

November 2004



October was a very busy month: parades, NASCAR, various trips, car show and meeting!

Where We Drive to Eat



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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.

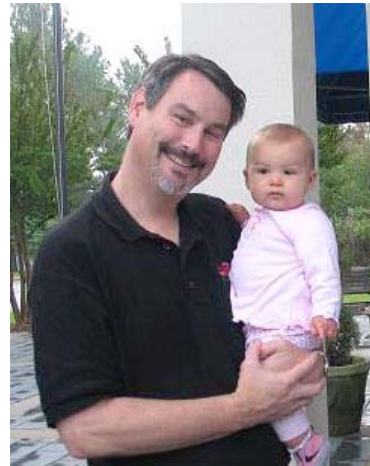
The President's Message



The days will get shorter for the fall, but that didn't stop our club from having fun in October. According to our calendar, it has been the busiest month all year. We've had everything from the cruise to Charleston, the car show at City Chevrolet, the GM/UAW parade at Lowe's Motor Speedway, the Hopebuilders 5K race with a 50/50 raffle and finished the month with the Zoo trip to Columbia. What a fun month!

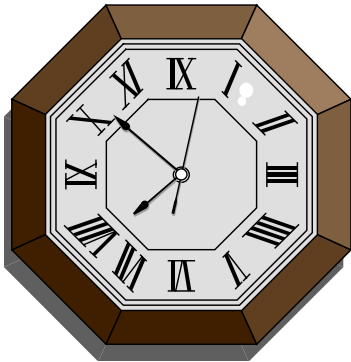
At our last business meeting, we took nominations for the 2005 QCCC board. Over the last week, I've contacted a few nominees and will be contacting the rest shortly. At our November meeting, we'll be voting in the new board that will take over in January of 2005. We will have ballot forms at the November meeting with the names of each position as well as the candidates for each. Thanks to all of you that have accepted nominations.

At our last board meeting a topic came up on how passionate we as Corvette people were about our cars. I took a moment to share my story, and Jane Burt said that I should tell it to the club. So, I'll bore you for a moment with a short story. Let's set the way back machine to 1968. I was around 11 years old then and I was in the Cub Scouts. Being in Scouts I subscribed to Boy's Life Magazine. Those who were in Scouts know what I'm talking about. While flipping the pages of one of the magazines I received, there in the corner of a page was a contest to win a brand new 1968 Corvette. Oh what a beautiful car that was in the picture! I just knew that when I entered the contest that I'd surely win. Of course I wasn't thinking that millions of other kids were entering the same contest and it also hadn't crossed my mind that I was under the minimum age limit of 18. None of that mattered, I knew that whoever pulled my winning ticket was going to have pity on an 11 year old and would grant me the car! Of course I waited and waited for that phone call or letter to arrive saying that I was the winner. Needless to say, I never won that car but told myself one day I was going to own a Corvette. And that one day did come when I had the chance to buy the 1970 coupe that I still own. I've had it for 7 years and two years ago did a frame on restoration. Through the blood, sweat and tears of the scraped knuckles, sore back and long hours, I appreciated the car even more. I'm not sure if I appreciate it more because of the amount of money that I dumped in it, or the love of the car. Nonetheless I consider it a great hobby and a way to meet great people like you. So I'll ask you, how did you become passionate about your Corvette? Send your 'love story' in to Charlie Binder and share your stories with the club.



We'll see you at our next business meeting. Until then, save the wave!

ROBERT



Minutes from QCCC Meeting Saturday October 9, 2004

The October business meeting of QCCC was held at City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC.

Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Florence Prather, Kay Weisberg, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt

President, Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

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

Keith Wade – 2000 Navy Blue Convertible, **Mike & Cheryl Hamby** – 2003 Red Z06, **Jim & Carol Massfeller** – 2004 Silver Coupe, **Mike Kulscar & son Craig** – 2002 Silver Coupe, **Larry McCain** – 1981 Black T-Top, **Steve & Bat Bonino** – 1977 White T-Top, **Tom & Debbie Rockhold** – 1981 Silver & Charcoal Coupe, **Johnny Dargani** – 2001 Red Coupe, **Mickael Blais & Brittany** – 2004 Black Z06, **Rick Mills** – 2003 Gray Convertible, **Clark & Pat Belvin** – 2000 Red Convertible

New member voted in: **Keith Wade** !!!

