



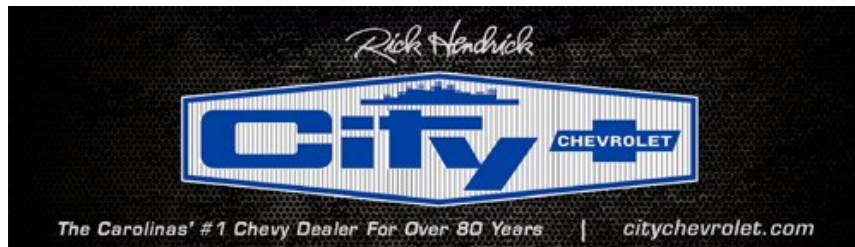
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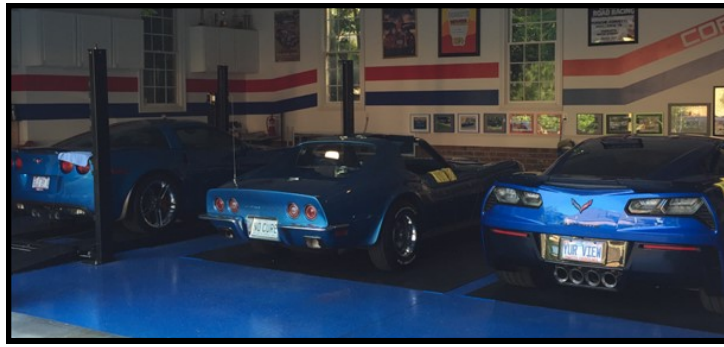
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The **Queen City Corvette Gazette** is the official newsletter of the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), established in 1968, and is electronically published and distributed monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC. Additional information regarding 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: *What A Whacked Out World We Are Living In!* Bill Cruthis

Can you believe it has come to all this? By the time you read this one of the two nut jobs will be President of our country. One a confirmed liar and cheat. The other manages to have all his life kept both feet in his mouth. We got folks who don't want to stand for our National Anthem. Everyone is offended about everything. Good grief grow some skin. We are all flawed in some way. Now this: in the latest Corvette Magazine a group has taken a C-7 Corvette jammed it full of electric batteries instead of a real motor, and proceeded to run 207 mph. On top of that the other day on the internet (where everything is true) they showed a drag race between a Ferrari and a BMW and an electric MINIVAN. The tin box won and not by inches, but by several car lengths. I suppose driving an electric car would equate to driving the space ship Enterprise. You throw the stick and 100% torque instantly. That won't work for me. Getting there is half the fun and making the noise is the other half. Can you imagine 100 % torque instantly, then going 207 mph, and the only noise you hear is the tires? You may keep your quiet hummer and your instant go. I will keep my V-8 noisemaker. Just wait till someone with the grocery getter starts to back out of a parking place at Target and hits drive instead of reverse. See how well that 100% torque works for you then. Add to this we soon will all be in driverless pods for transportation. You know that is a great opportunity for the Rooskies to do another hack job. They hack in and suddenly all driverless pods turn left. An object in motion tends to stay in motion until it hits a non-moveable object. Turn the lawyers loose on that one.

So having only touched the surface of a changing world, what is still normal? Well, little kids playing with puppies, a walk in the woods and a mountain stream, a Sunday trip to the ice cream stand, and owning a Corvette and having a Corvette Family like QCCC. Being President of this company (there 355 of you), I have learned to observe that no matter how big or small a challenge we face, the results are always good. Think of the work that Susan Kurt does to resell Corvette gear to pay for the Christmas party. Anytime I get a parade request I just hit forward to Boyd Kurt and he will try to take care of it. John Meadows did this for years, but due to his still working it is difficult. Norm Jungman is hit by 8 board members constantly to send out blasts and those are broken down into four lists. Think about Cindy Peoples who gathers all the input for this newsletter, organizes and gets it to you on time. Then she volunteers to collect gadgets to stuff the goody bags for the car show, takes them to the Loftin garage and organizes the bag stuffing. How about Craig Smith? Can you imagine tracking dues for 355 members plus making the first draft of the budget? Then monthly he has to form the income/expense and profit/loss statement for us. Since he had some left over time, he and Donna provided the barbeque picnic at Auto Fair. Carolyn Zimmer combed through the bylaws over the last 18 months and spent hours

