

Happy Holidays!

January 2004



The Binder's grand daughter and her Z06 roadster

December was a busy month:
two parades, our Annual
Christmas Party, the gift
wrapping get together and
delivering gifts to needy
families.

Get your party
clothes ready the
Annual Banquet is in
January!



The Meadows' grandchildren live it up!

Inside - Info on C6; Christmas Party; Smart Car and other good stuff!

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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. At that time you may express your wish for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.

Your President's Message



Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

I hope everyone is having a safe and happy holiday season. This is an especially good time to reflect back on the previous year and be thankful for friends and family. Maybe some of you were able to see long lost friends or family members that live far away. If you let it, members in our Club can become extended family too. Vanessa and I certainly feel part of our extended Corvette family. And in February another little future Corvette owner will be coming into this world to join the Morgan family. How exciting!

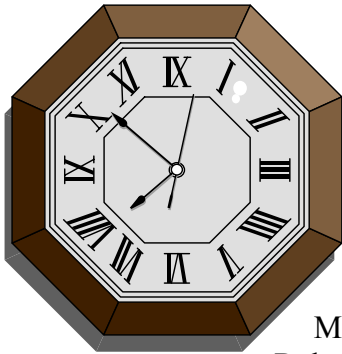
This past Saturday several of us met at Gary Artis' office to deliver the presents to our sponsor families. The club is most generous in helping 3 families that aren't as fortunate as others. With the membership's generosity, we collected clothes, games and toys that were distributed. Those of us that drove our Corvettes also gave the children of two of the families rides. The children were thrilled to ride in our cars and all families were grateful for our club and what we've done for them. Thanks to all that assisted in wrapping the presents, helping to deliver them and especially to Kay Weisberg for coordinating this event. Another note of thanks goes to Lori Gallman who convinced her employer to donate several hams and baked goods.

This year the social committee has planned our annual banquet at the Hyatt at SouthPark on January 24th. During the banquet the past President turns over the duties to the newly elected President. Since I'm the outgoing and the newly elected President, it won't take much time to do! We also recognize the 2003 Male and Female Rookies of the Year and elect the King and Queen of the banquet. The Hyatt has given us reduced room rates if anyone chooses to stay. So come out and enjoy a great time.

During our next board meetings, we will be discussing upcoming events for the new year. If you have any suggestions please email them to one of the board members so we can bring it up for discussion. As always, our calendar of events can be found at our QCCC website www.queencitycorvette.com.

Until next time, save the wave!

Robert



Minutes from the QCCC Meeting Saturday December 6, 2003

The December business meeting of QCCC was held at the Matthews Presbyterian Church, Matthews, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, E.O.Oakely, Kay Weisberg, Ben Horack, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. After a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner, President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have:

John & Pat Easton – 1995 Purple Coupe, **Walter Ahrens** – 1982 Silver & Burgundy Coupe

New Members voted in: **John & Pat Easton**, and **Walter Ahrens** !

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

E.O.Oakley, VP

- Asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet
- Said that he enjoyed being VP this year & is turning over the duties to **Ben Horack** next year
- Robert Morgan for **Gary Artis**, Treasurer
- Asked if there were any questions about the recently e-mailed Treasury Report
- First quarter dues are due January 1

Robert Morgan, President

- Announced that QCCC member and Deputy Sheriff, **David Carlton** has volunteered to go to Iraq for a year to assist in establishing their police force. The Board voted to waive his dues for 2004. He is scheduled to leave December 29.
- Introduced **Charlie & Iris Binder** as the new Newsletter Editors

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

- The club has 195 members in 111 families
- **John Liebe**, Member
- Another exciting BMW Driving School will be held Feb. 28 & 29 at Virginia International Raceway. Let him know if you are interested in attending.

Jane Burt, Secretary

- Explained the voting procedures for the 2003 Male & Female Rookies of the Year, and the Outstanding Member of the Year. Ballots will be e-mailed before the next meeting. The winners will be announced at the Banquet. At the Banquet, the Most Congenial Couple will be elected King & Queen of the Prom.

