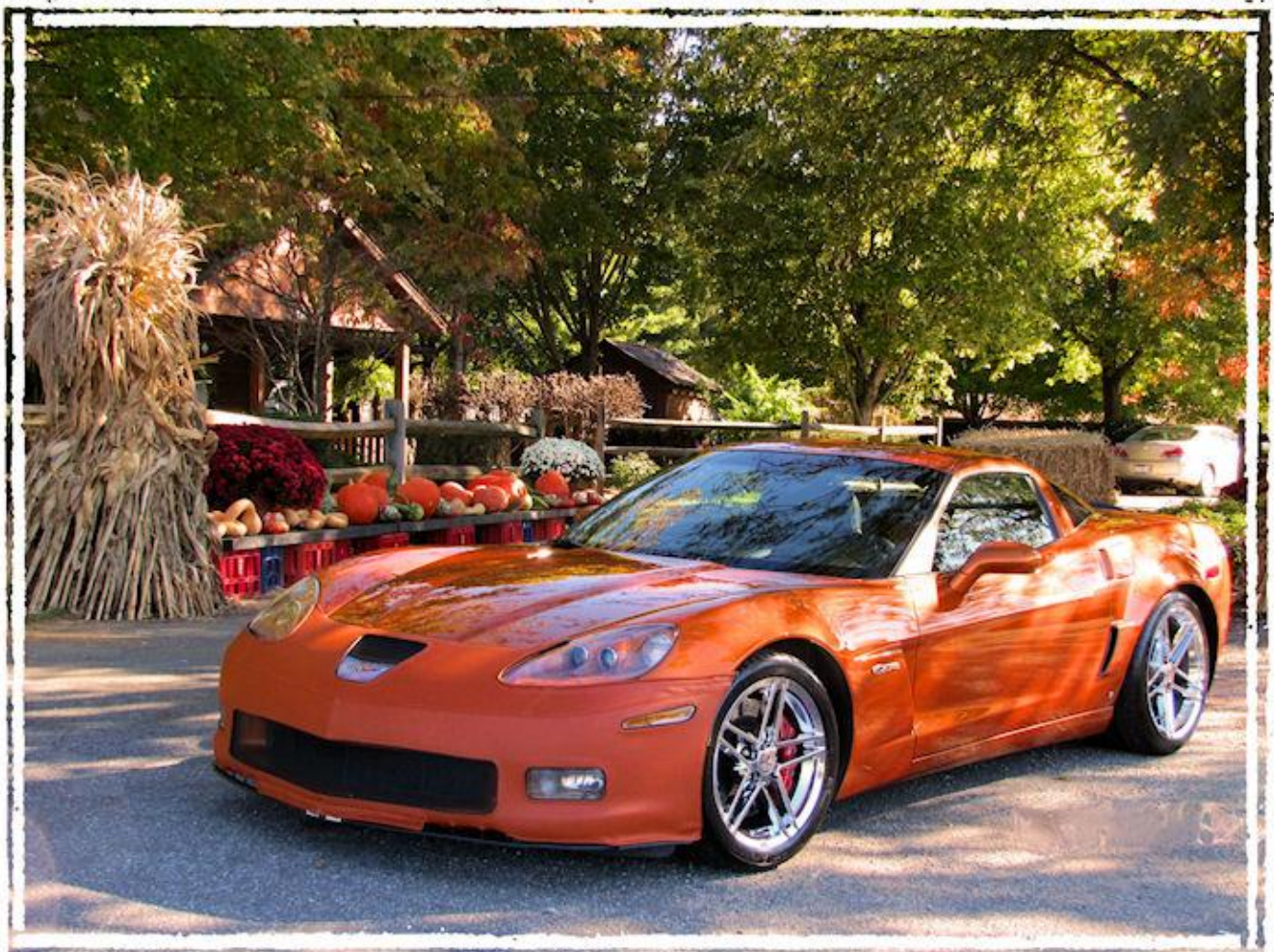




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To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.

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### *On The Cover:*

Thanks to **Richard Craig** for sharing his beautiful **2008 Atomic Orange Z06** for the cover of this month's Newsletter! The seasonal photo was snapped at **Black's Produce, Hwy 16 N., Denver, NC**. It's amazing what great scenery you can find while making your "tomato run"!



# The President's Thoughts

As we get ready for the holidays our thoughts are of giving. We are thankful for our family, friends and of course QCCC. We have several opportunities at this time of year to help others who are in need.




Our club gives annually to the 145th Air National Guard children and the Matthews Help Center. We hope you will help these children and open up your hearts to make sure they have a wonderful holiday. We are fortunate to be able to drive the best and only true sports car made in America. Corvette makes us smile and thankful for what we have. At least it does it for me.

Last month was a blast. Starting off with our visit to the Heritage Museum at Hendrick Motorsports. We saw a lot of cars we grew up with and they brought back fantastic memories. Savannah was a fast paced weekend that will go down in history. Our thanks to all of the people who made these two events happen. They were out of sight.

Our club has had a banner year in 2010. We have grown in our membership, acquired a lot of beautiful new Corvettes and had some wonderful trips. 2011, I am sure, will be even better.

Remember that all racing Corvette's are Yellow.  
Save the Wave.

