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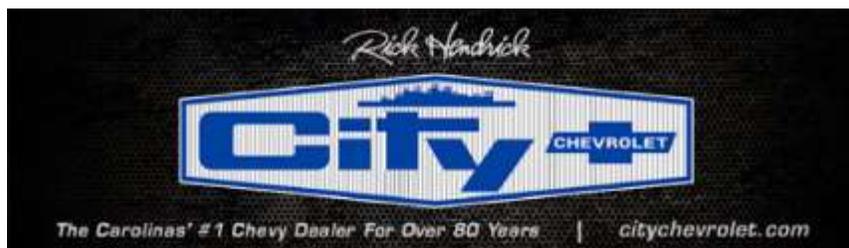
Next Meeting:

May Club Meeting / Cars in the Round

ARRIVE EARLY [after 3:00 pm]
5:00 pm - Meeting

Parking our Vettes in a "Car Show" fashion in front of the church so we can have a mini QCCC car show prior to the meeting (no judging).

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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

The 2019 version of the NCM Michelin Bash is history, but it was another great event. The big news was having the QCCC Big Yellow Tent in full view at the Bash, and many Corvette people stopped by to learn about the big Corvette Event taking place on October 12. Actually, many people had already heard about it, as the Jim Perkins Tribute has caught the attention of Corvette owners across the country. Tommy Loftin has planning well under way, and involvement and awareness continues to grow across Corvette Nation. It keeps getting more and more exciting!

Also at the Bash was the enjoyment of watching QCCC members check out all the activities, especially the first time attendees this year. Check with Ken and Sue Brown, Chris and Theresa James, and Carl Maxwell to get their impression of a first time Bash experience. I think you will get a very favorable report from them, as they all stayed busy at the Museum and the Motorsports Track. It was another great time at the Bash for all QCCC attendees.

Oh, and another event happened there. There was this little drive-by of a heavily camouflaged automobile that someone said was a mid-engine Corvette. It looked just like all the videos seen on the internet, and it sounded just like a Corvette. OK, it was exciting but it was certainly a tease job for everyone there. July 18 is not too far away, so we will just have to wait til then.

Seven QCCC members participated in the Salisbury Veterans Home Cruise this past weekend. This was an enjoyable event that supported the Veterans in the Home. Lots of items were donated to the residents, and over \$1500 was raised to support them. These American heroes need our support, and I hope we can continue with this event. The Carolina GM Association won the award for most club members participating, but I hope QCCC can win next year. We had 6 Corvettes while the winner had 15 vehicles, so we can easily get it next year. But we did well in that Steve Morris won a trophy with his C6 for best car selected by the Marine Veterans, and Ken and Lois Watts won with their beautiful early 50's modified pickup, chosen by Air Force Veterans. Also, Mark Fisher won an autographed Jimmy Johnson roof flap in the raffle.

The drive started in Salisbury, went to Penske Racing in Mooresville, Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, to Gary's BBQ in China Grove, then to the Veterans Home back in Salisbury, all on nice back country roads. I had the opportunity meet and talk with former Indy Car driver Rick Mears at the Penske shop, who talked about his one-of-a-kind color C4 ZR1 (yellow!) and his Rick Mears edition C4 that he was driving. Another famous Corvette owner!

So lots of activities going on, and they just keep coming. Clark Belvin had a very interesting tour with Tread Connections and a lunch after, Tom and Terry Pennoni are hosting a weekend trip to Maggie Valley, Ron and Donna Berst are hosting a day trip to the mountains. Many more activities are scheduled, so keep looking for Blasts and check the web site calendar to keep up with everything. See you at the May meeting for QCCC Corvettes in the Round. In the meantime.....

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Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

- Carolyn Zimmer -

Happy May!!

Summer (yes summer) weather has already arrived – a great time of year for our Corvettes!! QCCC has enjoyed some great events so far this Spring and more are planned! Here is a summary of what's been happening and a list of what's coming up (hope you will be able to join us)!!

