



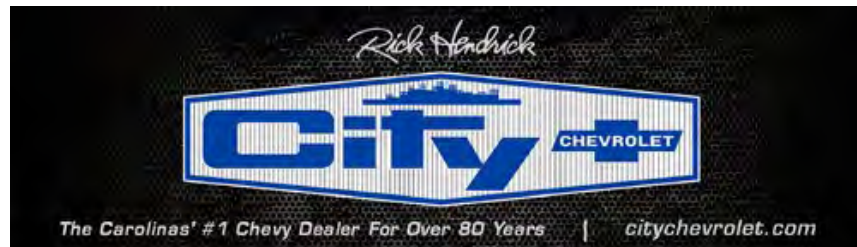
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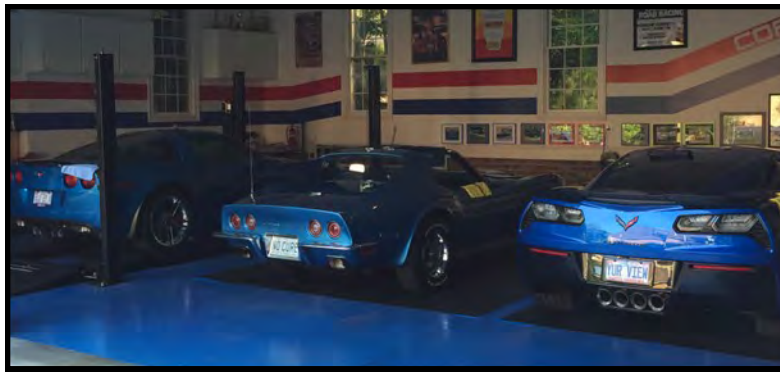
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The **Queen City Corvette Gazette** is the official newsletter of the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), established in 1968, and is electronically published and distributed monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC. Additional information regarding 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: The Dog Days of Summer Bill Cruthis

All these hot days can take a toll on the mind. For some reason I got thinking about Steve and Estela's two beautiful long hair Golden Retrievers. They are at least 3 years old and still act like 6 month olds. Estela says they are people stupid, meaning as soon as they see you their tails gyrate and they start jumping around trying to greet you with a big slurp of the tongue. Long ago mankind discovered the value of dogs. Talk about unconditional love. You can yell at them, some have been beaten, but without fail, after that tail goes down for about 30 seconds they are right back to being people stupid. Steve and Estela walk their dogs without a leash. They could run away, off into the wild, but that is not what unconditional love means. What a better world we would have if humans would take on some of the characteristics of dogs. Now cats, that is a different story. Let the cat out in the yard then open the door and say here kitty kitty, and your cat will look at you like you must be stupid to talk that baby talk to me. I am the king of the jungle. Tell a dog to sleep on that pillow and he will still be there when you wake up. Fix a bed for a cat and about 3 a.m. you will hear the cat clawing at the carpet in the very back of the closet. Think I am kidding? Then try to herd about 8 cats around the block. They will scatter like a dropped sack of marbles.

Most car folks are like cats. Today a Moostang, tomorrow a Mopar, then maybe a pick up. Never understanding unconditional love. I, on the other hand, like all of you, am a dog. A long haired (or bald) Golden Retriever, with unconditional love. Ever since I started putting model cars together about age six, it has always been Corvette. I had plenty of chances to escape, to become a cat, but I never abandoned. First, putting too much glue on the parts, getting glue all over the coffee table. That could have been the end, but mom gave me a special paint booth, (the old coffee table upstairs). Then as now, I was always in a hurry. I would not let the glue dry. I would spray the frame black and before it dried spray the car blue then the blue would have black fingerprints in it as a glued it all together. But I remained a loyal dog.

