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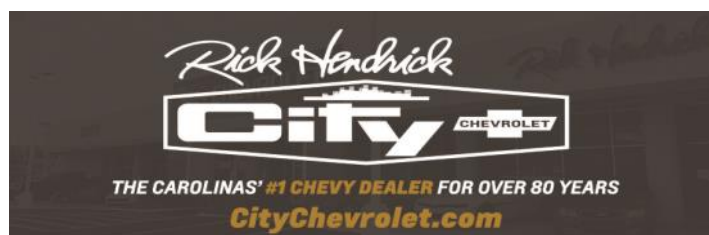
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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



As my second grandson was just born, I am reminded of the timeless movie “Lion King” when the Dad, Mufasa, was always teaching his son, Simba, life’s lessons and training him to take his place as King when he passes on. I have already given up on my kids who have no interest in cars, so I’m going to work directly on my grandsons. Whenever I talk to my first grandson about cars, especially Corvettes, I’ve got him referring to my car as Grandpa’s “fast car”, and his parents’ cars as “slow cars”. And when I babysit him, we always play with his fast toy cars yelling “vroom vroom”. Now I have to train the other one, but with quiet electric cars coming our way, I have to work quickly. Maybe I’ll just put him in a booster seat, give him the keys to a Corvette, and let him hear what real horsepower sounds like!

Now for getting our QCCC members moving. January and February are now past us and your Board is ready to “March” our club forward. We have many events scheduled, so check the calendar on the website. A few immediate events are our Banquet in March to honor our 2021 outstanding club members, our club meeting in March, and a day trip planned to meet up with the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club. In April we’ll have two days of Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway and a trip to the National Corvette Museum Bash in Bowling Green KY.

Here are some pictures from our unofficial car event that 16 of us attended; the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona Race.

Your Board, especially Social Director, Donna Berst, and Automotive Director, Roger Winge, work hard to put these events together for us, so please sign up and support your Club.

Dick Gwilt, President QCCC

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VP Stuff, Ron Berst

During World War 2, the prime minister of England, Winston Churchill was quoted saying “This is not the end, this is not the beginning of the end, this is the end of the beginning.” I do think this describes this Covid 19 mess. We have turned the corner and finally most aspects are improving, and none too soon, we have much “socializing” to catch up with!

Warmer weather will soon be here and the March calendar has three Saturdays of QCCC events scheduled. The Awards Banquet on the 5th, the monthly meeting on the 12th and our first day trip of the year on the 26th.

A Blast will be sent out soon but here is the skinny: We will head to McLeod Farms in McBee, South Carolina. Established in 1916 this family farm has a great restaurant and grille with inside and outdoor seating, the food is delicious but not expensive. There is a bakery, gift shop and country store. They have a cool museum with antique cars and trucks, memorabilia, a couple of old fire engines and some very old tractors too, all of this and no admissions charge! I have attached some pictures. Put this on your calendar. Look for the Blast with all the details, coming soon!

Upcoming meeting locations:

March – Victory Lanes, Mooresville- March 12th, 4:00 social, meeting at 5:00

April – Tommy and Brenda’s homestead – April 16th

May – Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte – May 14th

June – Charlotte Motor Speedway – June 11th

That’s it for now!

Ron Berst







Social



Scene

SOCIAL DIRECTOR ~ Donna Berst ~



Can't wait to see you all, Saturday at our 2021 Awards Banquet at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club! Good Food, Good Times with Good Friends & plenty of Good Music...

Upcoming Meetings & Events

2021 Banquet Saturday, March 5, 2022 Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

QCCC March Business Meeting Saturday, March 12, 2022 4pm Social – 5pm

Meeting at Victory Lane Entertainment Center 125 Morlake Drive Mooresville, NC

Day Trip Saturday, March 26, 2022 Caravan to McLeod Farms in McBee, SC.

Look for upcoming Blasts.

Up Yonder Dinners are the **Fourth Monday of the month**. Look for Blasts

announcing the Monday March 28th get together!

Friday, May 20th through Sunday, May 22nd, 2022, Maggie Valley Overnighter.

COORDINATOR / CONTACT EMAIL: Tom & Terri Pennoni t_pennoni@hotmail.com Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge has blocked out the entire hotel (41 rooms) for us once again this year! Please follow the instructions below for reserving a room.

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	King Jacuzzi room	\$139.00 per night + tax

Some rooms are up 1 flight of stairs All rooms are non-smoking.

All remaining rooms not spoken for from the block will be released by 05/06/2022

Once you have made your room reservation, please send an email to t_pennoni@hotmail.com and let us know so that we can keep you updated on any changing details.

Donna Berst ~ 2022 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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MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

March

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	376
Total Families	210
Prospective Members	80
New Members Year to Date	0
Avg. Monthly Attendance	93

Justin Cross

QCCC Membership Director



MARCH 2022

Christine Schmitt-

Christine will be having Knee Replacement on February 28th. 2022. The date was pushed back 2 weeks. This will be an out-patient procedure. In a couple of months' she will have the 2nd knee replaced. Asking for prayers for a successful surgery and a complete recovery and rehab.

