# December 2004



Where We Drive to Eat



Coming Soon:

Christmas Party January Banquet Old Salem Ride





Jody Austin puts his Corvettes up for sale – see page 19!

## Queen City Corvette Club, Inc

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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

Dear Fellow QCCC Members:

As I sit down to type this, I can't believe that another year is passing. It's been a fun year with plenty of events, meetings, car shows and cruises. Of course all of this isn't performed by one person. It takes a team effort to pull everything together and get the events rolled out to our club. Sometimes it isn't easy to coordinate parades or find food for our monthly business meetings. All board positions in our club are volunteer positions and shouldn't go unnoticed. I'd like to thank the outgoing 2004 board for a great year. You've all been a pleasure to work with.

New officers were voted in last month. I'll be returning as your President. Congratulations to Jerry Scienski who will replace Ben Horack as Vice President and to Margo Gross who will replace Jane Burt as Secretary. Jane will assume a new role as she replaces Kay Weisberg as Social Activities Director. Wally Crawford will continue another year as Automotive Events Director (He's a glutton for punishment!), and Eddie Burt as Membership. Florence Prather will also continue her position as Treasurer. Charlie and Iris Binder have agreed to continue to entertain us with the monthly newsletters. I'd also like to thank all who have helped with activities, hosted our monthly business meeting and just helped out when a hand was needed. Thanks all!

A yearly tradition in our club is to vote on a male and female Rookie of the Year to be announced at the upcoming banquet in January 2005. Eddie Burt will compile a list of eligible candidates chosen from new members that have joined our club over the past year. You may consider participation or club enthusiasm for determining your choice. The King and Queen of our 2005 banquet will be voted on at the banquet.

I would like to thank Wally Crawford and the Charity committee for their work in researching the worthy charities that we voted on and approved at our last meeting. We receive our charity monies from car shows, 50-50 raffles and silent auctions at our banquet.

At our last board meeting we continued to discuss how to bring more excitement into our club and events, which we hope will lead to more club participation. We have thrown out ideas such as having more people involved for different events, how awards are given at car shows, etc. With your help, I'm hoping to make 2005 the best year ever!

The December meeting will be at Matthews Presbyterian Church on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Once again the club will purchase all of the food for the meeting. Traditional turkey and dressing with all the fixins will be served up! Each member should remember to bring a gift under \$20 for our gift exchange. Please wrap them and mark "male" or "female" on the outside.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Holiday!

## ROBERT





As the year closes down, we come to our last meeting. Our December business meeting will be held at the Matthews Presbyterian Church, 207 West John Street in downtown Matthews. This is our annual Holiday meeting, so don't forget to bring a gift, guys bring gifts for the guys, gals for the gals. Please be there by 06:00 PM as we have a busy evening.

Jerry Sciensky will be notifying everyone of our meeting schedule in the JANUARY 2005 Newsletter.

We've had the busiest year I can remember, by in large due to the outstanding job Wally Crawford has done as Automotive Director. There have been plenty of activities for everyone; thanks to his hard work. It looks as though he's got even more on the schedule for next year. Congratulations, Wally, for a job well done. We still have a road trip to Winston-Salem and 2 Christmas parades left to do this year; and we still need cars for the Lake Wylie parade. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time.

I have enjoyed having the privilege of serving on the Board these past 2 years. My thanks to every one who made my job easier, especially Barbara, without whose understanding and support, my time on the Board would have been much more difficult. You have an excellent group of Officers and Board Members for next year, but they can only be effective if you, the Membership, give them your support.

We wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas, a prosperous New Year with lots of time enjoying our "Vettes."



Ben

### FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Odds and ends this month as we wrap up the year.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the gift giving for the National Guard families. All of the children were very well provided for and we were able to give each family a gift card with \$50.00. I was originally going to go

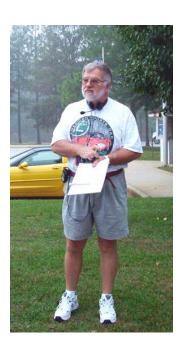


with American Express gift cards, but found that their administrative and shipping fees were prohibitive. Cash will allow the parent to fill in for the children as needed or maybe just help with the day to day expenses. Thanks to Ben, Donna Sigman, the Tews and the Roberts for giving up their opportunity to party with the club after the last meeting and bring the gifts out to my place. Thanks also to Ben Horack, Gloria Scienski, the Oakleys, the Roberts, and Robert Morgan for helping deliver the gifts to the guard.

