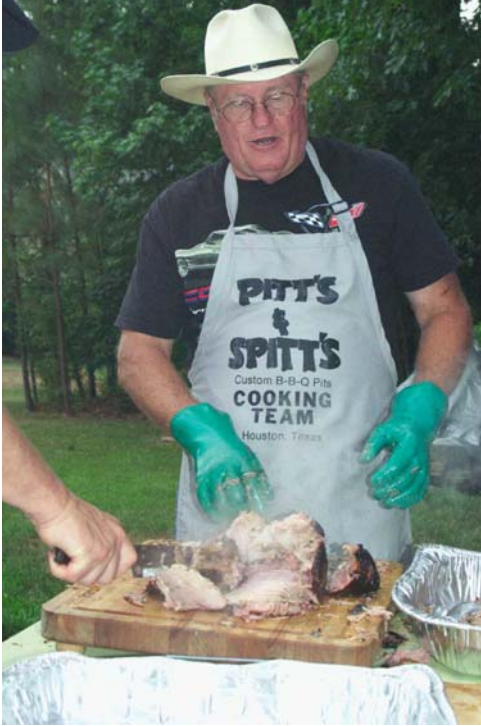


July 2004



We Get Up Close
Look at New C6!

Mystery Ride
Proves Fun!

Where We Drive to Eat

Eddie Burt's Famous
Bar-B-Que Delights QCCC
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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.

The President's Message



Were you surprised to see a C6 at our last meeting? Wow, what a great time! You can thank Walt Krupowicz the next time you see him for rounding up Bill Merritt from the Corvette assembly plant as our guest speaker. As you know (or some of you heard) Bill brought a beautiful black C6 coupe for show and tell! That day I happened to be at the Matthews car show with Karl Slavetsky when I got a phone call from Walt asking us to meet him, Wendy and Bill for lunch. I thought "what an opportunity to pick Bill's brain for information on the new car." But Bill was closed lipped and didn't divulge much information such as the horsepower for the new C6 Z06. He did say he'd "heard that it was around 500 hp" with a grin on his face and would be a "Viper killer". Prying for more on the technical stuff didn't help. Name, rank and serial number was all he was giving. Oh well, it was great to see the car in person and get to be one of the lucky ones to say "I've sat in a C6."

My personal opinion of the C6 is it is much better in person than in pictures. It has a lot of new techno gizmos to go along with the new skin. If you were at the meeting, you already know these specifics so the rest of this paragraph is for those that weren't so fortunate. There are no door handles, just pushbuttons. They've re-engineered the coupes rear hatch so that when you open it in wet weather, it doesn't dump a half gallon of water on your speakers. There's a new CD player with a DVD player hidden behind the navigation system. Bill said that the DVD would only play when the car was in park. Yeah, that's the first after market bypass that will be made. And it has pushbutton start. Walk up to the car with the key in your pocket, and you open the door by light pressure on the outside touch pad, hop in and push the button and you're ready to go. The stock 400 hp LS-2 engine averaged more than 23 mpg for Bill in his drive over from Bowling Green. One statement that sticks in my mind that Bill said was that there is as much jump in quietness in the C5 to C6 as there was from the C4 to C5 both in the coupe and convertible. I was quite impressed to say the least.

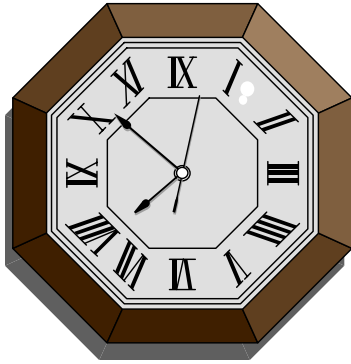
Thanks to Eddie and Jane Burt for their hospitality once again for allowing us to invade their home for our business meeting. Even though we had a little rain, the BBQ was fantastic. Isn't it always? Also thanks to everyone else for the goodies that you brought.