April 13 Picnic at Loftin's - Unfortunately, that beautiful warm weather decided to take a little break on the day of our April Picnic at Loftins Garage. But that didn't dampen the spirits of those who came out to enjoy some great appetizers, Sonny's BBQ dinner, picnics and fun. The rain held off all day despite the threat and cooler temperatures, and many members even brought their Corvettes. Thanks again to **Event Leader Michael Bullard** for coordinating the BBQ, **Tommy and Brenda Loftin** for all their preparations and for hosting us on their beautiful homestead, and all the volunteers who helped set up tents, handled check-in, brought delicious appetizers, served the BBQ dinner to over 100 people and helped clean up. Great day!!

April 24-28 - NCM BLAST in Bowling Green - QCCC was well represented again this year at the National Corvette Museum BASH in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Our main QCCC group (led by Tom and Terri Pennoni) arrived on Wednesday, April 24 and we started off the celebration with a great dinner at Montana Grill – right next to the hotel. With mostly sunny skies during the week, we had plenty of events to choose from -- excursions, info sessions, a ladies' oasis (jewelry, crafts, etc.) and a ladies' garage session (hosted by female GM engineers), representatives from the BG Corvette plant and from GM Michigan answering Corvette questions, Corvette raffles (none of us won), Corvette Racing banquet and session, and lots of laughs and fellowship at the hotel lobby each evening. And on Saturday, GM surprised attendees with an up-close drive-through of the new camo-covered Corvette C8!! Check out the videos online (corvettemuseum.com) and see how many QCCC folks you can pick out in the crowd!! Thanks once again to **Paul and Barbara Mariano** for hosting and coordinating such a fabulous trip.

May 4 – Day Trip to Tread Connection & Lunch – Event Leader Clark Belvin. Tread Connection, a wheel and mobile tire replacement and repair dealer, is a QCCC sponsor. Day trip participants met at Tread Connection in Charlotte, toured the facility and saw demonstrations of their equipment in action. After, the group enjoyed lunch at Mac's Speed Shop in Charlotte. Thanks to Clark for coordinating this informative Day Trip!!

What other Social Events do we have planned?

May 11 – Snacks and Refreshments During Corvettes in the Round --prior to the May Business Meeting at Hopewell Presbyterial Church, Huntersville, NC. **Event Leaders: Carolyn Zimmer and Donna Berst.** In case of rain, the event/meeting will be moved inside the church gym. Social/Arrival Time is 3 PM with the Monthly Meeting starting at 5 PM.

May 17-19 Maggie Valley Overnight Trip – Tom and Terri Pennoni are serving as **Event Leaders** for this great overnight trip to Maggie Valley. An area concert and a car show area available, and the group will stay at the Maggie Valley Creekside Inn. Rooms for this event were released on May 3, but if you have questions, feel free to contact Tom Pennoni, t_pennoni@hotmail.com .

June 8, 2019 – Dinner at Speedway Club after June Meeting – Peggy Wood is coordinating menu, pricing and registration for this event and a BLAST will be sent soon with all the details.

June 22, 2019 – Mountain Top Day Trip - Ron and Donna Berst will again serve as **Day Trip Event Leaders**, this time to the beautiful NC mountains!! The initial BLAST with all the details has been sent. Participants will Meet at 8:50 AM at Kat's Patch Restaurant (Hwy 21) in Troutman, and Depart at 9:00 AM to drive to the scenic "Little Switzerland Inn" for a self-pay lunch. After lunch the group will Caravan to Mt. Mitchell for some great scenic views!! Trip is LIMITED to 40 people, due to restaurant size.

Register via email to donnaberst@windstream.net.

August 25-27, 2019 – LOCAL CORVETTE CARAVAN EVENTS – QCCC INVITED AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Carolinas & Virginia Corvette Caravan (C&VA) Captains Frank & Laura Sancineto (also QCCC Associate Members) will once again kick-off this exciting Regional Corvette Caravan from the Charlotte-Concord area, and all QCCC members are invited to participate in the local events – even if you are not participating in the full Caravan. Over 300 Corvettes are expected to gather here in the Charlotte area to check-in, receive caravan and NCM credentials, and participate in some fun festivities before heading on to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, where 25th Anniversary events are being held through September 1.

