



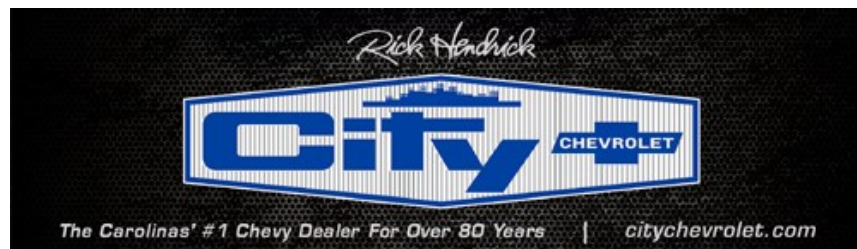
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The **Queen City Corvette Gazette** is the official newsletter of the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), established in 1968, and is electronically published and distributed monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC. Additional information regarding QCCC is available at our website: www.queencitycorvette.com. 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. After an initiation fee of \$10.00 per person, club dues are \$100 per year to be paid semiannually or annually. These dues go to cover the cost of programs, events, running the club, and subsidizing the cost of our meetings. Club officers and supporting staff serve as volunteers. To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must be at least 21 years of age, own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings within a twelve-month period. Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts! For additional membership information, visit <http://queencitycorvette.com/Membership/> or contact our Membership Director at membership@queencitycorvette.com. We would love to have you join us for a monthly business meeting. If you can't join us, please WAVE!

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PERPETUAL EMOTION MACHINES

President's Message: It's A Small World After All!

Bill Cruthis

A couple of years ago over a glass of wine with everybody's favorite person, Ben Hinson, the subject of my '65 red roadster came up. One item led to another and we soon each found out that we had a mutual acquaintance all the way back to the mid '70s. Then we discovered that not only did I know his ex-brother-in-law, but that both of us were in a huge back yard cookout at said person's home in Myers Park in the mid '70's. What a strange alignment of the stars. Then last week I was searching for a suitable place to have the seat covers replaced for my '71 and at Up Yonder dinner I ask Reggie Black for advice. (You see I am convinced that from I-85 North, Reggie and Tommy are in the know. Charlotte proper my money would be on Mr. Darrell Kirkley.) Anywho, Reggie at once said Fred Rice at Classic Rides in Denver. As a side note: This place is awesome. They have over 60 muscle cars there at any given time. I plan to organize a couple of mid-week club day trips for you to see. I think Fred said he could handle about 20 folks each time. So I called Fred on Tuesday and took the seats and new foam/covers up. The seats are done except for the new bump stops I have coming, but the day I took them in, there was Reggie working on his '34 Caddy. Come to find out Reggie bought the Caddy from Rick Hendrick and is making himself a street rod. He has pulled the motor/tranny out (all 6 feet long of it) and is proceeding to work on the frame. If you can imagine in 1934 the Caddy motor was two inline 6 cylinders sitting side by side. Only American imagination would provide that. Now Fred and Reggie invited me to lunch which was the first time I had really had a quiet moment to learn some small tidbits about these two members. I can tell you now that Reggie is a Charlotte native raised in the Derita area and was busy chasing hot rods in the mid '70s about the time two of our vintage members, Darrell Kirkley and Travis Meredith were doing the same. I would put money on a bet they were both at one of the two north Central Shoney drive-ins on many of the same Saturday nights. Especially with Travis street racing his Comet and known as the North Charlotte Kid. Then Fred proceeds to show me photos of a car in his neighborhood with a mountain of junk piled on it in an old shed. All that was visible of this barn find was the passenger headlight stuck in the up position so you knew it was a C-2.

When I returned home I spent some time reflecting on what a fascinating and diverse group of folks we have in QCCC. As busy as we are and with the little bit of time we have to interact each month, there are a lot of stories going untold. I love being involved with my Corvette Family and I am yielding the reigns to a new President next January. So here is the result of my refection...

Perhaps I will pursue a way to gather some of these untold stories and spread the word so that all may enjoy getting to know the Family. Of course with your permission, which I did not do with this article. The talent, the knowledge, the diversity and the history of our group, I find fascinating so look for me to spread the word. Stay tuned.

Now the weather has broken, the calendar is overrun with events, day trips, meetings, dinners...