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Thanked City Chevrolet for lunch, trophies, and contribution to the Charity Fund
- Recognized **Dave Gregorino** for having the oldest new car – a beautiful recently purchased 1957 Venetian Red Convertible
- Took nominations for 2005 QCCC Board – election will be at November meeting, along with Rookies of the Year
- Will ask the following to continue their significant contributions:
 - **Charlie & Iris Binder** – newsletter
 - **Paul Pelkey** – Car Log and Membership Directory
- October 24 – trip to Columbia Zoo. Leave from the SC Welcome Center at 9:30 am, go to California Dreaming for lunch and then to the zoo. Tickets are discounted for groups of 15 or more.



Keith Wade

Ben Horack, Vice President

- Thanked City Chevrolet for providing a covered area for our meeting
- November meeting will be at Northcross Medical Center
- December meeting will be at Matthews Presbyterian Church
- Thanked **Kay & Wally** for a fun trip to Charleston
- Please sign the Attendance Sheet
- The points log will be ready within 2 weeks (after being reconstructed after a computer crash)

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- Fourth Quarter dues are now being accepted
- Gave the current bank balance

Kay Weisberg, Social Events

- 21 couples went to Charleston
- December 11 – Christmas party and meeting will be at Matthews Presbyterian Church. A traditional dinner will be delivered. Bring gifts valued between \$10 & \$20 to exchange. Need to know who will attend so enough food can be ordered.
- December 1 – trip to Old Salem
- January 15 – Banquet will be at the Hyatt at SouthPark. The menu will be available in November; so don't know the price yet. Room rate is \$85.

Wally Crawford, Automotive Events

- Auto Fair – weather was glorious even though the forecast was for rain. Had 27 of 30 cars show each day.
- Charity this year will be National Guard Families. Has list of wants – sign up now. Reminder: bikes, skateboards, & skates need helmets & knee/elbow pads. Bring presents to the November meeting and the National Guard will pick them up. Details will follow about donating money. Also need wrapping paper and bows.
- October 16 – UAW-GM pre-race parade lap will be about 3:00 pm. Need 10 cars – drivers will receive race and infield tickets. Be there at noon & bring chairs, food, & drink.
- November 20 – Concord Parade at 1:30, need 2 cars
- November 21 – Monroe Parade, need 3 cars
- November 30 – Kannapolis Parade at night, cars must have Christmas lights
- Need volunteers for Charity Committee to decide where Charity Funds will go at the end of the year
- Let Wally know if interested in go-carting at Victory Lane Karting Center – it's a lot of fun!
- Muscle Machines has aluminum radiators on special
- November 7 – trip to **Tom Smith's** to see his private collection of cars, tractors, and trophy animals. Lunch in Salisbury.

Eddie Burt, Membership

- 181 members

Jackie Slavetsky, Dave Gregorino, Donna Sigman, Members

- Thanked everyone for today's donations to the Hopebuilders Race October 16. Funds go to brain cancer research. Drew **Meryle Elko's** name in the 50/50 drawing. **Donna** spoke of a 9-year-old neighbor who is dealing with brain cancer now. **Dave** spoke of his brain surgery two years ago. Everyone is invited to join them for tailgating before and after the race.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

The September Board meeting was held at Robert and Vanessa Morgan's house, Matthews, NC.

Officers present: Robert Morgan, Ben Horack, Florence Prather, Kay Weisberg, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt

Guest: Jim Weisberg

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

Robert:

Thanked Wally for a great Auto Fair

Led discussion of collection options for donations to Hopebuilders at October meeting

Discussed nominations for the 2005 Board

Ben:

Will have indemnification form at October meeting

Wally:

Auto Fair – had good participation considering the hurricane threats, also a good location

– will work on making it a permanent location for the QCCC

Will have National Guard Family information for the October meeting – our charity

Oct. 16 – has all 10 cars for the UAW-GM pre-race parade, plus alternates

Will check with a race shop on Albemarle Rd about using their dyno that is in the floor

