

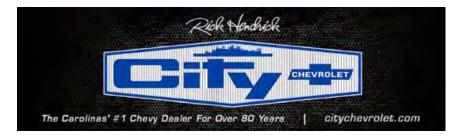
# THE **QUEEN CITY CORVETTE** GAZETTE

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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 <a href="http://queencitycorvette.com/Membership/">http://queencitycorvette.com/Membership/</a> 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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## **Queen City**

# **Corvette Conversations**

~ Paul Mitchell, President

Well, we are at the midpoint of 2017, and our calendar is still chock full of activities coming up. We again have many neat things to do at the July meeting this Saturday at SRI Motorsports. Tours, classic cars, museum, a private NASCAR collection, we got it all. Wonderful sounds of Corvette V8 motors on a dyno. That will get your blood pumping.

Check the website for information on Summer Laps for Charity, allowing you to drive on the Charlotte Motor Speedway in your car, with proceeds going to charity. That is on July 29.

Next is our 49<sup>th</sup> birthday party/club meeting at Hendrick Motorsports. This is always a fun time, with ice cream, pictures, and lots more going on. Be sure to be there. And we can't wait til the 50<sup>th</sup> next year.

August we have Beach Music and Vettes with the Embers in North Wilkesboro, along with the Foothills Club. There will be some different choices as to the drive up there, so look out for signup sheets at the meetings. Then we have the annual baseball game in Kannapolis with several other Corvette and other car clubs. Gary has this 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event all lined up, and we guarantee a good time. And the end of the month is the Hall of Fame event at the National Corvette Museum, again led by Paul and Barbara Mariano, the pied pipers of QCCC when it comes to a trip to Bowling Green. Thanks for all they do for our pilgrimage up there twice per year.

September brings our monthly meeting at Streeside Classics, one of our favorite locations. And then Auto Fair is again upon us, so get signed up and shined up for that. Remember, spaces are limited to 30 per day.

So that's the next 90 days of activities for QCCC. Go to the website to see all the details. Get out there and join us in all the fun. And as always....

Drive 'em, love 'em, cherish 'em. It'll make you <u>and</u> your car smile!



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# LIFE IN THE FAST LANE



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## Summertime and the QCCC family at the Troutman Parade

....year #49 of the Premier Corvette Club in the Southeast USA...

Summertime is here, and that means it's time for the Troutman Fourth of July Parade. QCCC had another great turnout, the parade route was more crowded than last year, and Andy "Uncle Sam" Mo stole the show. I've said it before, this is one event that you just don't want to miss for many reasons: the crowd, the fun, and the QCCC family.

That brings me to a topic that has been on my mind for some time, that of the QCCC family. I continue to be impressed with the sociality of our club. I break it down into three components: family, fellowship and community. Let's look at each of those.

One definition of family is "a group of people related by common characteristics". Fellowship is defined as "a company of equals or friends" or a "community of common interest, activity, feeling or experience." Community is defined as "a group of people with a common history or interest living together in a larger society."

I can always count on smiles, hugs and handshakes at every meeting. Our people are really glad to see each other. I have friends from the past 30-40 years that I don't see that often. But when I do, it doesn't matter if I haven't seen them in five months or five years; when we get together, it only seems like five minutes. Our QCCC family is like that, too.

The fellowship time after the parade at lunch today was awesome. Again, the sincere feelings our club members have for each other is wonderfully evident in the way that people laugh, talk and spend time together.

Through the family-ness and friendship of our members, QCCC has evolved into a very involved community. The love, concern and care our members feel for each other is obvious in our meetings, activities and meetings. Genuine happiness to see each other is evident everywhere. It's like seeing old friends and catching up with family.

Just like other families experience loss, we've experienced significant loss over the past 9-10 months. We've lost Fred, Bob and Pat. Terrible loss.

Take a moment at our next meeting to offer a smile, give a hug or a handshake to someone that you haven't seen in a couple of months or meetings. I promise you it will only seem like 5 minutes.