C&VA Caravan - Charlotte area LOCAL events will include Meet and Greet, Dinners, track laps at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Hendrick Heritage Center tours, and even lunch at Biltmore Estate – all open to all QCCC Members. If you have registered for the National and C&VA Caravans, Frank and Laura will continue to provide communication and details on all the Charlotte Area activities. **Not Participating in the C&VA Caravan? I will be sending Blasts** with additional information on the **local Caravan events and their costs for those not participating in the Caravan, and giving non-participants an opportunity to Register.** Want to know more information about the C&VA Corvette Caravan? Contact me, carolynz77@yahoo.com.

QCCC Host Club for C&VA Caravan – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. QCCC has served as the LOCAL Charlotte Area host club for the C&VA Caravan Kickoff for the 2009 and 2014 C&VA Corvette Caravans, and will once again host in 2019. As in 2014, I will be coordinating VOLUNTEERS from QCCC and other participating Corvette Clubs for the LOCAL Caravan Events in the Charlotte Area, as well as for some activities along the Caravan route. QCCC has graciously volunteered in large numbers (Caravan participants and non-participants) for these events in the past, and have had lots of fun doing it. I will be sending a BLAST soon, detailing the types of volunteer opportunities, and asking for you to VOLUNTEER. Thanks in advance for your support!!

List of Upcoming 2019 QCCC Social Events and Event Leaders

- May 11 - Vettes in the Round Refreshments – Carolyn Zimmer, Donna Berst
- May 17-19 – Maggie Valley Overnight Trip – Tom & Terri Pennoni
- June 8 – Speedway Club Dinner after Meeting – Peggy Wood
- June 22 – Mountain Top Day Trip – Ron & Donna Berst assisted by: Norm & Joyce Lontz
- June 29 – Troutman Parade & Lunch - Tommy & Brenda Loftin
- July 14-19 – Annual NCRS Convention (1 night) Overnight Trip – Paul Mitchell
- August 10 – Anniversary Meeting Refreshments Hendricks – Misty Fisher, Valerie Cunningham
- August 25-27 – Carolinas & Virginia (C&VA) Caravan Kickoff & Events in Charlotte/Concord
- Captain Frank Sancineto (QCCC Associate Member)
- Carolyn Zimmer – Check-in, Local Events and Volunteer Coordinator
- August 27-September 1 – National Corvette / C&VA Caravan to Bowling Green, KY

- September 20 – 21, 2019 – Overnight Trip to Helen, GA – Steve Bonino
- October 5 – Annual QCCC BBQ at Davidson's Farm – Bill & Julia Davidson, Margo Gross
- November 9 – Speedway Club Dinner after Meeting – Peggy Wood
- November 2 – Corvette Angels Toy Drive & Brunch – Bill Cruthis & Peggy Wood
- December 7 – Christmas Party – Donna Berst

Day Trips – Would you be willing to host/lead one? Your trip can be all day, or just a couple of hours. If you need ideas for locations, I have many. Your day trip can be local – maybe just to a restaurant or for ice cream – or it can be an hour or two away. Your Choice. Consider wineries and breweries – there are lots in the area. So many places to visit – we just need Leaders. Thank you in advance for considering to lead a Day Trip!!

And Thank You as always for all your support!!!

Hope to see you soon!!