Received approval to pay a set-up charge to an embroidery place that will put the QCCC logo on personal items

Had only 9 cars for the Mint Hill parade (including 3 of Wally's, a Mustang, and a VW) when 12 were needed

Led discussion on how to get more club member participation

Kay:

Discussed door prizes/gifts for the Christmas Party and Banquet
Reviewed Charleston plans, Old Salem trip, Christmas dinner meeting, January Banquet

Florence:

Reviewed dues and budget status

Eddie:

180 members and several prospective members
Oct. 16 - 5 folks so far have signed up for dyno-day at Extreme Motor Trends
Discussed having a “for sale” page in the newsletter and on the website

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

From Dave Carleton in Iraq

“this is what’s left of one of our armored suburbans.....it was hit by a suicide car bomber leaving the complex. The hood flew about 1000 feet and hit some of our other trucks in the parking lot. This one killed 8 including some of our guys.



VP REPORT



October Business Meeting:

Our November Business Meeting will be in Huntersville at the Northside Medical building. Remember that we now meet in the new community room at the rear of the building. We will be voting on next year's Officers & Board of Directors. We will need to bring chairs as there were not enough available for everyone in September.

Future Meetings:

December will be our Christmas party. Once again, this will be held at the Matthews Presbyterian Church, 207 W. John St. in downtown Matthews, the same location as last year. There will be more on this in the December newsletter.

Road Trips & Parades:

It's hard to believe that November is here, Thanksgiving's a couple of weeks away and Christmas is right around the corner. October was the busiest month yet. We started with a Trip to Charleston, followed by a car show at City Chevrolet, then the Parade Lap at the GM/UAW race and topped off with a trip to the Charleston Zoo. Congratulations to Wally, Robert & Kay for a job well done. Don't forget we have a trip to view Tom Smith's, former Chairman & CEO of Foodlion, car collection on November 7th. thanks to Phil Smith's hard work & 3 Christmas Parades, Concord, Kannapolis & Monroe this month.

Final Thoughts:

As Wally announced at the last meeting, we will be focusing our supporting the families of our NC National Guard this holiday season. Many of these families have been having difficult times while their loved ones have been overseas defending the cause of Freedom and fighting tyranny around the world. Wally has a list of specific families with both their wants & needs. If you haven't already, please contact Wally and sign up to help our neighbors while they pay the price of preserving the Rights of Others and Defending OUR COUNTRY. If you want to do more and "adopt your own family", Wally can give you the contact at the NC National Guard.

Let's not forget our own, David Carlton who is in Iraq helping them set up their own law enforcement program. Peace can only exist where there is Law & Order. There has been some discussion about "adopting" one of David's associates & their "Bomb Dog" this year as well. There are lots of needs, close to home, that need to be filled this year.

Barbara and I wish each and everyone of you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Ben

From the Drivers Seat...

I must confess that I am really looking forward to the weekend of 10/30. It will be the first weekend since August 19th that Anita and I have not had a Corvette weekend. Parades, car shows, weekend trips, day trips, more parades, and more car shows have occupied every weekend for over two months. My grass is up to my knees, my garage is a disaster, and all of my vehicles need some sort of maintenance.



Those of you who find yourself bored or looking for something to do on the weekend are just not taking advantage of the opportunities that exist. My goal, when I accepted this office, was to fill the calendar with a wide variety of events so that everyone could get involved in something, and we have been successful in filling many weekends with opportunity to enjoy our cars.



The response from the general membership has been a mixed blessing. I refer to it as the 80/20 rule in that 80% of the events are attended by 20% of the members, and while I believe this is typical of most organizations like ours, it also means that 80% of the people are missing some great opportunities for fun and fellowship.

I realize that there is a life outside the club and that we all have business, social and family obligations, but by not participating and being more active in the clubs activities, you are missing lots of opportunity. Car shows are not about who got the \$20.00 dust catcher, but provide an opportunity to get to know your fellow members better and share some good time and common interests together. While parades offer less opportunity, there is always a time of waiting before the parade and usually lunch together afterwards. The board of directors for QCCC donates an incredible amount of time to making the club successful. Our only compensation is in the satisfaction of seeing our club active and involved. Lets get the 80% factor involved and interested. Those of you in the 20%-THANKS.

