

The Queen City Corvette Gazette



Official Newsletter of North Carolina's Largest Corvette Club

September 2022



QCCC September Business Meeting & Car Show Prep

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Brenda & Tommy Loftin's Homestead

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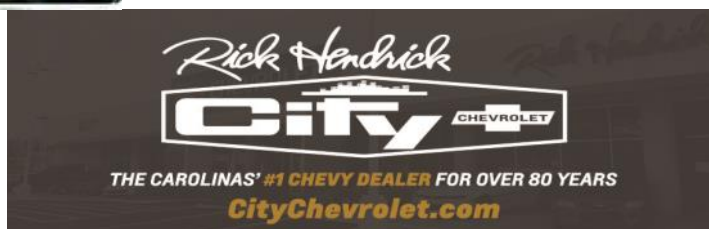
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2:00 p.m. Car Show Prep, T-Shirt pick-up, Team Meetings & Social Time

4:30 p.m. Dinner

5:15 p.m. Business Meeting

*****Final Date to Bring Silent Auction Items for Car Show**



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Well, another active month in the life of a QCCC Member!

First, I want to thank our 28 car owners for participating in two charity drives on Saturday, August 6. The first stop was at FeedNC in Mooresville to donate over 1,000 pounds of food for them to hand out to the less fortunate. Then we headed to the Plastic Cards charity donation site in Statesville and handed them over \$1600 and many toys for their Christmas drive. Of course, we concluded our Charity Day by feeding our own stomachs at lunch.

Next up was the celebration of our club's 54th Anniversary. We had a huge turnout for ice cream, pictures of owners grouped by Corvette generation, and looking at the parking lot full of beautiful cars. Travis Meredith set up displays of the "old" days and Bill Cruthis, looking fit, spry, and recovered from a recent fall, could not let him go it alone. He presented Jim Holland with the Golden Gears Award which represents owning the same Corvette for 50 consecutive years. He then presented vintage logo patches to members with 15 years of membership in QCCC.

I want to congratulate all our QCCC members, past and present, and all our Board and Staff volunteers, past and present for bringing us through 54 years of QCCC fun and adventure. And what an awesome place to celebrate our anniversary and our Corvettes—at the Hendrick Performance Team Center! From the stage, I looked out at our members and the Hendrick Race Team Championship banners hanging from the rafters! How cool is that!

We then moved to honor 24 of our members who have been part of our club for at least 20 consecutive years. The oldest, Gary Artis, joined back in 1991! They each received a new member name badge showing the year they became members. One of our youngest members exclaimed, "I wasn't even **born** when some of them joined QCCC!"

Next came the big award—the Lifetime Service Achievement Award was presented to three members who have gone above and beyond expectations for a minimum of 10 years. As the dedication, accomplishments, and contributions given to QCCC by Paul Mariano, Boyd Kurt, and Jane Burt were read, it's no wonder this club keeps going and going!

Then the 13 new members who were voted into the QCCC came to the front and told us a little about themselves. It was a great way to meet the newest additions to the club and make them feel welcome.

Finally, I challenged Jane and Jo to cross the \$1,000 mark for our 50/50 charity raffle and boy did they ever—by collecting \$1,500. If you want to know the winner, just look for the person with a smile from ear to ear.

Currently, our big day is coming up—our 11th annual Car Show at the Hendrick campus on Saturday, October 1. Our Car Show team of Tommy Loftin, Paul Mitchell, and Roger Winge started working on this the day after last year's show. We are very fortunate to have this beautiful campus for our show with dozens of Hendrick people working alongside us all year. All that is needed is just one day from each of you to work our show and showcase your cars along with other clubs coming from all over the southeast.

It's funny to hear some of our longer term members say that they look around and do not know a lot of the newer members. Then I wonder how the newer members feel walking into a meeting with all of us strangers. So please wear your name tags, walk up to someone you don't know and introduce yourself. You may just find out that they grew up near you or live near you now, and may become a future best friend.

