



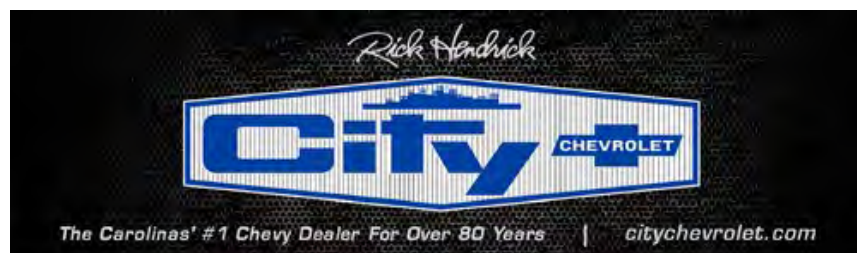
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To become a member of the [QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB](#), you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings within a six-month time period. *Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!* Express your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

Lawyers - the Last Line of Defense!

Bill Cruthis

As we wrap up another great year in QCCC I will delve into my crystal ball once again. First let me say that I have often not spoken kindly about lawyers, not that they aren't very brilliant folks. For sure if you can take the king's English and write it such that nobody can understand it, then you are truly gifted. Thankfully, I have only needed them twice and one of those was for a will to keep the government out of my hard work. We have more lawyers per capita than any other country in the world. I think part of the distrust comes from the bobble heads in Washington D.C. of whom over 95% are lawyers. So just so you know I am guilty of not holding them in high esteem, however by the end of my story I will be converted and much wiser. I shall not talk poorly of them ever again. Lawyers are a lot like mood rings. They are the scourge of late night jokes. They are the ones you abuse at the cocktail party, particularly if you needed one for divorce hearings. However, they also are like a policeman when you are getting robbed. In other words, like the mood ring they can change from black hat to white hat in an instant. I think I know where in our future they will be the white hats.

2015 was the 30th anniversary of the time machine movie with Michael J. Fox. So maybe it is fitting that I ride the time machine into the future. You emerge from the Amazon.com Super Center (Walmart is long gone "their people made the difference") with your purchases. You speak into your watch: "Google Land Travel Machine SOB-84848451812 to the front pick up area." Your disposable computer travel pod pulls up and the doors open, you load your packages and climb inside where there is no steering wheel. You speak your address and off you go to the interstate where all 3 lanes are filled with likeminded white pods all traveling 55 mph. You view the rearview camera on the navigation screen and notice an old 650 hp Z06 laguna blue trying to pass bunches of the white pods by using the safety lane. You hope the Z06 owner knows that what he is doing carries a \$35,000 fine. You bet that he is thinking "this is worse than a bunch of landscape trucks with trailers."

Now come back to reality today. This week on TV was a story of a test drive of the new auto drive Tesla, the one that is all electric and does 0-60 in 2 seconds as the motors are full power all at once. The reporter wants to grab the wheel but is told no need, that the Tesla works off GPS and keeps you a safe distance from the pod in front. Since there were no cars at the time, things were fine until a car approached oncoming. At this time the Tesla thought it should be a safe distance behind that car and proceeded across the line for a head on collision which was only prevented by the reporter steering it back. Also this week one of the Google pods got pulled over for going 25 mph in a 35 mph. Too slow for conditions, it was pulled over by a cop who then had no idea who to ticket as there was no driver or passenger in the car. Now let's just say the road is full of these pods, all capable of great speed and a child darts into the road after a ball. Not sure if the ball is heavy rain, or snow, or if the child is a new road detour, the pod smacks him into the windshield like a June bug, he goes airborne and the next pod has no idea what a 60 pound mass coming in at 10 feet off the ground is, so he splats onto that windshield also. Now we have a real problem. Since many in our country are educated via mass media, both folks in the pods will go Hillary and say they are not at fault. Now the good part. This time the lawyers don their white hats and come to our rescue. Since the child was in first grade and already computer brilliant, the court deemed him worth over 300 million in his lifetime. The payout must come from the auto manufacturer and the software manufacturer as even Hillary could not deflect blame on this one. Our best hope is that just like Volksporchewagons that went under in 2015 for faking emissions testing, the white Google pods also would cease to exist. This is a stunning example of the good value that our lawyers can exhibit. They may well be the last line of defense we have to keep the left lane open so I can occasionally hammer down. Who would a thunk it. All these years I have been kinda down on the robed wonders and now I owe them all a big ole apology. If driverless cars ever really make it out of testing, it will be like shootin' ducks in the barrel for the blind eyes of justice. Maybe we should all make a small donation to a law school so they can keep cranking out the boys for the bench. Only in America could an excess of lawyers stop the progression of this driverless car nonsense. I can see it now. A TV commercial for Sokolov, Sokolov and Jamison: have you been injured by a driverless car, do you worry and have stress that your driverless car will wreck, sleepless nights, wringing hands, call Sokolov, Sokolov and Jamison. With that thought in mind let's go have a beer and thank our lucky stars that they will roadblock this mess.