*Boyd*



*Reminder:*  
NASCAR Technical Institute  
"Open House"  
220 Byers Creek Road  
 Mooresville, NC 28117

**November 6, 2010 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

This is the forth year we have been invited to be part of NASCAR Technical Institute's open house. This is a fun event and can be a learning experience if you take one of the tours of their facilities.

Also, as in past open houses we will have lunch provided.

They will be making space inside their garage for 20 cars; all others attending will have a roped off area in front of the building. The number of cars is not limited, so let's have a great turnout.

SIGN UP will be at September and October business meetings

Go to the QCCC calendar for details and information.  
[www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com)

Directions to facility: Take I-77 to Exit 36 – go east off I-77 on W Plaza Drive (Hwy 150) – go to Talbert Road (3rd street on left) and turn left – go to Bryers Creek Road (4th street on left) and turn left. NASCAR Technical Institute is near the end of the street on the right.

The more members participating, the more fun everyone has.

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to submit your ideas for our  
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# VP Report

## C-5 1997-2000



The fifth-generation was the most wholly new Corvette since the '53, including the entire concept of how the car was built. Instead of bolting the transmission directly behind the engine, the 1997 version split the transmission off and placed it in back of the car between the rear wheels, where its weight could be used to offset that of the engine. This transaxle arrangement had been used before on cars like the Porsche 928, but was a radical change for the Corvette. The suspension still used aluminum links and transverse leaf springs, but the wheels were now 18-inchers in the back and 17s up front. There was no provision for a spare tire since all tires would be run-flat design. The new frame used large, hydroformed rails and a thick backbone for extra strength, while relying on engineered wood products to make up part of the floor. The only body offered in '97 was the hatchback coupe, evoking styling themes from the previous two generations, but with reduced front and rear overhangs as the wheels moved out toward the corners of the car. The clamshell hood was gone in favor of a less expensive conventional hood. The C5's engine was completely different from any previous Corvette V8. Still displacing a nominal 5.7 liters, the C5's "Gen III" LS-1 was an all new, all aluminum design using all the latest production techniques, giving it a satisfying 345 horsepower. The rear-mounted transmissions were either a version of the Borg-Warner T56 six-speed manual or Chevy's own 4L60-E four speed automatic in a new case for this application. Production for '97 was only 9752 cars, because of a late production starting date.

For 1998, Chevy merely expanded the C5 Corvette range by adding a convertible model. For the first time since 1962, this convertible included a trunk that was accessible from outside. Magnesium wheels were offered as an option for the ultimate in unsprung weight savings. Corvette paced the Indianapolis 500, and again replicas were offered to the public, this time in bluish purple. 1998 production jumped up to 31,084, with a full year of production.

The 1999 Corvette lineup included a fixed roof coupe, which was lighter in weight than the hatchback coupe or convertible. The intent behind the fixed roof coupe was hinted at by the fact that it could only be had with the six-speed manual transmission. The most significant addition to the '99 option list was the head-up display unit that projected major information on the windshield in front of the driver. Production for the '99 was 33,270.

The 2000 models had few changes. The elimination of the passenger-side door lock cylinder due to the keyless entry system. Five spoke forged aluminum wheels. Two new exterior colors, Millennium Yellow and Dark Bowling Green Metallic, and a new interior color, Torch Red. Production for the 2000 continued to increase, with 33,682.

## Corvette Milestones for November

**November 1960:** The CERV I (Chevrolet Experimental Research Vehicle) is first shown in public at the Riverside International Raceway. It is a mid-engine, open wheel, single seat prototype racing car.

**November 7, 1969:** The 250,000th Corvette (a Riverside Gold convertible) rolls off the assembly line.

**November 2, 1990:** In a small shopping center in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the National Corvette Museum Annex is opened.

**November 1992:** Dave Hill, an engineer in General Motors' Cadillac program, accepts a job offer to become Corvette Chief Engineer.

**November 1992:** Mercury Marine, in Stillwater, OK, completes building all LT5 engines destined for Corvette ZR-1s for the year.

**November 1992:** The date of building 1997 Corvettes is planned to be September 3, 1996.

**November 16, 1997:** Corvette Designer, Larry Shinoda, (famous for the 1963 split window Corvette) dies of kidney failure.

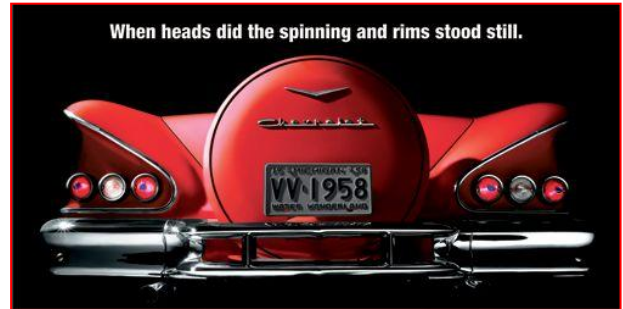


**November 2, 1999:** Chevrolet announces that it will enter a C5R Corvette race car at the 68th annual 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 2000.

This month's meeting is *Saturday, November 13th. Social at 5:30, meeting at 6:30.* It will be at **NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville**, which is always a great facility for a large turnout. More meeting information at the end of the newsletter, or see our [website](#) for additional details.

