



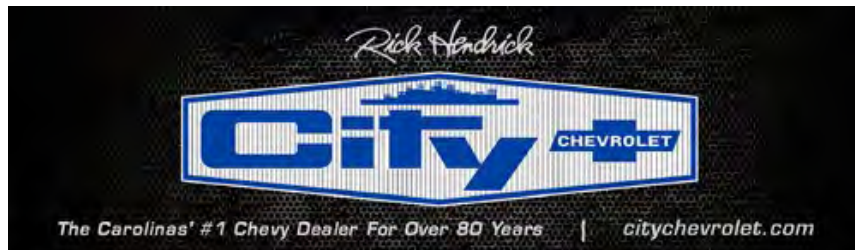
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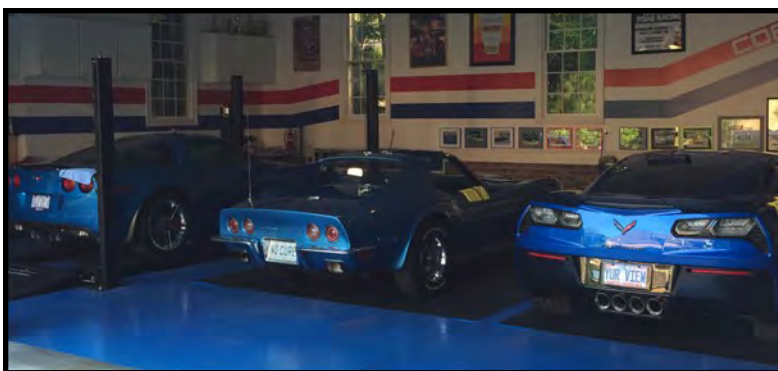
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PERPETUAL EMOTION MACHINES

President's Message:

R E S P E C T

Bill Cruthis

I know I am bright enough to acknowledge that it takes all of us to make this planet work. After all, who amongst us has not at one time or another needed a good plumber, electrician, policeman, fireman, doctor or even a good pharmacist? All of us are good at something. The danger for some is when we step outside our field of expertise. For me it had to do with passion for my '71, a curiosity of just what makes it tick, and a little bit looking for that satisfaction of being able to say, "I did that". Now that the interior is gutted and only the carpet has been replaced, I can report the following: I have learned a lot. While this may have been an engineering marvel in 1971, by today's standards it is a poor effort. There are places on the dash you need to reach that a third grader's hand would be too big to get the job done. Why would you make a dash so difficult to remove knowing that if anything breaks you must remove it all to fix it (i.e. any bulb, the tach and speedo cables, any gauge, any heat/air problems)? When you have a 45 year old car that has had 4 other owners and been "restored" at least once, you will find all sorts of strange "fixes" done in all sorts of manner. It is satisfying to correct all these and know that in your lifetime it will not have to be done again. As the final part of the dash was removed, the '71 had had enough. Similar to how I feel near the end of any dental visit. At that time it proceeded to bite me in the back causing a herniated disc, which so far has led to appointments with 3 different doctors and looking forward 3 steroid shots and possibly surgery. I know at night the '71 tells the 2 Z06s that is how you handle him. Now what have I learned? Perhaps at my age I should go a little slower, not get in positions where I have to twist and turn to get out (under the dash). And perhaps most importantly ask for a little help from my Corvette family. I knew this would be a big undertaking, and I just did not do enough planning.

So I will impart some new found wisdom. Stay within your skill level when you take on new projects. I now have a much bigger respect for many of you who have been down this and similar roads. Just to mention a few: Tommy Loftin, John Callahan, Rich Harmon, Brad Dusterhoft, Travis Meredith, Darrell Kirkley, Fred Rice, Steve Pelchat, Andy Molodovich, Kenny Watts and Reggie Black. I apologize to many more I am forgetting, but I salute you all. As they say, walk a mile in another man's shoes. I think I have walked a marathon. It will all get done, just the calendar will have to be lengthened before the unveiling occurs. What is done looks good, kind of like hanging wallpaper. Each new strip gives you a glimpse of the end

product, and that gives you the fever to continue. Speaking of fever, we always talk about Corvette Fever, you better get a good dose before you start. To all those who have been down this road before, I say kudos and a job well done. To those who want to hire it done, I hope your bank account has the decimal point way to the right, as these are not projects you can rush and at \$80 to \$100 per hour wages it will add up quickly.

