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Saturday, January 11, 2025
Hendrick Motorsports Complex
Team Center

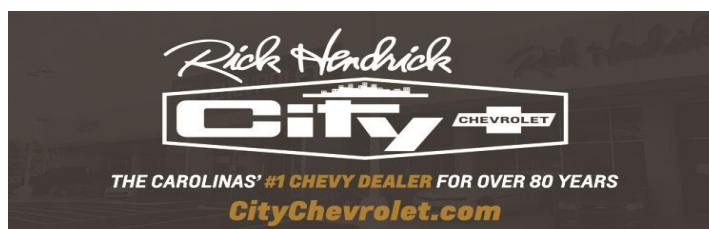
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2:00 Social Time

3:00 Business Meeting

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President's Stuff

January 2025

Wow, 2025 is here! It seems like only last week it was 2024☺. If you did not attend our December meeting/Christmas Party, you missed out on possibly the best meeting/Christmas Party ever! Over 170 members and prospective members cruised over to the Speedway Club and watched as over \$1800 worth of fantastic gifts were won by those with the lucky red raffle tickets! Kimberly will have more about it in her portion of the newsletter. Do what you can to clear your calendar for next year. . .a tradition may have been started.

Looking ahead to 2025, we have some very exciting news to share. Here are three goals that we will focus on (and there might be more added later).

Calendar: Starting from the January business meeting we will repeat what we achieved last year and there will be something on the calendar every week thru the December meeting/Christmas Party (last year there was 59 events/meetings/trips). More is better!

Meeting attendance: Although we are averaging 160 members/prospective members at each business meeting, we can do better. The feeling is that when you attend the meeting you will meet people and you will make friends.

When you make friends, you will be more likely to volunteer to help out and register your car for our car show in October, attend AutoFair in April, and register your car for the AmeriCarna car show in November.

When you make more QCCC friends you will be more likely to go on one of our many day trips on the calendar...and make more friends.

When you make more friends, you will be more likely to go on one of the weekend trips, which is a great way to really make more friends.

When you have made even more friends, you will be more likely to go to the BASH at the National Corvette Museum in late April as well as the Anniversary Celebration in late August...and you will make even more friends! Ok, by now you get it, friendships and relationships is really what QCCC is all about. We all own a Corvette, from C1 thru C8, they are all great in their own way, but friendship is the glue that keeps QCCC together. So increased attendance at the monthly meeting is the goal. Here is the plan to encourage members to attend: We are going to make the meeting more exciting and interesting by bringing in guest speakers that you will really enjoy. Here is a list of who have committed to speaking at one of our monthly meetings in 2025:

Tom Wallace was the 4th Corvette chief engineer.

Ken Brown was a suspension engineer on the C5 and was first car chief for Corvette Racing.

Rick Heinrich works for Goodyear Tire as Product Manager-NASCAR.

Jeremy Olack is the master Corvette technician at City Chevrolet.

(All four of them above are QCCC members.)

Bryan Sellers drives a C8.R for DXDT racing with *Tommy Milner* in IMSA for 2025 *Chris Boone* – General Manager at City Chevrolet (best sponsor ever!!)
Tim Miller worked for Goodyear and developed the rain tire for Formula 1.
Sabrina Pinkston coordinates the Jeff Gordon Corvettes for a Cure Charity

Working on a few more and will announce them soon. Ok, here's the catch: because you know there will be a catch. We are not going to advertise which speaker will be at any given meeting, you will just have to come and find out☺.

Also, we have some great day trips coming, but have limited number that can attend. We will announce when Sign-Up Blasts will be sent out at each meeting. Some fill up very FAST, but you will know when you need to watch for them.

Lastly, we have generously increased Gary's budget for raffle giveaways for 2025, but you need to be present to win!

National Corvette Museum membership: We are at about 42% of club membership as museum members, but we can do better. At our January board meeting we will vote on making a substantial donation to the Corvette Museum, presenting them with the check at the Bash in April. This will come out of the charity account and will not be an annual donation unless voted on by the Board again for 2026. The museum does not receive funding from Chevrolet, they rely on corporate sponsors and individual memberships. The museum promotes and preserves the cars we all love and drive and they need support from Corvette clubs like QCCC.

These three goals all lead to one mission, to make QCCC the best Corvette Club anywhere. We might be there now, but if so, we can do better!