Remember, real Corvettes have solid axles.

*Steve Pelchat*



*WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS! We're glad you're here!*



*Chuck & Dianne Frederick  
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*Mark & Lisa Chavis  
2010 Black Coupe*



*Ed Cecil  
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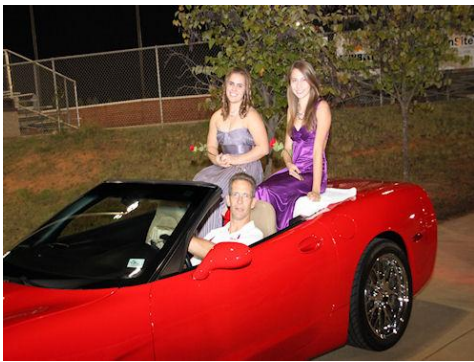


# Corvettes and Homecoming Queens—

There's just something about **Corvettes and Homecoming Queens**. Whether the ladies make the Corvettes look better or the Corvettes make the ladies look better, you have to admit the two go together this time of year. QCCC was well represented at *Providence High, Ardrey Kell High and East Mecklenburg's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*. Thanks to those members who gave of their time to show off the Queens and polish on their Corvettes! And a special thanks to **John Meadows** for coordinating!

thank you

Corvette Club,  
 Thank you so much for letting us  
 use your cars for Homecoming! They  
 made our homecoming court girls look  
 great and we really appreciate your  
 help! ♡ East Meck  
 Student Congress



# QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB



## MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2010

Time: 5:00 P – 6:15 P

Location: Auto Barn – Concord

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Eddie Burt, Membership; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Nelson Sprague, Automotive; Adina Ledford, Social; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob Denny, Club Photographer
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### DISCUSSION

**Social hour from 4:00-5:00 PM**

**Board Meeting from 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**President – Boyd Kurt** – called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Introduced the Board Members.

- ✉ Thanked Auto Barn for hosting the meeting.
- ✉ Presented the nominations for the 2011 Board: Steve Pelchat, President; Matt Deiger, Vice President; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Eddie Burt, Membership; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Susan Kurt, Social Director; and Linda Lewis, Secretary. Club voted to accept the nominations. We will have a formal vote at the November meeting.



**Membership Report – Eddie Burt**

- ✉ Visitors and prospective members: Staton and Sally Boyette, Ben and Jamie Hinson, Forrest and Deborah Kelly, Bill and Nancy Laverty, Tony and Deb Lisi, Mohammad Arican.
- ✉ New members voted in for membership were Ed Cecil, Mark and Lisa Chavis, and Chuck and Dianne Frederick
- ✉ The club presently has 237 members.

**Vice President Report – Boyd Kurt for Steve Pelchat**

- ✉ December 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.
- ✉ The following people won gift certificates: Ben Hinson, Beth Walton, Susan Kurt, Betty Hamilton, Julia Davidson and Bill Laverty.

**Automotive Report – Nelson Sprague**

- ✉ The private tour for Rick Hendricks Heritage Center was a great success and attended by 159 people, 21 perspective members and 76 corvettes. Thanked Jerry Farrell for helping to arrange our tour.
- ✉ October 24<sup>th</sup> – Foothills Corvette Club will have a Cruise In at Wilkesboro and will eat at Shatley Springs if anyone is interested.
- ✉ November 6<sup>th</sup> – NASCAR Institute Open House.
- ✉ The City Chevrolet Car Show has been cancelled. This will mean less money for the Charity Committee. We will be sponsoring the Matthews Help Center and the 105<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard again this year. We will be sponsoring 44 children.
- ✉ We have four Christmas parades this year. We will have a sign-up sheet.

**Treasurer's Report – Boyd Kurt for Florence Prather**

- ✉ Reviewed the bank balance. Please remember dues are payable on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Secretary's Report – Linda Lewis**

- ✉ Announced the October birthdays.

**Social Director's Report - Adina Ledford**

- ✉ October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Savannah trip. \$79 per night. We presently have 46 people signed up to go. Will have a boat ride or tour of Savannah with dinner reservations at Tybee Island. Check the website for updates on planned trips.
- ✉ January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Banquet at the Hilton, details to follow.



**Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano**

- ✉ In 2014 there is a Corvette Caravan scheduled.
- ✉ Urged everyone to join the Museum.
- ✉ November 4<sup>th</sup> – Vets in 'Vettes'.
- ✉ There is a Museum cruise to Hawaii next year, watch the calendar
- ✉ You can sign up for the Museum newsletter on line if interested.

**Chrome Bumper Report – Tommy Loftin**

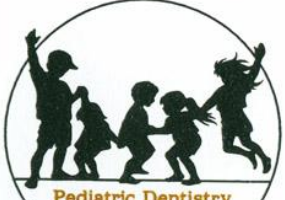
- ✉ No report. Check the website for upcoming events.

**Other Business**

- ✉ Q Gross talked about the Christmas Lights Show at the Speedway starting the week on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Nelson will have a signup sheet. \$20 per car.
- ✉ John Meadows will need volunteers for homecoming parades. Let him know if you are interested.
- ✉ Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.
- ✉ The November 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting will be at the NASCAR Institute. The social hour will start at 5:30pm with the meeting at 6:30pm.