revising as we changed our minds. Pat Bonino has the immense job of planning all the “parties”. She, along with Peggy Wood and the other helpers, pull it off. Keith Cross has worked with City Chevrolet to get our car show t-shirts and banquet wine glasses. How about the effort of Nelson Sprague, Jane Burt, and Chris and Peggy Wood to arrange men’s and ladies lunch? Obviously Gary and Gwen Cunningham toiled over the car show for months. I will run out of space if I continue to thank all those that make us successful. Let me just say, that if you want to get a feel for the true love and closeness of your Corvette Family then take the time to get involved. There are all levels of involvement. Each step up is more gratifying. The pinnacle of appreciation of our group is to become President. When you are President all roads lead through you and you get to witness how so many people get involved. You get to know almost everyone on such a personal basis. All the members know the big stuff, but it is the little things that you learn. Bet you did not know that Bob Chichester really wants us to come to his VFW for our Valentine Dinner meeting. Did you know that Travis Meredith does all the artwork for the banquet T-Shirts and posters? Did you know that Road Runners Corvette Club considers us a sister club and the example that they look up to? Did you know one of their members donated funds to our club just out of appreciation of the example we set? Did you know that when Bob Becker’s C-6 quit just as we arrived at Shelton Winery last year, he called Brian Kruse who was in route in his Corvette? Brian went back home, parked his Corvette, got his truck and trailer, drove to Shelton Winery, put Bob’s car on the trailer, and took Bob and Marilyn back home. The kindness of this group never ends. When you serve on the board you will often find different viewpoints on issues. What you watch is serious discussion, with each member having QCCC’s best interest at heart. In the end you will see compromise and the correct outcome. So how does a group this large keep growing? We will and it will happen because to a person there is so much caring for our fellow members. Basically I believe Corvette owners are the Heart Beat of America. They all share the same common beliefs. We are the same person only in a different color car. I encourage you all to get involved. No matter how much, but I think the more you get involved the more you will want to do.

So I think as I read this, if everyone would get a puppy, rent a kid, buy a Corvette, get some ice cream, drive to a mountain stream in the left lane with the hammer down, then the country would be saved.

Our Hall of Fame member Bob Denney had it right when he said QCCC, the best group of people ever assembled under God’s Blue Sky.

Save me some space in that left lane, I got the hammer down!

(Tidbits)

Kudos to Cam Stewart who got me an order for one of the 850 Collector Edition Grand Sports. You will see me comin’ in this beauty!

All C-7 owners please check out the recall on your airbags.

C-7 Grand Sport and Z06 owners. ALERT if you have to change tires, it is not easy. Norm had to go 3 places, (Discount Tire in Denver did it). Some owners on the forum have seen tire changers using flammables to pop them on. Bill Ingram advises to use a product Tire Seal (photo on next page). The problem is two fold, first it has a double bead, then the sidewalls are very stiff. We are hearing from tire changers with 30 years experience that won’t tackle them.

Remember the TV hit Cheers where the intro song talked about the bar and a line said “where everybody knows your name”. Do you members know everybody’s name? Do you know the new members names? I see some new members at events wandering around by themselves. Why would that be? I challenge you to get to know them. I bet you will find them just as engaging as any other member in our group. Don’t be afraid to spend time with our new members, I have tested it out and they do not bite. Got to have new friends to replace those you lose.

Don’t miss the December meeting/Christmas party. It will be a night of new tradition with the passing of the gavel to your next President. Big doins that night.

Bill Cruthis, President



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Tales and Trails from Up Yonder

Paul Mitchell, Vice President

The best little car show in the world just got much bigger and better, and it belongs to us! What a wonderful experience with this year's show. We had great weather, beautiful cars, and lots of different activities and vendors to look at and enjoy. The partnership with Bloomington Gold gave us a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the special collection of cars that were in the Team Center. And the collection of cars being judged were all very special as well. Certainly we all are thrilled that the Loftin C3 received Gold status.