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Tales and Trails from Up Yonder

Paul Mitchell, Vice President

As we head into summer, the smile on the faces of QCCC members and their Corvettes is contagious. We have already had some really good activities, and we've certainly got many more to go. The Corvettes in the Round meeting was great. The parking lot was full of beautiful cars, and we attracted some new members as they drove by. It's great to have an opportunity to see our own cars, and to see who has gotten something new. The next weekend was the SRI car show in Mooresville. There was a total of 43 cars that came, from QCCC, Road Runners, Foothills, Plastic Cars, and several individuals. We ran 2 cars on the dyno, which is always a fun (and a little nerve wracking) experience. The best part is that we gave nearly \$400 to Purple Heart Homes, a very worthwhile charity. Plan on attending this show next year, as we want to keep it going.

Now we have the June meeting at the Speedway Club, one of our favorite locations, with an optional very good dinner afterwards. In July we are returning to SRI in Mooresville, and we have many activities planned for the day. Visit the NC Auto Racing Hall of Fame (at a special reduced QCCC price), visit DC Classic cars next door, come early for a BBQ lunch and more dyno pulls. We will also have a special tour lined up. Watch for details on a Blast in the next couple weeks.

That takes us just halfway through the summer! Lots more to come, so be sure to keep up with the calendar and the Blasts coming your way.

We continue to have many potential members to come to our meetings. Please do all you can to welcome these people, talk to them about our activities and the fun we have. Do all you can to make them feel comfortable, especially at their first meeting. Find out some common ground with them, and introduce them to other members. We have a very good success rate of getting visitors to join the club, and that's all because of you.

See you on the road, driving the best car in the world!

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:

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 Corvette 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
September		
8/31-9/4	National Corvette Museum - Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction	See Paul Mariano
10	QCCC Annual BBQ & Business Meeting	Details & Information
24-25	AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway	



Bonino Banter

– The Social Scene

We just returned from a fabulous Vettes for Vets Car Show put on by The Shelton Winery and RTD Corvette Car Club. This winery is on beautiful land up near Dobson, N.C. We not only enjoyed a perfect weather day with wonderful folks, and gorgeous cars, but we did some wine tasting, picnicking with lots of talking and sharing tales!!!

I must share also about an awesome way to have our regular May Meeting...Paul Mitchell our VP came up with an idea to meet outside in a large parking lot at one of our member's church. By doing this we actually put on display all of own cars for each other to enjoy! "Meeting in the Round"!!!

Speaking of car shows, we have lots of them on the calendar throughout the rest of the year. We are a Car Club so this makes perfect sense...yet for the gals we always need to look for "variety" to be able to offer.

We have lots of talented folks amongst us and some of them have spoken up to offer to teach some classes...Professional Bow Making, Line Dancing and even How to Make Baklava. We will poll the membership to see just how much interest there is, then get them on the books. We continue to have our monthly Ladies Luncheon (the men have one, too). And many times we go to organized dinners after the meetings which I for one think is a real treat!!!

We need to remember that our fun is for everyone - men and women alike! While the guys have so much to talk about concerning their cars and latest products to keep them shiny, us gals offer a tremendous amount of support to each other! This quote below is so true for us gals.

"The Circles of Women" around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we're weak and sing with us when we are strong"! Sark – Breathe it in.

Pat

News from the Automotive Desk



As you can tell from the temperatures, Summertime is here. Who knows how hot is really was on Memorial Day Saturday at Shelton Vineyards. But, we still had a great time, a great turnout and a great time together. We left the rest stop on I-77 at 8:15, right on time after our driver's meeting, and made our way up the highway, 32 beautiful Corvettes strong. I said I wasn't going to go faster than 60mph but that didn't last long. It was a fun drive for me, leading the pack for the finest Corvette Club in the Southeast US up I-77 to Shelton Vineyards. Check out the QCCC website and view all the pictures from the day's activities. Add this event to your calendar for next year, it's a really nice one-day event.

Over the winter, I rebuild of the interior 77 coupe. The justice, you have to yourself. Your first thought would be, 'wow- that's as good a new', but no, it's better than new. Now, we have the engine and transmission out and he is deep

And the Rebuild Begins

chronicled for you the of Brad Dusterhoff's pictures did it no see his interior for

into the rebuild process. I say 'we', but all I do is hand him wrenches and work the jack.

As he takes the motor apart, there are more things to fix, clean or replace. The goal is to have it ready for the Troutman Independence Day Parade on Saturday, July 2nd. I better get to work on the jack. Tune in next month for pictures of the completed rebuild.