*Linda H. Lewis*  
Secretary

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*Scenes from the QCCC October Business Meeting –*



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# Automotive Report



QCCC Members,

**W**hat could have been better than our trip to the *Rick Hendrick's Heritage Center*! The weather was perfect; there were **82 Corvettes** in the parking lot and **159 members and prospective members in attendance**. Once inside we saw over 130 Corvettes and classic cars in ten settings that brought back fond memories for everyone in the group. Our tour guides for the day were *Steve Crisp and Michael Myrick*. Their information on the different settings told how they related to Mr. Hendrick's life and the growth of his car and NASCAR businesses. Also, *Mr. Jim Perkins, a GM manager and Corvette enthusiast*, was in the Heritage Center and shared his personal experiences with Mr. Hendrick and the development of the Corvette with our members.



We owe a special thanks to *Jerry Ferrell, V. P. and General Manager of City Chevrolet*, who worked with Steve Crisp, Director – Performance Group, to secure for our club an invitation to the Heritage Center. Also, we must thank Mr. Hendrick for planning and building this wonderful facility and allowing us to receive this special invitation.



I want to thank *John Meadows* for his coordination of Corvettes needed for the 3 high school Homecoming Queen halftime presentations: **Providence High – 6 Corvettes, Audrey Kell – 6 Corvettes** and for **East Mecklenburg's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 8 Corvettes**. There were 2 homecomings on one night and all 3 schools request convertibles, if at all possible, so John has his hands full with these events and does a great job.

The *Foothills Corvette Club* hosted a Shatley Springs lunch and fall color cruise on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We had 9 Corvettes participate in the cruise. *Kendall Hendrix, President of Foothills club*, appreciated our support for their event. Caroline Lentz has an article in this newsletter with more information on the cruise.

The *NASCAR Technical Institute "Open House" on November 6<sup>th</sup>* is our next club event. We currently have 27 Corvettes with about 49 members and prospective members signed up for the day.



## *Automotive Report* Continued...

### *Holiday Charity Programs –*

We will collect food for the **Matthews Help Center Pantry** at our November 13<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> meetings. I have sent out an email with all the information and an attached list of their most urgent needs for their pantry. I will be sending out another notice as we get closer to our meeting times. For the **145<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard** and the Matthews Help Center, we will be supporting **44 children** with Christmas gifts for this season. I should have all the necessary information by the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. I will be sending out a circular on this program as soon as I have all the names of the children.



Thank you for supporting all the events and programs of our club,

**Nelson Sprague**

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### *QCCC Members Enjoy a Weekday Cruise to Lake Lure and Beyond*

Seventeen QCCC "Leisure Group" Members (& Doodles) took a scenic drive to *Lake Lure* for lunch at the *La Strada Restaurant* overlooking the lake. Lunch was followed by a back roads cruise through the countryside. The leaves were near their peak. Thanks to *Barbara Mariano* for planning the day!





# Savannah



# Georgia

## Queen City Corvette Club Visits Savannah

46 QCCC members traveled to *Savannah, Ga.* for a fun filled weekend October 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Adina Ledford and Boyd & Susan Kurt for memorable experience! The group toured the *Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum*, had dinners at the *Crab House* on Tybee Island and *Pirate House* in downtown Savannah. An interesting *Trolley Tour* of the city, a *Haunted Pub Tour* and a *Savannah Fun Tour* kept everyone busy. Yet there was plenty of time for shopping in downtown Savannah and checking out the River Front, Marketplace and famous candy shops. The accommodations were great with plenty of Corvette parking. For MANY more photos, visit our [QCCC website](#).





*Queen City Corvette Club Visits Savannah continued...*



*As always, please visit our [QCCC Website](#) for many more Savannah and other event photos.*



# NCM Corner



It's that time of the year that Corvette events dwindle down like the hours of daylight. That situation also applies to NCM events with only the Vets 'n Vettes celebration on November 4-6 remaining. This is a really fun weekend and is not limited to only veterans. So, if you have nothing going on, give it a try.

I hate to bring up the subject this early, but Christmas is rapidly approaching and that means shopping for gifts. If you go to the [museum website](#) and click on the "Corvette Store", you can amuse yourself for hours looking at all the Corvette merchandise for sale. You can not only shop for yourself, but your spouse and your Corvette as well. Remember to repay your Corvette for all the pleasure it has given you through the year.

But, before Christmas, we have Thanksgiving. This holiday is one for a time of reflection. There is probably nobody in our club that should not have ample reasons to give thanks. We are members of an elite group that drive America's car of choice and do so with friends that are exceptional and valued. What a fortunate group we are indeed.

With a dearth of subject matter during this part of the year, it strains the journalistic talents of an untalented journalist to provide an article that doesn't tread into the territory of other contributors. Therefore, please pardon my ramblings as I skirt the domain of others and stay on the path of generalities. With that, a happy Thanksgiving and please give Thanks.



Save the Wave!