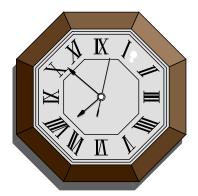
We have a new source for embroidered garments with the QCCC logo. The board authorized the setup fees for the artwork and we have had Monogram Magic in Mint Hill complete a couple garments. Monogram Magic is located on Rt. 51 near the intersection of Lawyers Rd., right next to the Mint Hill Library. They sell garments and will put the QCCC logo on a garment that you bring to them for a charge of \$6.00. This gives you the option of purchasing a garment anywhere and taking it to them for embroidery.

We will have another car care day at my place on January 22. Hours will be 8:00 till ??. As before, bring your own oil and filter. I will provide the place and the lift. Lunch will consist of Que, rolls, red slaw, and munchies. If any one wants to bring deserts, I would wager that they will get eaten. There will be a door charge of \$5.00 to cover lunch, and any money left over will go into the charity fund. Please bring your own beverage.

I am making some changes to this office for next year. Bob Denny has agreed to handle all of the parades for O5 and Karl Slavetsky will be taking charge of the car shows. This will allow me to focus on road trips and competition events. We are in the early stages of planning, but expect to have a full and diversified schedule for next year. Until then, keep the rubber side down.



Wally



# Minutes from QCCC Meeting Saturday November 13, 2004

The November business meeting of QCCC was held at Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, 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 6:30 pm

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

Jim & Carol Massfeller – 2004 Silver and Black Coupe, Mike Kulcsar – 2002 Silver Coupe, Rick & Linda Mills – 2003 Gray Convertible, Bob & Jill McGee – 1999 Silver Coupe, Clark & Pat Belvin – 2000 Red Convertible, Bill & Pat Locke – 1996 Red Coupe, Eric & Mary Forgach – 1990 White Coupe, Dee & Pam Putnam – 1972 Green Convertible, 1981 Gray Coupe, 1996 Grand Sport, 1999 Red Coupe, Dot – Wendy Krupowicz's Mother, Drew Lentz – Fred & Caroline's 4 year old grandson

New members voted in: Dee & Pam Putnam, Mike Kulcsar, Eric & Mary Forgach!!!!

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

#### Robert Morgan, President

- Thanked everyone who met with the Pennsylvania Corvette Club at Quaker Steak & Lube
- Opened the floor for additional nominations for the 2005 Board. Linda Meadows withdrew her name for Secretary
- Handed out ballots for electing the 2005 Board

#### **Ben Horack**, Vice President

- December meeting/Christmas Party will be at Matthews Presbyterian Church
- Please sign the Attendance Sheet
- Will have the points log by the December meeting

#### *Florence Prather*, Treasurer

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

#### Kay Weisberg, Social Events

- December 11 Christmas party and meeting will be at Matthews Presbyterian Church. A traditional holiday dinner will be provided. Bring gifts valued between \$10 & \$20 to exchange. RSVP to Kay by December 4
- December 4 trip to Old Salem for candlelight tour and dinner at 5:30 at the Old Salem Tavern. RSVP to Kay by November 29.
- January 15 Banquet will be at the Hyatt at SouthPark. The menu will be sent by email. Presidential Suite will open at 2:00 pm. Room rate is \$89. 6:30 snacks, 7:00 dinner with cost per person to be determined the QCCC subsidizes at least half the cost

#### Wally Crawford, Automotive Events

- UAW-GM pre-race laps was great
- Trip to Tom Smith's was great
- Reported on the Charity Committee's efforts: 5 members are recommending four charities with the criteria being: personal experience with the organization, financially responsible organization, and benefiting local children and elderly. The committee members described their choices:
  - o Gloria Scienski A Child's Place assists homeless and potentially homeless children
  - Dave Gregorino Meals On Wheels/Friendship Trays 100 volunteers provide
     720 meals a day
  - o Jackie Slavetsky A Caring Bridge provides a free web page for patients to update medical information so that others can follow their progress
  - Donna Sigman Med Assist provides prescription medicines to elderly without insurance
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept these charities and give 25% of the Charity Fund to each. It was clarified that member dues are not part the charity fund.
- Thanked everyone for supporting this year's Christmas Charity; local National Guard Families. Every child of the 7 families is provided for. The parents did not ask for anything. A motion was made, seconded and approved to divide all cash donations by 7 and present bank gift cards to the parents. Trying to get news coverage for the transfer of gifts on Monday November 29 to publicize the National Guard families, not to publicize the QCCC. Read a very moving letter to be included with the gift cards.
- Monogram Magic on Hwy 51 in Mint Hill will embroider the QCCC logo onto your own items for \$6
- January 22 Car Care Day at Wally's will charge a nominal fee for a BBQ lunch
- Considering a 50's/60's Sock Hop in April at Wally's
- Found a place in Durham, NC that dyno-tunes performance cars
- November 20 Concord Parade at 1:30, need 3 cars
- November 21 Monroe Parade, need 2 cars
- December 4 Lake Wylie Parade, need 3 cars