The high school years, save for college, no money for a car. It would then be posters on the wall of my bedroom. The college years more posters, stay in school, graduate so you can afford the real thing. Don't run away, you will get there, don't become a cat. Finally graduation day, a real job, real money, just enough for one car. OK, a 1968 Corvette Convertible, not very practical but what a car. Look at those dumb cats in all those other vehicles carrying groceries, lumber, furniture. I am staying loyal, unconditional love. Then finding a Corvette club, lots of other dogs,

but these dogs have brothers and sisters. Well let's add a 1970 Corvette, sell the '68 and buy a '63 split window. Career grows and so does the unconditional love of Corvette. Add a '74 454 coupe and a red '65 roadster. Gosh 4 Corvettes at once, this love thing is out of control, I now have a litter. Sell the '70 then the '65 but add an '85. Then like any relationship it really got tested. The career started demanding 60 hour weeks and GM yielded to the idiots in Washington and the Corvette was nearly toast. Sold the '85 but added an '87. Now the '63 won't start and I am moving 1,000 miles away. Push it on a trailer, then off a trailer. This unconditional love is a challenge. Then move back to Charlotte and finally give up and sell the '63. Why, because GM is thumbing its nose at D.C. and making a pretty good car again with the C-6. Mine a blue convertible 2006 joined the '87. Now the unconditional love was on the move. Got to have a Z06, add the blue 2009. This love could never be better. Ooops, crow for dinner, add another Z06, a 2015. Surely that is the end of the love story. Ney Ney Tony, along comes the Grand Sport. Let's sell the '09 and drive one every day. After all when I bought the '68 I drove it every day and had a ball.

So you see, I have learned well from the puppies I had as a youth. They taught me that unconditional love was worth the effort. It pays off big time. It makes you happy, it lets you live longer. Life is all about giving, somehow when you give you get. Not always in material things, but in all things. Sometimes you have to wait, but it always comes if you give first. That is why most dogs have a really good life. They just give and give. I would tell you that you have all done the same. You have stuck with GM and Corvette thru good times and lean times, you gave and now look what you have.

Maybe one day those cats will figure it out. Probably not. So what kind of dog are you? Does not matter, just never become a cat. Cats will never be people stupid.

Have a great time the rest of the summer. Give your Corvette that unconditional love, get in the left lane, hammer down and it will pay you back.

See ya in the left lane, hammer down

(P.S. To cat lovers, I think cats are neat, they are just way different than dogs. Cats are pure entertainment, but I doubt they have the total unconditional love that dogs possess.)



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Tales and Trails from Up Yonder

Paul Mitchell, Vice President

The autonomous car continues to make the news, both in positive and negative light. All the news sources say they are coming in the next few years, yet Tesla has had fatalities in their cars. So what is the real story? It all depends on who you listen to.

There are 5 levels of automobile autonomy, 1 being none and 5 being totally in control. Most current cars with some of the features are at the 2 level, with a very few at level 3. These levels still demand driver awareness and control. To me, the issue is the varying levels in different cars, which can certainly cause confusion to drivers switching from one car to another. If cell phones and texting scares you, just imagine a driver thinking he doesn't have to drive his car, only to realize he is in his wife's car that needs his attention. The transition in the coming years to the cars with more self-driving features is not going to be pretty. The impact on general transportation and the driving experience most certainly will be affected, and not in a positive way.

OK, why dwell on what's going to happen. Imagine our grand (or great grand) children wanting to drive their Corvette on a Sunday. Will there be a Corvette to drive? Will there be public roads for them to drive on, or will they have to go to a dedicated track for "old fashioned" cars? Will gasoline be readily available since all other cars will run on electricity or gosh knows what else?

If there is a lesson here, it's that we are just darn lucky. We have the opportunity to drive a great car when and where we want, with no limits to the driving experience. We will be able to tell those grandkids about how we used to drive on beautiful mountain roads, or drive to the beach, in the best sports car ever made. When they ask what a sports car is, we can tell them first-hand what it was like. We can share then the great things we are able to do right now, today, and next month.

We still have lots of activities to do this fall, so be sure to check the QCCC calendar and watch for Blasts that tell you what is going on. The future may be questionable for car lovers like us, but the present is here and we need to enjoy it all while we can. So get out in this great weather and this great countryside, and drive that great car to make even more great memories.

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:

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 - Registration Flyer	Details & Information
16	Run to the Colors Fall Corvette Tour - Foothills Corvette Club	Details & Information

November

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

December

10	QCCC Business Meeting & Christmas Party	
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Bonino Banter

– The Social Scene

!!!Fall is right around the corner!!!

