

The Queen City Corvette Gazette



Official Newsletter of North Carolina's Largest Corvette Club

May 2022



QCCC May Business Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Steele Creek Presbyterian Church

15000 York Road Charlotte, NC 28278

3:00 p.m. Social

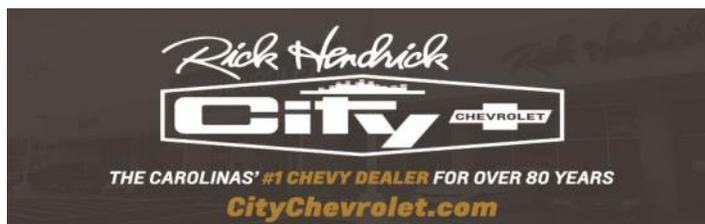
4:00 p.m. Meeting

Bring a chair and soft beverages or water. *(No alcoholic beverages allowed at the church.)*

Weather permitting we will meet outside and show off our **"HORSEPOWER"**!

Bring a snack to share and wear your favorite Kentucky Derby Hat, if you want.

Optional: Prepaid Low Country Boil Dinner at Davidson's Farm after meeting. More details on "Social Scene" page.



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



This past month QCCC was in full bloom starting out with our club attending the Charlotte Auto Fair and our own Tommy Loftin winning the Best of Show Runner-Up prize among all the car clubs attending over the weekend. A big Thank You to Roger and DeeDee Winge for putting this all together for our club.

Next was a well-attended member meeting at Tommy and Brenda Loftin's. Marilyn Monroe led us in singing Happy Birthday to Don Zimmer who is 90 years young. He posed for a picture with our youngest member, Justin Cross who is just 36 years old. That's 54 years between them AND happens to be how old the QCCC is! Pretty cool!

Next up, our club went to our charity, Wings of Eagles Ranch, for a work day clearing trails, moving downed trees, and painting poles and cones in the horse arena. It was nice to see that our donation is being used to build a misting station with a life-size checkerboard for the campers.

Finally to wrap up the month, over 60 of our club members and associate members travelled to the National Corvette Museum and Spring Bash in Bowling Green, KY. We saw the new Z06, and 70th Anniversary Editions and think that with everyone seeing all the colors and options for the C8, Rick Accurso and Lorrie Black may have a very busy ordering season ahead of them at City Chevrolet. Kathie Finnoch and Ron Berst appear to have stepped backwards and are rethinking all their C8 order selections. With so many combinations, they are as confused as ever! A big Thank You to Jane Burt for coordinating the Caravans and dinners at Montana Grill on Wednesday and at the Museum on Thursday for us.

We finally, after a year, got to gather around the two fire pits donated to the museum on behalf of the QCCC in memory of Paul Mariano and the QCCC.

Also in this newsletter, is a list of the 2021 VP Award Winners who received medals and gift certificates at the Awards Banquet in March, for being the most active members by attending, volunteering, and leading events in our club in 2021.

Please remember the Mark Fisher Memorial Car Show THIS SATURDAY in Salisbury.

In May, our club has events planned for every weekend. Just read Donna Berst's article in this newsletter and look for email BLASTS with each event specifics.

Dick Gwilt, President QCCC

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Tommy Loftin – Best of Show Runner-Up Spring Auto Fair April 2022



QCCC President's Choice, QCCC Best C1/C2, Auto Fair Best of Show Runner-up, QCCC Best of Show

Happy Birthday, Don!



Don Zimmer and Justin Cross, our oldest and youngest members



Dinner at Montana Grill in Bowling Green, KY

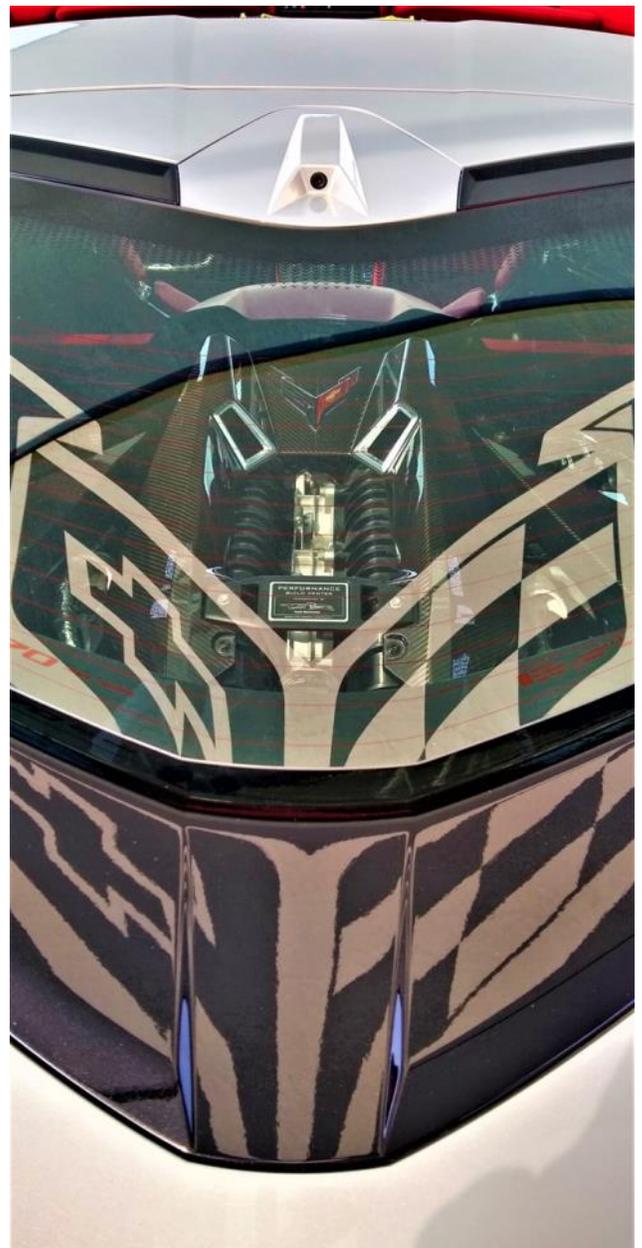


Lobby Time!



