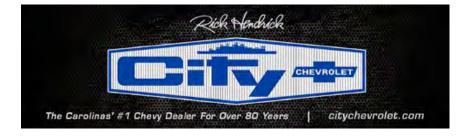


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QCCC is a non-profit club (501(c)(7)) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money 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: Speed Kills

**Bill Cruthis** 

I am still on my adrenaline high after returning from the Ron Fellows High Performance Driving School. My Walter Mitty moment did get me recognition as a gradyeate, although everybody gradyeates. I finished in the bottom half of my class. Not the bottom, just the bottom half, and just as they refer to all Doctors who finish in the bottom half of their class as Doctors, I shall now be referred to as a racer.

It is a long flight back from Parhump, Nevada, so you have a lengthy cool down lap with plenty of time to analyze what you just went thru. For me, my basic premise about racing stays intact. RACING: YOU GO FASTER AND FASTER UNTIL YOU WIN OR SOMETHING BREAKS, EITHER YOUR SKILLS OR YOUR CAR. Even if I had the skills, my premise would financially keep me out of contention. When I view the dash cam of my actions, I think, gosh I am only going 45 in that hairpin, but as I recollect 45 was pretty much a handful.

Then as the jet engines droned on, I found myself thinking how racing was just the same as life. You go as fast as you can until you win or something breaks. As our group ages we look back at how fast the years have gone. We know we went at a pretty hectic pace as many of our parts are now broken. I think about how I subjected my body to the abuse of standing at work all day for 12 hours so that I could continue to amass other things that also would break. The rat race seemed no different, as the track instructors would teach us, then we would pick up the pace even more. It is amazing how it takes all these years before you will step back and decide just how much "racin" you really need.

I notice in life just as in racing, there are different levels of ability, aptitude, effort and yes, success. As now I am spending more time starting to refurbish the interior of the '71, I look over at the two Z06's and you could write dirty notes in the dust. So now I am once again in the bottom half of my class just trying to maintain all the perks of my life's racing. I think I understand how some on the track do more and I think as I age I may not understand how they do it, but I certainly have a lot of respect for some who race faster in life. Let me give you a couple of examples, and I hope they won't mind. While I struggle to maintain my abode, and 6 vehicles not to mention the honey do list, I remain amazed at Tommy. He is maintaining a

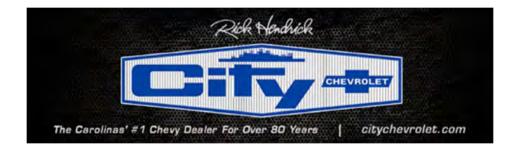
baker's doz'n cars, building a huge new house, trailering a Corvette to NCRS to be judged, helped Reggie rebuild his folks '48, helped John with restoring his '68, and the other day he offered to help me with my '71. This might be understandable if he had a pit crew. No so, most of what he does is by his own endeavors. Sorry folks but that is just a little too fast of a lap for me, not to mention how calm and under control he is. Now let's glance at Gary. He has two big barns with 39 Corvettes and related autos, maintains them all by himself, rotates driving them so they don't rot. I have 3 Corvettes and sometimes they do not get started often enough. If I had 39 I would be at the DMV daily keeping them all tagged, etc. Again, he does it so matter of factly.

So after all these years, I am ready to slow down a little bit. It looks like I might not have won all the races anyway. I realize I have already won the lottery of life, and if I keep "racin" and more parts break then like many lottery winners I will not have a good ending. I hope most of you are ready to do the same, but if you get a chance to go to the Ron Fellows School of High Performance Driving, just do it. For once you can go "racin" thru life with the maximum \$10,000 charge if you wreck their Z06. You will be glad you went.

But "racin" is in our blood, just like the addictions to chocolate, cigarettes, or gambling, and we have the right car. So let's all get back to "racin" thru our lives out there in the left lane with the hammer down!