“Even Better in 2025” is the goal☺! Hope to see everyone at the January 11th meeting at the Hendrick Team Center. Social begins at 2:00, meeting at 3:00.

That's it for now.

Ron Berst

President



WELCOME BACK MY FRIENDS...

To the show that never ends, we're so glad you could attend, come inside, come inside...

Let me take an opportunity to highlight the next three club meetings and their locations:

January 11th 2025.... Another Year Begins.
Hendrick Motorsports Complex, Team Center

4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. Concord, NC 28027

2PM Social 3PM Meeting

February 8th

Streetside Classics Showroom

800 Derita Road Ste. A, Concord, NC 28027

2PM Social 3PM Meeting



BRING YOUR CHAIRS!!



March 8th Annual Awards Banquet
Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC 28027

4PM Social, Biz Mtg. and Awards Banquet

Pre-paid sign-up required for dinner

Below is the “2025 VeeP Points Program” criteria for event tracking of the 2025 calendared events. Tracking is complete for 2024 and prizes will be awarded to the TOP TEN and ROOKIE OF THE YEAR at the Annual Awards Banquet at the March meeting.

VeeP Points Program 2025	
Attend Monthly Meeting	10 pts
Help at Monthly Meeting	5 pts
Attend a Calendared Event	10 pts
Lead a Calendared Event	15 pts
Attend the Awards Banquet	15 pts
Dressed in Theme Attire	15 pts
Register your Corvette for the Car Show	20 pts

Finally, the Annual Club Inventory follows as required by the club by-laws.

*...I am looking forward to another event-filled year with the largest and best Corvette Club in the Carolinas and another year of **Life in the Fast Lane**.*

Thanks,

Gary

QCCC Annual Asset Inventory Jan. 2025

Item Description	Model	Qty	Category	Location	Serial #	Date Purchased
Samsung 64Gb Tablet -Y		1	Car Show	D. Brubaker	R52R70A49VN	1-May
Anker Power Core	A1268	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker	AACRDS0B2203856	
Samsung Wireless Keyboard	EF-DT730	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker		
Square Credit Card Reader	SPC1-01	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker	113LS14603339176	
Square Card Swipe	SPM1-01	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker	120LS11603007279	
Pelican Hard Case	1085	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker		
Samsung 64Gb Tablet -G		1	Car Show	D. Brubaker	R52R70AS49J	1-May-21
Anker Power Core	A1268	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker	AACRDS0B322203853	
Samsung Wireless Keyboard	EF-DT730	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker		
Square Credit Card Reader	ASPC1-10	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker	007LS14602000731	
Square Card Swipe	SPM1-01	1	Car Show	D. Brubaker	118LS 11603009222	
Pelican 1085 Hard Case						
Samsung S7 Rab A7 Lite		2	Car Show	R. Winge	R83W70RW10K	1-Oct-19
Large White Board		3	Car Show	Gwilt Garage		
Smaller White Board		2	Car Show	Gwilt Garage		
Dell Laptop		1	Newsletter	Pam Tucker		
US Flag and Stand		1	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		4-Apr-22
Carvin PA System		1	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		
JBL Speakers 2/stands		2	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		1-Feb-18
Sound Mixer Board		1	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		1-Feb-18
JBL Portable PA System		1	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		1-Oct-19
Shure Wireless Microphone		1	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		1-May-18
Portable Folding Tables		2	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		1-Oct-19
Folding Chairs		9	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		1-Oct-19
Eqpt Cart		1	Meeting	QCCC Trailer		1-May-19
QCCC Folding tablecloth, black		1	Meeting	R. Berst		
QCCC Logo Yellow 10x10 Tent		1	Events	Gwilt Garage		1-Apr-18
QCCC Tent Sides		6	Events	Gwilt Garage		1-Oct-22
QCCC Tent Weight Bags		10	Events	Gwilt Garage		1-Apr-18
QCCC Logo Silver Tent 10x20		1	Events	Gwilt Garage		1-Jan-20
QCCC Flag, yellow		1	Events	R. Berst		
AdCraft Hot Dog Roller	RG-9	1	Social	Gwilt Garage	19020170152	1-Jan-20
West Bend Coffee Urns		2	Social	Gwilt Garage		1-Jan-24
Tea/Lemonade dispensers		2	Social	Gwilt Garage		1-Apr-24
Small Step Ladder		1	Misc	Gwilt Garage		1-Mar-19
Asst Banners		6	Misc	Gwilt Garage		
Historical Records		lots	Misc	Gwilt Garage		
QCCC Hendrick 50th Anv Prints		8	for sale	Gwilt Garage		1-Oct



The Social Spotlight

The start of the new year brings us new opportunities, new beginnings and new adventures. The Queen City Corvette Club has a calendar filled with new adventures for the upcoming year.