Lastly, our members hit the roads to the VIR/IMSA race in Virginia, The Corvettes of Carlisle Car Show in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and The Anniversary Celebration at The National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. If you want to attend these events next year, just ask me at the next meeting and I will be glad to let you know the details.

Dick Gwilt

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Charity Day at FeedNC



Lifetime Achievement Awards

(left to right) Paul Mariano, accepted by his wife, Barbara Mariano, Jane Burt, and Boyd Kurt.

Congratulations and Thank You!



2022 QCCC Board



QCCC in Carlisle Parade



Carlisle Parade



VP Stuff, Ron Berst

Ready, Set, GO!!! Go to what you ask... just the 11th annual QCCC car show at the Hendrick Motorsports complex!

On October 1st the QCCC show, the largest Corvette show in the nation that is run by a Corvette club, (not a for profit business like Corvettes of Carlisle) is coming to the Hendrick Motorsports complex.

I have looked at many Corvette club websites nationwide and I haven't found a bigger all-Corvettes show yet!

I just attended Corvettes of Carlisle last week and spoke to several Chevrolet Corvette engineers knowing they travel around the country and attend many other events and asked if they know of a bigger all-Corvette show in the country, they did not know of any.

So that makes it official, our show is the biggest club run show in the US... and that's a pretty big place!

While I am not in the car show planning group, I do know that Tommy Loftin, Roger Winge, Paul Mitchell and Dick Gwilt have spent MANY MONTHS, WEEKS, DAYS and HOURS talking, meeting and emailing with City Chevrolet and Hendrick Motorsports employees to ensure this will be the best car show yet!!!!

Plan on coming early and staying late, there is much to do, but with the help of the great QCCC volunteers the show will be a fantastic day for all.

That's it for now, can't wait for Oct. 1st!!!

Ron Berst VP

Social



Scene

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~Donna Berst ~

Hope you all enjoyed our 54th Anniversary Celebration at Hendrick Motor Sports! It was a wonderful celebration with 150 members and 27 prospective members in attendance! Congratulations to the award recipients!

Our Cruise-in to Eleven Lakes Brewing Company was a great success. It turned out to be a beautiful evening with 26 awesome Vettes, lots of beer and fun QCCC conversations! Hope to see you at one of our next events!

Reminder our September Business Meeting is September 24th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 10, 2022, Auto Fair

Friday, September 16 thru Sunday, September 18, 2022, Oktoberfest in Helen, Georgia. Contact Steve Bonino for information to attend. vettegs17@gmail.com

Saturday September 24, 2022, QCCC Business Meeting & Car Show Prep
2:00 pm Car Show Prep, T-Shirt pick-up, Team Meetings & Social Time
4:30 pm Dinner
5:15 pm Business Meeting

LOCATION: Brenda & Tommy Loftin's Homestead 244 Hicks Creek Rd Troutman, NC 28166
Bring chairs and any "adult beverages" you would like. (Waters & soft drinks will be available) We would like to provide some snacks during our social/prep time. Please email me if you are interested in bringing something to share. donnaberst@windstream.net
There will be a catered meal of Port-A-Pit Chicken with Fixins' which must be purchased online prior to the meeting. (LOOK for the sign-up BLAST later in the month) You may also bring your own picnic dinner or head to a local restaurant after the meeting if you'd rather.

Saturday October 1, 2022, QCCC Car Show!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Saturday October 8, 2022, Business Meeting & optional Low Country Boil Dinner at Davidson's Farm in York, SC

Myrtle Beach Trip - Friday, October 21 - Sunday, October 23, 2022

Dick Gwilt rgwilt@me.com and Jane Burt are the event leaders.