And while you can, get out there in that left lane and hammer down!!!

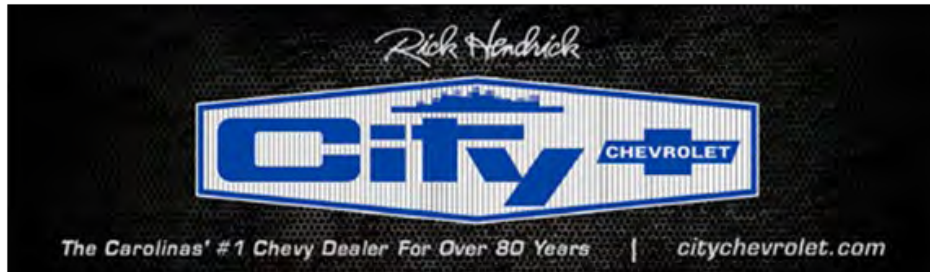
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City Chevrolet, our club sponsor, has a new General Manager. Mr. Cam Stewart has been in the position just a few months and has reached out to QCCC to start building his vision of a symbiotic relationship.

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.

Bill Cruthis, President





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- The General Manager reserves the right to limit this offer to "In Stock" or "On Order" vehicles. Extra costs may apply for Locates, Transportation, or Specialty Vehicles.

Pre-Owned Vehicles

- Vehicles in-stock and available for retail sale may be purchased for inventory amount plus \$500. Extra costs may apply for Transportation, or Specialty Vehicles.
- All vehicles sold to QCCC members must first pass NC State Inspection through our service department. We service every retail vehicle sold at City Chevrolet prior to sale.
- City offers over 7000 Used Vehicles online that can be transferred in for delivery. The prices of these vehicles are on our website CityChevrolet.com. Shipping costs may apply.

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- Parts or Service Labor will receive a 15% discount off the posted Customer pay rate. 15% discount may not be combined with other coupons or specials. We also offer Restoration Parts and services through GM, ZIP, Ecklers, and Corvette Central.

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‘Twas the Month We Had Christmas

A QCCC Christmas tribute

(with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore)

Paul Mitchell, Vice President

‘Twas the month we had Christmas, and all through the club

We decorated our houses, all rooms and each shrub.

Our lights were twinkling and our fires were ablaze

We all were festive and enjoying the craze.

The parties were constant, the laughter was fun

We shopped till we choked, and then we were done.

As we lay down at night, under the stars

We wonder what Santa had for our cars.

Performance or sparkle, we wondered aloud

What would we get to make our cars proud.

On Eckler, on Zip, Mid America too

Catalogs confirmed what we already knew.

When we opened our gifts and saw what he brung

Our hearts were happy and we all felt so young.

Yes gifts for our cars make us smile with glee

But the real gift we have is simple and free.

Great friends in our club, the best car in the land

Other car people just don’t understand.

We love our Corvette, and our club we are in

Life is so good, the best it has been.

So love them and cherish them, our fabulous car,

And drive them to restaurants both near and far.

So enjoy this season, with laughter and cheer

Thanks for the fun, let’s repeat it next year!





Queen City Corvette Club

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:

December		
12	QCCC Business Meeting & Christmas Party	Details & Information
January 2016		
9	QCCC Business Meeting & Chili Feed	Details & Information
23	Annual Awards Banquet	Details & Information
February 2016		
13	QCCC Business Meeting & Valentine Dinner	Details & Information



Bonino Banter

– The Social Scene

“The best gifts in life will never be found under a Christmas tree, those gifts are FRIENDS, FAMILY, CHILDREN & THE ONE WE LOVE!”