Our first business meeting of 2025 will be held at the Hendrick Motorsports Complex in Concord. The social hour begins at 2 pm with the meeting starting at 3. Coffee, cocoa and light snacks will be provided.

On January 22nd, a group of fellow Corvette Clubbers will head to Daytona for the Rolex 24 at Daytona. The race begins on Saturday the 29th and ends on Sunday the 30th with 5 corvettes from 4 teams racing! Please check your local listings to tune in.

Friday, February 14th is our next day to volunteer at [feedNC](#). Hours are traditionally 10:30 – 2:30. Please contact me if you would like to participate.

And finally, before I close, I would like to thank all of you who have helped me throughout the year from serving ice cream, checking in members, dishing up BBQ, to setting up and cleaning up after the meetings. I truly couldn't do it without you.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year filled with success and happiness.

Kimberly Knight

Social Director

AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy New Year to you kooky, Carolina Corvette people! I usually report on what we did the past month in my newsletter submissions, but this would be a very short article if I did that for December. Instead, I want to thank a couple of people and ask some questions to ensure we have a good time in 2025.

I want to publicly thank Roger Winge and Bill Robbins for keeping QCCC in the public eye by leading us to Cars & Coffee and Waxhaw Coffee Cruisers all year long while I worked most Saturdays. Their dedication and service to the club is probably under noticed but much appreciated. Also, thanks to Alton Lowe for being there to document our attendance.

I would like to ask you what you would like to see us do next year from an Automotive perspective. Are there any events we did in 2024 you would like to see us repeat? We are definitely going to do DXDT Racing again. Of course, we will do AutoFair. What else do you want to do? Drag racing, dirt track racing, car auction? Shoot me an email, jplooney74@gmail.com

Just to set the stage, I am going to ask for 50 tickets to AutoFair again this year. That is the same number as last year. We did it then and we have more members this year so it should be a piece of cake.

That's all for now!

John Looney (aka "The Loon")

Automotive Director



Corvette Racing 2025 GT3R



Series	Name	Car # & Class
IMSA	Pratt & Miller	#3 & #4 GTD Pro
	Trackhouse By TF	#91 GTD Pro
	AWA	#13 GTD Pro AM
	DXDT	#36 GTD Pro AM
WEC FIA	TF Sport	#33 & #81 Pro AM
SRO	DXDT	#? Pro AM

SERIES	Date	Track
IMSA	January 22-26	Daytona – Rolex 24
	March 12-15	Sebring
	August 22-24	VIR
	September 19-21	Indianapolis
	October 8-11	Motul Petit Le Mans
SRO	May 16-18	Sebring
	July 18-20	VIR
	September 5-7	Barber Motor Sports
WEC_FIA	June 14 – 15	LeMans 24 Hours

Hope to see you at a live Corvette Race this year. We can't believe there will be 5 Corvettes running at the Rolex 24 in January. For driver's names go to the series website and look them up. You will see some new names and also some old names. What a season we will have! Enjoy the races.

Boyd Kurt

Your Corvette #1 Race Fan



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

January

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	475
Total Families	267
Prospective Members	44
New Members Year to Date	66
Avg. Monthly Attendance 2024	162

NEW MEMBERS:

Mel & Jan Pickett

Charlotte, NC

CORVETTE: 2009 Atomic Orange Convertible

Please check your information that appears in the member directory to make sure it is current. If anything needs to change (address, phone number, email, currently owned Corvette, etc.) you can use the following link to update: https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=3521

You can now order replacement nameplates with “member since YYYY” added under your name. The price is \$10 per nameplate. You can use the following link to request them:

https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=5209

If you need the password, please reach out to me or another board member.

Dan Brubaker

QCCC Membership Director



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When I started back at City Chevrolet 5 years ago, one of my many goals was to help grow and build our relationship with the Queen City Corvette Club. Little did I know how strong it would become in such a relatively short amount of time. Thank you to everyone for having faith in us and giving us the opportunity to show you the City Chevrolet difference. Let's make the years to come just as amazing and continue to build on this incredible foundation.

