

June
2004



Where we drive to eat !

Car Show
and
Mountain
Trip Keep
QCCC
Members
Busy!



The survivors of Jody Austin's "Merle Haggard & Loretta Lynn
Spam Sandwich Road Tour" to Bluefield WV

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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.

President's Message



The month of May was a busy month for the club with a wide variety of events. First was the City Chevrolet car show. It was a heavily attended with 53 members' cars. We then conducted our monthly club meeting after the car show in the heat of the afternoon. I want to thank Wally for coordinating an outstanding show.



And thanks to City Chevrolet for donating \$500 to our charity fund and supplying the trophies. No, I did not win for best C3 thank you very much! Next we took a road trip to Bluefield, West (by God) Virginia just to eat lunch. As I tell everyone who ask questions on what we do in the club, we seem to drive anywhere just to eat. Eleven cars went on that trip. We also supplied 6 cars this past weekend for display at a home builder who donated \$100 towards our charity fund. It was warm but fun. This coming weekend is the Coca Cola 600 parade lap, with 25 cars signed up. We'll be carrying Coca Cola executives around the track prior to the start of the race. Thanks to all that participate and remember the club is as fun as what you make it!

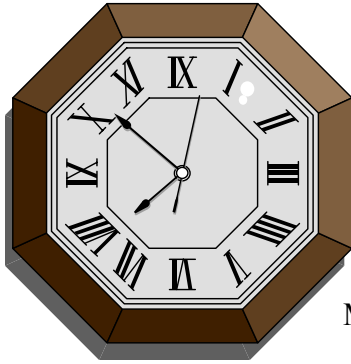
Our next meeting is at the home of Eddie and Jane Burt. If you're not a normal monthly meeting type of person, this meeting is a must. Eddie cooks a great pig and everyone should have their designated side dish to bring. Vector Shirts will be there for those who'd like to order any of their QCCC logo apparel. Bring your chairs, drinks and yourself to the best meeting of the year.



I'm still working on a Knight's baseball game for a Saturday in June or July. The Saturday evening games always have fireworks afterwards too. I'll have more information at the next meeting.

Our QCCC website has been down recently because of a problem with the host provider we use. John Meadows has been working diligently to get it operational again and we all appreciate his efforts. When it's back up and running, you can check out our calendar of events at www.queencitycorvette.com. I'm looking forward in seeing everyone at the next meeting at Eddie and Jane's. Until next time, save the wave!

Robert



Minutes from the QCCC Meeting Saturday May 8, 2004

The May business meeting of QCCC was held at City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, Florence Prather, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President, Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm.

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

Bob & Carolyn Ryan – 2003 Red Coupe, **J.C. & Linda Roberts** – 1995 White Convertible, **Charlie & Lynn Tew** – 1997 Red Coupe, **Brice & Jackie Hebert** – 2003 Red Z06, **Ralph & Alberta Weinheimer** – 2002 Red Convertible, **Chris & Martha Davidson** – 1974 Coupe (in restoration), and 2000 Green Coupe, and **Finely Jones** – 1992 Aqua Coupe

New members voted in: **Bob & Carolyn Ryan and Charlie & Lynn Tew !!!**

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Led a round of applause for **Wally Crawford's** efforts in organizing today's successful Car Show
- Working on a trip to a Charlotte Knight's game. They are interested in having us drive around the field before the game!
- Bob Denney knows an organization collecting logo t-shirts to send to our troops. If you'd like to contribute, bring them to the BBQ in June

Wally Crawford, Automotive Events

- Thanked everyone for attending today's Car Show. There were **53** cars making this the best turnout ever!
- City Chevrolet has invited us to have another Car Show in late September or early October when they have a C6!
- Presented today's Car Show trophies:
C1 – **Chuck Beard** C2 – **John Meadows** C3 – **Trudy Schillo**
C4 – **Gary Artis** C5 – **Jane Burt** Survivor – **Walt Krupowicz**
Best of Show – **Rob Gallman** Dealer's Choice – **Dave Gregorino**
- Reviewed upcoming events: May 15 cruise to mountains, small fundraiser, May 30 Coca-Cola 600, cancelled Parade of Lights Parade, postponed Columbia Zoo trip until October 24
- Working on a trip to the BMW assembly plant

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- Reviewed the Treasury Report – copies available
- Second quarter dues are now due. Only 16 families have not paid.