Ben Horack, Automotive Events

- Recapped 2003's Automotive Events – 2 car shows, 2 Auto Fairs, & 14 parades
- Thanked **Caroline Lentz**, **Jackie Slavetsky**, and **Linda Meadows** of the Charity Committee for their efforts. Raffle tickets are for sale tonight with 50% of the proceeds going to one person and the rest to the Charity Fund
- Thanked everyone for a good year with great participation & introduced **Wally Crawford**, Automotive Events Director for 2004

Linda Meadows, Member

- Presented the Charity Committee's proposal to donate 75% of the Charity Fund (approximately \$675) to the National Guard Chaplain's Emergency Relief Fund and 25% (approximately \$225) to the Huntersville Police Department (the town where we hold every other QCCC meeting). The Charity Committee feels that our donations to charity should come only from the Charity Fund, and that the other QCCC funds should be used by the club, for the club. If anyone feels differently, contact the Board.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to distribute the Charity Funds as proposed by the Charity Committee.
- **Robert Morgan** brought up the motion that was tabled at the November meeting: to donate \$500 from the General Fund to the National Guard. This motion was defeated.
- **John Liebe** asked why the funds generated by the Corvettes in the Queen City event were not added to the Charity Fund. Robert explained that although the Corvettes in the Queen City was a QCCC-sponsored event, it was not a QCCC event. No QCCC funds were used for the event. All Corvettes in the Queen City funds were kept in a separate account in case the event was not profitable. Fortunately, it was profitable and the excess funds were distributed 80% to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and 20% to the Hopebuilders Organization.

Kay Weisberg, Social Director

- Thanked everyone for bringing all the gifts for the families we adopted for Christmas
- Gift wrapping party will be Sunday Dec. 14 at 1:00 at Artis & Associates
- Delivery of presents will be Saturday Dec. 20, meet at 9:30 am at Artis & Associates
- Banquet will be at the Hyatt at SouthPark Saturday Jan. 24. Rooms are \$75 per night if booked before Dec. 31, & \$85 thereafter. There will be a sit-down dinner, a cash bar, a DJ, and dancing! Cost to attend the banquet will be less than last year's \$25 per person.
- Drew **Jack Warlick's** name for the 50/50 raffle (\$90 each to Jack & the Charity Fund)
- Names drawn for the centerpiece poinsettias: **Linda Kish** (3 times), **Pat Easton**, **Jack Warlick**, **Skip Koski**, **Linda Lewis** (2 times), **Ted Northrup**, **Walter Ahrens**, **Denny Guessford**, **Charlene Bunda**, **Florence Prather**, **Meryl Elko**, **Linda Meadows**, & **Richard Klause**
- Invited everyone to take a gift from the Christmas tree, with compliments from the club
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY DECEMBER 18, 2003

The December Board meeting was held at Artis & Associates, Charlotte, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, E.O.Oakley, Gary Artis, Kay Weisberg, Ben Horack, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt

Guests: Jim Weisberg and 2004 Officers, Florence Prather & Wally Crawford.

President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Robert:

- Asked Florence and Wally if they had any questions about their roles & responsibilities for next year
- Transferred banners to Ben
- Suggested that Board meetings be held the 3rd Thursday of each month in 2004 – the Board approved

EO:

- Handed out the equipment inventory
- Participation awards, to be presented at the Banquet, have been purchased. There may be some ties, so the Board approved funds for additional awards if necessary.
- Transferred the keys to Northcross Medical Center to Ben

Gary:

- Reviewed dues status & budget

Ben Horack:

- Suggested the February meeting be changed from the 14th to the 7th – the Board approved
- Discussed 2004 events

Kay Weisberg:

- Gift deliveries to adopted families plans are A-OK
- Reviewed Banquet plans
- The Board approved \$20 per person cost to attend the banquet

Jane Burt:

- Will e-mail Rookies of the Year ballots to members

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

And now from our new Automotive Director...

They wouldn't let me make an acceptance speech after I was elected auto events chairman in spite of a long, hard-fought campaign, so I will take this opportunity to thank everyone for their confidence in electing me to this position. The fact that I ran unopposed is testimony to either my gullibility or everyone else's intelligence and had no bearing on the outcome.



I would like to thank Ben Horack for handing me an already organized and structured department; it will sure make my job easier with all of the contact names and information.

The common thread within our club is the love of our cars and the enjoyment we derive from them. My goal for the new year is to have at least one automotive event a month. I would like to have different types of events that appeal to a broader cross section of the club, and toward that end, I could use some help and would definitely appreciate some input from the membership.

We know at this juncture that we have eight parades and four car shows, two of which are two days, scheduled for 2004, but I am also aware that car shows and parades do not appeal to everyone. I would like to see day trips, fun rallies, and poker runs. Many of these events, like our Red Rocker Run, will be both automotive and social. I really need input from you. Tell me what kind of events you want and what you want to do.



The goal is to have more people in the club participate in club activities. Kay and I will be working together to make this a fun year for everyone with opportunities for all. (Sorry, but I had that line in my acceptance speech and really liked it.)

