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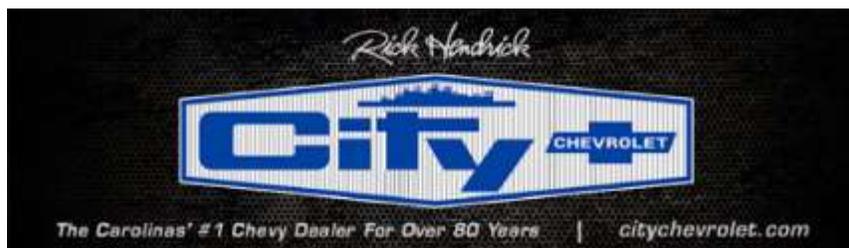
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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

Well, we wanted Corvette weather, and we got it, as long as your AC is working or your top goes down. But it seems now we are back to a “normal” weather pattern, which means it really is perfect Corvette weather.

For example, we had about 35 cars go to the Shelton Winery trip. What a beautiful sight – all those Corvettes on the green hills of the winery. QCCC made a great impression, with all our cars and the Big Yellow Tent very prominent on the grounds. The tent actually attracted interested people, and we got some prospective members to stop by and get information. Thanks to Roger and Dee Dee Winge for putting this together and leading the group.

The Car Care Clinic held by Richard and Betsy Kashinsky was another great outing for QCCC. We had 46 people attend the clinic to learn all the tricks of using those outstanding Adams Car Care Products. That stuff really puts a shine on any car, as demonstrated at the clinic. Also thanks to Dick Gwilt for hosting us at his amazing garage complex. With over 30 Corvettes parked at the garage, it was another QCCC Corvette show, with, as always, some beautiful cars to look over. Plus the first QCCC owned C7 ZR1 was in the house! We will have another clinic in early fall, again with demo of the products plus instructions on how to properly use a power tool for an amazing shine. Don't miss it!

This coming Saturday is our meeting at the Speedway Club, with a fantastic meal following. This is always a favorite meeting location, so get there at 4:00 to socialize and enjoy the always wonderful QCCC fellowship.

We have some day trips coming up soon. Thanks to the Berst's for leading a mountain trip, and to the Lontz's for leading a trip to Mt. Airy. And Steve Bonino is leading a trip to Helen GA in the fall for Oktoberfest. This is a great trip, one you don't want to miss. We will have more, so check out emails and Blasts.

All these trips are a treat for us to drive these beautiful on some of the best and most scenic roads in the country. And just as much fun and important, is the opportunity to have fun with fellow members. If you are new to the Club, these trips are the best way to get to know your fellow members. And for us that have been around for a while, it is still one of the most appreciated benefits of being a member of QCCC – sharing great drives with manly laughs and good times. So I hope to see everyone on a trip this year.

Get it shined up, gassed up, and ready to roll. Cause it is time to.....

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

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

- Carolyn Zimmer -

Happy June!!

Summer sure arrived early this year, but what a great time for Corvettes!! As we say in the Corvette world, lots of opportunities to Drive and Eat!! I hope you will consider hosting a Day Trip for sometime soon. They fill up fast!! Lots of places to go and things to do, so just let me know your choice – we'll send a BLAST and 'they will come.'

Thanks to **Clark Belvin** who hosted a Day Trip on May 4 at Tread Connection in Charlotte and Lunch after at Max Speed Shop. Tread Connection is a QCCC Sponsor, and is a mobile tire and wheel retailer with great references from a number of our members. Great feedback from those who attended.

Thanks to all those who brought goodies for our May 11 Meeting at Hopewell Presbyterian Church and to **Donna Berst** who coordinated setup and clean up. The Corvettes in the Round event was a bit of a washout with all the rain, but many thanks to all who braved the weather to join us for the meeting.



Also, thanks to **Tom and Terri Pennoni** who once again this year led a great overnight trip to Maggie Valley, NC on May 17-19. The group stayed at Maggie Valley Creekside Inn and had fabulous weather and a wonderful time. I was told what happens in Maggie Valley stays in Maggie Valley!!!!

So what's next on our fun Social calendar? Well we start with a very busy June!!!