Z06 Convertible

Z06 engine with tent's logo above,
reflected on the window





Stingray Grill Restaurant at National Corvette Museum

Fire pit on the left was donated on behalf of the QCCC

Fire pit on the right was donated in memory of Paul Mariano on behalf of the QCCC



Paul Mariano's plaque on the fire pit at the Stingray Grill Restaurant at the NCM



QCCC 2021 VP AWARDS	
1 Gold	Jane Burt
2 Silver	Ron Berst
3 Bronze	Dee Dee Winge
4	Bill Cruthis
5	Brenda Loftin
6	Kathie Finnoch
7	Marilyn Becker
8	Donna Smith
9	Larry Finnoch
10	Travis Meredith
11	Kelly Cross
12	Bob Becker
13	Terri Pennoni
14	Tom Pennoni
15	Keith Cross
16	Tom Rockhold
17	Mo Graham
18	Warren Knight
19	Dave Kadel
20	Paul Schmitt
21	Jo Graham
22	Tracey Comfort
23	Darryl Kirkley
Runners Up	Paige Mitchell
	Steve Bonino
ROOKIES	Cheryl Bitters
	Bill Bitters



VP Stuff, Ron Berst

ATTENTION, ATTENTION! The National Corvette Museum has survived a three day barrage of thousands of crazed Corvette fans... also known as the BASH! The museum is alive and well and in good hands.

This yearly event is the best place to see and hear what is happening in the Corvette world. For the 61 QCCC members (and 1 prospective member) the trip started on Wednesday morning at the Marion, NC rest area on I-40 (although several members left hours and even days earlier). Dick Gwilt and I led separate caravans across the Appalachian Mountains into Tennessee and then into Kentucky... then the fun really started!

The Hilton Garden Inn has a very nice lobby/lounge that is perfect for “socializing”... and QCCC members did not disappoint... (And you know what I mean).

At the Museum the new President and CEO Sharon Brawner led with an exciting opening statement and everyone was in high gear from then on! She is high energy and her enthusiasm is contagious.

The museum has remodeled the Stingray Grill, (the food is great) and gift shop too... so many choices!

Chevrolet sent a slew of engineers and managers, eagerly providing great information and answering any questions relating to the C8 you can think of. There were several examples of the Stingray and a new 70th Anniversary edition that will be available in 2023. The star of the event was the new Z06 with several examples, a cut away car and even a Z06 display engine, the incredible LT6. While no pricing was announced they assured everyone that performance wise this car will exceed most of the other supercars today. If you are interested in this powerful machine I suggest you head over to our very valued sponsor Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet, talk to Rick Accurso and get on the “list”. From what I hear the orders are many and the allocations will be low.

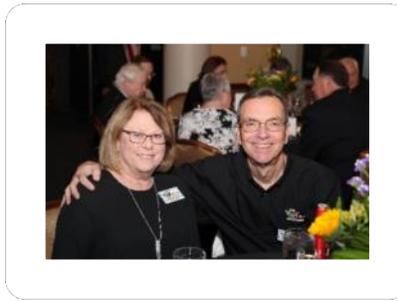
Michelin and Mobile 1 reps conducted tech talks, providing great info and answering all questions and if you wanted a break from car stuff there were arranged tours to the Hilltopper Creamery and Chaney’s Dairy barn available.

By now you get the idea, the BASH is a must go Corvette event and there is something for everyone. Put in on your calendar, it is always the last week in April, you won’t be disappointed.

That’s it for now; hope to see everyone at the May meeting.

Ron Berst VP

Social



Scene

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~Donna Berst ~

Happy May to you all!!!! We had an awesome time drooling over all those gorgeous Corvettes in Bowling Green last week! A huge THANKS to Dick Gwilt and Jane Burt for all their hard work coordinating!!!!

Weekday dinners are up and running again. Look for the Wednesday Night & Up Yonder Blasts to join in the fun.

Get those Corvettes out in this nice weather and attend the meetings and other events offered through the club. Our website, newsletter, and emailed Blasts have all the latest information...

Saturday May 7, 2022, Mark Fisher Memorial Car Show Salisbury, NC. Look for a Blast from Paul Mitchell. paulmitchellncsu@hotmail.com

Saturday May 14, 2022, QCCC Business Meeting Steele Creek Presbyterian Church 15000 York Road Charlotte 28278 3:00 pm Social – 4:00pm Meeting

Bring your chairs and soft beverages or water. (No alcoholic beverages allowed at the church) Weather permitting we will meet outside and show off our “HORSE-POWER”! Bring a snack to share and wear your favorite Kentucky Derby Hat if you want! After our meeting, those who ordered a meal will enjoy a Low Country Boil Dinner at the Davidson’s Farm. Cost \$10 prepaid through our website by May 8th. You may bring alcoholic beverages to the Davidson’s.

