



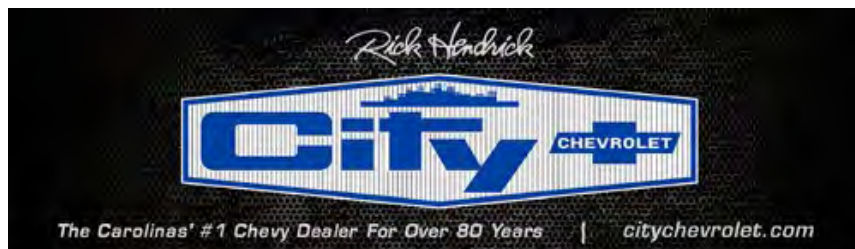
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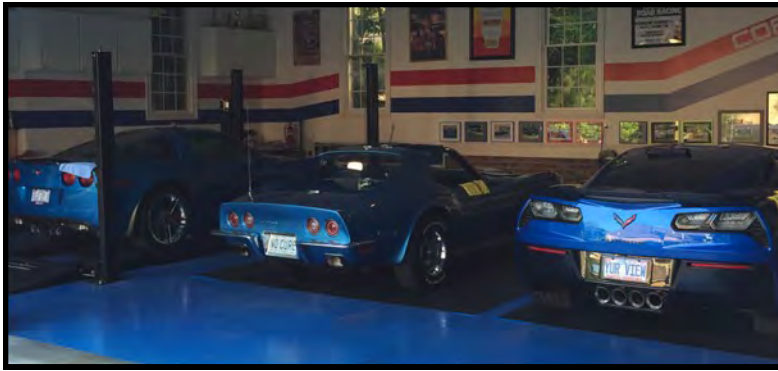
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PERPETUAL EMOTION MACHINES

President's Message: Ch Ch Ch Ch Changes

Bill Cruthis

There is a line in the David Bowie song, "every time I thought I got it made".

As my aunt prepares to turn 93 this month, she has become even more dug in to resist any change. This is a lady who remembers my ancestor's first car, which was put up on blocks yielding to the horse and buckboard to plow thru the heavy snows of the Midwestern winters. She remembers Pearl Harbor, the depression of '29, the first televisions, no indoor plumbing and her one room schoolhouse for grades 1 through 8. So why does she resist change? Today, it all looks better than the above for her from my vantage point.

Let's observe change. I have come to the conclusion that changes happen only for one of two reasons, either man's greed of money or man's greed of power. Peel back the onion on any new idea/invention and at the root cause will be one of the above. I also have observed that the desire for money and power totally move the world like nothing else. Sure the ideas/inventions will be disguised as making it better for mankind and often it does, but at the root someone is gaining power or money. So here is why I have had this in mind for some time now. As I age, I am getting more and more like my aunt. I have started to not want any more change either. Could it be that times were better without the changes? In most cases that would not be true. Then could it be that as I age I am finding that I cannot physically manipulate some of the changes and worse yet, has technology outpaced my mental capacity to grasp the changes? Physically, that would be very accurate. Mentally, I find that technology today is changing so rapidly that once you get behind, by the time you catch up it has changed again. The C-7 is so loaded with techno gadgets that I have already given up and I marvel at my Corvette family that dives into all that and loves it. I am stuck in the gas, clutch, brake, and radio days of the '70's.

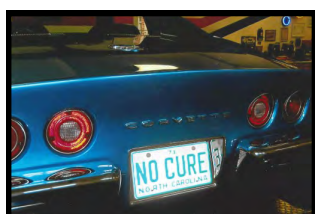
So when you resist change are there ever any victories? There will be a few, but know they will be temporary. I will give you one recent story. I hate the thought of self-driving cars. To me it is a loss of freedom and a pleasure that I have embraced for 53 years now. I don't hate many things, but this is one I truly hate. I am sorry a gentleman lost his life in this story. Last month a driverless Tesla car's telemetry mistook a big ol' 18-wheeler that was white for bright sky on the horizon and it directed the car right into the side of the truck. While this may not affect us instantly I think it will slow down this concept as the lawyers are going to have a field day. Who is going to settle up? Tesla for sure, the GPS company for sure, the supplier of the software for sure. Now multiply this out if all were driving these goofed up cars and maybe this is a change not needed.

One last thing I have observed - mankind generally does not get too involved in any issues that don't directly affect them. For example, the idea of taxing the rich seems good until they decide you are rich. The average person couldn't care less about driverless cars while us gear heads resist anything that takes the joy of driving out of our mitts. Therefore, change can be easily forced upon us as the masses do not resist until affected.