Carolyn

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I'm dedicated to rebuilding the relationship between the Queen City Corvette Club and Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet. Our team is looking forward to further fostering the connection through the mutual support of our organizations. You have my commitment. Chris Boone, General Manager

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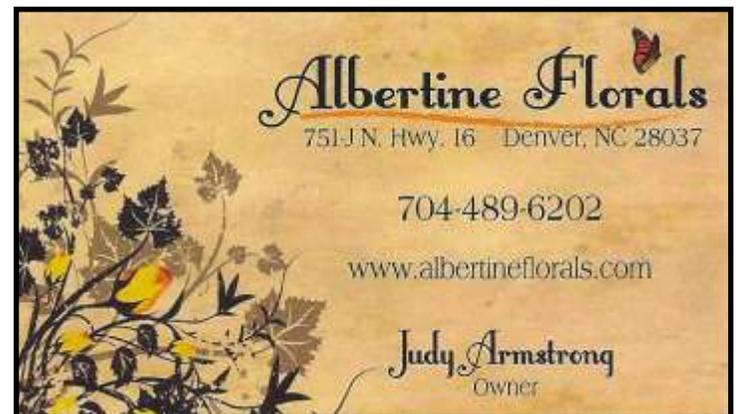
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Hello QCCC, hoping everyone recovered from the last meeting/picnic at the great Loftin's Garage. We cannot thank Brenda and Tommy enough for always hosting a great event. In addition, many thanks to the social team that pulled it all together. The food was great the company better, and the weather was so-so. There was also the best envelope stuffing 'party' that occurred post business meeting. The US Postal service better watch out!!! We stuffed 200 envelopes and stamped them in record time. Way to go team. This month's meeting will be at the Hopewell Presbyterian Church for 'Cars in the Round'. Unfortunately, the Mariano family will not be in attendance due to being out of the country. Hope everyone has a great time!

"Corvette Racing claimed two podium finishes Saturday 4/13 at the Grand Prix of Long Beach, the first time since 2014 that the program scored a pair of top-three results on the streets of southern California. Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen placed second, followed closely by Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin in the No. 4 Corvette in third place. Then at the CORVETTE RACING AT MID-OHIO, Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen climbed to second place, but mechanical issues prevented victory challenge by Milner, Gavin." Next stop, 24 Hours of Le Mans.

I thought I would share a little bit of "What Happened in1963";

- Average Cost of new house \$12,650.00!!
- Cost of a gallon of Gas 29 cents
- Average Cost of a new car \$3,233.00
- The biggest news from 1963 was the assassination of the US President Kennedy on November 22nd.
- Due to the high cost of daily maintenance and repairs, Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary closes on March 21st, 1963.

But the most important Corvette Racing event was:

"Meant to take on the best of the world, the 1963 Grand Sport fell victim to Detroit politics. After only five were built the program was scrapped by management. What Duntov did create was a new tube frame chassis machine with wide wheels on a new suspension and an all-aluminum 377-cubic-inch V-8 with some 550 horsepower. Now these wide-shouldered Grand Sports are the most treasured, and valuable, of all Corvettes".



Smoke'em if you got'em.....(tires that is!)





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section to scroll to the next or previous month.*

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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

The 2019 BASH is in the books and the QCCC members attending had a great time! Our QCCC tent was positioned right out front with high visibility. We used it to promote our October Car Show. Thanks to all the members who spent shifts manning the tent and passing out information. If you look at NCM BASH photos and videos our tent shows up in many of them.



SHELTON VINEYARDS Corvette Show is up next, let's have a great QCCC turnout. Signup at the May club meeting May 12 and watch for the blast with event details coming soon.



UPCOMING 2019 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

[See the *QCCC Events Calendar* on our website for details]:

2019 EVENTS

- Shelton Vineyards Corvette Auto Show – May 25
- Dale Earnhardt Car Show – June 15
- VIR IMSA Race – August 25
- QCCC Car Show – October 12
- Fall Auto Fair – October 19 [Saturday only]
- Americarna Live Car Show – November 30

Cars & Coffee

- Cars & Coffee – Charlotte – First Saturday each month
- Waterbean Coffee - Cornelius 2nd Saturday each month
- Cars & Coffee - Charlotte Motor Speedway 3rd Saturday each month
- Streetside Classics Last Saturday each month
- Hot Rods & Hops – 3rd Friday, check Hot Rods & Hops Facebook page for details

Roger Winge
Automotive Events Director

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS REPORT

May 2019

PAUL SCHMITT

“Building a GREAT Corvette Club One Member at a Time”

It's really hard to believe that “Summer” is upon us. The year has really flown by and thus far has been filled with great QCCC Events. In January we had our 6th Annual Chili Cook Off and the Rolex 24 in Daytona Beach Florida. In February the Valentine's Day Party, March our Annual QCCC Banquet at Charlotte Motor Speedway, April the Auto Fair, and the Annual Picnic at Tom and Brenda's home.