Chris Boone, General Manager

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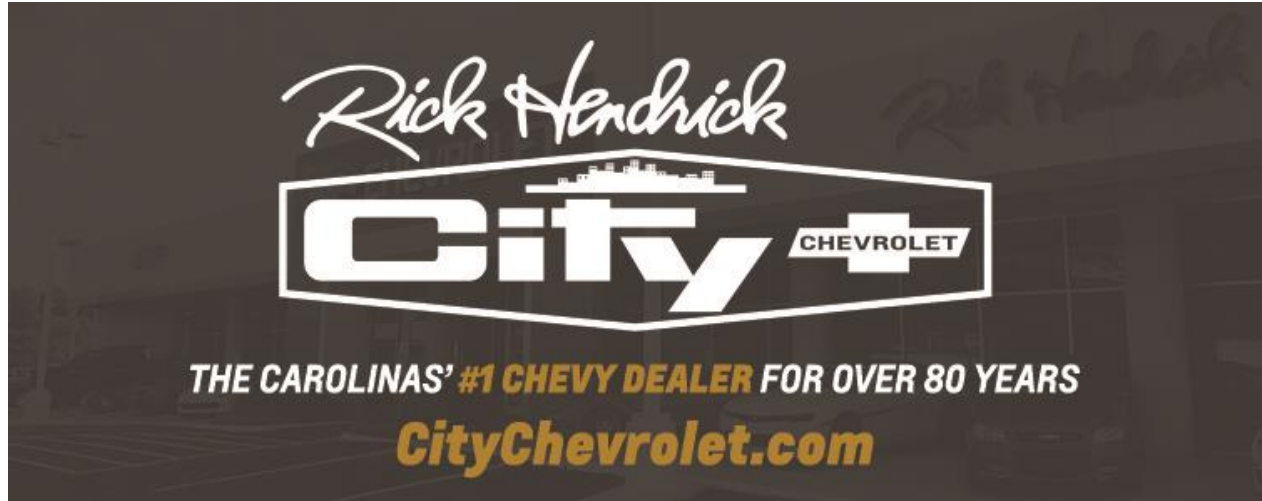
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QCCC CHARITY

January 2025



Please see Blasts for details regarding future volunteer opportunities for our charities.

QCCC Charity Update

We just finished up our club's charity events for 2024 and November was our busiest month! Thank you to all you members who participated.

22 cars attended our friends at Roadrunner Vettes annual Corvette Angels Toy Drive for Kids on November 2nd. We donated an estimated \$100 worth of toys per car and enjoyed beautiful sunny weather.

Then we held a food donation drive at our November 9th member meeting at feedNC. You members donated 1,350 pounds of food! Using \$1.25 per pound as an estimated value, that's \$1,800 contributed.

On Monday, November 18th, 23 QCCC cars met at the Team Center at Hendrick Motorsports campus to attend Jeff Gordon's "Corvette for A Cure" Giveaway. QCCC had special parking and two reserved tables. Jeff even gave QCCC a shout-out from the stage for our amazing annual Car Show. In 2025 the Jeff Gordon Children's Foundation will give away a red mist C8 Corvette. Funds raised from the sale of raffle tickets go toward researching treatments for childhood cancer.

Next up on November 23rd, QCCC attended for the first time, an annual car show at the Lincoln County Airport to support the Veterans and Community Alliance, who provides low or no cost car repairs to veterans and their spouses. The show included a fly-in of small planes. What a cool sight it was to see all the classic cars mixed in with the airplanes. We had a first for QCCC – 25 Corvettes, and 2 airplanes flown in by members Lynne & Louis Dunn, and Christopher Farrell & Sandra Csanyi! QCCC donated \$250 from our 50/50 funds and we passed the hat with attending members kicking in another \$250 for a total of \$500 donated. Another highlight – Gary Cunningham and I each bought 10 tickets to win a 1976 Ford Pinto and out of 400 tickets sold, Gary WON the car! My very first new car was a Pinto when I was 18 years old, and when Gary met Gwen, she was driving a Pinto - great memories!

Finally, we just attended our 12th annual Ray Evernham's AmeriCarna car show in Davidson on November 30. We filled up the reserved parking lot with our 35 Corvettes. QCCC presented a check for \$1,000 for the Autism Society of NC to support the IGNITE Community Centers operated by the Autism Society of NC.

Well, that wraps up a big year of charity work for our club for 2024.

Thank you for supporting our Charities.

