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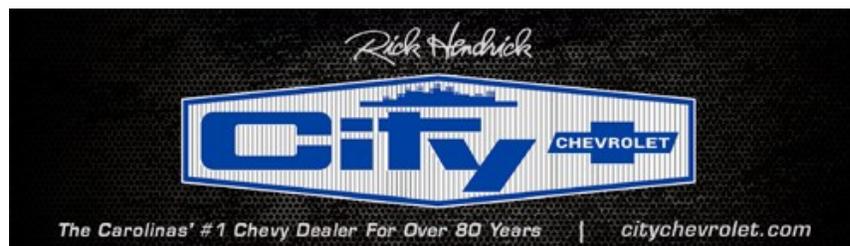
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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

WE HAD A MEETING! We actually had a meeting after the virus struck in 2020. Yes, there were doubts, but everything fell into place so we could finally get together. Thanks again to Tommy and Brenda for letting us gather at their beautiful farm/garage. VP Dick Gwilt has us all lined up for the rest of the year for meeting locations, so check his article to find out the details.

As we go into cooler weather, outdoor meetings will not be able to be held. We will observe all guidelines at any event to promote health and safety for all. So please be aware of distancing and wear masks when appropriate. Together we can minimize risk and do our part to make this damn thing go away so we can get back to some kind of normalcy.

If you attended the September meeting, you were able to get a fantastic deal on some Adams car care products. Thanks to Richard and Betsy Kashinsky, products were donated to the club to sell at 50% of retail price. All proceeds go to QCCC. We sold over \$600 of product at that meeting, and we will have product at future meetings as long as it lasts. You can never have too many microfiber towels!

While we certainly miss not having our great Corvette show this coming weekend, we can put our minds in gear for next year's show. Write down October 2, 2021 for the next chapter of the best Corvette show in the land. We will soon meet with our partners and start planning this show, and we will continue our tradition of greatness. We had many paid attendees this year that were disappointed we had to cancel, but each one has said they understand and that they will be here in full force for next year's show. We continue to get national recognition for our show. I am already excited about it!

The annual Run to the Colors is thankfully being held this year by our friends in Foothills Corvette Club. This is always an enjoyable ride through some beautiful mountain scenery, all escorted by police and sheriff officers at every intersection. And a wonderful meal to boot. Hope to see you there. See the Social report here for details.

So, again, take care and be hopeful. We are able to do a little more as time passes. And soon we will be able to do what we do best.....

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

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~ Donna Berst ~

Happy Fall Y'all!!!! October is here and there are plenty of pretty places to drive those Corvettes, so check out some of the upcoming QCCC events!

Thanks to all the participants, advertisers & the Indian Trail VFW Post for making the "Corona Fun Poker Run" possible! The weather was great, and we raised **\$250.00** for our Charity Fund. See photographs on the next page.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Subject to change due to Covid 19)

Saturday October 10th: October QCCC Meeting at the Victory Lanes and Event Center

(125 Morlake Dr. Mooresville, NC 28117) **4:00 pm Social - 5:00 pm Meeting**

Sunday October 18th: Foothills Corvette Club's "Run for the Colors" The Foothills Corvette Club leads this large police escorted Corvette Caravan, west through the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina and Virginia, to view one of nature's most beautiful display of color. A \$5 CASH donation will be collected at the starting location, McNeil Chevrolet (formally Empire). QCCC participants who would like to caravan together to Empire can meet at the SHEETZ at Exit 150 off I-40 west (Hwy 115) by 8:15. **RSVP by October 9th** to donnaberst@windstream.net Look for the details in the BLAST.

Saturday October 24th: Mark your calendars for a picnic cruise to Table Rock State Park SC. Bring your lunch and take a leisurely ride along scenic Hwy 11 with us. There is a covered picnic shelter with a fireplace (S'mores fixins' will be provided), 20 spaced picnic tables and a horse-shoe pit. If you prefer to bring your own chairs and socially distance even further there are sunny grassy areas surrounding the shelter. Masks are required for the rest rooms. Cost is \$6.00 CASH per person Look for a sign-up BLAST with all the details.