#### Eddie Burt, Membership

• 182 members / 113 families

#### Ted Northrup, Member

• Demonstrated a Garman GPS 2620 with touch screen – will sell to QCCC members for 5% over cost, plus tax

#### Walter Ahrens, Member

 Spoke of the great discount he received as a QCCC member from City Chevrolet on service work to his GEO Tracker

#### Robert Morgan, President

• Announced the 2005 QCCC Board:

President – Robert Morgan Vice President – Jerry Scienski Secretary – Margo Gross Treasurer – Florence Prather Social – Jane Burt Automotive – Wally Crawford Membership – Eddie Burt

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

#### Jane Burt, Secretary

## WHAT, A CORVETTE FIRE & SEWER TAX?

After 29 years of living in Mecklenburg County and paying high property taxes and fees like the water runoff fee, Sue and I decided to downsize, head west to rural Lincoln County, and reduce our tax bill. For those of you not in Mecklenburg County, if you have a roof on your home you have to pay a water runoff fee based on the size of your roof. Call it a fee but it is a tax.

Fast forward to November 19 when our Lincoln County Vehicle Tax Notice arrives for our Corvette. I expected to pay a County Tax on each vehicle but I didn't expect to be charged a \$12.89 Fire and \$37.23 Sewer tax on our Corvette. Just wait until Charlotte Mecklenburg gets wind of what Lincoln County is doing and they will add Fire and Sewer Taxes to their vehicle tax notices as well.

To confuse me further, the Lincoln County Tax Bill return envelope comes pre-addressed to Charlotte, NC. Another surprise is our auto insurance is higher in Lincoln County than Huntersville. Is the saying "the grass is greener on the other side" or is it "the grass appears greener on the other side?"

#### Wade Stickels

#### **QCCC BOARD MEETING MINUTES - THURSDAY November 11, 2004**

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

Guest: Jim Weisberg for Kay Weisberg

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

#### Robert:

Zoo Trip was a success, as was the get-together with the Corvette Club from Pennsylvania at the Quaker Steak and Lube

Discussed ballots for electing the 2005 Board and Outstanding Member/Rookies of the Year

#### Ben:

Does not have indemnification Agreement yet

Points log is almost finished. Will know by December Board Meeting what awards will be presented at the Banquet and the cost

Discussed status of Banquet door prizes

#### Wally:

Discussed Christmas Charity status. The National Guard will pick up the presents at the Air National Guard station at 11:00 am Monday November 29. Needs SUVs to take presents collected at the November meeting to Wally's

Charity Committee will meet Monday November 15 at Gloria Sciencki's

Needs cars for parades: Concord - Nov. 20 at 2:30 pm, Monroe - Nov. 21 at 2:00 pm, Lake Wylie - Dec. 4 at 10:30 am. Has enough for Kannapolis - Nov. 30 at 6:00 pm

Discussed 2005 events

Discussed trophy alternatives for Car Shows

Read Thank You note from Lowe's Motor Speedway for our participation in the UAW-GM prerace activities

Scheduled trip to Tom Smith's is OK

Will go to City Chevrolet to pick up Charity donation

Steve Treece will donate a C5 invisible bra to be auctioned at the Banquet, with proceeds going to the Charity Fund

#### Jim for Kay:

Discussed menu for trip to Old Salem

Presented samples of patches – will get estimate of cost and production time

#### Florence:

Reviewed dues and budget status

Discussed expected expenses for the Christmas Party and Banquet

#### **Eddie:**

Gave prospective member status

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

# QCCC Does the Concord Parade









# QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

DECEMBER 11th. CHRISTMAS PARTY

A SOCIAL GATHERING WITH APPETIZERS AT 6:00PM AND DINNER AT 7:00 PM. BUSINESS MEETING WILL FOLLOW.

# A New C3 Arrives

Charlie and Iris Binder spent last week with their family in Delaware and enjoyed the arrival of grandson Charles who weighed in at 7'14" on Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.