This combination of QCCC and Bloomington Gold has the opportunity to continue in the future and grow significantly. Certainly there are some details that need to be researched and worked out, but both parties are very pleased with the results. So we have lots to look forward to as we move forward.

However, the true success of this great show is the continued support and untiring work done by QCCC members. Work details were done effectively, efficiently, quickly, and willingly. To see all the set up work that needed to be done early in the morning to start the show was intimidating, but the team got it all done. We were open for business with time to spare. Thanks to all the team members that worked so hard to make this a success. People are and will be talking about this show for the next year.

Now we throttle down towards the holidays, with two meetings left in the year, and a couple more activities coming up. So, settle down by the fire, get out *Corvette* magazine or *Motor Trend*, and read about what's coming in our wonderful world of Corvettes. You know it will continue to be exciting.

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



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Click [Here](#) for Last Month's Club Board and Business Meeting Minutes

Click [Here](#) for Archived Meeting Minutes, Newsletters, Calendars, Etc.

Calendar Snapshot of Planned Events for the Next Few Months:

November

5	Corvette Angels Toy Drive sponsored by Road Runners Corvettes	Details & Information
7-12	Trump Charlotte Concours 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	Details & Information
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January 2017

January

14	QCCC Business Meeting
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February

11	QCCC Business Meeting
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Bonino Banter

– The Social Scene

Leaves for sale!!! ANYONE????

Once again QCCC has pulled off an incredible feat! We have just finished up with our best ever **QCCC All Chevy Car Show**. The magnitude of this show really can be appreciated in the fact that we changed our date from when we normally would have had it to work around Bloomington Gold's calendar; and we increased the number of participants, vendors, Silent Auction items, money given to our charities and volunteers over the several last Car Shows we have organized. We have to be very proud and excited that when we all come together as a club – we can do just about anything!!!!

Did we work hard? YES! Did we have fun doing it? YES! All in all being a part of a larger entity where we have this all going on yet enjoy what we are doing – this has got to be ideal for our happiness. BEST PART OF ALL....we worked hard and got to play hard next to some of our very best friends.

To recap, **Gary Cunningham and his key Captains** were seamless in their organization. Each took on their roles enthusiastically and pulled in a lot of members who wanted to help do work behind the scenes and/or were available the day of the event to keep everything flowing smoothly.

Volunteer Coordination – Keith Cross – This was a tremendous help to each Captain. As they were working on their individual assignments – Keith worked on pulling in members to assist them with their jobs, thus getting a high percentage of overall QCCC member participation!

Registration – Brian and Michelle Moore - I didn't think they could improve over last year, but they did!

Parking – Bill and Ann Houck – they managed to get all the cars into a challenging area with no hassles and even fielded late comers and made them feel good about where they were placed!

Giveaways/Goodie Bags – Brian and Cindy Peoples – Each participant enjoyed getting a “perk” bag full of freebies to take home. This takes a great deal of coordination to round up these goodies!

Food and Merchandise Vendors – Paul Mitchell – We had three different choices for food vendors and the most merchandise vendors we have ever had – all received very well by the participants!

Judging – John Callahan – John now is fast learning the ropes about Judging training and logistics about the Judging process. This is so important to be accurate because it will affect those eligible to receive the beautiful trophies we had to offer!

[Silent Auction – Chris and Peggy Wood](#) – It takes a great deal to not only start with soliciting our members to donate to the Auction and hope that they will; but then organizing all the wonderful items to be auctioned, making sure the reserves are fairly set, making the items attractive to the end user, then depending on the membership and the public to buy these items! We can be proud of the fact that we made double what we made last year for our Charities!

[Heritage Center Tickets – Gwen Cunningham](#) – We had a tremendous participation for the museum tours. This is a double whammy – it helps bring people to the show, yet it is making a lot of money for The Hendricks’ Charities. Gwen worked all day keeping this smoothly flowing!