Thanks!

Paul Schmitt

Norm Lontz-

Just wanted to share some good news. The oncologist from Levine wanted Norm's head biopsied where they have been doing the injections. Three weeks ago, they did 3 biopsies.

Labs came back with no CANCER, just scar tissue!

The dermatologist still must keep a close eye on him but no more injections for now. The TVEC worked, at least for now. So thankful.

On March 3 he will see the radiologist and she will determine when his radiation for the prostate will start and for how long.

Anyway, just wanted to share some good news with you!

Hope to see you all at the Awards Banquet.

Hugs,

Joyce & Norm

Sue Kurt-

Susan was diagnosed with cancer back in December. A C-Scan was done Monday and it is localized. Surgery was scheduled February 24. We are in good spirits and miss our QCCC friends. Prayers are needed and are working. GOD is good. Her email address is skurt7167@cfl.rr.com. Please keep her in your prayers.

Blessings,

Boyd Kurt

Sue Stickels-

Sue has been fighting Covid from home since December 27 but has been unable to kick a daily fever, chills, nausea, etc. Numerous doctor and four Emergency Department visits haven't found a solution. Sue's hematologist admitted her to Presbyterian Hospital downtown Charlotte this afternoon. We pray they will find and be able to treat the problem. Cards are welcome.

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Regards,
Wade Stickels
704-564-3819



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

We're getting closer to spring and automotive events are picking up. Cars & Coffee is ongoing (dates listed below). QCCC ends up with about 7 members attending on average. I think most QCCC members are missing out on meeting new car enthusiasts, displaying their Corvettes and socializing. Let's have a better QCCC turnout, I know you will enjoy the events. Next up is Spring Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway scheduled for April 9 & 10. Online sign up and payment is active on the QCCC website (CLUB INFO-EVENT SIGN UP). If you don't remember the password, email me. ***There are only 35 spots so don't delay as they will go fast!!***

The National Corvette Museum BASH registration for the Michelin NCM BASH April 28th--30th is open so get signed up and get your hotel registrations. The hotel information for the NCM BASH is being handled by QCCC member Mike Mariano. We should get a look at the new 2023 models in person including the mighty Z06!! DeeDee and I have been going to this event for many years and if you're a Corvette lover this is one of the best events of the year, so get signed up!

Pics from 2021 Fall Auto Fair!!



MARCH AUTOMOTIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday [March 12th](#) – Waterbean Cars & Coffee Cornelius, NC

Saturday March 19th – Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee Concord, NC

Roger Winge - Automotive Events Director

Secretary's Note:



Hi QCCC Members **Beware the Ides of March**

The QCCC March birthdays are listed below. Please join us in wishing everyone who is celebrating a birthday **a very Happy Birthday!!!**

As we have done in past meetings, we randomly drew a lucky name from those celebrating birthdays in February. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card from Panera Bread. The name drawn was

Keith Cross

Congratulations Keith! You will receive your gift card via USPS so please watch your mailbox.

We are hoping to see all of you at our Awards Banquet on March 5 and again on March 12 at our business club meeting.

Until then, warmest regards

Kathie Finocchi
QCCC Secretary
(704)905-0394

If you would like your birthday added or deleted from our list, please send an email to me at katfino@hotmail.com.



Happy Birthday

March

3/1 Magi Pritchett (A)
3/5 Joe Troutwine
3/6 Tom McQueen
3/7 John Callahan
3/7 Debbie Rinehart
3/8 Bob Terry
3/10 Bonnie Wheeler
3/12 Tracey Comfort
3/14 Andy Anderson
3/15 Ron Strausborger
3/16 Don Conover
3/17 Edward Atkinson
3/19 Eddie Burt, Jr. (A)
3/20 Clark Belvin
3/21 John Meadows
3/26 Quentin "Q" Gross
3/26 Ken Watts
3/26 Reggie Black
3/26 Patty DeRosa
3/27 Gary DeRosa
3/27 Margaret Bieman
3/28 Steve Pelchat
3/29 Julia Davidson



NCM CORNER

Hello QCCC! Hoping that everyone is doing their best to staying safe from the COVID virus. I know there are a few of you out there that are fighting the infection and our hearts are with you as you make your way thru the healing. The Mariano households are doing our best to still stay clear!!!