Dick Gwilt

Charity Chairman



Our final charitable event of 2024 at [feedNC](#) with all these QCCC volunteers.



Hello QCCC Members!

It's time to celebrate our January QCCC Member birthdays! Please join us in wishing everyone who is celebrating a birthday in January a **very Happy Birthday!!!**

At our December meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays. [Ashton Olack was our winner, and she received a \\$50 restaurant gift card. Congratulations, Ashton!](#)

Hope to see you at our January Meeting! 😊

Until then, warmest regards,

Charlotte Brubaker
QCCC Secretary
(847)254-4966

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



January Birthdays

Beth Nash	1/1
Andrea Johnson	1/3
Ron Smith	1/3
Carole Callea	1/4
Bill Bitters	1/5
Tracy Nisley	1/5
Jamie Sergent	1/5
Jim Gillum	1/6
Mark Grubich	1/6
Jamie Stamey Hinson	1/6
Wendy Callahan	1/7
Travis Meredith	1/7
Brian Moore	1/7
Shari Johnston	1/8
Chris Wood	1/8
Jack Perrault	1/9
Mike Deschenes	1/10
Bob Finley	1/10
Laura Pelchat	1/10
Paul Pelkey	1/10
Chris Farrell	1/11
Alan Sparr	1/11
Jim Holland	1/12
Bill Ingram	1/13
Vee Hermida	1/14
Theodore Alford	1/15
Kay Herold	1/15
Scott Hamilton	1/17
Kim Richards	1/17
Jack Higgins	1/19
Laron Thompson	1/19
Jim Henry	1/21
Kati Humphrey	1/22
Mike Wells	1/22
Warren Knight	1/23
Keith Overcash	1/24
Edie Downs	1/25
Janet Kaufmann	1/26
Richard Murawa	1/26
Kathie Finocchi	1/31
Laurie Olejarczyk	1/31

QCCC HISTORY

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I know we are all looking forward to 2025 and spending quality time with everyone in the best Corvette Club in the USA!

Back in the seventies, life in the Queen City Corvette Club centered around competition and not with just the Corvettes. Almost every activity included some sort of competitive event. I have to remind you that the average age of members at that time was late twenties and early thirties and anything could turn into a piss contest. You could almost smell the testosterone when you walked into the clubhouse, unless the toilet was stopped up again.

Here are some examples of the non-car activities: A summer picnic at Freedom Park had many competitive events including a peanut roll, horseshoes and a three legged race which resulted in minor injuries. A river outing had a tossed egg contest, and most of the road trips, especially to the beach, included volleyball games. A race with hotel laundry carts was not an uncommon spontaneous event. We even had our children racing big wheels and tricycles which wound up including the “adults”. Even an afternoon flying kites resulted in a big discussion on who went the highest. And contrary to modern thinking, there were winners and losers. The winners vigorously celebrated victory and the losers suffered the agony of defeat, especially at the clubhouse bar on Wednesday nights. Even the drinking sometimes resulted in chug contests.

But often those unmerciful Wednesday nights produced competitive dares while enjoying a beer or twelve. One that sticks in my foggy memory is when someone bragged about being a skillful monopoly player and the challenge was on. Being a veteran Monopoly player myself, I volunteered to host the event and the date and time was established.

The big night came and the contestants that showed up included some of the current “vintage gang”, Bill Cruthis and Bill Ingram, and several other fools. As could be expected, the competition was fierce and it quickly turned into the most cut-throat Monopoly game ever. The dice were smoking, the beers were going down easy and houses and hotels were going up rapidly. After about forty-five minutes in, I realized the best move for me was landing on the “go-to-jail” square. It seemed every other move landed me on a property with a hotel owned by “Dollar” Bill Ingram. Several more rolls and I was bankrupt and spent the rest of the night drinking in the kitchen. Predictably, Bill cleaned everyone out and was declared the winner. No one ever challenged him to a rematch so I guess fifty years later, he's still Monopoly Champion of the Queen City Corvette Club. And I retired from Monopoly and moved onto games I could win with my grandchildren. Now even they beat me. Anyone up for a game of Chutes and Ladders?

Happy New Year everyone!

Travis Meredith

*Historian
President 1972 & 1976*

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Why Corvette and not XYZ?