Until later-

Keep the rubber side down.

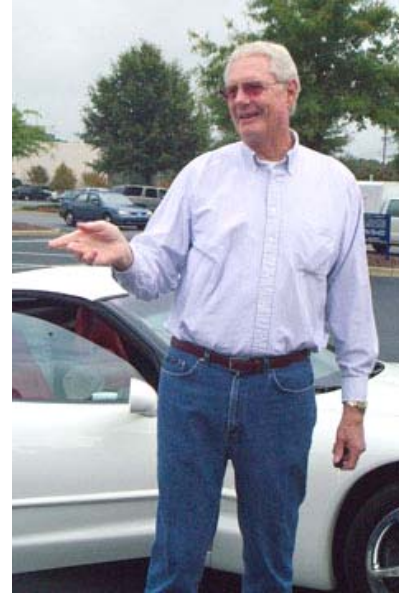
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A Fall Ride to Shattley Springs

A group of hardy and hungry QCCC members exercised their Corvettes on a journey northward into the mountains of North Carolina to the famous Shattley Springs restaurant where they feasted on a country style meal. There wasn't much sun that day but the fall colors and the mountain mist made for a delightful ride. Fred and Caroline Lentz organized the ride and paced the six cars with their new C6!



Caroline and Iris doing a line dance



After feasting on the lunch they all went to the Binder's house and enjoyed Iris' homemade apple pie for desert!



Caroline loading up on apples



QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

NOVEMBER 13th. NORTHCROSS MEDICAL CENTER

DECEMBER 11th. CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

A C6 gets adopted into the QCCC Ranks

Fred and Caroline Lentz are shown here with their new C6 Magnetic Red Coupe with a light tan interior.



Queen City Corvette Club 2004 Automotive Events Schedule

as of 10/20/04

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)

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Photos from Charleston Trip

The Sigman's and the Black's enjoyed the Charleston trip and lunched at Bubba Gump's.



Here Dave is spending some time explaining the benefits of Corvette ownership to Forrest Gump.

More Charleston Trip.....



The rendezvous and driver's meeting with leader Wally Crawford giving the instructions.



So - the person that built this was:

- Dyslexic?
- A redneck?
- A dyslexic redneck?



It's a bird, it's a giant bird, no it's a helicopter!



Check out the paint job on this helicopter. This special Mi-24 helicopter is presently flying in Afghanistan, where it is no doubt causing quite a stir.



QCCC Helps with Providence High School Homecoming Parade

Linda Meadows was asked by the principal of the school where she works to help the girls with their homecoming parade. The result: a lot of attention to the QCCC Corvettes used to transport the girls.



City Chevrolet Car Show/Meeting





The Sahara Challenge!

Sahara Challenge. That's what it said. Just a red bumper plaque on a '65 Mustang.

But wait, there's another on a '29 Bentley. And a '57 Mercedes. And more on the Volvos, the Porsche, and the Jaguar.

The doorman was keeping his eye on the stable and the folks that were tinkering with the precious steeds. Their tool boxes wide open, we could see an array of vintage parts and shop manuals. "Hey, nice car you've got there!" Tousled hair, mustache, a grin. He pulled his head out of the engine compartment. We were in.



"Couldn't help but notice your 'plate. Don't see too many from Arizona in Spain."

"Nope. Just shipped her over a few days ago." The smooth Southern accent sounded like music to us. "We're waiting for another couple to catch up with us. They had road trouble in France and they're waiting on a couple of parts."

What about those red bumper plaques? We're in Granada, Spain; the Sahara's a long way from here. Charlie and I had been intrigued when we saw the red plaques. The antique cars were beautiful. Riding high and proud, with simple mechanics, elegant machines. We readily accepted an invitation to join the group for dinner (in the QCCC tradition: dinner and cars!)

For the next few hours, we were privy to a world unknown to us. Selecting the rally. Choosing the right car, finding the right mechanic, shipping the cars overseas by container.

"Tomorrow we head to Algecira to put the cars on the ferry to Morocco. Then another day or so to finish the last minute details, and we're off to run an endurance rally across the Saharan desert." Three thousand miles west to east, all the way to the Red Sea. Three inches of rain per year. A sand dune the size of France. Night time in the fifties, daytime over a hundred-thirty. Open cars. Brutal.

