

August
2005



Garage Mahal
Gets A
Workout!

Where We Drive To Eat

Parades Keep
QCCC Busy!



C6 Indy Pace Car
Moves to Charlotte!



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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:

The “dog days” of summer are upon us. Wishful thinking did the trick and we finally got rain at our house. I’m glad the cars weren’t washed!



At the July business meeting a motion was submitted and the membership approved the board to research two issues in the club's bylaws. One item that we talked about is the way we vote in members to the club, either by secret ballot or by the show of hands which is how we currently perform the process. The other was for us to look at each board position to see if there is a need for a committee to support the board position. I wanted to let everyone know that at our last board meeting we discussed these at length and came to a conclusion. The conclusion was that we needed another board meeting to finish the discussion! We plan on continuing the discussion at the next board meeting and I'll present the suggestions that we come up with to the membership at the September meeting. At that time the membership can approve or disapprove our suggestions.

A few weeks ago we had the opportunity to drive on the Lowe's Motor Speedway track during their Corvette track party. It was great fun exercising the car past normal speed limits. I'm glad to report that the indentations left by Vanessa's hands to the passenger side grab handle have now disappeared.

Thanks again to Wally for hosting another car care day. I took the opportunity to change the oil in both vettes. I drove the C3 first taking advantage of a cool morning since it doesn't have air conditioning. After I changed in that one, I went home and drove the C5 back and I arrived just in time for lunch. Wally's lift sure makes fast work of an oil change!

Have you seen the website lately? If you haven't you need to check out the QCCC home page. There are two great pictures posted. One is the Air National Guard family fun day. That one was taken from a fire truck with its ladder extended about 3 stories high. I wonder if Bob Denney climbed up there to take that picture. The other is a great shot of our member's cars traveling the parade lap at Lowe's Motor Speedway in May. I'll agree that Bob took that picture!



It's time to start thinking of nominations for officers for the 2006 calendar year. We'll be taking nominations at the October meeting. Or, shoot me an email now if you'd like to nominate someone. I'll contact each nominee to ask their interest. We'll be voting on the new officers at the November business meeting.

I hope to see you at the next business meeting. Until then, save the wave!

Robert

VP REPORT

August Business Meeting:

It's time for another picnic!!! The August meeting will be at Mark and Adina Ledford's on August 13, 2005.

This meeting/party has become an annual event. Mark and Adina graciously open their home to us and to our Corvettes ...and cook for us too!! You will need to bring your chairs. Jane and Adina have published a list of sides and desserts for each of us to bring. Adult beverages are welcome. Please remember to have a designated driver so that we all stay safe. Also, there is a Map to the Ledford's home in this newsletter as well as on our website.



Business Meeting at Parks Chevrolet:

I hope everyone enjoyed meeting at Parks Chevrolet on the Lake. Parks was an excellent host and they have invited us to return. Sissy Parks was genuinely excited to have us meet at their dealership again. I'm always looking for different places for our meetings. Please let me know of any potential places. Remember that the site has to accommodate up to 125 people and parking for up to 75 cars.

July 4th Parades:

It's hard to believe, but it didn't rain on our 4th of July parades this year. It is always fun to show the cars in a parade. Gloria went through two large bags of candy and that didn't come close to making it to the finish line and no....I did not eat most of the candy. The Queens and their families were very grateful for the first class rides that we provide. You hear a lot of compliments from the parade crowd as well about how much they enjoy the Corvettes in their parade. What a wonderful country we live in.

Car Care Day:

A bunch of Corvettes have fresh oil and are ready to drive the CURVES. LET'S GO!!! As always we had a great time at our semi-annual visit to the Garage Mahal and smart people saved quite a bit of money. Thanks Wally and Anita and Jane. With Gloria in Texas for her job, I especially appreciated the opportunity to not have to eat my own cooking. A special thanks to everyone who brought food.

Pseudo-Doctor

Here we go again with more sage advise from our "pseudo-doctor department":

A new report published in a recent issue of *Intelligence* finds that people with larger brains tend to achieve higher scores on standardized intelligence tests than people with smaller brains.

This is excellent news for the membership of the Queen City Corvette Club. Everyone knows that people who own and drive Corvettes HAVE BIG HEADS!!!!

Caboose Trip:

Gloria & I found a very unusual place to stay along the Blue Ridge Parkway. This weekend we drove from Blowing Rock to Fancy Gap as a part of my quest to drive the entire Blue Ridge Parkway in the Corvette. We stayed overnight in a **railroad caboose** at a place called Grassy

Creek Caboose. The cabooses (3), are original on the outside and remodeled on the inside with a Jacuzzi, queen size bed, plumbing, Direct TV and a kitchenette. This place is remote with a beautiful vista of the mountains. There are also grills outside each caboose to BBQ. It was very unique and a lot of fun. Anyone with an urge to spend the night in a caboose, see me for more info.