Please email me with your thoughts and ideas.

I will also be asking for volunteers at the next business meeting to form a loose committee to help set up these events. Help can take on many forms, and I will accept it all.

Our first event of the new year will be a car care clinic at our house. You will find an announcement and directions elsewhere in this issue of the newsletter. Ladies are certainly welcome, but this is kind of a guy thing. Sorry! If my Corsa exhaust arrives in time, we may do a demonstration on installing the system on a C5. Anita and I plan to host another of these sessions sometime during the summer as well, probably mid July.



Merry Christmas to all from Anita and me, and while we are enjoying the peace and love of the season, lets not forget the men and women who are securing that peace for us.

Wally Crawford

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Walter Ahrens
From Charlotte with an 82 Coupe



John and Pat Easton
From Waxhaw with a 95 Purple Coupe

JODY TAKES A WELL DESERVED REST!

A new adventure begins for us as a legend steps down to take a rest. Jody Austin has been more than diligent in his dedication to bring the QCCC newsletter into both the new electronic era and into the forefront of distinguished publications. His persistent efforts have added photos



and interesting articles that all members have enjoyed. His wit and charm have combined with his organizational skills to produce outstanding issues one after another. Gosh, if only the guy had a sense of humor!

Jody has been a big help with the transition; Iris and I are thankful that he is nearby (Mooresville is just a suburb of Troutman) to rescue us when needed.

Help us produce a newsletter that reflects the interests of the members by contributing articles and pictures to share. Please email items of interest to us at chasbinder@adelphia.net.



Recruitment began in March 03!

January Car Care Day at the Crawford's

Needin' an oil change??

Wally and Anita Crawford are hosting a car care day to kick off the new year. Bring your Corvette: you will be able to do your oil and filter changes and, possibly, some other minor items in their heated garage. They have a four post lift at your disposal. Bring your own oil, filter, and chairs. They will have hot drinks, cold drinks, and hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. Trust me, it doesn't get much better than this!

The schedule for this event will be from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturday, January 17, 2004.

RSVP is not necessary.

4484 Nance Road

Stanfield NC

704-888-1938

Directions FROM CHARLOTTE:

Albamarle Road (RT 24/27) East about 17 miles from Independence
Cross Rt 601 and continue on 24/27 1.9 miles, cross over Rocky River and immediately turn right onto Pine Bluff Road.
Go approximately .9 miles to Nance Road.
Turn Left
House is on the right.
White house with white garage.



Queens City Corvette Club Christmas Party

The December meeting held at the Presbyterian Church in Matthews was a gala that Social Chair Kay Weisberg engineered with style and fun for all. A banquet of turkey and all the trimmings set the tone for the evening. After the great meal the business meeting was held, then the fun began. Nothing was LEFT out as Kay did the RIGHT thing and got the members to exchange gifts.



The prep team got it RIGHT!



Is that Torch Red?



I wonder what Ben got??



The clean up crew got what's LEFT!

Please Note these Items of Interest

Annual QCCC dues are due in January. Bring your payment to the January meeting or mail a check (payable to QCCC) to Florence Prather. Reminder you may pay quarterly @ \$24.00 or annually @ \$96.00. Florence's address is 2000 Draymore Lane, Matthews, NC 28105.

A driving school will be held by the Sandlappers BMW club on February 28th & 29th in Danville VA. You do not have to drive or own BMWs to participate. A few QCCC members will be attending. Details can be found at <http://www.sandlapperbmw.org/School/EventInfoSpring2004VIR.htm> or call Bob Shields at 803-329-3991.