I'd also like to thank John Meadows for his work in getting our website back up and working. If you didn't know, a disgruntled employee of the company that maintains our site decided to sabotage it and took it down.

Our next meeting will be at the Northcross Medical Center. Check out our website at www.queencitycorvette.com to find what's happening this coming month. We have two parades in July, plus the infamous car care day at Wally Crawford's home.

Until next time, save the wave!

Robert



Minutes from the QCCC Meeting Saturday June 12, 2004

The June business meeting of QCCC was held at the home of Eddie & Jane Burt, Weddington, NC. Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt. President, Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

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

J.C. & Linda Roberts – 1995 White Convertible, **Chris (Happy 40th Birthday !)** & **Martha Davidson** – 1974 Coupe (in restoration), and 2000 Green Coupe, **Finely & Marilyn Jones** – 1992 Aqua Coupe, **Mike & Debbie Gullede** – 1974 Brown Convertible, **Jeff & Regina Hartsell** – 1999 Red Coupe, **Paul Ebert** – 1969 Blue Coupe, **Kelly Walker & Susan Lewis** – 1996 Silver Collector Edition Coupe, **Michael & Adrienne Kulcsar** – 2002 Silver Coupe

* * * SPECIAL GUEST * * *

Bill Merritt, Quality Control Engineer, Corvette Assembly Plant
2005 Black C6 Coupe

New members voted in: **J.C. & Linda Roberts** !!!

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Thanked the **Burts** for hosting the meeting & cooking the BBQ
- Thanked **Walt Krupowicz** for arranging **Bill Merritt's** visit
- Welcomed **Bill Merritt** with open arms and extreme gratitude for graciously joining us and bringing the new C6 for us to examine & admire

Wally Crawford, Automotive Events

- Thanked everyone who participated in the Coca-Cola 600 pre-race lap
- Sat 6/26 – “UCLA Mystery Trip” (to eat dinner somewhere) Meet in Mint Hill at 1:00 pm
- Sat 7/3 – Indian Trail Parade at 11:30
- Sun 7/4 – Tega Cay Parade
- Sat 7/24 – Wally's Garage for oil changes & deep discussions

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

- Fri 7/2 – Laps & dinner at the Speedway Club for Corvette lovers – will send details by email
- Weekend of 8/21 – trip to Gatlinburg TN
- Sat 8/21 – working on attending a Knights baseball game

Eddie Burt, Director of Membership

- Introduced visitors

John Meadows, Member & Website provider

The QCCC website should be back up within 2 weeks. The Internet provider had problems and we are now looking for a new provider.

Sue & Wade Stickles, Members

Invited everyone to a pool party at their house on July 4. Bring food, drink, & chairs.

Sean Storey, Member

Candace is expecting a baby in January!

Mark Ledford, Member

Adina is expecting a baby in January!

HMMMMMMMM

Bill Merritt, Quality Control Engineer,
Corvette Assembly Plant

- Thanked **Walt Krupowicz** for inviting him to the BBQ.
- Gave a brief history of how he made his way from Fayetteville, NC, to Buffalo, NY, to Michigan and finally to the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, KY.
- Team Corvette loves to attend functions where there are lots of enthusiastic Corvette folks to learn how to improve customer satisfaction & quality. Through the J.D.Power Survey and customer comments, he, **Will Cooksey**, and **Dave Hill** have seen to it that the C6 is “absolutely perfect and the best one yet”.
- The plant is currently building both C5s and C6s on the same assembly line. The awesome car he drove today was born on Thursday at 2:00 pm and is a “joy to drive”.
- Opened the floor for questions:
 - Q. Biggest improvement between C5 & C6?
 - A. Styling & interior quiet
 - Q. Anything on a new ZO6?
 - A. No, it’s a year off



- Q. When will the C6 go into full production?
A. Mid July – will produce 150 a day. The plant is closed the first weeks of July.
- Q. C6 mileage?
A. About 26 mpg
- Q. When will C6 convertibles be produced?
A. Building both coupes & convertibles right now
- Q. New colors?
A. Yes – Precision Red and Sunburst, which grows on you & looks great in the sun
- Q. What will happen to the pre-production cars?
A. The current phase has about 60 cars on the road to identify any issues needing improvement – these cars will be auctioned to dealerships
- Q. What is the projected price of the C6?
A. Don't know, but it will be comparable to the C5
- Q. How does the coupe's top lock in?
A. There will be 2 locks at the front & 1 in the center of the rear

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Time to eat!

