

October 1999

# Queen City Corvette Club, Inc.

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QCCC is sanctioned by the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), which has over 14,000 members in the USA. We are a non-profit club, (501-C7) which raises money for and participates with various local children's charities. We strive to promote exciting, safe & fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates a social time afterwards. Our socials are always fun and are focused around food & drink. We've had swimming parties, bar-b-ques, cookouts, day trips and weekend trips. We participate in mountain tours, holiday parades and several Homecoming parades at local area high schools. We also participate with several sister Corvette clubs in car shows, drag racing, and autocrossing. After an initiation fee of \$7.00, club dues are only \$8.00 a month, per family, and are to be paid quarterly. These dues go to cover the costs of running the club, mailing newsletters, and subsidize the costs of our meetings. Club officers serve as volunteers. NCCC dues are \$30.00 a year.

To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette, and attend at least two (2) monthly business meetings within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.





September 27, 1999

To my fellow QCCC members:

September 1999 has been a month filled with exciting activities and events to remember for Queen City Corvette Club. Allow me to review September '99 with you. First of all, over the Labor Day weekend the National Corvette Museum held its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in Bowling Green, KY. QCCC was very well represented in KY. Next, our QCCC September business meeting was held on the shores of Lake Wylie hosted by Charlie Brackett. The huge crowd that attended enjoyed delicious ham and deep fried turkey. Thanks Charlie for your hospitality. Third we went to the fall AutoFair. We ended September by attending our neighboring Confederate Corvette Club Concours in Gastonia. The weather was perfect for us the entire month. We were fortunate to have escaped the raging winds and rain of hurricanes Dennis & Floyd.

Obviously, we know about the tragedy left behind in eastern NC from hurricane Floyd. The need for assistance in that region is insurmountable. There are numerous churches and charitable organizations accepting donations towards the relief effort in eastern NC. Because of this tremendous outpouring, QCCC will not duplicate another relief campaign. However, I encourage you to select a relief organization and make a helpful contribution.

Our newsletter continues to improve in both style and content. We received many compliments on our last issue. We have been encouraged to publish more articles on technical tips and travel experiences. Therefore, we will make an attempt to publish a couple of new columns called "Technical Tips" and "Travel Tales". These new sections will depend on individual input. If you have experienced an adventurous trip, a challenging restoration or performance enhancement in your Corvette, then send us a note describing it and our editors will decide on publishing for everyone to enjoy.

The fun isn't over yet. We still have plenty of planned activities and trips for you and your Corvette. After our Myrtle Beach trip, we will be visiting Morrison Motors, and spending some time in the NC mountains. Remember that Corvette owners are welcome to visit with us anytime. Invite someone to join you on your next QCCC adventure.

We have our first club member with a Y2K Corvette. Please congratulate John Bayne on his acquisition of a beautiful Bowling Green convertible with an Oak colored top & interior. Who's next?

Sincerely,

*Jon Elliott*

# SOCIAL REPORT

## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

### 1999

Nancy Runnion  
841-2283

The following is the clue for the \$200 for October:

Chandler, Chandler, everywhere, find  
this Chandler if you dare. L is the letter  
for this month.

Everyone had a wonderful time at Charlie Brackett's at the lake and we thank him and Gina for their hospitality. The food was wonderful and we had a great turn out for this meeting.

This is probably your last chance for a room at the beach. We hope that you all can come. Contact Eddie Burt. Friday night we will be having a welcoming party with lots of good food on the grounds of the hotel – look for the balloons (5 to 8:00 p.m.). If the weather is inclement, please ask for Nancy Runnion's room number for an alternative location for the get together. I think the weekend should be about having fun in the sun and visiting your favorite Myrtle Beach attraction. We will be leaving the Dayton House at 6:00 Saturday evening to caravan to Lee's Inlet Kitchen where we have reservations for 6:30 p.m. The address for the Dayton House is 2400 North Ocean Boulevard in Myrtle Beach. When you check in don't forget to take advantage of the breakfast tickets for \$4.50, which includes tax and tip. The restaurant is highly recommended by the Dayton House and is located nearby.

On October 9, our meeting will be held at Morrison Motors in Concord at 2:00. For those who would like to caravan together please met me in the Target shopping center in Matthews at 1:15 p.m. For those not wishing to drive together Morrison Motors is on Old Charlotte Highway in Concord. You can reach there by traveling down Albemarle Road to Rocky River and then right on Old Charlotte Highway. After crossing Highway 49 watch for Morrison Motors on the left side of the road. Lunch will be provided. After lunch we will view a special private



collection of classic cars owned by Mr. Morrison. Please bring your chairs and drinks.



Our weekend in the mountains is coming up shortly. We will be staying at the Mill House Lodge in Hendersonville. Take the Upward Road exit from I-26, Exit 22. Go west on Upward Road until it ends at U.S. 25. Turn left onto 25 South. When you reach the Flat Rock Playhouse, take the next left onto West Blue Ridge Road. Mill House Lodge is 1/3 mile on right. The trip is scheduled for November 12 and 13. Please call the Lodge at 1-800-736-6073 for reservations. Only 3 rooms remain unreserved. If you need lodging assistance please call Jon Elliott at 542-0141. Saturday morning at 9:30 am we will be conducting a 3-hour tour of several waterfalls in the area. Also, Linda Meadows and I will be preparing a continental breakfast at the lodge for anyone wishing to eat before they depart. On Sunday morning we have reservations at the Grove Park Inn at the 9:30 seating for the breakfast buffet. The price is \$13.35, which includes tip and tax. I will be collecting this money at the Lodge. On Saturday evening the Corvette Club will be sponsoring a steak dinner with all the fixings. Non- QCCC club members will pay \$5.00 for the meal. After (or during) dinner we will start our Murder Mystery. For those of you participating, your envelopes containing your character and clues will be arriving in the mail approximately two weeks before we leave. There will be a prize for the best costume.