Robert Morgan, for **Kay Weisberg**, Social Events

- June meeting will be the BBQ at the Burt's

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

- Membership is now at 199 members, 112 families

Dave Gregorino, Member & NCM Representative

- Friday July 2 - the Speedway Club is having a Corvette night in conjunction with a DEI event July 3. Dinner will be served and more information will be sent by e-mail.
- Friday May 21 – fundraiser for cancer research. Contact Dave if you'd like to join a walking team or sponsor a luminary.

John Meadows, Member

- Will replace the American flag being flown today with the QCCC flag

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY APRIL 27, 2004

The April Board meeting was held at Robert & Vanessa Morgan's house, Matthews, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Florence Prather, Kay Weisberg, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt

Guests: Jim Weisberg

President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Robert:

Thanked Wally for a successful Auto Fair

6 cars went to Savannah

Several members attended and/or participated in the NCRS event at the Speedway

Asked Officers for their reports

Florence:

Reviewed dues status – 22 families have not paid 2004 dues

Reviewed budget vs. expenses

Ben:

Discussed logistics of the May meeting to be held at 3:00 pm at City Chevrolet after the Car Show

Kay:

5 cars went to Myrtle Beach

Rescheduled trip to Columbia Zoo from June 26 to Sunday October 24

Discussed possible June events

Wally:

Coca Cola 600 details have not been finalized yet

25 cars will be there

Eddie:

195 members

Panama City Gathering May 14-16 will have 3 C6's attending!

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:15 pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary**

QCCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY MAY 25, 2004

The May Board meeting was held at Robert & Vanessa Morgan's house, Matthews, NC.
Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt

President Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

Robert:

Led discussion on road trip safety

Start getting door prizes for the Banquet NOW

Still working on the club attending a Saturday night Knights baseball game

Asked Officers for their reports

Ben:

Discussed future meeting locations

Robert for Kay:

Gatlinburg trip in August & Charleston trip in October arrangements have been made

Discussed DJ's for the Banquet

Wally:

City Chevrolet was pleased with our Car Show & wants us to have another one in the Fall
The mini-show at Century 21's Open House was fine. A donation will be made to the Charity
Account.

June 26 will be a mystery road trip

Reviewed Coca-Cola 600 Parade Lap details

Eddie:

199 members

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Secretary

Pay-at-the-pump has been given a whole new meaning!



Photos in this issue are courtesy of Jody Austin, Bob Denney,
Robert Morgan, Wade Stickels and Charlie Binder.

VP REPORT



JUNE Business Meeting-IT'S BAR-B-QUE TIME!!!:

Our June Business Meeting will be held on Saturday June 12th. at Jane & Eddie Burt's home for our Annual Bar-B-Que. This is always our biggest event, so plan accordingly & don't be late. Remember that parking is always an issue. As in the past, Jane has broken the membership down alphabetically to determine who brings what side dishes. Extra deserts are ALWAYS welcomed. As usual, please remember to bring your own beverages, malt & other. I'm attaching the map & directions to the meeting for those not familiar with the location.

Future Meetings:

We will continue using Northcross Medical's Community facility for July, September & November meetings. The meeting schedule for the remainder of the year is included further in the Newsletter. This will be changed if better and more interesting locations become available. Don't forget that the August meeting will be at Mark & Adina Ledford's home near York, SC. Once again, MORE FOOD & fun! We will have more information on this next month.