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

**We were
wondering if
Jody had
signed up for
the wrong
kind of
automotive
event!**



VP REPORT



JULY Business Meeting-

Our July Business Meeting will be held on Saturday July 10th. & we're back up North in Huntersville at the Northcross Medical facility. As usual, please remember to bring your own beverages- Non Adult. I'm attaching the map & directions to the meeting for those not familiar with the location.

Future Meetings:

The August meeting will be at Mark & Adina Ledford's home near York, SC. Once again, MORE FOOD & FUN! Adina will let everyone what to bring. We will have more information on this next month. It's rumored; Mark has his own Karaoke setup that really comes as a big surprise! September & November we're back up North in Huntersville, October we're back at City Chevrolet and December is the Christmas party.

Road Trips & Parades:

Congratulations to Wally for yet another fun filled road trip. With Wally leading the group, the destination's always a Mystery. I'm not sure how he found some of those "roads", but he got us there. Who would have guessed that Albemarle was 115 miles from Mint Hill. Don't forget the Independence Day Parades. Parades & Auto Fair always seem to be the toughest part of being Automotive Director. If there's anyway to help out with the parades, please give Wally a hand. We're adding Indian Trail this year on Saturday, July 3rd with Tega Cay on Sunday the 4th.

Final Thoughts:

Every year Eddie & Jane out do the year before and this year was no different! What a GREAT party. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault. Once again, Special thanks to the Burts for a SUPER time. Walt's coercing GM to send a C-6 down for us to inspect (and drool over) was no small accomplishment. I don't know how many orders GM got out of that , but it sure was a treat! All that & Eddie's Bar-B-Que; GREAT meeting!

Speaking of "New Models," congratulations to the Linda & Gary Artis, Adina & Mark Ledford and Candice & Sean Storey on their up coming additions to our QCCC family. A new generation of Corvette lovers, just in time for the C-10's to come out!

Well we didn't have a Parade of Lights & I haven't gotten the '62 back yet! How ever, as you can see by these photos, it really is getting close. It now looks like a car, once again! Hopefully it'll come out with the C-6's; well maybe with the new Z-06!

Barbara & I hope everyone has a fun & safe Independence Day. Please try to take a moment to give thanks to those past & present who have made this day so Special. It's their gift to all of us, let's take the time to thank them in return. FREEDOM NEVER COMES WITHOUT A PRICE!

Ben

FROM THE DRIVERS SEAT

I hate to be the harbinger of bad news, but do you realize that with the passing of the 4th of July, summer is half over. Personally, I consider that to be good news.

Summer tends to be a little overpowering and there are lots of days it just isn't fun to have the top down on the C5, even with the AC going full blast. Forget the C1.

The old cars generate enough heat in the passenger compartment to warm a house. Occasionally, though, there are those summer nights that the Carolina moon is shining, humidity is down, and it is cool enough to just cruise country roads with the top down and your loved one beside you.



Our calendar is intentionally thin through the summer but it is not empty and there are things to do together. Check the updated calendar in this issue. We have the UCLA Mystery Cruise on 6/26 which may already be a done deal by publishing date, followed by 2 parades on 2 consecutive days.

