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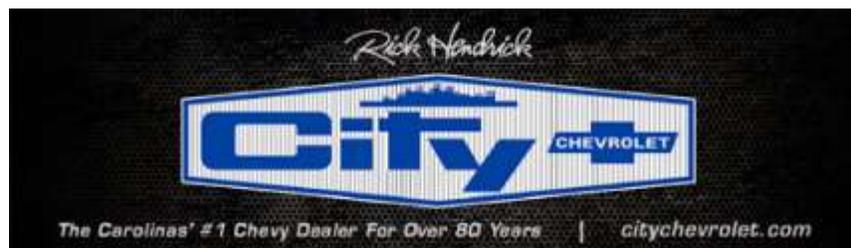
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Saturday April 13, 2019

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The Queen City Corvette Gazette is the official newsletter of the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), established in 1968, and is electronically published and distributed monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC.. Additional information regarding QCCC is available at our website: www.queencitycorvette.com . QCCC is a non-profit club (501(c)(7)) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money for and participates with various local charities. We strive to promote exciting, safe and fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates social time. After an initiation fee of \$10.00 per person, club dues are \$100 per year to be paid semiannually or annually. These dues go to cover the cost of programs, events, running the club, and subsidizing the cost of our meetings. Club officers and supporting staff serve as volunteers. To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must be at least 21 years of age, own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings within a twelve-month period. Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts! For additional membership information, visit https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=330 or contact our Membership Director at membership@queencitycorvette.com . We would love to have you join us for a monthly business meeting. If you can't join us, please WAVE!

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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*



FIND THE BIG YELLOW TENT! FOLLOW THE BIG YELLOW TENT! This was the talk among all QCCC members attending the 2019 Spring Auto Fair. Our beautiful QCCC tent had its official reveal this weekend, and it is a beautiful sight. It is so very visible, and will be a great attraction wherever it is used. It will be especially visible at the Bash where we will be promoting the QCCC Car Show. Thanks again to The Captain, Roger Winge, for designing the tent, and to Roger and Dee Dee for transporting it this weekend.



Coming up Saturday is our really fun meeting at the Loftin Compound in beautiful Troutman NC. This meeting marks the real beginning of spring, and the start of many fun car activities over the next 7 months. There are many things going on, so be sure to check out all the sign-up sheets and get the details at the meeting. Here's what to look for while you are enjoying a beautiful afternoon -

Sign up to participate in the Veterans Home Cruise and Show on May 4. Although this begins in Salisbury and ends at the Salisbury Veterans Home after a 90-mile cruise through the country, you can join the cruise at the stop in Mooresville or Concord. It's for a very good cause, and will be a great spring ride.

Sign up to help man the tent at the Bash in Bowling Green, as we will be promoting our Car Show along with the Bloomington Gold folks.

Sign up to purchase the book *Corvette Special Editions* at a club discounted price. There will be a copy of the book to check out at the meeting.

Look over and order the new spring line of QCCC clothing that Ron and Donna Berst will be offering. Some new additions along with the regular favorites.

Sign up for a great meal at the Speedway Club following our June 8 meeting.

As usual, you can purchase new logo hats and the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin.

And that's just what's going on this Saturday! The driving season is upon us, and it's been a long wait. You know what to do, so let's get going!

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

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

- Carolyn Zimmer -

Happy April!!

Finally, the weather has warmed and Spring is here -- and the Corvettes are on the road again!

In fact, over 30 QCCC Corvettes (and over 60 members) enjoyed the fabulous **BBQ & Choo Choo's Day Trip on March 30**, hosted by **Ron and Donna Berst**. Our QCCC group certainly filled up Smiley's BBQ Restaurant in Lexington for a great lunch, and then we drove on to the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer for a Train Ride, and some tours to see the historical buildings, trains, cars, airplanes and other historical artifacts. Check out the QCCC website soon for pictures of our Vettes in front of the historical train round-house!! Thanks to Ron and Donna for a fun and fabulous day, and for kicking off our QCCC Day Trips for 2019.

Day Trips – We need MORE!!! If you need ideas for locations, I have many. If you want to know what's involved, just ask Ron and Donna Berst (or me). 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 so, what other Social Events do we have planned?