Here is reminder for the April 28 thru April 30, the Michelin NCM Bash and schedule of events thus far:

Thursday, April 28th

8:00am – 2:15pm	LT1: Lux Row Distillers/BJ's Steakhouse
8:30am – 2:30pm	LT2: Lane Motor Museum & Apple Spice Catered Lunch
9:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open
9:00am – 11:00am	C8 Classroom Session with Paul Koerner
9:00am – 11:00am	Parking Lot Banner Pickup
10:00am – 1:00pm	LT3: Hilltopper Creamery & Chaney's Dairy Barn
5:15pm – 5:45pm	Cash Bar Available
5:45pm – 9:00pm	BQT1: Dinner & Discussion with Tom Peters & Special Guests

Friday, April 29th

8:30am – 2:30pm	LT4: Lane Motor Museum & Apple Spice Catered Lunch
8:00am – 2:15pm	LT5: Lux Row Distillers / BJ's Steakhouse
9:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open
9:00am – 11:00am	Parking Lot Banner Pickup
9:00am – 11:00am	C8 Classroom Session with Paul Koerner
9:00am - 11:00am	Corvette Touring Laps
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Sip n' Paint
3:00pm	2023 Build Your Own Corvette OR \$80,000
5:15pm – 5:45pm	Winner's Circle Cash Bar
5:45pm – 9:00pm	BQT2: Winners' Circle Dinner / Cash Bar

Saturday, April 30th

8:00am – 3:30pm	LT7: KY Derby Museum & Lunch on the Oaks Garden Terrace
9:00am – 4:00pm	Registration Open
9:00am – 11:00am	C8 Classroom Session with Paul Koerner
9:00am – 11:00am	Parking Lot Banner Pickup
9:30am – 3:30pm	LT8: General Jackson Showboat – Nashville
3:00pm	2022 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 4/30/2022

Also noted, Museum is pleased to announce that Chef Bobby Hammock has joined the organization as Consulting Executive Chef of the Stingray Grill. Beyond overseeing general restaurant operations, under Hammock's leadership, the National Corvette Museum will begin internal catering operations for small and mid-sized events on property.

Don't miss out on the latest Corvette Raffle to win a **Red Mist Convertible 3/24/2022!** Tickets are \$200, and the raffle is limited to 1500 tickets. The drawing will be on Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at 2pm CT. There is still time to mail in a chance.

Another Corvette Raffle to win a **2022 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette Coupe 4/21/2022!** Tickets are \$100, and the raffle is limited to 2000 tickets. The drawing will be on Thursday, April 21th, 2022 at 2pm CT.

And lastly a Corvette Raffle to win a **2022 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 4/30/2022!** Tickets are \$20, and the raffle is unlimited tickets. The drawing will be on Thursday, April 30th, 2022 at 2pm CT during the Michelin NCM Bash.

Save the Wave

Mike Mariano

NCM Ambassador

National Corvette Museum



QCCC HISTORY

It's hard to believe it is 2022! That means it's been 50 years since the first famous "Sand-kana" held in North Myrtle Beach (Ocean Drive). But how such an event came to happen is this month's history lesson.

The annual Queen City Corvette Club February Beach Trip in 1971 started out very normal. An early Saturday meeting at Zayre's parking lot on East Independence Boulevard led to an uneventful caravan of about twelve Corvettes to Ocean Drive. Upon arrival at the Mar-Vista Motel and check in, the group enjoyed a quick lunch and the start of happy hour. It was noted during the casual cocktail time that we needed something to do before the serious drinking started. How about driving on the beach? Here's where things went sideways (literally).

Since I'm not sure of the statute of limitations, I'll just call the responsible QCCC member, Jerry D. Well, ole Jerry D. He was a confirmed bachelor, a little older, very nice looking, and never dated the same girl twice. He had a brand-new Ontario orange Corvette coupe and since driving SLOWLY on the beach was permitted off season, took his new girlfriend out on the beach for a spin. (Another literal statement). With encouragement from other members on the balcony, he sped out on the beach and started doing a series on donuts and power slides that would have made Joey Chitwood envious. Suddenly, from about a mile down the beach comes a black and white police car at a high rate of speed with his red light on. Our hero quickly exits the beach and rejoins the group. After some excellent detective work, the officer investigating the incident invites several of us down to meet the Ocean Drive police chief.

Down at the station, Chief Belamy very carefully explained the rules concerning driving on the beach and during the conversation made the statement that if we wanted to go fast on the beach, we should have an organized event and he would be willing to help. That statement started a chain of events that led to the first "Sand-kana" held in 1972. And our hero was released without charges. To prove his support, he had a police car escort the entire club down the beach at a very slow pace on Sunday before our trip home. All of this is documented on super 8 film (no sound) now in the club's historical archives on DVD.

This is just another example of how simple things were 50 years ago and you could make a mistake and it wasn't turned into a felony. Also note that the beach was very seasonal back then, hardly anyone was there in February, no one was on the beach and this incident did not put anyone in danger.

Next month, we'll explore the Sand-kana event further.

Travis Meredith, *historian*

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Well, look what turned up during spring cleaning...

There in the very bottom of that old toolbox, laid what should have been mouse nest material. I will remember to remind the agent how well mouse proofed my garage if I should ever sell the house.