### LIST OF QCCC PLANNED EVENTS for 1999

October 1-3	Annual QCCC Beach Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC
October 9	Regular monthly meeting at Morrison Motors 2:00 pm
October 24	Daniel Boone Inn Luncheon & Mountain Sight Seeing Tour. Boone & Banner Elk, NC. Lunch cost \$13.25/pp. Depart promptly at 10:00 am from Shoney's, I-77 exit 28
November 6	Regular monthly business meeting at Hereford Barn 6:30 PM
November 12-14	Mountain trip & Water Fall Tour, Hendersonville, NC
December 11	Regular monthly meeting and Christmas party at The Burt's house 6:00 pm
January 22, 2000	Annual Awards Banquet & Dance



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> 1999

12:00 TO 6:00

\$10 ENTRY FEE

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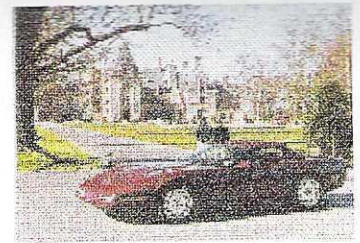
6441 North Tryon Street

Charlotte, NC 28256

For more info call: 704-636-6982 or 704-209-0463



# Ruby Beauty Report



Well we just returned from the 99 Caravan. Those of you who missed it really missed a great party and a great Caravan. A little hot but who was counting..... other than me? Wheeew.

For those of you who have not been to the Museum or the Plant... let me give you some facts about the Plant. number one.... it is **Air Conditioned**..... We spent 3 hours getting a personal tour. It was **Air Conditioned**.... I don't want to insinuate that it was hot there but it was **HOT!** The Plant covers 1,000,000 sq. ft. It employs 1050 people on one shift running from 6:12 AM to 2:42 PM. It sits on 212 acres and is located at exit 28 on Interstate I-65. The 1999 model volume was 33,270 units. 18,078 Coupes, 11,161 Convertibles, and 4,031 Fixed Roof cars.... more commonly known as the Hard Tops. Red, Black and Pewter accounted for 63% of the Exterior colors. Surprised.... Huh... Me to.... If you want any more details Jon is planning on putting the total list on the Web Site.

Joining us for the Caravan was QCCC members, Ray and Patty Stonitsch in their new Navy Blue C5, E.O. and Ann Oakley in their C5 Pewter Coupe, Ralph Cornacchia in his Purple C4, David Caldwell in .... well you know what they say about dating.... you should go home with whom that brung ya!!!! David rode up with Jon and came home with John..... Course one was Jon Elliott and the other was John Bayne. Eddie and Jane Burt with their Black C4, Chuck Beaty with his Black C4, Pauline Gray with her White C3.... Pauline really got the bug after she sat in a new 2000 Bowling Green "Green" Coupe..... good thing it wasn't a Convertible.... Right Pauline? Bill and Candy Lake were there with their C4 Convertible, John and Linda Meadows with their Red C5 Convertible.... Linda fell in love with one of the Display Convertibles.... it was one of 3 Gold C5 Convertibles that was made. Linda said.... John get on the list for a Gold 2003. Sorry about that John.... Skip Koski and his Son Bobby was there with Skip's 40th Anniversary Coupe, and Joann Heron brought her Black '66 Coupe. John Bayne drove his White C4 Convertible, and our leader of course had the hit of the Show. Jon won an award for the mighty "6T3". Also, with David Carleton's help we celebrated Jon's Birthday at the Museum .... at the Restaurant and almost every other place Jon went....

It is with heavy heart I have to report this to David.... David we looked for the Goat all the way home.... nothing.... the bear must have got him.... or maybe it was a her.... you never told us.

We also enjoyed the 8 Guests. James Foreman and his Lady Friend in his Pewter C5, Jerry Miller and his Son Brandon in Jerry's Pewter C5, Ken and Lois Watts in their Tan C4, Boyd Furr and his Friend in Boyd's Red 81 C3.

The next Auto Cross events will be at, Braves Stadium during our Beach trip, and at Old Rocky Mount Airport the following weekend. For the Show folks there is a Show at Parks Chevrolet on Saturday Oct. 30th. This Show is sponsored by Goodtimes Corvette Club.

With the damage that occurred in the Eastern North Carolina area ... anyone wanting to go to Rocky Mount for the Autocross please check with me.... The damage in that area has cancelled most events there.

## Minutes from September 11, 1999 QCCC Meeting

The September 11th meeting was held at the Lake Wylie house of Charlie Brackett and was called to order by Jon Elliott, President at 5:25pm. Jon thanked the Charlie and Gina for their wonderful hospitality and introduced the guests Ken Green and Greg & Kim Beavers. A motion was made by Bob Denney to approve the minutes from the August monthly meeting. After a second by Fred Fischer, the motion was vote on and passed unanimously.

Jon and Pauline Grey shared a little about their trip to Bowling Green, KY. Tony Prior shared about his recent trip with other QCCC members to Carlisle, PA.