Friday, May 20th through Sunday, May 22nd, 2022, Maggie Valley Overnighter. COORDINATOR / CONTACT EMAIL: Tom & Terri Pennoni t_pennoni@hotmail.com

Saturday May 28, 2022, Shelton Vineyards Information will be emailed in a Blast from Roger Winge our Automotive Director.

June 3rd -5th 2022, Myrtle Beach Car Show Contact Dick Gwilt for information. rgwilt@me.com

Saturday June 11, 2022, QCCC Business Meeting at the Charlotte Motor Speedway with an optional self-pay dinner afterwards.

Saturday June 18, 2022, Dale Earnhardt Car Show

Saturday June 25, 2022, Ride to Little Switzerland Lovely ride to the mountains to enjoy a self-pay lunch at the Little Switzerland Inn. Look for an upcoming Blast.

Friday September 16 thru Sunday September 18, 2022 Save the date for the Oktoberfest in Helen, Georgia

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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May

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	330
Total Families	181
Prospective Members	47
New Members Year to Date	7
Avg. Monthly Attendance	96

NEW MEMBERS:



Jim & Marion Graham

Mooresville, NC 28117

CORVETTE: 2021 C8 Rapid Blue Coupe



Mike Wells

York, SC 29745

CORVETTE: 1965 Blue
Convertible

Justin Cross

QCCC Membership Director



MAY 2022

CONTINUED CARE & COMPASSION AND PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING QCCC MEMBERS:

- Christine Schmitt - Knee surgery replacement for the Right Knee is scheduled for May 23, 2022. This was rescheduled due to COVID Issues.
- Norm Lontz - Continued prayer and healing for Cancer on Norm's head.
- Sue Kurt - Diagnosis with Cancer. Asking for prayers & continued healing.
- Sue Stickels - COVID healing and prayers.

NOTE: Care & Compassion will continue for 2022. If you would like to be placed on the list, please send me an email on your concerns.

We all need Care, Compassion & Prayers when we are sick.

Thank You,

Paul Schmitt- QCCC Care and Compassion

paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com



**AUTOMOTIVE
INSIDER**

Charlotte Motor Speedway 2022 Spring AutoFair is in the books. QCCC had an upfront and center location on pit lane and everyone had a great time. QCCC Awards are listed below and thank you to all the QCCC members that attended. Special congratulations to Tommy Loftin and his awesome 1958 Corvette, he not only received the QCCC Best of Show award but also received the Best of Show runner up award for the overall Spring 2022 AutoFair. Next up is the Shelton Vineyard Corvette Auto Show on May 28th, watch for a Blast with signup details.

QCCC SPRING 2022 AUTOFAIR AWARDS

PARTICIPANTS CHOICE

Saturday – Tommy Loftin
Sunday – Chris Farrell

PRESIDENTS CHOICE

Tommy Loftin

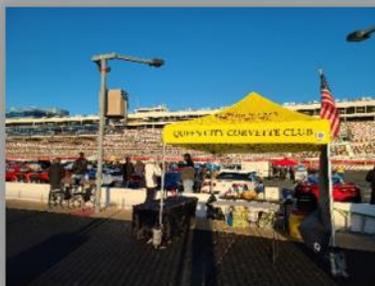
QCCC BEST OF SHOW

Tommy Loftin

CLASS WINNERS

C1/C2 – Tommy Loftin
C3/C4 – Tom Hans
C5/C6 – Darrell Kirkley
FIRST PLACE C7 – Bob Novak
SECOND PLACE C7 – Chris Farrell
FIRST PLACE C8 – Dave Kadel
SECOND PLACE C8 – Roger Winge

Pics from 2022 Spring AutoFair



MAY AUTOMOTIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

- Saturday [May 14th](#) – Waterbean Cars & Coffee Cornelius, NC
- Saturday May 21th – Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee Concord, NC
- Saturday May 28th – LKN Cars & Coffee Mooresville, NC
- Saturday May 28th – **SHELTON VINEYARDS CORVETTE AUTO SHOW**

Roger Winge - Automotive Events Director



The 11TH Annual QCCC all Corvette Car Show October 1St, 2022

The Car Show Planning Committee met with Hendrick on April 25th and we nailed down some very exciting things that are planned for the 2022 Corvette Show. Hendrick has made even more commitments and are planning on bringing on General Motors and multiple major Hendrick Racing suppliers. Everything at this time is in the planning stages, but I can tell you that if we have GM, Hendrick Performance, Hendrick Marketing and City Chevrolet on board, it could only mean that things are going to be exciting. GM Performance Center may be open by the time of our show and Hendrick will have their new Race Museum open. We will have something exciting in the Team Center and the Race Shops and Engine Shops will be open for tours again this year. The race shops have been closed for two years due to COVID. We will have a C-8 Z06 at the show and if you tour the Heritage Center on Friday, you will see 13 serial # 1 Corvettes on display, and you might see the \$3,600,000.00 C-8 Z06 as well. We will have our flyers and a business card size advertisement at the next meeting for you to take and start distributing.

It is time for QCCC to start talking up the show and get excited about 700 Corvettes on site at the Queen City Corvette Show. It is time for you to register your Corvette by going to the QCCC website and click on 2022 Corvette Car Show Registration, then click on QCCC Members Only registration, then enter the QCCC members password, then fill out the form. If you would like to tour the Heritage Center on Friday September 30Th then you need to go to the "Click here for online registration" and follow the links. Do not put your car information, just your name, address, and e-mail. Then go to Heritage Center Tours and click on Friday and follow the links. QCCC will not be able to tour on Saturday, as this is the day for you to help with the show.