SEE YA IN THE LEFT LANE HAMMER DOWN! 365 HP, 505 HP, 650 HP, CRU'S BLUES



# **Club Sponsor**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> Corvette now, which is a 2014 Vette 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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# Queen City Corvette Club Discount Pricing Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet

Effective June, 12, 2015

Queen City Corvette Club members are entitled to discount pricing for New Chevrolet Cars, Trucks, Commercial Vehicles, Used Vehicles, Service Labor (15%), and Parts Purchases (15%) at City Chevrolet. The Vehicle Purchases will need to be titled in the Name or Business of the QCCC member, or a member of his/her immediate family. Friends and Referrals of QCCC members will also receive discounts for Sales and Service (10%). "Friends" Vehicle transaction prices will be set by the General Manager of City Chevrolet, Cam Stewart. 704-591-8800

#### **New Vehicles**

- QCCC members pay "Dealer Invoice" or "Supplier Pricing" whichever is less from Chevrolet. Rebates or Incentive's will be applied to reduce the purchase price. Affiliate and Commercial rebates may also apply to further reduce the purchase price.
- 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.

#### Parts & Service

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.

#### Referral Bonus

 If you refer a non-QCCC member and they purchase a vehicle, we will thank you with @\$100 referral Gift Card for supporting the partnership.



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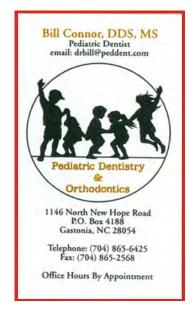
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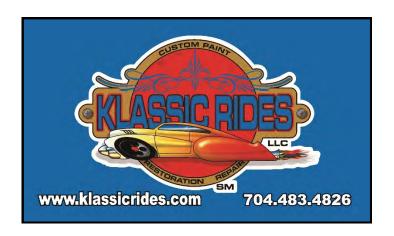








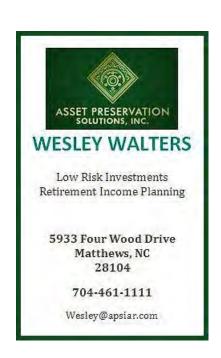














# Tales and Trails from Up Yonder

Paul Mitchell, Vice President

I was not one of the fortunate QCCC members that attended the Rolex 24 IMSA race in Daytona last weekend. I believe we had up to a dozen cars attend this race, again making an impressive showing for the club at the track and in the Corvette Corral. But I hope that many of you that were at home watched the TV coverage of this outstanding race. Many people can say that road racing can be boring, just as many say the same about NASCAR. But this race was as exciting as watching Earnhardt, Wallace and Waltrip mix it up at Talledaga years ago.

Our two C7R race cars were simply amazing. They raced each other for the last laps with no holds barred. This is certainly a testament to Doug Fehan and the entire team. Many teams put out team orders in a situation like this to hold positions and not take a chance of knocking out both cars in an incident. This is done in F1 racing as well. But Fehan was quoted as saying that after working so hard all the off season, and racing so hard for 23.5 hours, there was no way he was going to pull the reins on his 2 drivers. Certainly a testament to the confidence in the cars, but what a testament to the maturity and talent of the drivers at the time, Gavin and Garcia. I was literally on the edge of my seat watching this. The 3 car got around the 4 car at one point a few laps from the end, but then the 3 car came right back. Outstanding racing for a 24 hour contest.

Ford highly touted their return to Daytona with their fabulous, wonderful, super fast Ford GT. The one with the Eco Boost 6 cylinder. They were really looking forward to renewing the competition with Corvette. And what a competition it was. The closest one finished 32 laps behind the Corvettes, and the second one finished 162 laps behind. Tsk-tsk. Back to the drawing board. But rest assured, they will be back for Sebring, all as a tune up for Le Mans. We cannot discount the Ford GT, but the drubbing they got from Corvette sure was fun to see!

Not to mention beating all the others – Porsche, BMW and Ferrari. Now let's see how the dreaded Balance of Performance affects us the rest of the year.

The Corvette is a great car and we are very fortunate to be able to drive and enjoy them. And watching it perform on various race tracks just reinforces the fact that this car is developed with performance and durability to enjoy on the street, and win on the track. Just ask Ford, Ferrari, BMW and Porsche.