Jeff Estridge, VP of Public Relations, will need cars for the following high schools homecoming parades – Oct 1<sup>st</sup> (two locations), Oct. 22 and Oct. 29th. Please call Jeff if you can help out. AutoFair is September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and QCCC will once again be located at winner's circle. See Jeff for car and people passes.

Nancy Runnion, VP Social, talked about the upcoming beach trip on Oct. 1 & 2. Welcoming reception is on Friday night 5-8:00 pm. Myrtle Beach Corvette Club members are invited. Plans are for everyone to rally to dinner on Saturday night. Mountain trip to Mills House Lodge in Flat Rock/ Hendersonville, NC is Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14th. October 9<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting will be at 2:00 at Morrison Motors, Concord, NC.

The purchase of 4 club 2-way, 14 channel radios was discussed. After lengthy discussion regarding technology and use, it was determined that the current club radios are no longer effective or battery efficient. New radios would be used for communications in caravans during AutoFair and for track workers during our speed events. A motion was made by Fred Fischer to purchase 4 radios total cost not to exceed \$200. Motion seconded by Tony Prior, voted on and approved by the majority. One member voted against radio purchase motion.

Eddie Burt, Treasurer, reminded everyone about NCCC membership and upcoming officer nominations. He also has a source that will make nametags for your folding chairs.

Walt Krupowicz spoke to the club about NCRS having a judging meet in Banner Elk on Sept. 25 & 26. NCRS will not sponsor the Shatley Springs fall mountain run this year. Nancy Runnion will put together an alternate fall mountain caravan trip.

Meeting adjourned approximately at 6:30 pm. Jon announced that Charlie Brackett was voted in as new sponsored member of QCCC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Elliott



## Minutes from September 22, 1999 QCCC Officers Meeting

The September officers meeting was held at the home of Betsy & Jon Elliott on Wednesday, September 22, 1999. Three officers were absent. Bob Denney, VP of Competition, Jeff Estridge, Public Relations and Betsy Elliott, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by President Jon Elliott at 7:10 PM

Scott Hamilton, Vice President, said he was working with Bob Denney to obtain up-to-date sign in sheets in order to tally new member point status sheets for the October '99 newsletter issue. Jon asked Scott to conduct the QCCC monthly business meeting at Morrison Motors, in his absence. Scott agreed to.

Eddie Burt, Treasurer, submitted financial report for October newsletter. Eddie said QCCC was in the black as far as the upcoming beach trip reservation go. Eddie to contact Best Western Dayton House in Myrtle Beach to cancel unreserved QCCC rooms. Eddie mentioned that a recent call from our vendor, Police Supply, learned of a mistaken quote with our QCCC chair embroidery. The new rate is almost triple of what we were use to paying. Eddie to notify members with orders for this item for verbal approval before embroidery work is done. Price for hats, shirts, etc. remained the same. Eddie mentioned a NSF check for past dues from a member hasn't been resolved. Attempts to reply have failed. In keeping with the guidelines in our QCCC bylaws, Eddie will mail notice of failure to comply and suspend member. Eddie wants to look into having a few more QCCC sign printed. Jon E. to check with his employer to see if they would provide these signs. Eddie received a very nice but unfortunate resignation note from Greg Andrews & Linda Ottoway.

Nancy Runnion, VP of Social, reported that the welcome reception in Myrtle Beach would be from 5:00PM to 8:00 PM, on the ocean front lawn of the Dayton House. In case of rain, go to Nancy's suite. Nancy mentioned that the fall mountain trip already has 41 people signed up. The officers agreed to have QCCC pay the cost, not to exceed \$150, for the murder/mystery entertainment materials, and limit the character participation to 30 folks. Nancy to grant a prize to the person with the best costume at end of murder/mystery. Nancy will organize the side dishes for our mountain cookout. Jon Elliott to be responsible for the grill, steaks, and organizing the waterfall tour caravan. Nancy has planned a day trip to the Boone & Blowing Rock NC area on Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Depart from Shoney's on I-77 exit 28 at 10:00 AM. Lunch reservations are at Daniel Boone Inn.

Jon Elliott, President, gave Nancy the Wyndham Garden Hotel contract for our awards banquet. He suggested that Nancy begin compiling a menu and prepare a budget for total projected banquet expenses to present at the next officers meeting. Jon asked Nancy to be sure that the call committee contact folks on our guest/visitors list and encourage them to attend our monthly business meetings and social activities. Jon mentioned receiving many positive comments on the QCCC newsletter. He said that several folks have suggested we include articles in the newsletter of a Corvette related technical nature. Also, folks suggested we print more articles of Corvette travel adventures. Jon to submit article on his recent Bowling Green, KY trip. AutoFair resulted in having 11 names added to the QCCC visitors newsletter mailing list.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Elliott

