



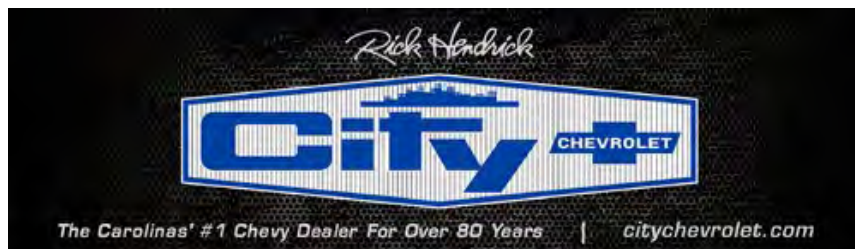
THE QUEEN CITY CORVETTE GAZETTE

Official Newsletter of NC's Largest Corvette Club

August 2017



**Poker Run and Winery Tours
Saturday, July 22, 2017**



We Are Proudly Sponsored By City Chevrolet





2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF

President	Paul Mitchell
Vice President	Gary Cunningham
Treasurer	Craig Smith
Secretary	Carolyn Zimmer
Social Director	Anne Houck
Automotive Director	Brian Kruse
Membership Director	Paul Schmitt
Member-At-Large Director	Paul Mariano
Newsletter Editors	Brian & Cindy Peoples
Directory & Database Manager	Paul Pelkey
Webmasters	Bob & Marilyn Becker
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Paul Mariano
Club Photographers	Brian & Michelle Moore, Mike & Karin Mariano, Gerry Leppert and Mal Speer
Historian	Travis Meredith
Charity	Wendy Krupowicz
Communications Coordinator	Norm Jungmann

IN THIS ISSUE

<i>Content</i>	<i>Page</i>
President's "Corvette Conversations"	3
QCCC Advertisers	4—7
Vice President's "Life in the Fast Lane"	8—9
QCCC Minutes / Website Link	10
Snapshot of Calendar	10
Social Director's "Thoughts"	On Hold
Automotive Director's "Thoughts"	11
Membership Director's "Thoughts"	12—13
NCM	14
Vintage QCCC	15
Track to Street	16—17
Garage of the Month	18—23
Club Photos	24—25
Facebook	26
Meeting Details	27

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!

QCCC's mailing address is: Queen City Corvette Club, PO Box 574 Paw Creek, NC 28130.



Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

OK, it's 60 days until the Car Show. Tommy Loftin has done lots of behind the scenes work, getting key people in place and making lots of contacts. But the busy work below the ant hill is over, and now it's time for all the ants to scurry all over the place and get things done. That's where you come in.

First and foremost, get your car registered for the show. Let's get that done so we can concentrate on all the many details. Bring your registration to the meeting Saturday.

Please look around your community for any business that may be able to donate items for door prizes or the goody bags. Most auto parts stores will gladly donate items such as car wash supplies, buckets, etc. We can provide a letter with our tax exemption number if needed. Also see if you can find businesses who would give up to 300 items, such as pens, magnets, key chains, anything to put in the goody bags.

Our silent auction always is very popular and raises lots of money for charity. Start rounding up items for the baskets and let Peggy Wood know what you will provide.

Yes, lots to do. But we have done it 5 years in a row. And we will do it again this year, just "more better" than ever! Thanks for all your help.

Our birthday meeting is always lots of fun, with ice cream and all the goodies provided by Roger and Dee Dee Winge. See you at the Hendrick Motorsports complex this Saturday, August 12.

Next is the Beach Music and Vettes with Foothills Corvette Club in North Wilkesboro. Enjoy a beautiful drive up there and then enjoy a free concert by the Embers, featuring Craig Wollard. One of the best beach bands ever!

The next weekend is the Kannapolis baseball game along with several other car clubs. Gary Cunningham has got this all lined up, all you have to do is shine up your car and come tailgate with lots of old and new friends. This will be fun!

As always, check the QCCC calendar on the web site for all the details. It's all there, all you have to do is look it up. Make a plan, get in the car, and get out there with us. And as always,

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



The Carolinas' #1 Chevy Dealer For Over 80 Years



Queen City Corvette Club Discount Pricing Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet

Effective June, 12, 2015

Queen City Corvette Club members are entitled to discount pricing for New Chevrolet Cars, Trucks, Commercial Vehicles, Used Vehicles, Service Labor (15%), and Parts Purchases (15%) at City Chevrolet. The Vehicle Purchases will need to be titled in the Name or Business of the QCCC member, or a member of his/her immediate family. Friends and Referrals of QCCC members will also receive discounts for Sales and Service (10%). "Friends" Vehicle transaction prices will be set by the General Manager of City Chevrolet, Cam Stewart. 704-591-8800

New Vehicles

- QCCC members pay "Dealer Invoice" or "Supplier Pricing" whichever is less from Chevrolet. Rebates or Incentive's will be applied to reduce the purchase price. Affiliate and Commercial rebates may also apply to further reduce the purchase price.
- The General Manager reserves the right to limit this offer to "In Stock" or "On Order" vehicles. Extra costs may apply for Locates, Transportation, or Specialty Vehicles.