We just got home from the NCM BASH in Bowling Green and had a great time. We even caught a quick glimpse of the new C8!! Don't forget the NCM's 25th Anniversary / National Caravan which will be held the last week in August 2019.

We are now planning a few weekend trips: Maggie Valley and Shelton Vineyards all planned this month.

The QCCC Calendar is FULL!! Be sure to check it out and join us for these memorable events. You don't know what your missing.

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APRIL 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP through April 2019

Total Membership-	348
Total Families-	189
Total Prospective Members-	18
NEW Members through April	23
Avg. 12 mos. Attendance	131

CARE & COMPASSION

Brian Kruse- Continued prayer and well wishes for Brian & Barb.

Brian is recovering from Kidney surgery.

George Manghis- home recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Chuck Solland- home recovering from illness.

Fred & Gloria McCoy- Home recovering from illness.

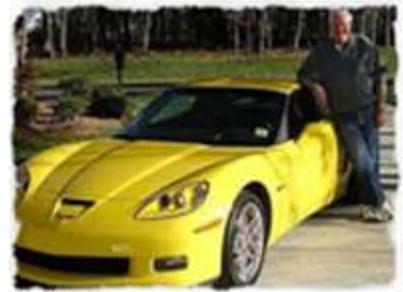
Bob Anderson- Associate Member- Home recovering from surgery.

Paul Schmitt

Membership Director- QCCC



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

If you missed this year's Bash, I am truly sorry. Enough excitement there to last for a few weeks. The GM seminar was so crowded that the Fire Marshall could have shut us down. Still not much info on the new C8 but enough to whet the appetite. At least everyone attending got a free C8 emblem lapel pen. Pretty neat. The really big news out of the seminar was the announcement that Chevrolet was donating two (yes – 2) mid-engine C8's to the NCM. One will be a raffle car (more on that later so keep reading) and the other will be used at the Motorsports Park for various activities. WOW – what a gift!

The other surprise at the Bash was a drive-by of one of the camouflaged prototype mid-engines. I'm sure by now you have seen one of the many videos on the internet but it was uber cool to be there and see it go by. The other cool item observed was the camouflaged shirts all the GM folk were wearing. No matter the enticement offered to them, they would not, and could not, part with their shirts. As another generous offer, GM had three shirts left over which they donated to the museum to raffle off. One of the three will be kept as a display item but the other two brought \$3,100.00 for each shirt (!!) as a donation to the NCM. Thank you again GM. (No – I didn't buy one.)

The band playing at the Bash Banquet was outstanding. Totally blew me away. I don't know how they did it but they managed to play at a rock volume while allowing everyone to carry on a conversation at their tables. Magic!

Now for a little more info on the raffle car. It will be VIN25 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the museum and ticket price is \$25.00 – unlimited number. The raffle process has some significant changes of which I shall attempt to explain as best I can. You can no longer buy a raffle directly outside of Kentucky. You must submit your payment with an order form, which you can download from the NCM website or obtain one from myself or Paul Schmitt. (I won't be at the May meeting so see the other Paul) **NOW PAY ATTENTION** to the following marching orders; if your payment is in the form of credit card information, you may mail it direct to the NCM via the US Postal service. If you use check or cash, **you cannot use the USPS** but must use some other delivery service such as Fed X, DHL, UPS, etc. Hopefully, that is clear enough to get you started. You will not receive a ticket in response but you will be notified of your ticket number via e-mail. Trust me, you will have a ticket in the barrel. If you don't already have your name on the list with a dealer, you are too late to get a C8 the first year as it is all sold out. The raffle is your only hope. Don't just buy one ticket.