City Chevrolet Car Show:

Congratulations to Wally for setting the record for participation at a car show. Wow, over 50 cars!!!! Way To Go Wally! Speaking of Wally, Kudos for pulling off a "Mini Car Show" in beautiful Downtown Midland; 5 cars (C-1 – C-5) and more \$\$\$ for the charities.

Final Thoughts:

Hats off to Jody for his road trip to Bluefield, West Virginia. We had Fantastic weather & more excitement the usual. Ken Becker says that he will make anyone wanting a C-5 "Super Deal" on any New 2004 in stock. He would like a chance to "meet or beat" anyone else's deal, ANYWHERE!! City has been very generous to the Club, so I hope you'll at least give him a chance. Speaking of City Chevrolet, there has been some discussion among the members about City not using "jacking pucks" on the C-5's. Many of you saw the C-5 on the lift at our April meeting, sans (without) pucks. I brought this to Ken's attention, supplying him with photos. He has asked me to assure the membership that "This will NOT happen again." When last seen, he was heading back to the Service Department, with pictures in hand. City will be coming out with a new deal for the Club on the C-6's very soon. Anyone willing to wait a few months, will get a Great deal. Although we do not have an official sponsor, there are a

number of businesses that supported QCCC over the years; so when ever possible, Please try to support them in return.

Well we didn't have a Parade of Lights & didn't get the '62 back yet! Hopefully it'll come out with the C-6's.



Hope see all of you at the Bar-B-Que.

Ben

QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

JUNE 12 th .	ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE, EDDIE & JANE BURT
JULY 10 th .	NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER
AUGUST 14 th .	MARK & ADINA LEDFORD'S
SEPTEMBER 11 th .	NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER
OCTOBER 9 th .	CITY CHEVROLET
NOVEMBER 13 th .	NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER
DECEMBER 11 th .	CHRISTMAS PARTY

ALL MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM, WITH A SOCIAL GATHERING.
THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND BEVERAGES

From the "WHAT WERE THEY THINKING DEPARTMENT":



Oh they probably meant the "other right"

From the Driver's Seat...

WOW!! What a bunch of people. Do you people have any idea just how incredible you are. I don't think I have ever been involved with a group before that has such a large percentage of active "doers". It is very rewarding, personally, to organize events like we have had this year and have the kind of participation we do.



The turn out for City Chevrolet Charity Car Show was awesome. We had a least 53 cars on display, an all time record as near as I can figure. Some cars came & went, so at any given time there may have been a few extra, but I'll settle and be thankful for the count we had. You are to be commended for your support of the club and its money raising functions. City Chevrolet was impressed enough that they have asked us to do another show in the fall that we will organize in conjunction with the debut of the new C6. The date is not set, but I will coordinate with City Chevrolet and give everyone as much notice as possible.

The run to the mountains aka The Merle Haggard & Loretta Lynn Spam Sandwich Road Tour led by Jody had a showing of 12 cars including a prospective new member and friend of Bob Schillo in a beautiful C4. One of the cars on the trip stayed in the mountains after an unplanned course deviation but the driver was fine and we now have a report that the car is fine as well. Didn't even need an alignment. Driver and car are re-united.

The Coca Cola 600 happens Memorial Day weekend and 25 of our members have once again stepped up to provide cars for the parade laps prior to the race. I know I am excited about not only attending the race but being able to drive my car into the infield, visit stuff in the infield not usually accessible to the average guy and then get to make a lap or two around the track in my pride and joy in front of 170,000 people. Kudos to Ben Horack for getting this set up.

June is wide open with no club events scheduled, but that will change. The postponement of the trip to the Columbia Zoo has left a hole in our calendar. I will have a mystery trip during June and announce details at the next meeting on June 12. The trip will be on June 26, so keep you calendar open if you plan to attend. I can tell you now that it will include a couple hours drive each way, a stop at a point of interest and LUNCH. Some details will follow, but not many or it wouldn't be a mystery run.