# Gary, Gwen and Snickers, everyone's friend



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Calendar Snapshot of Planned Events for the Next Few Months:

July		
1	Troutman Independence Day Parade and Celebration	Details & Information
8	QCCC Business Meeting - SRI Performance	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
29	Summer Laps for Charity - Charlotte Motor Speedway	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
29	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
August		
12	QCCC Birthday & Business Meeting - Hendrick Motor Sports	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
19	Beach Music and Vettes	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
24-27	Corvettes at Carlisle	On Your Own
26	Combined Corvette Club Tailgate and Baseball Game	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
26	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
8/30-9/03	National Corvette Museum - Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction	See Paul Mariano
Septem	ber	
9	QCCC Business Meeting - Street Side Classics	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>
23-24	AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway	
30	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	<b>Details &amp; Information</b>



#### IN MEMORIAM

#### Patricia Bonino

KINGS MOUNTAIN - Patricia "Pat" Bonino, 67, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family in her home on June 18, 2017. Born May 28, 1950, she was the daughter of the late Everett John Rockhold and Iris Macy Hanners Rockhold. She attended Saint Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church. In addition to her parents; she was preceded in death by her grandson, Killian Joseph Harris. Pat is survived by her husband, best friend and soul mate, Stephen R. Bonino. She was the loving mother of Tracy Pillado and husband Paul, Jennifer Harris and husband Jason, Stephen S. Bonino and wife Laura, Kristy Suttle and husband Joe and Corey Bonino and wife Paula. She was big sister to her brother Thomas Rockhold and wife Debbie; grandmother to 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2017, at First Baptist Church of Shelby with Rev. Perry Holleman officiating. Private burial will be held in Sunset Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Healthcare Foundation of Cleveland County Designated Fund: Because We Care, 201 E. Grover St. Shelby, NC 28150; Hospice Cleveland County, 951 Wendover Heights Drive, Shelby, NC 28150 or The Woman in Pink, 315 E. Second Street, 28054. Online condolences Gastonia. NC mav be made at www.cecilmburtonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home and Crematory.



#### From the Automotive Director's Desk

~ Brian Kruse

As I key in this note, many of you are polishing up your beauty for the upcoming parades. We will be at a family outing on Lake Norman and will enjoy the fireworks. As you enjoy the celebration, think of the blessing bestowed by the courage of our founding fathers upon the greatest country the world has seen. To my fellow veterans, I extend my most humble gratitude for your sacrifice to keep what they wrought. I know when I was 18 and standing in line at the draft induction center, I had no such lofty feelings. My service was a minimum expectation in our family. I also had no grip on my own mortality or the gravity of my due to America. That changed....

Though we have seen many freedoms flitter away for the sake of security, our country stands strong because of the grit and perseverance of our citizens, even those whose political philosophy differs from us. Maybe we can tone down the rhetoric from this July4 celebration forward as a show of respect to the founding fathers.

I attended Pat Bonino's service last week, and I will tell you, I shed a tear of sorrow for losing such a great friend. My most sincere condolence to Steve, Tom and their family in their time of grief and sorrow.

In the works for QCCC is a wine tour/poker run set for Saturday July 22. Anne and Bill Houck have worked out a great plan. We sent out a BLAST a week ago announcing, but response has been a bit light. This will be a more-the-merrier type trip, so if you are interested, please let us know. I'll get the BLAST again out to remind everybody.

I recently received notice from the Auto Fair adult supervision that the event planning is alive and well. The date has been set for picking up credentials for the participants. A signup sheet was available at the last meeting and will be at the next. We are about half full for our commitment, so I expect it will be done as the last time, there will be a list of alternates to fill in for any last minute changes.