Guest William Locke pictured with his wife Pat and Jane Gregorino is an event

director for Bloomington Gold Corvettes USA and has volunteered to help any member learn more about or get involved with Bloomington Gold. He recently moved into this area and can be reached at <a href="wrienzo@aol.com">wrienzo@aol.com</a> or 704-948-8107.



## QCCC Helps Hopebuilders

Hi! It's Dave Gregorino again. I really want to thank all of you who contributed to the Hopebuilders 5K benefit for brain tumor research at Duke University on behalf of myself, Jackie Slavetsky and David Sigman who ran the 5K. We are very grateful for your support and generosity!

This year we had a special guest, Jenna Witherspoon, who used to live near the Sigmans. Jenna had three surgeries for a cancerous brain tumor within a six month period. She is now doing remarkably well and getting straight A's after starting school just two weeks after her last surgery.

We really enjoyed her company and want to thank her mother Tricia for bringing her. She was a great inspiration to all of us and it was wonderful to see the benefits of the research made possible by this wonderful fund raising event. 100% of the money collected at the Hopebuilders 5K is used for research.

Jenna is proof positive that our contributions to Duke has a significant impact on us at the local level as Carolina's Medical Center, Duke University and several other hospitals work together to find a cure and collaborate on special studies for which Jenna qualified.

We would also like to send a special thanks to everyone who came to cheer on Jackie and David during their run. Oh yea and stayed for the tailgate party afterwards. We then went for an early lunch which has become our tradition. Every year our group has gotten larger and we are extremely grateful for the support.

I can't tell you what an uplifting experience it is to be out on a cool fall morning and seeing so many people brought together in memory of family and friends and in celebration of the victories over this disease.

God bless Jenna for spending the day with us. You can follow her progress on a web site the family uses to provide updates to her friends. www.caringbridge.org/sc/jennawit

I hope you will consider joining us next year.

# Queen City Corvette Club 2004 Automotive Events Schedule as of 11/30/04

#### **DECEMBER**

12/4 Road Trip, Old Salem, NC (evening trip for candlelight tour)

We will meet on I-85 at the rest area just north of Exit 58. Departure time from that rest area is 3:00 PM.

# November Meeting Highlights



















Mike Kulcsar '02 Silver Coupe



Dee and Pam Putnam - 1999 Red Coupe 1996 Grand Sport - 1981 Gray Coupe 1972 Green Convertible





Mary and Eric Forgach – 90 White Coupe



Pat and Clark Belvin – 00 Red convert

# Road Trip to Tom Smith's Garage

# And Lunch at Wrenn's in Salisbury





























What's he doing down there?









# Needing (or Wanting) to go to Driving School? (No homework required!)

For those of you interested in taking your car to the track following is the schedule for the next couple of months for events that are certain or probably planned. A note of importance is that these events fill up quickly and usually require a commitment a couple of months in advance. We can't decide on Monday that we want to go the following weekend to the track and expect to find there will be room for us. I've found that when these things are first announced it's best to get your application and check in the mail or you might find yourself on the outside looking in.

December 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw, SC. Carolinas' Region Porsche Club of America. Website: http://www.carolinas-pca.com/

January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Roebling Road, Savanah, Ga. Florida Crown Region Porsche Club of America. Website: <a href="http://www.pcafcr.org/">http://www.pcafcr.org/</a>

Feb 13th & 14th - Virginia International Raceway on with the Tarheel Sports Car Club: http://www.thscc.com/timetrial/events/vir\_full\_course.htm

March – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw, SC . SVT Cobra Club. Website: http://www.svtcobraclub.com/mainpage.html

Or

Virginia International Raceway - Audi Club

March – end of month - Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw, SC. Mustang Club. Event not announced yet.



Member Ron
Jankavs
likes to take both his
favorite toys with
him while traveling.

#### Corvettes for Sale

**1996 Commerative Edition** Silver Convertible, automatic with every option. Driven only 900 (that's right). This lady says that she has the window sticker and the list price was \$52,000. Asking price is \$35,000. If anyone is interested, call De Ann Nichols at 919-383-2094.

**94 LT1 coupe** (w/extra top) in Kannapolis, NC with 53.5k miles, garage kept. Looking for \$19k. Phone David at 704 933 3362

**99 Convertible**, 29K Miles, Mag Red w/ Lt. Oak Top, AT, loaded \$26,800.00, 803-327-0261 or 803-322-0000 for more information.