And now for the meat of all this. I may soon be forced to change again, but I am resisting. You all know that I am a chrome wheel guy. It is like an addiction. That means I am in for a struggle. This black wheel thing is a tough issue. I know many of you love them and I know they are hip, but I am slow to come around. I don't know who started the trend and why it was not resisted, but it looks like it is here to stay and I am headed towards a minority. I am aware beauty is in the eye of the beholder and thank God for the U.S.A. where we can pick and choose what we like. This change may soon rear its ugly head for me as I am planning to trade assets again, another two for one and become the proud owner of a grand sport as my daily driver. At my age why not drive what I desire every day? The problem is the one I want only comes with black wheels. Now, I can purchase chrome Z-06 wheels and switch them out for about \$4,000. No problem you say, but that money could be put to a more wise use, i.e. my prescriptions, the power bill, water bill, etc. Now if I seem deep in thought, just know I am struggling in my mind with ch ch ch ch changes.

The calendar is really full now, trip to Bowling Green, 48th birthday party for QCCC, Museum display, annual BBQ, Auto Fair, annual All Chevy Charity Car Show, Fall Colors Tour and Corvette Angels toy drive. So regardless the color of your wheels, get out there in the left lane and hammer down, before the changes overtake you.

P.S. Thanks to all for a great July meeting. It looks like the Past Their Prime Time Players are done and the Corvette Theatre may be boarded up.



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Tales and Trails from Up Yonder

Paul Mitchell, Vice President

It seems that it was only a few weeks ago I was really looking forward to spring weather and great Corvette drives. And now Labor Day is just weeks away. Time moves so fast, and it is almost scary. Remember when we were little and the 5 days before Christmas seemed like a year? When the last few days of school were longer than we could stand? When the months before we turned 16 and got our driver's license seemed like years? I guess it is all perspective, and at this stage of our life (well, at least a lot of us) time is more relevant, and we are more aware of its passing. As time passes, we need to do all we can to take advantage of what we can do to make the most of what we have left. And that is where QCCC plays a huge part.

We are so fortunate to have the opportunities to enjoy the best sports car in the world with the best people in the world, enjoying great roads, scenery, and yes, great restaurants. And QCCC enables us to do just that. So let's be sure to make the most of the good weather time we have left for the next few months.

Our birthday party at the Hendricks Team Center this Saturday will be a great celebration for our 48th year. Just a warm up to the 50th down the road. Then we have our annual BBQ at a new location that will amaze you. The October meeting will be at Streetside Classics' brand new location. Then we go to Auto Barn and some other attractions nearby. And we wrap up the year with our Christmas party.

But in addition to these meetings, we have many other activities to look forward to. The 2nd Annual QCCC Baseball and Tailgate is coming up. We have fall Auto Fair soon. We will have some day rides, certainly at least a couple on our Brushy Mountain route. Other things will pop up for sure.

Then we have the QCCC Charity Car Show on October 15. New date, all new attraction with Bloomington Gold South being a partner for the first time. BGS has just released their press announcement, and that will generate lots of excitement and interest. Folks, this is going to be great! We are very fortunate to have this opportunity to partner with City Chevrolet and Bloomington Gold, and we will make this an event that will get attention all over the country. I can't wait!!

Until then, just enjoy our cars and our friends. Participate in all the QCCC activities that you can, because you can't spend your time in any better way.

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



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Calendar Snapshot of Planned Events for the Next Few Months:

August

6-7	Overnight Trip to Asheville	Details & Information
13	QCCC Birthday & Business Meeting	Details & Information
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	

October

8	QCCC Business Meeting	Details & Information
15	5th Annual All-Chevy Charity Car Show	Details & Information
16	Run to the Colors Fall Corvette Tour - Foothills Corvette Club	

November

7-12	Trump Charlotte Cconcours Car Show	Details & Information
12	QCCC Business Meeting	
26	Americarna Live Car Show - Ingersoll Rand, Davidson NC	



Bonino Banter

– The Social Scene

Summer in Full Swing.....

A big thanks to Susan and Boyd for organizing an impromptu Ice Cream Cruise-in and to all the other members who have volunteered to help with these various events. This is why we can do so much as a group BECAUSE EVERYONE PITCHES IN!!!

August 6-7 a full house for our one night trip up to the Asheville area to see the gorgeous Sierra Nevada Brewery and have lunch, experience the hilarious LaZoom Comedy Tour of the downtown Asheville area Saturday afternoon, open time to explore the downtown area of Asheville and have dinner, Sunday visit The Equestrian Center (brand new and beautiful), lunch there at The Legends Grille then everyone can leisurely wind their way home. This has proven to be a popular trip so we are starting a new list for those who wanted to come along but couldn't this time...email me if you want to be added to this list. We may entertain doing it during the week next time.

