

January 2003



Who turned out the lights?

What a month!!!! And we thought Hugo was bad. The newsletter staff hopes all of you suffered minimally with the recent power outage.

“The Club’s Monthly Croaker”

We’re not always right, but we’re sure of it!

Our Pledge:

To take the simple, and complicate it,
To take the incomprehensible, and merely confuse it,
To make 10% of our news factual, we’re just not sure which 10% it is.
But...you’ll always get your money’s worth!

Look at these pictures below, can you guess what holiday we celebrated this month?



These are the presents for the families we help during the holidays.

Below left shows John Meadows loading the gifts.

Below right is a young beauty Queen in the Statesville Christmas Parade.



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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.



December 26, 2002

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

I would like to first thank the membership for electing me as your 2003 president. I've had major changes in my life this past year and this is one of them! I hope I can carry on the good job that John Meadows did this past year. I'd also like to thank the past board for a great job they did too. We have a solid and experienced 2003 board and that will carry on and make this a really fun year!

I've been a member of the QCCC since November 2001 and have met many great friends during that time. Our club offers a lot of activities including car cruises and car shows, social gatherings, overnight trips and just plain good fun! If you haven't participated in many of the activities, I encourage you to try at least one this year that you haven't experienced. I'll say right now that you'll learn a lot about your fellow club members and get to know them better if you participate. I certainly have! The next extravaganza that's been planned by our social committee is our annual banquet at the Renaissance Inn near the Charlotte Coliseum on January 25th. We had so much fun with the DJ from last year that they'll be back for this year! Get your dancing shoes on and come join us!

One of the last events that the QCCC conducted in 2002 was to provide 3 needy families with Christmas presents and a Christmas meal. We had a great turnout and many wonderful presents that were much appreciated. Thanks to Caesar and Michelle Escobar and family for assisting in translation with two of the families.

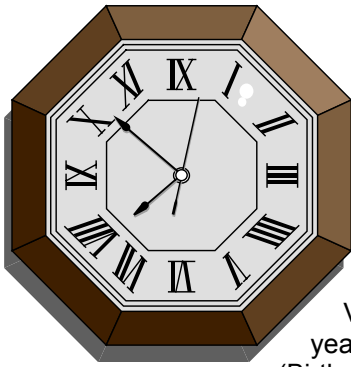
We are still searching for a new newsletter editor! Jody Austin has asked that he take time off from his assignment of editor in chief extraordinaire that he's had for some time. He needs a rest, just look at him if you don't believe me! All kidding aside if anyone would like to take over this role, I'm sure that Jody will gladly assist in the transition.

At the next meeting, we also need to take nominations and elect a new QCCC vice president. Due to personal reasons, Nancy Runnion has resigned as the nominated VP. Please plan to attend the next meeting to discuss and vote on a new VP.

We are also in search of a bylaw committee to review the current bylaws and tweak them ever so slightly. Please let me know if you're interested in chairing and/or participating in the discussions.

As always check the QCCC website at www.queencitycorvette.com for a calendar of events and meeting locations. Until next time, save the wave!

Robert



QCCC Meeting Saturday December 14, 2002

The December business meeting of QCCC was held at the Shriners Oasis Temple, in Charlotte, NC. Officers in attendance: John Meadows, Wendy Krupowicz, Nancy Runnion, Robert Morgan, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m., after an enjoyable Holiday dinner.

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have: **Larry & Florence Prather** – 2002 Red Coupe (Birthday Gift!), **Bill & Meryle Elka** – 1999 Red Convertible, **Theresa Spalding & Steve Connelly** – 1967 Convertible and 1996 White Coupe (Birthday Gift!).

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the November meeting minutes.

John Meadows, President

- Welcomed the 80 people attending the meeting.
- Passed out ballots for Rookies of the Year & Member of the Year. Winners will be announced at the Banquet in January.
- We still need a volunteer to do the Newsletter next year! Printed December newsletters are available.