We continue to be loaded up with all sorts of activities.

Our overnight trip to Asheville Aug 6th -7th was a lot of fun. We now know more then we bargained for about Asheville from the Comedy Tour with lots of kibitzing from the peanut gallery (Peggy), we know next go around we will plan for more time at the Sierra Nevada Brewery – it was awesome - and the Equestrian Center was a surprise to all of us in what it had to offer much less a good lunch at The Legends Grill. If some of you could not join us on Sunday – you really need to take a ride up to see this “state of the art” INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTER....you would be amazed! Best part of the trip, though, was once again the lobby time and getting to know more QCCC folks!

Our Aug 13th meeting centered around our 48th Birthday of QCCC. We had wonderful Ice Cream and toppings from the Carolina Cones in Cornelius (thanks so much again to the Wings for arranging all of this), fantastic homemade cookies from our own ladies and, as per our tradition - car generational pictures taken by Brian and Michelle Moore (thanks so much!)

“Take me out to the ballgame...” Aug 20th the Kannapolis Intimidators provided a wonderful opportunity for 40 of us to tailgate with The Road Runners and Victory Lane Corvette clubs prior to the game. Once again we asked for tents, food, and general help and EVERYONE stepped up to make this a great evening.

Don’t miss seeing the pictures that Karin Mariano has posted and the video by Bob Becker of the wonderful display of Gary Artis’s car and memorabilia gathered by Bill and his helpers up at the NCM for the next 4 months. This is an honor to be chosen to brag about our club, much less Gary’s patriotic car!

An entourage of QCCC members led by Paul and Barbara Mariano headed up to the NCM over Labor Day weekend to celebrate the NCM’s Birthday. This is a tradition of many of our members to never miss this fun weekend at NCM every year.

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 will have upwards of 190 members attending – to make this one of the largest attended events of the year. We promise to have pictures and a full report about this special meeting and BBQ to come.

Keep this momentum rolling by checking the calendar for lots more going on into the fall – Auto Fair, a new location for our meeting Oct. 8th at Streetside Classics and of course, the event of the year – our car show Oct 15th – I know everyone is involved in this in some shape or form. I know there will be more thrown into the calendar as we go along.

Your enthusiastic Social Director,

Pat

News from the Automotive Desk



The 5th Annual All Chevy Charity Car Show is right around the corner, October 15th, at Hendrick Motorsports Complex. We have a great event lined up with many new vendors, food trucks, Bloomington Gold Judging and Show Cars, and don't forget the opportunity to tour the Hendrick Heritage Center.

Many people have worked hard to line up their part of the show, and I will recognize them again at the club BBQ meeting. Thanks to you for volunteering to be part of YOUR show, whether it's set- up, clean- up, judging, registration, etc.

The show is quickly coming and we need one more thing from you, the most important part of the show, and that is for you to register your Corvettes. Remember that our hearts are with our Corvettes, but this is the All CHEVY Charity Car Show. Talk to your friends with Camaros, Chevelles, Chevy Trucks, '57 Chevys, etc. and encourage them to register their ride.

There are many ways to register: you can go to our car show website, www.allchevyshow.org, and use the on-line registration form; you can email them the flyer that Norm sent out to the membership last week; or they can register the day of the show. We prefer that they register in advance, they get a better rate and we can arrange to park them with their group.

I will go more in-depth on the Car Show at the BBQ meeting on Saturday 10th.

Auto Fair is Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. I have 3 slots left, please email me if you want them. I will have credentials for everyone attending Auto Fair to pass out at the September Meeting. Wow, that's going to be a busy meeting.

We had a great turn-out at the Kannapolis Intimidators game on Aug 20th. Great attendance, LOTs of food, and social time before the game. In addition to the food and fellowship with friends, it was a NO-Rain Night and we even got to see a team in the Pittsburgh Pirates farm system. Boo-Yow.