August 20th "Take me out to the ballgame..." we will be attending the Kannapolis Baseball game with a tailgate party before with The Road Runners and Victory Lane Corvette Clubs. Make sure you have signed up with Gary Cunningham and paid him the \$5.00 per person and \$2.00 parking fee upfront. All those who have signed up will be contacted to see what we can contribute to the Tailgate Party.

September 10th is our Annual BBQ and meeting. This year we will have a brand new venue at Bill and Julia Davidson's Farm. We want to make this a real "Hoedown" so wear your cowboy and cowgirl duds. We need to know how many are coming to get enough Boston Butts!!!! Sign up at the August meeting or email Pat if you can come and also if you can bring a tent. See the recent email sent out to all members for more specific details. A big thanks to so many who have volunteered to help out. You will be contacted with specific tasks for that day.

Don't forget we will have an Ice Cream Social at our August 13th meeting at The Hendrick Motorsports Park and celebrate QCCC 48th Birthday

Also we are all working on details for our QCCC Car Show October 15th – PLEASE donate items for our Silent Auction for the show – all proceeds will go to our Charities – bring these items to the August meeting.

Your enthusiastic Social Director,

Pat

News from the Automotive Desk



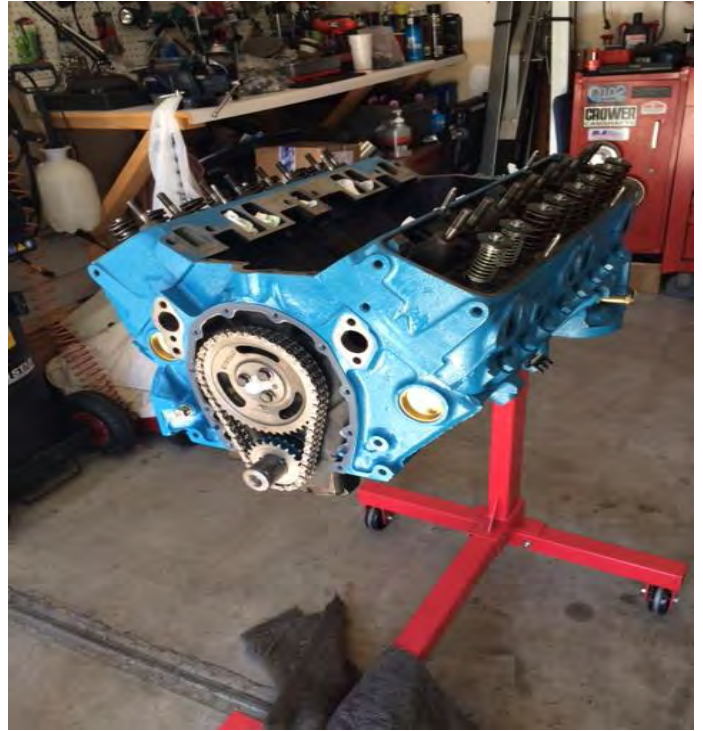
We are moving right along this year, and the Holiday Season is quickly coming upon us. Football season is right around the corner, with the NFL preseason underway by the time you read this. You know where our hearts are, with the Black and Gold of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Everyone has their favorite team, ours just happens to have Six Super Bowl Trophies. We may support different teams, but we are all American and Patriotic through and through and I just didn't want to remove the flag picture, so it's going to stay with us for the rest of the year, especially with election time quickly approaching.

There are a lot of updates to share with everyone concerning our car show at Hendrick Motorsports in October, I will do that at the August meeting. Auto Fair is coming in September and there are still a few spots available. I will have credentials for everyone attending Auto Fair to pass out at the September meeting.

Earlier this year, I shared with you some pictures of the rebuild of the interior of Brad Dusterhoft's 77, highlighting it from start to finished product. If you haven't seen it, catch up with him at the next meeting and check out the interior. I really like the cool inside purple bulbs.

He has been working on the engine for a couple of months now, and is nearing completion. I shared some pictures with you in the June newsletter, but the project is almost complete. Words cannot express the change in the appearance, and rest assured, the performance of this powerplant. New carb, manifold, cam, bearings, fuel filter, valve covers, timing chain, front and rear seals, headers, exhaust, fuel lines, spark plugs and wires, oil pump, freeze plugs, all suspension bushings replaced, front stabilizer, A-frames and front suspension cleaned and

painted, new rear calipers, brake pads, radiator, hoses, water pump, starter rebuilt, transmission rebuilt. I have to be missing something, but he'll let me know. Check his Corvette out at the next meeting.