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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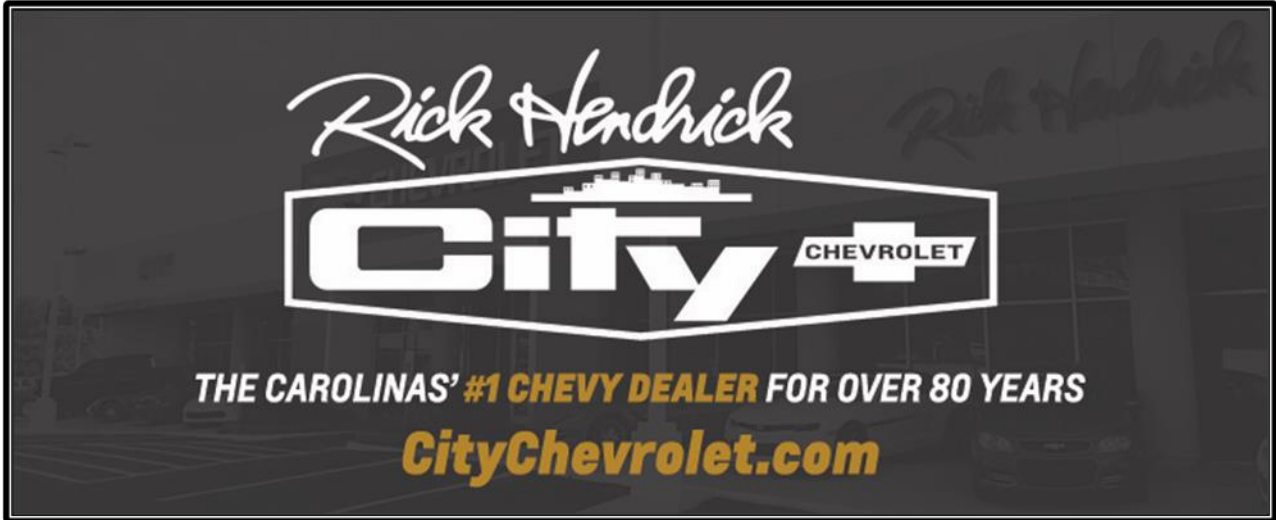
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MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

September

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	370
Total Families	204
Prospective Members	61
New Members Year to Date	41
Average Monthly Attendance	115

NEW MEMBERS:



Bob & Rebecca Hill

Huntersville, NC

CORVETTE: 50th Anniversary Red Coupe



Ron & Linda Hambrecht

Lake Wylie, SC

CORVETTE: 2011 Yellow Grand Sport Coupe

NEW MEMBERS:



Tom & Shari Johnston

Cornelius, NC

CORVETTE: 2023 White Coupe



Tom & Karla Wallace

Denver, NC

CORVETTE: 2007 Indy 500 Pace Car



Barry & Mary Ellen Ezarsky

Matthews, NC

CORVETTE: 2022 C8 Silver Flare Coupe



Russell Raduazzo

Monroe, NC

CORVETTE: 2022 Torch Red Coupe

NEW MEMBERS:



Frank & Christine Columbia

Waxhaw, NC

CORVETTE: 2022 C8 Orange Convertible

Justin Cross

QCCC Membership Director



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 (with COVID) or when we lose a loved one. Please keep all the Members in your prayers.

Thank You.

Paul Schmitt- QCCC Care and Compassion

paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Just returned from Corvettes at Carlisle, had a great time with a bunch of fellow QCCC members. Basically, Corvette heaven on earth. Next up is QCCC's 11th Annual Queen City Corvette Show which is a big deal, being one of the largest Corvette shows in the USA! Please make sure you have registered for the show, as of now we only have 117 QCCC Corvettes out of almost 200. We need everyone's help so let's get to 150 Corvettes from QCCC and show the rest of the clubs who is top dog!!