A "barn find", if you will, also was located, a show ready, solo copy of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) quarterly magazine called Blue Bar, dated Sept/Oct 1978. The entire issue is dedicated to coverage of the 1978 NCCC National Convention hosted by QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB OF CHARLOTTE N.C. This is 31 pages long so I will break it up into the next 3 months articles. I will highlight a few things for you to look for on the pages. I hope you can imagine what a feat about 30 couples of QCCC pulled off. Corvettes arrived from all over the country ready to race, shine, drink, and be entertained. This was very much like a bash except the entrants entered the events. Many thanks go to Governor of QCCC David Morse, Event Chairman Melvin Pace, Darrell Kirkley, Joey Hunter, Earl Ferrell, and the ladies of QCCC. This week in 1978 did more to put QCCC on the Corvette map than anything we could or did do beyond. It went off without a hitch and it was very special. A lot of QCCC used their vacation days to be off to help get it all lined up. We assigned events to other clubs in the Carolinas and they all came thru hosting the events just as we would.

Now the cover and first 10 pages:

Cover page, top from left to right:

- Custom roadster at the concourse.
- Roadster at Charlotte Motor Speedway high-speed event.
- Unidentified attendee.
- Staging lane at CMS for high-speed event, & on the track. I believe that is Butch Southwell from Central Illinois Corvettes on the road course high speed in a brand new '78 Pace Car, I think a '54 at Blaney drags.

Pages 2 and 3 are self-explanatory.

Pages 4 and 5:

- At the Speedway, notice how young everyone is, while the speedway looks old and tired.
- There is a split window coupe on trailer ready to run the high-speed event (value then about \$8,000).
- The Sunday night party is mentioned along with the wet t-shirt contest.

Pages 6 and 7:

- Notice Monday night entertainment was Rockin' Ray, a well know DJ in the area and he is in the Shag Hall of Fame.

Pages 8 and 9:

- Concourse at Carowinds and drag race at Blaney Drag Strip.
- Stroh's Beer sponsored a beer case stacking competition.
- Also, money was raised for NCCC charity Spina Bifida.

Page 10:

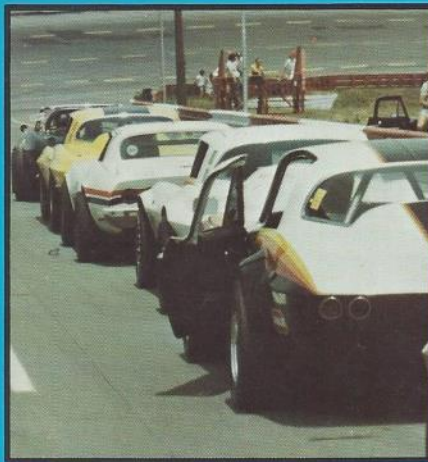
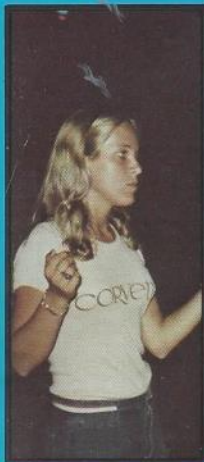
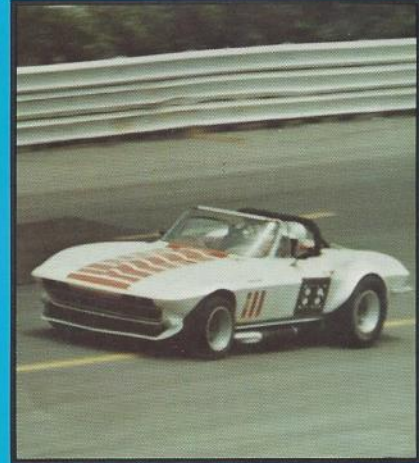
- Drag Race results.
- Of note, our founder Earl Ferrell placed first in Modified B (small block) at 11.87 seconds. That was good for a top ten at #8 overall.
- Melvin Pace (future President of QCCC) ran 13.75 in A class (big blocks).

Next month, pages 10 – 20 will be featured.

Submitted: Bill Cruthis



BLUE BARS



SEPT/OCT

1978



FROM THE PRESIDENT

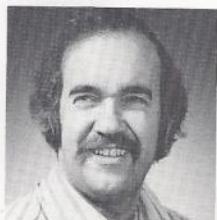
This time around I would like to thank Dave Morse and his lovely wife Lydia, for being the moving forces behind our 19th Annual Convention. Having been a 2-time Convention Co-Chairman, I have a true feeling of what goes on before, during and after that hectic week. Sometimes you even have a few hours for the family.

Conventions are not a one-man show, and for me to try to name everyone who helped or contributed to our event would be an impossible task. From Queen City Corvette Club, to the Carolina Region, to the NCCC members present, to the many outside manufacturers, to the gracious people who had space in the Corvette Mall, to the local and national Chevrolet Representatives, to John Hurley Chevrolet, to the host hotels, to Carowinds park, to Holiday Inn banquet service, to Charlotte Motor Speedway, to Blaney Drag Strip, to the Charlotte Police Department, to the City of Charlotte—THANKS!!

Now that all the smoke has cleared from the spinning tires and my cigars, I can sit back and say, "This was a good, safe time for those who attended." Believe it or not, the hotels are still in one piece.

Now we can look forward to 1979 and Colorado Springs. The Denver Corvette Association is going to have a special time for our 20th Convention. Do yourself a favor and save those bucks for a trip to the Rockies.