*Paul Mariano*, NCM Ambassador



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## *QCCC Members Join **The Fall Corvette Cruise*** *Sponsored by the Foothills Corvette Club*

**G**reat weather, gorgeous scenery and beautiful Corvettes were the orders of the day on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> as 75+ Corvettes cruised to **Shatley Springs** for lunch. The cruise was expertly planned by **Kendall Hendrix, President of the Foothills Corvette Club**. The cruisers did not have to stop for any red lights as Kendall had arranged to have policemen at each one and they waved the group on through. Parking was easy and the family styled food at Shatley Springs was **OH SO GOOD!** After lunch, the Foothills Club led the tour up Highway 16 and into Virginia. Nine QCCC Corvettes participated and several have commented that the cruisers and the day could not have been nicer. The Foothills Club wants to plan a *repeat cruise* next year with a possible overnight stay and party. The cruise ended in Galax, Virginia with some QCCC participants continuing on to other colorful areas before returning home. Thanks to **Fred & Caroline Lentz, Ken & Joan Murray, Ben & Jamie Hinson** and **Walt & Wendy Krupowicz** for providing details and photos of this fun filled cruise! Sounds like this could become an annual event!





*Dinners, Luncheons, Cakes & Camaraderie – Good Excuses to Drive Our Corvettes!*





*Dinners, Luncheons, Cakes & Camaraderie – Continued*



*Announcement - New Additions to the QCCC Family:*



Paul & Barbara Mariano  
2011 Z06 / Z07 Package



Ken & Hazel Aycock  
2009 Z06



Don & Carolyn Zimmer  
2010 Grand Sport

*Congratulations on the new additions to your families! Enjoy your new RIDE!*



## ALMS & Road Atlanta - QCCC Members Attend Petit Le Mans and Get Hooked!



Thanks to Fred McCoy & Richard Craig for providing their view of the Season's Last ALMS Race:

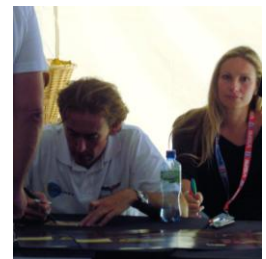


The **LAST RACE** of the Season was a thriller right down to the last lap! Many of you who have Corvettes already know the **Corvette WON** on the very last lap of the race.

Riding the approximately 250 miles down and the same route home was a ball. Have any of you traveled with Fred McCoy to any event? It was terrific. The ride seemed like a 30 minute trip down and back, as we talked about everything in the world and were excited to boot. The conversation between us never stopped. We left Charlotte early Friday morning and arrived at *Road Atlanta* early in the day as well and beat most of the crowd. We arrived in style in my 2008 Z06 (*Orange Crush*). We parked right in front of the "will-call" ticket booth which was only about 100 feet from where we entered. With tickets in hand, our next stop was the **CORVETTE CORRAL**. At the main tent, we were checked in by extremely nice people from the *Corvette Club in Atlanta*. We registered and received a Goodie Bag. The tent was huge, with plenty of chairs, coffee, Pepsi, water to drink, candy chips, etc., and, best of all, *Corvette people everywhere*. There were two flat screen TV's set up to watch the race in the tent should it rain. But the



weather was perfect the entire weekend. **Doug Fehan**, Director of the Corvette Race Team, spoke and had a Q&A session answering questions from the Corvette only crowd. After he spoke, all the drivers of the Corvette Race Team came to sign autographs, again for only Corvette people. The line was long but they were all so friendly and down to earth and a pleasure to meet. This takes place on Friday so that is the day to be there if you want autographs.



*Vendor's Village* is a myriad of Corvette stuff including a huge GM display of Corvettes. Also on display was the new **Chevy Volt**. There were Ferrari Vendors, Porsche Vendors, a very big Peugeot display, vendors who sold all kinds of car items, art work, tire displays, other paraphernalia of your choosing. There were bars to get a brew or two, all kinds of food to eat, it was a virtual circus.



Next stop was a visit to the *Paddock and Pit area*. That's right, your tickets include visiting the paddock area at any time and a special time to see all the cars and drivers "up close and very personal" and ask the drivers questions (see photos). The cars were available for approximately an hour, which I thought was great. Corvette drivers, especially **Johnny O'Connell**, seem to be the friendliest of all. I took about 70 or 80 pictures (Fred was a bit upset as I couldn't help but take lots of pictures of the Michelin Tires).

We obviously had the choice area to watch the race. On Friday, we met other **QCCC Members Jim and Beth Cerniglia, Ed Williams and our QCCC President Boyd Kurt**, who came over to visit us. Boyd was at turn 5 and we were at the finish line. When it was time to go to the hotel Friday night, we were worn out and went to Commerce Georgia for the night's stay after visiting Ryan's Steak House.

We arrived just at the right time on Saturday as we missed most of the crowd arriving at 7:30AM and we whisked right into our spot once again with very little trouble. We were amazed at the hundreds (and most likely thousands) of cars that were pouring into the race. They served sandwiches and plenty of drinks.