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



# Queen City Corvette Club

**Club Board and Business Meeting Minutes** 

# For Newsletters, Minutes, Calendars, etc. Web Site Updates:

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

February		
6	Car Care Day - Brian Kruse's Garage	
13	QCCC Business Meeting and Valentine's Day Dinner	Details & Information
27	QCCC Annual Banquet	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
March		
12	QCCC Business Meeting	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
April		
9-10	AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway	
16	QCCC Business Meeting	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
4/27-5/1	National Corvette Museum Bash	See Paul Mariano



# Bonino Banter - The Social Scene

We had a wonderful January Chili Cook-off and meeting. 145 Members and some guests attended this meeting making this our largest Chili Cook-off to date. 19 different Chili pots were being judged and at least 20 different desserts to sample! Our infamous number one winner — Tom Rockhold did in fact have an outstanding chili recipe, BUT I was hard pressed not to want many, many more get prizes. We have GOOD cooks amongst us. We have asked for even better ways we can make our (it seems) popular Chili Cook-off be even better...and excellent suggestions came forward for next year.

Then came Mother Nature who forced us to postpone our 2015 Annual Awards Banquet to February 27<sup>th</sup>. Some of you probably could have made it, but when the decision was made we didn't know if we were having an ice storm, snow event or what. As it worked out even The Speedway Club was not sure they could stay open due to the predictions. Now we will hope that February 27<sup>th</sup> proves to be a calm night and we can have everything we planned for that night instead.

Now we are preparing for our **Valentine Dinner** and meeting to be held at the VFW Hall in Indian Trail on February 13<sup>th</sup>. This will be a catered Dinner with a special Valentine dessert – lots of hearts will prevail!!! **Please remember we need to get the money for the dinner in by the** 6<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the fact that we had to change the date for the Banquet – we will have a day trip (TBA) in March instead of February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Keep your ideas coming – remember this is OUR club... we all have an opinion and say about what we want to see happening.

Your enthusiastic Social Director,

Pat

# News from the Automotive Events Desk



Planning is well underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual All Chevy Car Show

More than just Corvette News

>THE REBUILD CONTINUES

>THE WEBSITE IS COMING

>THE SOUND TRACK OF OUR LIVES

Continuing from the January Newsletter is the Chronicle of the Rebuild. As you can see from the pictures, Brad Dusterhoft is well into the interior renovation of his 1977 Coupe. He has completely gutted the interior, all the way down to the bare metal floorboards. You would not believe what can get under the carpet after 38 years (how did a french fry get under the carpet?) Everything's been cleaned, sealed, painted, sanded, insulated and re-carpeted. All the wiring has been traced and touched, connections fixed or replaced, new grounds tapped, the bulbs tested and refit with shiny LED Blue bulbs. The cluster is back in place with new clear covers, all the gauges working, the new dashboard installed and the door panels repaired, recovered and carbon-fibre laid in. He's well on his way to completing this part of the rebuild, and then it's on to the engine.









# THE WEBSITE IS COMING

Many thanks to everyone that sent me beautiful pictures of their Corvette. We'll use as many pictures as we can as we build the new website for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual All Chevy Car Show. It will launch by the end of February. We'll send out a blast when the site launches. The site will also link to our QCCC site, City Chevrolet, Hendrick Motorsports, Embassy Suites, Concord Mills, and other locations that we feature. This is an enormous cost-savings to us, eliminating the need for expensive glossy flyers to pass out. Now we can give out a business card with the date and website, and people can go to the site to complete, print and mail the registration form. The site will also link to the QCCC Facebook page, and a new Instagram and Twitter account featuring the Car Show.

# The Soundtrack of Our Lives

### Glenn Frey 1941-2016

I like the way your sparkling earrings lay, against your skin so brown.....and I get a peaceful, easy feeling, and I know you won't let me down.....

Well, I've been running down the road trying to loosen my load, I got seven women on my mind...

You can't hide those lyin' eyes, and your smile is a thin disguise....there ain't no way to hide those lyin' eyes...

One of these nights, one of these crazy old nights, we're gonna find out pretty momma, what turns on your lights...

They went rushing down the freeway, messed around and got lost, they didn't care they were just trying to get off and it was Life in the Fast Lane...

Let me tell ya, I've got some news for you, and you'll still find out it's true, then you'll have to eat your lunch all by yourself...cos I'm already gone...

Somebody's gonna hurt someone, before the night is thru, somebody's gonna come undone, there's nothing we can do....