Paul Mariano will be talking about the Birthday Celebration. Again, for my little part, I'll be driving a lead car for the track touring laps on Thursday. I can take passengers, so if you want a ride around the track, hunt me down at the Museum Motorsports Park. The touring laps usually stage at the east end of the parking lot at the track; just park and walk over and ask around for the lead car drivers. There will be 4-5 of us, and they can point me out. If you want to drive your own car on the track there is a sign up in the Birthday Celebration registration. By the way, Barb and I are driving up Wednesday. If you want to follow us, we will take the I-40 route and Tennessee back roads.

That's about all for now. I wish you all the best this 4th of July. May the fuses on your fireworks burn evenly, and the show spectacular.

# **Membership Director's Report**

July 2017

#### **Paul Schmitt**

"Building a GREAT Corvette Club One Member at a Time"

Happy Summer! Can you believe that we are half way through 2017! It seems like only yesterday that we were all raising our glasses and toasting in the New Year! Celebrating at our QCCC Banquet seems like it was only weeks ago. And so I ask you, have you been out cruising with your Corvette in these past 6 months? Taken any trips lately? So far this year Christine and I have traveled over 3,000 miles in our Torch Red Convertible. The longest trips were to Daytona for the Rolex 24 Hours in Daytona Florida, then down to West Palm Beach to visit family, and the second was driving up to Bowling Green for the Bash at the NCM. Our favorite rides are in the evening when it's cool and the humidity drops a bit. We love to go out for ice cream or simple just cruise around some of the beautiful neighborhoods in Lake Norman, Belmont, or Dilworth to name a few. Take the challenge and go out and discover someplace NEW! It's a great summer, enjoy it in your Corvette.

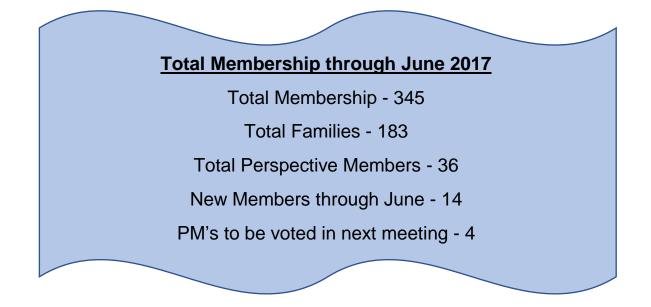


#### Welcome our Newest Members!

Gary and Linda Spencer Denver, North Carolina 1975 Blue Coupe (original owner) 2017 Grand Sport Collector's Edition Coupe



**Dr. Joe and Janice Estwanik** Cornelius, North Carolina 2016 Stingray Laguna Blue Coupe



**Care and Compassion -** It is with a very heavy heart that I think about our QCCC Board Member Pat Bonino. Pat, as you all know, passed away on June 18, 2017. I first met Pat when I joined the club back in September of 2014. All I could remember was that great smile and her vivacious personality. I really got to know her when Christine and I were "volunteered" for the Chili Cookoff earlier this year. After the Cookoff in 2016, I talked with Pat and mentioned I *might* have a few ideas for the next one. Then … somehow … we found ourselves in charge the 2017 Chili Cook-Off! How could we say no to Pat? We had a lot of laughs about that. Pat knew how to lead with love and encouragement. The VERY BEST OF THE BEST!

Pat was indeed a special lady and an outstanding *asset* to the Queen City Corvette Club, serving on the Board as Social Director. Everything Pat did was "First Class"! She had a skill set that few have. She managed to raise five children, run a small business, became involved in many community organizations and was a wife and soulmate to her husband Steve. Together, they did everything. Pat's legacy will always be her *SMILE,* one that we will never forget. A very loving, humble individual that loved the Lord, loved her family and loved life! You will be truly missed Pat Bonino. We were blessed to know you. May you rest in His arms forever.

Please continue to pray for Steve and their immediate family as they grieve through this most difficult time.

#### July / August Events

July 8 - QCCC Business Meeting at SRI Performance in Mooresville NC.
July 29 - Summer Laps for Charity at Charlotte Motor Speedway.
July 29 - Street Side Classic Cars- Cars & Coffee Cruise In Concord NC.
August 12 - QCCC Birthday Bash & Meeting at Hendrick Motor Sports.