**76 Corvette** with 33k miles auto and ac, new white paint job, beige interior, asking \$12k. Call Kimberly Revera at 704 677 3930.

**3 gorgeous 'Vettes.** Rarely out of the garage! They have very low mileage, the tires are like new and the bodies and interior have no wear at all.

I'm willing to let these babies go for \$90 each or if you want all 3 we can make it worth your effort.

Can't you see the twinkle in the eyes of the ones who receive these for Christmas. They will be the envy of the neighborhood. In fact, they'll be well on their way to catching Gary Artis and his collection. Even he doesn't have a pink one.....yet!

Call me and my dog Spot and let's put these under someone's tree or in their stocking for Christmas.

Contact Jody Austin, at the Troutman branch of Corvette's 'R' Us & Gift Emporium. 704-528-9059.

Seriously folks, these things are great for kids 2 to 5 and our grandkids have pretty much outgrown them and we need the garage space.









November 10, 2004

To: All Queen City Corvette Club Members

Subject: Tech Session and Hotchkis Performance Discount Pricing.

The Southeast sales representative from Hotchkis Performance (Terry Stevens) will be conducting a Tech Session at the club meeting at Wally Crawford's on Saturday, January 22nd, 2005.

In conjunction with this Tech Session, members are eligible for special discount pricing (Special price lists available from your officers or via e-mail) for pre-orders of any Hotchkis Performance, H-Sport, or Hotchkis Tuning suspension components.

Any suspension components ordered prior to the Tech Session are eligible for the discount, <u>plus free</u> shipping and no sales tax.

There are two requirements for this special:

- 1. Components and parts must be ordered early, preferably prior to Friday, December 31st. The ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for orders is Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 (Hotchkis suppliers close for most of December and Hotchkis wants to ensure that parts are available for Queen City Corvette Club members)
- 2. Orders must be placed through Terry Stevens (Southeast sales rep) via phone, mail, or fax at: Terry Stevens

385 Sugar Maple Lane Mount Ulla, NC 28125

Cell: 704-619-5007 Home: 704-857-6591 Fax: 704-855-1926

All components and kits pre-ordered will be shipped directly to Wally Crawford and will be available for pickup on January 22nd.

Watch your e-mail for weekly updates and info.

Call with any questions.

You may see components and internet pricing at the following: (Queen City Corvette Club members pricing is *approximately* 20% less than the Hotchkis web site prices)

<u>www.hotchkis.net</u> <u>www.hotchkistuning.com</u> <u>www.h-sport.com</u>

Wally,

We have final approval for your club pricing. I have attached a price sheet for you and would appreciate your mailing address and the mailing address of your officers so I may send them all an information packet.

The pricing is our Specialty Vehicle Shop (SVS) pricing and is <u>approximately 20% less than Hotchkis</u> <u>internet pricing</u> and will include shipping and no sales tax.

There are 3 qualifications from Hotchkis for your club to qualify for the SVS pricing:

- 1. The parts ordered will be pallet shipped, as stated in the previous Tech Session information
- 2. The order must be a minimum of \$2,000 total (Shipment may be composed of any Hotchkis Performance, Hotchkis Tuning, or H-Sport component for any application we have listed)
- 3. The <u>ABSOLUTE</u> deadline for ordering at this price is Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 (The reason for this deadline is that <u>most of our suppliers shut down for several weeks in December</u> and Hotchkis wants to insure that we have enough kits and parts in stock to fill an order from your club)

I will act as the coordinator for all orders. Members may contact me through e-mail or by phone or fax. I will relay all orders to Hotchkis as they are called or sent to me. Hotchkis accepts all major credit cards, and I reckon they accept debit cards also. Anyone wishing to pay by check may send the check and order to me by US Mail and I will simply forward their check to Hotchkis. Checks should be made out to <u>"Hotchkis</u> Performance".

<u>Caution</u>: Warn members that they should not e-mail their credit card numbers to me!! We will handle any credit card numbers strictly by phone or fax contact. Protection of your member's privacy is very important to me and to Hotchkis.

I have worked closely with the folks at Hotchkis to get your club this discount pricing and I guarantee you it cannot be beat unless you are a mainstream dealer for Hotchkis products. I feel strongly that anyone who is willing to be a member of a car club deserves price breaks on special occasions. Without the folks in all the car clubs, where would all of the aftermarket manufacturers be?

It did take some arm-twisting and fast-talking, because like many businesses (and churches for that matter) they initially balk and say: "We've never done it that way before."