Saturday, June 8 is our **Speedway Club Dinner** after the June Meeting. **Peggy Wood** is the Event Leader, and pre-registration with payment due June 3 (\$37 per person). The Speedway Club puts on a great made-to-order Pasta Bar for us and the food is always outstanding. Social Time and Bar opens at 4 pm. Another opportunity for fun and fellowship with great club members. Hope we will see you there.

Saturday, June 15 there is a ***Too Much Sylvia* Concert at the Village Park in Kannapolis** and **Paul Mitchell** is the Event Leader. As many of you know, this band is fabulous and has been our Banquet Band for the last few years. Parking is wherever you can, so there won't be a Caravan to the event. Concert starts at 7 pm, but get there early with your chairs!! There's sure to be a big crowd. Bring your water or soft drinks -- Alcoholic beverages available for purchase inside the park.

Saturday, June 22, **Ron and Donna Berst** will once again lead a Day Trip – a **Mountain Top Day Trip**, rain or shine, to Mt. Mitchell after a great lunch at the scenic Little Switzerland Inn on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Due to restaurant size, this trip is limited and it filled up quickly, but Donna has started a waiting list in case of cancellations.



Saturday, June 29, Troutman Independence Day Parade. Tommy and Brenda Loftin are hosting us again for this extremely fun and patriotic event! Corvette Convertibles or Coupes are welcome, you can sign-up or just show up – there is no limit to the number of Corvettes. Arrive at the Kat’s Patch Restaurant parking lot (across from Iredell County Fairgrounds) on Hwy 21 Troutman between 9:30 and 10 am. After that, the police will close the highway for the parade. Feel free to decorate your cars with red, white and blue!!! Following the short parade, we will have lunch at the Sports Page Restaurant at Perth Road and Hwy 150 in Mooresville. This is an event to truly get you in the spirit for July 4th.

Wednesday, July 17, 2019, Day Trip to Historic Mt. Airy, NC. Joyce and Norm Lontz will lead a Day Trip to Historic Mt. Airy, NC—the boyhood home of Andy Griffith – with Lunch at the Old North State Restaurant and Winery.

Check the QCCC Social Event BLAST for this trip for more details.



SOCIAL EVENT LEADERS NEEDED FOR:

- **August 17** Day Trip to North Wilkesboro – Beach Music and Vettes – Music by *The Embers*
- **Summer Date TBD** – Kannapolis Intimidators Baseball Game Coordination

If you are willing to serve as Event Leader for either of these events, please let me know.

REMINDER: Any day or overnight trip labeled as a ‘QCCC Trip’ **MUST be communicated to the QCCC Board in advance and communicated to all QCCC members in advance** so all members have the equal opportunity to respond. Obviously small groups of QCCC members might want to get together for their own trips during the week or on the weekend, but these trips should not be called QCCC trips unless the above requirements are met. If you have any questions about this QCCC Board policy, please contact me. The more QCCC Day Trips the better so all are welcome.

Thanks so much, as always, for all your support for QCCC and the great Social Events!!

Look forward to seeing you soon!!

Carolyn Zimmer
QCCC Social Director



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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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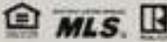


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Hello QCCC, not much to share from my corner of the world as many of you were aware the Marianos were in wonderful Italy. We are hoping that the Corvettes in the Round as well as Shelton Vineyards run were big successes. We did traverse over many a road that were made for Corvettes in Tuscany, but nary a single Vette to be seen. What a waste. I did learn one valuable lesson while doing the driving in Florence, from my esteemed sage and father. When faced with adverse driving conditions (like a student driver in rush hour traffic in the heart of Florence – no kidding!!!).....I was told.....”When in doubt, keep DRIVING!!” Never could truer words have been spoken.

For Corvette Racing, next stop, 24 Hours of Le Mans will be the 20th appearance for the Corvettes in mid-June.

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

1. Average Cost of new house \$12,650.00!!
2. Cost of a gallon of Gas 29 cents
3. Average Cost of a new car \$3,233.00
4. The biggest news from 1963 was the assassination of the US President Kennedy on November 22nd.
5. 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;

“1963 Corvette Z06 - This was the first Z06 RPO option-code Corvette and offered for just one year. It was basically a list of race parts: fuel-injected 327 engine fed by a 36.5-gallon tank, heavy-duty suspension and aluminum knock-off wheels, super-duty brakes, and a limited-slip rear end. Just 199 Z06s were built for the 1963 model year and the option price was \$1818.45.”