### **National Corvette Museum**



#### NCM CORNER

May I prevail upon those of you who are not members of the NCM this month? It is understandable that you haven't become a member if you have never visited the museum. You have to go there just once to fully understand what the fuss is all about. And why should you visit and explore this phenomenon that all of us members tend to rave about? First, you have decided to buy a Corvette and second, you have opted to join the Queen City Corvette Club which contains over 350 of the nicest people you could ever hope to meet. Now, expand that experience by over a factor of 100 and you will begin to get a glimmer of what awaits you in Bowling Green, KY. With a membership of over 45,000 Corvette owners and several thousand of those great people attending each event at the NCM, you will be making friends from all over the world. Yep, the world, not just the good ole' US of A. So, you can now expand your Corvette life experience and further understand the mystique of the Corvette. If you are new to the world of Corvettes, the visit to the museum will help you understand from where all this fanaticism and mystique originated and without a doubt you will become one of the disciples to carry on the tradition which we will need if Corvettedom is to survive. Can we count on you to make the pilgrimage just once to see what awaits to make your hobby even more rewarding? I guarantee you will not regret it.

Bought a Corvette? Check! Joined QCCC? Check! Joined the National Corvette Museum? Check! So what's next? Getting into Corvette racing, that's what. Your next opportunity to see them race is at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) in Alton, VA on August 27<sup>th</sup>. It is an easy one day drive up to see the race and return on that same day. However, some of us prefer going up on Saturday and enjoying the qualifying and Corvette Corral and returning on Sunday after the race. Just another way to be a Corvette fanatic. If you are interested in attending, see me or any other of the several QCCC member that will be attending.

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano NCM Ambassador

#### **BOX SCORE**

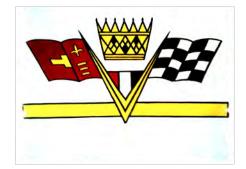
No. of QCCC Family Units	182
No. of NCM Members	105 (57.7%)
No. of Lifetime Members	41
No. of Duntov Society Members	4
No. of Spire Members	4

Víntage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

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

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



### WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S

Another colorful former member of QCCC's vintage era was Bernie Armstrong. Bernie, a confirmed bachelor, was an engineer of some sort, and even after a brief conversation, you knew he was very intelligent and highly educated. He was active in the club through the 70's, didn't participate in the competition events, but was quick to volunteer to help any way he could. Bernie had built a street rod and his daily driver was a sixties era Chevy truck with a ranch logo painted on the doors. But his pride and joy was a beautiful 1966 marina blue Corvette convertible that if he hadn't bought brand new, it wasn't long after. It had a 427 engine with the base 390 horsepower, 4 speed transmission and was all original except for the chrome roll bar and 45 rpm record player he added. (Yes, it had a 45 rpm record player!) Bernie was a very dedicated owner, like a marriage, for better or worse, 'til death do they part. He loved that car except he always wished it had the high performance 427 engine with 425 horsepower. As QCCC got more and more into racing, Bernie finally left the club. Fast forward about 10 years.

Bernie discovers another local '66 Corvette with an original 425 horsepower engine and it's for sale. It's a nice original car in need of restoration, but Bernie has another plan. He purchases the car and proceeds to switch engines with his car. He carefully removes, reconditions and installs each and every piece that makes his car a "correct" high performance 427. When done, his love has her boob job and is he ever pleased with the results. So what happens to the donor car? He carefully installs his original 390 horsepower engine and components in it and sells it.

It's sometime in the late 1990's my phone rings. A man identifies himself and has been directed to me by someone in NCRS who knew I was in QCCC during the 70's. He says he owns the '66 Corvette Bernie switched engines with and desperately wants to talk to him. I took his name and number and contacted Bernie with this information. Bernie said he would call the guy, but under no circumstances would he switch engines back. I assume he called back and told him such.