Thank You,

Tommy Loftin, QCCC Car Show Director

Queen City Charity Committee

Saturday April 23rd was a work day at Wings of Eagles Ranch. We had 13 people from QCCC show up and work hard for a half day. We cleared trails, moved brush, removed several large stumps, painted, planted flowers and most of all had fun. If you have not been to our charity, Wings of Eagles Ranch you have missed out on a real blessing. This place will win your heart over as you see what a few people can do to improve the lives of others. We also had the opportunity to see the "water park" that QCCC sponsored through our annual donation. This will be lots of fun for the kids this summer. Wings of Eagles will have their annual Blue Ribbon Rider Horse Show on May 14TH. This is the same date as our club meeting, however if you are not coming to the meeting please go by and see the horse show. The show begins at 9:00 AM so you could go to the show then come to the QCCC meeting later. Their Summer Camp cost around \$80,000.00 to cover all expenses. Each family has to pay their part, however Wings of Eagles normally has scholarship money that covers about half of that. This year they would like to have a free summer camp. With this said, if you feel in your heart to help, please do so. They are a 501-c-3 non-profit organization, so all you give is tax deductible.

Thank you so much,

Brenda Loftin, QCCC Charity Chairperson



Tommy Loftin, Ron Berst, Warren Knight clearing riding trails



CJ the BIG dog and Tommy Loftin working the fields



Wheelchair accessible checkerboard misting station being built with funds provided by QCCC



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Secretary's Note:



Hi QCCC Members *Welcome to May flowers and warmer days*

It's time to celebrate the birthdays of May QCCC Members. Please join us in wishing everyone who is celebrating *a very Happy Birthday!!!*

Also, a big shout-out to Don Zimmer who celebrated the "Big 90" in April!!

At our April meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays in April. The winner received a \$25 gift card from Panera Bread. The name drawn was Darrell Kirkley.

Congratulations Darrell!

We are hoping to see all of you on Saturday, May 14 at our business club meeting at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

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

May

5/1 Charlie Meade (A)
5/2 Janice Estwanik
5/4 Dave Kadel
5/5 Debbie Meade (A)
5/5 Peggy Marlowe Wood
5/6 Joyce Lontz
5/6 Linda Mills
5/8 Jud Self
5/12 Quinton Friesen
5/12 Dave Davies
5/12 Luanne Levigne
5/13 Connie Anderson
5/14 Michael Bullard
5/14 Richard Panuski
5/14 Frank Sancineto (A)
5/16 Morris Graham
5/16 Jerry Lewis
5/17 Jim Weisberg
5/17 Gail Friesen
5/17 Chris Hoshour
5/18 Rosalie Kirkley
5/19 Lois Watts
5/19 Ann Oakley
5/19 Angie Bradley
5/20 Lynne Dunn
5/21 Linda Roberts
5/23 Linda Echols
5/23 Rick Leppert
5/25 Louis Dunn
5/25 David Nowlan
5/26 Bill Brannick
5/28 Allen Cox
5/30 Mike Callea
5/30 Jim Ramandanes
5/31 Marge Jungmann



NCM CORNER

Hello QCCC! Here is to hoping that everyone who attended the Michelin NCM Bash had a great time!! Also, a big THANK YOU from the Mariano family for the Firepit Dedication to Paul Mariano. It is greatly appreciated and an honor. Dad would be proud.



In the latest news, the National Corvette Museum has announced the 2022 Corvette Hall of Fame Members Elect. Congrats to them and their families for this prestigious honor:

GM-Chevrolet – Ed Welburn, Retired VP, GM Global Design
Racing – Gary Pratt & Jim Miller, Founders of Pratt & Miller Engineering
Enthusiast – Elfi Arkus-Duntov, The First Lady of Corvette

The NCM also announced the plans for a new Education Gallery. “The 2,000 square foot gallery is tentatively scheduled to open in late 2022/early 2023, will allow the NCM to provide a state-of-the-art educational experience geared directly to the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, designers, and more” per the museum.

A big shout out to Jim Ramadanes and Debbie and Tom Rockhold. They all are 10 year NCM anniversary members. SALUTE!

Another Corvette Raffle to win a **2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 5/19/2022!** Tickets are \$150, and the raffle is limited to 1500 tickets. The drawing will be on Thursday, May 19th, 2022 at 2pm CT.

A Corvette Raffle to win a **2023 70th Anniversary White Convertible 6/16/2022!** Tickets are \$200, and the raffle is limited to 1500 tickets. The drawing will be on Thursday, June 16th, 2022 at 2pm CT.

Save the Wave

Mike Mariano

NCM Ambassador

QCCC HISTORY

We are living in strange times. Some are having trouble defining the word “woman”. I could spend hours describing the women in my life; my mother, my grandmothers, aunts, cousins, daughters, granddaughters, friends and of course, my amazing wife that has put up with me for over fifty years. All had and still have a profound influence on my life and I love them all dearly. It started me thinking about the role of the fairer sex in QCCC and how that has evolved.

When the club started, we will admit that it was a group of good ole boys with a common interest in their cars. But they also had significant others that not only approved but joined in on the fun. I truly cannot think of any club event or function for the last fifty four years that the ladies were not included. There was this one bachelor party at Lake Wiley, but that's another story. But in the beginning QCCC was dominated by the male members. The club by-laws indicated one car, one vote. No one seemed to mind, at least no one voiced any objection at that time. Looking back, I'm surprised how long that was the case. The ladies in the club were very supportive, even gracious in accepting the status quo. And the clubhouse was used by the ladies for many baby showers, kid events and parties. The Office of Secretary of the club, was always held by a female spouse with the appropriate skills, even though they had no vote. When I was approached to run for President in 1972, someone told Sharon that the President always slept with the Secretary, so she felt compelled to run for that position. They didn't tell her that all of the previous Secretaries happened to be the wives of the Presidents. After all, it was the 70's. That trend continued for years.