Songs that make you drive fast, really really fast

September is here, the weather is starting (?) to cool off some and the kids are back at school. With school back in session, I would be remiss if I ignored this all-time great song and video by one of the most successful rock acts of all time. When you think of songs that make you drive fast, really, really fast like Paul Schmitt, this song has to come to mind. This month's rockin' road tune comes from a band that has been together, broke up, got back together, broke up, got back together with a new member and is still one of the power house groups of all time.

Stop that screaming, teacher don't you see...don't wanna be no uptown fool...

Maybe I should wear it well, but I am doing well, teacher needs to see me after school.

I think of all the education that I missed, but then my homework was never quite like this...

I got it bad, got it bad, got it bad,

I'm Hot For Teacher.

Van Halen formed in 1972 in Pasadena, CA. They've had their issues, but have survived to sell 56 million albums. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2007 and are ranked as the 7th Best Rock Band of All Time. *Hot for Teacher*, our song of the month, is one of those songs with a signature beginning. Your ears instantly tune to the sound of the double-bass drums by Alex Van Halen, one of the best drummers of all time. When his brother Eddie joins with his guitar hits, it's off and running. Too bad I can't plug the video in for everyone to enjoy. Pull it up on YouTube and enjoy the song and the scenery. My chemistry teacher never looked like that. Check out Alex as he tries to dance, but is off-step all thru the video. He's got outstanding rhythm on his drum set but can't keep up with the other guys on their simple dance steps.

A Few Quotes for the Month about Friends

...a real friend is one who walks in when everyone else is walking out.....Walter Winchell

...friendship is always a sweet responsibility, never an opportunity.....Kahlil Gibran

...It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.....Ralph Waldo Emerson

...One loyal friend is worth 10,000 relatives.....Euripedes

...a friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself.....Jim Morrison

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

Gary and Gwen

QCCC Cornerstones



Building a Great Corvette Club
One FRIENDSHIP at a time



**WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS!
We're glad you joined us!**

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." ~Arthur Ashe

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." ~John F. Kennedy



Richard & Betsy Kashinsky
2014 Black Coupe

The city of Enterprise, Alabama has a statue that many people might find a bit odd. The statue is that of a woman holding an enormous boll weevil over her head. This monument is quite old; it was put in place in 1919 to acknowledge the boll weevil as a powerful – and damaging – force of nature. Back then, the area was dependent on its cotton fields, and boll weevil infestations would ruin the crops. Farmers were forced to grow OTHER crops, such as peanuts. Thus, instead of letting the land die and their economy ruin, the people of Enterprise believe that the boll weevil helped them to face their situation and learn how to **adapt, diversify** and **survive**.

As I read this bit of information, I thought about QCCC, where the club has been, where it is now and the direction our club is taking for the future. We've honored our **Vintage Members**, those who've been members for **15 + years** and are responsible for QCCC's beginning and survival in the '60s, '70s and '80s. Most left to raise families. When our Vintage members returned to QCCC, they found a very different club; one that had adapted and survived. We also need to salute those many members who are **not** Vintage Members, but joined later and became the **foundation** of QCCC and steered our club toward the success we enjoy today. I call them our **Mid-Year Members**.

Each member has a choice. Thank you for choosing to join Queen City Corvette Club!

Without them, QCCC may not have survived, much less thrived as it has. Hats of to you, Mid-Year Members, we don't honor you enough. Members of this group have served in board positions, some for multiple years and in multiple roles. They've made significant, positive changes during this time. These members deserve a big thank you as well for this club being what it is today.

There is an additional group of members that continues to grow each month and also deserves a salute. This group is made up of our newer members; those who have joined in the past 3-4 years, even in the past few months. I call this group the **LS7 Members** because they've brought with them a new energy and more horsepower. Many have jumped in and are ready to take on any task or volunteer need that exists. They do so willingly, and always with a smile. Once their task is done, they come back for more, always willing to help in any way they can. They too, are responsible for QCCC's success and continued growth. If you're in this group, you will be the members who take QCCC to the next level, serve in leadership roles to guide the club toward its next BIG birthday and beyond. I salute you, too, and thank you for your contributions.

