

January
2005



The 2005 Z06
How different?

Where We Drive to Eat



Meetings, Christmas Party,
and a gathering at Quaker Steak
round out the events for
the 2004 year !



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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;



I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday season and didn't over indulge too much in the food and festivities. Vanessa and I are very blessed with our first Christmas with Peyton. I can't believe that she's 10 months old and now trying to walk. February wasn't that far behind us when she was born and time is flying. My Dad always said that time goes faster as you get older; now I understand what he meant by that.

2005 will be our 37th year as a club. Amazing how that time is flying by too. This year will bring more cruises, car shows, parades and, of course, a lot of eating. Our new board has met to discuss how to make 2005 the best year ever. We have talked about new events for the coming year and have shared some ideas on how to make the club more fun and exciting. One goal that we have this year will be to utilize the members of various committees to help with events. We would also like to ask for your suggestions and ideas for events. If you have a suggestion for an event, please let Jane, Wally or myself know so we can make a plan. We are trying to get our calendar nailed down so everyone can see what's in store for the New Year!



Our 2004 Banquet is fast approaching on January 15th at the Hyatt at SouthPark. The cost this year will be \$20.00/person and you need to get that in to Florence Prather as soon as possible. Remember that the club is picking up more than half of the cost for the evening. There will be entertainment, lots of give-a-ways and, of course, plenty of food. If you haven't attended in the past, then you really missed a fun time. So plan on attending this year and join in the fun!

Until next time, save the wave!

ROBERT

VP REPORT



January Business Meeting:

Our January Business Meeting will be in Huntersville at the NorthCross Medical Building. Remember that we meet in the new community room in the rear of the building. Please bring your chairs and your NON-ADULT beverages.

Future Meetings:

I am working on the schedule and locations for the Business meetings during 2005. Eddie Burt, Jim Weisberg and I met with Ken Lipack about having a few meetings at his Harley shop on Independence Boulevard in southeast Charlotte. Ken is a former QCCC member who at the present time is Corvette-less. He has an outstanding place for our meetings and has graciously extended an offer to let us use his facility for several meetings. We will meet there in February. We will provide a map and directions in the next newsletter.

There will also be car shows, parades, day and weekend trips, BBQs, NASCAR and other fun events where we can enjoy our cars and friendships. We will be getting that information out soon.

Final Thoughts:

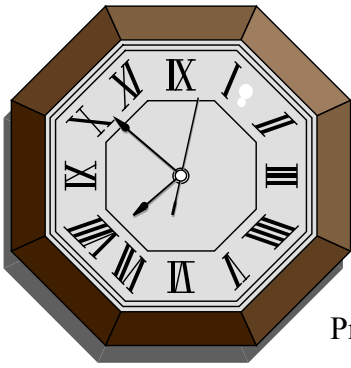
I was probably ten years old when I first became aware of and in love with the Corvette. At the risk of suprising most of you.... who believe that I am much younger... that was 1958. Like many of the guys out there, I built a Revel plastic model Corvette. My mother was a saint. She let me put all of my models above the windows in her living room.

After only another 44 years, I got the real thing, a 2002 Electron Blue coupe. There are many things I remember about that day. One of the most important things was the salesman strongly recommending that Gloria and I join the Queen City Corvette Club. He told us that joining this club would give us many ways to enjoy our new Corvette. For us, that's been some of the best car advice we've ever received. We've made terrific friendships, gone on great trips and learned many valuable things about the car. At our first meeting, someone told me about the hockey pucks. I've never read that in any magazine, but it's one of the most important things to know about the C5. I also shared, in the last newsletter, how Larry Prather saved me big bucks by telling me about the rear seal, which I had fixed 2 weeks before my warranty expired.



I look forward to serving as your VP in this coming year and ask you to tell me what I can do in my role to help make the Club the best it can be for you.

Jerry



Minutes of the QCCC Meeting Saturday December 11, 2004

The December business meeting of QCCC was held at Matthews Presbyterian Church, Matthews, 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 7:30 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 & Cheryl Hamby** – 2003 Red Z06, 1963 Beige Convertible Fuelie, **Larry Yeager** – 1999 Red Coupe, **Kelly Walker & Susan Lewis** – 1996 Silver Coupe Collectors Edition, **Sam Barnett & Erika Erlenbach** – 2001 Navy Blue Convertible, **Jane Pressley** – **Keith Wade's** co-pilot

New members voted in: **Jim & Carol Massfeller**, and **Jane Pressley** !!!