Saturday November 7th: Corvette Angels Toy **DRIVE-THRU and Donate** at Carolina Place Mall from 9:00 am to noon. You can drive up and the Salvation Army will accept your toy donation. There will be an area to mingle at a (socially accepted distance) with the other corvette drivers. As usual there will be a DJ at the event. Come out for the KIDS! Let's give them something to smile about this Christmas 2020!!!!

Saturday November 14th: November QCCC Meeting at the VFW Post Indian Trail, NC

4:00 pm Social - 5:00 pm Meeting

Stay safe & I hope to see you soon!

Donna Berst ~ 2020 QCCC Social Director

It's not where you go... but who you travel with that makes the journey special!

2020 Poker Run



We started the poker run at one of our QCCC advertiser's Monte Carlo Garage Suites. We toured their awesome facility and drew our first poker card.



Next stop was advertiser Mathers Realty where we were greeted by QCCC member and Realtor, Mal Spears. Third stop was in downtown Monroe at Johnson-Motta Insurance and then on to Aces Automotive to draw our 4th card.



We ended at the VFW Post to finish our hand. Larry Newsome won the top prize with a "straight", Pamela Murawa took 2nd place with "3 of a kind" and Chris Farrell's girlfriend Nora won a six pack of Corona beer & a QCCC mask for the "worst winning hand", a pair of deuces. Afterwards we all enjoyed a relaxing social time outdoors at the VFW Post.



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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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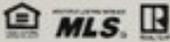


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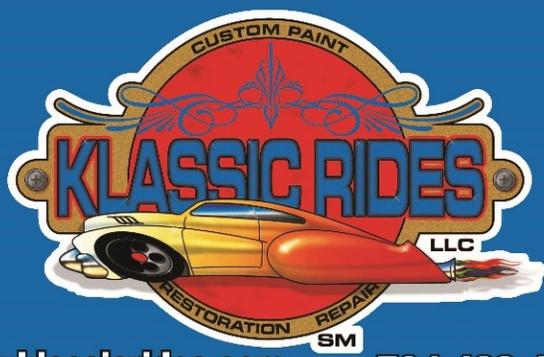
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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Same as last month, hope everyone is healthy and safe. The Corvette Racing Team took first and second at Mid-Ohio last weekend, the next IMSA event will be the Charlotte Roval October 10th.

NOTE: ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID19 - Check Facebook Pages & Websites for the latest event news.

Here's some pictures to help battle QCCCWS (Queen City Corvette Club Withdrawal Symptom)!!



UPCOMING 2020 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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Roger Winge
Automotive Events Director

VP Report



Our club had a fun month in September starting with a cruise along Speedway Blvd with other car clubs and ending at the baseball park in Concord. We then had our monthly meeting/picnic at the Loftin's with at least 10 potential new members attending. On the 26th, we went on a Poker Run between 4 of our advertiser locations.

Now in October, we just completed a charity work-day at Wings Of Eagles therapy horse facility clearing new trails for the horses, landscaping, and painting a shed. Next up is our October 10 member meeting at Victory Lanes Event Center and Restaurant, then on Sunday October 18 we are again invited to join the Foothills Corvette Club for the Run To The Colors cruise up through the mountains to Shatley Springs, and on the 24th, a cruise to Table Rock State Park. We are also planning a Car Tech Day with a visit to Billy Boat's garage for those interested in after-market exhausts for their Corvette, as well as a cleaning, polishing and waxing demonstration by QCCC member Richard Kashinsky using Adams products.

Details on all of the above October events will be sent out in separate BLASTS.

Monthly member meetings are scheduled for the rest of the year as follows:

October 10 - Victory Lanes Event Center in Mooresville

November 14 - VFW in Indian Trail

December 12 - Victory Lanes Event Center in Mooresville

January 9 - VFW in Indian Trail

Note: all events require masks and colorful QCCC masks will be available for \$3 each, or 3 for \$10.