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



C&VA Caravan Volunteers Needed

COORDINATOR / CONTACT EMAIL:

Carolynz77@yahoo.com



To: All Members and Prospective Members of Queen City Corvette Club

Would you be willing to volunteer to assist with the August Carolinas & Virginia Corvette Caravan Events in Concord?

As most of you know, the Carolinas & Virginia (C&VA) Caravan (this year including West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware) will kick-off at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Concord, NC on Sunday, August 25th, 2019 and depart on Tuesday, August 26, 2019 for Sevierville, TN and then to the National Corvette Museum 25th Anniversary Celebration in Bowling Green, KY. We expect over 300 cars will register to participate in the C&VA Caravan (close to potentially 600 people). QCCC will once again this year act as the Host Corvette Club for many of the local Caravan events.

While in Concord, there will be a number of fun Caravan Events scheduled for all the participants on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (August 25, 26, 27), and the Caravan Committee is asking for Volunteers to assist with coordination of these Events. Volunteer teams will include **Registration Check-in, Welcome Reception, Checking Wristbands, Lining up cars at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Track, Parking and Staging Cars at Various locations, General Assistance, etc.**

I will once again serve as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Charlotte/Concord Area Caravan activities. If you have not already signed up, please consider Volunteering to assist the Caravan Committee with this fun event. Whether you are registered for the Caravan or not, we would appreciate your volunteering to serve!!

To volunteer, or for additional information, please send me an email to carolynz77@yahoo.com.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Carolyn Zimmer

2019 C&VA Caravan Volunteer Coordinator



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

The **Shelton Vineyard's Corvette Show** turned out great, fantastic weather, and a great QCCC turnout!!



The **Car Care Clinic** at Richard Gwilt's beautiful garage was a great time. A big thank you to Richard & Betsy Kashinsky for the detailing demonstration and Adams car care products sale. If you missed it, here's Richard's new ZR1!!



UPCOMING 2019 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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

- **2019 EVENTS**

~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

[June 21, July 19, & August 16 will be at Z Max Dragway. Blast will be sent out with details]

Roger Winge

Automotive Events Director

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS REPORT

JUNE 2019

PAUL SCHMITT

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

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the last 2-QCCC Events that we attended. The first was our Maggie Valley Trip into Appalachian Mountains. Special THANKS to our Leaders Tom & Terri Pennoni that set up and executed this perfect weekend. The scenery, the hotel, the food, the fire pit, and the camaraderie were all spectacular. Let me tell you, we have one GREAT Corvette Club & that was one great trip. We are waiting to sign up for next year!!

Our second trip was Shelton Vineyards hosted by Roger and Dee Dee Winge. The weather was fantastic and we all huddled under the beautiful trees up on the hill under our tents. What a great time looking at all the Corvettes, socializing and even sipping some of that great wine. Special Thanks to Roger and Dee Dee for a putting it all together. We had a great turnout and a great time. Can't wait until next year!!

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CONGRATULATIONSWELCOME TO QCCC!!

JUNE 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP through May 2019

Total Membership-	352
Total Families-	191
Total Prospective Members-	14
NEW Members through April	28
Avg. 5 mos. Attendance	121

CARE & COMPASSION

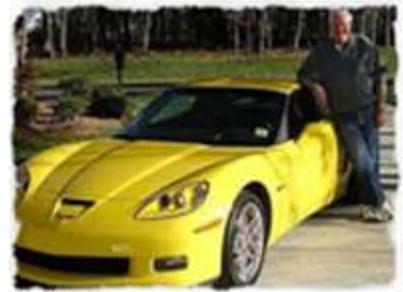
- George Manghis- home recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Chuck Solland- home recovering from illness. Felling much better.
- Fred & Gloria McCoy- Continued prayer for Fred and Gloria as they deal with small chronic illnesses.
- Bob Anderson- Associate Member- Home recovering from liver surgery. Cards and emails are welcome.
- Gary DeRosa- **NEW MEMBER**- Broken Ankle after a bad fall. Surgery is June 5, 2019. Care and Compassion Blast sent out today. Please remember Gary in your thoughts and prayers and be sure to send him a Get Well Card.