April 13 – Our QCCC Annual Picnic at the Loftin Garage and Homestead in Troutman will be held prior to the April business meeting. Many thanks again to **Tommy and Brenda Loftin** for hosting us each year at their beautiful home and grounds. They spend hours preparing for all of us, and we very much appreciate it. **Event Leader Michael Bullard** has coordinated with Sonny's BBQ to cater a BBQ Pork & Chicken dinner will all the fixins' --with dinner to begin at 4:30 pm. The BBQ dinner is optional, so if you have not registered, you may bring your own picnic to enjoy during the day. Folks are welcome to arrive at Loftin's Garage (244 Hicks Road, Troutman) **AFTER 2PM** for Social time, appetizers, fun and fellowship. There will be some water and soft drinks available, but feel free to bring a beverage of your choice. And, if you are willing to VOLUNTEER to help during the day, please send me an email-- carolynz77@yahoo.com. Here's hoping for a "bright, bright sunshiny day."

May 8 – Day Trip to Tread Connection & Lunch – Hosted by Clark Belvin. Tread Connection, a wheel, mobile tire replacement and repair dealer, is a QCCC sponsor. This Day Trip is limited to 40 members, due to size of the facility and restaurant. Participants will meet at Tread Connection, tour the facility and see demonstrations of their equipment in action. After, the group will have a self-pay lunch at Mac's Speed Shop in Charlotte. Additional information is available in the Blast or by contacting Clark. Sign-up sheets will be available at the April Meeting or contact Clark Belvin, belvin20@bellsouth.net.

May 11 – Snacks and Refreshments During Corvettes in the Round --prior to the May Business Meeting at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville, NC. **Carolyn Zimmer and Donna Berst** will coordinate the refreshments.

May 17-19 Maggie Valley Overnight Trip – Tom and Terri Pennoni are again serving as **Event Leaders** for this great trip to Maggie Valley. An initial BLAST has been sent with all the details, and over 25 rooms have already been reserved at the newly renovated Maggie Valley Creekside Inn, 828-926-1301. Please contact Tom Pennoni for room availability and additional information, t_pennoni@hotmail.com.

August 25-27 – Charlotte/Concord Local Events for Carolinas & Virginia Corvette Caravan – Frank & Laura Sancineto (C&VA Captains and QCCC Associate Members) and their Corvette Caravan team will once again kick-off this 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 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 QCCC Members. I will be sending Blasts with additional information on the local events and give you the opportunity to register for individual activities. If you would like to join the full National Corvette C&VA Caravan to Bowling Green, start with the website www.corvettecaravan.com. More background and detailed information on the National Corvette Museum Caravans, the Regional C&VA Caravan, other caravans, registration, fundraising, events, etc. is contained in the QCCC February and March editions of the Corvette Gazette Newsletters. And feel free to contact me with any questions.

Lastly, for those of you who like to plan out your yearly QCCC Social Calendar in advance, here are some more planned QCCC events for 2019, along with names of those who have volunteered to Lead them. Events (e.g., Day Trips etc.) will be added as more members volunteer as Event Leaders. If any details change, we'll let you know.

Upcoming 2019 Social Events and Event Leaders

- * April 13 – Annual Picnic at Loftin's Garage – Michael Bullard
- * May 8 – Day Trip to Tread Connection – Clark Belvin
- * 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 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)
- * August 26-September 1 – National Corvette / C&VA Caravan to Bowling Green, KY
- * October 5 – Annual 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

We hope you will participate in as many of the 2019 QCCC Social Events as possible, and we encourage you to Plan and Lead a new Event that we can add to the list. Also, check out the QCCC Automotive Events that QCCC Automotive Director Roger Winge has planned. Thanks as always for all your support and have a Happy Easter!

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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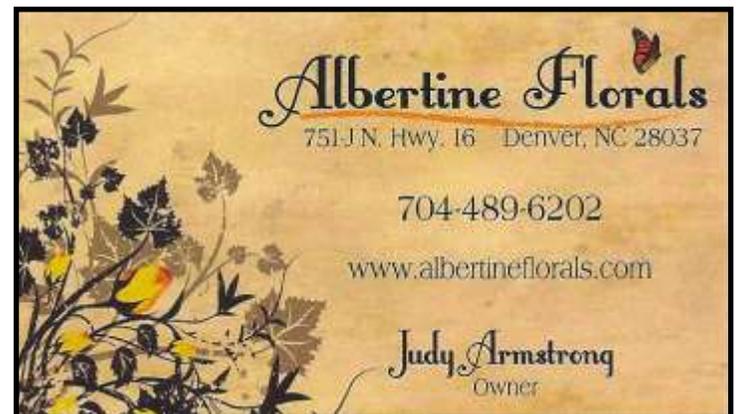
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VeeP's View with