But as we moved into the mid 70's, there were discussions about how the club was structured and how it should change. The National Council of Corvette Clubs, our sanctioning body back then, had always recognized spouse involvement and everyone had full member status. Since QCCC had joined NCCC in 1970, it is surprising that the club didn't recognize that all of the members should have a vote. The ladies always voiced their opinions and certainly influenced how the one vote was cast, but the rules stated one car one vote and that remained the policy. It wasn't until 1976 that a motion was made, a committee formed and the by-laws changed to include a provision for associate members and for spouse members to finally have a vote. It should be noted that this change was the result of mature, clear thinking from club leadership and not because of violent protests from bra burners. Everyone was happy.

Discussion then turned to protecting the officers and members from liability, especially with the clubhouse in full swing. So, also in 1976, the motion passed to incorporate QCCC. Club member Bill Henderson's wife, Cathy, was a legal secretary and her law firm handled the process. It turned out to be relatively simple, not as expensive as we thought, and should have been done years earlier. Those same mature, clear thinking leaders were relieved that their necks weren't on the line as much anymore.

These two changes placed the club in a great position as future events would not only require many tough decisions but also a high degree of risk. Hosting the NCCC Convention in 1978 is just one example.

I really appreciate the positive response I've received regarding these articles on the history of the club and I welcome comments or questions and any suggestions for future stories.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Travis Meredith, *historian*

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



1978 NCCC wrap up hosted by QCCC

This month we will cover pages 21 thru 32 of the Blue Bars magazine by the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

Page 21 Photos of the Concourse at Carowinds, Blaney Dragstrip, and CMS high speed event on the high banks.

Page 22 Winners for the week. No QCCC individual winners as we were working the event. We were selected as most outstanding club. I am not sure that always went to the host club.

Page 23 Photos of the drink glasses by North Florida Assn. What a mess! Plus can you believe this Texas couple wins the raffle for the '78 Pace Car.

Page 24 Farewell photos as week ends. Concourse, High speed event, and Spina Bifida child representing our charity.

Page 25 Sponsor thank you. Note all the big names.

Page 26 QCCC thanks Carolinas Region Clubs for their help.

Page 27 NCCC leaders and addresses.

Page 28 NCCC drag records.

Page 29 National NCCC membership clubs. Note our current 386 would be double the leading 190 back then.

Page 30 Changes in rules after meeting.

Page 31 Honor to lost member

Page 32 Back cover, drags, concourse, high speed event.

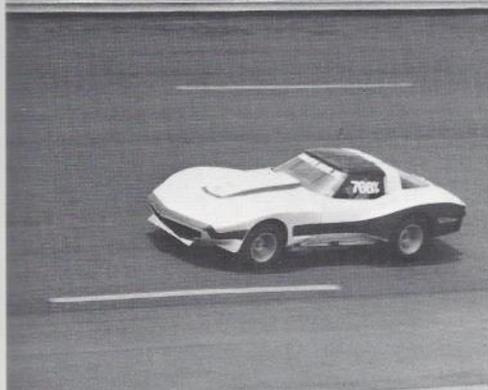
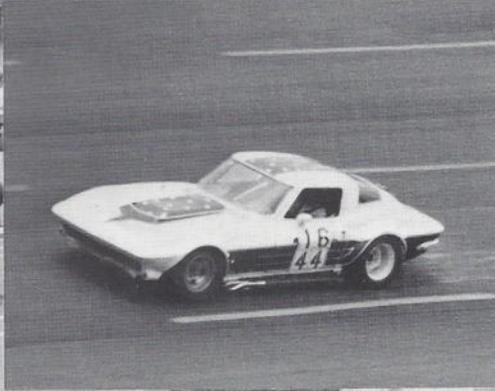
This convention put QCCC on the National map and especially the Southeast, it followed the 75 South East sectional, and the Corvette/Porsche Challenges of '75, '76,7 and '77.

A great time was had by all, and all of QCCC was tired.

Next Month: for the NEWBEE'S

Scattered over the next year we will be presenting the top 10 Vintage stories in reverse order. If you are new and missed it, here is a second chance. If you are old and forgot it, here is a second chance.

#10 Jeff Tater's Speedboat Crash. . .next month!!!



THE WINNERS!

CONCOURS

BEST OF SHOW

Stock – Jack Smithson	Triad Corvettes	1978 Coupe
Custom – David Hoffman	Cumberland Valley CC	1965 Convertible
Overall – Bill Cheshire	Triad Corvettes	1978 Coupe

ECKLER'S AWARD

Sandie Day		1975 Coupe
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SPEED EVENT

MEN'S FASTEST TIME OF THE DAY

Race Tire – Richard Marlow	Corvette-Troy	MA	1:30.731
Street Tire – Daniel Fortin	M.A.L. - Florida	B	1:31.922
Pure Stock – Bob Wollenman	Mid-America CC	PA	1:38.036

LADIES' FASTEST TIME OF THE DAY

Race Tire – Sue Holliday	Tiretown CC	LMB	1:33.714
Street Tire – Nancy Engle	Royal Corvettes of W. Mi.	LB	1:38.770
Pure Stock – Janet Van Dyne	Royal Corvettes of W. Mi.	LPA	1:45.639