Songs that make you drive fast, really really fast

When you think of songs that make you drive fast, really really fast like Bob McCall, this song has to come to mind. This month's rockin' road tune comes from a band that has recently reunited with all but one of its original members and its summer tour is taking the country by storm. Since forming in 1985 and coming out of the Los Angeles Sunset Strip music scene, this band has sold over 100 million records. Their debut album, *Appetite for Destruction*, hit in 1987, and the first single off of that album, *Welcome to the Jungle*, by Guns N' Roses, takes this

*Welcome to the Jungle, we got fun and games
We got everything you want honey, we know the names.
We are the people that can find whatever you may need
If you got the money honey we got your disease
In the jungle, Welcome to the Jungle, watch it bring you to your knees.*

month's feature. Everyone knows and recognizes that iconic guitar intro by Slash, one of the Top 100 guitarists of all time. Find it on Apple Music, spend \$1.29 for it and add it to your summer playlist. It will make you drive really, really fast like Bob McCall.

A Few Quotes for the Month about People

...you can taste the bright lights but you don't get there for free.....Axl Rose

...I love mankind...it's people I can't stand.....Charles M Schulz

....It is good people who make good places.....Anna Sewell

...I never set out to be weird. It was always other people who called me weird.....Frank Zappa

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

Gary and Gwen

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"The best sermons are lived, not preached."

~Author Unknown

Lots of congratulations are certainly in order for QCCC Members in July and coming up in August. Some of you had milestone birthdays and I hope you enjoyed them to the fullest. At the end of June, Corvette celebrated its 63rd birthday and QCCC will celebrate our 48th birthday in August. Boyd Kurt graduated from the Ron Fellows Corvette Driving School at Spring Mountain and several other members have or will attend this outstanding school this year. Don and Peggy Conover took delivery of their 2017 Torch Red Grand Sport July 28, the **very first 2017 Grand Sport delivery in NC!** If you haven't seen it, you're in for a treat. Congratulations to all of you!

There was one anniversary that went by with very little fanfare, however. It had nothing to do with Corvettes, cars, clubs, or anything else you may find in a Corvette Club newsletter. Why bring it up, you may ask? Because I believe it has significance to all of us and many are not aware of the event. I learned that *July 30 was the 60th anniversary* of our National Motto, **In God We Trust**. The phrase has been used on US coins since 1864 but not until July 30, 1956 did President Dwight Eisenhower sign it into law as our Motto. Now, some will say our motto is *E Pluribus Unum* (from many, one). *E Pluribus Unum* was adopted by an act of Congress in 1782 as the motto for the *Seal of the United States*.

E Pluribus Unum has been used on US coins and paper money since 1795. **In God We Trust** has been our National Motto since three years and one month after the first Corvettes rolled off the assembly line. *"And now you know the rest of the story."*

Don't forget to mention our revised *QCCC Advertising Program* if you know of a company that may benefit by getting their product or service in front of many passionate Corvette enthusiasts. You can find the new program on our QCCC website by clicking on the *Club Sponsors* tab in the red toolbox.

Please make our newest members feel welcomed. They are anxious to get to know you! See you at the meeting.

Chris Wood, Membership Director



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

I think we can mark up the QCCC Club Run to the NCM as another success. It rained at night (except for the trip home) and we were able to dodge the daytime heat. Although just a few took advantage of the track laps, those that did were treated to a few spirited laps due to the small number on the track. The new Holley Tower is outstanding and the Winding Road store inside it has high quality merchandise and a terrific assortment. Unfortunately the NCM discount does not apply to this merchandise as it is controlled by an outside company. Regardless, the next time there, check it out. A couple of new restaurants were tried with great results. Boy, are the wings hot at “Roosters”. The food at the “Gondolier” was a different take on Italian cuisine, but very good indeed. Kudos to Jeff Crosby for starting and ending with dessert. As usual, the trip home was met once again with a deluge coming out of Asheville. Something about Corvettes and Asheville. Again, everyone enjoyed “lobby time” at the hotel and everyone enjoyed hearing about Clark Belvin’s meeting with his favorite splitter vendor, Mr. Woo. You cannot imagine what you are missing by not going on these trips to the museum. Will we see you at the next one?

Congratulations to Boyd and Susan Kurt and Frank and Laura Sancineto on reaching the fifteen (15) year milestone as NCM members. Bob and Marilyn Becker will receive their ten (10) year pins during the Anniversary Celebration. A big thank you to Mike and Karin Mariano for becoming Lifetime Members during the club visit.