We settled down and watched the race, periodically walking to check out other areas. It all came down to the last lap. The Ferrari was the "baddest" car I have ever heard. The BMWs were tough as well. As we watched the race, and as the laps ticked away the Ferrari was





kicking our butts. You can tell who is in the lead because each car has lights (1, 2 and 3) designating the class. We could tell when the Vettes were coming as there is the distinctive sound of the Kaltech V-8 coming down the hill and around the corners. The loud speakers disappointed the entire Corvette Corral: ..."the Ferrari is in front and has a good lead on the Corvettes". But on the last lap, as Fred and I were hoping the Vettes could pull it off we heard the announcer say "There is something wrong with the Ferrari." Can the Vette catch and pass him? Yes! We learned from the pits that the Ferrari ran out of gas on the last lap...**CORVETTE WINS!!!!** A huge "YEAH" moved through the track...CORVETTE HAD WON! So if you haven't been to an **ALMS** event, please do yourself a favor and go see the Corvettes race, as there is nothing like it!





# Vintage QCCC

By Vintage Guys -

Bill Cruthis & Richard Craig

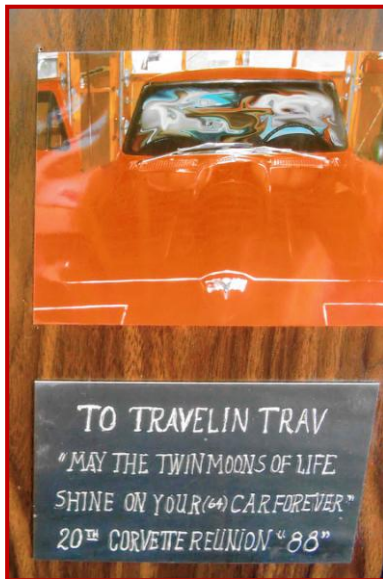


## A Tale of 3 Ex-Presidents

*Jim Whitley, President '73, Tommy Mitchem, President '74 and Travis Meredith, President '72 and '76.*

Jim found the clubhouse in '73 and negotiated the rent. Tommy was instrumental in managing our racing at Charlotte Motor Speedway, and Trav was a huge calming influence on the group, did most of the newsletter artwork and made the newsletter a go.

As we noted, the 70's were a raucous time for QCCC, with the average age 27, member count around 25. Finances were very tight and looking back it was a time that we might not have survived as a club. While all 3 of the fellows were instrumental, we feel Travis was as responsible as anyone for us pulling through this era and moving forward. A two time president, Trav had great ability and timing in both his story telling and dead pan humor. He displayed tremendous common sense in guiding us thru many a crisis.



This story comes from the clubhouse. The front room was hardwood flooring, a juke box, and a sofa. Every Wednesday night there was a keg on tap for camaraderie and dancing. There were 2 records on the jukebox that had to be warped from overplay. First was "60 Minute Man", which was Shad Albery's (of shag dance fame) favorite song. The other was "Blue Moon" which was Trav's song. Trav would lead us in the *dagety, dagety, dagety, dag gone blue moon*, which today makes no sense at all. While President, Trav had proclaimed "Blue Moon" to be the club song with only Linda Pace objecting (she objected to everything). This all went away with the loss of the clubhouse but resurfaced at the 20th year QCCC reunion in 1988. Vettors Mitchem and Whitley awarded Trav a plaque which read "May the twin moons of life shine on your 64 Car forever". The plaque (see photo) had a picture attached of Trav's 64 coupe in his garage. Inside were Tommy and Jim. How they got in that position is anybody's guess. In Trav's usual humor he accepted the award, paused a minute, then asked who took the photo. Answer, wife Sharon. If you knew Sharon you would know she was glad to help only having trouble holding the camera still while laughing. Trav has just restored the '64, 4spd, a/c, 365 hp, less the moons. He has had the car 40 years. So if you ever get by Indian Trail, check out Trav's body shop and give a tip of the hat to the guy who kept all this possible for us. To Trav we say "thanks for the memories".

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# IS THIS THE C7?

Guess we'll have to wait and see.

Thanks to **Walt Krupowicz** for sharing this interesting photo.



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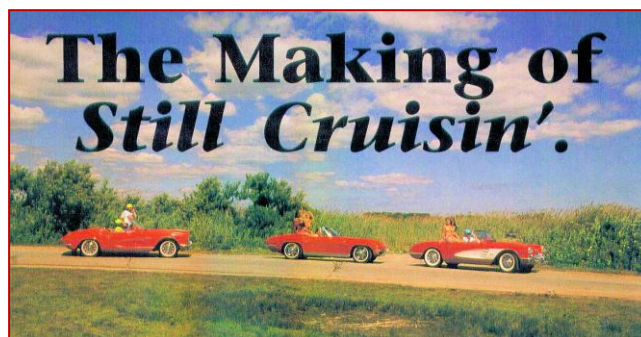
**"WE RACE TO MAKE THE STREET CAR BETTER. AND BECAUSE WE HAVE A BETTER STREET CAR, WE HAVE A BETTER RACE CAR."**

- General Motors Racing Manager Mark Kent

## CORVETTES & ROCK & ROLL



The November 1989 edition *Magazine* featured an article on the making of the *Beach Boys* classic music video *"Still Cruisin"*. The band's love of cars and Corvettes has been immortalized in many of their hits. Chances are, most Corvette fans have *"I Get Around"*, *"In My Car"*, *"Still Cruisin"*, *"Shutdown"*, and many more "cruisin" songs playing when the top is off, the sun is shining, the Corvette's V-8 is rumbling, and the daily grind is a million miles away.