AUTOCROSS

MEN'S FASTEST TIME OF THE DAY

Race Tire – Roy Giacomazzi	CC of Michigan	MA	53.160
Stock – David Greer	Plastic Cars Ltd.	B	57.482
Pure Stock – Gary Griffith	CC of Michigan	PA	57.321

LADIES' FASTEST TIME OF THE DAY

Race Tire – Barbara Bush	CC of Michigan	LMB	78.060
Stock – Sharon Knick	Corvette-Troy	LB	86.041
Pure Stock – Janice Defosses	M.A.L. - NE	LPC	82.645

DRAG EVENT

MEN'S TOP ELIMINATOR

Bob Schluneker	Tiretown CC	C
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WOMEN'S TOP ELIMINATOR

Wanda Capatch	Cumberland Valley CC	LPD
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OVERALL TOP ELIMINATOR

Wanda Capatch	Cumberland Valley CC	LPD
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OVERALL

B.F. GOODRICH "QUADRA-CHALLENGE"

1st - Sue Caulfield	Tri-Vettes, Ltd.
2nd - Doug Ross	M.A.L. - NE

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Corvette Atlanta	Atlanta, Ga.
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MILEAGE AWARD

Anderson Corvette Assn.	Anderson, Indiana
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NCCC AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Roger Clancy	Tiretown Corvette Club
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OUTSTANDING CLUB AWARD

Queen City Corvette Club	Charlotte, North Carolina
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DON HOSKINS MEMORIAL AWARD

Larry Crowe	Corvette Gadsden
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PARTICIPATION AWARDS

CONCOURS -

Bel Air Corvette Club
Bel Air, Maryland

DRAGS -

Corvette-Troy
Troy, Ohio

AUTOCROSS -

Wisconsin Corvette Club
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

SPEED EVENT -

Corvette-Troy
Troy, Ohio

RALLYE -

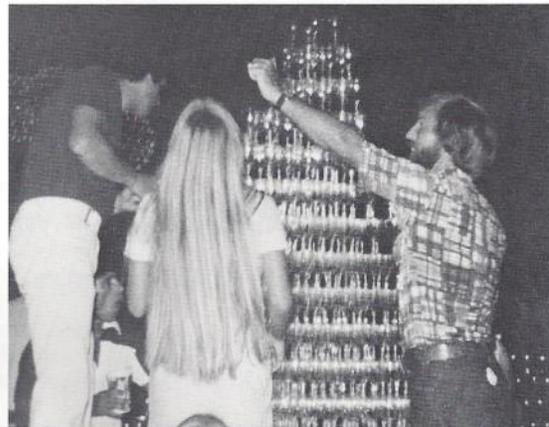
Corvette Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

NFCA is Really Stacked!

The members of North Florida Corvette Assn. would like to thank those who helped build the "Largest NCCC Pyramid." The pyramid was (at last count) over 24 rows high. Special thanks to Charlie Wilson (East Tennessee CC) who was the "Architect", Loni & Lisa Sowash and Jennifer Wells, daughters of NCCC members who brought the glasses, Leo Doyon and Sally Karr (Carolina Corvettes) and Ed Cassell (Wisconsin Corvette Club).

Special Thanks to the Chevrolet Motor Division who gave us this fantastic party.

We will be in Colorado to challenge other clubs.



ALAN ORR Wins Pace Car!



Alan Orr of Richwood, Texas was the lucky winner of the 1978 Corvette Limited Edition Pace Car raffled off by the NCCC for the benefit of Spina Bifida. Alan is in his late 20's, recently married, autocrosses his 1973 coupe and is a member of Mid Coast Vettes of the Southwest Region.

The raffle raised \$18,000 over the cost of the Corvette.

Congrats to Alan and a big thank you to all who participated.

Photo by Geoff Sweet

And as quickly as it had started . . .