Songs that make you drive fast, really really fast

Our song that makes you drive really fast this month comes from 1963. It's from one of those groups that everybody loves. It was originally on the album *Surfer Girl* by one of the most iconic groups of all time, *the Beach Boys*, and our song this

Well I'm not braggin' babe so don't put me down, but I've got the fastest set of wheels in town.

When something comes up to me he don't even try, cause if I had a set of wings I know that she could fly...she's my little deuce coupe, you don't know what I got.

Just a little deuce coupe with a flat head mill, But she'll walk a Thunderbird like it's standing still.

She's ported and relieved and she's stroked and bored, she'll do a hundred-forty with the top end floored. She's my little deuce coupe, you don't know what I've got.

month is *The Little Deuce Coupe*. Did you know or maybe remember, that *Little Deuce Coupe* was the 'B' side of the June 1963 45rpm release of *Surfer Girl*? The 1932 Ford Coupe, when cut, chopped and rebuilt, was considered by many to be THE Hot Rod Car. Here's the lyrics in the box, find it on iTunes and buy it, add it to your playlist and enjoy with the wind blowing in your hair.....

That's all for this month, Gwen and I will see you at the June Meeting at The Speedway Club (yay, our side of town!!!) and at the dinner after the meeting.

A Few Quotes for the Month

Don't count the days, make the days count.....*Muhammad Ali*

Reality continues to ruin my life.....*Bill Watterson, creator of Calvin and Hobbes*

We have to dare to be ourselves, however frightening or strange that self may prove to be.....*May Sarton*

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

Gary and Gwen

QCCC Cornerstones



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Each new member had a choice. Thank you for choosing to join Queen City Corvette Club! You make it more fun for us all!

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die". ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

June 6, 1944. I usually attempt to bestow some words of wisdom, pass on a humorous story, or otherwise try to entertain you for a few minutes while you peruse this page in the monthly newsletter. This month I'd just like to show you a photo taken at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Va., and ask you to simply take a moment and remember those who put our freedom above all else throughout our Nation's history. Also, I'd like to thank our members who are Veterans, served our country, and those who lost a family member in conflict. May our generation find a way to teach our children the sacrifices made by so many so that they, too, may never forget.

Chris Wood, Membership Director



UPDATED MEMBER DIRECTORY

Thanks to Paul Pelkey, we now have a **new and improved member directory** which includes member photos and member car information. This directory is for members only, should be kept private and should not be used to solicit business. We have a picture for the majority of members, but still have some gaps to fill.

If we are missing your picture, or you'd like us to use a different picture, you can use our member upload gallery on SmugMug at the following link:

<http://qcccphoto.smugmug.com/upload/rZ6vZk/QCCCMemberGallery><<http://qcccphoto.smugmug.com/QCCPhoto/n-vZX4k/>

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Also, please take the time to review the car information listed to ensure the information is up to date. If changes are needed, please send an email with details of what has changed to: photo@queencitycorvette.com<<mailto:photo@queencitycorvette.com>> .

Thanks,

Karin Mariano





National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

What? It's June already? Seems as if I just did this column for May and here I am struggling for another month. So, let's get the essentials out of the way and then we will take it from there.

I guess we have peaked out for the QCCC club trip to the NCM in July at nineteen (19) cars. If anyone else wants to join us for the festivities, I need to know right away as the hotel needs our unused rooms for that weekend. The Corvette Homecoming organization is convening on that weekend and rooms are at a premium.

It appears that the Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame event will also be a sellout in September. I was able to secure twenty-five (25) rooms and I have been requested to return any unused rooms as soon as possible. I have commitments for two reserved (pre-paid) tables for the HOF dinner with two standbys. I will not reserve another table until I get requests from four more couples. Prime locations for the tables are going fast so it's imperative you let me know quickly.

Now for the non-essential. How about some NCM facts that some may not know? 1) The idea for a Corvette museum began in 1988. 2) The museum was completed and opened in 1994. 3) The museum nearly entered bankruptcy and closed the doors in 1996. The donation of a Corvette from GM for a raffle generated enough revenue to stave off the closure. No further GM financial help has been offered since. All income is now generated from the membership and the NCM is one of the most financially stable auto museums without corporate support. 4) The NCM can only grow and prosper with your support by continuing your membership, purchase of bricks, and purchase of raffle tickets. Any donation of any kind will ensure the viability of the museum into the future.