Pre-Owned Vehicles

- Vehicles in-stock and available for retail sale may be purchased for inventory amount plus \$500. Extra costs may apply for Transportation, or Specialty Vehicles.
- All vehicles sold to QCCC members must first pass NC State Inspection through our service department. We service every retail vehicle sold at City Chevrolet prior to sale.
- City offers over 7000 Used Vehicles online that can be transferred in for delivery. The prices of these vehicles are on our website CityChevrolet.com. Shipping costs may apply.

Parts & Service

- Parts or Service Labor will receive a 15% discount off the posted Customer pay rate. 15% discount may not be combined with other coupons or specials. We also offer Restoration Parts and services through GM, ZIP, Ecklers, and Corvette Central.

Referral Bonus

- If you refer a non-QCCC member and they purchase a vehicle, we will thank you with @\$100 referral Gift Card for supporting the partnership.

Please contact:

Cam Stewart

Cell: 704-591-8800



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS!



LKN
Garage Epoxy Flooring

Jack Severens

(980) 263-7442
office@garageepoxyfloormooresville.com
www.garageepoxyfloormooresville.com
www.instagram.com/lkngarageepoxy/

Established 1987

SPORTS

Page Food & Spirits

Where Friends Meet



GREAT FOOD
CATERING SERVICES

MONTHLY SPECIALS
Live Music
COMMUNITY SUPPORT

For daily specials, events, live music and more, visit www.SportsPageNC.com
Phone: 704.399.4417 - Visit us on Facebook! - Cowhead Sportspage



Mike Montemurro
Owner / Founder

MIKEM@STRIPECO.COM

atlanticcustomwraps.com stripeco.com Office: 704-849-7269

*When You Drive a Corvette,
the View is Always Nice.*




1.800.868.CITY www.CityChevrolet.com

City Chevrolet

Proud sponsor of the Queen City Corvette Club

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS!



KLASSIC RIDES LLC

www.klassicrides.com 704.483.4826

Johnson - Motta Insurance Agency, Inc.
Robert A. Motta, LUTCF, CIC
"Protecting You Always Comes First!"



106 E. Jefferson St. Monroe, NC 28112
Phone: 704-296-0961
Fax: 704-296-0970
E-mail: Johnson_Motta_Insurance@charlotte.twcnc.com

Johnson-Motta Insurance Agency, Inc.



You really love your cars and so do we!



carolina custom garages
floor coatings | cabinets | organization

BrianSmith | mobile (704) 502.2654
brian@ccgarages.com
CarolinaCustomGarages.com

CHARLOTTE (704) 599.0082 • RALEIGH (919) 460.7100



Albertine Florals
751-J N. Hwy. 16 Denver, NC 28037

704-489-6202
www.albertineflorals.com

Judy Armstrong
Owner

**"On the Go, and On Your Schedule"
Mobile Wheel and Tire Service**

Alexander M. Hosage | Chief Business Development Officer



10924 Granite Street,
STE 700, Charlotte NC 28273
Toll Free: 1(888) 359-7289
Cell: 1(704) 621-0661
AMHOSAGE@TREADCONNECTION.COM
WWW.TREADCONNECTION.COM

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SPONSORS AND ADVERTISERS!

Automotive Equipment Company
PROUDLY SERVING THE CAROLINAS SINCE 1999
www.wegotlifts.com



JOE MENDOLA
Email: wegotlifts@yahoo.com
704-616-8291 • Fax: 704-732-9080

**RESIDENTIAL
LIFT SPECIALIST**

Oral and Implant
Surgicenters



Bruce R. Trefz, D.D.S., M.S., M.S., P.A.
DIPLOMATE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

1041 X-RAY DRIVE
GASTONIA, NC 28054
704-861-1235

FAX: 704-853-2510
EMAIL: brtrefz@bellsouth.net

Rich Hendrich



Pit Stop
at
City Chevrolet

www.citychevrolet.com

Monogram Fever & **Double B** EMBROIDERY
SCREEN PRINT GRAPHICS

Proud Sponsors of the 2014 Carolina & Virginia Corvette Caravan



We offer a full line of products:
Corporate & Team Wear
Custom Embroidery
Screen Printing
Awards & Trophies
Personalized Gifts
Sports Equipment
Uniforms

924 Heckle Blvd • Rock Hill, SC 29732 • 803-980-3312
www.compnycasuals/QCCorvette
If you have any questions, send email to
Rob@monogramfever.com

Karen Evans St. John
President



Auto Top
Manufacturing Co.
Leading Manufacturer of Convertible & Vinyl Tops
Automotive Trim Supplies

(800) 438-5934
(704) 332-8213
Fax: (704) 342-3018
email: karen@keeautotop.com

1538 South Tryon Street
Charlotte, NC 28203
keeautotop.com

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE



...SURELY MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR MIND...