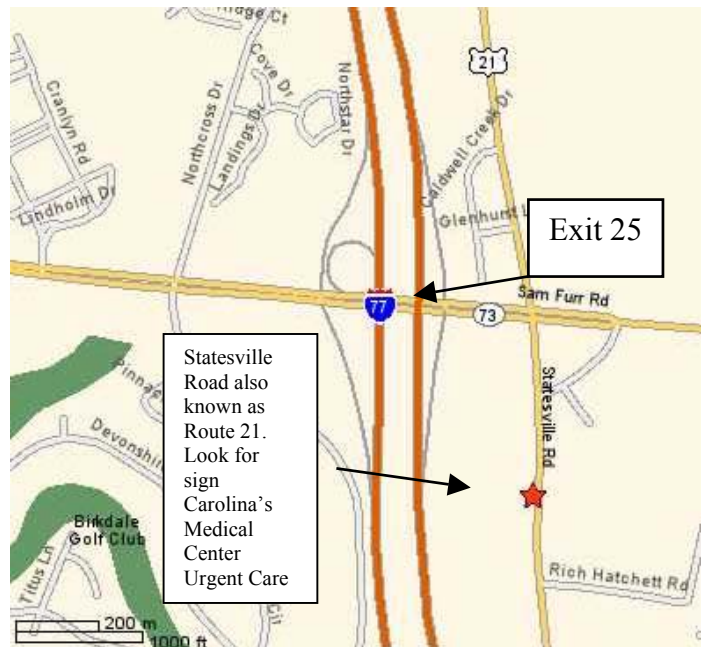
EO at a recent driving school



Jody prepping the Grand Sport

The QCCC annual banquet will be held on Saturday January 24th. It's a real fancy affair: they are even providing chairs and tables! A sit down dinner will be provided as well as music with a DJ. At this event you will be voting on the King and Queen as well as finding out who is the rookie of the year. Details on another page!

The next meeting will be Saturday, January 10th, at the Northcross Medical Center in Huntersville. From I77, go east at Exit 25 to Statesville Road, then south 1 /4 mile. Social at 6:00, meeting at 6:30.



Exit 25

Statesville Road also known as Route 21. Look for sign Carolina's Medical Center Urgent Care

NEWS FROM THE AUTOMOTIVE FRONT THE SMART CAR

Your editors are roving the world in search of new and exciting automobiles for our Corvette enthusiasts. Iris discovered this in Italy. Yes, it looks like half a car. The

Mercedes Benz Smart is powered by a lightweight and recyclable turbo-charged aluminum engine weighing only 59 kg (that's about 130 pounds), gets 60 mpg and goes from 0 to 60km/h in 7 secs. (Note 60 km is basically 36 mph!).

Plus it has thermogranulate

plastic body panels that can be changed in 90 minutes if repairs are needed! Sure looks like 4 wheels and 2 doors... I wonder where they put the engine?



FROM OUR MAKES YOU WONDER DEPARTMENT



They say a picture is worth a thousand words.

Nuff said.

Many thanks to EO Oakley, Gary Artis and Bob Denney for their fine photos throughout this edition.

QCCC goes to Kannapolis and Lake Wylie for Parades



QCCC members were hard at work, detailing and prepping their Corvettes for parades in December.



Wally has his work cut out for him, we have 8 parades lined up so far for 2004!

MORE ON DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY - PRINTING PHOTOS

Now that you've taken those digital pictures and emailed them to friends, what happens when you want to have color prints??

You don't need a special printer or indeed any at all to get "hard copy" images. Many one-hour photo shops offer prints from digital files; just bring them a CD or your memory card and indicate which image file you want printed. Wal Mart and others have good do-it-yourself systems that have the ability to read the different types of memory cards or CDs, and allows you to edit or crop images. You select print sizes and indicate how many of each image. It is all ready within an hour at a cost of about 30 cents per print!

If you are considering purchasing a printer for your photos, be sure to get a "photo" printer. These are ink jet printers that are distinguished by having six or more ink colors (regular inkjets have only four colors). The extra colors are necessary for finer tone renditions.

Most printers take standard size paper and can be used as the one and only printer you need. Caution however, some come can print only 4x6 size photos. Some printers even offer "slots" to insert your memory card so you can by-pass a computer. Of course there are "jumbo sized" printers available for a higher price.

The cost of printing digital photos can be pricey. Besides the cost of the ink, you will be using special papers to match the feeling on the photos. Glossy for some and matte surface for others. Do not expect to get quality results on regular paper! Furthermore, the best quality prints are made on paper matched to the printer and sold by the printer manufacturer.

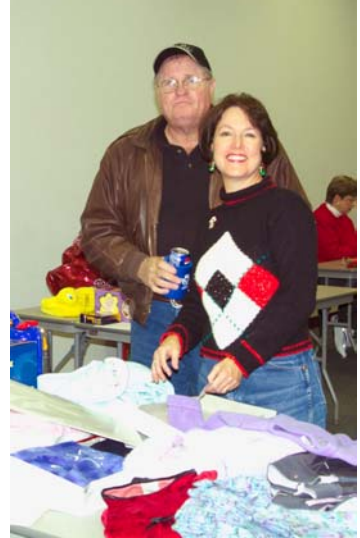
Also for the very serious minded: most ink jet printers come with "dye based" inks. These are relatively inexpensive and produce excellent photos, but have a limited life span. More expensive and permanent are the "pigment based" inks and the printers that require them.