Okay, along with all the other good times like "lobby time", lunch at the Dupont Lodge in the Cumberland Falls State Park on the return trip – are you starting to get the idea that this Bash was something special? If you have never been to the NCM, or not been there during an event, ask those folks that were there for the first time if it was worth the price of admission. Even the "old timers" were impressed. Come on Caravan.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	- 189
No. of NCM Members (52%)	- 9
No. of Lifetime Members	- 41
No. of Duntov Society Members	- 4
No. of Spire Members	- 7

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador





THE CAROLINAS & VIRGINIA CORVETTE CARAVAN OVERVIEW

2019 National Corvette Museum Caravan

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) Caravans have become an integral part of the National Corvette culture. The following provides some background information on these caravans.

A nationwide caravan was organized in 1994 to celebrate the opening of the National Corvette Museum and again in 1999 to commemorate the NCM's 5th anniversary celebration. In 2003, a 3rd National Caravan was organized to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Corvette marque. The 2009 and 2014 National Corvette Caravans were held to celebrate the NCM's 15th and 20th anniversary. Our own **Paul Mariano** served as the NCM's National Corvette Caravan Chairman in 2014. The 6th National Corvette Caravan in 2019 promises to be the largest caravan yet.

Twenty-nine+ local caravans will be organized across the country and, in most instances, merge with other local groups as they proceed to Bowling Green, KY. It is anticipated that the approximately 300 Corvettes departing Charlotte, NC will join 7500+ other Corvettes in Bowling Green at the conclusion of the caravan.

Our local caravan covers Corvette enthusiasts in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. It will originate in Charlotte, NC days before with our own events and depart for Bowling Green with an overnight stop in Sevierville, TN. Our local caravan festivities include catered meals, track laps at Charlotte Motor Speedway, ice cream socials, raffles for valuable prizes, a great goody bag for each Corvette entered, NC/SC/VA Caravan T-Shirt and more. After combining with other caravan participants, the caravan will arrive in Bowling Green, KY on August 28, 2019 for the weekend festivities, vendors, events, concerts, and more..

In addition to caravan participants from the Carolinas and Virginia, Corvette enthusiasts from the surrounding area will be converging in Charlotte to participate in the kick-off activities at designated locations. Many who cannot participate in the actual caravan will attend our festivities throughout the Charlotte metro area. Our NC/SC/VA Caravan Chairs, Frank & Laura Sancineto have a fun experience planned for us.

CARAVAN FUNDRAISING

Each caravan is left to its own resources to raise the funds required for the activities at the origination site, overnight stops, Route Books, and caravan materials. The NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan will offset some of the costs through business and personal sponsorships. Sponsorships will be available at various levels in an effort to fit a variety of businesses wishing to advertise to local Corvette enthusiasts and support the caravan and NCM. Any monies remaining after the caravan will be donated to the National Corvette Museum. But time is very limited. Sponsorships and Ads must be in by March 31st.

Again, for this caravan, we will highlight **Corvette Vanity Plates**. The cost is \$35 for one plate, or \$50 for two (2) plates. If you're interested in submitting your plate(s), please see **Chris Wood** or email at 2RedVettes@att.net. Again, time is short. Deadline for submission of a good quality photo (JPEG or PDF) is **March 31st**. You can take it with your smartphone.

Our NC/SC/VA Corvette Caravan's primary fund-raising tool will be to sell ads in our **2019 Corvette Caravan Route Book**. The Fee Schedule is available if you are interested. We can also show you samples of previous Caravan Route Books produced and discuss other options for extended exposure. Our Corvette Caravan participants will show their appreciation for your support by utilizing the services of our sponsors. The National Corvette Museum is a 501(C)(3) non-profit foundation.

Thank you for your consideration and support of the local participants in the 2019 Carolinas and Virginia Corvette Caravan. If you would like more information about the Corvette Caravan, please see the following – **General questions:** Carolyn Zimmer, Wade Stickels; **Sponsorship & Vanity Plates:** Chris & Peggy Wood;

Is a National Corvette Caravan worth your time: Ask any previous Caravan participant!