I stated in my very first newsletter article that my goal was to have a variety of functions that would appeal to all of our members in some form or another. I haven't had too many negative comments, so I guess it is working so far. As always, I am open for suggestions on types of events you want to do and encourage your input.

Until later-

Keep the rubber side down

Wally

Meet The New Members



Bob and Carolyn Ryan
Owners of a
2003 Red Coupe



Charlie and Lynn Tew
Owners of a
1997 Red Coupe,

Do you think that Jody is being just a little too cautious now that he has a 206 without runflats?



QCCC Members get up close look at C6 Convertible

While in Florida enjoying the sun and beach, a few QCCC folks took a two hour road trip to "nearby" Panama City to visit a local *Corvette Club's* meet. There we found two factory C6's on display - a coupe and a roadster. Unfortunately, by the time we arrived they had moved the cars into a lower level parking garage and we did the best we could to capture the excitement and images for you.



Car Show at City Chevrolet - May 8th 2004



It was sunny and bright out!



Sleeping or Catching some Rays, or both?





Watch Out for the Sand Alligators !



A group of QCCC members spent a relaxing week on St George's Island in Florida fighting off furious sand alligators, first row: Florence and Larry Prather, E.O. and Ann Qakley, Iris and Charlie Binder, second row: Eddie and Jane Burt and Rox and Fred Mudge.

The Buffalo Theory : Wally Crawford suggests you all should heed the following advice:



THE BUFFALO THEORY

(In one episode of 'Cheers', Cliff is seated at the bar describing the Buffalo Theory to his buddy, Norm. I don't think I've ever heard the concept explained any better than this....)

"Well you see, Norm, it's like this...A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the lowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that, Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

Note: Ask Wally if he felt smarter after a few at Kershaw!

June 12th QCCC Meeting and Eddie Burt's Bar-B-Que

Folks should bring side dishes according to their last name as follows:

A - B Snacks (chips, dips, salsa, etc.)

C - H Salads (green, potato, pasta, jello, etc)

I - R Side dish (whatever goes with BBQ)

S - Z Desserts (can't have too many of these)

All secret family BBQ Sauces are welcome.

Folks should also bring their chairs & drinks.

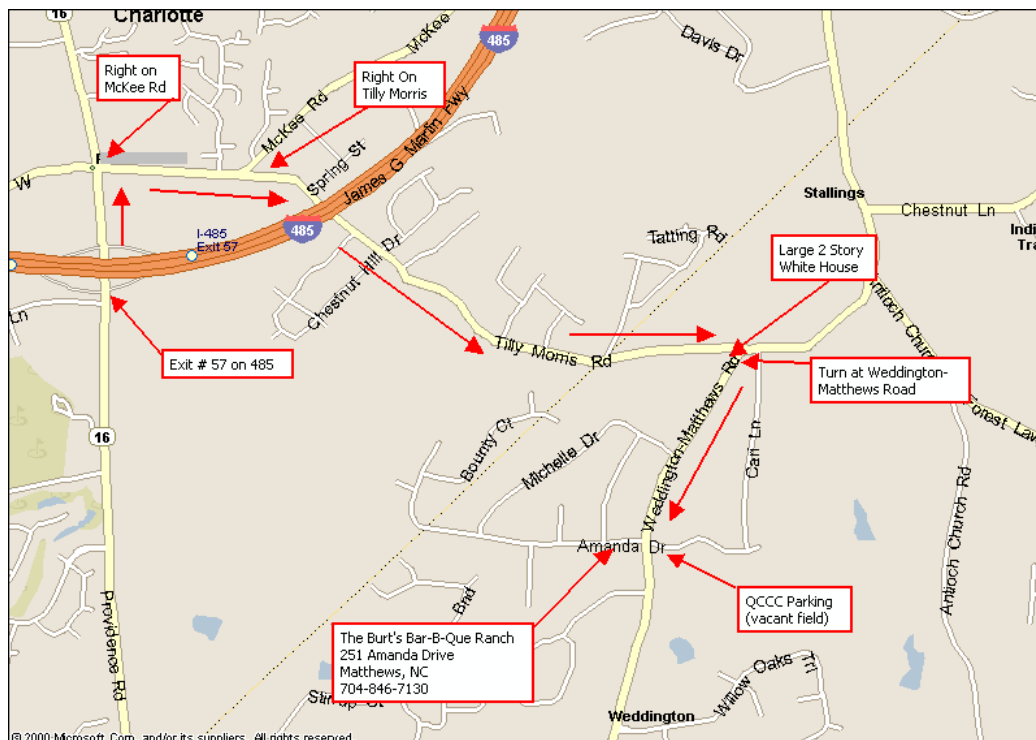
If it's real hot, tents would be appreciated too.