Dick Gwilt, VP

Rgwilt@me.com



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2020

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	345
Total Families	188
Prospective Members	45
New Members thru Jan. 2020	9
Avg. Monthly Attendance	97

NEW MEMBERS:

Rob and Kati Humphrey



CARE AND COMPASSION:

Sue Stickels- continue to keep Sue in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her battle with cancer. Cards, emails & notes can be sent to Sue at:

Email is sjstickels@aol.com.

Phone- 704-564-0015

Al Kessel- Continuing with his treatments to fight cancer. Please continue to keep Al & Gerri in your prayers as they go through this treatment process.

Email: alkessel42@gmail.com

Phone: 704-564-1873

Fred & Gloria McCoy- They are home recovering. Cards and emails welcome. Let's pray for a speedy recovery.

Email: macvette@carolina.rr.com

Phone: 704-280-0858

Norm Lontz- Continue to pray for Norm as he fights Melanoma on top of his head. He is continuing with monthly treatments.

Email: nllontz@aol.com

Phone: 704-701-4129

Pat Motta- Pat is suffering from metastatic Breast Cancer. She was diagnosed in early March and has suffered with this since 2012. Prayers are most welcome.

As Bob stated: "we really need a miracle here".

Cards, Emails, and notes are also welcome.

Email: ramrace@aol.com

ADDRESS: 12725 Green Ashe Drive Huntersville 28078

Brian Kruse-

Brian has had two biopsy surgeries, and his cancer has been found in other parts of his body. He may be facing significant surgery, as this is the best path to be cancer-free. He is feeling fine now and is actively seeking additional medical options and surgeons so he can make a wise and informed decision.

Please pray for complete healing and also to make the right decision as to what to do. There is hope for this type of cancer, so let's pray for a complete healing. Kindly send him a note of encouragement for him and Barbara as well.

Email address: bj2Kruse@gmail.com

Address: **6125 McIlwaine Drive**
Huntersville, NC 28078-7113

Thank you for all your support.

NOTE: If there is a QCCC Member that is sick, hospitalized, having surgery, receiving a hip or knee replacement, and would like to be placed on the C&C List please let me know. My email address is: paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com.

I do not place anybody on this list unless I receive your approval first. If you have an update please send me an email and I will change.

QCCC 2020 Charities

Wings of Eagles Ranch Workday

What a great workday we had at “Wings of Eagles Ranch” on Saturday.

Queen City Corvette Club had 21 members descended on Wings of Eagles Ranch with chain saws, pole saws, Gators, Mules and lots of energy ready to volunteer and provide needed maintenance at the ranch. We were met with great hospitality and a long work list which included; planting flowers, painting a shed, clearing horse trails and walking trails, which involved cutting high tree limbs with chain saws and removing debris from the trails. We also moved a horse corral from one area and reassembled it at another spot. Chris, the founder of Wings of Eagles could not stop thanking us for our support and help. When our day was complete, we all felt good for being able to do meaningful work that will bless many, many children in the future. Thanks to the Charity Committee for coordinating the workday. Thanks to Chris and the staff of Wings of Eagles Ranch for the opportunity to serve.

Volunteers for the day: Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Paul and Paige Mitchell, Larry and Pam Tucker, Ken and Lois Watts, Ron and Donna Berst, John and Wendy Callahan, Dick Gwilt, Jane Burt, Reggie Black, Carl Comfort, Bob McCall, Justin Cross, Brian McIntyre, Kent Dahlstrom, and Rick Leppert.

We will be doing another workday at Wings of Eagles Ranch in the next few weeks, so sharpen your chain saws, dig out your old blue-jeans and bring your gloves to the next event.

Tommy & Brenda Loftin and QCCC Charity Committee





National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER.

Another month of exile has passed and the future isn't looking bright for the next few. Hoping for a vaccine soon so QCCC can return to normalcy. The Board has been doing an outstanding job of providing activities for those willing and able to venture out and enjoy the comradery. Thanks guys and gals.

I do hope that everyone has been keeping up with the NCM activities and providing support when and where they can. The new Corvettes being raffled off are outstanding examples of the new C8 and just remember, you can't win if you don't have a ticket.