2022 CORVETTES AT CARLISLE



SEPTEMBER AUTOMOTIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday [September 10th](#) – Waterbean Cars & Coffee - Cornelius, NC

Saturday September 17th – Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee - Concord, NC

Saturday September 24th – LKN Cars & Coffee - Mooresville, NC

Roger Winge - Automotive Events Director



The 11th Annual QCCC All Corvette Car Show October 1st, 2022

QCCC Car Show Update, September 2022

As the car show draws near, this is the final month that we can promote the show. All aspects are in place and all we can hope for is good weather.

We still need help in parking, judging, registration, tours and trolley rides. We also need help with early morning set-up, so plan on coming early to help. We also need help on Friday for the Hendrick Tours. If you can help, please let me know.

Along with food trucks and vendors, we are also going to have a Kids Zone, which will be located in the Team Center. Outside the Team Center will be a Race Car for the kids to sign and draw on. This will also be the area for food tables and restrooms. The Food Truck Alley will be located between the Team Store and The Team Center.

If you have not done so, it is time for you to register your Corvette.

- Register your Corvette:
 - Go to QCCC website
 - Click on 11TH Annual QCCC Car Show
 - Click here for QCCC Members only car show registration
 - Use your QCCC password and fill out the form
- Bring you items for the Silent Auction, no later than September 24th Meeting.
- Make sure you are signed up for a work detail.

Thank you.

Tommy Loftin, QCCC Corvette Show Coordinator

QCCC Charity, Wings of Eagles Ranch

Wings of Eagles Ranch is having its major fundraiser for the year "Dancin' in the Dirt". QCCC is a major sponsor for Wings of Eagles Ranch, and they have invited us to bring our Corvettes and park up front to help promote the event. This is a ticketed event with a small charge for the dinner. If you would like to become a major sponsor for this event, the information is included or you can go to their website.

Let's all bring our Corvettes and help with our charity, Wings of Eagles Ranch.

Tommy and Brenda Loftin, QCCC Charity Committee



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Dinner & Dancin' in the Dirt

SPONSORSHIPS

October 22, 5-9pm

Triple Crown Sponsor

\$20,000

(2 available)

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as "Triple Crown Sponsor" for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage and materials
 - Logo on website
- Customized social media strategy
- 16 event tickets
- Opportunity to speak at fundraising event
- Three sponsored horses in the "Parade of Horses"
- One team building day - up to 12 people

Derby Sponsor - \$10,000 (4 available)

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as "Derby Sponsor" for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage and materials
 - Logo on website
- Pre and post-event social media strategy
- Designated/Specific event sponsor
 - Example: Dinner brought to us by, "_____"
- 8 event tickets
- Two sponsored horse in the "Parade of Horses"

Preakness Sponsor - \$5,000

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as "Preakness Sponsor" for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage and materials
 - Logo on website
- Pre and post-event social media strategy
- 4 event tickets
- One sponsored horse in the "Parade of Horses"

Ranch Partner Sponsor - \$2,500

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as event sponsor for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage and materials
 - Logo on website
- 2 event tickets

Friend of The Ranch Sponsor - \$1,000

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as event sponsor for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage, materials and on website

Secretary's Note:



Hi QCCC Members!

It's time to celebrate September QCCC Member birthdays! Please join us in wishing everyone who is celebrating a birthday in September . . .

a very Happy Birthday!!!

At our August meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays. Gary Cunningham was our winner and he received a \$25 gift card from Panera Bread. Congratulations, Gary!