[Tent Collection and Set-up – Travis Meredith](#) – we appreciate having these tents to keep us protected from the sun and gain definition for the various areas of the show – like the DJ – who, by the way, was fantastic!!!

We are not sure where our “Annual All Chevy Car Show” will be going for next year – but I can assure you we will come together and no matter what it will be successful!

*Your Enthusiastic Social Director,
Pat*

News from the Automotive Desk



All Chevy Charity Car Show 2016

The All Chevy Charity Car Show for 2016 soared to new heights: outstanding entries, visitor traffic, Silent Auction, Food and Vendors, Heritage Center Tours, the National Corvette Museum store, top notch trophies and an excellent Bloomington Gold Show as a subset of our main show. WOW- so much to list and if you missed it, you just missed it. We had record-setting entries and attendance, but the BEST part of OUR Show was OUR CLUB, OUR PEOPLE and OUR CARS. You guys answered the call for registrations, volunteers and participation. The most successful show of our club history would not have been possible without everything that all of you did to make it as successful as it was: **231** entries, we had cars everywhere.

If you haven't already, go to our website and take a look at the 700+ pictures that have been posted of the show. Here's a couple that Gwen pulled over to add to the column this month.





Let me list the winners for the **QCCC Corvette Trophies** from the show:

C-1 Winner was Tommy and Brenda Loftin and their '54 beauty

Runner Up was the Maroon '61 of Keith and Kelly Cross

C-2 Winner was John Meadows and his '63 silver split window

Runner Up was Darrell Kirkley and his '65 Red Convertible

C-3 Winner was Fred Rice and the Atomic Orange '71 Convertible

Runner Up was Andy Mo and his '69 White Shark

We had no entries in the C-4 category

C-5 Winner was Craig and Donna Smith and their blue 2004 Grand Sport

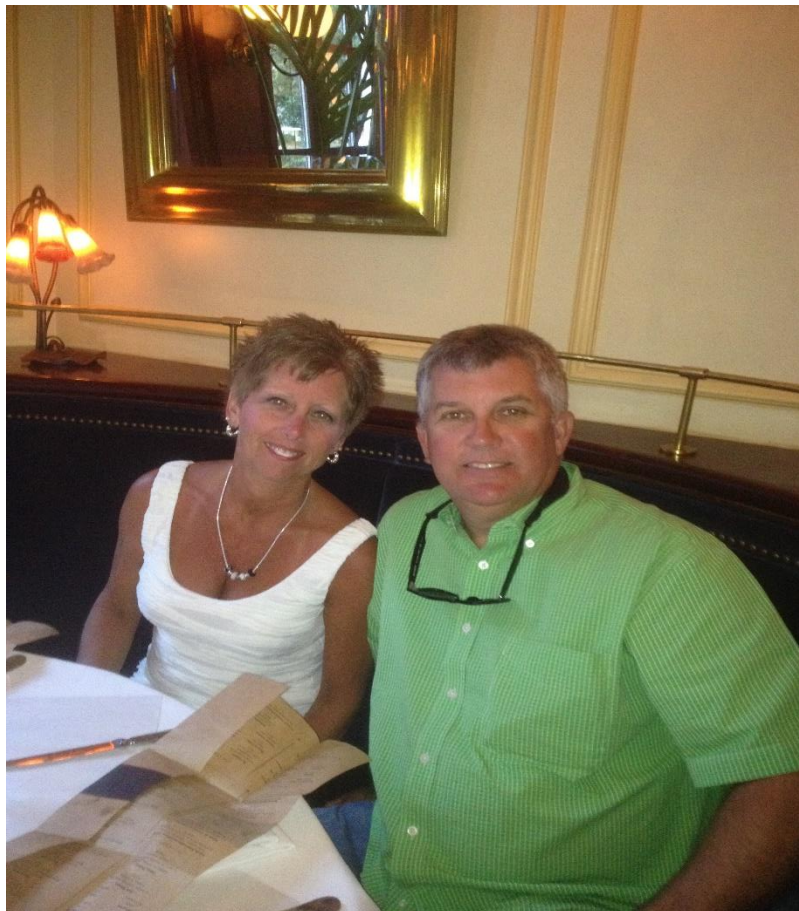
Runner Up was Steve Harshbarger and his blue 2002 Coupe