# October 1999

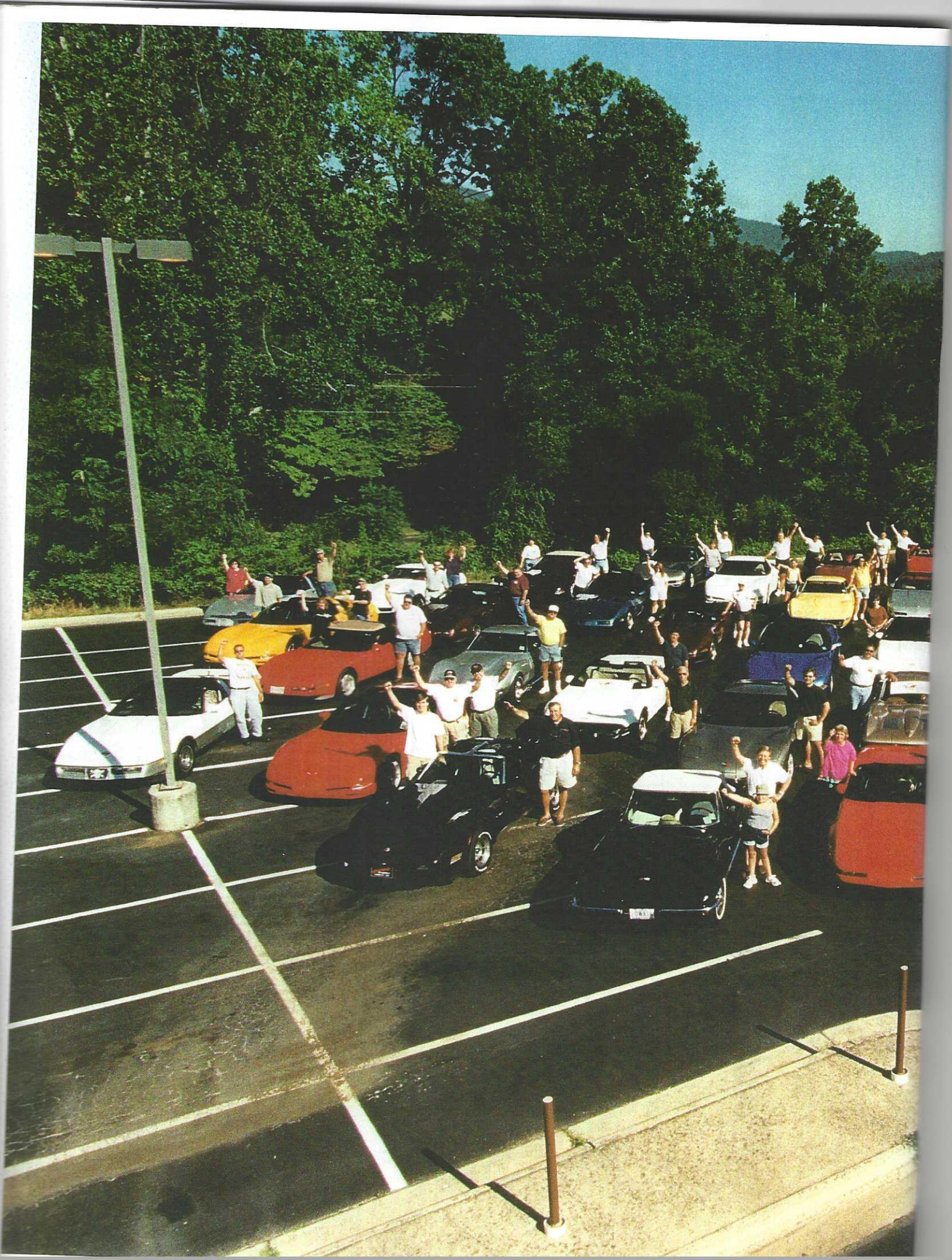
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 QCCC Beach Trip/ Homecoming West Meck. & Providence	2 QCCC Beach Trip/ Braves Stadium Autocross
3 QCCC Beach Trip/ Braves Stadium Autocross	4 Harry Wolle's B'day	5	6	7	8	9 QCCC Monthly meeting
10 Tom Torkildsen's B'day	11	12	13	14	15 Officer's Meeting	16 Debbie Estridge's B'day
17	18	19	20	21 South 21 Drive-In	22 Homecoming South Meck.	23
24 Pat Fischer's B'day / Mtn Run	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27	28	29 Homecoming Garinger	30 Goodtime Car Show
31						



# November 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Walt Krupowicz B'day	5	6 QCCC monthly meeting
7	8	9	10 Jon Elliott B'day	11	12 Mountain Trip	13 Mountain Trip
14 Mountain Trip	15	16 Becky Abernathy B'day	17	18 South 21 Drive-In	19 Jerry Helms B'day	20 Margaret Campbell & Larry Finocchi B'day
21	22 Chris Andrews B'day	23	24 Carol Whitehead's B'day	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27
28	29	30				

















## EVENT FLYER

Date:	<u>October 9, 10, 1999</u>	Event Type:	<u>9 Low Speed Events</u>		
Location:	<u>Old Rocky Mount</u> <u>Airport Runway</u>	Club:	<u>Eastern Carolina Corvette Club</u> <u>Nor-East Corvette Club</u>		
Region:	<u>Carolina</u>	Event:	<u>2 Day Event - Autocross</u>		
Exhaust:	<u>Open</u>				
Registration	Opens:	Sat & Sun @	<u>7:30AM</u>	Closes:	<u>After first run of each event</u>
Entry Info:		<u>\$6.00 per Event (\$54.00 total per driver)</u> <u>Drivers Meeting: 8:45AM Sat &amp; Sun</u> <u>First Car Out: 9:00AM Sat &amp; Sun</u>			

### MAP AND EVENT INFORMATION:

1. See reverse for map and lodging

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
2. Sanctions: CA444	2-0-70	CA444 2-075
CA444	2-0-71	CA462 1-105
CA444	2-0-72	CA462 2-106
CA444	2-0-73	CA462 3-107
CA444	2-0-74	

3. Some Event Data:

- A. This event is being held at the old airport Runway in Rocky Mount, NC
- B. No Changing of Classes after registration unless car breaks.
- C. There will be two runs per event.
- D. Awards TBA
- E. There will be rest room facilities.