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

Robert Morgan, President

- Thanked **Kay Weisberg** and her committee for the wonderful Christmas Dinner we all enjoyed
- Will be sending out ballots for electing the Rookies of the Year, and the Member of the Year - to be presented at the Banquet. A King & Queen of the Prom will be elected at the Banquet.

Ben Horack, Vice President

- Please sign the Attendance Sheet
- At the Banquet, he will present awards to the top 20 participants of 2004

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- Fourth Quarter dues are now being accepted
- After the Club provided tonight's dinner, we still have money in the Treasury

Wally Crawford, Automotive Events

- Thanked everyone for supporting this year's Christmas Charity, the local National Guard Families. The gifts were delivered to the National Guard on Monday December 6. Every child of the 7 families was well provided for and each family received a \$50 bill.
- Thanked **Bob Denney** for coordinating the recent parades
- Thanked **Kay Weisberg** for "the best" Christmas Party and Dinner
- January 22 – Car Care Day at **Wally's** – will charge a nominal fee for a BBQ lunch – bring your own oil, filter, drinks, etc.

Eddie Burt, Membership

- 189 members plus 3 new members voted in tonight

Kay Weisberg, Social Events

- Tonight's dinner was provided by The Chicken Box
- January 15 – Banquet will be at the Hyatt at SouthPark. Rooms are still available for the QCCC rate of \$89. Presidential Suite will open at 2:00 pm and be open for an After-Party. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Cost will be the same as last year, \$20 per person (the club is subsidizing over \$40 per person). Get money to **Florence** by January 8.
- Held the 50/50 drawing with **Joe Corl** receiving half the collection with the other half going to the Charity Fund
- **Eason Poston** drew names for the poinsettias:

Carol Massfeller
Vanessa Morgan
Walter Ahrens
Linda Lewis

Anita Crawford
Karl Slavetsky
Dianne Liebe
Kay Weisberg

Jim Weisberg
Peyton Morgan
Donna Sigman

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

QCCC Members,

Thanks for the get well card and wishes on behalf of the QCCC. I am happy to report that after 4 pints of new blood, (2 quarts low... LOL), I am back in the "Pink" and doing just fine. I have returned to work and all is well for the holidays. Wishing you and yours happy holidays.

Skip & Patty Koski

So you thought
you had a bad
day - **Part 1**



QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Thursday December 9, 2004

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

Guest: Jim Weisberg, Jerry Scienski, and Margo Gross

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

Robert:

Welcomed new 2005 Board Members Jerry Scienski and Margo Gross and discussed their responsibilities

E.O.Oakley will attend the next Board Meeting to discuss the Website

2005 Calendar of Events should be in the February newsletter

Discussed 2005 Budget

Wally:

Received charity donation from City Chevrolet

Described the presentation of Christmas gifts to the National Guard

Will host Car Care Day on January 22 and will provide BBQ for a nominal fee

Kay:

The food has been ordered for the Christmas party

Determined the cost per person for the Banquet will be \$62. The club will pay \$42 of that so each person will pay \$20 – the same as last year. Florence must receive the funds by January 8.

Discussed door prizes, participation awards, party favors and costs

Florence:

Reviewed dues and budget status

Received approval to close the Corvettes in the Queen City account

Eddie:

Gave member status

Reviewed club's discount program at City Chevrolet

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Secretary

Bad Day - Part 2

There's more!



FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Happy New Year Everybody!

The new board of directors is already hard at work to plan a fun and active year for 05. Check out the tentative schedule elsewhere in this issue of our illustrious newsletter. Jane and Eddie and Anita and I spent a fun evening planning some of the trips and events for the coming year, and what a full schedule it is ! Road trips to fun destinations, including three overnights, parades, and car shows. We found lots of excuses to get all of our friends together.



This year we are also incorporating the local SCCA schedule for AutoX and the HPDE schools on the schedule. We have a growing number of QCCC members who are participating in these events. If you decide you do not want to participate, come on out and watch and support your fellow members. You will be impressed with the engineering marvel the we are blessed to own. We are also showing events we are aware of that are not QCCC events but may be of interest to some of our members.

The calendar, as always, is dynamic and constantly being updated. Be sure to check for revisions with every addition of the newsletter.

There are two subjects that I would ask you to keep in mind for the coming year.

When we caravan to anywhere, we sometimes have a procession of cars that stretches for a mile or more. Please keep adequate distance between you and the club member in front of you. In addition to giving him a comfort level, this allows other traffic to merge with our cars for access to the ramps on the freeways and aids in the flow of other traffic. When on the interstate, I use my cruise control and will always set somewhere from speed limit to 5MPH above the limit. Any caravan is subject to “**rubberbanding**” and the farther you are toward the rear, the more affected you are. There is no need to drive crazy speeds to try to tighten up. If, for example, the speed limit is 65 MPH and I have set on 70, then 72-73 will allow you to catch up and stay out of trouble with the law. This year, every road trip will start with the distribution of directions, destinations, and my cell phone number so that, in worst case scenario, if you get separated from the group, you can meet up with us.