This is totally new for Hotchkis and I hope you will encourage your members to participate with their presence at the Tech Session and if they are ready for parts, please give strong consideration to ordering at this price. The success of this Tech Session will help forge a closer association between Hotchkis and the end users and will benefit your members and members of other car clubs who request Tech Sessions be conducted for their members.

I will be sending you weekly updates through December for you to forward to your members. They will be short e-mails.

Please call with any questions, suggestions and recommendations.

Thanks,

Terry Stevens 385 Sugar maple Lane Mount Ulla, NC 28125-7705

Home: 704-857-6591 Cell: 704-619-5007 Fax: 704-855-1926

#### Items Of Interest

#### From Jerry Scienski on Benefits of Club Membership:

We all know the benefits of belonging to and participating in our Club such as the trips, car shows, special friendships. There is one more benefit that puts money in your pocket, or keeps the money from flying out.

Recently, Larry Prather told me about a problem experienced by most C5's, a rear seal leak. My car was 2 weeks from going out of warranty. Based on Larry's experience, I had City Chevrolet check my Vette. Sure enough, it was leaking and City repaired it under warranty. Had this problem been discovered after my warranty expired, the repairs would have cost me \$1,200.

There were two other Corvette owners there that day with me. Both of them asked he Service Tech to check their car for the rear seal as well. As it turns out, one of them also had a rear seal problem which City agreed to cover as a warranty issue.

Let's keep sharing this kind of information so we can afford important thing like headers, cold air induction and other necessary performance stuff.

#### December Events Details

### Dec. 4th Old Salem Candlelight Tour and Dinner -

email Jane Burt or Kay Weisberg - or call Jim Weisberg at 704 546 9845 Cost: Tour: \$15.00 per person Dinner: \$15.00 per person

Menu: Moravian Chicken Pie, garden salad, coffee or iced tea, pumpkin muffins, Tavern rolls, vegetables and appropriate accompaniments - desserts are extra but sound wonderful.

**Dec 11th Christmas Party** 6:00 PM Matthews Presbyterian Church, 207 W John St Matthews, NC. See map on adjoining page. Must sign up by 12/4! email Jane Burt or Kay Weisberg - or call Jim Weisberg at 704 546 9845

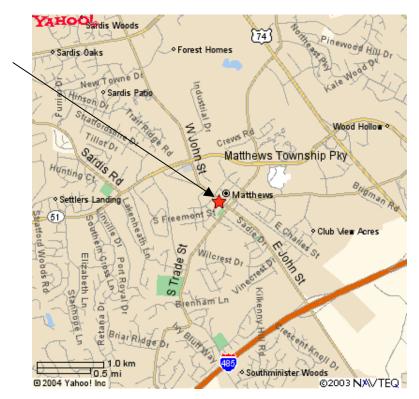
**Please bring a gift** (\$10-20). Male for a male, female for a female. Gift should be wrapped and only label for male or female. Appetizers will be set up at 6:00PM, Dinner at 7:00PM Menu will consist of turkey and ham and all the fixings, coffee and tea will be available. Currently 52 have signed up.

# Map To December 11th Meeting and Party

Matthews Presbyterian Church

> 207 West John Street Matthews NC

Appetizers at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00



# **Banquet Info**

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Hors D'oeuvres / 7:00PM dinner

Hyatt Charlotte at South Park, 5501 Carnegie Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28209

Gather in the presidential suite during the afternoon; munchies and ice will be available - bring your own beverage.

You must sign up by: 12/24 for reduced rate of \$85.00 for rooms

Call the Hyatt at 800 223 1234, use code: QUEE You must sign up by: January 3<sup>rd</sup> for Banquet tickets Cost to participants approximately \$20.00 per person

Menu: Butler Passed Hors D'oeuvres, Iced Tea, Coffee Decaffeinated Coffee, Herbal Tea (cash bar), Scalini House Salad with Cabernet Sauvignon or Ranch Dressing, Rolls and Butter, Basin Encrusted Chicken with Tomato Vinaigrette and Sliced Sirloin with Peppercorn Sauce with Steamed Baby Vegetables and Roasted Red Potatoes - and Chefs Choice of Dessert with Corvette Decoration.

For those that have never attended before, this event is also referred to as "The Prom". This is our "dress up" event of the year. Although there is no set attire, generally the range is sport coat to tux, dressier pant suits to gowns. There will be a DJ for listening and dancing, prizes and awards.

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