Anita and I are excited about hosting the 2nd car care day at our house. We will provide hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill for everyone and make the garage available to anyone wanting to do an oil change or some other minor item. I was approached by a couple members that wanted to install the CAGS jumper in their 6 speed cars, and this is certainly OK. I have installed one on my car. I like being in control of the shift pattern and not dictated to by the computer and Ralph Nader. We will also be checking cooling system PH and coolant protection if the cars have cooled down enough to do so. Bring your own oil and filters. We will dispose of the used oil. Those of you with C5's that have not upgraded to magnetic drain plugs may want to order one and bring it along. It is amazing what they pick up. I am running a Filter Mag on my C5 and have a cut open oil filter for your inspection. Pretty interesting what they keep from re-circulating in your engine. If you intend to do some work on your car, just drive right in the driveway, if you are just coming for food and fellowship, please park out along the road. We expect more cars this time than last, so we have increased the hours to 9-4. You don't need to come for the entire day, but if you choose to do so, that's fine. The garage is air conditioned and Steve Trece with Zaino will be here. He has a new application by 3M that is an invisible bra-----for the car. He is offering an introductory discount to QCCC members and will be here to explain the product and its application.

Check the calendar for the trip to Pigeon Forge in August and make your reservations. You won't want to miss this one. Some of us will probably caravan over, leaving Friday morning, but we will get more details to the members as the time draws closer.

In closing always remember: Keep the rubber side down.



Wally Crawford cruising through the turns at Carolina Motor Sport Track

Wally

QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

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

Almost Ready!

We think Ben has heard that before, but look at him beam a broad smile as he gets behind the wheel!



Queens City Corvette Club 2004 Automotive Events Schedule

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,
8/27-29th 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

NOVEMBER

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



Site for the next
Wednesday night
QCCC Dinner!

Y'all sign up early!



There's going to be a Pool Party!

3RD ANNUAL QCCC JULY 4th POOL PARTY

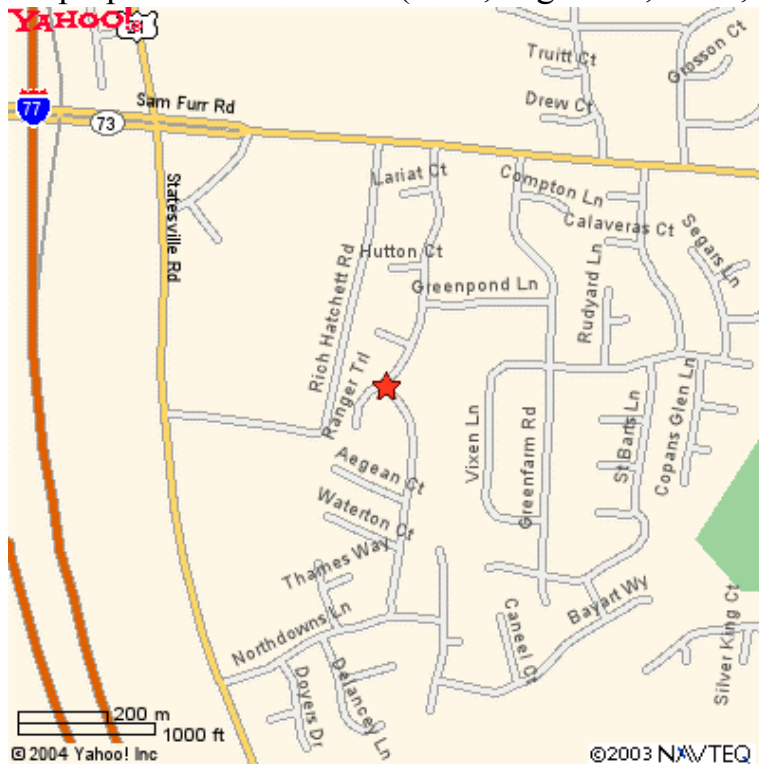
WHEN: Sunday, July 4, noon until. We will eat at 1 p.m.

WHERE: The Stickels' home, 16336 Ranger Trail, Huntersville.