In a nutshell, all of our members, vintage, newest and everyone in between, are an integral part of Queen City Corvette Club, our success and the infectious fun our gang continues to have wherever we go. Thanks to you all! **And to think we get to drive Corvettes!**

September brings our annual Club BBQ and "Homecoming". MANY THANKS to Bill & Julie Davidson for inviting us to their farm and many thanks, too, to all the volunteers who have signed up to help make it a real blast! See you at there!

Chris Wood, Membership Director



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

Score another coup for QCCC. Our turnout in the Corvette Corral at the VIR IMSA race got us the club participation trophy. This award is the second one as QCCC also captured the trophy at the Rolex 24 Hours in Daytona last year. This club's support of all things Corvette is merely outstanding. We are known far and wide.

Another NCM event is now in the books and this one proved to be a little more laid back and easy going. Maybe it was due to the lower attendance than the Bash or we were just more selective in our choice of activities. We tried a new road tour (the Lighthouse Restaurant Lunch Tour) with family style servings and food enough for even the QCCC appetites. Two of the three Hall of Fame inductees were still living and their seminars were most entertaining and informative. It's always fascinating to hear all the behind the scenes stories regarding the evolution of the Corvette and the efforts to keep it alive. My excitement level was extremely high as I had previously met Bob Bonderant and Ralph Kramer and was able to reminisce about long past Corvette encounters. Everyone else also enjoyed their tales and when you attend the seminars you come to appreciate the Corvette even more and realize the enormous debt of gratitude we owe those people that have kept and made the Corvette what it is.

QCCC had several members recognized for their years of NCM membership. Receiving their ten (10) year pins were Bob & Marilyn Becker, Staton & Sally Boyette and a package was mailed out to Jack and Betty Ann Brunton. The Bruntons were absent but will be attending the Vets and Vettes event in November. Fifteen (15) year awards went to Boyd & Susan Kurt, Frank & Laura Sancineto and our very own QCCC. Johnny & Edie Downs received their twenty (20) year pins. Thanks to each and every one for your support of the National Corvette Museum.

Did you take museum delivery of your Corvette? If so, you are cordially invited to attend the R8C/ Experience Reunion on September 24-October 1. Banquet and many other activities. Full details and registration instructions are now posted on the NCM website. Any questions or you need help with the registration, let me know.

Many of you have asked about the legal status of the Motorsports Park lawsuits and there isn't much new to report. Trial dates remain at November 1 and December 1. It would be great if some reconciliation could be reached without all the legal fuss, but we will just have to wait and see.

BOX SCORE

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

No. of QCCC Family Units	186
No. of NCM Members	106 (57%)
No. of Lifetime Members	39
No. of Duntov Society Members	4
No. of Spire Members	4

Special Report: QCCC National Corvette Museum or Bust

(Plan A) August 30, 2016: 9:30 a.m. Bill and Clark and Tom arrive at Tommy's to hook up the enclosed trailer so we can load the car. We load the display at Tommy's then head to Gary's for the car. Arriving around 10:45, Gary has the car out and ready to load. The entourage, mission accomplished, is ahead of schedule so we stop at Hickory Tavern for lunch. Plan A is smooth as silk.

(Plan B) August 31, 2016 5:30 a.m. Clark, Bill, and Tom meet at Bojangles on Hwy 150 for a biscuit because looking at us we really need one. 6 a.m. Clark and Bill in the red Z06 and Tom pulling the show car in Tommy's trailer, we head to Bowling Green. We pit stop at exit 82 to check the car in the trailer and empty our tanks. Next stop was in Lebanon, Ky., around noon for a big calorie lunch which included free pie Wednesday. After all, you burn a lot of calories sitting in the car and they must be replaced to survive. 1:45 we arrive at the National Corvette Museum. As promised Bob Hellman has the turn table room empty and ready for us. We are greeted by many QCCC members, Kurt, Jensen, Mariano, Becker, Zimmer, and Walt and Wendy, I may have left some off. Great moral support and some extra hands. Plan B is smooth as silk.