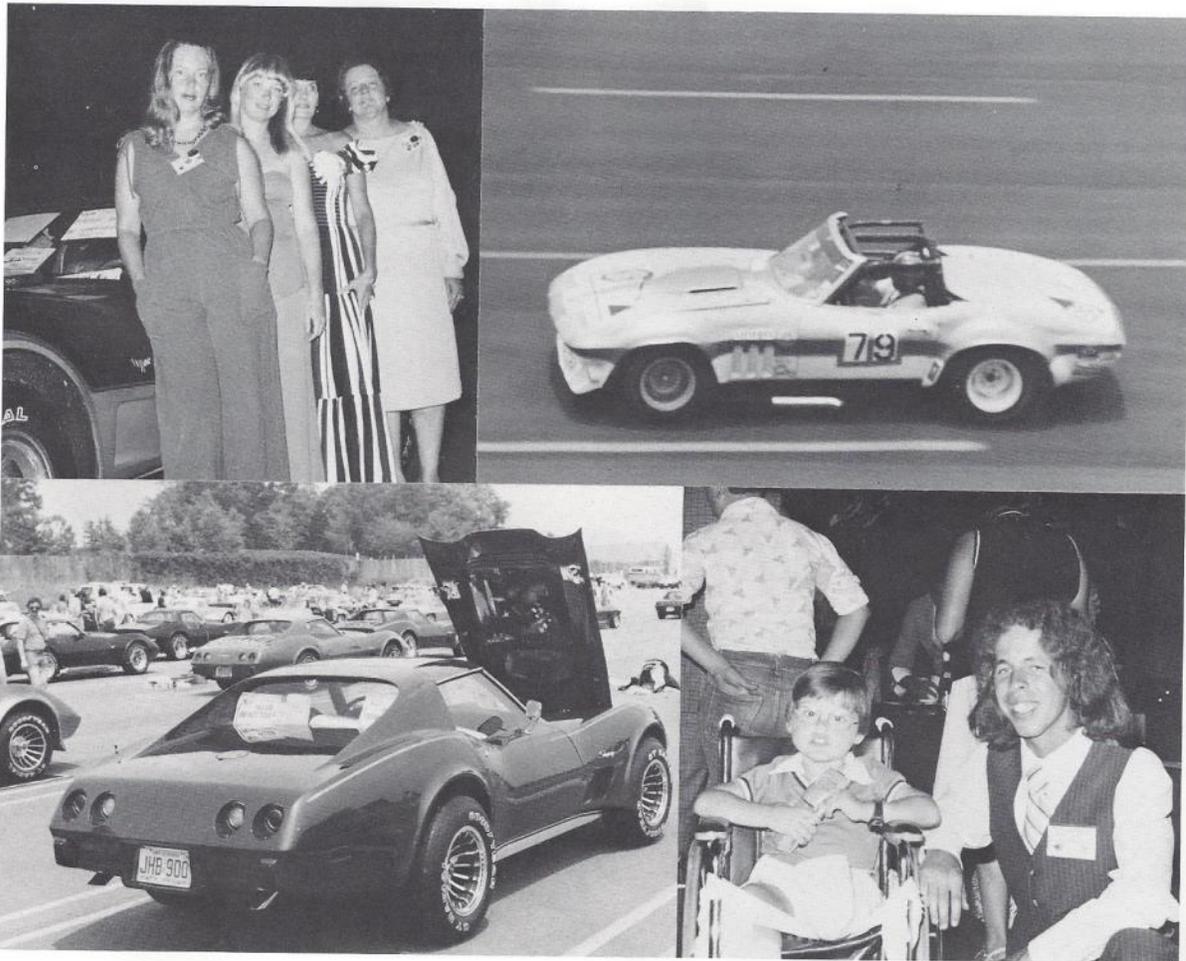
Saturday was awards presentation time . . . those who had tried so hard to put another trophy on the wall were rewarded for their efforts. First, a cold meat luncheon was served, then the awards from all five competitive events were presented.

Then, as the last of the trophies were handed out, it was all over for another year.

Thanks from Blue Bars to the Queen City Corvette Club and the Carolinas Region for their efforts. This issue is dedicated to you.

Now, what route is it we take to Colorado?

. . . it was all over



See Y'all in Colorado!

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Queen City Says "Thanks" . . .

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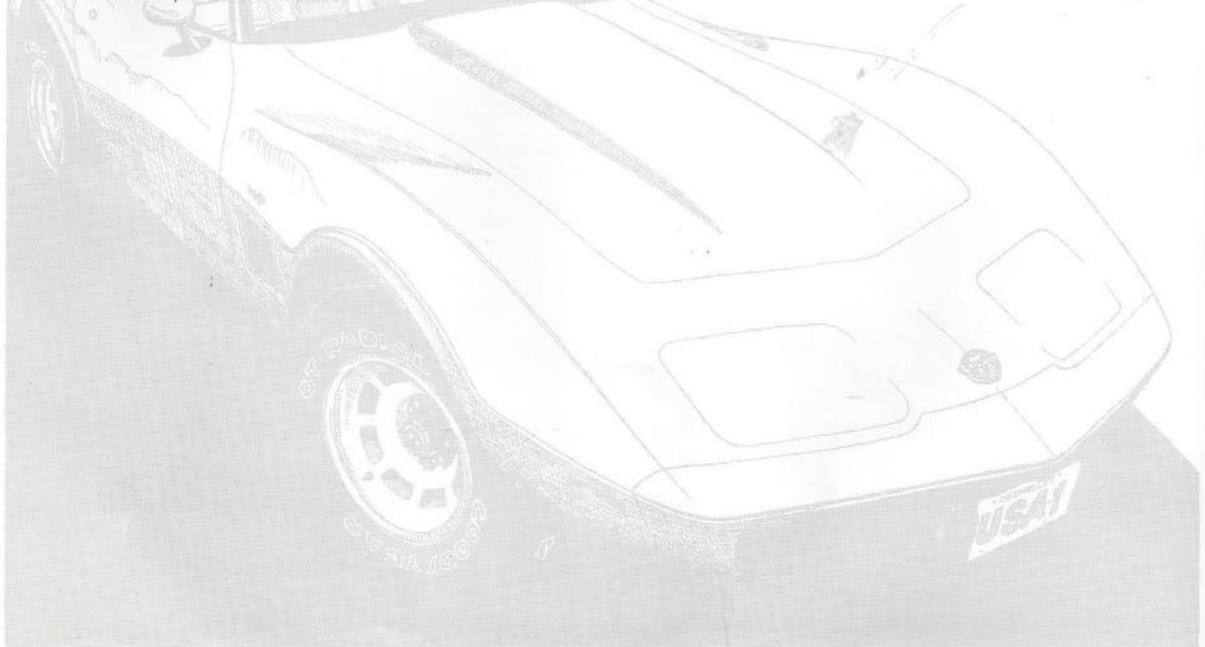
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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Beth Heck

NCCC Governors' Meeting
Charlotte, NC
July 9, 1978

The July NCCC meeting was called to order at 12:30 P.M. by President Tom Henry. All officers were present. 162 clubs were represented.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the May minutes as printed.

Ellen McCall, V.P. Membership, distributed and explained the membership report.