Nancy Runnion, Director of Social Events reported:

- The January meeting (& March, May, July, September, & November) will be at the Northcross Community Room at the Charlotte Medical Center building at exit 25 on I-77. A map will be in the January Newsletter.
- Meet at Eddie Burt's house at 10:00 am Sat. 12/21 to deliver the gifts and food to our 3 needy families.
- The Banquet will be January 25 at the Renaissance Hotel. Suites are \$99 & includes breakfast Sunday morning. Cost for the Banquet will be \$25 per person, with the club subsidizing the additional \$25 per person expense. There will be special parking for Corvettes.

Gary Artis, Treasurer reported:

- Send checks for the Banquet to Gary by the January 11 meeting.
- Dues for 2003 are \$96 annual/\$24 per quarter and are due January 1 – send to Gary.
- A request was made to clarify the Treasurers Report showing an overpayment from the Charity Fund. The membership had approved a payment of \$250 from the General Fund to Habitat For Humanity. However, there is no "General Fund", so it came from the Charity Fund. The 2002 Budget will be explained in detail in January.

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership reported:

- Membership to date: 110 families, 186 people. So far this year, there have been 31 resignations and 29 new members.
- A couple that had been members in good standing of the Club moved to NY, but have now moved back South to Greenville, SC and want to rejoin the Club. A motion was made and seconded to make an exception and waive the attendance requirements for this couple. This motion was subsequently withdrawn after a discussion and decision that a revision to the bylaws would be necessary. A Bylaws Committee needs to be established.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. A lively gift exchange then took place.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt

QCCC OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY December 17, 2002

The December officers' meeting was held at Artis & Associates office, Charlotte, NC. Officers present were John Meadows, Gary Artis, Nancy Runnion, Robert Morgan, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. Also present were 2003 Board Members, Bob Denney and Kay Weisberg. Guest was Jim Weisberg. President John Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

John:

Has written letters and sent checks to 4 Charities, and a Thank You note to Auto Zone for donating 2 electric cars for our needy families.
Food and gift delivery will be Sat. 12/21 – meet at the Burt's at 10:00 am. The Burts will purchase the food on Friday 12/20.
Will send a survey to the membership asking what is desired at the monthly meetings.
Corvettes in the Queen City event is progressing nicely – September 2003.
John, Robert and Bob Denney will take the Auto Fair Event Chairman to lunch soon.
John & Robert will review the Bylaws and solicit for a Bylaws Committee.

Robert:

Need a Newsletter Publisher. Jody will continue to do it until a replacement is found.
Articles must be submitted by the 24th of the month.

Gary:

Submit 2003 Budget proposals at the next Board Meeting.

Nancy:

Invitations to the Banquet will be sent to each member.
15 rooms have been guaranteed – Nancy will find out when they can be cancelled and the cost of appetizers (cheese, crackers, etc)
There will be several Silent Auction items - Nancy will provide the bid sheets.
John will print the drink tickets.
8 Awards will be presented – Past President, President's Choice, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Participation, Male and Female Rookies, and Member of the Year.

Eddie:

Will take Sheley Revis up on her volunteering to take pictures of members and their cars for the website. She can also take pictures of members to put in the directory.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

Automotive Events



Meet the Automotive Events Committee... Jody Austin, Ben Horack, Wade Stickles, and Jack Warlick. They will be listening for your comments. Talk with them, we want to present a program that everyone can get behind, enjoy, and more importantly, participate. To encourage participation we will present a Trophy to the top 3 participants in Automotive Events programs during 2003. Toward that end the Automotive Events Committee has put together the following tentative schedule for next year. The dates are not cast in stone as we have not made the arrangements with the outside parties at this date. We are publishing this schedule now as some of the items we have planned require some notice to secure rooms, tickets & etc. We will firm up the dates as we proceed during the year. You will notice that we have scheduled 3 Car Shows this year instead of the normal 2. We will be talking with some new businesses that will be opening up in the Speedway area to see if we can also interest them in a Car Show. Our take will be \$500 per show plus trophies. I, being also head of our Charitable Fund, have asked **Sandy Welsh** to chair the Charity Committee. Sandy and I feel that a charitable need goes on all year long, so we are planning on awarding donations quarterly from our Charity Fund. This is the reason for attempting to schedule Car Shows all during the year. We will need your help and participation to make this happen. The Committee is also planning on purchasing "Poker Card" sets similar to the Card Sets we used last year on our Poker Runs. We are planning on purchasing sufficient quantities that we can use them on various trips and award a 50 – 50 prizes for the winners. This will also enhance our Charity Fund.