Once again this has been an incredible year for Queen City Corvette Club. We all have made new wonderful friends and had many occasions to spend time with our old friends. It doesn't get much better than this.....whoops I forgot one major part of this equation...we did this while driving our Corvettes!!!

Let's all enjoy our annual Christmas Dinner and Party **December 12th** at **Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church** 15000 York Road, Charlotte at **4:30 pm**. Wear “Christmasy” clothes and hats to add to the spirit. We will have a “special” QCCC Silent Auction and several other surprises!

Ugly Christmas Sweaters are welcome!

There will be a sign up sheet at the December meeting for the January **Chili-Cook-off and meeting**. You do not have to bring Chili or a dessert to attend. We will have hotdogs, trimmings and drinks for all who attend plus everyone can sample and vote (monetarily) for their favorite chili!!! Proceeds will help offset the price of the location we are having this event. We do need to know how many are coming so we can have enough food for everyone. Sign-up or email me.

Don't forget also to sign-up for the **Valentine's Catered Dinner** at our February 13th meeting. We will have a price soon from the caterer for this dinner.

Most Important....

Sign-up to attend the BIG event of the year – our Annual Awards Banquet – January 23, 2016

All the details are on the website – we will be sending out reminders and more details soon.

Thank you again for all your friendships. Have a fun-filled, blessed holiday season.



Your Sentimental Social Director, *Pat*

Automotive Director's Report

Gary Cunningham

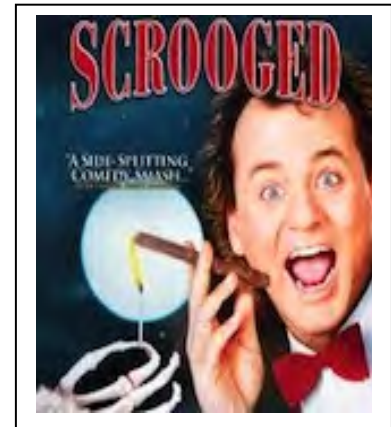
Gary's Top Ten Christmas Movies of All Time

After the teaser that I left in November's newsletter, I knew that you just couldn't wait for the December Newsletter and My Top Ten Christmas Movies of all Time, so here it is. I'm listing them in no particular order, except for my Number One Christmas Movie of All Time, at the end of the article.



The Santa Clause really plays on the masculine character made famous on TV by Tim Allen. It takes his persona — too straight and narrow to ever believe in Christmas magic — and fluffs it up. Great acting work by the entire cast, but to me, and it's my article, the movie is stolen by the Santa's #1 elf, Bernard, played by David Krumholtz.

With all the "A Christmas Carol" –cloned movies that have been produced, one HAS to stand out, and that one is *Scrooged*. Many great actors have played the Ebenezer Scrooge character, but my favorite is Bill Murray. Who can argue with a Christmas movie that falls right in line with his other epic, Oscar-Quality classic movies, such as *Tootsie*, *Caddyshack*, *Stripes*, *Ghostbusters*, *Lost in Translation*, and *St. Vincent*.



Insider trading gets juicy in the Christmas-season movie *Trading Places*. Everything is merry when you're talking about Dan Ackroyd and Eddie Murphy in the Philly-based Christmas classic. Throw in the topless-scene with Jamie Lee Curtis in her prime (what's not to like?) and you've got a Christmas movie that will make you laugh until it hurts. This movie also introduces John Belushi's brother, Jim, in a gorilla suit. I'll bet you \$1 you'll laugh 'til you cry.

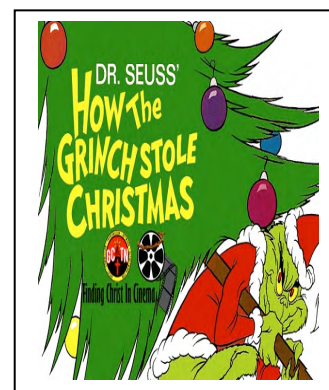
America was introduced to John McClane in this 1988 flagship of the Die Hard movie franchise, dealing with terrorists that overtake a high rise in Los Angeles. John single-handedly defeats the entire team, saves the day for his wife, her company and the city. Explosions, terrorists, automatic weapons and cops and donuts, sounds like Christmas to me. It also introduces mainstream America to the Christmas Carol "Christmas in Hollis" by Run-DMC. Yippee-ki-yay, _____.