FOOD: Please bring a hot or cold prepared covered dish (meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert) and your own beverages.

BRING: Chairs, bathing suits, towels, & sunshine.

Directions: I-77 exit 25, head east on Hwy. 73/Sam Furr Road. Drive past Target and turn right on Ranger Trail into the Greenfarm subdivision. Proceed down Ranger Trail to Tallent Lane. They are on the corner of Ranger Trail and Tallent Lane.



New members: If you know how to get to the Northcross Medical Center/QCCC meeting place you are almost there.

Due to parades, etc. late arrivals are welcome!

Home phone 704-892-1153
Wade Stickels – cell 704-564-3819
Sue Stickels – cell 704-564-0015

Burt's Bar-B-Que

A little rain did not dampen any spirits!!

If anyone missed Eddie and Jane Burt's combination Meeting and Bar-B-Que Party they missed a real treat. Eddie served up his world famous smoked bar-b-que and members contributed their special dishes to make this event the most popular scheduled item on the QCCC calendar. Walt Krupowicz diligently worked to deliver a special surprise treat: a beautiful black C6 coupe for members to view and grope along with Bill Merritt, Quality Engineering Manager at the Bowling Green Corvette Plant.



A closeup of the new headlights!



The Barb-B-Que man and his many sauces



Members digging in to the many treats!







Why only one toenail painted??



Why are they laughing at Wade's self inflicted injury?



The new hood emblem



Oops, Someone got dressed in the dark!

July QCCC Meeting at Huntersville

Saturday July 10th

at the Northcross Medical Center

Time:

6:00PM Social

6:30 PM Business Meeting

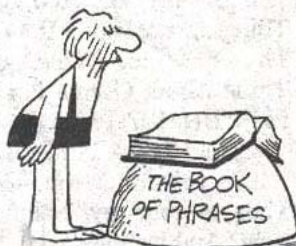
Reminders:

Please bring chairs, and non-alcoholic beverages



B.C.

DOUBLE-RING CEREMONY



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Wow!

Does a race get any better than this year's 24Hours of LeMans? Corvette poured an enormous amount of money and effort into winning their class and they succeeded. Many times during this year's 24-hour sprint race we were in doubt, but perseverance and great pit work (requiring rebuilding both cars a couple of times) paid off and Corvette placed 1st and 2nd in class. 3 out of the past 4 years they have won; makes you proud to be associated with such a successful venture, doesn't it?



Oliver Gavin, Olivier Beretta and Jan Magnussen won a classic race-long battle for Corvette in the GTS class with the Prodrive Ferrari team. The Corvettes eventually finished first and second in class and sixth and eighth overall.

Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell and Max Papis survived two visits to the wall on their way to runner-up slot.

Submitted by Jody Austin



QCCC gets a Thank You Note



T – SHIRTS FOR OUR TROOPS THANKS YOU!

June 21st 2004

Queen City Corvette Club
Charlotte, NC c/o Bob Denney
112 Canopy Ct.
Morresville, NC 28115

Dear Bob and Queen City Corvette Club Members,

On behalf of our troops serving our Country and Orange County Vettes I thank you for helping make this T-Shirts For Our Troops drive a success. We at home are sharing our heart felt thanks to our boys and girls that are giving so much for the world.

The T-Shirts will let them know that we care and are thinking of them every day that they take their life in their hands to make this world a better place.

Your contribution adds to bring a small piece of home to all that are serving. They will never be forgotten and are in our thought and prayers every day.

This makes me feel so good to know we are doing something to give to our military. Many of us have loved ones or a family member that are serving, which gives this even more meaning. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Ellie Jeppesen - Of Orange County Vettes
7132 Bluesails Dr.
Huntington Beach, Ca 92647
714-848-1376

Mystery Trip No Mystery Anymore!