Desperado, why don't you come to your senses, you've been out riding fences for so long now..

On a dark, desert highway, cool wind in my hair....Welcome to the Hotel California...such a lovely place.......

Everyone knows these songs and there's so many more. Who hasn't sung them to a girlfriend, or sang along as they blasted out of the radio. So many songs, so much happiness, Glenn Frey touched so many lives with his songs and music for 40+ years. There have been more eloquent words written of his passing, but I had to stop and say thanks for all the songs that comprised the Soundtrack of Our Lives. Rest in Peace, gone way too soon.

# Finally,

We'll see each of you at the snow-postponed banquet. That was the right call as the snow and ice didn't go away until Sunday and Monday.

Car Care Day at Brian Kruse's was great, hope to have more people at the next one. There is so much automotive knowledge in this club; someone can answer that question that you have about your Vette....

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.......Confucius

...not gonna let them catch the Midnight Rider...

# Gary and Gwen



Building a Great Corvette Club

One FRIENDSHIP at a time



### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

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



2010 Torch Red Grand Sport Convertible



Brad Dusterhoft
1977 Blue Coupe



Warren & Sheila Weeks
1973 Red Stingray

"Music is forever; music should grow and mature with you, following you right on up until you die." ~Paul Simon

#### "Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies." ~Edward George Bulwer-Lytton

If you've driven your Corvette on a twisty backroad and did not have the radio turned up a little louder than your exhaust, please let me know so I can check your pulse. Whether it was "The William tell Overture" by Rossini or "Radar Love" by Golden Earring we just have to have that radio on. For me, music has been an important part of trips, whether to the store for milk and bread, or longer ventures to distant locales just because we could. I have my on driving playlist with those songs that go along with driving and enjoying the trip. My son apparently has the same gene because I don't think his car will start unless the music is plugged in a ready to go when he is. Music just adds an element of enjoyment to driving, and to life itself.

Recently Hagerty Magazine came up with their version of the top-ten car songs of rock & roll. While I don't necessarily agree with their top ten, they're picks are interesting. Below, not in any particular order, are the songs:

"Hot Rod Lincoln" by Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen (With a name like that, it has to be good.)

<sup>&</sup>quot;Rocket 88" by Ike Turner

<sup>&</sup>quot;Pink Cadillac" by Bruce Springsteen (Aretha Franklin did a great version as well.)

<sup>&</sup>quot;Mustang Sally" by Wilson Pickett

<sup>&</sup>quot;Little Deuce Coupe" by The Beach Boys (I have my own driving playlist of only Beach Boy songs.)

Thanks to many great artists, writers and producers, the music will live on in our heads and our playlists long after those that made it popular are gone. Last year we lost Lesley Gore, Percy Sledge and Little Jimmy Dickens and this year we've lost David Bowie, Natalie Cole, and Glenn Frey, just to name a few. As soon as I heard about Glenn Frey, I had to hear all my Eagles songs during a recent road trip. One of their songs Glenn Frey is credited with writing is called "It's Your World Now" from their last CD "Long Road Out of Eden" released in 2007. Hearing the song now brought chill bumps. In closing this month, I'll leave you with some of the words to that song. Pay attention to the message and let's all strive to use our time well, be part of something good and leave something good behind in 2016. R.I.P. Glenn Frey.

### Excerpt from "It's Your World Now"

A perfect day, the sun is sinkin' low
As evening falls, the gentle breezes blow
The time we shared went by so fast
Just like a dream, we knew it couldn't last
But I'd do it all again
If I could, somehow
But I must be leavin' soon
It's your world now

It's your world now My race is run I'm moving on Like the setting sun No sad goodbyes No tears allowed You'll be alright It's your world now But first a kiss, one glass of wine
Just one more dance while there's still time
My one last wish: someday, you'll see
How hard I tried and how much you meant to me

It's your world now
Use well the time
Be part of something good
Leave something good behind
The curtain falls
I take my bow
That's how it's meant to be
It's your world now

<sup>&</sup>quot;Hey Little Cobra" by The Ripcords

<sup>&</sup>quot;GTO" by Ronny and the Daytonas

<sup>&</sup>quot;Go Lil Camaro" by The Ramones

<sup>&</sup>quot;Red Barchetta" by Rush (Yeah, I had to look it up too.)