Baseball, Beach Music and The Beatles

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

Hard to believe that August is here....and our August Meeting at Hendrick celebrates our 49th Birthday as the Premier Corvette Club in the Southeast US of A. August brings several things, including more HOT summer weather, our birthday celebration, back to school for the kiddies, and the 3rd Annual Combined Car Club Tailgate and Baseball Game, Saturday, August 26th.

Many of you have already signed up and paid, so a big thank you for that. If you need to pay and plan on attending, please see Gwen at the August meeting with your payment. You can still sign up at the August meeting; we need an accurate headcount for tickets, parking and of course, hot dogs. Gwen will be at the August meeting and have the sign-up sheet if you still would like to attend. Tickets are \$7 each for reserved seating and \$2 to park your car. That's \$16/couple, I call that a deal.

Several other car clubs have been invited and we are hoping for a great turn-out as Tom "Grill Man" Pennoni fires up the grill. He told me the only way he would be the grill-man was if I stayed 10ft away from the grill. OK, Tom- you win.

Bring your tents, chairs, cooler, and picnic food to share with everyone. We can get in the parking lot around 3:30-4PM and the game starts at 7:05. The event is at Kannapolis Intimidators Stadium, I-85 exit 63. Complete details are on our website.

The other August event takes place on the 19th, and it's the Beach Music and Vettes Show in N. Wilkesboro, sponsored by the Foothills Corvette Club. The Embers are the musical guest. This is one of the most popular events of the year for QCCC, and one of the favorites of El Prez Paul who loves beach music. Driving and caravan info is available on our website.

There it is, Baseball, Beach Music and now, The Beatles. As I finish up my time and write my final Pulitzer-Prize winning articles, I want to end with something that we all know, love and appreciate: music from the Beatles.

My song for this month is the one that I used to sing to my granddaughter Mackenzie when she was upset, crying and missing her Dad, our oldest son, who was proudly serving our great country in Baghdad.

All My Loving

Close your eyes and I'll kiss you,

Tomorrow I'll miss you

Remember I'll always be true

And then while I'm away, I'll write home every day

and I'll send all my loving to you....

I'll close this month with quotes by John Lennon:

Love is the greatest refreshment in life...

If we cannot love ourselves, we cannot fully be open to our ability to love others or our potential to create...

Everything is clear when you're in love...

Turn off your mind, relax and float downstream...

A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality.

Thanks for reading, feedback is always welcome. And, share your favorite Beatles songs with me, maybe it will make one of my final articles over the next four months.

Gary, Gwen and Snickers, the dog that chases ants in the yard....



Click [Here](#) for the QCCC Website Homepage

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:

August

12	QCCC Birthday & Business Meeting - Hendrick Motor Sports	Details & Information
19	Beach Music and Vettes	Details & Information
24-27	Corvettes at Carlisle	On Your Own
26	Combined Corvette Club Tailgate and Baseball Game	Details & Information
26	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	Details & Information
8/30-9/03	National Corvette Museum - Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction	See Paul Mariano

September

9	QCCC Business Meeting - Street Side Classics	Details & Information
23-24	AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway	
30	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	Details & Information

October

7	QCCC Oktoberfest & Business Meeting - Davidson's Farm	Details & Information
14	6th Annual All-Chevy Charity Car Show	Details & Information
22	Run to the Colors Fall Corvette Tour - Foothills Corvette Club	
28	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	Details & Information



From the Automotive Director's Desk

~ Brian Kruse

July was certainly a very hot month and August may show to be just as hot. Often in the South we get a little cool spell in August. I forget what it used to be called; you know we have Blackberry Winters in the spring, Indian Summers in the fall, and so forth. Since my memory has failed me on this I will call it the Racetrack Fall. This is with the hope it will happen when we are enjoying the C7-R's placing 1 and 2 at VIR. Then if my prayers are really answered, the cool weather will follow as some of us do the Birthday Celebration at the NCM. My offer stands on Thursday, Aug 31 at the NCM MSP. I will be happy to give anyone a few laps around the Track in the lead car that I will be driving.