Hello all, and here is hoping that April will be a good kick off of nice weather for those of us here in Charlotte. Many of us attended the Autofair at Charlotte Motor Speedway this Sat/Sun. As always what a great coordination by the Wing's (you guys do a great job and we all THANK YOU!!!). Karin and I were actually able to attend the Sat event with our 67 named Cora (as in Cora-Vette, that is what we call her since she has a personality that is all her own) and Sat turned out to be a beautiful day and with a full crowd. A big Thank YOU to Craig and Donna Smith for the outstanding BBQ you guys definitely have the opportunity to go in to the business. Unfortunately our 67 Cora woke up in a bad mood and would not keep an idle, and we missed the Sun event s. Very envious of those in the dub with yellow cars, the pollen count was so high, there was a yellow tint to all the cars. except the yellow ones!! Looking forward to seeing everyone on April 13th at the Loft in's Garage to kick off the 2019 season of driving!!!

In the Corvette Racing world, CORVETTE RACING AT SEBRING (March 17):

Valiant Effort Lands No. 3 Corvette on Podium. Corvette Racing closed the weekend of racing on the class podium at the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, bringing the team's tough weekend to a close out

Antonio Garcia, Jan Magnussen and Mike Rockenfeller placed third in the GT Le Mans (GTM) category of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Meanwhile, the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R of Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fässler finished eighth in class after an early-race electrical issue.

Next race is in the great state of Texas at COTA of Austin on May 4-6. Fingers cross and go teams!!!

I thought I would share a little bit of "What Happened in1960";

1. Average Cost of new house \$12,700.00
2. Cost of a gallon of Gas 25 cents
3. Average Cost of a new car \$2,6000.00
4. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is created and the NASA launches the Pioneer 5 space probe

But the most important Corvette Racing event was:

John Fitch and Bob Grossman were the drivers in this Briggs Cunningham-entered 1960 Corvette. After a solid run through 19 of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the car began to overheat. The team upped the frequency of its pit stops and packed the engine compartment with ice. The trick worked and the No. 3 Corvette went on to win its class and finish eighth overall in the 1960 24 Hours of Le Mans.



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





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Click on the Calendar Below to

Access the Events Calendar Page on the QCCC Website.

Once you're there, just click on the month name in the top section to scroll to the next or previous month.

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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

I want to thank the 20 members that showed up at 6:30 AM yes AM, for the first Cars & Coffee at Charlotte Motor Speedway. I think everyone had a great time and I look forward to more members attending the various Cars & Coffee events throughout the month.



Members can get their Corvettes ready for travel to the BASH and Spring at **Car Care Day @ Brian's** on April 20th. **Car Care Day** offers a great chance for members to get their oil changed along with simple repairs and spend some great social time. I will be sending out blasts with additional information on these events.

UPCOMING 2019 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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

2019 EVENTS

- *Spring Auto Fair – April 6 & 7
- *Car Care Day @ Brian's April 20th
- *BASH in Bowling Green – April 26 & 27
- *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]

*Americana 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

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APRIL 2019

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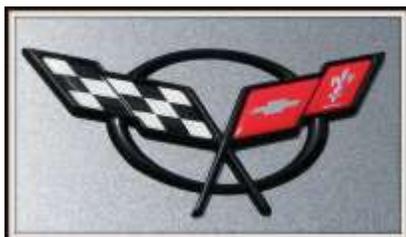


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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP THRU MARCH	341
TOTAL FAMILIES THRU MARCH	186
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS THRU MARCH	14
NEW MEMBERS THROUGH MARCH	21

CARE AND COMPASSION

- 1. Brian Kruse-** Continue to keep Brian in your thoughts and prayers. He had surgery this morning (4/5) to take another biopsy from his bladder and to run some more tests. He is home resting, waiting for good results. Prayers, Good Well Cards, Emails, and Notes are welcome.
- 2. Eddie Burt Jr.-** Eddie Jr. is home recuperating from heart surgery. He had 3 valves replaced and He is doing very well. He thanked everybody in the QCCC Club for their thoughts, prayers, and cards etc. Jane has sent out a Care & Compassion email on March 21, 2019 for all to read.
- 3. Others to keep in your thoughts and prayers:**
George Manghis, Suzanne Crockett, Chuck Solland and Fred McCoy.