People are welcome to come at 4:00 pm.

We'll eat at 6:00 pm and have the meeting afterwards.

We may have special parking across the street, but that's not definite yet. Eddie will notify everyone if so. Otherwise, we'll park on the streets, making sure there's enough room for emergency vehicles to get through if necessary.

Alexander Julian says, "After a 25-year quest, I'm happy to announce I have finally found the perfect wine-barbecue match: Kunde Zinfandel. It's designed in heaven to go with Carolina barbecue."



Save on Gasoline Purchases !



Here is a way to save 5% - that's at least a dime a gallon on current prices. MBNA (a credit card bank) issues a VISA credit card that when used for gasoline purchases will issue a 5% rebate to you! There is no fee associated with this; the application is simple and can be done in minutes with a phone call to 800-807-3068. When you call, request to speak with an account representative in

"applications," then request to be given a "AAA Diamond Rewards" card for the State you live in. You do not have to be a member of AAA to get it. The rebate is only good for "pay at the pump," purchases - these automatically generate a special transaction code that when picked up by MBNA's computers automatically trigger the 5% discount.

T-SHIRTS FOR OUR TROOPS During the recent Camp Pendleton Car Show for the Troops, a request was made "if our club had a T-shirts with a logo." Anything on this order representing HOME is treasured by our military. The shirts will be taken to Camp Pendleton at an indeterminate date. The goal is to get them sent to Iraq or distributed to our boys and girls on the bases that have served or will serve overseas duty.

AUTO RELATED OR EVENT T-SHIRT ONLY! Bring a shirt to the June meeting!

Forget something??



Queens City Corvette Club 2004 Automotive Events Schedule

JUNE

- 6/12 Matthews Chamber of Commerce Car Show *
6/26 Road Trip-Mystery Tour

JULY

- 7/2 Hickory Grove Parade
7/4 Tega Cay Parade
7/24 Car Care Day, Crawford's

AUGUST

- 8/20-22 Road Trip, Gatlinburg/Deals Gap, TN
8/27-29 Corvettes at Carlisle *

SEPTEMBER

- 9/4 Matthews Alive Parade
9/18-9/19 AutoFair-Car Show
9/25 Mint Hill Madness Parade

OCTOBER

- 10/1-3 Road Trip, Charleston, SC
10/24 Road Trip, Columbia Zoo

NOVEMBER

- 11/7 Tom Smith Garage 2:00PM
11/20 Concord Parade
11/21 Monroe Parade
11/30 Kannapolis Parade

DECEMBER

- 12/4 Road Trip, Old Salem, NC (evening trip for candlelight tour)
* Non Club Event



Ouch !!

Wade Stickels sent this photo of recent storm damage in St. Louis.

Coca Cola 600 - QCCC members Corvettes

Late breaking news!
Just as I was putting finishing touches on this edition (Sunday evening 7:00 pm), Bob Denney sent in the following photos of our Corvettes lined up and ready to go at Lowes Motor Speedway.