### RESERVATIONS

Fairfield Inn  
301 Bypass  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804  
(252) 972-9400  
(Mention Corvette Event)

#### Room Rates

\$51.95 + Tax

Saturday 10/9/99

#### Contact For Both Events

Name: Buster Dawson  
Address: 4105 Sherwood Drive  
Wilson, NC 27896  
Phone#: (252) 237-8462

#### Governor: (Eastern Carolina Corvette Club)

Name: Fletcher Bizzell  
Address: 155 Barwick Road  
MT. Olive, NC 28365  
Phone#: (919) 658-4524

Sunday 10/10/99

Name: Buster Dawson

Governor: (Nor-East Corvette Club)



QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB  
TREASURY REPORT  
September 21, 1999

Bank Account Balance August 20, 1999

8,360.46

INCOME

Club dues	239.00
Oct 1-2 beach trip deposits	166.44
NCCC dues	290.00
Insufficient funds check	(48.00)
Club shirts	87.50
Club license plates	4.00
Club hats	10.00

TOTAL	748.94	748.94
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EXPENSES

September newsletter - postage, etc.	83.60
Greeting cards	4.53
Envelopes	29.80
August 21 lake outing @ Artis'	57.87
2-Way radios (2) & batteries	123.03

TOTAL	298.83	298.83
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Bank Account Balance September 21, 1999

8,810.57

ESCROW ACCOUNT

October 1-2 Beach trip deposits	25.18
NCCC dues	290.00
QCCC - Charities account	960.00

TOTAL	1,275.18	1,275.18
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Club Treasury Balance September 21, 1999

7,535.39

*Eddie Burt*

Eddie L. Burt, Treasurer  
251 Amanda Drive  
Matthews, NC 28104  
704-846-7130





Official C5 Registry  
 P.O. Box 541023  
 Merritt Island, FL  
 32954-1023  
 Phone: 407.482.2743



## Final Production number for 1999 C5 Corvettes

As of June 29, 1999 2:56PM CST

Option Code	Description	Coupe Domestic	%	Convertible Domestic	%	Fixed Roof Coupe Domestic	%	Total including Exports	%
	TOTAL PRODUCTION-W/EXPORTS	18078	54	11161	34	4031	12	33270	100
70U	TORCH RED EXTERIOR	4382	24	2734	24	1245	31	8361	25
41U	BLACK EXTERIOR	3489	19	2519	23	1227	30	7235	22
13U	BRIGHT SILVER METALLIC EXTERIOR	2321	13	1189	11	N/A	0	3510	11
10U	WHITE EXTERIOR	1466	8	979	11	311	8	2756	8
11U	PEWTER METALLIC EXTERIOR	3325	18	1799	16	1040	26	6164	19
23U	BRIGHT BLUE EXTERIOR	587	3	245	2	202	5	1034	3
58U	MAGNETIC RED	1569	9	1164	10	N/A	0	2733	8
28U	NAVY BLUE EXTERIOR	919	5	520	5	N/A	0	1439	4
41T	BLACK TOP	N/A	0	7575	68	N/A	0	7575	8
67T	LIGHT OAK TOP	N/A	0	2902	26	N/A	0	2902	23
16T	BRIGHT WHITE TOP	N/A	0	672	6	N/A	0	672	2
19I	BLACK INTERIOR TRIM	10837	59	8230	56	4025	100	20892	63
67I	LIGHT OAK INTERIOR TRIM	3570	20	3349	30	N/A	0	6919	21
92I	PEWTER INTERIOR TRIM	3410	19	1263	11	N/A	0	4673	14
94I	FIRETHORN RED INTERIOR	441	2	307	3	N/A	0	748	2
1SA	PACKAGE OPTION 01	16404	91	9934	89	3847	95	30185	91
1SB	PACKAGE OPTION 02	1541	9	457	4	0	0	1998	6
AAB	MEMORY SEATS	14200	79	9629	86	0	0	23829	72
AG2	PASSENGER POWER SEAT	16412	91	10677	98	0	0	27089	81
AQ9	PASS & DRIVER RECLINING BKT SEATS	14680	81	9884	89	0	0	24573	74
AR9	PASS & DRIVER RECL BKT SEATS – EUROPEAN STYLE	3369	19	1265	11	4025	100	8659	26
B34	CARPETED INSERT – FRONT FLOOR MATS	17747	98	11022	99	3937	98	32706	98

## Travel Tales

### **"Road Trip to Kentucky"**

By Jon Elliott

Upon learning of The National Corvette Museum's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, I wanted to go. The planned activities sparked my interest and to make a long story short, I went. I would like to share my Travel Tales with you.

My 1963 Corvette Coupe will be 37 years old next week. It hasn't been on a marathon trip like this in over 30 years. I mean this is a 1,200-mile journey. I wanted to be brave and optimistic that the car would endure the trip unharmed. So, I recruited another old Corvette owner, David Carleton to ride shotgun and John Bayne to follow closely behind. We had a new set of 2-way radios to keep in close communication along the way. Here are some excerpts from our travel journal.

#### **Wed. September 1, 1999 5:00 PM**

Depart Charlotte heading for our first stop which was at the Mill House Lodge in Flat Rock, NC. We reviewed the premises for our upcoming QCCC November waterfall tour. After giving the location a thumbs-up, we enjoyed a steak dinner at Kelsey's in Hendersonville. We are now beginning to feel like Buz & Tod from the old black & white TV show Route 66. They were always seeking adventure out on the highway in an old Corvette.