Final Thoughts:

And now for your monthly dose of Corvette history straight out of the Corvette Black Book:

August 31, 1992: Dave McLellen accepts early retirement.

THAT'S IT????

Jerry

Remember, the only scent sweeter than a bouquet of flowers on a special day to a special someone is the smell of the clear morning mountain air surrounding the caboose you are sleeping in along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Parade Highlights



Mayor Pat McCrory and Bob Denney



Minutes from July 9th, Meeting

The business meeting was held at Parks Chevrolet in Huntersville, NC and was called to order by President, Robert Morgan at 6:40 PM.

Officers Present: Robert Morgan, Jerry Scienski, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, Florence Prather, Margo Gross

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from both the May and June business meetings.

New members voted in were: ***Ira and Beverley Powell*** - 2005 Red Coupe; ***Dennis and Mary Kay Rowell*** - 1993 Burgundy Anniversary Coupe; ***Paul and Rita Schulz*** - 2005 Magnetic Red Coupe; ***Jim and Martha Vaughn*** – 2005 Black Coupe

Robert Morgan, President

- Robert thanked the General Manager of ***Parks Chevrolet*** for inviting us to use their facility for our business meeting. Visitors were welcomed and introduced by Eddie Burt.
- Thanked Eddie and Jane Burt for the great barbeque and reported that 152 people attended the barbeque and meeting.
- Gave a report on the Speedway Club event and all the fun those had that attended. The speed winner for the evening was Wade Stickels with a run of 122 mpg!
- Mentioned we had 17 cars participate in the recent Poker Run.

Jerry Scienski, Vice President

- Reminded everyone to be sure and sign in.
- Points will be sent out via email within the next couple days. If anyone notices any discrepancies please contact him and he will get the error corrected.
- August hamburger/hotdog barbeque business meeting will be held at Mark and Adina Ledford's home. Information on this can be found on the website.
- The September meeting will be held at the Harley Shop of Charlotte. Everyone is encouraged everyone to come because a club picture will be taken of all of the cars.

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- Reminded members that first and second quarter dues are now due.
- Budget vs. actual was reviewed.

Jane Burt, Social Events Director

- Mentioned that ladies attending the Car Care Day at Wally's should bring a plate of cookies and the recipe. Barbeque luncheon will be held and donations will be taken. Any money collected will be added to Charity fund.
- August 6th we will have a drive to Shatley Springs for lunch. The group will be lead by Fred and Caroline Lentz. Details can be found on the website.
- Reminded members to book their room for the November weekend at Lake Lure.

Wally Crawford, Automotive Events Director

- Car Care Day will begin at 8:00 A.M., July 24th directions can be found on the club website.
- Shared an email from the Operations Manager of Lowes Motor Speedway thanking those who recently participated in the Coca Cola 500 parade lap.
- Introduced Stacey Shuster who asked members to consider participating in a car show at *Taste of Ballantine*. This event is being sponsored by Providential Realty and will be held on August 4th from 7:00-9:00 PM.
- Mentioned an automotive clinic will be held at his house tomorrow. E.O. Oakley will be installing Z06 sway bars on his car and Adam Shuster will be replacing brake calipers.
- Reviewed the Charity fund for the benefit of new members.

Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- Reported that current membership is at 219 members with a total of 154 corvettes.

Boyd Kurt mentioned that he will have his motor home at the Atlanta race in September and welcomed all members to stop by.

Marc Curtis told members about a potential fuel line recall problem with the C6. His car recently experienced a problem where a bolt rubbed against the fuel line causing a hole in the line.

Dave Gregorino asked if the club might review giving donations to charities at a time other than holidays. Discussion followed that his suggestions should be routed through the Charity Committee.

Dave Gregorino made a motion, which was seconded to form a committee that would review all the club bylaws to see which ones we are complying with and which ones need to be amended. This motion was voted by a show of hands and was opposed.

Linda Meadows made a motion, which was seconded that the Board, to review the specific bylaws dealing with membership and various committees. After their review the Board will put down any recommendations on the specific bylaw(s), which will be announced at a meeting. The membership will then vote on the Board's recommendation. This motion was voted by a show of hands and was accepted.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

♥ Kudos to Eddie and Jane Burt for bringing the great pre-meeting snacks ♥

Respectfully submitted by,
Margo Cross, Secretary



Minutes of the QCCC Board meeting Thursday July 28, 2004

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

Officers present: Robert Morgan, Wally Crawford, Jerry Scienski, Florence Prather, Eddie Burt, and Jane Burt

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

Robert:

Thanked Wally for a great Car Care Day – at least 15 cars were serviced

Led a discussion of the By-Laws sections pertaining to Committees, and Voting. Possible changes were discussed. Found that the current sections contradict paragraphs in previous sections, so further review will be necessary.

Jerry:

August 13 meeting and cookout will be at Mark & Adina Ledford's. Detailed information about who brings what covered dish, as well as directions, will be posted on the website.