Wade Stickles is putting together the Concours D'Elegance @ Amelia Island and the 50th Anniversary Caravan. Any questions about these events should be directed to Wade.

Jody Austin is putting together the Poker Runs, the Time and Distance Rally's and the Gatlinburg / Deals Gap run. This year the Gatlinburg trip will be a little different that last year. For those that don't want to run the Gap, we have planned a tour of some of the Artist colonies in the outskirts of Gatlinburg. This will be lead by **Sandy Welsh**. Jody will lead the Gap Run again... let's face it, who is better?

Ben Horack will work with Jon Elliott to get an invite to tour Tom Smith's Car Collection.

Several of our members have attended the Petit LeMans @ Road America the past two years. We have always left before the race was settled so we could get home at a decent time. The long drive home also precluded many adult beverages from being consumed; therefore we are considering renting a motor home to drive down. More on this later...

Car Clubs should have some competitive events for those of us that like to heat the tires occasionally. We, therefore, are planning on having an Autocross in May. Autocrosses are safe ways to learn how your car performs in emergency situations. It also gets the adrenal juices flowing. This won't be electronically timed and there won't be any pro's attending, but it should be fun to get your car out and find out just how far you can push it before it loses grip on the pavement. It is also mandatory if we do schedule a Track Day @ Carolina Motorsports Park.

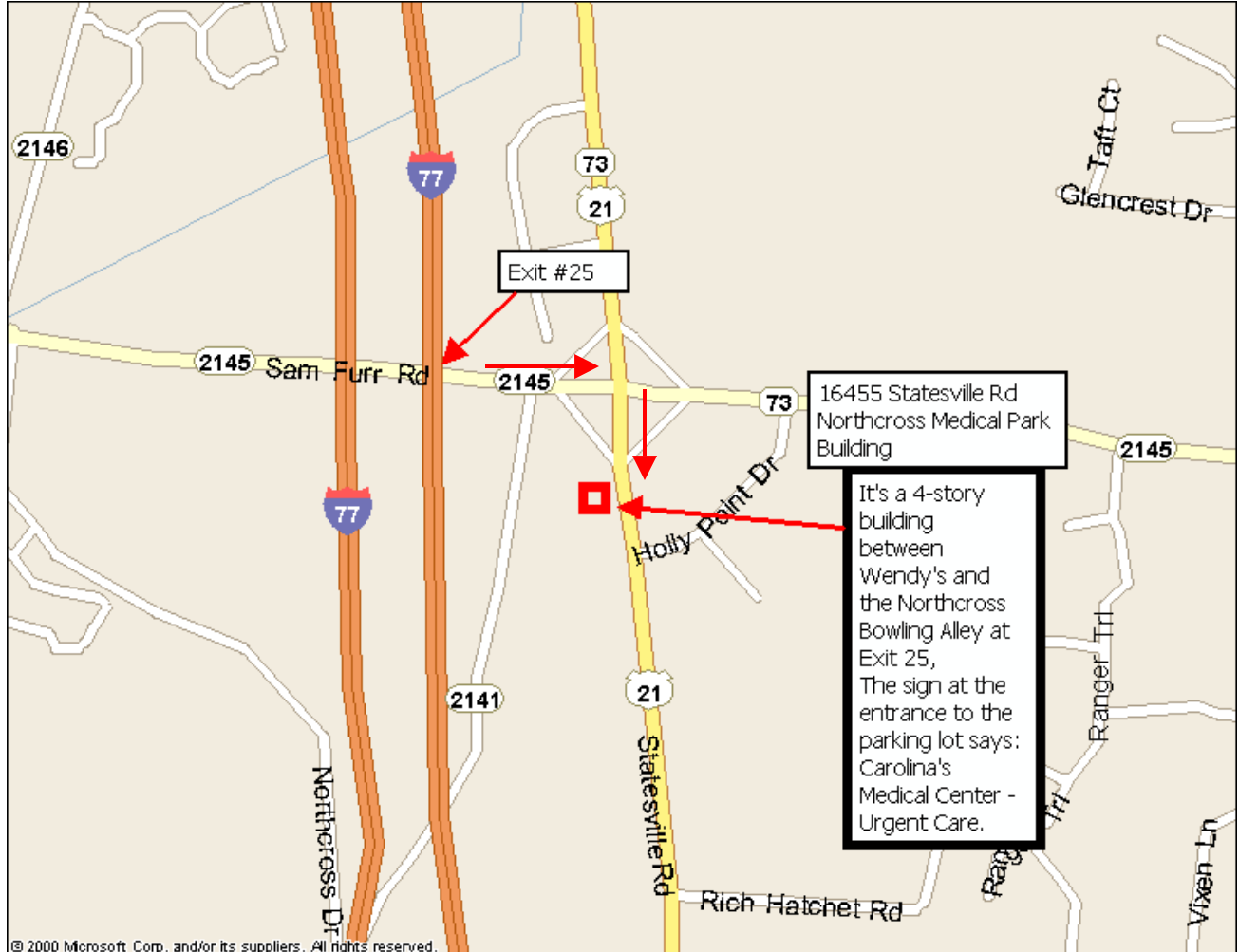
Several members are planning on attending Corvettes @ Carlisle again this year. A Coordinator will be determined later in the year, but thought should be toward reservations of a room if you are planning on attending.