#### **Thursday, September 2, 1999 9:00 AM**

Arrive in Asheville, NC to meet up with 16 other QCCC members and 55 other Corvettes from around the Carolinas. 30 Corvettes had departed earlier in order to visit a Muscle Car Museum in Sevierville, TN. We had a NC Caravan group picture taken in the Ramada Inn parking lot. Decision was made to team up with the Southern Corvette Club members on the caravan. 10:30 AM we all depart for Nashville, TN.

In route to Nashville, we stopped twice for food & fuel. At one point we had a single file line of Corvettes literally a mile long. The afternoon sun was beginning to take its toll on the split window's passengers when David saw a loose goat on the side of the road eating grass. David was the only one in our caravan to see the goat. Wonder why? Road construction caused a traffic jam. No problem, we just shut her down, opened the doors and coasted downhill. How many times have you seen a split window going down the interstate highway with its doors open? That's one advantage of owning an older car. No computer, no air conditioning, no power steering, no power brakes, no problem when it comes to coasting. Crossed in to the central time zone and backed our clocks up an hour. Next stop: Opryland Hotel.

This hotel is huge. Corvettes from all over the southern half of the country were parked everywhere. We saw Corvettes from Mexico, AZ, CA, FL. 240 Corvettes came in from Dallas, TX. It was truly an unbelievable sight. Only saw a dozen trailer queens. The remaining Corvettes



were all clean drivers. This was the final staging point for the entire southern tier of the USA. Tomorrow we will take the last leg of the caravan to Bowling Green, KY.

Chevrolet held a wonderful welcome reception in the Delta ballroom. Ice sculpted art of a Corvette surrounded by tons of hors d'oeuvres. A very talented 12-year-old girl sang live country music. Plenty of cold beverages and tee shirts for sale too. Some of us departed the party early to continue traveling on to Franklin, KY where we lodged at the new Days Inn. Only 22 miles to go and we will be in Bowling Green!

### **Friday, September 3, 1999**

Begin seeing Corvettes pass by our hotel around 8:00 AM. Single file, all makes, all colors, simply put, it was a wonderful sight. Nine of us join in the lineup. We pulled over and stopped on an overpass to take a few pictures and video of this phenomenon. 9:00 AM we are pulling in the parking field of the National Corvette Museum. I decided to give John & Linda Meadows a call. They were just leaving the Opryland Hotel parking lot in Nashville, TN. Wow imagine that, 65 miles of uninterrupted Corvettes on the highway. Our group proceeded to the bus stop to ride over to take a tour of the Corvette manufacturing plant. Guess what? Seems everybody wanted to take the same tour and the waiting line was approaching 4 hours long. Luckily for us we had called ahead and reserved our own private tour guide. After watching the safety video, our guide began showing us the Corvette assembly process. We saw the entire plant! Quite fascinating seeing the chassis being attached to the body and watching them start a Corvette for the very first time. 1 million square feet under one roof, on 212 acres of land, building 150 Corvettes every day, Monday through Friday. Amazing! Lots of millennium yellow but, a shortage of newly designed polished wheels. Queen City Corvette Club logo patch is on display in front lobby. We also placed a QCCC autograph on the plastic dividers to the welding room.

Queen City Corvette club had a portable shade tent set up in the vendor area of the Museum. After the plant tour we proceeded back over to our tent. At this point we were hearing attendance estimates of 6,200 Corvettes all in one place. While standing under the shade tent two clean Corvette truck transporters pulled in to the Museum parking lot. This gave us 22 additional C-5's to drool over for the weekend.

At the end of the day we returned to the hotel, and freshened up to go out to dinner. Bob Denney received directions to a good, cheap, fast Italian restaurant. We followed Bob right out in to the middle of nowhere KY before we realized his directions were given to him by a hotel manager, that was from India decent, and spoke very poor broken English.

The Museum hosted a Hall of Fame banquet Friday night for it's new Hall of Fame inductees and lifetime Museum members. Jim Perkins was one of three people inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame.

### **Saturday, September 4, 1999**

Saturday was a big day. Eight Corvettes started out by taking a beautiful ride on the older 2-lane country highway, 31-W, to the Museum. We spent a lot of time meeting Corvette owners and



enthusiast from all over the country. Several visitors stopped by to say hello, including our tour guide from Friday and the Plant Manager. There were plenty of Corvette performance seminars scheduled for folks to attend and plenty of Corvettes to see. We saw 2 of the 15 Aztec Gold Corvettes built in 1998. Calloway displayed a C-12 with a window sticker of \$204,000. The C-5R racecar that ran at Daytona was also on display. A limousine arrived carrying 1996 Miss USA. I met her and she gave me an autographed picture for both of my girls. However the exciting part of Saturday happened as I was visiting with some folks under the shade and I noticed an unusual hubbub around the '63. I decided to go over and ask if I could answer any questions and before I knew it some weird sticker showed up on my windshield. These ladies asked if I knew the owner of the tan split window. I said, "As a matter of fact I do." They replied they've just been selected to receive a celebrity choice award, can you introduce us to them? I introduced myself to Barbara Perkins, Jim's wife. She was one of approximately 80 celebrities that were asked to go out and select their single favorite Corvette from the sea of 6,200. Other celebrities included Elffie Duntov, Reeves Calloway, Doug Rippey, and the mayor of Bowling Green, KY.

The line to tour the museum finally dwindled to the point where we could bear it. Upon entering the Museum, you can find our QCCC commemorative brick and tile laid in the walkway. Lots of interesting historical Corvette artifacts and memorabilia to view in the Museum. One can see plenty of Corvette concept cars, race cars, & special limited edition cars. NCRS & NCCC have special information displays inside of the Museum.

