me underscore what a great event it really was. It was a real treat to be up close and personal with the inductees, especially Rick Hendrick. This gentleman was most gracious in including the QCCC members in his highlight moments. Try not to miss next year's celebration and you can be the one telling the stories.

Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano,

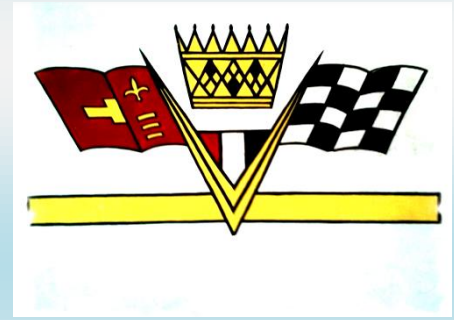
NCM Ambassador

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Vintage QCCC Cars of the 70's

Even as the new C3 Corvettes were selling like hot cakes in the Chevy showrooms, enthusiasts knew that the C2s, or mid-years as they were referred to, were something special. These cars were very affordable, plentiful, easily maintained and relatively cheap to modify to suit the owners' wants. And members of QCCC backed then owned a bevy of great C2's. So let's look at some member's cars in the mid 70's.

As the C2's evolved, the 1967 model was always recognized as the cream of the crop. QCCC member Robert Scognamillo (the same that works on your Vette at City Chevy today), purchased a nice 427/435 67 roadster in 1970. It was blue with blue interior and a vinyl removable hardtop. He did not like the color so his buddies in the body shop went to work. He chose a 69 Chevy color, autumn gold. The blue interior was dyed black and a moon roof was cut into the vinyl top. He had an American flag painted on the rear deck and buried it under many coats of clear lacquer. As the car was nearing completion, he was offered the unheard of amount of \$600 for the engine. He sold it and rebuilt a 396/375 engine he had out of his 69 Chevelle that had been totaled and installed it in the 67. It had the 67 bolt on aluminum wheels which he later sold to purchase a set of original 66 knock offs and factory side exhausts. He drove the car daily and participated in every kind of club event, from car shows to drag racing, autocross, and even road trips. If you go to the "Vintage" articles in the February and March 2014 newsletter, you can read about the adventure Robert had going to the NCCC convention in the summer of 1972. Unfortunately a divorce forced Robert to sell the 67 to a former QCCC member, who we believe still has the car.

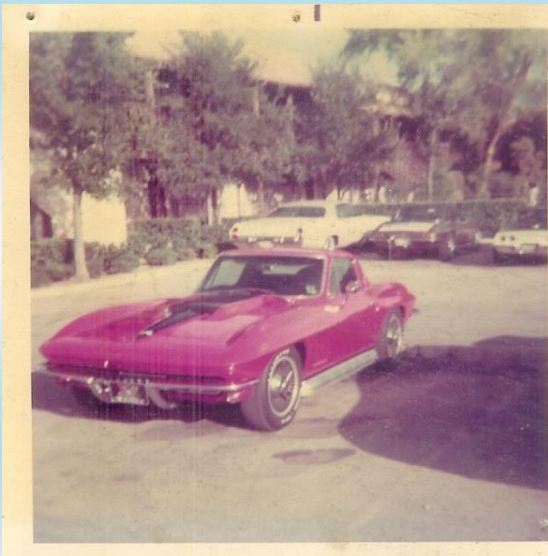
Another QCCC 67 was the red coupe belonging to Ward "Buzz" Cagle. Buzz found this car sitting in the back lot at Young Ford, a rejected trade in with a blown 427/435 engine. It was yellow with factory bolt on wheels and side exhausts. NASCAR engine builder Jim Newcomb built Buzz a monster 427 for the 67, and he had the color changed to rally red under tons of clear lacquer. Buzz was in the car detail business, so the finish on this car was unbelievable. He had an aftermarket air conditioning unit installed in the back of the coupe. This may sound weird now with vintage air units available, but this under the dash unit fit well in the back. Like Robert, he swapped the bolt on wheels for 66 knock offs. At the time no one liked the bolt ons because the feds outlawed the ko spinners. This car was voted "most popular car" for years at the annual QCCC awards banquet and Buzz finally got an offer that he couldn't refuse and sold the car. He has tried to locate the car for years to buy back, but to no avail.

Finally, short time member Doug McSwain had a black on black 67 2 top roadster with a gold stinger

and factory side exhaust. Doug was employed at the GM parts warehouse that was on I85 back then and had access to all the good stuff. He installed a crate 1970 LS7 454 and a M22 rock crusher 4 speed transmission. One of the few events he participated in were the drags at Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1972 where he had fastest time of the day by over .5 seconds. In the low gears, you could hear the transmission whine over the side exhausts. When GM closed the I85 warehouse, it is believed he moved to Atlanta. The competition was glad.

In the rich history of QCCC, there have been some unbelievable cars, as unique as their owners. These modern classics were played with with no regard at the time of their future potential value, just a bunch of gear heads having fun. Next month we'll look at other fantastic club cars from the 70's.