Only Will Farrell, the biggest kid in the world, could pull off the role of Buddy the Elf. This movie is full of great actors (James Caan, Ed Asner, Mary Steenburgen, Zoe Deschanel, Bob Newhart, Michael Lerner), but the scene with Peter Dinklage as the Angry Elf, Miles Finch, makes the movie.

Don't miss the December meeting and you'll holler just like Buddy the Elf did, "SANTA- I KNOW HIM!!!!"

Let's move from the cartoonish Elf to the epitome of Christmas cartoons, How the Grinch Stole Christmas. It's not a TV special, it's a special film that is a special part of the holiday season. A grumpy hermit hatches a plan to steal Christmas from an entire town, but along the way realizes that Christmas is more than presents. Plus, ya gotta love the dog with the reindeer antlers tied on his head. We all know the song, 'You're a mean one, Mister Grinch.'



This movie could have gone wrong, way wrong, but Billy Bob Thornton, the late Bernie Mac and Tony Cox as the midget-elf pull it off. Bad Santa doesn't care if you've been naughty or nice, he just wants to steal from the mall, drink until he can't stand up, and rob you of everything in your house in this 2003 Christmas cult classic.

You can't talk about Christmas movies without including the classic A Christmas Story. Don't hate this 1983 movie just because TBS runs it non-stop on Christmas day, enjoy it for what is: the classic tale of Ralphie and his quest for the perfect Christmas gift, the Red Ryder 100-shot BB Gun. The next time you're in Cleveland, go by the actual Christmas Story Museum and House and get your picture taken beside the original Leg Lamp. Just keep your tongue in your mouth. The house also has its own Facebook page.





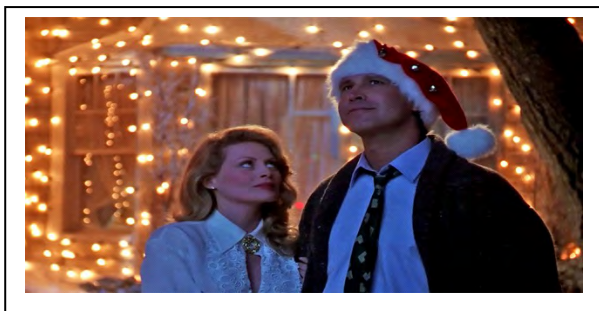
Is it wrong to want to spend a weekend alone in the house by yourself? Kevin gets his wish in the 1990 classic *Home Alone*, watching gangster movies and eating ice cream while his parents flip out over the holiday. My favorite scene in the movie is when he's learning to shave. The background music of The Drifters singing their version of White Christmas still comes to my mind occasionally as I shave. The climactic battle between him and the two crooks sell the movie, as well as the reunion scene with his parents and family.

Originally released in 1965, it's the first of the Peanuts cartoons, it's the best of the Peanuts cartoons as well as the BEST Christmas cartoon of all time. A *Charlie Brown Christmas* deserves 'short-film' recognition. Charlie Brown, Linus, Snoopy and the rest of the gang come to understand the true meaning of Christmas while teaching an invaluable truth on the over-commercialization of the holiday. The soundtrack by the Vince Guaraldi Trio gets year-round play on my iPhone. And, one of my favorite neckties is my Charlie Brown Christmas tie.



Christmas is filled with the joy of the special gift, the meaning of the holiday, and the beauty of the season. It can also be filled with un-happy times, such as the uninvited family visitors that move in, won't leave, eat all your food, break your favorite Christmas display, empty your wallet, and burn your tree down. The third National Lampoon movie, *Christmas Vacation*, is the.....