Now for you chrome lovers, of which I am one. Remember in high school when you got a flat tire, how embarrassing it was to put that spare tire on with the black rim? Three chromes and one black. It told everyone you could not afford a chrome spare rim. These days we have folks driving around with 4 black rims. How embarrassing for them. I am sure they will tell us chrome guys to just chrome it!

I now see how quickly we can be unable to drive, so let's get those hot rods out there in the left lane and hammer down.



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Tales and Trails from Up Yonder

Paul Mitchell, Vice President

We have had our annual Loftin spring picnic and the Bash is over, so it is full tilt time to get out in our Corvettes and enjoy the next several months of beautiful weather, beautiful roads, beautiful cars, and beautiful people. So here we go!

First, as usual, the Bash was a blast. Over 60 people in 36 cars, making the annual trek to Bowling Green. Some heavy rain storms, but all arrived safely. We saw the new Grand Sport, very impressive. And many of us saw for the first time the new display commemorating the sinkhole experience. It is really done well, and captures lots of interesting details. As always, the best part of the Bash is meeting new people and enjoying good times with fellow QCCC members. It is so much fun to walk around and run into familiar faces everywhere you go. Everyone always enjoys this trip, but especially the members that were there for the first time were amazed. Put this on your list for next year.

Coming up next is our meeting we call “Corvettes in the Round” on May 14. You will receive a flyer to type in your name and print out, and put on your windshield. This is an opportunity to see our own members’ cars. Many have gotten new cars in the last year, so you will see lots of fresh Corvette faces. As I write this, one week before the meeting, the weather looks great.

May 21 is the SRI Corvette show at their facility in Mooresville. Queen City partnered with SRI to choose the date, the participants, and the charity. We will be supporting Purple Heart Homes, a very worthwhile organization that helps wounded veterans with house updates for accessibility, house procurement, and home financing. The hours are 9 to 1. Please try to attend this show. Many of our friends in other clubs will be joining us. Besides, race week starts that weekend, so Charlotte traffic will not be fun. Drive up north to Mooresville for a good cause. And fun with Corvette friends.

The next weekend is the Myrtle Beach show. We usually have a good group attend this show, and what can be better than Myrtle Beach, summer weather, and a Corvette.

Our June meeting will be at the Speedway Club, with dinner option at the Club after the meeting. Look for sign-up sheets at the May meeting.

July we return to SRI for our meeting. As we did last year, we will have several activities to enjoy, plus dyno runs for up to 5 cars. More details coming soon.

We have many opportunities to enjoy our cars and hang out with our best friends – Queen City Corvette Club members. Watch for Blasts with all the details in the coming weeks. We’ve got a fun summer planned. Don’t miss a thing.

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



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Calendar Snapshot of Planned Events for the Next Few Months:

May		
6	Floyd VA Tour	Details & Information
14	QCCC Business Meeting	Details & Information
21	All Corvette Invitational Car Show	Details & Information
28	Shelton Vineyard's Vettes for Vets	Details & Information
June		
3-4	Corvettes at Myrtle Beach	Details & Information
4	Streetside Classics Car Show	
11	QCCC Business Meeting	Details & Information
July		
2	Troutman Independence Day Parade and Celebration	Details & Information
9	QCCC Business Meeting	
14-17	QCCC National Covette Museum Visit	See Paul Mariano
August		
13	QCCC Business Meeting	
20	Combined Corvette Club Tailgate and Baseball Game	Details & Information
25-28	Corvettes at Carlisle, Details & Information	On Your Own



Bonino Banter

– The Social Scene

We had a great, busy April for QCCC!