QCCC Members wrap Christmas Presents for needy Families

Members got together at Gary Artis' office on Saturday December 14th to have pizza and wrap gifts that were donated by QCCC members. These gifts were delivered to the families by several members on December 19th.



Kay's checking her list



Is that a tiger or a kitten?



Eddie and Ted conversing with Santa



Checking it twice to find out who's naughty ...



Santa's little helper - Heather

Here what it's all about - sharing and giving

On Saturday morning December 20th, QCCC members got together and delivered the gifts to make three families feel some of the joy of the season. In addition to toys, clothes, bikes, we delivered food for the holidays.





BMW Driving School

Carolina Motorsports Park
October 25 & 26
by : E. O. Oakley

What is an article about Beammers doing in the QCCC newsletter?

Well somebody had to take some “American Iron” amongst all them Europeans (and a few rice burners) to uphold the honor! So ramrod John Liebe rounded up 4 more folks from QCCC and away we went to Kershaw, SC.

In reality, as the only 5 Corvettes there were welcomed and encouraged by all.

The two day event was extremely well organized and consisted of a lot of track time – in 30 minutes sessions. There were several classroom sessions each day including a walk around the entire 2+ mile track with an instructor giving tips and advice along the way.

In the less advanced groups, an instructor rides with you and gives pointers and feedback on your driving in an encouraging professional manner designed to improve your skills. The real beauty of our Corvettes is the ability to ride to the tracks listening to Jimmy Buffet or Alan Jackson on your CD player in total comfort, and then have a car that can change from street dress to track attire and outperform almost any car on the track. For most of us, this was the first time we had the person in the passenger seat, tell us to go faster in the turns and stay off the brakes! In my case the driver – not the car – is far and away the limiting factor.

I went to this event – a first for me driving my own car – with a bit of apprehension. I had 3 goals – 1) DON’T DAMAGE THE CAR, 2) Improve my skills, and 3) Have some fun. All three goals were met. So, if you have a desire to really improve your driving skills, learn how these Corvettes of ours can really perform, and were engineered to be driven, I highly recommend participating in one of these events. John Liebe, Jody Austin, Phil Smith, Gary Artis, and I all plan on doing more, so see anyone of us for details. In fact some will be going to an event at VIR (Virginia International Raceway) in late February, so sign up. One word of caution – this can be highly addictive – just ask Jody.





Let's Go to the Prom!

The Queen City Corvette Club Annual Banquet

WHEN: Saturday, January 24, 2004
WHERE: Hyatt Charlotte @ Southpark
ATTIRE: Semi-Formal

MENU:

Scalini House Salad

Rolls & Butter

Chef's Combination Grill: Orange Cranberry glazed Chicken and Sliced Sirloin
with Cabernet Reduction Sauce

Mixed Grilled Vegetables drizzled with Balsamic Vinaigrette and Roasted
Potatoes

Chef's Choice of Dessert (with Corvette decoration)

PRICE: \$20.00 per person Send checks for reservations to:

Florence Prather
2000 Draymore Lane
Matthews, NC 28105

Deadline for reservations is January 10, 2004
(QCCC meeting night)

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Rooms are \$75.00 per night

Phone # to call – 704-554-1234

Ask for reservations; Customer Code: VETT

FOR THE LADIES:

Hair styling \$10.00

Manicures \$10.00

3 pm - 5:30 pm

Contact Kay Weisberg by Jan 10th, 2004 if you are interested in either or
both so she can set up appointments.

Phone # - 704-708-5073

Email kayweis@earthlink.net

Some leaks and rumors about the C6



Image from
Road & Track

Some details are emerging about the all-new, 2005 Sixth Generation Corvette. The new chassis will be shared

with the Cadillac XLR. The C6 will be five inches shorter than the C5 in overall length but

retains the same interior room! Also coming is improved quality and upscale interior materials. The standard 6.0-liter V-8 is expected to deliver 400HP and around 400 lb-ft of torque, just under the 405HP figure of the current ultra-performance Z06 C5!



The Z06 may not be in production until 2006, but the Z51 option for the C6s will include bigger brakes with cross-drilled rotors, specifically tweaked tires, gear ratios, springs, shocks and sway bars, plus a engine oil cooler and a power-steering cooler for serious off-road performance work.

Among other things the HUD on the new car may have a built-in G-meter, a power top may finally be available (long overdue) on the convertible, and a six CD in-dash changer will be an option, as will an onboard navigation system.



Coupes will go into production in Spring 2004 with convertibles starting production in late Summer. Sorry, Torch Red is no longer in the offering (probably to be replaced with Precision Red).