You just don't know how I hate to announce this, but Christmas is right around the corner and this means shopping for your spouse and your Corvette. Yes, your Corvette. With all the pleasure it has given you why should you not reward it for being a good boy (girl)? The Corvette Store has a large selection of merchandise for both people and cars. And you don't even have to leave home to shop. And remember, if you are a member you get a 10% discount and Lifetime gets 15%. What else could you ask for in the world of shopping?

With all the troubles going on at the present time, it's easy to forget those little obligations that have some meaning in our lives. I speak of not letting your membership in the NCM elapse. When all this is past we will begin once again our treks to the museum and you don't want to be left behind. How about a Lifetime Membership for Christmas?

One of the biggest benefits of a NCM membership is getting the free subscription to America's Sports Car magazine. In my humble opinion it ranks in the top three Corvette magazines in print. It is great reading during our confinement. The latest issue is especially noteworthy as there is a write-up in it about what QCCC has been doing to help others and have a little fun in the process during the pandemic.

Congratulations to Charlie Binder and Charlie & Debbie Meade on celebrating their fifteenth anniversary as members of the National Corvette Museum.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-108
No. of NCM Members	-187 (57.7%)
No. of Lifetime Members	- 42
No. of Duntov Society Members	- 4
No. of Spire Members	- 5

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



After last month's article about the C-3 original hubcaps I got a lot of comments so I decided to go another round or two about Corvette wheel treatments.

I believe in the last half of the 50's decade and all of the decade of the 60's, GM was feeding their idea box with issues seen in California and with aftermarket items. Drag racing and mag wheels were taking over. 53 thru 62 GM seemed to be looking for wheels that would save the aftermarket business for themselves. If you study the Corvette wheels you find the hubcaps from 53 to 66 all had a fake knock off 2 bar spinner molded into the hubcap. All of these hubcaps were a grade up in fancy vs. the other GM products, although Malibu, and Chevelle had some really great looking caps. So this tells us they were aware of a knockoff spinner but were not sure how to adapt the idea to the Corvette. In the meantime Crager, Vector, and Torque Thrust mags were taking over with the original hubs being boxed and put in the garage.

In the mid 60's Corvette Racing tried and got a modicum of success racing the Shelby Cobras in the Bahamas with the Light weight Grand Sports. Some of these cars ran Halibrand wheels with the quick release knockoff design. The early GM knock off wheel was also a two bar spinner. The idea was to pull into the pits and the pit crew would jack the car up and then use a lead hammer to hit the knockoff spinner in the off direction and the spinner would fall off, put the new wheel and tire on the hub and hit on and it would spin the new wheel on. This done on 4 wheels multiple times would gain track position vs the competition having to mess with lug nuts.

After some success with this effort GM had found its way to something really cool. Enter Kelsey Hays Co., who would make the Corvette knock off wheel for 64 thru 67. The early 63 model had some test vehicles once the mold was made, it also had a 2 bar spinner. This early wheel never was an option on any new 63 Corvette. That wheel would not hold air and an inner tube would have to be used. The 64 – 66 knock off wheel was hands down the best looking wheel we had seen back then. I remember 5 cars in QCCC in 1974 running this wheel. Here is the real skinny. This wheel was only original equipment on 15 1963 cars. The wheel faced legal hurdles and zero window stickers have been found where they were ordered. 1964 showed the problems solved and you could order them. Figures show 806 sets on window sticker for 64. In 65 and 66 the inside of the fins were dark gray vs the light gray of 64, and they just looked better. 65 had 1116 sets ordered and 66 had 1194. 3131 cars ordered knock offs. So if you had an original window sticker with Kelsey Hayes knockoffs, they soon were worth \$10,000 a set. On the down-side, You had to find someone to make you a huge lead hammer to beat on the ears of the spinner which was chrome. One bang on an ear with a regular hammer and the chrome would break off and soon you had a spinner with an ear that was rust.