BEST CHRISTMAS MOVIE OF ALL TIME



The main character of the movie, the lovable goofy-ness of Chevy Chase, is the movie. He has a heart of gold, wanting to make a wonderful Christmas full of happy memories for a family that don't seem interested and challenge him every step of the way. Who can forget the scene and the look on his face when he finally gets the 10,000 Christmas lights on his house to light? You'll laugh until you can't breathe when he takes off on his sled coated with his 'food-varnish' and lands in the WalMart parking lot. You'll laugh until you cry when Cousin Eddie empties the septic tank of his 'motorhome'

into the storm drain on the street. The opening act of 'chopping down the family tree' sets the tone for the hysterical movie. Christmas Vacation is the classic Christmas movie and is an integral part of our family's Christmas celebration in our home.

Yes, I know that's eleven movies.....I just couldn't narrow it down to ten, and could have gone 2-3 more. So, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you. Don't miss the December meeting, there will be North Pole visitors and elves there that you'll want to see and have your picture taken alongside.

Now, getting back to a Corvette theme and starting with January's article, I'm going to chronicle the rebuild of a 1977 L-48 engine by Brad Dusterhoft and myself. There will be pictures and explanations of the rebuild as we move through it. Brad will do 99.9% of the work, I'm the jack-man and tool-getter.

It's been a great year, thanks. Here's my final quote for 2015:

If you want something you've never had, you must be willing to do something you've never done.

Gary and Gwen



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



"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures." ~Thornton Wilder

It's that time again! That time of year when life's pace picks up, our "to do list" gets longer, and we begin to feel as if we've added a few pounds. We find ourselves rushing through the days and nights decorating, baking, shopping, wrapping, addressing cards, attending parties, letting the old belt out another notch, and just being a little stressed. But it doesn't have to be that way.

I remember the days when my stress level multiplied about ten times at this time of year. I found myself enjoying the festivities, but looking forward to getting back to "business as usual". Not anymore. As I've grown older, I realize how fortunate I am to be where I am. Although we should do so throughout the year, this time of year reminds us more of the need to give thanks for the many, many blessings we have. The older I get, the more I realize how fortunate I am to have been born and raised in the USA, at the time I was and in the environment in which I was raised. I also am very thankful for the love and support of family, not just relatives, but the many friends Peggy and I have made along the way. Our Queen City Corvette Club family is a large part of that. Each of you have touched our lives in beneficial ways and we thank you for your friendship. QCCC continues to grow, become stronger and enjoyable. I believe it's because of the smiles and treasure of friendships that await any visitor.

Peggy and I wish each of you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year and hope you will take a moment during the Holidays to reflect on how Queen City Corvette Club has touched your lives.

Chris Wood, Membership Director



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National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

Our club trip to the Bash in April is shaping up to be one of the best attended events by QCCC to date. At the present time we have thirty (30) cars on the list and I have upped the hotel room block to thirty-five (35). If it keeps growing at this rate, I will be looking for more rooms. If you plan on attending and want to stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, you best get on the list right now. The agenda and registration is not on the NCM website yet but as soon as it is, I will be alerting everyone signed up via e-mail.

If you are a veteran and haven't attended the Vettes and Vets event at the NCM, please read Bob Chichester's write up on this year's gathering and see what you have been missing. Just being around all the servicemen is one of the most uplifting things you will ever experience but mix in Corvettes, parades, and track time and it is a time to remember.

Just another friendly reminder that Christmas is rapidly closing in on you. You can avoid the crowds and shop on-line at the NCM Corvette Store. And as a member, you will always get your 10-15% discount on everything. Look for the free shipping specials that will be running this month.

Speaking of year-end events, it's time to start thinking about income tax time. Not a pleasant thought but if you have been considering upgrading your NCM membership to a lifetime membership, now is the time to do it. The full amount is tax deductible (note: if you select a time payment plan, only the amount paid in the calendar year is deductible) so let Uncle Sam help pay for your new status.

Again, at the end of this year I ask the question: "Are you a Corvette Enthusiast or a Corvette Driver?" A Corvette Enthusiast is into all things Corvette like Corvette shows, both ours and other venues, Corvette racing, the National Corvette Museum, Corvette history, etc. A Corvette Driver is just that, they drive a very nice vehicle on certain occasions and then tune out anything else related to the Corvette. Which are you?