From Track to Street

People always ask me after I have driven on a race track, How fast did you get to? Believe you me the top speed you run on a race track has nothing to do with racing or winning. Why you ask, well you are about to find out. Let us say a race track has 16 turns in it and two straight stretches. If you are able to drive around each corner .5 seconds faster than your competitor you will gain 8 seconds a lap on them. If they can drive 3 seconds faster on the straight stretches than you they gain 6 seconds a lap on you. That means you beat them by 2 seconds a lap. That means you win. So the way you win races is to drive your car faster in the corners than your competitor. By the way on the National Motorsports track I kicked a ZR1 in the corners. He caught me on the straights but lost on the corners. I only did 93 on the front stretch due to the fact we had to follow the lead car and couldn't pass him. On VIR I did 130 on the back stretch. Corvette Racing does 180 on the back stretch with less horsepower. Know why, he leaves the corner at 58 and I leave the corner at 35. You win races in the corners not the straights. If you have never had your Corvette on a track DO IT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It is a ball and you won't hurt it, just don't try to be a race car driver.

Now for Corvette Racing.

By the time you read this Mid Ohio will be over. Check the Corvette Racing site for the results. By the way there will be a C8R next year but the engine has not been announced. Stay tuned for the exciting news and no the C8R will not run in 2019. The next race will be LaMans June 15-16th.

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt

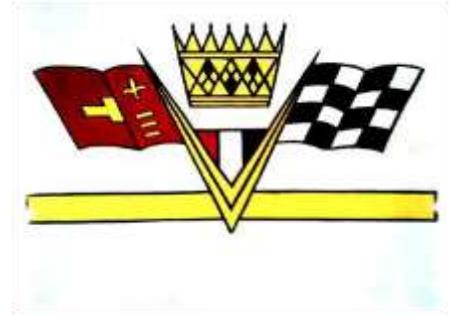


Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



VINTAGE QCCC WITH THE VINTAGE GANG: BILL CRUTHIS, BILL INGRAM, DARRELL KIRKLEY, AND TRAVIS MEREDITH

Then and Now

I know where I am starting but I do not know where I will end up. I do know that I am still suffering from banquet euphoria. I visited with Travis this week and we can only remember QCCC having a band in the early years just a couple of times. The problem was our bank account just could not swing it. We did have bands at the Corvette/Porsche Challenges and the two national conventions in 78 and 91. There was no band at the 20th anniversary banquet and I do not remember one at the 25th reunion party. If we held a party at the clubhouse, it was open the front door and turn up the juke box. We were a group of around 26 couples driving the hottest cars made at that time. We knew we were just the coolest. The entire fleet of the club cars back then would equal enough to buy one grand sport today.

Now flip forward to today. The 360 members have multitudes of c-7 Corvettes that I would estimate the worth north of 13 million. So we must be doing something right. As I grow older I am changing and appreciating more that my life has to offer. At the banquet I was really mesmerized by the band. The sheer talent to be able to work the musical instruments, while remembering the words to any song we requested, then throw in some dance moves and you have the old stomp your foot, pat your head and rub you belly at the same time. The fact that we could be having the event at one of Charlotte's best venues, where in the old days we had raced, with the greatest entertainment in the area, is a compliment to all of QCCC who have worked to get us to this point. I went in this year wanting to focus on the band as I left last year with member Kenny Watts sitting in for a couple of songs as a guest drummer. It had been decades since Kenny had played and it was awesome. I would love to play the drums but lessons would be just throwing good money down a rat hole.

It seems to me we should have a club song. In the 70's the unofficial QCCC song was Blue Moon. It became so as Travis, Tommy Mitchem, and Jim Whitley

would always sing (and I use that word loosely), it as the last song. If I had a vote now it would probably be Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American".

The crystal bowl awards are a far cry from the handmade trophies that Travis would make for us. Both were equally welcome. I am sure we drank more alcohol back then, but that may be due to the country's societal change than our want to.