(Plan C) August 31, 2016 2 p.m. we unload the display and the car, find Bob Hellman and he has his staff drive the car into the room. We start building the display complete with Henry and Tony (our mannequins, posters, framed certificates, and various other parts of our history (about 40 in all). Then comes the tricky part. We hang the banner and twelve t-shirts on the glass wall behind the car to finish off the display. Plan C is smooth as silk

(The Corvette) We borrowed Gary Artis's 1977 coupe which is wrapped in patriotic theme of the U.S. Airforce honoring the Thunderbirds. Gary wrapped it to honor his dad who retired from the Air Force and worked with the Thunderbirds. It is the only one of Gary's 39 special Corvettes that his dad got to ride in. The car immediately took center stage for attention with folks taking photos of their loved ones standing by it in the parking lot. It will be on display until right after Christmas so it will be there for Vets at Vets on Veterans Day. We made quite a buzz while building the display and heard nothing but good comments.

(The Snafu) September 1, 2016 a.m. The QCCC gang arrived at the NCM and found out that we did in fact violate one tiny little rule. They were told that the 12 hanging T-Shirts blocked the secretary's security view of the front door and they had to come down. So our group took the shirts down, folded them and laid them around the rim of the room. A good back up plan. (not our sandbox so must obey)

(Plan D) 6 a.m. September 1, 2016 Clark, Bill, and Tom head out on the return trip arriving home between 3 and 5 p.m. Safe and sound. Plan D is smooth as silk.

Summary: almost all goals met. QCCC should get good exposure at the NCM and we have set the bar way up there for clubs that follow. It is off the chart how our group comes together to fulfill a challenge. Many hands help make this pie, without expecting to be compensated or noticed.

Jamie Hinson: took my plans and applied them to a computer format.

Travis Meredith: Dug in the archives for some old stuff.

Boyd Kurt: helped secure the car thru Gary and helped build the display at NCM.

Tommy Loftin: put new tires on his trailer and generously loaned it out.

Gary Artis: trusted his prize Corvette to us for 4 months.

Tom Pennoni: Took off work to trailer the car to the museum and the empty trailer back to Tommy.

Clark Belvin: Carried me out there in his Z06 and helped put the display together.

Paul Mariano: put our name in the drawing to win this opportunity and then helped connect with Bob Hellman to make it all work on time.

Paige Mitchell: gave us two QCCC Bling shirts and two cook books so the ladies would be represented.

Travis Meredith: made two signs one about the car and one about QCCC history.

In the photos you can see: Corvette Fever poster, Banquet Poster 2015, Porsche Corvette poster from 1976, photo of the QCCC clubhouse circa 1976, first front license plate hand etched on metal QCCC, Trav's QCCC jacket circa 1975, 2 dedication signs about the car, on the back deck lid is a flight suit and helmet signed by the Thunderbird pilots, certificate of QCCC purchase of one acre at the motorsports park, QCCC blanket, QCCC new member packet, 2 QCCC cookbooks, a Hendrick shirt, framed shadowbox of all QCCC back jacket patches and vintage member patch, framed NCCC patch awards for champions in the 80's and 90's, and Corvette drivers signed Rolex plaque for top participating club. Anyone would have to watch the display revolve several times to take it all in. Hopefully it will draw a crowd constantly. Is there any doubt the QCCC rocks at the top of the list?

Thanks to all who were able to help and we all hope you enjoy!

Bill Cruthis, President



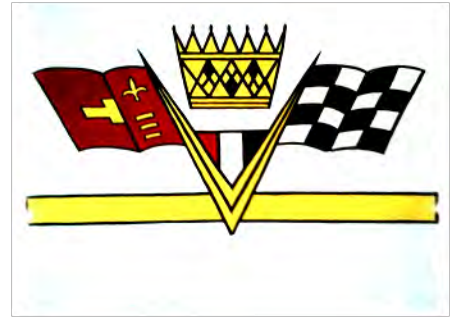


Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

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

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Celebrating 48 Years

What a treat it was to have former members Bill and Cathy Henderson as guests at the August business meeting, celebrating QCCC's 48th anniversary. The Hendersons were very active during the mid to late seventies and through a chance meeting with Bill Cruthis, responded to his invitation to visit. They were stunned at the number of members and how the club has "matured" since they sold their Corvette to concentrate on raising three daughters. They were "all in" members, whatever the event, they were there. Car show one weekend, party the next, speed event the next, road trip the next was a typical month, not to mention the Wednesday nights at the clubhouse. Bill took a perfectly good C3 and spent about all of his discretionary income to be competitive in all of the club's events. Custom paint, highly modified engine, and a competitive nature made Bill one of the club's more successful members. We had the opportunity to recall old times, after almost 30 years, and share some war stories. Of course most of the time was spent asking "whatever happened to... (fill in the blank)"?