Bob Denney

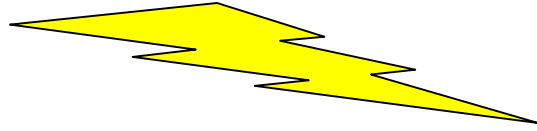
Business Meeting, 2nd Saturday of the Month

2003	Event
Jan. 11	Business Meeting – Huntersville 6:30 PM
January 25	Annual Banquet- Renaissance Inn Charlotte
<u>February</u>	
1 & 2 nd 8 th	24 Hr Rolex(No C5's Scheduled) Business meeting
<u>March</u>	
7 – 9 th 8 th	Amelia Island Business Meeting
22 nd	Time & Distance Rally
12 – 15 th 29 th	12 Hrs Sebring Car Show Ft. Mill
<u>April</u>	
5-6 th 12 th	Auto Fair Business Meeting
19 th	Poker Run QCCC
24 – 26 th	C5 Birthday Bash Bowling Green
<u>May</u>	
3 rd 10 th	Car Show (Park or City) Business Meeting
17 th	Auto Cross \$5 Per Car/Day
May 31-Jun 1	Gatlinburg/Deals Gap/ Arts Tour
<u>June</u>	
14 th 25 – 29 th	Business Meeting 50th Anniversary Celebration
<u>July</u>	
12 th 19 th	Business Meeting Poker Run QCCC
<u>August</u>	
2 nd 9 th	Carolina Motorsports Park ??? Business Meeting
16 th 21 – 23 rd	Time & Distance Rally Corvettes @ Carlisle
<u>September</u>	
13-14 th ???	Autofair/Business Meeting Beach Trip (Social)
26 th	Corvettes in the City (Walt)
<u>October</u>	
11 th 25 th	Business Meeting Car Show (Park or City)
18 th	Petit LeMans Road America
<u>November</u>	
???	Mountain Trip (Social)
8 th 22 nd	Business Meeting Tom Smith's Car Collection
<u>December</u>	
13 th	Christmas Party (Social)/Business Meeting

**Map to our January meeting place.
Northcross Medical Park Building
16455 Statesville Road
Huntersville, NC
January 11th at 6:30pm**



Life with NO



As many of y'all know, the international headquarter offices of the Queen City Corvette Club Newsletter are located high above downtown Troutman. We're sure many of you thought Troutman, being as sophisticated and cutting edge as it is, would be immune to a frivolous winter ice storm, but no, we weren't spared, nor the other seven houses up here that were wired for electricity. The sound of generators and chain saws was deafening. The picture below shows the damage done to our elaborate offices. A new building fund has been established to either repair the old offices or build new ones, so feel free to donate.