We are hoping to see all of you at our business club meeting on Saturday, September 24 at the home of Brenda and Tommy Loftin. **In addition to our Club Meeting, we will be preparing for our QCCC Car Show on October 1, 2022. If you haven't signed up to work at the show, please sign up. We have a job for everyone's capabilities. We really need everyone to participate.**

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

SEPTEMBER

9/1 Allen Pritchett (A)
9/1 Martin Oehler
9/2 Lori Lessoff
9/4 Becky Ross
9/6 Norm Jungmann
9/8 Will Bradley
9/9 Pamela Overcash
9/9 Pat Bales
9/9 Gloria McCoy
9/10 Carole Baker (A)
9/11 Vinny Vettorino
9/12 Sharon Meredith
9/14 Sarah Lyda
9/14 Farrah Wood
9/15 Walt Baker (A)
9/16 Steve Bales
9/17 Steve Kaufmann
9/20 Paul Manuel
9/20 Allen Gould
9/24 Gary St John
9/26 JC Roberts
9/27 John Plyler
9/29 Cindy Newsom



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

I want to thank the Board for the opportunity to serve as your Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum. I look forward to supporting the NCM and hopefully continue our excellent relationship with the Museum staff. I will also continue to solicit membership to the Museum from the non-members in QCCC.

QCCC has always had a significant role and reputation at the Museum. Thanks to our beloved late Paul Mariano, that relationship was strong for many years. We will maintain and continue to grow that relationship.

Just to give everyone a foundation of the Museum, here is their position statement:

The National Corvette Museum acts as the steward for all Corvette enthusiasts, by fulfilling our mission to celebrate the Corvette's invention, and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The Museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy. The Museum was opened on Labor Day weekend in 1994. At that time, the NCM stated that the Museum belonged to all the Corvette enthusiasts and therefore it was their Museum.

And here is the statement on the purpose of the Ambassador program:

The purpose of the Ambassador Program is to provide Corvette clubs/organizations a two-way communication link to the NCM. This program provides several opportunities to offer support through participation and involvement in the functions of the Museum. Corvette clubs/organizations can play an important role in the mission of the National Corvette Museum by providing the NCM and its staff guidance and assistance.

I will provide updates and news from the Museum as needed and will be a two-way communication source for the QCCC. Please let me know if you have any questions that I can help with.

You may have received the notice that Lifetime Membership price is going up from \$1500 to \$2000 on October 1. So, if you are planning on this Membership you need to act before our car show – take advantage of the savings.

If you are 65 years of age or older, there is a new membership class that is an amazing deal. For \$750 you will receive a membership that is good for 20 years. You get all the benefits of any membership program, including discounts to events and the Corvette Store, subscription to the America's Sports Car magazine, free admission to the Museum display, and many more. Please let me know if you have questions or interest in this smokin' deal!

Thanks again for the opportunity, and I look forward to serving QCCC in this new role.

QCCC HISTORY

As the huge QCCC Car Show is almost here, the excitement is building and this one should be the best yet. As we did last year, there will be a special display for the “Golden Gears” Corvettes that have had the same owners for at least fifty years. We now have six cars that fall in that category with the inclusion of Jim Holland's 1957.

But this year we have invited a special guest to join this display. We are encouraging former QCCC member and past President Melvin Pace to bring his one owner 1968 Corvette, which was one on the club's most popular cars in the early days and has a rich history on its own.

Melvin ordered the car from City Chevrolet in October of 1967, but it didn't arrive until January of 1968. With a sticker price of \$5729.20, the red-on-red coupe was ordered with all the popular performance options of the day: 435 horsepower, 427 engine, 4 speed transmission, 3.70 posi rear gear, and side exhausts. Since he worked for GM parts, it wasn't long before he added L88 fender flares and hood. He drove it daily for a couple of years and then, through Corvette News, joined the “Corvette Club of North Carolina”. After being the only club in the area during the mid-sixties, it finally disbanded in the early 70's. Melvin then joined QCCC in early 1972 and become very active in both automotive and social events. The 68's tag was “POP TOP”, we weren't sure if that was because of the T-tops on the car or the Budweiser in the cooler.

As QCCC got more involved with the National Council for Corvette Clubs and the competition events they sanctioned, Melvin dedicated the '68 to participating in every type of event there was. He was fastest time of the day many times and led the club to the many regional championships and eventually the national championship. He was club President in 1985 and 1989 and I'm sure his easy-going nature held the club together since there were some high-strung members during the racing era.