<sup>&</sup>quot;Mercury Blues" by The Steve Miller Band (You may remember the Alan Jackson version better.)



# **National Corvette Museum**



#### **NCM CORNER**

What a group we have signed up for the Bash in April. We presently have 39 cars committed but to be accurate, some are associate members and they will be coming from all directions. However, we shall see them at the museum, hotel and banquet tables. And a big thank you to all as everyone committed to going have their hotel reservations in hand and we have filled six of the banquet tables. The QCCC support of the NCM is outstanding and I don't know of any other club that sends a contingent like we will be sending. Good show all!!

We welcome another NCM lifetime member in our merry band. <u>Jeff Crosby</u> signed up for a forever membership this month. I think he just got tired of me badgering him. I know that several members have joined or renewed recently in preparation for the Bash and if you are one of them, please let me know. For those of you going to the Bash that are not members, now is the time to reconsider. As I have said before, you will save enough on the trip to pay for the membership.

Have you been purchasing the NCM raffle tickets for a new C7 Corvette? You can't win if you don't play. And remember, your odds of winning are much, much better than the Powerball Lottery.

I encourage everyone to visit the new NCM website at <a href="www.corvettemuseum.org">www.corvettemuseum.org</a> and navigate through all the links, pages, whatever to familiarize yourselves with everything it has to offer. There is an ulterior motive to this request as I would like your feedback on any features you would like to see improved upon or added.

#### **BOX SCORE**

No. of QCCC Family Units	181
No. of NCM Members	96 (53%)
No. of Lifetime Members	35
No. of Duntov Society Members	4
No. of Spire Members	1

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



# K-P, Someone has to do it!

As most of you know by now, from 1973 thru part of 1979 QCCC rented a small two bedroom brick house at the corner of Westover and Independence Blvd. It was the waterin' hole, the frat house, the gatherin' spot. We always had a keg on tap and as such only two or three members had keys to the house. One of those was the house committee chairman. In 1975, I volunteered for the role, after all it was a small house, what could go wrong? Let me describe this Charlotte hot spot. The front living room had a juke box and an old vinyl couch on hardwood floors. The dining room was devoid of furniture and also had hardwood floors. The kitchen had linoleum flooring dark, with an ugly green on the walls and worn out dingy white metal cabinets. While good sized the kitchen was empty of furniture. The back right bedroom was slammed full of QCCC junk, timing equipment, orange cones, lots of left over party decorations and probably a body or two. The back left bedroom was turned into a bar which was nice and built by David Morse. This bedroom had a back door to the yard and hardwood flooring. Between the storage bedroom and the single bath were steps about 12 inches wide that went up part way then turned and on up to the attic. The attic was floored and had the board's table at one end and horehound type barrels around the room to sit on for our monthly meetings. Now the bath, whoa boy. Nasty, tiny, dirty, door lock was always broken, just a tub and a sink with a mirror worse than a carnival trick mirror.

So what could go wrong? First, every newsletter listed the house cleanup committee that would be there the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month to do clean up. Of course, the week before the phone would start ringing with the excuses of why they could not make it. So you started with four couples and were lucky to have one by clean up day. Next, you could fix the lock on the bathroom door every month and somehow it was broken by meeting nite. Then the floors, they were always sticky. Take a group in their late twenties and give them too much beer and the floors needed mopped by the hour. The mop was a whole other story. With no money in the treasury the mop was about 2 years past needing replaced. Have you ever smelled such a mop? So all you really were doing was moving the spilled beer around the room. The good news in the front part, they danced so much they wore the beer off the floors. The grass in the yard did need a cut once in a while, but parking the cars on it helped keep in flattened. I found myself going over and working on the house quite a bit that year. About March I decided the walls were just too dingy. So one day I painted the two front rooms all white and added the Red/White and Blue stripes like you see in my garage today. That livened that up, but the kitchen never came around. The bar bedroom was nice. David built a nice dark bar and we had fuzzy red velvet wall paper. Someone added, over the fireplace on the back wall, a poster of a man with hippie hair, in a speedo reclined in front of a Harley Hog Motorcycle holding a large bottle of Jim Beam. It was captioned "Lips that touch alcohol will never touch mine". We were way cool, sorta! Lastly, there was the garage in the yard. It was two car with no garage door, stuffed full of the landlord's junk, and came with a resident wino. I never went in there, as I was never sure where he was. I do know the day I was painting the front rooms he knocked on the door and asked for money.