Our [Annual Picnic](#) was a HUGE SUCCESS!!! We had upwards of 150 members and guests attend Tommy and Brenda's Catered BBQ Picnic/ Meeting on their beautiful property. This setting lends itself to being so relaxing and so much fun to see everyone's cars much less Tommy's collection and garage filled with a lot of memobilia. A big round of thanks for all of those who helped to make it happen!

Next was a Day Trip to [Muddy River Rum Distillery](#) in Belmont. While this isn't much to look at on the outside – inside it was done so well. The husband and wife team that own this distillery are obviously hard workers and have a passion for what they do! This couple kept their day jobs yet decided to follow their passion. They labored over the recipe first, then proceeded to acquire in 2011 500 square feet in an old textile mill right on the “muddy” Catawba River, thus where the name came from. They produced 35 bottles of rum a day over the weekends at first. By 2013 they were off and running and took the leap to quit their day jobs to run the Distillery full-time. They expanded their space in the same mill and soon were producing 300 bottles a day. The laws have now changed so those who go to the Distillery can purchase one bottle to take home. They have an awesome set-up, tasting area and gift shop!!! We all LOVED their Rum and I am sure will pass the word to others. We visited a small brewery close by – [Rivermen Brewery](#) – who are in the process of building a big brewery/ restaurant to hold 200-300 people in downtown Belmont. We will have to go check it out once it is open. For dinner we sat outside at [The String Bean Restaurant](#) in downtown Belmont and finished out our day.

There are so many smaller towns in the surrounding areas to Charlotte who have interesting things to do and see. I will be trying to find some others we can take a day trip to and learn what they have to offer for us.

Then....a whole bunch of us went up to [The National Corvette Museum for the Annual Bash](#). At this particular celebration they unveil the new Corvette models for us to drool over including many new features and an amazing galore of new colors. They also have real interesting speakers, an award night for those who have contributed to the museum. Our Club as a whole was presented with an award for our multiple supports that we gave to the museum this past year as well as day trips and tours of the Corvette Plant. Of course the best part of the trip is meeting lots of neat Corvette folks from all over. One gal chose to go to the Bash for her 50th wedding anniversary instead of Hawaii!!! This is how close people are to their passion for their cars, but also to each other! A big thanks to Paul and Barbara Mariano for their wonderful Leadership in organizing this trip and Peggy Wood for organizing a fantastic dinner at Montana Grill the first night we arrived. Even the torrential rain going up and at dinner didn't stop us from having fun and even hanging out in the Hotel lobby every evening to just “Chat and Kibitz”.

May looks to be almost as busy with our Car Show in the Round at the May Meeting, SRI all Corvette Car Show on the 21st and then the Shelton Winery Car Show May 28th. Sign-ups for all of these events will be at the meetings.

Let's continue to get our cars out of the garage and drive them! Life is too short not to have some fun along the way!!!

Pat



News from the Auto Desk

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- >It was COLD at Auto Fair
- > Songs that make you drive fast, really fast

...NOT JUST CORVETTE CLUB NEWS.....

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Our Car Show is ON!

After final discussion and questions at the April business meeting, the membership approved moving our car show date to October 15th. We will hold our show as usual, at Hendrick Motorsports Complex, and will continue to build on the successful shows we've had in the past. There will be a special guest this year, Bloomington Gold Shows will be at our show, holding their own mini-event in addition to our show and awards. We need you, our faithful membership, to volunteer and most importantly, to register your cars. Our goal this year is bigger and even better, 400 cars. We will begin to discuss volunteer opportunities as we move towards the October date, so be thinking about where you would like to help out. We're also looking to triple our vendors, adding more and different foods, more stuff to shop and buy; bigger and better goodie bags; and a silent auction that will break all club records as we raise funds for our charities. We're in discussion with additional sponsors and will keep you, the membership, informed as we make decisions that benefit the show, our charities and QCCC. Check it out at www.allchevyshow.org



Auto Fair, Car Care Day and Shelton Vineyards

Auto Fair, just a little bit cold....but we had a great turn-out, a great crowd of visitors, lots of time to socialize and hangout together. Let me list the Winners for you:

C-1 Kelly Cross C-2 John Meadows C-3 Fred Rice C-4 Mike Bullard C-5 Steve Harshbarger C-6 Brian and Michelle Moore and C-7 winner was Eric Matthews. Brian and Michelle represented QCCC as the Best of Show Winner in the Speedway

Competition. The People's Choice Winner was Michael Mariano, 1st runner up was Brad Dusterhoft and 2nd runner up went to Danny and Elaine Bass. George Manghis won the President's Award. Great time.