If you suddenly decide you want to make the trek to the Anniversary Celebration in September, it isn’t too late to sign up. However, you are on your own for the hotel as all unused rooms were returned to the Hilton on August 1st. You may be able to get the QCCC rate if one of the rooms in the block has not been sold.

Have you become a NCM member or otherwise made a contribution to the museum (buy raffle ticket, brick purchase, donation, etc.) in the past month or two? If so, please let me know so I can keep my records updated. Thanks.

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

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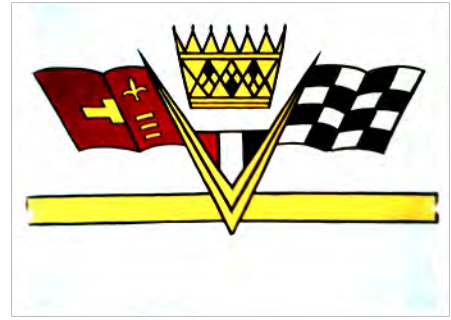
No. of QCCC Family Units	188
No. of NCM Members	103 (54.8%)
No. of Lifetime Members	38
No. of Duntov Society Members	4
No. of Spire Members	4

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Thoughts of Changes

Since this month we are talking about changes, you won't believe all these.

After a member went through the rock drop on the way to the museum, and now his car will have to be totally repainted. I thought wow what a job. Then thinking back to the old days, we all did it. Think about changing the color of your Corvette. That includes the door jams and anything under the hood where the original paint is evident. Yet in the '70's color change was rampant. It meant taking all the chrome off the car, weather stripping, tail lights, head lights, C-2 and C-3 pods, bumpers, mirrors, antennae, door handles, door locks and anything else I am forgetting. In other words, to change the color of your Corvette was a huge undertaking. Now today we don't see anyone doing that. So let's go back to the late '60's and all thru the '70's and see how many cars QCCC went to the trouble of changing the color.

1. Earl Ferrell (founder) '66 coupe went from silver to maroon.
2. Robert Scognamillo's '67 convertible went from blue to gold, with an American flag painted on the deck lid.
3. Buzz Cagle's '67 coupe went from yellow to red.
4. Rick Wilson's '63 convertible went from blue to red
5. Travis Meredith's '68 convertible went from dark green to white.
6. Bill Henderson's '72 coupe went from orange to red then he added black splatter paint.
7. David Morse's '66 roadster went from blue to copper
8. Darrell Kirkley's '77 roadster went from green to orange
9. Joey Hunter's roadster went from primer to metallic red
10. Melvin Pace's '68 coupe went from red to burgundy

Then there were some that started and never got past the car being in primer.

11. Harry Jackson's '65 roadster went blue to primer
12. Billy Coates' C-3 we never saw other than primer
13. Ed Sloan's '66 coupe was always in primer
14. David Hunter's C-2 always in primer
15. Tim Hill's '65 always in primer
16. Bud Landacre's '65 always in primer

Then there were others that took the stock paint job and added some custom work.

17. Captain America a.k.a. Bill Murray put a band of stars and stripes on his car.

18. Pete Walther added some psychedelic bands of color to his white C-3.

19. Steve Burleyson added a Confederate look to his red car with white housing blue stars.

So for a Corvette club of about 30 members we had over 2/3 that either went to the trouble to strip their cars and prepare for a new color, or perhaps put the same color back on as I did with my '63 coupe. Can you imagine today if 2/3 of the club wanted to change the color of their cars by stripping and repainting them?

Back then the paint and quality control at the plant was so inferior that it would spider web under stress of cornering. Once you had all those "varicose veins" all over the fenders you just had to repaint. Since you were going to strip the car anyway, the common theme was what color would I rather have. I cannot imagine stripping the paint off my 2009 Z06 to make it a different color. But back in the day, that was the in thing to do. It is hard to realize that we really did that.

So who will be the first to change the color of their car today? Maybe one of those yellow primer cars. We loved the cars and the people back then, the same as today, but we had more energy and less wisdom and money than today's members. Wish you all could have been there. QCCC rocked then and now.

We are the best, but just thinking about all this work makes me need a nap now.

Submitted by Bill Cruthis with documentary help from our historian Travis Meredith

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Jamie K Stamey
Yesterday at 12:58pm

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Corvette Racing wins for the 100th time! See video below.

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VIR race is August 19 – 21. Really close to Charlotte. You can see the drivers and enjoy a great race.

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





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**August 13, 2015 Meeting
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