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

I hope everyone took to heart the presentation by Wade and Sue Stickels regarding the funding of the NC/SC/VA NCM Caravan. All the track activities Sunday, route books, dinners, and handouts are funded by you, the caravan participants and the generosity of the commercial sponsors. By submitting your business or personal card or a photo of your license plate for publication in the route book you are helping to ensure a fun laden caravan. So take a look at the caravan website and sign up for some of these inexpensive ways to support your caravan.

I was looking through all the names listed in the Winners Club (those donating over \$1,000 in 2018) in the latest America's Sports Car magazine and was pleased to see that thirteen of our club members were recognized. Now granted, several of those members were associate members but we are still glad to have them in our group. We also have five Duntov and seven Spire members. Our group is truly great when it comes to NCM support.

Congratulations to **Walt and Wendy Krupowicz** for being museum members for twenty years and to **Steve and Laura Pelchat** for reaching the ten year mark. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Her Editorship has graciously agreed to include a copy of the NCM Recurring Gift Form in this edition of our newsletter. Hopefully, more of you will look this form over and decide to commit to a mere pittance of a donation to the museum over the coming year. Just a small monthly donation can make a huge difference in the survivability of the museum. Just fill out the form and give it to me or mail it directly to the museum. Thanks in advance.

The Bash is upon us and all the final information will be coming out in e-mail over the next couple of weeks. Daniel Boone Penonni will be leading the main group on Wednesday and I will have the early birds on Tuesday. Let the games begin.

I have started updating my records on who is and who isn't a NCM member and the box score below reflects my current accounting. I still have a few members that I know aren't accounted for so the rate should rise after I contact everyone that I think should be on the list.

Lastly, a big shout out to Ron and Donna Berst for arranging a great day trip to the NC Train Museum. It takes a lot of work to make sure all the details of a trip are covered and they did it perfectly.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-186
No. of NCM Members	- 93 (50%)
No. of Lifetime Members	- 43
No. of Duntov Society Members	- 5
No. of Spire Members	-7

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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

March 14 – 16th at Sebring was a weekend that will go down in history. Not only did we get to see 3 days of nonstop racing but we got to enjoy all that spring that Sebring had to offer. Corvette Racing participated in both the WEC race as well as the IMSA 12 hours of Sebring. Our view from the start finish line is like no other. The TV guy even got us on TV during the race. It really helps to get to know the flaggers and the TV camera man. The start finish flaggers would come over and let us know what was going on and of course we took care of them. We know Sebring is a long way away but the racing is like nowhere else. Speed, noise, history, driver access, paddock access and of course the Corvette Corral. Yes it sold out again. Now to the races.

The #3 car became the #63 car for the WEC race. It had a good showing and our drivers did an excellent job. Sorry no podium for them, but a good test for the 24 hours of LeMans coming in June. Speaking of that have you purchased your tickets for the lap to lap coverage showing at the National Corvette Museum?

The 12 hour of Sebring race was as exciting as it could be. All of the GTLM cars qualified within one second of each other. They ran nose to tail for the first hour and then pit stops happened. I think anyone of them could have won the race. BOP is working even though I have been against it for a long time. Doug Fehan explained why we have it and I must agree with him. See my earlier article as to the reason why. As it turned out Corvette #3 car made the podium and could have won the race if it was 12.5 hours long. They were running well and gaining on the leader. For more info on the race go to www.Corvetteracing.com.

Remember to set your DVD to record the next race at Long Beach April 13th and Mid Ohio May 5th.