April 23rd was the most recent Car Care Day at the Kruse Garage and we had another great turn-out. Everyone needs to come out and hang out with Brian, the guys and John "Jiffy Lube" Jensen.

Who didn't enjoy the food, the friends, the business meeting and the great weather at the April BBQ Picnic at the Loftins? Prizes, awards, giveaways, food, Corvettes everywhere.

Shelton Vineyards is coming soon, Saturday, May 28th, that will be discussed more at May's monthly business meeting.



John 'Jiffy Lube' Jensen

Songs that make you drive fast, really fast.

Our song of the month comes from a Dutch band, one with a catchy name and an even catchier song title. It's about a long-distance relationship, long before cell phones, texts, emails, tweets, snapchat, hash tags, whatever, and the connection you find with THE girl.

It's about a guy driving all night, pushing that pedal down to get to

his baby 'cos she needs him there. *And it's a half-past four and I'm shiftin' gears.* Who doesn't recognize the intro, then the snare drum, the singer starts and the song hits you: *I've been driving all night, my hands wet on the wheels.....*

Founded in 1961, Golden Earring blasted up the Top 40 charts in the Summer of 1973 with this

month's song that makes you drive fast, really really fast. Everyone knows and recognizes *Radar Love* as soon as the guitars come blasting out of the speaker.

Add it to your playlist and crank it up. You'll find yourself singing along, drumming on the steering wheel and thinking about that girl and *that voice in your head that drives my heel...*

*I've been drivin' all night, my hands are wet on the wheel; there's a voice in my head that drives my heel...
My baby called said I need you here, it's half past four and I'm shifting gears....
When she gets lonely and the longing gets too much, she sends a cable coming in from above.
Don't need a phone at all-
We got a thing that's called RADAR LOVE, we've got a wave in the air, RADAR LOVE.*

As we enter the month of May, we look forward to club activities on the schedule, time well-spent with Corvette friends and summer vacations with family. Our car show is one of the major events of our calendar year and takes a lot of time, thought and energy. Please be thinking of where you can volunteer, helping to make this our most successful show yet. Bill and Ann Houck will be parking a LOT more cars this year, John Callahan is already losing sleep thinking about judging twice as many cars,

Michelle Moore is thinking of ways to make registration even better than last year, Paul Mitchell is looking for food trucks and merchandise vendors, and Cindy Peoples is tearing up the internet looking for goodie-bag items. Gwen will be coordinating the Heritage Center tours. Keith Cross will be helping to keep everyone in the right place. Any ideas or thoughts in these areas please pass them on to me or the team captain. This car show will take the army of QCCC to accomplish and I know that will not be a problem.

With the Car Show website up and running, there will be business cards for you to pick up at the May meeting. These will have the QCCC logo on one side and the car show website and show date on the other side. Take some and pass them out to people you think would be interested in attending the best car show in the Southeast US, the 5th Annual Queen City All Chevy Charity Car Show.

Just a few thoughts and quotes about Life as we close

Life isn't about how you just survive the storm, it's about how you dance in the rain.

Life always offers you a second chance, it's called tomorrow.

A celebrity is a person who works hard all his life to become well-known, then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.

I'm old enough to know better, but young enough to do it anyway.

Let's hope that we all stay young enough.....