Reproductions became available around 1980 and everyone rushed to buy new spinners. Also the cone shaped cover that fit behind the ear and ran to the fins would often get dents as you would bounce the lead hammer off the ear and it would hit the cone. The big scare with knocks was that one or more would come loose at high speeds even though the wheel turned in a direction that would tighten the spinner. (would you race at full speed with this wheel, I doubt it) I bought a set of 5 original Kelsey Hayes wheels for \$500 and as they direct I beat them on with my lead hammer. Directions say to tighten them after 500 miles which I did.

Vintage QCCC

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Then I took the 63 out for a little run which went fine, however returning to town and nearing the first stop light, I heard a tinkle sound, looked in the mirror and my spinner was laying in the middle of the road. I got out to find my wheel had come off the adapter and was lodged up in the fender well. So there I am in heavy traffic with that pissy little GM jack, trying to get my wheel out. Once that had happened I never quite trusted them to stay on. The other challenge was finding someone to mount your tires on these wheels. They were all soft aluminum and being rather fragile and prone to breaking. I have friends whose aluminum wheel was broken trying to mount the tires. So like the early fuel injection you had risks to run to get you from DUD to STUD. You can really see that GM had a wheel like this in mind when you look at all the covers from 53 to 63. Back then for a daily driven car the wheel was not a good idea, but the knock off wheel today has to be the best Corvette wheel so far. 3100 cars were ordered with them and there were about 95,000 Corvettes made 63-66, showing 3% came with this wheel, yet today there must be 75,000 sporting the reproductions. That is a huge compliment to the GM / Kelsey Hayes venture. Therefore even with all their shortcomings the Knock off wheel is a top 3 of all GM wheels and hubcaps ever made. Next month we look at the odd year out 1967 and then on to my favorite the rally wheel.

So QCCC guys were hot for knock offs with somewhere between 5 and 10 cars wearing them. When the c-3 68 arrived it took most of the must haves away as most traded up c-2 to c-3. The c-3 took the air out of the room for about 5 years, then the C-2 collectability began and Knock offs were a must on your collector car.

I know \$500 for 5 original Kelsey Hays wheels sounds cheap to day but that was 50% of my salary for a month back then. However it was a great time to be young with a Corvette and all the fun that QCCC gave us and it still does.

It just took a set of nice looking wheels. Now if I could have gotten rid of the black Buddy Holly birth control glasses I am sure I could go from DUD to STUD.

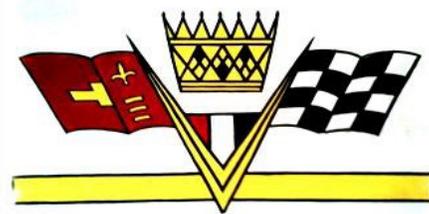
Bonanza. My newest Hemmings Muscle Machine Magazine just came and Terry McGean's column substantiates what I have been saying. Attachment one is his article. He tells it better than I do, but I still like it when a plan comes together. Attachment two shows the knock off reproduction made today. If u get a set of these great wheels, use caution as many have dents and chunks missing from a fin or two when hitting the spinner the lead hammer would bounce and dent the fins.

Submitted: Bill Cruthis

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“...it was
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The Right Rollers

Even as a young kid, I would occasionally sense that one example of a particular model of car just looked cooler than another, even though the two were seemingly the same. Particularly puzzling were certain early '70s Mopar muscle cars that had Rallye wheels — why did some seem so tough while others were just okay? Chevy muscle cars with Corvette-style Rally wheels were confounding, too — some were good, some were better, and others were somehow great.

At some point well before I could drive, I figured out that it was the wheel sizes, and sometimes the tires, that were messing with my mind. The Mopars I'd favored had 15 x 7-inch Rallyes with big fat 60-series tires filling out the wheelwells, making those cars appear truly muscular. The others that didn't quite do it for me turned out to have 14 x 6 versions of the same wheels, with smaller 70-series rubber. Similarly, those Chevys that looked better had 15 x 7 Rally wheels instead of 14s, and the “great” ones had actual Corvette wheels, with the extra-wide 8-inch rims.