In the last issue there was information on how to order your mini-Corvette. This unit is from F.W. and Associates from Tempe, Arizona. This is another company that has offered to raise money for Spina Bifida. They plan to sell 10,000 units and anyone can see how many dollars this can mean. I've seen the cars and only wish my body would slip behind the wheel. Dick Vollmer from F.W. has been super with his help and will be with us at our November, 1978 Governor's Meeting. He just may have a nice surprise or two for us.



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

So here, finally, is your "Cancel my Subscription" issue of Blue Bars. I hope it captures the enjoyment and excitement that is NCCC Convention. It should be a happy reminder of the good times for those who were there, and perhaps some incentive to bring even more NCCC members to future Conventions.

It is impossible for one guy with one camera to be everywhere and capture for the record all of the things that happened. I have tried to show as much of it as

possible. My apologies for misspelled names, incorrect club info, etc. — it is bound to happen. In that respect this is a most difficult issue.

I have had numerous responses to my plea for articles for upcoming issues. Don't stop now, though. Keep them coming! We have five issues to fill between now and Colorado Springs, and that's lotsa pages!

Hope to see many of you in Colorado in 1979!



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FRONT: (Clockwise from top left) Dave Hoffman's Best Custom of Show; Bill Bruhn's MB class winner; Richard Marlow's FTD MA winner; Ken Edward's '54 on the Drag Strip; A Pace Car sets the pace in PD class; there were other things to watch besides Corvettes; and the line-up waiting their turn at Charlotte.

BACK: (Clockwise from top left) The people from Hurst were once again a major sponsor; Daniel Fortin's Street FTD winner, Earl Ferrell's MB pullin' a wheelie; Overall Best of Show by Bill Cheshire; NCCC Pres. Tom Henry gettin' it on in MA class; the Concours area at Carowinds; Tom Spear's RP class winner; and Wanda Capatch's Top Eliminator.

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Convention '78 - - - Relived!

Another NCCC Convention has come and gone! If you were not there to be a part of the festivities, well, there's always next year. This special issue of Blue Bars is designed to relive that exciting week in pictures and official results.

Of course, the competitive events' results can be listed. The clocks or scorers' sheets tell the story there for all to see. The competition was tough in nearly all classes

at all of the events, and, as usual, a class win at convention is a treasure to keep forever! Unfortunately it is not possible to list everyone who took part in convention. It is a week of competition for those so inclined . . . a week of parties for the partiers . . . and, in general, a week of fun with Corvette people from all over "NCCC-Land."

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks for a job well done to Dave Morse, the Queen





City Corvette Club, and the other Carolina Region clubs and people who helped out. It was, as usual, a week well spent.

As the Corvettes and Corvette people rolled in on Saturday and Sunday, old acquaintances were relived and new ones formed. Corvettes were polished, wrenched, hashed and rehashed in preparation for the week's events.

Charlotte, North Carolina proved to be a fine host city with superb facilities. The three main hotels were all excellent.

Sunday night it was off and partying . . . with a wine and cheese tasting party compliments of Chevrolet Division. But not before our own folks spiced up the show with a wet-T-shirt contest. It took something less than T-shirts to win . . . and if you hadn't realized it before, you did at that point – another Convention was off and rolling!





Monday - - - Concours, White Lightnin' & Disco

It seems like the hottest day of any Convention is reserved for the Concours. This year was no exception – temperatures rising from the asphalt at Carowinds Park were near 120°.

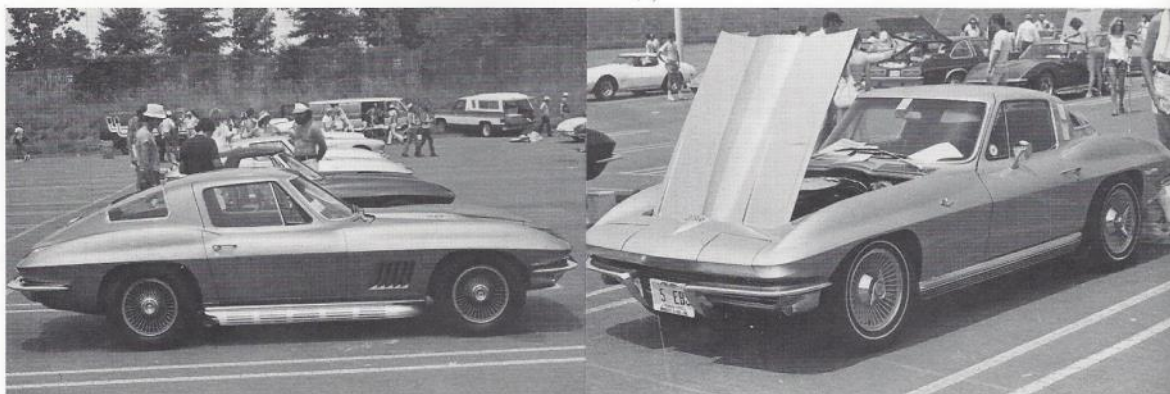
But the show was a good one, just the same. The hard work by the show's entrants was obvious, as judging time found row upon row of gleaming examples of America's finest.