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt

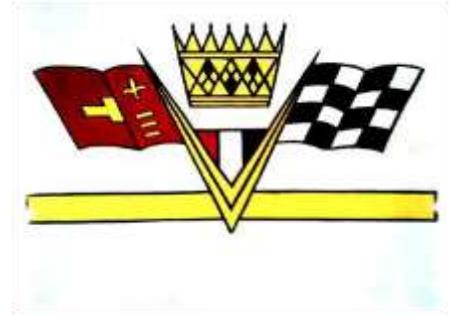


Vintage QCCC

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



Whoowee, this Corvette show has got me so excited I can't retain myself. After reading about some new and exciting ideas that the Queen City Corvette Club and Hendrick Motorsport have put together you should have the Queen City Fever also. It is time for Bill Cruthis to get out the Fever Posters again. What an honor it is to put our club on the same plane as Hendrick Motorsport and have them so excited about our show and for them to continue to bring new and exciting things to the table. For example, how would you like to own a Corvette C7R watch valued at over \$8,555.00? Well if you register your Corvette, at no cost to you then you will have a chance to own such a classic watch. You could also win a big screen TV, signed sheet metal from one of the Hendrick cars, a chance at The Jim Perkins Award; a 100-pound glass bowl with your name engraved on it and placed in The Heritage Center for all the world to see. Come on guys get the Car Show Fever rolling. This is going to be the largest Corvette event in the country and you are a part of it. What an honor. This speaks wonders for our club. Queen City Corvette Club is looked at as one of the most active Corvette clubs in the nation and yes, you are a part of it. Get on board, and let us let it roll.

After all that excitement I almost forgot what I was supposed to be writing about. We will have over 300 Corvettes to judge, so we need judges. We will have 2 judging seminars this year and if you attend both you will receive a designation as a Queen City Master Judge added to your name tag. This will allow you to judge at any QCCC event, like Auto-Fair, our car show and for other clubs like Shelton Vineyards. We are going to need 30 plus judges this year so if you have judged in the past you will be expected to judge again this year. We will pair up Master Judges with lesser experienced judges to make a team. Please consider judging and see Brian Moore, Judging Chairman or myself and sign up for judging. We will also need additional people for parking so see Bob McCall, our Parking Chairman and sign up for parking.

I must remind you that we have pledged 100 QCCC cars and you must pre-register, bring an item for goody bags, silent auction or door prizes and sign up to work at the show to qualify for all the giveaways, door prizes, Jim Perkins award, TV and much more.

Let's all get on board for the Queen City Corvette Club Corvette Show and make an impact in the Corvette world.

Are you excited yet?

Tommy Loftin, Car Show Coordinator

BBQ & CHOO CHOO DAY TRIP



SPRING AUTO FAIR



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QCCC Members & Guests Photos

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Thank You to our past Presidents, our dedicated Board, all our loyal QCCC Members, the support Staff, and our many diligent Volunteers for an Awesome 50 Years!



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Awards Banquet at the Charlotte Motor Speedway!



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

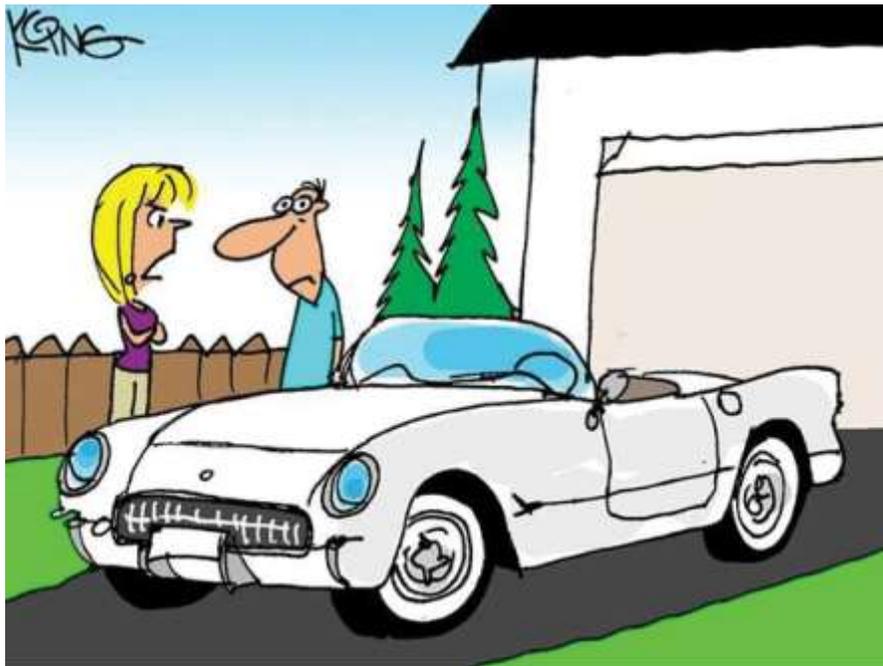


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Last Laughs



"I realize you love driving your Corvette,
but quit driving it to the end of the
driveway to check the mail!"