Another fast forward: Auto Fair, April 2017. I'm sitting behind my '64 with the usual suspects and a friendly fellow walks up and says, "Do any of you know a guy named Bernie something that was in the club in the 70's?" Yep, sure do. Then he drops the bomb: He started to tell us the story about how Bernie had switched engines between the two '66 Corvettes and he was the owner of the other car. I told him I was the person who he contacted years ago and knew the story. He said that he had offered Bernie thousands of dollars to switch back to no avail. This poor guy has a car he has restored with the wrong engine and knows where the original engine is, but has no chance of getting it back. It not only severely hurts the value of his car, but since we all know horsepower is sexy, hurts its desirability as well. We all offer our sympathy as he walks away mumbling and shaking his head.

I'm sure Bernie spent more than a weekend swapping the engines so title of this article really doesn't apply. But how many people do you know named Bernie, so I couldn't resist. Anyway, we hope Bernie will join us at our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration next year and bring his sexy '66. What a party that has the potential to be.

Travis Meredith, historian



## From Track to Street

#### All I can say is WOW for the last thirty days.

Can you believe it, we got to watch two races during the last thirty days? John Jensen and I went to the NCM and watched the entire 24 hours of LeMans on a 20 foot by 40 foot screen. We got to talk to the race team during the time and watch Corvette move from the back to the front of GT – Pro. What a race all except the last three minutes and forty eight seconds. You can go from excitement to Oh \*&#% in that time. They did finish third and did it on two wheels. Try that Ford and Aston Martin. Now back to the experience. We had a ball and the people of the NCM did a great job. They fed us breakfast, dinner and ice cream. We had another hot breakfast on Sunday and great weather. 72 degrees and dry with a soft seat and all the snacks you could eat. Thanks NCM for another fantastic time. See you next year with I hope a lot of QCCC members.

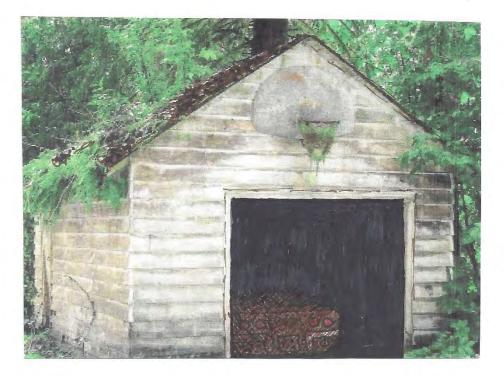
Now for Watkins Glen. The Corvettes were not the fastest but did run well. I guess IMSA decided it was time for BMW to win a race. I did notice that during the three hour mark all 8 competitors were nose to tail on the track. That was fun to watch. Garcia and Magnussen with the never say die attitude did get another podium finish. Congrats to the #3 team.

The next race is the Mobile 1 at Canadian Motorsport Park and can be seen on FS1 12 - 3 PM July 9<sup>th</sup>. I say that with no confidence because FOX Sports has not been good about programing IMSA Weathertech races.

See you at the next Corvette Race. Boyd Kunt



# QCCC GARAGE OF THE MONTH AND/OR CORVETTE CAVE



Some are pretty to look at, and done up pretty bold Others you can work in, on Corvettes that are old. They house history and mystery, With oil on the floor, Now's your chance to see, what's inside the door.