C-6 Winner was Brian and Cindy Peoples, their 2007 Z06 THOR
Runner Up was Greg and Gloria Steward 2012 Cyber Gray ZR1

C-7 Winner was Eric Matthews 2015 Z06 Orange Metallic Coupe.
Runner up was the 2014 Lime Rock Green beauty of Dick Leppart
Eric also won the Best of Show QCCC Category

Finally, it was a great show and it's been a great two years as Automotive Director.
Thanks so much-

Gary, Gwen and the Midnight Rider



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They don't call it "Blue Ridge" for nothing...

"If God had wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates." ~Jay Leno

"I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians." ~Charles de Gaulle

"When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it." ~Clarence Darrow

Happy November and welcome to the *post-election blues*! By the time you read this, the dust will have settled, campaign offices will be closed, votes will be counted and the campaign signs will STILL be in your yard. You will be doing your "*happy dance*" because your candidate won or be hiding out in a closet somewhere waiting for the end of the world as we know it, or whatever the losing candidate promised if he/she lost the election. Will we be trying to digest the latest WikiLeaks documents or wondering how Melania will redecorate the White House? Or maybe we'll be wondering if it's appropriate to refer to Bill as the "*First Fellow*" or if Donald will provide White House living quarters to his hairdresser. Will the Intelligence Community come up with a standard "*Top Secret*" designation that is so easy even a President can recognize it on their new bathroom email server or will Donald be trying to get used to the sub-standard accoutrements of Air Force One? Will we be watching Sean Hannity gloat and Chris Matthews weep or vice-versa? Will "*Billary*" be the new catchphrase since we no longer have "*Brangelina*?" I could go on and on. (*This is quite fun!*) We have to laugh at "*the Political Gong Show*" we've witnessed over the past months as we keep telling ourselves we did not endorse the candidates morals, we just voted for who we thought would do the least damage. Our Country is surely in *uncharted territory*.

Seriously, it is now time to move on. Whether our candidate won or lost, it is up to us to continue to be good citizens, set examples for our families, our community and our club, continue to honor our heroes, thank those who protect us, stand for the National Anthem, volunteer where and when we can and pray for those who are to lead us. *I believe we can all be a catalyst for culture change if we just set examples by living a life that matters.*

Speaking of elections, don't forget we'll be voting at the November meeting on next year's QCCC Board of Directors. All positions are running unopposed except for Membership Director. A big thank you to our two well-qualified candidates who have stepped up to run for Membership Director, Ann Houck and Paul Schmitt! They are both winners already, no matter who wins. and will take QCCC to the next level as the face of the club for our newest members. Either will bring fresh, new ideas to the role that will benefit our club. Best of luck to both and please help our winner anytime you can.

Last, but certainly not least are my comments about the QCCC All-Chevy Charity Car Show. Since this was the Bloomington Gold folk's first venture into the South, I don't think they knew just what to expect. From my perspective it was obvious that the 1st BG-S event succeeded because of our QCCC show. Gary, Paul and the volunteers are to be congratulated for putting together the team that made this show **amazing**. Having been to all our shows, each getting a little bigger and better than the last, I for one, am still blown away by the extravaganza this year's show turned out to be. I have no idea how much time was put into it, but from me, I sincerely thank each of you for a job very well done!

I'll leave you with this as you ponder what life has in store: "*We did not ask for this room or this music. We were invited in. Therefore, because the dark surrounds us, let us turn our faces to the light. Let us endure hardship to be grateful for plenty. We have been given pain to be astounded by joy. We have been given life to deny death. We did not ask for this room or this music. But because we are here, let us dance.*"
~ Stephen King - from the novel 11/22/63

See you at AutoBarn in November! *Chris Wood, Membership Director*



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

Never too early to plan. I have reserved twenty (20) rooms for the NCM Bash next April. The dates for this event will be April 26 through April 30. If you are planning on making this trip, please let me know ASAP so I will know to increase the number of rooms in the block. No commitment required, just if you are planning for the adventure. And as always, the first peek at the 2018 Corvettes.