Paul Schmitt

Membership Director- QCCC



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

The bloom is hardly off the Bash when it's time to start thinking about the 2019 Caravan and the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Taking a moment to reminisce about the Bash, how exciting was that to see the C8 lap the circle behind the museum? You never know what you'll encounter when at a NCM event. Well, back to the celebration, and a reminder that if you haven't registered for the event yet, on line registration closes on 11 July. Remember, you have to register with the local caravan **and** the NCM.

Several of the activities are sold out but new ones are being added to provide entertainment for everyone. Two added attractions will be downtown Bowling Green on Friday and Saturday nights. Two dinner and dancing events will be held with local bands playing for the customers. The Friday night band is Buehler's Day Off and they are worth the price of admission alone. They played at the Bash and were great.

A couple of final helpful hints is to bring folding chairs and blankets for the outdoor concerts in the amphitheater and don't worry about parking during the event. Shuttle buses will be continuously running between the Motorsports Park and the museum from 7:30am to 6:00pm. And keep checking the NCM website for updates to the agenda.

A sad comment on my recent trip to Italy. I wore several Corvette and NCM logoed shirts and did not draw one comment from anyone. How disappointing!

Do you have a hankering to go to the C8 Reveal in Orange County, CA on July 18th? If so, a little hint for you; stay tuned to the NCM website for a comprehensive package to cover all the festivities. You may want to be one of the first to view the new mid-engine Corvette in the flesh (well, in the composite material/carbon fiber). These things only happen every six to ten years so may want to experience one in your lifetime.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-194
No. of NCM Members	-101
(53%)	
No. of Lifetime Members	- 41
No. of Duntov Society Members	- 4
No. of Spire Members	- 5

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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

DETROIT (May 28, 2019) – [Corvette Racing](#) is back across the Atlantic once again for a landmark appearance at the 24 Hours of Le Mans – its 20th consecutive appearance at the historic French endurance race.

Sunday's annual Le Mans Test Day serves as a final dress rehearsal for the twice-around-the-clock race on June 15-16. It is the only time that Corvette Racing – and the rest of the 62-car field – can turn laps around the 8.48-mile Circuit de la Sarthe, a mixture of permanent race track and public roads.

This is a landmark year at Le Mans for Corvette Racing. No team is on record as having made more than 20 consecutive appearances, and the program has won eight times in 19 tries. What's more, Corvette Racing's Le Mans record also includes eight runner-up class finishes and nearly 100,000 racing miles completed.

That's in addition to tens of thousands more miles in Le Mans testing and practice over the years on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. In fact, the preparation for a ninth victory has been a year-long process starting shortly after last year's Le Mans with Corvette Racing's pair of Chevrolet Corvette C7.Rs. The most recent testing took place at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin over two days earlier this month plus sessions at the Chevrolet Simulator near Charlotte, North Carolina.





Corvette Racing's lineup is a carbon-copy of last year's Le Mans roster and this season's endurance group. Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen and Mike Rockenfeller will drive the No. 63 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R. The trio finished third in class at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring earlier this year in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. In addition, Garcia and Magnussen are coming off a runner-up finish in their last race at Mid-Ohio.

In the No. 64 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette, the trio of Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fässler will team together at Le Mans for the third year in a row. Gavin and Milner have a third-place class finish to their credit at Long Beach in April.

Le Mans is the final race in the FIA World Endurance Championship Super Season. There is a total of 17 entries from five manufacturers in the GTE Pro category.

Each of the six Corvette Racing drivers own exemplary records at Le Mans:

- Antonio Garcia: Three victories in 13 appearances– 2008, 2009 and 2011; runner-up in 2014; third place in 2017
- Jan Magnussen: Four victories in 20 appearances– 2004-06, 2009; runner-up in 2003, 2007, 2008 and 2014; third place in 2017
- Mike Rockenfeller: Two victories in nine appearances– 2005 and 2010; third place in 2012
- Oliver Gavin: Five victories in 18 appearances – 2002, 2004-06, 2015; runner-up in 2003; third place in 2001 and 2008
- Tommy Milner: Two victories in 10 appearances– 2011 and 2015
- Marcel Fässler: Three victories in 13 appearances– 2011-12 and 2014

The 24 Hours of Le Mans will air live on the MotorTrend Network with coverage of the Test Day, practice/qualifying and the race on Radio Le Mans.



ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 63 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:

"Year after year we have gone to Road America to test, so you can see how the C7.R has developed from the last year. You'll know if you've made any improvements. Knowledge of the Michelin WEC tire is a big thing, and we learned a lot at Sebring in the FIA WEC race. Knowing that, we were able to focus a lot on that. Le Mans is always difficult to predict. Sometimes it can be hot with no rain at all and other years it's cold and wet all race. We need to be prepared for everything. The good thing for Corvette Racing is we have the same car from past years and we have learned a lot each Le Mans. It'll be another tight fight in GTE Pro."

JAN MAGNUSSEN, NO. 63 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:

"The way we are performing in the IMSA championship builds confidence for when we get to Le Mans. Everyone will arrive with high expectations. Everything needs to work that particular weekend. We've shown in IMSA that even when we are in a little bit of trouble, we can come together and get the best out of any situation. That's what we need to do for Le Mans. From the beginning, everyone needs to be at 100 percent otherwise it's too hard to win unless you are at your best."

MIKE ROCKENFELLER, NO. 63 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:

"The Chevrolet simulator is a great tool from Corvette Racing to help prepare for Le Mans. It was nice. I drove a few laps in Elkhart Lake but it wasn't easy because of the weather conditions. But I was able to go to the simulator to drive Road America for a little while, which was good to feel how realistic and close it is. Then we switched to Le Mans, which was the main target. Nowadays, simulators are so well-developed that you can really use it properly as a driver to prepare for race-tracks or an event. The Chevrolet one, honestly, is a very good one. It is very close to reality, so we are able to truly prepare the Corvette for Le Mans."

OLIVER GAVIN, NO. 64 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:

"This season has been a season of what-ifs for Tommy and I on the No. 4 Corvette. There have been a number of races this year we've had the right strategy, the right car setup, we've been working well as a team... it seems like we've been able to unlock more speed from the car. That's all encouraging and good. We seem to have a better understanding of this Michelin tire, and we can take that knowledge into Le Mans and try to use it wisely in our test weekend and preparations for the race."

TOMMY MILNER, NO. 64 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:

"Having raced the C7.R at Le Mans for six years now, we've had the chance to improve it year on year. The last couple of years have given us a chance to more fine-tune things. With some of the work we've done this year, we'll have the best Corvette we've ever had at Le Mans. In some ways, Le Mans is a bit routine but we are all eager to get there and see how we stack up against our competition. There is work to do; we haven't been the fastest car there the last few years but that's not for lack of trying. Everyone at Corvette Racing has done made an extra effort to improve our car in every way possible. So I'm eager to get to the Test Day and see how these changes perform. From my perspective we're in a good place."

MARCEL FÄSSLER, NO. 64 MOBIL 1/SiriusXM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R:

"It was good to be back in the Corvette at Road America. The only downside is that the weather was mostly against us. It wasn't really fully raining nor was it dry; we had some mixed conditions which made it difficult to do a proper test. But I did get some running on the rain tires and on the second day with slick tires. This was still a good test though. At Le Mans, you can have these situations where there is rain coming down and then it starts to dry out. So the better you know the car in those conditions, the easier it is to adapt yourself in the race. So in that sense it was a successful test."

**See you at the next
Corvette Race.**

Boyd Kurt

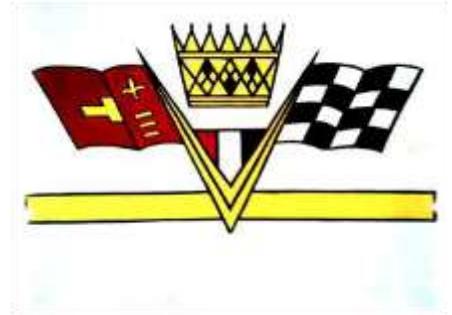


Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Vintage QCCC from the Vintage Gang: Bill Cruthis, Bill Ingram, Darrell Kirkley and Travis Meredith.