### **QCCC Garage/Corvette Cave of the Month for June**

#### Tommy and Brenda's Garage Story

My love for cars and Corvettes goes back to my childhood. My Father was a Chevrolet guy and that is all he ever drove. During my childhood, he drove a 1953 Chevy truck and Mom had a new 1956 Chevy car, which they gave to me some 10 years later as one of my first cars. Brenda and I started our lives together very young and our very first car was a 1954 four door Chevrolet which we paid \$300.00 for. In high school, we were at the top of the hill as we were one of the few students that actually had their own car. We had to get special permission from the principal to drive the car to school because we both had second shift jobs and had to go to work after school. The car had a few glitches to it and when you went up a big hill and the car was put in a strain the distributor would rotate and then you would have to stop, get out and put it back in time as best you could. Brenda got really good at this and It was nothing to see her on the side of the road with her head under the hood adjusting the distributor. Our next car was the '56 from Mom and Dad, what an improvement over the '54, everything worked on the '56 and we could now go on trips farther than 10 miles from home. During high school, I had a number of 1955 and 1956 Chevrolets including a 1955 drag car which never saw the drag strip, but almost resurfaced Hicks Creek Road with rubber.

We bought our first Corvette around 1975 which was a 1969 silver convertible with a factory hard top. As you may remember the silver on those cars back then faded very fast, as did on this car. We bought the '69 from a neighbor who had lost his driving license indefinitely, probably because of the Corvette. At this time, we had 3 children and on Sundays we would put them in the cubby behind the seats and off for a Sunday ride we would go. I even talked about putting a small seat in the rear for the kids to ride in. Remember this was in the mid 70's and we were young and crazy. We kept this car for about 13 years. Our second Corvette was a 1978 Frost Blue with low miles and was Brenda's daily driver, as this was a chick color.

By this time, I was in the car restoration and repair big time. I had a two-bay garage with a dirt floor and a chain hoist hanging from the rafters with a single 100-watt light bulb in each bay. I was taking Volkswagens and cutting them in half, welding a motorcycle front end onto it and making three wheel motorcycles out of them. I started painting the 3 wheelers with exotic scenes on the gas tanks and then got into painting drag cars with flames and op-art designs. The next natural thing for me to do was start painting cars, so I would wet sand, tape and prime the car and on paint day I would roll the car outside and wet the ground to reduce the dust and start spraying. Believe it or not I had some really good paint jobs, or that is what I remember. Oh, I forgot to mention that Brenda kept grease under her fingernails and paint on her elbows most of the time and we did all this in the afternoons after a full 8-hour job. I guess you could say this was our hobby, or not.

With all this running in our blood it is easy to see why we built The Loftin Corvette Garage. After living on Lake Norman for nearly 20 years and having the love for cars we found ourselves in a 3-car garage house with 5 cars in it and 2 more Corvettes in trailers and my vehicle parked outside, so we decided it was time to either sell some cars or build a garage on The Stradley Farm. Brenda grew up on this farm which was a large Dairy Farm and when her parents passed she inherited the farm. At this time, we had owned the farm for nearly 30 years, so we decided to build a garage on the farm.

In 2011, we built a 48 feet by 100 feet garage for the Corvettes and extra cars we had. The garage has 14 feet ceilings with a full kitchen, bathroom with a shower and a large closet. The garage area has a 2- post lift and two 4-post lifts with enough room to park 10 cars and an additional bay large enough to park our 45 foot motorhome. The wall is covered with Corvette signs, posters, and placards and most of them have been donated by our dear Corvette friends and family. In one corner is an Elvis shrine, in another is Texaco and

Sinclair in memory of my uncle and Brenda's which each had one of these stations. I have a display of vintage license plates from all 50 states, a banner from the Corvette assembly plant in 2013, Corvette Caravan Banner, QCCC Banner and too much more to mention. There is also a display of over 50 model Corvettes, a 1940 Coca-Cola machine, another 1951 Coca-Cola machine, a 1951 RC Cola Machine, numerous Rockola jukeboxes from the 70's and some antique farm implements. One of our favorite items on display is a 1950's peddle tractor of which we both played with in our childhood. Another interesting piece is a 1926 gas pump that was at an American Gas Company service station in Troutman. Over the kitchen are numerous antiques, most of which came from The Stradley Farm.