I assume most everyone by now has seen the press releases regarding the settlement between the homeowners and the NCM over the Motorsports Park noise. As the old saying goes, "it ain't over until it's over". It's true that a settlement has been agreed upon, but until all the parties involved sign off on it, it remains just an agreement. Hopefully, that will transpire this month and then we can proceed with the remaining issues which include an agreement with one other resident, which is not part of this action, and getting the Revised Detailed Development Plan (RDDP) approved by the Planning Commission. Everything has to happen in baby steps, but let us hope the end is now in sight. Full details of all these actions will remain confidential until fully implemented. Your patience and support has been greatly appreciated.

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and if you are still looking for some tax write-offs before December 31st, may I suggest a donation to the NCM. There are several ways to make a donation and still receive something for your generosity. A purchase of a personalized brick counts as a donation as well as upgrading to a lifetime membership. There are also several ways to get your name or message inscribed on a brick or a tile and reap the tax benefits. If you have any questions, just ask.

Save the Wave

BOX SCORE

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

No. of QCCC Family Units	188
No. of NCM Members	106 (56.4%)
No. of Lifetime Members	40
No. of Duntov Society Members	5
No. of Spire Members	5

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

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

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Plowing With A Show Horse

Think of it! In over 48 years of QCCC's existence how many different examples of America's sports car have been owned by club members. All generations, all options, all colors, stock, modified, full blown race cars, concours examples, and basket cases. But in my 46 years of exposure to the cars of QCCC, I can think of only one real "show car".

It was the mid-seventies, the club was thriving, the clubhouse on Independence Boulevard was hopping. Every Wednesday night was a party attracting Corvette owners curious about what was happening. One night a tall skinny guy with long hair shows up saying he has a Corvette "show car". He had run into Jim Whitley at a New Year's Day football party and Jim invited him to check out the club. We all thought, sure, we all have "show cars". The club was having a fun event at Charlottetown mall parking lot in a few weeks and we invited him to come, thinking he wouldn't show. He did. We were blown away at his car.

Steve Bureson drives up in a C3 coupe that had so many body modifications I can't do it justice. And a candy apple striped custom paint with ribbons down the side and an air brushed mural on the rear deck. Sticking out of the tilt front end was a blower with two Holley carbs on top of a highly modified 454 with almost everything chrome plated. It had a tricked up turbo 400 automatic transmission and with open exhausts sounded like a funny car. He participated in the event and said he had a great time and wanted to join the club.

It so happened that the next event was a club car show in the mall at South Park. He said he would be there. When we all arrived with our "show cars" he shows up with his car and a portable turntable with 110 volt power that demonstrated all of the car's features with special lighting.

The show was a big hit and the club got a lot of great exposure. We all made friends with Steve and he kept commenting that QCCC was a lot more fun than competing on the International Show Car Association circuit. Most ISCA cars are true trailer queens, no fluids, fancy displays and chrome chrome chrome, all for show.

More Wednesday nights at the clubhouse pass and Steve becomes one of the guys, frequently driving his car. It was the center of attention everywhere he went. Steve was a machinist by trade and his attention to detail was evident. Even though extreme, he built the car with all of the best parts and it proved to be very reliable as a street cruiser.

QCCC's next event was a speed event at Charlotte Motor Speedway, the highlight to our year. Everyone prepared their cars and couldn't wait to run the big track. Bench racing at the clubhouse on Wednesday night reached a fever pitch as the time approached. Steve declared over and over that he was going to compete with his show car. Making a show car a street cruiser is one thing, but a race car? Not one person thought he would go through with it.

He registers his car, and the day of the event he is one of the first people at the speedway. There really wasn't a class in NCCC for a car like his, so we had no choice but to put him in the "race prepared" class which, for a speed event, was usually old SCCA A and B production race cars and those close to it. In other words, real race cars.

We still didn't think he would really run his car. We were wrong.