Meanwhile, Carowinds Park played host to the rest of the Conventioneers. Tickets were a part of the pack-

age, and a full day of rides in the park was on tap. For the more adventuresome there was a looping roller coaster called "White Lightning" as well as several other thrill rides . . . some of them on the wet side.

As evening rolled around, a Pork Bar-B-Que followed by disco dancin' to the sounds of Rockin' Ray filled out the long and hot day.

Of course Stroh's Beer was flowing all day, and our thanks go out to T. Michaelis Corvette Supplies who was the sponsor of the Concours event.



CONCOURS RESULTS

A / Stock

- | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Earl Huffman | Plastic Cars Ltd. | 544 T |
| 2. John Richards | M.A.L. - CA | 542 T |
| 3. Kenneth Edwards | Garden City Vettes | 517 T |

B / Stock

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|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Gary P. Kaylor | Carolina Classic C | 569 T |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|

C / Stock

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Martin Scholand | York County CC | 575 T |
| 2. Jimmy Parker | Central Piedmont CC | 573 T |

D / Stock

- | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Phil Elliott | Steel Valley CC | 582 T |
| 2. Kermit Mathis | Triad Corvettes | 573 T |
| 3. Bob Ogle | CC of Illinois | 572 T |

E / Stock

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|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Ralph Gaiss | South Shore COA | 564 T |
|----------------|-----------------|-------|

F / Stock

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|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. Jack Smithson | Triad Corvettes | 594 T |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|

MODIFIED I

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|----------------|------------------|-------|
| 1. Bob Whitter | North Florida CA | 589 T |
| 2. Jamie Boone | No. Illinois CC | 578 T |

MODIFIED II

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|------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1. David Hoffman | Cumberland Valley CC | 579 T |
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MODIFIED III

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|-------------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Larry Ledford | Anderson CA | 584 T |
| 2. Russ Schmidt | South Shore COA | 580 T |
| 3. Robert Kline | Dixie Corvette Assn. | 561 T |
| 4. Robert Johnson | CC of West Virginia | 560 T |
| 5. Ron Nagel | Golden Glass VC | 558 T |

CHAIRMAN: Lane Self Carolina Classic Corv.
CO-CHAIRMAN: Robert Nelson Dixie Vettes

RACE PREPARED

- | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Edd Elliott | Plastic Cars Ltd. | 382 T |
| 2. James Weir | West Florida CA | 372 T |
| 3. Rick Adle | Corvette Atlanta | 362 T |
| 4. Keith Valone | Corv. of Naples | 341 T |
| 5. Don Wells | Mid-Hudson Val. CA | 261 T |

CUSTOM

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|----------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Bill Cheshire | Triad Corvettes | 584 T |
| 2. Wayne McElwaine | Carolina Classic C | 571 T |
| 3. Howell Strickland | Corvette Atlanta | 569 T |

Street A

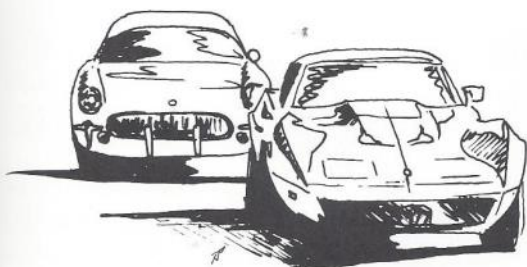
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|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Lynn Castle | Applachian CC | 288 T |
| 2. Larry Allen | Carolina Classic C | 282 T |
| 3. Charles Goode | Plastic Cars Ltd. | 270 T |
| 4. Tom Truver | Calumet CC | 268 T |

Street B

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|--------------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. William Jackson | Jersey CC | 279 T |
| 2. Ron Bryenton | M.A.L. - Canada | 276 T |
| 3. Richard Parent | CC of Michigan | 264 T |
| 4. Jack M. Dell | M.A.L. - NE | 249 T |

Street C

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|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 1. John VanDyk | C-Charleston | 298 T |
| 2. Robert Diepen | Calumet CC | 288 T |
| 3. Thomas Jensen | M.A.L. - NE | 285 T |
| 4. Otis Nolen | Corvette Atlanta | 284 T |
| 5. Gary Forbis | M.A.L. - M | 282 T |
| 6. Doug Ross | M.A.L. - NE | 281 T |
| 7. Bill Shutz | Bel Air CC | 280 T |
| 8. Glade Deems | Glass Menagerie CC | 279 T |
| 9. Ivan Burman | Southern Tier CC | 278 T |
| 10. Robert Dill | Bel Air CC | 277 T |
| 11. Tom Glazier | M.A.L. - M | 276 T |
| 12. Rik Witek | Golden Glass CC | 274 T |
| 13. Don Paden | Kanawha Valley CC | 272 T |
| 14. John Slivon | Wisconsin CC | 271 T |
| 15. Kenneth Daby | Southern Tier CC | 267 T |
| 16. Richard Huxley | Western Conn. CC | 266 T |
| 17. George Gallant | Bel Air CC | 262 T |
| 18. John Frederick | Bel Air CC | 261 T |
| 19. Bob Wollenman | Mid-America CC | 260 T |
| 20. Don Colapietro | Corv. of Naples | 248 T |







Tuesday - - - Draggin', Beer Stackin' & \$3 Bills

Tuesday morning it was off to Blaney Drag Strip near Columbia, South Carolina for the annual Corvette Nationals, sponsored by Hurst Performance.