The garage is a special place for Brenda and I, where we hang out with our friends, work on cars together and enjoy our Corvettes. Most of you have seen our garage at the QCCC Spring BBQ and club meeting, but if you haven't we invite you to stop by and take a look.

Keep it between the lines,

Tommy

Trav and Sharon

Bob and Benita

**Bill and Julia** 

Henri and Henrietta

Darrell and Rosalie

Brian and Barbara

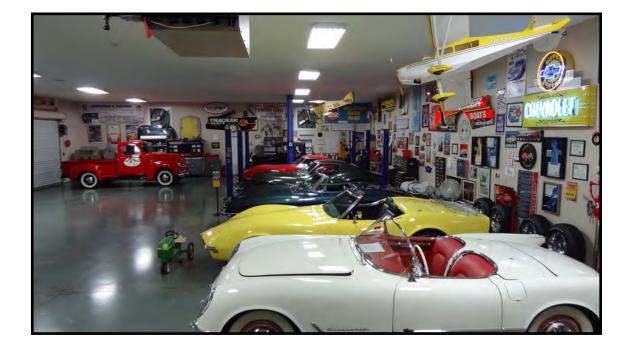
Now you have the story of Tommy and Brenda's garage. Remember, we vote in November for garage of the year. So far:

Tommy and Brenda

Submitted by: Bill Cruthis















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# Join our QCCC Members page!

Use the page for all things related to our club, our members and Corvettes.

- Post photos during club meetings, on caravans and at club sponsored events.
- Show us your Corvette in action!
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# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB JULY MEETING

The QCCC meeting on July 8 will be held at SRI Performance in Mooresville. We have met here for the past couple years, and they are great hosts for our event. SRI sells performance products for race and street cars, including Corvettes. They also install many of these parts, which include Edelbrock superchargers, Kooks and Billy Boat exhaust systems, and K&N products. At the meeting you will be able to tour the shop to view all the parts and ask questions. Visit the web site at www.sriperformance.com.

We will again have the opportunity to have up to 5 Corvettes make a dyno run. We have only 3 signed up so far. This will be only a run on the dyno, no tune will be involved. The car can be run by the owner or the operator of the dyno, your choice. The owner will be required to sign a release at the time of the run. Contact Paul Mitchell if you would like to do a run with your car to see the rear wheel HP output.

Any QCCC member can come to the shop to watch the dyno runs. We will start at 1:00 with the first dyno, and continue until they are done. Note: there is no lunch available this year.

As in the past, you will be able to tour DC Classic Cars, a consignment and sales operation for street rods and muscle cars. This operation is under new ownership, and will soon be called Shelton Classics. They will remain open for us to tour for the afternoon. Check it out at www.sheltonclassics.com. (New web site address).

Also, across the street is the North Carolina Auto Racing Hall of Fame, featuring over 45 race cars dedicated to all types of auto racing, with a history in NC. All QCCC members will get the \$4 admission fee. Get more info at www.ncarhof.com.

We have a new attraction available only to QCCC. We will be able to tour a private NASCAR collection of yesteryear. This is not open to the public. It includes a few of Dale Earnhardt's private cars, and lots of memorabilia. We will schedule tours from 2:00 to 4:00, every 15 minutes, with 10 people per tour. The collection is located at 115 Raceway Drive, a short walk or ride from the SRI shop. If interested in seeing this collection, let Paul Mitchell know the time you would prefer, although the time cannot be guaranteed based on availability. Once the tours are lined up, you will be notified of your time. <u>paulmitchellncsu@hotmail.com</u>

The schedule for the day will be -

1:00 – maximum of 5 Corvettes for dyno runs arrive, along with any members that would like to watch.

Members arrive at their leisure to tour shop and attractions close by.

4:00 - social hour begins

5:00 - QCCC meeting begins

The people at SRI are again looking forward to hosting QCCC at their location, and continue to offer great hospitality. They are contributing items for door prizes and offering refreshments. Plan to attend this fun and very interesting meeting.

Contact Paul Mitchell if there are questions.