Not gonna catch us because we are the Midnight Rider- Gary and Gwen

QCCC Cornerstones



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



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!
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Jerry & Teresa Boger
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Johnny Reavis & Melissa Loftin
1989 White Convertible



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"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world." ~J.R.R. Tolkien

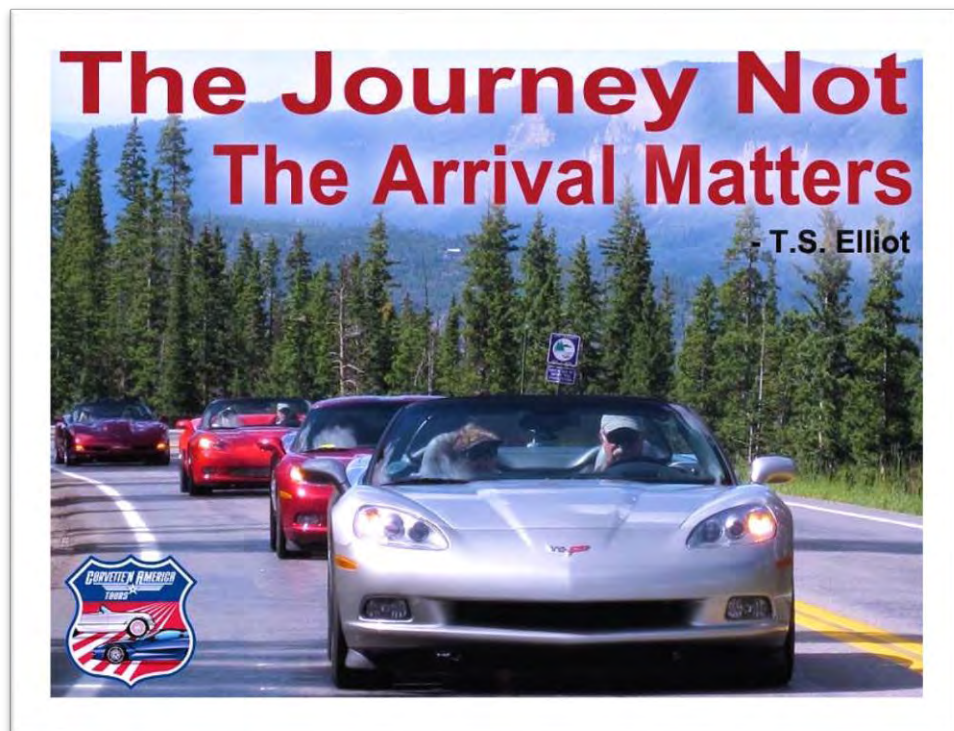
"A Real Good Time" -

I cranked the car Monday morning to run some errands and my iPod began playing a song I hadn't heard in some time. In the early 70's, a comedian / entertainer named Jim Stafford had a song out called "A Real Good Time". Stafford was popular during this period for his songwriting, TV Variety Show, and comedy. He had appeared

frequently on the *Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*, had written songs for Clint Eastwood movies, George Jones and Jerry Reed and was also married to *Bobbie Gentry* of "Ode to Billy Joe" fame, which didn't hurt his growing notoriety. His first album included the song "A Real Good Time" and was about a very naive "good ole boy" named Jim who found himself looking for some fun in a strange town on a Saturday night. He decided to invest a dime in dialing the number of *Lucille*, a woman whose name and number he had found scribbled on a phone booth wall. Included with her name and number were the words "for a real good time" and it was followed by a list of things Lucille would do to show you "a real good time". It never occurred to Jim that someone else had probably written Lucille's name and number there as a very bad joke. To make a long story short, Lucille answered, was not amused, and ask Jim where he was. Jim gladly told Lucille exactly what street he was on. Lucille promised to be right over to show him "a real good time". The cops showed up, however, arrested Jim for making obscene phone calls (apparently Jim wasn't the only poor sucker who had found themselves in that phone booth and dialed Lucille's number but was the only one who gave away his location) and carted him off to jail. Before they locked ole Jim up, they gave him his one phone call. Remembering that number from the phone booth, Jim decided to call Lucille back. When she answered, he said "Lucille, me and you got an all together different idea about a real good time."

Stay with me now, I'm making a point. The song reminded me that we all have ideas of what a real good time is. I think those of us who ventured to the NCM Bash in Bowling Green saw again how much fun a group of Queen City Corvetters could have getting together on a trip. The smiles were certainly a give-away. If you look at the photos on the website, the smiles you see were not posed. The QCCC clan took advantage of some road excursions to exotic Kentucky places, sat in on very interesting and informative seminars, got touchy-feely with the 2017 Grand Sports, shared stories in the hotel lobby until the wee hours, and even had some time left over for the Fruit of the Loom Outlet.