On the way to dinner, we stopped to purchase fuel. While minding my own business who would drive up in a millennium yellow C-5 but Jim Campbell, Corvette Brand Manager for the G.M. Chevrolet Division. He was very cordial and took the time to meet John Bayne, David Carleton, Ralph Cornaccia, Ken & Lois Watts.

Our dinner reservations allowed us to have a table for 17. The food service and atmosphere were wonderful. The entire restaurant seemed to be filled with Corvette fans. As we were finishing our meal, the wait staff began one of those obnoxious birthday clapping and marching routines. Unbeknownst to me they all stopped at my chair began singing and delivered a wonderful tasty piece of birthday cheesecake. Happy Birthday wishes and congratulatory comments started pouring in from all directions. Thanks to David Carleton for setting me up. Only one problem, my birthday is in November!

### **Sunday, September 5, 1999**

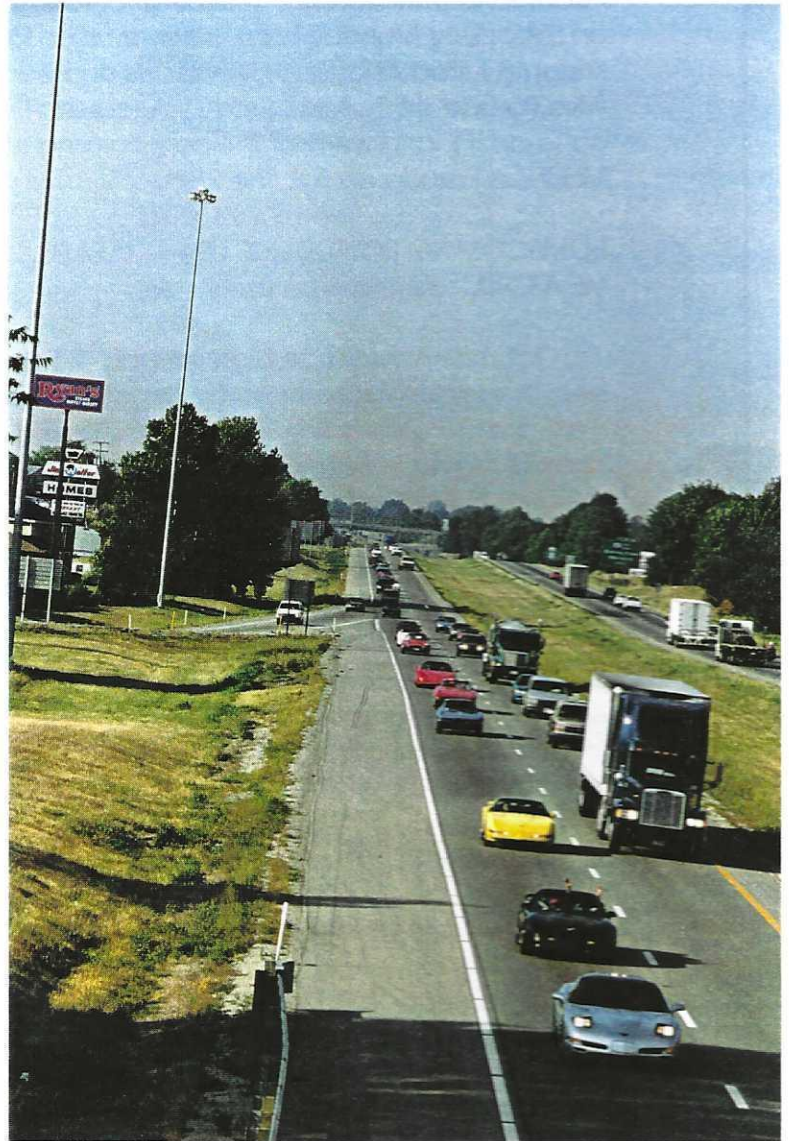
This will be our last day in Bowling Green. So much to do, so much to see, can we get it all worked in to our schedule? The public address system announcer welcomed "from Charlotte, NC the Queen City Corvette Club. When you see their president, Jon Elliott, be sure and wish him a Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday!" (I think the heat really got to David) Linda Meadows & Candy Lake attended a session titled "C-5 For Ladies Only". This was a question and answer session on a woman's perspective of the C-5, what they like and don't like and what type of features they would like to see Chevrolet incorporate in to the C-5 platform. Pauline Gray's daughter, Theresa, brought her family up from the Nashville area to visit. The awards presentation began at 4:00 PM and the winning C-5 raffle ticket was drawn at 6:00. An advertising company in Jasper, FL



won. 20,042 tickets were sold at \$10/ea. This was a very successful fund-raiser for the National Corvette Museum.

### Monday, September 6, 1999

6:00 AM Depart Days Inn. Only 8 Corvettes from QCCC to caravan home with. Watch the sun rise as we crossed the Tennessee State line. Rolled through Nashville as it seemed to still be sleeping. Stopped for lunch in Newport, TN. Remembered to reset our clocks to Eastern Time. Passed through a light sprinkle of rain in Shelby, NC and turned the windshield wipers on for the first time. Arrived home with lots of fond memories at 4:45 PM. A sigh of relief. We did it! The '63 & driver were glad to be back home. A safe trip, without incident or accident.