And finally, I keep iterating the fact that you cannot appreciate, nor understand, how you can become involved with the NCM until you visit it. Won't you join us soon?

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

BOX SCORE

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



Wide-Eyed Excitement

I arrived in Charlotte from Central Illinois in December of 1974. This was a few years before Danny Shaver-stein anointed me as Brillo Pad, thanks to my wicked Afro hairdo. Being from a small town of 7,000 and belonging to Central Illinois Corvette Club, I had no expectations upon my arrival. At first it seemed like two different worlds. From the cornfields of the Midwest to the hotbed of Nascar, only the automobiles seemed familiar. I had not been here long when I spent my first weekend at Charlotte Motor Speedway, "racing". I signed up as a corner worker so QCCC let me be the first car on the track. You raced in the direction of down pit road backward, then a 180 around a barrel, down the front straight, left onto the road course, around the road course then back down the front straight backwards. I had my '63 split window coupe on my heavy old trailer. The car at the time had a 4:11 rear and was pushing more than the advertised 340 hp. So I lit the tires up smoked it around the barrel showing off for my new Corvette Family. As I got to the road course entrance, the rear end let loose, gears grinding and after a complete 360 perilously close to the bank of tires holding back the concrete wall, there I sat clogging the race course. QCCC had to shut down everything, bring my rig and trailer, push the car on the trailer and clean the track. Now you would think that would strain a new friendship, but instead Billy Coats told me to bring the car to his shop and he had a 3:70 gear he would install for me. So two things happened. First, I was welcomed into the need for speed at QCCC and the Family, and second, I could not imagine that I was driving my car on a major racetrack. You do not have that opportunity in the Midwest. I remember telling the Corvette brothers back home about the experience and it got there attention. In December of '75 I returned for the annual Christmas Party at CIC and took with me rolls of footage of QCCC racing at CMS. During the band breaks I would show my films on the wall, but no one seemed to care.

A few must have been looking out of the corner of their eye, as in '76 I informed CIC that QCCC would be having the Corvette/Porsche Challenge in March. There were 7 Corvettes that traveled the 860 miles to participate, only one came on a trailer. I had a 3-bedroom house on Will Hill Road in Mint Hill at the time. I got Army cots from QCCC member George McLeod who had an Army/Navy Surplus Store on Central Avenue. I remember two of the guys took their cots and slept down by the stream in the woods, saying it was too crowded in the house. Jud Jamison was in charge of cooking breakfast when Tom Downing said he liked his eggs over easy, he was told he would eat scrambled just like everyone else. The day before the racing they all got to tuning their motors. At the time, Wilson Woods subdivision had two entrances, was shaped like a U with the long leg of the U being on Will Hill Dr. where I lived. This was the era of the c-b radio and we put it to good use. Once the cars were tuned we stationed one Corvette at each entrance of the subdivision. Then the guys would back down to the dead end past my house and let 'em fly, getting a couple of gears before shutdown. After several "runs" the guys at the front got on the c-b radios and said here come the cops. Some will remember the baby poop yellow county cars. I know Larry Miller will. Of course, by the

time they got to my house all of us were sitting on the porch and all the cars were in the drive. Round two: It did not last as long before “shut ‘em down, here they come”. Same result. Round Three: The final round. We barely got back to the driveway. The Policeman was a nice fellow, but his patience was wearing a little thin. We decided at that time the cars were ready for Charlotte Motor Speedway. This group came down again in ‘77 for the event and in ‘78 for the convention. It was good to mix members of the two clubs each learning from the other. I imagine they went back to the cornfields with the same wide-eyed excitement that I had from an opportunity to “race” at Charlotte Motor Speedway. One thing was consistent - both groups, CIC and QCCC, could drink a lot of beer. As our historian always says, “most of what we used to do would be a felony today.”

The good ol’ days of QCCC. Wish you could all have been there.

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**



LeMans is almost ready to be run. There will be four Corvette teams running at LeMans. Two Factory teams running in the GT Pro class and two running in the GTE Am class. The Larbre Competition and Team AAI are in the GTE Am class. Johnny OConnell will be driving the Team AAI car. Cadillac was kind to let him race LeMans once again. Be sure to tune in or better yet head to Bowling Green listed below. This is a race you do not want to miss.

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
USA

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





June 11, 2016 Business Meeting Announcement

Charlotte Motor Speedway
5555 Concord Parkway South
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More details to come

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