## The Making of *Still Cruisin'*.









*Start with a sunny day at Jones Beach, add a couple of vintage Corvettes, throw in the Beach Boys for good measure and it all adds up to fun in the sun!*







# “Heads-Up”

-  **“Gotta Go To The Auto Show”** The Charlotte International Auto Show will again be held at the Charlotte Convention Center, 501 S. College Street, November 18<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>. For details visit [www.CharlotteAutoShow.com](http://www.CharlotteAutoShow.com).
-  **New ALMS Apps for iPhone** – Two new apps are now available on the *Apple App Store* to keep up with the **American Le Mans Series**. One of the Apps actually tracks where each Team / Car is running during the races so we can keep up with our Corvette Race Team. The standings are updated every 30 seconds. Both Apps are free. Another indicator that the ALMS is growing in popularity.
-  **New NC law prohibits state name, stickers being hidden on license plates – We’ve Got 30 Days** – A new law went into effect December 1, 2009 requiring the state’s name across the bottom of the plate as well as the year and month stickers on the license plate to be fully visible. Warning tickets can be issued through November 30, 2010. On **December 1, 2010**, vehicle owners can be cited **\$100 for each violation**. Better check that license plate frame on your Corvette! For more info, go to [New NC Plate Requirements](#).
-  **Speaking of Laws** – Consumer Advocate *David Horowitz* recently wrote an article on the cost of traffic tickets. He found that, on average, *more than 100,000 people per day receive a speeding ticket* in this country, or *close to 40 million per year*. The average speeding ticket costs \$150. More than 95% of people who receive speeding tickets never contest them and simply pay the fine. The average traffic officer will make a city an average of \$200,000 per year in traffic ticket fines. The average increase in insurance costs for one speeding ticket over the course of three years is \$900. This amounts to about *\$12 billion* extra the insurance industry makes in a single year just from speeding tickets. Whether or not these fees (or hidden taxes) actually make us drive safer is a question that has been debated for years. What do you think? More information at [Costco Consumer Connection](#).
-  **“Top Gear” Fans – An American Version is coming** – It appears the “on again, off again” American version of the [BBC’s Top Gear](#) is on again. It premieres *Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 PM* on the *History Channel*. Hosts are professional racing and stunt drive **Tanner Foust**, Comedian / Movie Actor **Adam Ferrara** and SPEED Channel’s racing analyst **Rutledge Wood**. Whether this threesome will prove to be as irreverent as the BBC’s **Clarkson, Hammond and May** is yet to be seen. But it sounds like good TV for car guys. [Details](#).
-  **“This is without a doubt the most important new car since the advent of hybrids in the late ‘90s and GM has nailed it.”** These are comments [Car and Driver Magazine](#) used in their December edition to describe the all-new **Chevrolet Volt**. Pretty powerful words from a Car Mag on a General Motors product. But GM is introducing some very interesting products of late. How the *Volt, Cruze, Cadillac CTS Coupe, Buick Regal and Lacrosse*, etc. are received by the public remains to be seen. But you must admit, things are looking better for the General.
-  **There’s a chill in the air** – It will soon be time to get out those jackets and if you missed the opportunity to get one with the QCCC logo, you can contact Don and Carolyn Zimmer ([carolynz77@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynz77@yahoo.com)) to place your order.
-  **[The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas For Kids Car & Truck Show](#)** will be held Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. See page 25 of this Newsletter for more info.

Join us at our next  
**Business Meeting –  
Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

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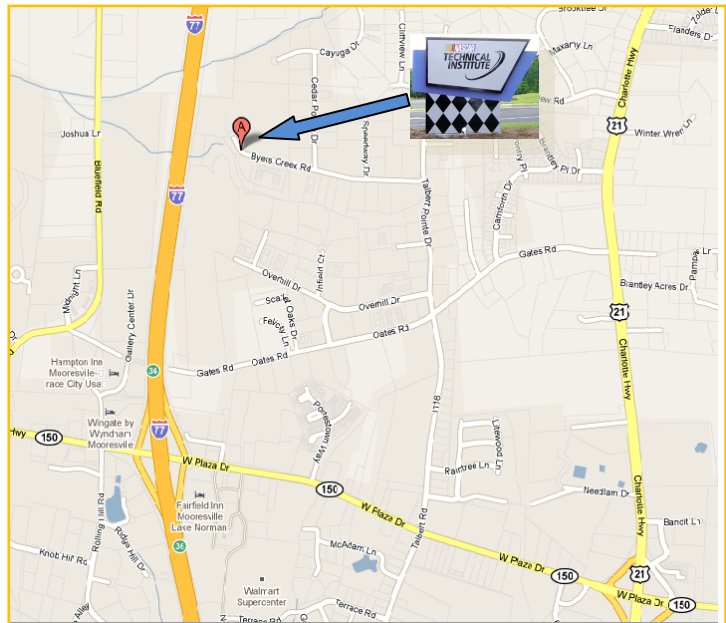
**Social -  
5:30 PM**

**Business Meeting –  
6:30 PM**

**Chairs are provided**

### **Directions to NASCAR Tech:**

**Directions to facility: Take I-77 to Exit 36 – go east off I-77 on W Plaza Drive (Hwy 150) – go to Talbert Road (3rd street on left) and turn left – go to Byers Creek Road (4th street on left) and turn left. NASCAR Technical Institute is near the end of the street on the right.**



### **MATTHEWS HELP CENTER 2010 FOOD DONATION REQUEST**

In the past, Queen City Corvette Club members have shown great generosity in donating food to the Matthews Help Center to help those less fortunate who are in need during this special time of the year. As we are all aware, the economy has taken a downturn and joblessness has increased substantially in the past year. Kim Rhodarmer, Executive Director of Matthews Help Center, said the number of people requesting food assistance has increased even more since our 2009 food drive.