Travis Meredith, *historian*



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From Track to Street

TUDOR Championship – GTLM Standings

Driver Standings	Team Standings	Manufacturer Standings
1. Patrick Pilet – 248 2. Antonio Garcia/Jan Magnussen – 243 3. Bill Auberlen/Dirk Werner – 240 T4. John Edwards/Lucas Luhr – 233 T4. Giancarlo Fisichella/Pierre Kaffer – 233 7. Oliver Gavin/Tommy Milner – 206	1. No. 911 Porsche N. America – 248 2. No. 3 Corvette Racing – 243 3. No. 25 BMW Team RLL – 240 4. No. 24 BMW Team RLL – 233 5. No. 62 Risi Competizione – 233 8. No. 4 Corvette Racing – 206	1. Porsche - 260 2. BMW - 252 3. Chevrolet - 246 4. Ferrari - 242

By now the Tudor Championship has been won. Above are the standings before the last race of the season. Stay tuned for Corvette Racing 2016. New car and new rules. The first race for the 2016 season is the ROLEX 24 held in Daytona in January 2016. Yes I will be there with some other QCCC members.

We hope you have a better understanding of Corvette Racing and we look forward to bringing you the new rules in the next couple of months.

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



Other Interesting QCCC Stuff

A Trip to Remember

Corvette Hall of Fame and the 21st Birthday of the National Corvette Museum trip with a different angle – help needed, help received.

This QCCC is great. Fred (who must walk with a cane, but not long distances) and I decided to go to the Corvette Museum the day before the caravan was to leave, “Scramble”. Paul and Barbara Mariano were absolutely wonderful – arranged logging, registration and even revamped the printed itinerary to include us. Paul was also able to have tickets to the induction ceremony as Debbie and Charlie were not able to attend.

Chris and Peggy Wood met us at the hotel to unload and deliver our luggage to the room. What a great help that was! This was when we began to wonder if this trip was going to “do us in”. You know – long, long ride.

We went to the Museum on Thursday where Fred was able to get a wheelchair, which Paul had arranged. It was so great to see the Museum and especially our large photo on the wall of the enthusiast section. Then on to the rotunda – Wow!!!! The “hole” cars were there, but one highlighted was the 1,000,000th car produced, which had been in the “hole”, was unveiled and had been restored to like new.

That afternoon after a good lunch in the café, Fred and I “wheeled” to a talk given by Harlan Charles, Marketing Manager for the 2016 model. “What a Car”. After Harlan’s talk, he asked for comments or questions. I told him that after having 7 Corvettes, we would not buy another one because Fred could not get in the new ones. He “kinda poo poo” me until another man spoke about the smaller interior.

After the seminar, we went outside with Harlan to show Fred trying to get into one of the new Corvettes. He actually saw that it was impossible for Fred to drive one.

Harlan’s mouth dropped open without much said. At least we made the point. One man said I guess we need to do something about this. I said “you gotta hurry cause Fred is 78 years old.

Friday morning we went to the plant where Fred wanted to use his cane. “No, no” said the officials. “You can’t take that cane in there. You will have to use the wheelchair you reserved.” Glad we had done that.

John Meadows was on the same tour and relieved me by pushing Fred through the plant. Everyone in our group was so thoughtful of the “wheelchair passenger”. Help again much appreciated.

After the plant we followed Johnny to the Motorsport Complex – another “WOW” – did not stay long as it was 97 degrees.

That night at the induction ceremony inductees were Herb Fishel, Rick Hendrick, and Russ McLean. The ceremony was impressive. Herb and Russ can be thanked for keeping the Corvette program going when Russ was told in the 1990's to "let the Corvette die". As Barbara said, "we would not be driving a Corvette today if it were not for these two men."

We all know Rick Hendrick, to whom I was able to personally thank for sponsoring the QCCC. He was very gracious. He was raised on a farm in Virginia. He raced and wrenched on cars at an early age. He opened his first dealership with another dealer at the age of 23. We mostly know the "rest of the story." He had his bought, sold, bought first Corvette, now restored, at the Museum Saturday and the QCCC members were photographed with it.

Fred and I left Saturday morning – decided to take two days to get home.

I do want to thank a few more people for helping make our trip memorable. Chuck and Lynn were so caring during our walks. Boyd and Susan for keeping us company when we needed a rest. Carolyn for helping me use my new phone to send picture of hats to my grandson to see which one he wanted.

Great and Thankful Trip,

Caroline Lentz

P.S. We are so lucky to have Paul Marino – he is really a "big dog" with the Museum and much respected. On our trip we also got to see the South Carolina (Fred) and Auburn (Caroline) football games – they both won.



“Heads-Up”



October 10, 2015 Business Meeting Announcement

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

Streetside Classics – Charlotte

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

**The address for Streetside Classics is
Streetside Classics – Charlotte
5400 West WT Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28269
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*****REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS*****

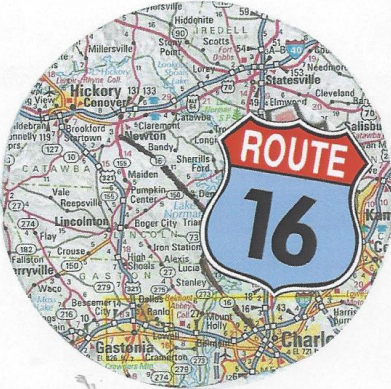
Social Time: 4:00 pm Meeting Time: 5:00 pm

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October 17, 2015

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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