We want to thank Paul & Barbara for once again putting together a superb, well-planned trip. We also thank each and every one of you who went along on the adventure, especially those going for the first time. Your presence made it much fun for the rest of us.



At events we attend when an announcement is made about the number of people and Corvettes QCCC has in attendance, you can see the surprise in the faces of the other attendees. Our group just knows how to have fun and we continue to grow because the fun is contagious. Each of you are to be thanked for making it fun. You are the reason QCCC continues to be the fun destination club for Corvette Enthusiasts. Keep having fun and enjoy the journey.

Chris Wood, Membership Director



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

Another NCM Bash has come and gone and the QCCC was a major part of it. With nearly seventy of our members on the prowl throughout the Corvette Store, symposiums, raffles and the vendor tents, QCCC was indeed a force at the Bash. I make a special note of the Corvette Store as I observed some members making several loaded down trips out of the store to the parking lot. I am going to suggest that the Store stock a neat item called the NCM wheelbarrow. Just think how many parking lot trips that would prevent. The weather was generally accommodating which allowed the HPDE participants to get in their two days of high speed fun and games. The rain occurred in the evenings and nights and, of course, during the Bash Banquet on Saturday evening. But no rain anywhere at any time can compare to the rainstorm we hit just east of Asheville on the way home. Forget seeing the hood of your car; you couldn't see through the windshield. With hail and wind, this was the worse storm I have ever driven in. Any rain storm after this experience will just be called a drizzle. Typical weather for a Bowling Green trip.

We now have fourteen cars signed up for the QCCC trip to the NCM in July. As previously reported, there are only 25 rooms available for our club as that is the same weekend as Corvette Homecoming and hotel rooms are at a premium. If you plan on attending this event, do not tarry as you may have to bring a tent.

The NCM does not receive any financial support from General Motors and its viability and future depends solely on donations and support from Corvette owners, Corvette clubs and commercial sponsors. Every membership, raffle ticket, store purchase, brick purchase or personal donations keeps the dream alive. I hope that every Corvette owner would feel a sense of pride and a desire for the museum to continue to exist and grow in the future. So please put the NCM at the top of your charitable giving and support it in any way you can.

It's parking lot banner time at the museum and I hope the Board will see fit to once again agree to purchase one for our club. Let a Board Member know that you support buying a banner.

Please notice the number of NCM members in the Box Score below. Compared to other clubs, we are outstanding in our support. The Duntov Society is those who have remembered the NCM in their estate plans and the Spire Society is for those whose gifts have exceeded \$25,000 over the past ten years. I know we can do better as I see avid Corvette enthusiasts all through the club and if those that have never visited the museum would make just one trip, I know they would be hooked for life.

BOX SCORE

Save the Wave
Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador

No. of QCCC Family Units	177
No. of NCM Members	102 (57.6%)
No. of Lifetime Members	35
No. of Duntov Society Members	4
No. of Spire Members	4

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



The Vintage Circle

With the recent addition of Dollar Bill Ingram and wife Joni the circle is almost complete. The only 70's member left in the area still owning a Corvette is past president Melvin Pace ('85 and '89). We have been in touch with Melvin and his '68 427/435 is still in his basement and he has thoughts of getting it back on the road, so maybe one day he can join us. The Vintage Gang recently paused to look back in amazement that these 5 close friends of 40+ years ago find themselves still attached at the hip. The fact that after all the families being raised, kids, then grandkids, after all the job changes, moving away then moving back, after all the other tugs on our free time we still choose to spend Saturday night at the QCCC meeting with our Corvette family is astonishing. It goes to show the power of Corvette Fever. You see, with Corvette Fever nothing ever changes. No Cure, only Treatment. This is especially true given the fact that after the government created the EPA the Corvette went thru some decades of hard times. Bill and Joni having owned the Hummer Dealership in Charlotte, have owned and driven almost every exotic car ever made, including Mercedes, Ferrari, BMW, Porsche, Audi, Bentley and others. Yet I have not seen them this excited about an automobile as they are with their new Z06, since one of their first Corvettes, which was a '67. There have been some nice Corvettes in their garage between the two, so this is a pretty good testament to Chevrolet that they got the C7 right.