This being the Christmas giving season pulls me to reflect on an issue that I wish to share. As we age we get to see the harvest of the fruits we planted as young adults. I was sure after college that my first car would be a Corvette, but I did not know my last one would be also. I just like the style/noise/and speed. So I joined Central Illinois Corvette club. Newly formed in 1968, I was the 12th member. Instantly this became my social life. I am now a lifetime honorary member and stay tuned into several of those members. I just enjoyed the way they thought. This and QCCC were where I evolved. Chris Wood repeatedly told us “we come because of the car, but we stay because of the people.”

Now, here is the best example of the glue that holds it all together. We are all very busy this time of year, even if you are retired. Actually retired folks are busier as we are not so productive as we once were. So to set the stage, the four guys mentioned at the top of this article gather our ladies and we head to one of our houses for a Christmas dinner and drinks. It is a splendid evening reviewing old times. So several years ago (3) our historian, Travis Meredith surprised all of us with a gift. Until then we had not exchanged gifts as we have most anything we ever wanted. Trav was still working at his body shop. I know his time was limited. In the way back '70's Bill Ingram owned a '67 silver coupe 427 with a black hood stripe, side pipes, and aluminum wheels, nice car. I had my '70 and also the iconic '63 split window coupe Daytona blue in and out. Darrell had several different Corvettes but one of his favorites was a red/red '75 roadster. Somehow, in the midst of getting Christmas ready for Sharon and 3 kids plus grandkids, and there are enough of them to field a football team, he was able to make a gift for each of us. Just finding the exact model must have taken a serious search. We were each presented with a 1/24th scale model of the car we had back in the early seventies. I don't mean they came in a box. That's how Trav bought them. Each was completely painted, and assembled just like in the factory and when I say detailed I mean really detailed. The stainless windshield trim was painted silver probably with a toothpick. The small circular spot for the gas door on the back of the 63 had the proper red, black, and gold markings on a white background, just so you get the idea. You just won't find that kind of “from the heart” loyalty in very many places. Certainly not at the Porsche Club of America. I doubt it would be repeated in the Mustang club, nor the BMW guys, Mercedes forget about it, and Ferrari or Lambos would fail also. You just can't top the culture that Corvette has created. In my 65 years of cruisin' the highways and by-ways, I have seen so much assistance given between members that I could write a good book on how society should behave. Corvette is such a special car and it comes wrapped in the flag all red, white, and blue. If you don't think that's instant fun then you will just have to miss out.

My first was a used '68 roadster. I got the convertible so I could tote larger items even 8' long lumber as that was the only car I had. Snow and rain had the postman's pledge, “neither rain nor snow”. Having owned a '68 and they were really bad cars as they rushed the new body style in coordination with the country and man walking on the moon. Originally, it was to be a refreshed version of the '67, thus, the poorly designed dash where you had to remove the center section just to replace a dash bulb. I can say they pushed me hard toward the door. ('68 It sure led to greater things.)

Now, why have I driven only Corvettes as my sports car? Never given much thought to it. Sure most models have very limited luggage space. We had to hold on thru the Jimmy Carter gas shortages. The magazines ripped us for poor plastic interiors. During the government-mandated engine restrictions, we caught a lot of flack. Race recapping in the '60s made fun of the Cobra's beating us, not much mention that they weighed 1000 pounds less. Back then durability was not Corvette's strong suit in the road races. We only had two seats, no cheater back seats for small kids like Porsche. We get laughed at for not wanting to drive in the rain after we spend a weekend getting our cars cleaned up. We are all bonded together knowing that to own a Corvette means you have endured at least some of these roadblocks. Regular folks just don't get it. They see us getting in and out of our cars as a bit of a struggle, not knowing how easy it used to be. After all that, baby, just look at us now! The best super car, speed, handling, and styling. The best bang for the buck out there. It is true, over the decades that there was always another Corvette that I wanted more and none of the other makes/models come with an invitation to the family. So, all take a moment and think how well we have been blessed to be part of QCCC.

Put a Corvette in every driveway and the country would be at peace.

Great times with friends and Corvettes and QCCC!

Submitted by Bill Cruthis

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Thank you!

Alton Loe

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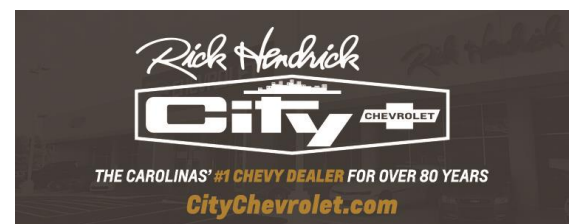
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