The second issue I need to touch on is one concerning reservations and commitment. Some of our activities will require that we obligate the club to a certain level of participation. We do this based on your response. This may apply to motels, restaurants, points of interest, or all of the above. We will try to be very clear about the commitment requirement. If you commit, and then change your mind beyond the cut off point for any reason, you will loose your deposit or be asked to honor your commitment and pay the fee even though you may not have attended. Please understand that we are not trying to be hard nosed, but feel it is not fair to the membership at large to take this deficit out of the general membership fund.

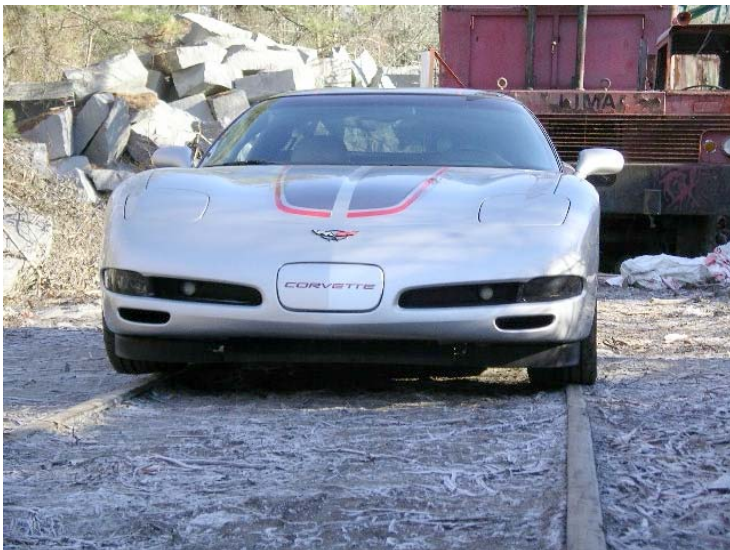
We will have a fun year. There is enough diversity on this schedule that all members will be able to find activities that appeal to them. Come and join in the fun, but as always...

Keep the rubber side down.

Wally

MEMBER'S CAR GETS ATTENTION IN CORVETTE FORUM !

New member Jim Massfeller enjoys his Corvette and his hobby of restoring old trains, at times he takes his silver and black '04 coupe where some of us less brave souls would dare to go!



For more details of Jim's adventure with an old 1947 Locomotive Crane that weighs 108 tons, and his work on getting it working, click on the link supplied below:

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com/showthread.php?t=977210>

Scenes From Kershaw Where Some QCCC Folks Take Driving Lessons



Jody overtaking a Porsche



Drivers wrap their cars to protect the finish from the punishment of spewing tire rubber

There's nothing like the thrill of trying to take the next curve a little faster!



Bad Day Part 3

And
It's not over yet!



QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2005

Jan 8th	Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
Feb 12th	Harley Davidson of Charlotte, Matthews, NC
Mar 12th	Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
Apr 16th	Meeting and Sock Hop and Chili Cook Off – Crawford’s, Stanfield, NC
May 14th	Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC (tentative)
Jun 11th	Meeting and Eddie’s BBQ and Covered Dish
Jul 9th	Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
Aug 13th	Meeting and Ledford’s Cookout and covered dish (tentative)
Sep 10th	Harley Davidson of Charlotte
Oct 8th	Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC (tentative)
Nov 12th	Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
Dec 10th	Meeting and Christmas Party – Harley Davidson of Charlotte (tentative)

**USUALLY A SOCIAL GATHERING AT 6:00 PM
WITH A BUSINESS MEETING AT 6:30 PM.**

Bad Day – Part4



Meet the new members:



**Jane Pressley, Keith Wade's
co-pilot**



**Jim and Carol Massfeller
Silver and Black 04 Coupe**

Bad Day - Part5




Best Sign:

Oh God, make me as good as my dog thinks I am.