He recalled one of our most infamous capers at Myrtle Beach, where someone unnamed stole David Morse's double sided tape that attached his hair piece to his head, unrolled it in the sand, and put it back in his room. The next morning Lydia (Dave's wife) came down at breakfast and said that David had a headache and she had to run an errand. She returned sometime later and after returning to the room, Dave appeared with every hair in place. More about David in the February 2015 "Vintage" article.

After the meeting a group was having dinner, sharing stories about the old clubhouse, when Jerry Fitzgerald jokingly made the comment that the club should look into getting another clubhouse. We laughed that with the size of the club now, it would have to be an old empty box store, Kmart or Sears perhaps. But it is an interesting idea and stirs the imagination.

QCCC has a rich and colorful history that we want to document and preserve. We realize with chance encounters like the one that brought Bill and Cathy to visit, prove that the club was and still is an important part of people's lives and the friendships formed can last a lifetime. An old country song says that you can't make "old friends" they have to be earned. It's a treat to share old memories and experiences with old friends as well as new ones. And those who have been around for a long time appreciate that the current members recognize this, and welcome the club's friends from its past.

As QCCC enters it's 49th year, we all need to start thinking of all of the members from past years that we want to locate and encourage to attend what may be the biggest event the club has ever had, our 50th anniversary.

Travis Meredith, *historian*

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First class win of season for No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R

- Winning duo leads 84 laps in GT-only event and solidify third in GTLM points
- Third straight win and fifth of season for Corvette Racing
- Chevrolet increases lead in GTLM Manufacturer Championship

Gavin, Milner remain first in GTLM Driver Points

ALTON, Va. (Aug. 28, 2016) – Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen won the Michelin GT Challenge at VIR on Sunday, the second overall victory for Corvette Racing in its history and the first for the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R of the season.

It was Win No. 102 for Corvette Racing, which has won five times in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class this year in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. The victory also was the second for the team at Virginia International Raceway.

Garcia and Magnussen combined to lead 84 of the 90 laps including the last two following a late-race caution period. The margin of victory was 0.802 seconds although Garcia's lead before the yellow flag was a steady 3-4 seconds. Thanks to the Corvette Racing sight for the above. Go to Corvette Racing site to read more.

NOTE:!!!!!! We just wanted you to know that the Corvette Corral for Petit Le Mans Sept 28 – Oct 2 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



QCCC Members & Guests Photos

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BBQ  **BBQ**
Annual QCCC BBQ/Meeting
September 10th, 2016

This is a special event and our regular business meeting. QCCC provides the Boston Butts and we all bring the sides and our own drinks.

Once there just bring tents and chairs and “hang-out” for a relaxing afternoon.

New Location

Bill and Julia Davidson’s Farm
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This is within a nice driving distance for all of us yet you will feel like you are in a different world – just beautiful!

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Continue on this crossing into SC. NC 49 turns into SC 49 (Charlotte Hwy). Veer left on Charlotte Hwy (SC 49/SC 274) then veer right onto SC 49(Charlotte Hwy) until arriving at destination 7410 Charlotte Hwy on the right.

Bring chairs and your preference of beverages. We will need 12-14 canopies (tents) – please let Pat know if you can bring one. The Davidson Farm has gravel driveway-packed and easy to drive on. We will have helpers directing parking.

Feel free to wear your favorite Cowboy and Cowgirl outfits!!!

Arrive at 3:30 (unless you are bringing a tent – then come earlier)

5:00 is pig-out time / 6:30 meeting

Members please bring the following:

A-G Desserts

H-Z Sides to include Appetizers/Salads/Goodies to go with the meat
We are going to have a good ole fashioned Hoedown at the Davidson Farm

At this time we feel we need to limit it to club members only and PMs since this is club subsidized and our regular meeting.

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