We just completed a really fun event. Over 50 QCCC members attended the wine tasting and poker run event held Saturday July 22. We visited four wineries, and for several reasons, Barb and I were the last couple to visit each winery. One thing we noticed was QCCC is certainly a noisy bunch. The sound level would have tripped the dB meters at the Museum MotorSports Park!!!! Then Barb and I were the last to leave each as well, the sound would die to that of an empty Church chapel when everyone left. The operators would have a big smile on their face and they would also remark how great it was to have QCCC show up. QCCC always leaves a positive impression wherever we go.

As I write this newsletter, I reflect back to the last QCCC event Barb and I attended with Pat and Steve Bonino. We visited Helen, Georgia for the OcktoberFest. We enjoyed one wonderful evening with the extended Bonino Family. Pat's infectious smile was always present. If Pat had been with us for the Wine Tasting/Poker Run, I think she would have given the PAT SMILE, then a NOD of APPROVAL.

Now we have some big shoes to fill, and so this is an offer to the newer members of the club. We on the board cannot possibly fill the QCCC shoes Pat wore. If you enjoy QCCC outings, and you think you might like to try helping with an event, please let us know. It is a lot of work, but actually simple. It is a great way to meet other Corvette enthusiasts and have a great time. We really need your help. Please step up and let me or Anne know you would like to participate in planning an event. Sometimes just an idea is all we need.

Speaking of help, if you are an AutoFair participant, you know that this is a fun filled weekend. This fall we will have our full QCCC complement of 30 cars for Saturday, and as I write this we lack only 8 from filling up Sunday. What I really need is a participant that would like to step into the lead AutoFair role and be the QCCC go-to person for our participation. The work involved would be to set up a sign up sheet, coordinate (via email) with the participants, attend the AutoFair credential meeting, distribute the credentials to the QCCC participants, then be the adult supervision during the AutoFair events. If you think you are interested, let me know. The ideal situation for this is to have one member, or a couple, be the Go-TO for several years. The credential meeting is the evening of August 23. If you would like to be this person, let me know and you can join me at the Speedway Media center. The Speedway feeds us at that meeting and this is a chance to see the inner workings of CMS with respect to Auto Fair.

Membership Director's Report

August 2017

Paul Schmitt

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

HOT- HOT- HOT SUMMER!!

Well if you like the heat, you're living in the right place! I looked at my car thermometer last week on the way home from the Poker Run and it read 102°. When I walked out of the house, it literally took my breath away. One good thing I can say is it is perfect convertible top-down weather.

I just wanted to take a minute and say, "**THANK YOU**" to Ann, Brian & Barbara for the outstanding job you all did on the Poker Run Event last month. For Chris and me, it was the **BEST** one we've ever attended. Each of the 4 stops on the tour were perfect, especially the ones that were air-conditioned!! Lunch was great and the wine tasting was even better. There were 56 people that attended (29 cars) and you \$405 was raised by the Club. That is simply outstanding!! We are thankful for your leadership and organization skills. It was a great QCCC event. Hope we can do it again soon! Thanks again for all you do!

Welcome our New Members

Darryl Strickland



Bud & Judy Curva



Total Membership through July 2017

Total Membership - 348

Total Families - 184

Total Perspective Members - 43

New Members through June - 17

Potential PM's to be voted in next meeting - 8

Care and Compassion –

Our club made the following Memorial Donations for QCCC Members that passed away this year. They are:

1. **Fred Lentz** - Feb. 8, 2017- \$50.00 Donation to the National Corvette Museum.
2. **Robert Denney** - May 10, 2017- \$50.00 Donation to the Piedmont Veterans Assistance Council.
3. **Patricia Bonino** - June 18, 2017. \$50.00 Donation to the Hospice of Cleveland County.

August / September Events

August 12 - QCCC 49th Birthday Party & Business Meeting, Hendrick Motor Sports.

August 24-27 - Corvettes at Carlisle.

August 26 - QCCC Tailgate & Baseball Game, Kannapolis Intimidators Stadium.

August 30 – September 3 - NCM Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction Dinner, Bowling Green, KY.



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

If you have not already heard the news, the final lawsuit against the Motorsports Park has been settled through mediation. The lawsuit lodged by the Crump family, owners of the "White House" located just to the right of the entrance to the MSP off Grimes Road was put to rest by the agreement of the National Corvette Museum to purchase the property consisting of the main house, two other houses, and a saddlery all located on sixteen acres of property. The purchase of the property should close in no later than seven months and dismisses all legal claims against the NCM. No further disparaging remarks are to be made by either party in the future. Now on to the business at hand to grow the MSP experience.