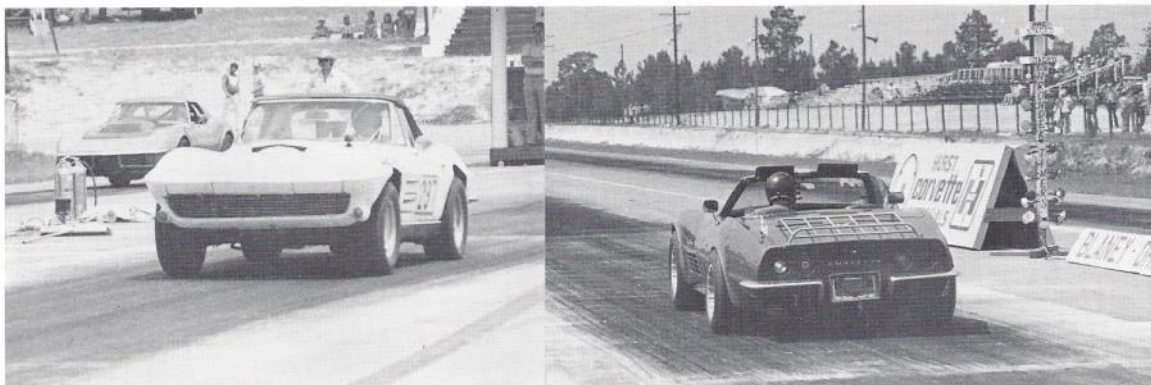
After some practice runs it was elimination time in all classes. The drag racing action was hot and heavy for several hours until the field of literally hundreds of Corvettes was boiled down to the few class winners.

The winners then squared off and raced until only Wanda Capatch and her LPD '73 remained as overall Top Eliminator.

Back to Charlotte for Tuesday night's festivities. Various clubs set up booths for giving away drinks and wagering of play money against games of skill and chance. Mid-America Enterprises provided the play money and there was a \$3 bill with Brad Capatch's picture on it. Stroh's sponsored a beer case stacking contest which required great skill and determination.

The auction provided some nice prizes for the high bidders and some real money for Spina Bifida.





DRAG RESULTS

Class DPA

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|-----------------|---------------------|---|
| 1. Keith Valone | Corvettes of Naples | T |
|-----------------|---------------------|---|

Class RP

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|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| 1. John Hayes | Cen. Buckeye CA | 13.69 T |
| 2. David Deck | Indianapolis CC | 11.47 T |
| 3. Jesse Causey | Coastal CC | 11.53 |
| 4. Hugh Hiott | C Charleston | 13.91 |

Class MA

- | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|---------|
| 1. Gene O'Hara | M.A.L. - NE | 10.94 T |
| 2. Steve Spinrad | Capital City CC | 11.21 T |
| 3. Michael Massheder | CC of Texas | 11.79 |
| 4. C.J. Kincaide II | M.A.L. - M | 11.92 |
| 5. Ron Bunde | Glass City CC | 13.20 |
| 6. Bruce Lasley | Indianapolis CC | 13.45 |
| 7. Rick Adle | Corvette Atlanta | 13.65 |

Class MB

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|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Earl Ferrell | Queen City CC | 11.87 T |
| 2. Robert Ruman | Tiretown CC | 12.60 T |
| 3. Raymond Fisher | Cen. Buckeye CA | 11.86 T |
| 4. James Weir | West Florida CA | 12.69 |
| 5. Ronald Bowker | North Florida CA | 12.74 |
| 6. Dick Flora | Indianapolis CC | 13.22 |
| 7. Phil Hearld | Kalamazoo CC | 13.37 |
| 8. Joe Tisthammer | Cornhusker CC | 13.49 |
| 9. Mark Mitchell | Free State CC | 13.52 |
| 10. Kevin Klinkman | Indianapolis CC | 14.18 |
| 11. David Coriffis | CC of Albany, Ga. | 15.74 |

Class CLM

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Emmett Bridges | Corvette Atlanta | 11.50 T |
| 2. Kent Pascoli | CC of W. Virginia | 12.95 T |
| 3. Jimmie Hiatt | Venturing Vettes | 12.98 |
| 4. Jerry Lyndon | Plastic Cars Ltd. | 13.06 |
| 5. Edward Cassel | Wisconsin CC | 13.19 |