Barbara & I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

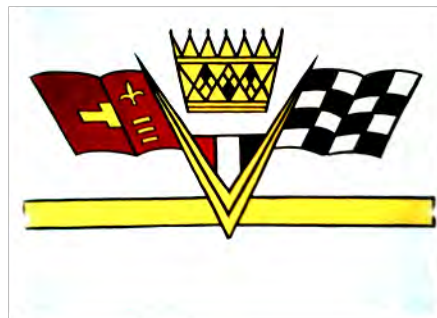
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Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Club Cars of the 70's: C-3s

This month we look at some of the C3 Corvettes that were owned by QCCC's members in the 70's. Obviously these cars were very popular since they were the current models, but true to the personality of the club, they were as unique as their owners.

Many of these were high option cruisers equipped with automatic transmissions, air conditioning, leather interior; loaded. These cars were great for road trips and as daily drivers, but it was not unusual to see them participate in competition events where they became very competitive in their own classes. It was the best of both worlds for these owners. Jim Whitley's 69, Wayne Marlowe's 71, Darrell Kirkley's 73, Shad Alberty's banana, and many others fell in this category. But the club also had its share of high performance C3's.

Melvin Pace ordered a brand new red on red 1968 coupe loaded with performance options: 427 435 horsepower engine, 4 speed with a 4.11 rear end. His tag said "POP TOP"; not sure if that was because of the removable roof panels or his devotion to Budweiser. When he joined QCCC in 1972, he immediately started modifying his car with Hooker headers, wider wheels and tires, L88 cam, Edelbrock intake and a huge Holley 4 barrel carb. He raced the car in our drags, autocross, parking lot events, and still didn't miss any road trips, cruises or gas stations. Later he added L88 flares and hood, a rear deck spoiler and had the car painted maroon with black stripes. Always a crowd pleaser, all he had to do is fire it up with open headers to attract attention. His burnouts were famous. At a parking lot event at UNCC sponsored by a student car club (MG's and Datsun Z's), he recognized that the course was so tight that he had no chance. When it came Melvin's turn, he revved it up, turned it loose and cleaned out the first four gates. Pylons everywhere. The pa announcer said, "there folks, goes your typical big block Corvette". We weren't invited back. Melvin still owns this car and we are trying to get him involved in the club again.

George McCleod had a 1970 coupe with a highly modified 454, with a 4 speed and chrome side mounted headers. He was crazy (see September 2010 Vintage article) competitive and gave Melvin his most competition. At a drag race in Spartanburg he shows up with some slicks. So Melvin borrowed some slicks for his car to remain competitive, except they were too tall for his L88 flares. No problem, he takes a hack saw and saws off the bottom of the flares for clearance. I don't remember who won, but it got serious for a while.

Current President Bill Cruthis had a beautiful silver 1970 coupe with a 350 horsepower 4 speed. I saw it on the road twice, it was that nice. Jerry Daugherty bought a brand new '73 silver roadster, L82 4 speed; Richard Breyare had a fast 69 350 HP 4 speed with 2 tops, and Bill Henderson, his C3 painted maroon with black cob webbing, hence his handle "Spiderman", had a wild Billy Coats built small block. Dan Warren had a black on black '69 coupe with a 427 435 4 speed with red pin stripping all over. Danny Canup had a '69 roadster with a black vinyl hard top, 350 HP and 4 speed

with chrome Hooker side exhausts. Don Francis had a nice '67 big block coupe when he moved south in 1971, but the new car fever got the best of him and he ordered a bright yellow '72 coupe with an LT1 4 speed. It was impressively fast for a low compression engine.

But the best LT1 in the club at the time belonged to our own “Dollar” Bill Ingram. He found a loaded gray 72 coupe that was very rare as it had factory air conditioning. He won his class in the Corvette Porsche Challenge and was very competitive in every event he entered.

But the C3 to end all, was a full custom built by Steve Burseson as a contender for the ISCA show car circuit. This car was so radical that we will explore it in detail in a future vintage article complete with a video.