And to continue the MSP news, the Kartplex track and karting programs are receiving rave reviews from those that have used it. The newly formed Tennessee Karting Association (TKA) and the MSP have formed a sprint racing series with events being held at the Kartplex over six event days. You too can have a true Karting experience at the Kartplex on your next visit to the NCM.

Factory tours are now closed for the next eighteen months (or so) and to keep the museum delivery program for your new Corvette as exciting as ever, you can now experience laps on the MSP track on one of the museum owned Corvettes. That's right, you won't be abusing your brand new Corvette's tires but having all the fun in a new Corvette. If you have never had the experience of a NCM delivery (R18C Option), you don't know what you're missing. Well worth the effort.

If you are not a NCM member and are considering joining up, don't forget that the initial dues are discounted by 25% for Queen City members since we are life members of the museum. That makes the family membership sign-up only \$75.00 and \$37.50 for individual memberships. Sorry, doesn't count for a lifetime membership but the dues for it are a tax deductible item. Check with your tax consultant for your particular case.

Congratulations to **Chris and Peggy Wood** for reaching the Ten Year Member milestone as NCM members. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Save the Wave

BOX SCORE

Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador

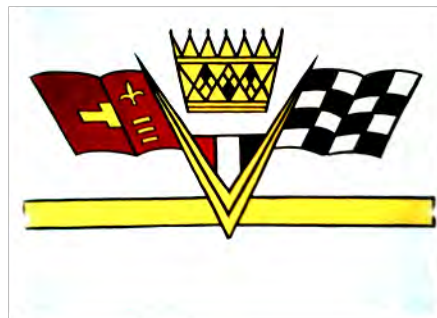
No. of QCCC Family Units	185
No. of NCM Members	105 (57.4%)
No. of Lifetime Members	41
No. of Duntov Society Members	4
No. of Spire Members	4

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

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

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



THE UPSIDE OF HOARDING

A little history of my '63 split window coupe. The car was suffering from Illinois winters when I found it and attempted to save it by bringing it South. After arriving in Charlotte the car was stripped and treated to new Daytona Blue paint by our Historian, Travis. Then I spent many hours painstakingly reviving the interior. The result was an attic full of parts that were taken off the car and replaced by O.E.M. and reproductions. (Don't any of you act like you have not kept a slew of such parts. I know better). Then in 2006 in a weak moment and having driven a new Corvette, a hasty decision was made. After 31 years it was time to sell. A new Corvette plus money in the bank seemed like a bright future. The car was sold to the local drag racing king's financial CFO and got shipped to California. Later I would find out how the original motor came out and a big motor went in plus power brakes added. I have resigned myself to have been a good caretaker of the car while in my garage.

Then about 2014 Chris Wood told me someone had contacted him about a '63 327, 340hp Daytona Blue in and out, and they thought they lived somewhere in the Lake Norman area. Shortly after that I got an e-mail from Mel. He had purchased the car from the guy in California and was restoring it back to where I sold it, only better. You could tell from his e-mail that he was one of us. A real Corvette guy. In fact he reads all our newsletters and if he moved South he would pick Charlotte and QCCC. Exchanging e-mails led me to find out he was compiling a history of the car. He was coming to Charlotte to try to get information from the drag racing shop. When he headed out of town he stopped by and he and his wife and I had lunch. I was able to give Mel 27 pages of photos of the car while I had it. The bad news was I only knew I bought it from a guy in Litchfield, Illinois in December of 1973. He has hit a dead end trying to get back to the original owner.

Now the hoarding of the parts in the attic. When I left Arkansas in 2000 to move back to Charlotte I was really pressed for time and space on the moving van. As I boxed things up I came to a garage full of old worn out used parts from the '63. I finally said enough was enough. I decided that I took them off the car because they did not work anymore or shine anymore, or they were just worn out. I made many trips to the end of the drive with boxes of junk parts. (\$\$\$) Recently Mel emailed again asking if the bumpers on the car were original. I told him the above story with one twist. I had no room in the garage for all those bumpers. They were somewhat rusty, but could be re-chromed. The bumpers on the car were repos. I let Mel know that I had stored those bumpers up in attic above the second story. They were left just to the right of the pull down stair case, laying in the nasty chipped insulation. My guess would be there is a good chance they still lay there.

Mel is a pretty persistent snoop dog when it comes to this car. He wants it as original as possible. The last e-mail from him stated that he had looked up the house and it had not changed hands again since I sold it to a single lady. He has retired and moved from Ohio to Arizona. His current plans are to make the trip to Arkansas, knock on the door. When she opens the door he is prepared to say Hi, I am Mel, can I look in your attic. He will either get arrested, shot, or get his bumpers. Either way it would be good TV.

So all of you hoarders take note (Trav). Value is in the eye of the beholder. One man's trash is another man's treasure. We all need bigger garages, and wouldn't Mel have been a great QCCC member.