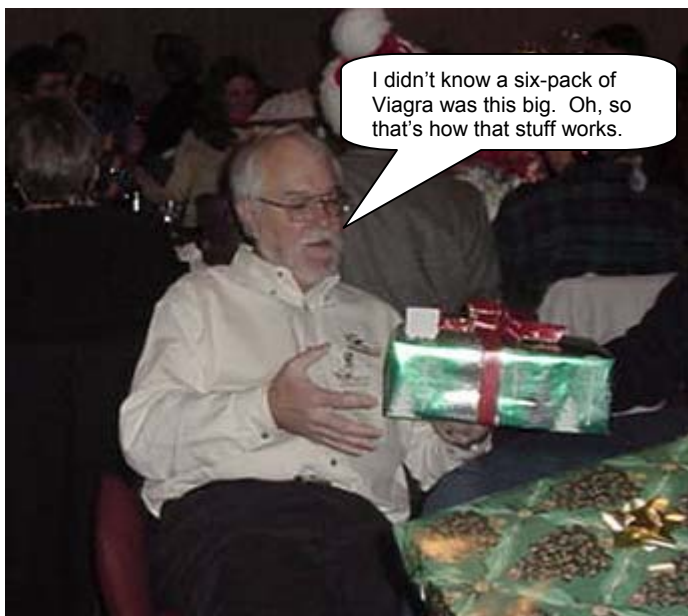
Moments & Members from our Christmas Meeting

Check out these hats. Do you remember who was wearing them?



Here are a few pictures of some picturesque members as they enjoyed the evening.





*Twas the night before Christmas
and they lay in their bed,
While visions of 50th's
danced in his head.*

Okay Sue, now you know what he wants.

(Psst! We told her Wade, just like you asked))

Moments From The Statesville Parade

You don't have to tell me but once to get ready for a parade!



When my son saw the blinking Christmas lights I rigged on the car, he hung his head in shame. Hell, I was proud of it. Y'all know the Troutman motto:

**Louder,
Harder,
Faster &
Brighter**



Here's Wade escorting some boy's future heart-throb.

The Spirit of Sharing and Helping Is What It's All About

(Photos: Bob Denney)



Above are the QCCC Santa Clauses'

A picture is worth a thousand words. The young man above is Caesar Escobar, Jr. (son of Caesar & Michelle), diligently delivering presents. The young man below is a proud recipient of a new bicycle. We'd bet a year's pay that both of these kids will remember these moments the rest of their lives.



Above is Eddie Burt with one of the families.



The smiles of these 2 ladies are priceless.





My goodness, those faces will make your heart melt.



Nancy Runnion, Michelle Escobar and Caesar Escobar, Jr.. Notice the look in the little girl's face next to Nancy, we think that is love at first sight. Better watch out Caesar, Jr., she's a real cutey.

CONCORD CHRISTMAS PARADE



Parade Riders Say The Darndest Things

by Wade Stickels

While riding through downtown Statesville last week in the Christmas Parade, a young boy shouted to the 5 year old beauty queen I was carrying, "I like your daddy's car."

That comment reminded me of other "prize" comments I have heard while in our Corvette at parades, homecomings, and caravans. Here are some beauties:

While unloading my Beauty Queen from the Statesville Parade her older brother came up to admire my car. I asked him if he would like to sit in the driver's seat. With a big smile he responded, "Yes." He climbed in and he took one look at the speedometer and said, "this car will do 200 mph?" I said "no, but it will do 170 mph." He said with a disgusted look, "OH, only 170."

At the Concord High School homecoming last year a teenage boy asked, "if the Queen City Corvette Club helped us buy our Corvettes?"

While on the Dothan, Alabama and Panama City Beach, Florida trip earlier this year we stopped at a red light and a local in a pickup stopped next to us asked, "Did ya'll rent all those cars?"

Most ridiculous request. After carrying a JCSU King and Queen on the top of our coupe, to the other side of Charlotte, they asked that we carry them, still on top of our car, back to JSCU. Remember, we are no longer in a parade and would be traveling in "normal" downtown Charlotte traffic!

The most beauty queens I've carried at one time? The 2002 Concord Christmas Parade. I carried 3 beauty queens and one Mom! I fit two of the Beauty Queen's signs on each door but I couldn't fit all three. The Mom of the third Beauty Queen was upset with me that I had to put her daughter's sign on the rear fender.