Mike Yager, V.P. of Public Relations, recommended that in future years registration be held at the same site as the Corvette Mall for convenience in supporting the vendors who help support our convention and donate door prizes.

Skip McBride, Parliamentarian, welcomed everyone to the Carolinas. His committee has written proposals, which include changes and clarifications to the NCCC By-Laws. He asked the governors to please read the following proposals to their clubs and discover their opinions.

Article II:

Add: Section 2 - Withdrawal of Recognition

"Any recognized club not complying with the requirements set forth in section 1 of this article will have its recognition withdrawn. Individual members of the affected club must comply with rules set forth in Article III to maintain membership in the corporation.

Article III:

Section 2, A - An active member shall have only one NCCC number.

The same change is recommended for C, D, E, & F.

Section 3 - Election of Members

1. Line 5 after "Board of Governors" delete "or the Executive Committee for approval." Add . . . "or act on the behalf of the Board of Governors.

Delete the last sentence i.e. "a vote by . . . thru . . . each member.

Article V:

Section 9 - Election of Officers

An election shall be held for selecting the officers for the following year as part of the business of the November meeting of the Board of Governors. The officers so elected shall take office on the first day of the following year. Election procedure shall be in the order listed in Art. VII, Section 1.

Article VII:

Section 2 - Election and Term of Office

Officers of the corporation are to be elected annually at the November meeting of the Board of Governors. (The remainder of the section of this article stays the same.)

President Tom Henry informed the governors that Alan Tardy, the Spina Bifida runner had arrived at convention. He ran from San Francisco to Findlay, Ohio (May 21st to July 6th) and rode to convention with Jim and Beth Heck. After convention he will complete his journey from Findlay, Ohio to the coast.

Bob Wollenman, Convention Treasurer, announced that at the time of the governors meeting there were 1500 adults registered and nearly 100 children.

Jay Lamka, Editor of Blue Bars, told the governors that he didn't have enough material before convention to send to the printers. This is the first time in five years this has happened.

Jim Roberts, Business Manager, reminded the people wanting reservations at the new meeting place that you **must use the reservation card** to get the discount. You must send it in **2 weeks prior to arrival**.

Insurance: We now have our new insurance form. One per club. If the new form is not included in the minutes, it will be passed out at the September meeting. Also, the Executive Board has taken under advisement the insurance statement received from Reed-Shaw-Steinhouse.

Convention Chairman, Dave Morse, welcomed everyone and reviewed the schedule of events, answering questions concerning the track.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Heck, Secretary

In Memory Of ROGER E. CLANCY

We would like to tell you about our late friend, Roger Clancy.

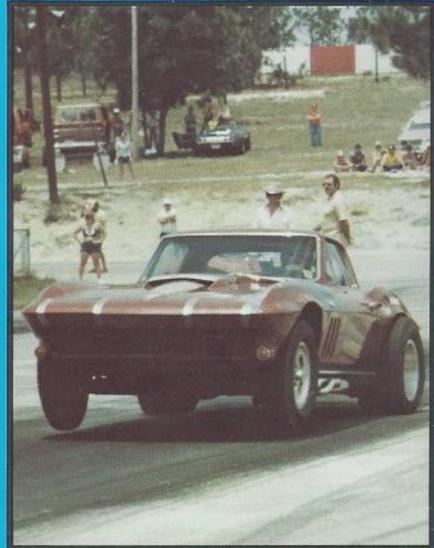
We have shared many good times, as well as a few problems. He had one of those thankless jobs as the Chairman of our Charity Committee. Needless to say, he did his work well. He stepped forward to get our Charity efforts off the ground. First for Muscular Dystrophy, then for Spina Bifida, his steadfast efforts brought hope to those who were afflicted.

Those of us who knew Roger well realize he was not in the best of health, but his problems were put aside so that he might help others. This devotion to the needs of others was one of his special attributes, and he managed to convey that feeling to those around him.

Roger had one of the quickest minds around. We are sure that those of you who might have had a conversation with him can realize just how quick. He was a master of the "pun".

Roger is no longer with us, but he left all of us a little richer by his wisdom, kindness and dedication. To Roger's mother and family, many thanks for sharing him with us . . . and may God bless you.

Further business pertinent to
Spina Bifida should go to:
Gary Bedra, 1720 Parkway North,
Maumee, OH 43537 (419) 893-5125



To All QCCC Members:



WANTED/NEEDED anyone who takes pictures or videos with their phone or camera!!!

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.

Here are the instructions on how to upload your pictures/videos:

Do you have club Photographs or Videos you would like to share?

To upload to the “QCCC Photo Gallery”, copy the web link below into your web browser and follow the screen prompts.

<https://qcccphoto.smugmug.com/upload/rZ6vZk/QCCCMemberGallery>

Please send an email to photo@queencitycorvette.com or cb8613vette@gmail.com with a notation of the Date and Event for which the Pictures/Videos were taken.

The mail message will notify the Club’s “QCCC Photo Gallery” administrator that new Pictures/Videos were recently posted so they can be added to the public viewing web site.

Thanks!

Carl Bartlett

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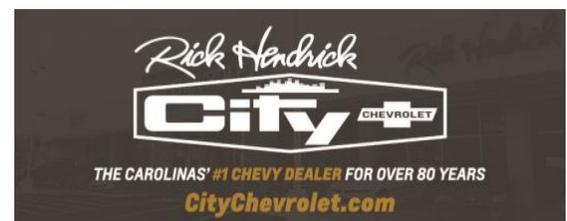
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