His times were respectable, he didn't win, he didn't care. But he had the most fun. And those there appreciated his effort and admired his taking a car that was clearly not intended for an event like this and giving it his best. Plowing with a show horse.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8PFDB-PCCo> on YouTube and see an old 8mm movie of Steve at CMS.

Travis Meredith, *historian*



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



From IMSA.Com

IMSA announces 2017 WeatherTech SportsCar Championship schedule

Slate sports familiar look with 12 returning venues

IMSA announced its 2017 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship schedule today with a familiar-looking schedule featuring all 12 racetracks that have hosted series events since 2015.

However, the schedule does include a few notable changes and date shifts for two events. The event at Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas, which has been run in September since the WeatherTech Championship's inception in 2014 and also hosted an American Le Mans Series event in September 2013, will move into the spring in 2017. In addition, the event at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca, which has traditionally been run in late April or early May, moves to September in 2017 as the penultimate round of the WeatherTech Championship.

The WeatherTech Championship GT Daytona (GTD) class will compete in all 12 events, while the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class is slated for 11 races. The Prototype (P) class will be featured in 10 events, and the Prototype Challenge (PC) class will have an eight-race schedule in 2017.

In addition to the full 2017 WeatherTech Championship schedule, IMSA officials also confirmed dates for four sanctioned test sessions, including two set for later this year. A two-day test for all four WeatherTech Championship classes has been scheduled for November 15-16, 2016 at Daytona International Speedway, followed by a second Daytona test for the Prototype, GTLM and GTD classes on December 13-14, 2016.

The annual Roar Before the Rolex 24 At Daytona three-day test is slated for Jan. 6-8, 2017. A two-day test at Sebring International Raceway for the WeatherTech Championship also is scheduled for Feb. 23-24, 2017.

2017 IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/ Venue</u>	<u>Classes / Duration</u>
Jan. 26-29	Rolex 24 At Daytona Daytona International Speedway – Daytona Beach, Florida	P/PC/GTLM/GTD 24 Hours
March 15-18	Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring Fueled by Fresh From Florida Sebring International Raceway – Sebring, Florida	P/PC/GTLM/GTD 12 Hours
April 7-8	BUBBA burger SportsCar Grand Prix at Long Beach Long Beach, California	P/GTLM/GTD 100 Minutes
May 5-7	Circuit of The Americas Austin, Texas	P/PC/GTLM/GTD 2 Hours, 40 Minutes
June 2-3	Chevrolet Belle Isle Detroit Grand Prix Belle Isle Park – Detroit, Michigan	P/PC/GTD 100 Minutes
June 30-July 2	Sahlen’s Six Hours of The Glen Watkins Glen International – Watkins Glen, New York	P/PC/GTLM/GTD 6 Hours
July 7-9	Mobil 1 SportsCar Grand Prix Canadian Tire Motorsport Park – Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada	P/PC/GTLM/GTD 2 Hours, 40 Minutes
July 21-22	IMSA WeatherTech Northeast Grand Prix Lime Rock Park – Lakeville, Connecticut	GTLM/GTD 2 Hours, 40 Minutes
Aug. 4-6	Continental Tire Road Race Showcase Road America – Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin	P/PC/GTLM/GTD 2 Hours, 40 Minutes
Aug. 25-27	Michelin GT Challenge Virginia International Raceway – Danville, Virginia	GTLM/GTD 2 Hours, 40 Minutes
Sept. 22-24	Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix powered by Mazda Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca – Monterey, California	P/GTLM/GTD 2 Hours, 40 Minutes
Oct. 5-7	Petit Le Mans Road Atlanta – Braselton, Georgia	P/PC/GTLM/GTD 10 Hours

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



QCCC Members & Guests Photos

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November 12, 2016 QCCC Meeting

AutoBarn Classic Cars

325 McGill Ave NW Concord, NC

We will gather at the AutoBarn location in Concord for this meeting. Come early to view their inventory of classic and interesting cars. Check out autobarnclassiccars.com.

In addition to the cars, there is much more to do prior to the meeting right at this location. The Depot is a huge (88K sq. ft.) antique & designer mall full of very interesting merchandise. Also nearby is Cabarrus Brewery and High Branch Brewing Co. So lots to do this day. Come early to enjoy these activities.