Submitted: Bill Cruthis



From Track to Street

CORVETTE RACING AT LIME ROCK PARK: No. 3 Corvette Extends GTLM Points Lead

Jul 23 2017 [Randall Shinn 2017](#), [Lime Rock](#), [News](#) Comments Off on CORVETTE RACING AT LIME ROCK PARK: No. 3 Corvette Extends GTLM Points Lead

CORVETTE RACING AT LIME ROCK PARK: No. 3 Corvette Extends GTLM Points Lead

Fourth place for Garcia, Magnussen; No. 4 Corvette suffers early contact

LAKEVILLE, Conn. (July 22, 2017) – Corvette Racing extended its lead in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's GT Le Mans (GTLM) standings Saturday with a fourth-place finish for Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park.

The pairing – in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R – now lead the Driver's Championship by seven points, and Chevrolet increased its lead in the Manufacturer's standings to four points after seven of 11 events. Garcia also set the fastest lap of the race to earn one critical bonus point.

The No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R of Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner finished eighth after early-race contact on the rough-and-tumble circuit. The No. 4 Corvette was forced to return to the paddock twice for repairs – an example of the never-give-up attitude that defines Corvette Racing.

Magnussen started sixth and drove the first 51 minutes before handing off to Garcia from fourth place. Garcia rejoined in fifth and eventually cycled through to the lead as different pit stop

strategies emerged into the final hour. The No. 3 Corvette pitted from first with 47 minutes left and was one of the final GTLM cars to stop for fuel and fresh Michelin tires.

The strategy very nearly paid off with a podium finish, but the tight confines of Lime Rock and traffic stymied Garcia's changes.

Corvette Racing's next event is the Continental Tire Road Race Showcase from Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. The race is scheduled for 2:35 p.m. CT on Sunday, Aug. 6. Fox Sports 1 will air the race live with audio coverage on IMSA Radio.

ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FOURTH IN GTLM: "The points situation was in my mind at the end. I fought hard to get by the No. 24 car but I also knew that wasn't the car we are fighting for in the championship. There were some moments where he cut me off late and almost spun himself out. Luckily nothing happened. I tried everything I could. Their car for sure was out of tires at the end and the car was very wide. The way the strategy worked, we had better tires on lighter fuel. I'm very happy with today. A podium was possible but we did all we could. It is great to get the fastest lap and the bonus point. Having that made me think a little bit how aggressive I needed to be at the end."

JAN MAGNUSSEN, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FOURTH IN GTLM: "It was a great job by the team on strategy. Antonio gave it everything he had. It was a fantastic race at the end between he and the 24 car. Fourth place is good for the points as the 25 and 66 were behind us. It would have been great to be on the podium but it wasn't in the cards. Now on to Road America and hopefully a return to the podium."

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



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 August

Bob and Marilyn's Garage Story

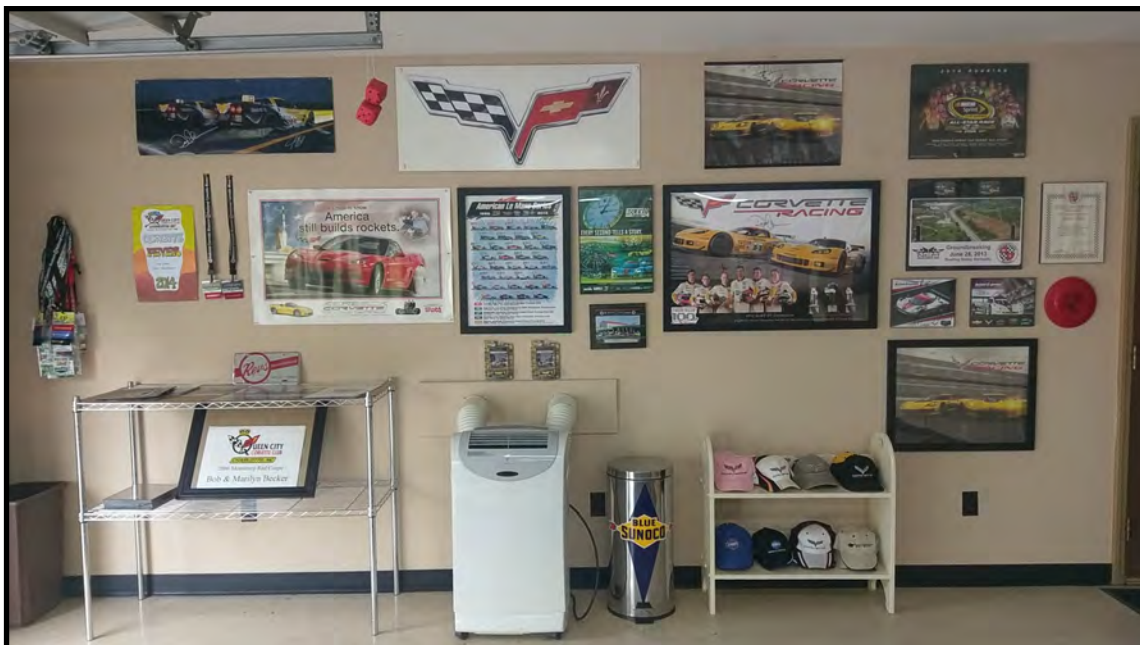
This month's entry comes from one of most devoted QCCC members, who behind the scenes is instrumental in making us a success. Those of you who know Bob know that he is always going to try to do it himself first. You may think he is just a computer genius. One of the things about our group that always amazes me is the wide spread ability of so many to do almost anything. So I give you the story of Bob and Marilyn's Garage/Corvette Cave.