"Bloody awful, you know." A tall fellow in khakis and shirt spoke now. "The sand gets in everything. First the air cleaner, then your teeth." Bright blue eyes, an impish expression. "And these guys drive to win. They push it to the limit." I wondered which car was his. With his clipped British English, could it be the 'Bentley? How do you get a '29 Bentley to race across the Sahara." I envisioned Hidalgo, a modern version with goggles, willing his steed to the finish line. Armed with a computer and FedEx numbers for the inevitable search for parts. The trunks were filled with replacements, fuel pumps, gas lines, belts, whatever the team deemed of highest

priority. The engines were modified, and selected with an eye toward which had the better chance of getting that needed part in the event of a breakdown.

“Last year we ran from Peking to Paris. That was tough going. Those old silk roads were rough on the cars.”

“Rough on people, too. We lost one.” A quick glance, he was dead serious. They did push it to the limit.

Early morning, a round of photos, and we said “good bye” and “god speed” to our new friends. We would return from Spain as they set out on their adventure. Now they were winding through torturous cliff-hanging roads through the Atlas mountains, south and east to the Oasis of Zagora on the road to Timbuktu. Thirty two teams of two. Driver and mechanic, owner and modifier, or husband and wife. The sign says 52 days by camel but they will do the round trip in fourteen.

News from the Internet today. “A hectic time in the car park for a number of cars in need of fettling and running repairs, with the big ’52 Daimler tourer having the cylinder head removed, taken away to be machined in a local workshop, and replaced using a makeshift head-gasket



hammered from a sheet of copper. Will it hold? Can it now rejoin the rally and make it back to Tangier? Alas, the answer was given within minutes of the morning re-start, and the Daimler was declared hors-de-combat and soon on the back of a truck. The crew, undaunted, have switched to a Renault hire-car.”

Check out the endurance rally site for news of the rally and information about upcoming events. www.endurorally.co.uk.



Check out some fabulous photos of the Sahara at

<http://www.danheller.com/images/Africa/Morocco/Sahara/Bw/img1.html> -

by Iris Binder

Columbia Zoo Trip

The day started out a little dreary and wet (oh well Robert, not Wally organized the trip). Robert led us on a scenic trip through the back roads to California Dreaming - a restaurant in a restored railway station in Columbia. Then with full bellies and the weather clearing, we headed over to the zoo for a full afternoon of entertainment.



Meeting the Skyline (PA) Corvette Club at Quaker Steak and Lube

Dave Gregorino coordinated the dinner meeting of QCCC with the folks from the Reading PA Corvette club. They had a large group spending time in the Charlottee area touring race garages and other area venues.



Ah - the newest must have for your cars -

Are you ready to add the final touch to your vette?

Iris has found this advertisement for replacement interior and exterior bulbs. The headline says **Colored Replacement Bulbs: don't settle for ordinary lighting.** All right, you've got the strobes, the under car LEDs, the neon lights around your license plate, the custom light lenses, and the performance intake, but something's still missing. You open your door, and aha...the old white dome light's still there. So replace it with a colored Eurolite bulb. You can use these bulbs to replace the standard ones used for turn signals, side markers, parking, back up, stop, trunk, tail, and dome lights. Pop 'em behind your clear corner and bumper lenses to put on a great show.*

*Sure you could do that, but the asterisk indicates that you can only use the external colored bulbs when parked. For street legality you'll have to replace the original bulbs before you get on the road.

Seems you'll be spending a lot of time inserting and removing bulbs.

Well - what do you think it means?

**A former supervisor I once had might
have done this -
his instructions were just as clear!**



Many thanks to Bob Denney, E.O. Oakley, Sean Storey and Donna Sigman for photo contributions in this edition.

Next QCCC Meeting at Huntersville Saturday November 13th At the Northcross Medical Center

Times:

6:00PM Social

6:30 PM Business

Meeting

Reminders:

Please bring chairs, and
non-alcoholic drinks



Florida Corvette For Sale - Cheap!

This is an example of the toll
that the recent hurricanes
have taken on the Florida
coast!