Not all members can attend every meeting so we will be collecting your donations at the November business meeting, 11/13/10 and the December business meeting, 12/11/10. This will make it possible for members who want to donate to be at one or the other of the meetings.

If you desire more information about the Matthews Help Center, you can visit their web site at: [www.matthewshelpcenter.com](http://www.matthewshelpcenter.com). They are a very active organization helping the community in many different ways. The Matthews Help Center does not receive assistance from the United Way or any government agency.



# IN THE REAR VIEW



In the November issue, *Road & Track* featured the [“Ultimate GT Showdown” \(Link\)](#) pitting the ALMS GT Series BMW M3, the **Corvette**, Ferrari F430, Jaguar XKR and Porsche 911 GT3 with their race car counterparts. The **Corvette ZRI** was within one mile per hour of the **Corvette C6.R** on the front straight at Miller Motorsports Park. The ZRI is the closest-performing street-car variant in the test. Said Jan Magnussen, “if we had it (ZRI engine) in the GT race car we could absolutely kill the competition”. Another article in the issue describes the transfer of technology between competition and road cars as being stronger than ever. And even to fans in the cheap seats, the **ALMS GT race cars** are instantly recognizable, unlike a NASCAR machine with their bodies seemingly having the uniformity of a dozen AA eggs when all the decals and faux taillights are stripped off. (Sorry, NASCAR fans.)

**Ron Fellows Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain Named the Official High Performance Driving School of Chevrolet** – [Spring Mountain’s announcement](#) included the statement “This honor builds on and extends our already strong relationship. Chevrolet will continue to use our superb facilities for vehicle testing, filming advertisements and promotional activities and we will continue to teach you how to drive the Chevrolet Corvette faster than you thought possible!



**Speaking of Spring Mountain, Road & Track** just announced a partnership with the facility for a Road & Track Driving Experience.



**2010 Corvettes at Carlisle** – According to Carlisle Events officials, the 2010 show saw a 14% jump in registered cars, which was an all time high, and an 11% increase in attendance. Despite the economy, the **Corvette Community** appears as vibrant as ever. Check out the [on-line video](#) of the 2010 Corvette Flag!

**Queen City Corvette Club continues to grow**, as indicated by the 35 new members thus far in 2010. Our growth is in no small part a reflection of the welcome shown to visitors and new members. If you have been a member for some time, thank you for your participation and for helping make QCCC a great club to be a part of. If you are a new member, we trust that someone made you feel welcomed at an event or meeting and influenced your decision to become a part of the fun. As a new member, you can now reach out to new guests and visitors and make them feel welcomed. As we continue to participate in Corvette events such as *Carlisle*, *the Corvette Corral at ALMS races*, events at the *National Corvette Museum*, etc., it remains obvious that the **Corvette Community** is special, with special people, all brought together by the interest in and love of the true American Sports Car. *Don’t forget to wave!*

As we pause this month to again give thanks, the editors wish to call attention to and thank those in QCCC who work so hard to make it successful. Special thanks to **our Officers** for your time and energy this past year, and thanks to those who work behind the scenes to **support them**. We also wish to acknowledge and thank our **Club Photographer, Bob Denney (Flash)**. Bob is and has been an integral part of QCCC and can always be counted on to provide great photos of our events each month. *Bob, your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thanks!*

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# Friendly Reminders -

Are you interested in going to Sebring, FL (south of Orlando) in March to cheer on the C6.R GT2 Teams?

Then contact:

- **Ken Aycock** at 803-518-7475 or [blkvett@gmail.com](mailto:blkvett@gmail.com)

or

- **Rich Harmon** at 704-528-2455 or [mzharmon@earthlink.net](mailto:mzharmon@earthlink.net)

They are planning a trip and want to see if anyone else is interested so they can get a group rate on hotel rooms. **Please contact them ASAP** since March is prime season and reservations need to be made now.

The 12 hour race starts at 10:00 am on Saturday March 19.

Go to <http://corvetracing.com/> and [http://sebringraceway.com/12hr\\_tickets.lasso](http://sebringraceway.com/12hr_tickets.lasso) for more information.

Thanks,  
Jane Burt



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Do you recognize this QCCC Member? Find out next month in your QCCC Newsletter.  
**HINT: He is anxious!**

"A well developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life."

William A Ward

"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. "

Thornton Wilder

We wish each of you a safe and eventful November and a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Thank you for welcoming us into the QCCC family and for being our

friends!  
*Your Editors*