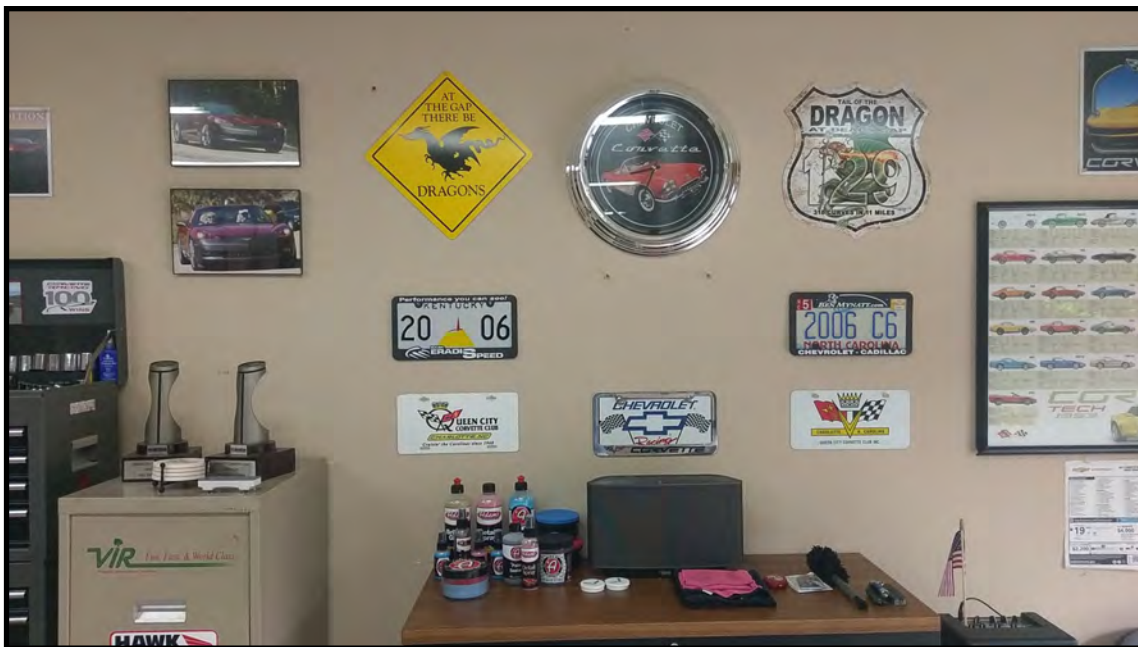
They moved to Concord in January of 1979 relocating from New York. They purchased a "country home" outside of Concord and not far in pasture miles from the current Concord Mills. The house came with the usual two car attached garage. Somewhere between Bob's early C-3 Corvette and 1980 he must have fallen and hit his head causing him to buy a basket case Jensen Healey. He was just sure in a few months it could be done. So, as usual, the Healey went in the garage, leaving Bob and Marilyn scraping snow off of their cars. Two years later Bob finished the Healey. Marilyn fell for this old ploy, (how many of us have stored car parts inside to justify more garage space). She relented and it was time for the barn to go up. So Bob drew up his own plans for a 28 x 38 barn with 1,000 sq ft on the first floor (divided into 24 x 28 garage and 14 x 18 shop). In the loft was 500 sq ft for all those parts we take off and keep when they are worn out. (Bob would like ideas of how to convince Marilyn it needs to be bigger.) He did hire the concrete slab poured and then estimated six months for him to build it while working 50 to 60 hour weeks. He made a decision to not have any center supports, so he had trusses designed to work and also fit the attic area cross section. His calculator battery ran dead leaving him unaware that the yellow pine trusses would weigh over 300 pounds each. He had to hire a crane and operator and beg his only two friends at the time (remember he owned a Healey) to help out. It took 4 hours with Bob at the peak and the friends on the sides, no one was injured and unfortunately, no trusses fell on the Healey. It still took 3.5 years to finish the barn while the Healey turned to rust. Things took a turn for the bright side when Bob one day thought what a nice barn this would be for a Corvette. So in 2006 they bought Michael Bullard's C-6. By now the barn was full of tools and yard equipment and other useless junk. So Bob put up two sheds to house all the crap, leaving a nice home for the C-6. He upgraded the barn with interior paint, new lighting, tiled the floor, and added air conditioning. The "should never have bought it Healey," was replaced by a Chevrolet SSR. Bob and Marilyn then added wall art from the Corvette Museum and Corvette Racing and QCCC Corvette Fever. Sadly, they let go of their C-6 to Michael but replaced it with a torch red C-7. Bob reports life is good and the C-7 agrees. So in one project Bob handled the blueprinting, structural engineering, framing, carpentry, tile work, electrical, and painting. It is a great Corvette Cave. The talent in QCCC is beyond impressive. Now if Bob does not laugh at your joke, remember he may have taken a tumble off those trusses. See the pictures of Bob and Marilyn's special garage.