# Purple Racer Report



Fall is here and the carolina weather is perfect for all our planned activities for the next few months...we got the beach trip the 1st weekend in Oct...4 Homecoming Parades during the month ( see schedule below ) and several other parades...the mountain trip in Nov....it's going to be a busy season for us all.

Check out the picture on this month's cover ...for those that don't have one and want one ...talk to Wendy Krupowicz ..these were made last year on the deck at the Panther's stadium with the uptown skyline background . Shame we had less than 1/2 the club in attendance...

I want to thank Jim & Kay Weisberg for taking part in the Labor Day Parade in uptown on Labor Day Monday ( Jim ..i swear I didn't know it was gonna be that kinda parade ) Kristen & I filled in for John Meadows and carried Miss Mecklenburg in the Matthews Alive Parade on that Sat. ( sorry you couldn't make it John...it'a tough job...somebody's gotta do it ) and we had 3-4 cars carrying all the Miss Mecklenburgs in the Mint Hill Madness Parade on Sat. The 25th.

HOMEcomings PARADE LINE UP ---- PLEASE ...IF YOU CAN HELP OUT WITH THESE ...GIVE ME A CALL.....

Fri. Oct. 1st Providence High School & West Mecklenburg High School.....these are both the same weekend as the Beach Trip...so I need every car I can get .....the folks at the Concord Club have agreed to help us out here and are bring 7 cars to West Meck ( thanks so much Benny & friends ) If you're in town..please call me and help. We need 14 cars at each school.

Fri. Oct 22 South Mecklenburg High School --- I'll be doing some calling ...but if you know you're in town ...give me a call if you can participate . Need 16 cars here.

Fri. Oct. 29 Garinger High School ...we need 12 - 14 cars here ...so if you're around...give me a call to help out

By the way...all that participate in our homecoming parades....be sure and bring your \$\$\$ We always take up a pool and whoever carries the Queen ...wins the pot....usually buys dinner...we also usually try to go out to eat ...or desert afterwards.

DON'T FORGET ...NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS IS COMING UP...IF YOU WANT THIS CLUB TO GROW ...YOU HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE.....IF YOU'VE NEVER SERVED...YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH TIME AND EFFORT GOES INTO ANY OF THE OFFICES THIS CLUB HAS.....AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH ONE THAT I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING WITH THIS YEAR.... AND YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME .....REMEMBER ...THIS IS YOUR CLUB....

Til Next Month .....Save the WAVE ~~~~~ JEFF



## QCCC Fall AutoFair Results

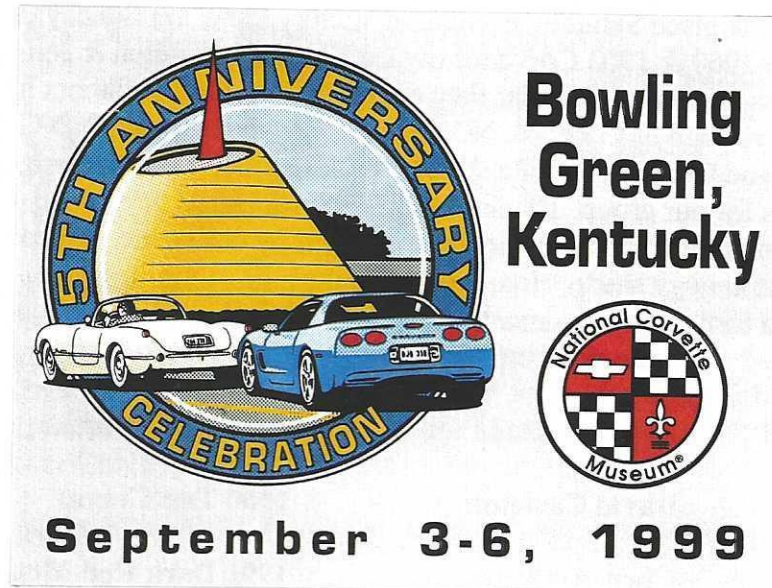
Our fall AutoFair was a huge success. Corvettes from all 5 generations were on display around the winner's circle including a brand new Y2K millennium yellow coupe owned by one of our guest visitors, Doug Rose. Highlights from Saturday include several of our members getting commemorative digital pictures printed and plaques made of their Corvettes in Victory Lane. David Carleton's acquisition of a puppy, and a wedding ceremony that took place Saturday evening in Victory Lane. On Sunday, World of Wheels used the 1960 & 1963 Corvettes owned by David Carleton & Jon Elliott for a photo shoot of an upcoming calendar they are producing. Our neighbors included Southern Corvette Club of Concord, NC ClubVette from Greensboro, NC and Southern Vette & Street Rod Club of Pineville, NC. GoodTimes Corvette Club provided the judging officials for our group. Thanks to all that participated. We added 11 names to our mailing list from other Corvette owners that stopped by our venue. We had plenty of sunshine and not enough shade. Here are the results:

<b>Best of Show</b>	<b>John &amp; Drew Calhoun</b>	<b>1970 Green Coupe</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Jon Elliott</b>	<b>1963 Tan Coupe</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>David Carleton</b>	<b>1960 Tan/Cream</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Chris Andrews</b>	<b>1991 Dark Red Metallic ZR-1</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>Chuck Bedy</b>	<b>1986 Black Coupe</b>



**John & Drew Calhoun accepting their "Best of Show" award from Lugnut & Lowe's Motor Speedway President, H.A. Humpty Wheeler**

Commemorative Dash Plaques from  
National Corvette Museum and  
Fall AutoFair



Read more about these events in this newsletter!