The June 26th Mystery Road Trip organized by Wally Crawford was a huge success. Wally has this unbelievable knack of communicating to the weather gods to deliver great weather. The Mystery Run started in Mint Hill and took us on some back roads to visit the Town Creek Indian Mound. There we found a small museum about the Pee Dee native Americans and additionally we had the pleasure of seeing native Americans dressed in traditional outfits performing some of their dances and sharing some of their culture. Of course the Mystery Run culminated in a restaurant where the group enjoyed a fine meal.



Wally giving instructions.



Items of Interest.....

Re-Tiring your C5?? Wally Crawford has found a super place and price on Michelin tires that he is passing along to other club members.. Cross Roads Tire Store at the intersection of Rt. 24/27 and Rt. 601 in Midland sold, installed and balanced a set of 4 Michelin Pilot Run flat tires for \$1300.00 out the door. What a difference the tires made in the car. Wally says it rides better and is much quieter than the Goodyear RunCrops. Note that they do not have jacking pucks, so if you are going for tires bring your own. They were extremely careful with the magnesium rims on his car and didn't leave a mark. He highly recommends this as a source for tires.

Deals Gap Run We will be staying in Gatlinburg at the: Holiday Inn Resort 3230 Parkway Gatlinburg, TN: Phone 800-782-3119 August 20-22. To make reservations, tell them you are with Queen City Corvette Club in order to ensure the rates. Rooms will be \$79.99 per night plus tax. They will have either 1 king size or 2 double beds with 1 to 4 people occupying a room. All standard rooms have refrigerators, coffee makers, hairdryers and iron and ironing boards (I know you wanted to hear that) They also have mini suites for \$99.99 per night plus tax. The Holiday Inn has an indoor swimming pool, hot tub, and exercise facility, and full service restaurant. For more information, please visit the web site @ www.4lodging.com Wally will be planning a wonderful drive through Deal's Gap and we will plan a group dinner for Saturday night.

Charleston Trip : October 1-3 Staying at the Holiday Inn Riverview ,301 Savannah Hwy & Hwy 17 Charleston, SC Phone 1-800-766-4451, Rooms are \$99.00 per night. To make reservations. Reference code "COR" to get this rate, They will be held until 9/10/04. The Holiday Inn Charleston Riverview is a 14 story circular high rise located on the banks of The Ashley River. It has recently been redone. For more information go to their web site www.holiday-inn.com/chs-riverview. A group dinner is planned for Saturday night and a special Ghost Walk to follow. More details at the July and August meetings.

Corvette For Sale 95 Coupe, 57000 miles, GM Color - Cyclamen Metallic (Ruby Red/Black Cherry) LT-1 350 CID - 300 HP, Automatic w/OD , High Performance rear axle - 3.07:1 Clean, new Optispark Distributor, water pump, fuel pump, plugs, wires, alternator (2 yrs old) Asking \$13,500.00 , 803-322-1743. orrmickso@duke-energy.com.

Brakes ? This is a note from Mike Enzwiler from ZMI Brake systems. "A while back I enlisted your help when I was in need of a C5 to take some measurements of. Well, I am hoping that I can bother you again for an early C4 (84-87) to get some measurements on that one as well. We would need one individual to bring their car to the shop

(Mooresville) and the length of time would be about 1.5hrs. Basically, we would be taking measurements of the stock system in order to create our own. NO Brake lines are disconnected and our measuring will in no way jeopardize the safety of the vehicle. We would be happy to compensate the individual in return for making the trip up." Please contact Mike Enzwiler @ 704 662-7943 or mike@zmibrakes.com with any information. The sooner the better.

Looking for a Corvette " I am in the market for a good C5 and I thought I would ask our club first. I am in no rush so if you are waiting for the new C6's to come out that's ok. Would prefer a coupe with a glass top, automatic but could settle for a convertible. I am looking for 1998 - 2003. I do not want a high mileage car. Thanks and see you soon." Boyd Kurt

Car Care Day July 24th at Wally Crawford's Garage Mah Hal. Bring your own oil and filter, and your appetite. 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.