Melvin dropped out of QCCC in 1992 and the '68 was parked with 53,000 wide open miles and a blown head gasket. Life moved on and it wasn't until early this year he got the '68 back on the road. And when I heard that, I started trying to get him back involved with the club. He has some health issues that may prevent that, but it sure would be great to see him and his legendary '68 again. It's one of those cars that you wish could talk. . .the stories it could tell.

We certainly hope Melvin and his '68 can attend our show, and if he does, I encourage each of you to spend a minute or two getting to know a former member who, by example, was the ultimate Corvette enthusiast.

Travis Meredith, *historian*

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Many years ago, at the Rick Hendrick Museum, rested a unique race car. I later learned this was a Lola T710 Corvette GTP which was raced in the IMSA circuit. The car was solely sponsored by Goodwrench Performance Parts. Several Lolas were raced in IMSA in the first half of the decade of the 80's with a modicum of success. Ironically, the T710 had no Corvette parts on it. A power plant of a Ryan-Falconer Buick based 3.4 l V6 was in the T710 while a sister car, a T711 carried a 350 Chevrolet motor. The ride was partially to test some of the look of the C-5, which was under development at the time. You can see the headlights and taillights taking shape in the attached photos. After 4 years, in 1985, the car was in the hands of Rick Hendrick, having changed over to a Chevrolet motor producing 775 hp. Every driver that drove the car said it was the most exciting racer ever.

Now, for the rest of the story. In the early 80's, Rick Hendrick's personal assistant was none other than our own Darrell Kirkley. A portion of his efforts were spent chasing after Mr. H.'s sports cars. Arriving at work one morning his duty was to take a Hendrick dually to Detroit to pick up the Lola and trailer it to Ocala, Florida to display it at the convention of GM parts managers who sponsored the car. Next came more surprises. Rick was ready to return to Charlotte and he brought Darrell with him leaving the trailer in Ocala, as after the convention it was to go to Watkins Glenn for an IMSA race. Darrell was on the plane with Mr. H., Dale Earnhardt, and Richard Childress. As he says, he felt like being at a funeral in a black tux with brown shoes. Then, the Lola is in Watkins Glenn with the trailer and a dually borrowed from GM Detroit, while the Hendrick dually is getting repaired, but Darrell is in Charlotte. His orders then, were to get a nice big passenger van and drive it to Watkins Glenn for the race team. After the race he traveled to Detroit to get the dually and the Lola trailer, exchange the duallys and trailer the Lola to Charlotte. Seems like going from your elbow over your shoulder but sometimes that can not be helped. Then came one more call from Mr. H., "I want you to stop off at Goodyear Tire Test Track in Akron, Ohio on the way back. We are shooting some commercials with the car and you will need to drive it." Are you kidding me. . .giving Darrell free rein with a million-dollar GTP car was like giving booze to an alcoholic. Darrell seldom drives less than flat out open when it comes to racetracks, so you can imagine what a day he had. He said, "there was a small turbo pause, but when it kicks in it's like an 18-wheeler plowing into your backside."

Darrell is sharing many of his lifetime antics in a book he is looking to publish. If he gets it out, there it is, worth the read.

You never know what lurks in the shadows of QCCC's past and now you know the rest of that story.