Sometimes I have to share an event happening today so it does not get lost over the coming years. (it eventually would be a Vintage article)

A few weeks ago, six QCCC members chose a small diner in their immediate area for an impromptu breakfast. It was a rowdy conversation as usual when you gather with Clark, Ben and myself. I believe Jim Mc., Wade, and Frank were the other three. Just as we were finishing our meal Ben rather accusatorially hollers out "Clark was that you. (I had no skin in the game as my current meds all but alleviate my ability to smell). Clark abruptly responds "not me but phewy that is bad". I chirped in with the usual third grade response of "he who smelt it dealt it". Wade, Frank, and Jim now started looking around for the culprit at neighboring tables. Several more comments about the strength and density of the air, including that it would blow more than a 0.8 on the drunk scale.

As the situation continued, it was noted there was a young child sitting at the booth towards the door. The young fellow was crying rather loudly. It only took a short while before we had him accused, trialed, and convicted as the source of the offensive smell. All six of us were pleased to lay the blame on him as it proclaimed our innocence. As our waitress approached to be of more service we asked her if she would prop the front door open to ease the pain a little. She said it was awful and that they were cleaning the grease trap out. For those not in the circle of that knowledge. Restaurants and butchers, have a place where they can cut fat off of meat and toss it into the grease trap to avoid clogging their sink plumbing. Once the trap gets full it has to be cleaned out similar to sani-can stations at construction sites. Failure to do this results in backup of the grease and water from the trap. After the fat lays in the trap for a while mother nature takes over and the festering process begins. I was working at a Revco in the 70's when the Bi-Lo next door had a grease trap failure resulting in water seeping out of the back stock room under the counters getting 2 inches of cruddy water on the floor.

After the waitress left, we pondered what she had said as the smell we were getting should never be coming from the grease trap. There must have been a plumbing issue connecting the two. (we needed a courtesy flush in there). Some now believed it was the child, but others encouraged by Ben still tried to lay it at Clark's feet. After you have been around a bad odor for a few minutes you develop odor fatigue and it becomes not nearly as offensive. So as usual our group remained in the "kill zone" for another 30 minutes before moving outside. It is amazing when a group of QCCC folks start talking about the C-8, we can tune everything else out. once outside sure enough the grease trap cleaning truck came from the back of the restaurant. This tells us, always believe your waitress, and the child was innocent.

Regardless of our juvenile reaction to someone's troubled digestive tract, and our insensitive response, we had at least an hour long belly laugh. Perhaps Ben's reaction came about from a recent joke about three hobo's walking down a railroad track one ahead of the other two when one of the two in the back hollered out "Clark

You will have to ask Ben how that one goes.

Anytime you are with QCCC it is always of bunch of laughs.

Store this one away until it becomes a vintage memory.

Bill Cruthis



QCCC CORVETTE CAR SHOW UPDATE

Queen City Corvette Club Corvette Show

October 12Th, 2019

Summer is here and it is time to crank up the Queen City Corvette Show. We need all QCCC members to sign up for the work detail of their choice. We will have sign-up sheets at the next QCCC meeting. When you sign -up you need to commit to an item for door prizes or goody bags. You will also need to put your t-shirt size down. If you have a supplier that can supply goody bag items please contact them. We need items for 300 bags.

Please help us with this big one-day event. It is our largest club event of the year and one of the largest Corvette shows in the nation. We have a job for each member. We also have committed t have 100 QCCC Corvettes at the show, so bring your Corvette.

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

Tommy Loftin, QCCC Car Show Director



Maggie valley trip

May 17-19, 2019





Corvettes caravanning! FUN WITH FRIENDS! Cozy campfires! Cool weather! Great food! Thank you tom & terri for an awesome qccc weekend trip!



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.

Jamie & Ben took a very small group of QCCC veterans to the NC Air National Guard for a tour of the new C17 cargo aircraft.



Ben presented our QCCC challenge coins to the team that took them on the tour.



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



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Last Laughs

Do you know why I stopped you?



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