The gals in the club would hold baby showers at the house and bridal parties. Every Wednesday nite the house was open and the beer flowed, even onto the floor. Saturday afternoons were car wash days as the front yard held about 5 cars and the back at least double that. Some cars got washed, but mostly a lot of beer got consumed.

Club House Chairman, it was a labor of love sort of job. I do remember nobody ever volunteered more than one year in a row and no one ever donated a new mop. Check out this photo of Travis Meredith in the bar in 1975.

I know you all would have fit right in and many would have wanted to be Club House Chairman, well maybe some. QCCC rocked then as it does now, we are the Heartbeat of America!

### Bill Cruthis





# QCCC Members & Guests Photos Many More on the Web Site...







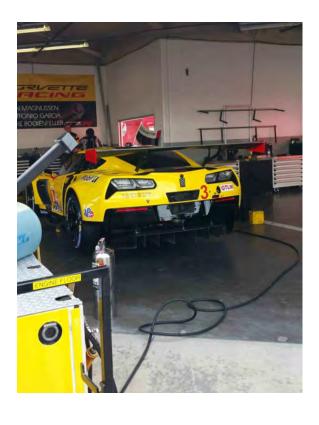
















# From Track to Street



# CORVETTE RACING AT DAYTONA: Historic 1-2 Finish for Corvette C7.R at Rolex 24

A 24-hour race came down to 0.034 seconds Sunday as Corvette Racing won the 54th Rolex 24 At Daytona when the team's pair of Chevrolet Corvette C7.R race cars finished 1-2 in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class.

Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fässler drove the winning No. 4 Corvette C7.R with Gavin holding off teammate Antonio Garcia in the No. 3 Corvette C7.R. The two finished side-by-side with Gavin taking the checkered flag by a matter of inches. Each of the Corvettes completed 722 laps for 2,570.32 miles. The margin of victory set a Rolex 24 record. For more go to www.corvetteracing.com



My thoughts: This race was fantastic. All of the GTLM cars were matched as best as possible. Remember the FORD, BMW, and Ferrari were driving new cars. I know the QCCC members had a good time just ask anyone of them.

# See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



Come and bring your Sweetie to a catered Valentine's meal before the February 13, 2016 QCCC Meeting We know this is a difficult night to get in to restaurants so we thought it would be nice to combine the two events!!!

VFW Hall 100 VFW Lane Indian Trail, N.C. 28079 (see website for location instructions)

Catered Buffet Dinner by Rossini's Italian Restaurant

Meat, Pasta, Salad, Bread and Valentine Desserts, Tea, Coffee and Water \$20.00 per person

No Host Bar open during Social time and Dinner – closed when meeting starts

4:00-5:00 Social Time

5:00 - 6:00 Dinner

6:00 Meeting

If you don't want to eat just come along to the meeting.

Send checks made out to QCCC to:

Pat Bonino 118 Quail Hollow Dr., Kings Mountain, N. C. 28086

by Feb 6th



# Event of the year **2015** Annual Awards Banquet

**February 27, 2016** 

# THE SPEEDWAY CLUB

Charlotte Motor Speedway
5555 Concord Parkway South
Concord, NC 28027
www.gospeedwayclub.com

# **Plated Dinner**

<u>Filet Mignon & Chicken Marsala, Seasonal vegetable and Chef's choice</u> <u>of starch, Rolls, Dessert, Regular & Decaf Coffee, Hot & Iced Tea</u>

All Awards
Find out who has the "Corvette Fever"!!!

**Entertainment featuring "The Extraordinaires"** 

http://www. theextraordinaires.com/

Social Hour 5:00 pm
Plated Dinner 6:30 pm
Awards & Entertainment until 11:30

Thanks Hagerty/Nationwide for contributing to our awards program at the Queen City Corvette Club's All Chevy Charity Car Show.





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