At the Loftin's picnic last night I was struck by all the outpouring of love, friendship, and happiness, all brought about by Corvette Fever. I don't know what has caused all the problems of our country currently, but I am a firm believer if everyone owned a Corvette, most of the problems would just go away. There is just something about Corvette Fever that just binds us so tightly that it can never be undone. I know there are other close knit groups, many thru your Church, and certainly many with military friends as you will always be close to those who have your back literally. There are fraternity bonds in college, sports fan bonds, entertainer bonds and many others. However it is my belief that you will not find any tighter bond than with your Corvette family. So much gets done behind the scenes with no expectation of recognition. Last night somebody got the tables and chairs there, the porta johns, the ice, the drinks. We decide at the last minute to move the board tables outside, and 5 minutes later they are there complete with audio. Then after the meeting within 20 minutes, except for transporting the tables back and removing the trash bags, you could not tell we were ever there.

Looking back, the 70's were no different. That is why back then a club of 30 couples could put on a national convention, including high speed events at CMS, autocross, concourse, road rally, and nightly entertainment. It has taken a lot of folks to get QCCC to where it is today, but one thing has not changed and that is the quality of the members. The return of Bill and Joni just reminds us of how we got started and how important they were to the formative years of QCCC. They were part of the reason others came and stayed, and behind the scenes they were always there pitching in, expecting no recognition. Now we will have even more tales from the past to share with the membership about our formative years. They joined in '73 and Bill was treasurer in '75, then he was the driving force behind us getting incorporated in '76. The Vintage Gang is sure glad to have them back and if we can get Melvin a shot of Corvette Fever then the circle will be unbroken.

You come because of the car, you stay because of the people!

Submitted By: Bill Cruthis

QCCC Members & Guests Photos

Many More on the Web Site...Click [Here](#) for Link







From Track to Street --- **Corvettes In Racing**



From the Corvette Racing website:

MONTEREY, Calif. (May 1, 2016) – Corvette Racing ended its early-season IMSA campaign with fourth- and seventh-place finishes in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class in the Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix, results that were good enough for America's premier GT racing team and Chevrolet to retain their Driver, Manufacturer and Team points lead heading to the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen led Corvette Racing's efforts Sunday at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in the No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R. It was their best result since finishing second to open the season in the Rolex 24 At Daytona. Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin in the No. 4 Corvette C7.R finished high enough in the order to keep their championship advantage.

LeMans 24 Hour Viewing Party

When: June 18, 2016 @ 7:00 am – June 19, 2016 @ 10:30 am

Where: National Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Dr., Bowling Green, KY 42101

Cost: \$100.

You can almost be there by going to the Corvette Museum and watching all 24 hours on the big screen. You will also get to talk to the drivers and others via skype. You will not want to miss this experience. See the link below for your tickets and times.

http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/lemans-24-hour-viewing-party/?instance_id=533

NOTE:!!!!!!! We just wanted you to know that the Corvette Corral for VIR and Petit Le Mans are available and you can buy your tickets NOW!!!!

Don't wait too long or they will be gone. You can still attend the race but the Corral tickets go fast.

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt





**May 14th, 2016 Business Meeting
Announcement**

*****Bring your own Chairs***
**Hopewell Presbyterian Church
10500 Beaties Ford Road
Huntersville, N. C. 28078****

“Corvettes in the Round”

**We will be parking our cars in a “car show”
fashion so we can have a mini QCCC car show
prior to the meeting (no judging)**

***Special note about parking*
Coming from the south go in the first entrance
Coming from the north take the 2nd entrance - take bottom entrance
towards the back.**

**Come early to enjoy the QCCC Car Show
Meeting outside (weather permitting)**

**Social Time: 4:30-5:30 pm
Meeting Time 5:30-6:45 pm**

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!!

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