The club cars of that era were frequently modified to suit the owners' whims, paint and body as well as mechanically, not many remained totally stock. Engines and mechanical parts were used and abused, replaced and modified. And no one ever mentioned “matching numbers”. It was a different time and the young Corvette owners in the club in the 70's did a lot without a lot of resources. But we recognized that the times were changing and that included the price of our toys . As I had a whopping 2,300 dollars invested in my '64, I remember seeing Jeff Tatar's brand new '75 Corvette's window sticker, way over \$7,000.00, and commenting, “what in the hell is the world coming to?” I didn't have a clue.

Travis Meredith, *historian*

Thank You

As the honor of receiving QCCC's Lifetime Service Achievement Award at the November business meeting has really sunk in, I would again like to thank the board for such a distinct honor and how proud I am to be so recognized. As I stood there trying to think of an appropriate response and who I should thank, Sharon stood there beside me as she has done for over 47 years. And I neglected to thank her for her love and support not only during my time as an officer of the club, but in everything I've ever attempted. Even tho' I bought the '64 in 1970 without telling her, she finally got over it enough to join in the club's activities and fell in love with the people as I did. She did a remarkable job as secretary the years I was President (back then it was rumored that the President and Secretary always slept together, so she felt compelled to serve). I feel she should get a service achievement award for being married to me for 47 years, as well as share this honorable award.

Being involved in the club throughout the 70's and early 80's was very rewarding in itself, making life-long friends with similar interests. I look back on that time fondly, even tho' it had its moments, I had the time of my life. The club was blessed during that time with remarkable leadership before and after what I was able to contribute, and with great support from its members. These characteristics are alive and well today. As has been said before, we show up because of the cars, and stay because of the people. As I look at the friends we've made since re-joining the club in 2011, it's still true.

As QCCC enters its 48th year, I think of the hundreds of lives that have been touched by this club and its activities, the friendships and the common bond. I hope that as historian I can continue to document and preserve this club's unique history so those who follow can appreciate where we've been, why we are here and where we are going for many years to come. My sincere thanks, Trav

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From Track to Street



Corvette Racing is adding even more championship-winning talent to its roster for the first two rounds of the WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Marcel Fassler and Mike Rockenfeller will complete the team's lineup for the Rolex 24 At Daytona and Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in the pair of Chevrolet Corvette C7.R race cars

.The team is the defending GT Le Mans winner of both premier events. Adding two drivers who have won major endurance races around the world – including a combined five victories at the 24 Hours of Le Mans – augments the experienced Corvette Racing driver lineup as it prepares for the first two endurance races of 2016.

“As we’ve learned over the years, winning at Daytona and Sebring requires a Corvette race car that demonstrates the proper balance of performance, reliability and efficiency. Winning also requires flawless execution by the team and drivers,” said Mark Kent, Director, Chevrolet Racing.

Taylor Brothers Set as Corvette Racing's Third Drivers at Le Mans

By [Tony DiZinno](#)

Updated: November 17, 2015

Photo: John Dagys



A day after Corvette Racing [confirmed its third drivers](#) for Daytona and Sebring, they've also confirmed the third drivers for the 2016 24 Hours of Le Mans, going all-in on one family.

Ricky and Jordan Taylor will rejoin Corvette Racing once again for Le Mans, marking the first time the two of them have both been under the Corvette Racing banner since the team's 2014 FIA World Endurance Championship one-off at Circuit of The Americas.

Weather Tech will be the new sponsor for the United Sport Car Championship Races.

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



Other Interesting QCCC Stuff

NCM VETS 'n VETTES EVENT

I was speaking with Paul Mariano at our men's luncheon and was telling him about the great time I had at the Museum two weeks ago at the NCM annual Vets 'n Vettes event. Paul asked if I would write something for the newsletter to help raise awareness about the program since we have many Veterans in our club.

This was my third year in a row attending and the event gets better every year. The program brings together Veterans that own Corvettes, and wounded warriors from Fort Campbell and Fort Knox. People come from many states to attend. I saw plates from CT, NM, MI, TX, WV, IL, IN, SC, FL, among others. The wounded warriors are there for a day, but the event has activities for three days. This year the event ran from November 5th through the 7th. Next year the event will run from November 3rd through the 5th.