(found on local church)

Your QCCC Event Calendar

January 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years Day
2	3	4 	5	6	7	8 QCCC Club Meeting Northcross Med Ctr. Huntersville
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 QCCC Banquet - Hyatt South Park Driving School - Roebli ng Road - Savannah, GA
16 Driving School - 2nd day at Roebling Road, Savanna GA*	17  Martin Luther King, Jr.	18	19	20	21	22 Car Care Day & BBQ at Crewford's SCCA Autocross - Knight's Stadium*
23	24	25	26 	27	28	29

Queen City Corvette Club 2005 Automotive Events Schedule

JANUARY

- 1/8 Club Meeting - Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
- 1/15 QCCC Banquet - Hyatt SouthPark
- 1/15-16 Driving School - Roebling Road, Savannah, GA*
- 1/22 Car Care Day – Crawford's + BBQ

FEBRUARY

- 2/6 SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*
- 2/12 Club Meeting – Harley Davidson of Charlotte, Matthews, NC
- 2/12-13 Driving School, VIR*
- 2/26-27 Road Trip to Richard Childress' Winery & Bistro, Welcome, NC (tentative)

MARCH

- 3/5 SCCA Autocross Novice School, Knights Stadium*
- 3/6 SCCA Autocross Knights Stadium*
- 3/5-6 Driving School, Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw, SC*
- 3/12-13 Driving School, Carolina Motorsports Park, Kershaw, SC *
- 3/12 St. Patrick's Day Parade and lunch at Green's Diner (tentative)
- 3/12 Club Meeting – Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
- 3/26 Road Trip – Gary's BBQ, China Grove, NC and
NC Transportation Museum, Spencer, NC (tentative)

APRIL

- 4/3 SCCA Autocross, G-Braves*
- 4/9-10 AutoFair
- 4/16 Club Meeting, Sock Hop and Chili Cook Off – Crawford's, Stanfield, NC
- 4/29-30 Savannah Gathering*

MAY

- 5/1 SCCA Autocross, Intimidators*
- 5/5 Parade of Lights (tentative)
- 5/7 Rt. 16 Cruise*
- 5/14 Club Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC (tentative)
- 5/20-22 Beach Trip - St. Augustine, FL (tentative)
- 5/28-29 Coca Cola 600 Parade

JUNE

- 6/4 Myrtle Beach Car Show*
- 6/5 SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*
- 6/11 Club Meeting - Eddie's BBQ and Covered Dish

6/24-26 Mountain Trip- Luray Caverns, VA (tentative)
6/24-26 Bloomington Gold*

JULY

7/4 Parades
7/9 Club Meeting – Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
7/10 SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*
7/23 Car Care Day and Ladies Day Out (tentative)

AUGUST

8/6 Road Trip for BBQ – Cashiers, NC
8/13 Club Meeting – Ledford's Cookout and covered dish (tentative)
8/26-27 Corvettes at Carlisle*

SEPTEMBER

9/3-4 SCCA Autocross site TBA*
9/3 Matthews Alive Parade
9/10 Club Meeting – Member and Car Picture – Harley Davidson of Charlotte
Wings from Hooters (tentative)
9/17-18 Auto Fair
9/24 Mint Hill Madness Parade

OCTOBER

10/2 SCCA Autocross, Intimidators*
10/8 Club Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC (tentative)
10/15-16 UAW/GM Parade

NOVEMBER

11/5-6 Mountain Trip - Highland Lake Inn, Hendersonville, NC (tentative)
11/12 Club Meeting – Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
11/13 SCCA Autocross, Knights Stadium*
11/19 Concord Christmas Parade
11/20 Monroe Christmas Parade
11/29 Kannapolis Christmas Parade

DECEMBER

12/10 Club Meeting and Christmas Party – Harley Davidson of Charlotte (tentative)

*** Non Club Event**

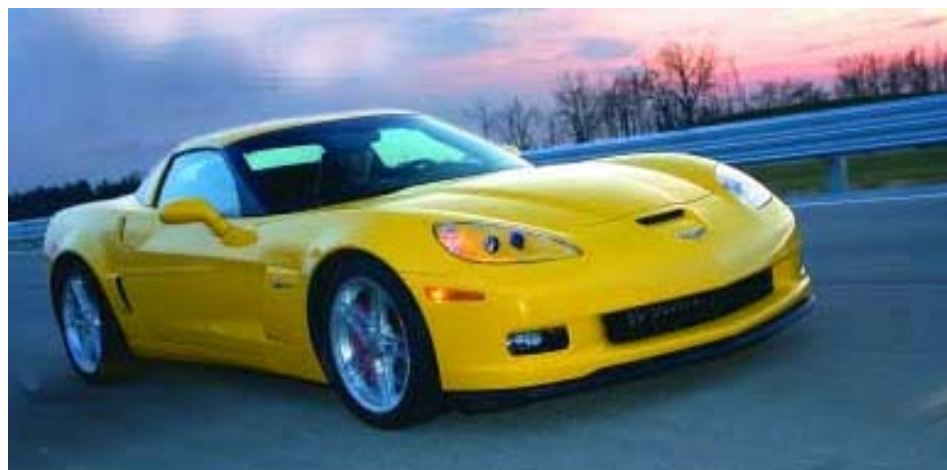
Thanks to Bob Denney and Ralph Weinheimer for their contributions.