Class A

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|---------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Michael Redinbo | Corvette-Troy | 13.07 T |
| 2. Ray Meeseman | CC of Michigan | 13.35 T |
| 3. Richard Marlow | Corvette-Troy | 11.85 T |
| 4. Gary Nodine | Ft. Wayne CC | 12.11 T |
| 5. Robert Miracle | Mound City CC | 12.38 T |
| 6. Steve Robertson | Cape Kennedy CC | 12.53 T |
| 7. Sandy Altheimer | Cornhusker CC | 12.67 T |
| 8. Richard Rose | Mound City CC | 12.75 T |
| 9. David Seidner | Tri-Vettes Ltd. | 12.88 |
| 10. George Cramer | Glass Society | 13.00 |
| 11. Lance Korzilius | Huron Valley CC | 13.01 |
| 12. Vince Gettings | CC of Albany, Ga. | 13.03 |
| 13. Larry Leaf | Cornhusker CC | 13.05 |

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| 14. Louis Cauthen | | 13.25 |
| 15. Dean Hunter | Corvette-Troy | 13.37 |
| 16. Richard Chriswell | Boone Trail CC | 13.42 |
| 17. James Augustus | St. Louis C Unltd. | 13.75 |
| 18. Melvin Pace | Queen City CC | 13.76 |
| 19. Mark Heiny | Anderson CA | 14.18 |
| 20. Dennis Hoffer | Tri-Vettes, Inc. | 14.19 |
| 21. Windle Skipper | Coastal CC | 15.66 |
| 22. William Engel | Tri-Vettes Ltd. | 16.98 |
| 23. Paul Shultz | Corvette-Troy | 18.04 |

Class B

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|----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1. Larry Crowe | Corvette Gadsden | 12.93 T |
| 2. Daniel Fortin | M.A.L. - F | 13.42 T |
| 3. Gary Kosier | Mound City CC | 12.97 T |
| 4. Ernie Sims | M.A.L. - E | 13.07 T |
| 5. Steve Traucht | Tri-Vettes, Inc. | 13.13 T |
| 6. Tom Knick | Corvette-Troy | 13.17 T |
| 7. William Callahan | Venturing Vettes | 13.18 T |
| 8. Phil Dobransky | Tiretown CC | 13.19 T |
| 9. Marvin Engle | Royal C of W. Mi. | 13.28 T |
| 10. Michael Combs | Corvette-Troy | 13.34 |
| 11. Lou Spada | Tri-Vettes Ltd. | 13.34 |
| 12. Harold Ulmer | York County CC | 13.40 |
| 13. Russ Schmidt | South Shore COA | 13.47 |
| 14. John Ray | Coastal CC | 13.48 |
| 15. Terry Craps | Gr. Columbia CC | 13.50 |
| 16. Dale Kenworthy | Corvette-Troy | 13.63 |
| 17. Alan Beilke | No. Illinois CC | 13.66 |
| 18. Gary Stewart | | 13.83 |
| 19. Larry Warrell | Corvette Atlanta | 13.84 |
| 20. Richard Moore | Jackson CC | 13.92 |
| 21. Wayne Holmes | Keystone State CC | 14.02 |
| 22. Keith McDowell | Jackson CC | 14.07 |
| 23. Charles Bockner | Bel Air CC | 14.08 |
| 24. Jerry Myers | Corvette-Troy | 14.22 |
| 25. Donald O'Donnell | Corvette Atlanta | 14.52 |
| 26. Jon Solt | Corv. of Lancaster | 14.53 |
| 27. Hal Pringle | CC of Michigan | 14.55 |
| 28. Donald Schmidt | Wisconsin CC | 14.88 |
| 29. Geoff Sweet | No. Illinois CC | 15.08 |

Class C

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|----------------------|------------------|---------|
| 1. Robert Schluneker | Tiretown CC | 13.47 T |
| 2. Tom Caulfield | Tri-Vettes Ltd. | 13.38 T |
| 3. Jerry Bolling | Gr. Columbia CC | 13.54 T |
| 4. Robert Buffington | C-Birmingham | 13.64 T |
| 5. Don Davis | | 13.83 |
| 6. Bennie Barfield | West Florida CA | 14.10 |
| 7. Gerald Meier | M.A.L. - IN | 14.32 |
| 8. Patrick Sims | Sumter Corvettes | 14.36 |
| 9. David Dewar | Kalamazoo CC | 14.39 |

To All QCCC Members:



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If you go to an event and take pictures/videos – please upload them to the QCCC photo library. That way they can be shared by all members!

We could also use members to volunteer to take pictures during the events. If you are interested and want to do that, please contact me via email : cb8613vette@gmail.com.

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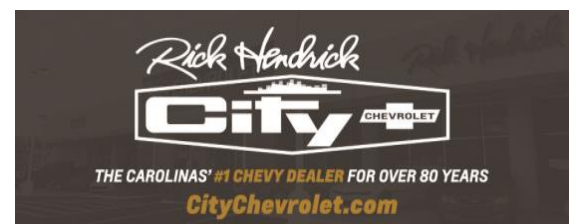
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