Submitted by Bill Cruthis

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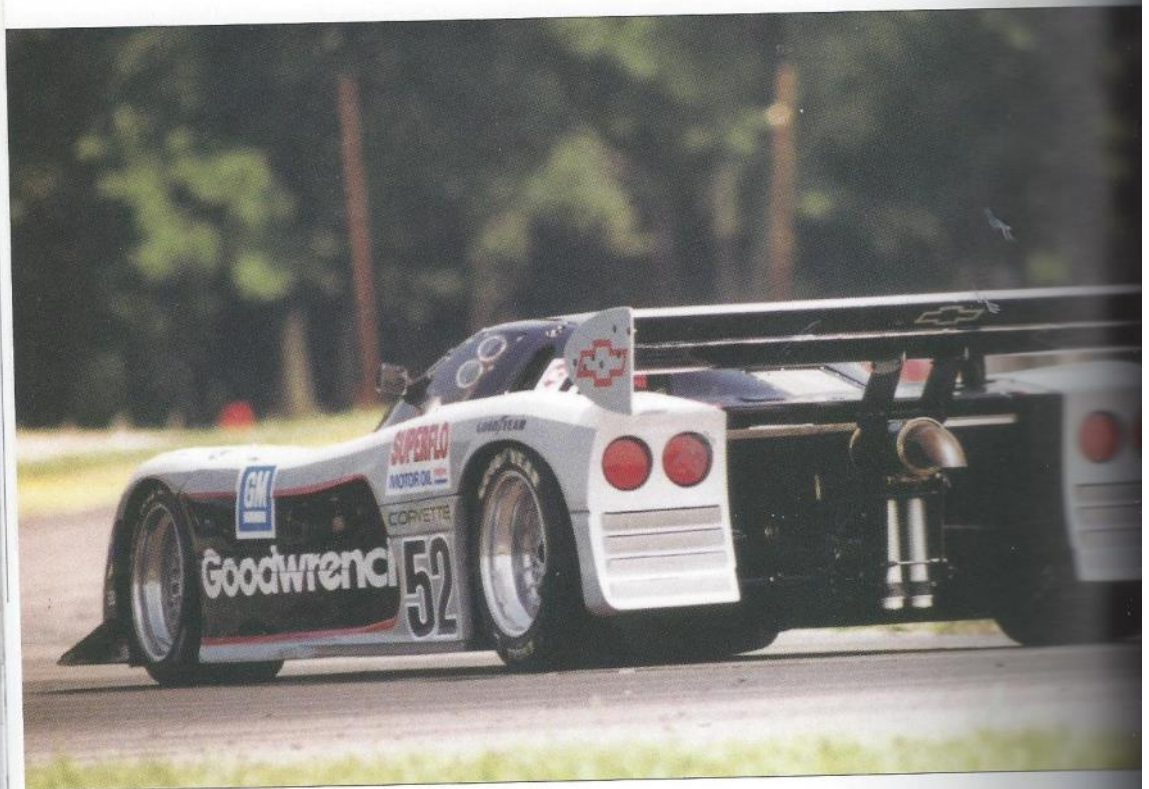


John Starkey

CORVETTE

Through the 1980s the Corvette substantially took the path of most European design sports cars, that is it was progressively developed, rather than being dramatically changed its looks year by year. In fact, it was not until the introduction of the all-new C5 in 1997 that the Corvette's looks changed radically.

IMSA GTP – THE MID-ENGINE CORVETTE RACER



The Corvette GTP car in its final "short tail" version in 1988. Note that now the GTP car has a double element tail of the earlier, single-element tail. [Photo: Courtesy of Gordon Barrett.]

recharged engine (originally an Indy car engine from 1980) and the T711 the normally rated Chevrolet 350 V8.

Chevrolet initiated the project, specifying that, as far as was possible with a mid-engine GTP car, the bodywork had to resemble their production car.



Atlanta, April 1987. Sarel van der Merwe put the Corvette on pole position and set a new lap record but the car lasted just fifty-one laps before a broken axle. [Photo: Courtesy of Gordon Barrett.]

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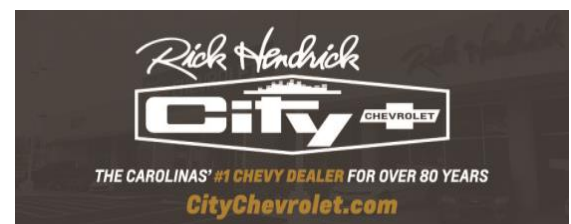
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