The 2005 Corvette Z06 - Latest Speculation.

In January GM might unveil the new Z06 in either the Los Angeles or Detroit Auto Shows. Speculation is rampant- spy pictures are starting to be spread on the Internet. Probably packing 500 horsepower with its 7.0-liter V-8. Wider tires and Brembo brake calipers give the first clue to the true identity of this masked Corvette. Rumors of a removable hardtop option are also circulating. But we may have to wait till January to find out more.



Check out the air scoops:
In front of the rear
wheels and behind the
front wheels!



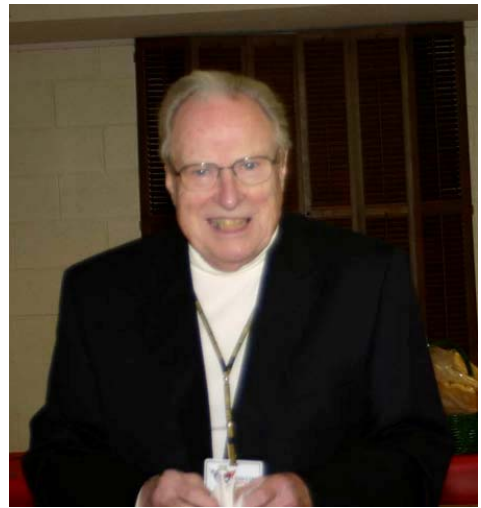
December Meeting and Party Highlights

Jim and Kay provided the last minute preparations for the meal; everyone feasted on the abundant turkey and ham. All enjoyed the great company and food in the warmth of the church hall. Kay got it **right** with her plan to distribute the gifts and no one was **left** out!



And we thought he was just serving!









Old Salem Road Trip

After meeting in the rest area along I-85, Wally led the way to an adventure going back in time. We enjoyed a chicken pot pie in the Old Salem Tavern and were treated to a guided tour of some of the historic buildings.





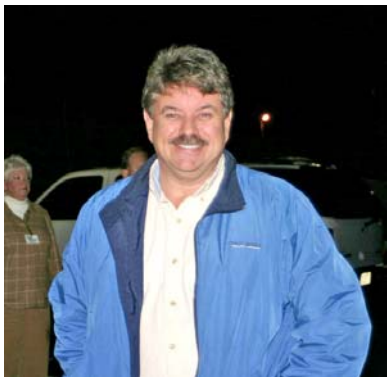
A Fun Get Together at Quaker Steak and Lube



Totally engrossed! He must be listening to an Eddie Burt story.



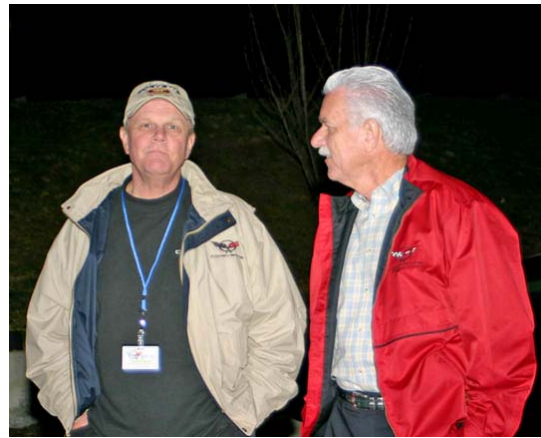
Eddie is directing traffic



Why was Rob Gallman's Z06 whistling?



Chris – showing off a new dance step



Banquet Information

Saturday January 15th 6:30 Hors D'oeuvres / 7:00PM dinner

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

Call the Hyatt at 800 223 1234 , use code: QUEE

Sign up by January 3rd for Banquet tickets Cost \$20.00 per person

Menu: Butler Passed Hors D'oeuvres, Iced Tea, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Herbal Tea, and a cash bar, Scalini House Salad with Cabernet Sauvignon or Ranch Dressing, Rolls and Butter, Basil 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.

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, awards, and lots of fun!

Driving Schools

January 15th & 16th – Roebling Road, Savannah, Ga. Florida Crown Region Porsche Club of America. Website: <http://www.pcafcr.org/>

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

March – 12th & 13th – 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.

Next QCCC Meeting - Saturday January 8th at NorthCross Medical Center

Reminder:

Social : 6:00PM

Meeting: 6:30PM

Please bring:
Chairs and
Non-alcoholic
beverages