These revelations were part of my introduction to the impact wheels and tires can have on a car's image. It's the automotive equivalent of the old saw about clothes making the man — wheels really can make a car. So much so that a great set of wheels and tires can make a mediocre ride suddenly appealing.

This realization hit me hard enough that I was seeking cool wheels before I even had anything to put them on. When I was around 14, I spotted a listing in the “swap and shop” newsletter from my father's office for a pair of 15 x 8 Corvette wheels, at a price that seemed cheap even to an adolescent. I called the guy and arranged a transaction in the parking garage of the office building... and then had to explain to my mother why she needed to drive me to pick up a pair of Corvette wheels when I possessed neither a car nor a license.

I stashed the wheels in the garage and later found, in someone's trash on my paper route, a set of trim rings that I recognized as being for a Corvette. Then I located — one at a time — a pair of 15 x 7 Rallyes. The set eventually wound up on my '69 Camaro a few years later.

But gathering the right wheels was just part of the quest once I had that Camaro. I wanted it to have just the right stance — based mostly on Z/28s I'd stared at in magazines — with meaty

rubber that looked mean but didn't rub. Magazines rarely listed tire sizes on feature cars back then, so I started looking at the sidewalls on examples at car shows and parked on the street.

I finally arrived at just the right combination: 245/60R15s for the rear — wide, but without sidewalls that were too tall for a stock-ish ride height I wanted to maintain. Up front was the real challenge. Many stock Z/28s I saw in those days had 225/70s on their factory 15 x 7 wheels, but those just looked too tall, and some owners told me they rubbed in tight turns. I really wanted 60s anyway, but the 245s would be too big up front, and the 225/60s that had just come out for 5.0 Mustangs seemed too short for the Camaro. I landed on 235/60R15s, which were an unusual enough size at the time that Goodyear didn't even offer them in its Eagle ST line of white-letter radials. I went for BFG Radial T/As and it all came together beautifully.

In fact, that setup looked good enough that people who'd previously dismissed my disheveled Camaro started to take notice, especially after I installed the trim rings and a set of center caps I'd pieced together. Suddenly my car was cool, further cementing the power of a good wheel/tire combination.

Recently, while we were putting together the Special Section on wheel and tire upgrades for this issue, I pulled out of storage a set of 17-inch Torq-Thrust-style wheels I'd gotten for that same '69 about 15 years ago. Back when I prepared to order those wheels, I again went through a ritual of attempting to get just the right stance, but that time, I used more enlightened techniques, most of which we outline in one of the features in this month's wheel and tire section.

Though I still have the '69, I installed those 17s on my '67 Camaro to get some photos for our fitment story. Even though I still love the look of the 15 x 7 Rallyes I've been running on that car (old habits die hard), the upsized rollers really made an impact, and once again, other people started noticing. Ad guy Rowland George, a devout Mopar disciple, saw a picture I posted online after the wheel swap and commented, “I loved the look of your car with the stock wheels, but with those, dang!”

Yes, the power of the right rollers is still potent, and still working its effect on me, so I might just be leaving those 17s on the '67 for a little longer than I'd originally planned. ■

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past

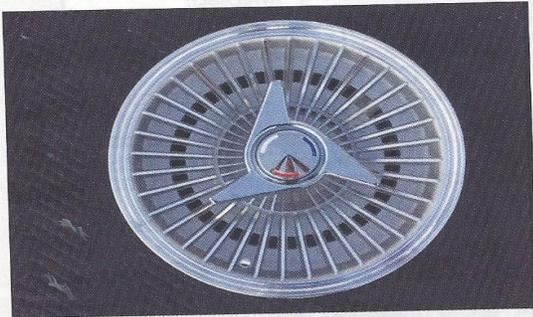


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A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

This month again, a lucky Birthday member's name was drawn at random, and a Restaurant Gift Card will be presented to the winner. The October Birthday Restaurant Gift Card WINNER is:

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LAST LAUGHS



Reaching the end of a job interview, the interviewer asked a young engineer, "What starting salary were you thinking about?"

The Engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5 weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a red Corvette?"

The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."