I am pledging to myself to think daily that I have been very fortunate to have found this great group of folks 45 years ago and I continue to find great friends in QCCC since then. Let's take good care of our new members so they may one day get the same satisfaction that we have all had over the years.

I don't know who Sylvia is but I don't think they have too much of her. Seems about right to me. Now we have them contracted in again for next year so let's party on.

It has been great to attend all the banquets and they just keep getting better. My journey started with a wet behind the ears kid from a farming community in Illinois, to being a retired pharmacist in one of the fastest growing cities in the country and going from a used 68 Corvette to a garage full of Corvettes. Many times different members have helped me with Corvette issues to get where I am now.

So thanks to QCCC for letting me be a part of all of this as we look for even better days ahead.

Respectfully Submitted: Bill Cruthis

p.s. instead of just adding a birthday every year, I am working on a formula for determining old men's age. Go to your closet and count the number of t-shirts, sweat shirts, and collared shirts that have a food stain somewhere between the chin and the beltline. I counted 15 in my own closet. Multiply the number by 5 and that will be close to your real age.

QCCC CORVETTE CAR SHOW UPDATE

Queen City Corvette Club Corvette Show

October 12Th, 2019

Car Show, Car Show, Car Show!!! Yes, this is about one of the largest Corvette Shows in the whole USA. We will make national history in the Corvette world with this show and YOU are a big part of it. We are less than 6 months away from October 12TH, so it is time for QCCC members to volunteer for an enjoyment position at the show. You have an opportunity to assist in many areas, so please choose one that you have an interest in.

The following is a list of Teams and Team Leaders for 2019:

Advertising and Trophies	Roger Winge, Paul Mitchell, Tommy Loftin
Charity and 50/50 Raffle	Fred Rice
Silent Auction	Peggie Wood
Event sponsors & Goody Bags	Paul Mitchell, Tommy Loftin
Parking	Bob McCall
Registration	Michelle Moore
Tally & Score Sheets	Donna & Craig Smith
Judging	Brian Moore & John Callahan
Event Liaison	Keith Cross
Heritage Center & Race Shop Tours	Reggie & Suzie Black
P/A, Announcements, Door Prizes	Paul Schmitt

We will have sit down positions for people that need them. If you can't attend all day please come as much as you can and consult a team leader for your times.

We will have sign-up sheets and car registration forms starting at the next meeting. Please register or see a team leader if you have questions about a particular area you are interested in.

Remember to qualify for all the give-away items, including the \$8,555.00 C7R Corvette watch you must do the following:

- Register a Corvette
- Sign up to work
- Bring an item for silent auction, door prize or goody bags



Please help us make this the biggest Corvette Show in the USA,

Tommy Loftin, QCCC Car Show Director

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/OCCCMemberGallery>.

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.

Another Fun Picnic & Meeting at the Loftin's!



On **facebook**?

ICYMI – we have TWO Facebook pages?

QCCC Members is a 'closed' group for only paid QCCC members
www.facebook.com/groups/409674005715403/

- Members have to ask to join
- Once approved, any member can freely post your photos, car events, videos and share/post Corvette-related news.

Queen City Corvette Club is an 'open' page for anyone on FB
www.facebook.com/QueenCityCorvette/

- Anyone on FB can "like" and "follow" our events
- Only our FB administrators can post on this page
 - Just ask and we'll post for you
- Anyone on FB can like or reply to our posts.



Groups



Pages



QCCC Members

88 members



Queen City Corvette Club



**Catch the
latest QCCC
news by
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Facebook!**

Last Laughs

FIVE THINGS I LIKE

ALMOST AS MUCH AS DRIVING MY CORVETTE

- 1. LOOKING AT MY CORVETTE.**
- 2. TALKING ABOUT MY CORVETTE.**
- 3. WATCHING TV PROGRAMS THAT
FEATURE PEOPLE DRIVING CORVETTES.**
- 4. WEBSITES ABOUT CORVETTES.**
- 5. BACON.**