Bring chairs. Social time starts at 4:00. Meeting starts at 5:00.

SPECIAL SECTION:

SOME OF THE REASONS WE DO WHAT WE DO AND ARE WHO WE ARE

QCCC is an amazing club in every way. Our love of Corvettes has brought us together not just as a car club, but as an extended family and an important part of the greater Queen City community.

Yes, our All-Chevy Charity Car Show is a tremendous undertaking. It requires an “all hands on deck” work ethic and a “can do” attitude from so many of our members. I encourage everyone to visit the QCCC photo page on the website and scroll through the hundreds of [photos](#) from this year’s show. You’ll see lots of great car photos, but you’ll also see lots of smiling faces from the volunteers who worked so hard to put the show together. So, why do we do it? Why do we work for months out of the year to coordinate dates, plan teams, recruit volunteers, distribute registration flyers...? The list of tasks is seemingly endless! Well, just take a look at the letter and newspaper clipping that follow about Blessed Assurance, one of our recipient charities of a \$4,000 donation. We couldn’t provide that kind of support to such a deserving organization without the fundraising efforts behind the car show.

Toys. Our Corvettes are the best grown-up toys we could ever have, right? They make us happy every time we drive them, and heck, just looking at them parked in our garages brings smiles to our faces. But what about the thousands of children in our community who could wake up on Christmas morning and not know the sheer delight and joy of having a special present under the tree? QCCC actively participates in Corvette Angels each year to help The Salvation Army have enough toys to distribute to families who can’t afford to buy presents for their children. Check out Bill’s article on page 30 and some photos from this year’s toy collection event. We all know the happiness of having a toy and we want to share that feeling of happiness with those who may not have that chance this Christmas.

Queen City Corvette Club. We do what we do because we are who we are—a family who shares not just the common thread of Corvette ownership, but the bond of caring about each other and the friends and neighbors who make up the whole of our community.

~ Cindy Peoples, Editor

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Blessed Assurance receives \$4K at annual charity car show

MATTHEWS - The Queen City Corvette Club, established in 1968 with more than 320 active members, hosted its fifth annual Chevy Charity Car Show on Oct. 15. The event, sponsored by City Chevrolet, showcased hundreds of different Chevy makes and models.

After the recommendation of members Barbara and Nelson Sprague, Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care became the recipient of the show's charitable giving check of \$4,000.

The money will help the nonprofit continue serving adults with disabilities and special needs.



John Meadows of the Queen City Corvette Club presents Blessed Assurance \$4,000.
Photo courtesy of Nate Huggins.



Corvette Angels 2016

I am penning this 4 days before the event in hopes that we can get it into this month's newsletter. Many thanks to our Brothers and Sisters in Road Runner Corvettes for a great idea to bring the Corvette family together for fellowship and to benefit the children in the area. They have chosen the premiere charity organization in the Salvation Army, which gets 85% of the funds collected to the recipients.

Our Queen City Corvette Club family really stepped up this year to deliver at least one SUV full of toys. I am guessing over \$2000 worth of toys were collected from members that could not attend the event. Another 52 members have signed up for the brunch at the Speedway. Our top Santas were Debra and Jerry Fitzgerald who delivered over \$300 worth of toys.

Events such as this and our Greater Charlotte Corvette Clubs tailgate and ballgame serve to solidify what outstanding folks drive Corvettes. Because you cared and shared, many children will not wake up to an empty Christmas tree on December 25th. It is only fitting that America's only Sports Car be in the hands of those who demonstrate the generosity of the American people. If we can give one child hope and turn one life around then it is worth every penny.

Thanks goes out to all that gave gifts, to those who could attend, to Peggy Wood for handling our brunch tickets, and to Road Runners Corvette Club for terrific execution of a great idea.

May God continue to bless the members of these Corvette Clubs and guide those with less fortune to a successful future. Below are some photos of the toy "stash" and other pics of the event (more on the website).

The cream always rises to the top.

Bill Cruthis, President