The first day the wounded warriors arrive at 8:30 and we met them at the Motorsports Park. We had over 100 Corvettes meet them at the park. We have full access to the track for as long as the soldiers want to ride, usually until lunch. We usually had 15 cars go out at a time. The only rules on the track were no stopping and no passing. Since you sign the waiver, you can drive at the speed you are comfortable with unless limited by the driver in front of you. The track will humble you if you decide to get stupid beyond your capabilities. The reaction of these young soldiers riding in several generations of Corvettes is worth the trip by itself. All drivers enjoy a free lunch at the museum and then tour the factory if signed up for that option. Our guest speaker at the luncheon was Gerald York, grandson of WWI hero Alvin York. This year the dinner after the first day was hosted by the local VFW.

The museum schedules several activities on the second day for those that choose to participate. This year we had the option of touring Shaker Village or Jefferson Monument. Both tours then met for a fantastic lunch at Federal Grove. Friday night they hold the banquet at the museum. This year the speaker was former Corvette Plant Manager Wil Cooksey.

The event culminates on Saturday with all the Corvettes participating in the Bowling Green Veteran's Day parade. It is quite a sight seeing all these Vettes decorated and driving in two rows downtown with the crowd waving and taking pictures. After the parade, we returned to the museum to caravan to the local American Legion for lunch. After lunch everyone says their goodbyes and goes on their merry way.

The Volunteers/Organizers at the museum really make this a fun event. There is a nice write up on the NCM website under the News heading with pictures of the event. Hope to see some QCCC members next year.

~ Bob Chichester





December QCCC Christmas Dinner Party

December 12, 2015

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian

15000 York Road, Charlotte, NC 28278

Buffet Holiday Dinner - \$20 per person

Special QCCC Silent Auction

Items selected especially for our members

Social 4:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Business Meeting Following Dinner

Must RSVP and pay for the buffet dinner

by Dec 2, 2015

to give the caterer final count

Year End Message from the President

What a great year QCCC has had. A lot of hard work by many has resulted in terrific opportunities for all. QCCC will roll past 350 members at the December meeting. We are now like a sizeable company. May there be no doubt every contribution is needed for us to be successful. Your time when you have it, your attendance when you can come, your smiles, your laughter, your love of the Corvette all come together in a culmination that yields such good times.

So how did we get from 3 original members to 350 clones. I think we can look toward our Lifetime Achievement Award recipients to find the answer. It has been my honor this year to present two such awards. When we look back, the 70's were safe with the leadership of Travis Meredith who guided us through the early pitfalls of weak financial status. Most of our lives went in other directions, pulled by family and occupation, such that we do not know how we survived the 80's. However, we do know once we got to the 90's we were in the capable hands of Eddie Burt, who served on the board for 13 years. During most of that time Bob Denney was out there sacrificing his social life in order to photograph all of us having a ball. We owe these three gentleman and their ladies a tremendous thanks for being the driving force that grew us into a good sized company.

I follow a long line of outstanding Presidents and Board Members. Being on the board is very rewarding. All of a sudden you get to meet all 350 members. Sometimes we hear, "oh you are too big, I can't get to know anybody". I would answer, just strike up a conversation and you will find we all just like you. Go on a day trip or better yet go on one of the weekend trips and you will be surprised at the fun and new friends you will make. Best of all, if you have the time, think about serving on the board. You will get to know everybody very quickly and you will truly learn a new respect for all the board and staff members who help make this all tick.

As we head into next year, the plans are already coming together for more great times. Pat is planning a lot of social events. Gary is already working on the car show. Addition of the MAL board member will allow us to expand even further. If we were younger the Up Yonder gang would challenge the Wednesday nite dinner group to a softball game, but we better just discuss how we would have performed over a beer.

This coming year we might see 400 members. We need to all reach out to our newest folks and make them feel welcome. I would especially remind us to start finding ways to incorporate our single members. As we go forward that will be a growing group, unfortunately, due to the aging process. Let's be mindful of how our three Hall of Fame members would make this happen.

I close wishing you all a good, healthy and exciting Corvette year in 2016. And I agree with Bob Denney, this is the finest group of people ever assembled under God's Blue Sky.

See ya' in the left lane with the hammer down! And thanks for being The Heartbeat of America!!

QCCC rocks!!

LEFT LANE AND HAMMER DOWN!

365 HP---505 HP---650 HP

Bill Cruthis, President