Don't forget we vote for the garage of the year at the November meeting.

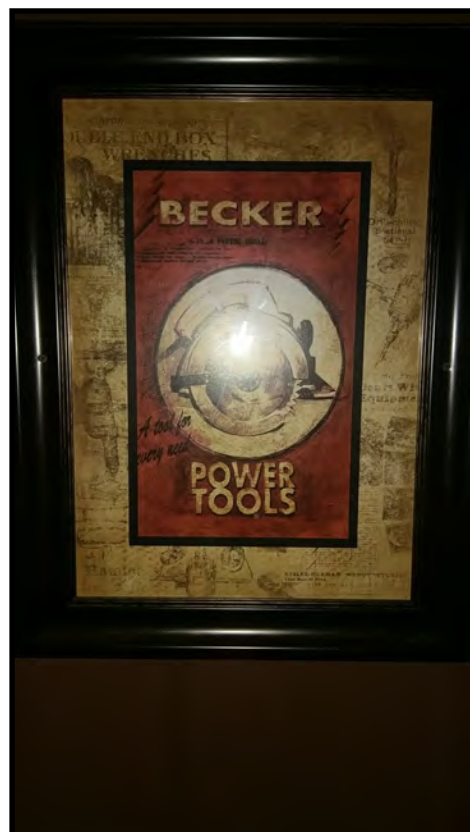
Thanks to Bob and Marilyn for sharing their story.

Submitted Bill Cruthis









QCCC Members & Guests Photos

There are many, many more to see on the website!

Click [Here](#) to View the Photo Gallery

Do you have club photos you would like to share?

Click [Here](#) to Upload to the Photo Gallery

or copy and paste the link below to your browser:

<http://qcccphoto.smugmug.com/upload/rZ6vZk/QCCCMemberGallery>.

Please send an email to photo@queencitycorvette.com to let Karin know there are pictures recently loaded to the member upload gallery and to which event the photos apply.



QCCC Members & Guests Photos

There are many, many more to see on the website!

Click [Here](#) to View the Photo Gallery

Do you have club photos you would like to share?

Click [Here](#) to Upload to the Photo Gallery

or copy and paste the link below to your browser:

<http://qcccphoto.smugmug.com/upload/rZ6vZk/QCCCMemberGallery>.

Please send an email to photo@queencitycorvette.com to let Karin know there are pictures recently loaded to the member upload gallery and to which event the photos apply.



On **facebook**?

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!
- Share/repost Corvette related articles & news.

www.facebook.com/groups/409674005715403/

QCCC Members
Closed Group *Cruisin' the Carolinas* Joined ▾ 1 Share ✓ Notifications ...

Discussion Members Events Photos Files Search this group 🔍

Write Post Add Photo / Video Create Poll More

Jamie K Stamey
Yesterday at 12:58pm
Have you seen the updated list of Top Tier gas retailers? Check into www.TopTierGas.com periodically to keep up with changes. (Top Tier gas

ADD MEMBERS
+ Enter name or email address...

MEMBERS 71 Members

DESCRIPTION Edit
QCCC Members Only
Members are encouraged to use the page for al... See More

GROUP TYPE



Cruisin' the Carolinas since 1968



QCCC 49th Birthday Party

**August 12th, 2017 Meeting
Hendrick's Motorsports**

**Don't forget this is a special meeting
to honor us!!!**

Special refreshments

**Pictures of everyone with the same
car model**

And more surprises!!!!

**Party and pictures
Meeting**

**4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.**