September 10 meeting will be at the Harley-Davidson place. There is access to the roof for a photographer to take pictures of the cars. Cars will start lining up at 5:00 with the picture being taken at 6:00. Is working on getting a photographer.

Florence:

Reviewed the Expenses vs. Budget report and the dues status

Wally:

City Chevrolet wants to host a car show on Sunday. Discussed the participation probabilities and decided that car shows/meetings need to be on a Saturday. Jerry will check for another dealership to host a car show/meeting on Sat. Oct. 8

Read a letter from a BP representative wanting to sponsor a QCCC event. The Board asked Wally to pursue this further.

Received Board approval to invite Johnny O'Connell, C5R driver, to the August meeting/cookout to speak about his Corvette Camp (driving school)

Auto Fair is September 17 & 18. To encourage Sunday participation, there will be 4 trophies awarded on Saturday (one being Best of Show), and 3 trophies will be awarded on Sunday. The categories will be: Best License Plate, Ladies Choice, and Most Likely To Get A Ticket.

Volunteers to be on the Charity Committee are: Dave Gregorino, Donna Sigman, Gloria Scienski, Jackie Slavetsky, Ben Horack, and Chris & Melissa Patton. Members have until the end of the month to volunteer to be on the Committee.

Jane:

27 people have signed up for the road trip to Shatley Springs

20 families have signed up for the Lake Lure Trip in November – 10 rooms have been added to the QCCC block

Discussed a suggestion from a club member for a trip to the S.C. Museum in Columbia – checked the calendar and October would be a good time to go.

Eddie:

Reviewed current membership status. With the new members added, and the number of members taken off the roster for non-payment of dues, the total membership count is 198
More lanyards have been ordered

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

Respectfully submitted, **Jane Burt** for Margo Gross, Secretary

Gary Adopts Another!

Just look at the
proud Dad!

His latest a C6 Indy
Pace Car.



QCCC Members were out in
force at the Lowes Motor
Speedway Corvette
Appreciation Event. Here Jackie
is demonstrating her dexterity
as she gracefully glides under
the Limbo bar.

Photo courtesy of Robert Morgan

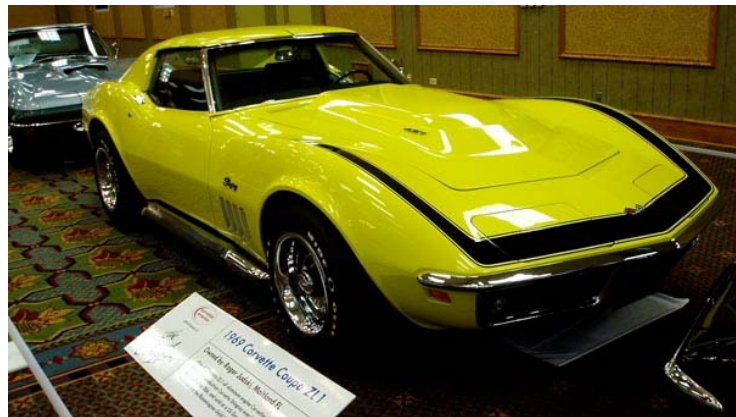
A Bloomington Gold Visit by Karl Slavetsky

Jackie and I returned from Chicago where the "Bloomington Gold" car show/event is held. We attended the event and even though it's a little smaller than the Corvettes at Carlisle show it was equally as impressive if not more upscale. There were all the regular Corvette vendors there in attendance along



with a car corral, special collection display, seminars, club activities and the new 2006 Z06. The highlight for us was the auction where we saw some high quality cars go through and the special collection display. See the corresponding descriptions below.

For those of you who have never been there (I know many club members who have been and have had their cars judged there) Bloomington Gold is held at the Pheasant Run Golf Resort in St. Charles, Ill. just west of Chicago. The event is held right on the golf course among the trees and pathways. This is also the location where Corvettes are judged and certified in different categories so when you see a car that has "gold" or "survivor" credentials this is where it obtained it.



The two "special collection" pictures are just 2 of many rare cars that were on display inside the



resorts ballroom. One is an ex-midyear race car and one is a 1969 ZL-1.

They had the new 2006 Z06 there: check out the size of those brakes!



Also these pictures of auction action show a 1969 L-88 convertible that sold for \$250,000 and a 1967 L-89 convertible that sold for \$375,000 ! We saw a string of 14 cars where 12 of them sold for well over \$100,000.

We didn't bid on anything since I spent all of our money on ice cream!



(Ed Note: Sounds like ice cream is pretty expensive in Illinois - you better bring your own if you plan on bidding.)

Some Knuckle Bashing at Wally's



As the sign reads in Wally's Garage - a World Class Destination.

On a recent Sunday he helped E.O. replace sway bars with the Z06 variety and helped Adam with replacing pistons in his calipers. Wally's skills expertise with hand tools are legendary.



That's Adam, E.O. and Q trying to loosen a hard to reach end link



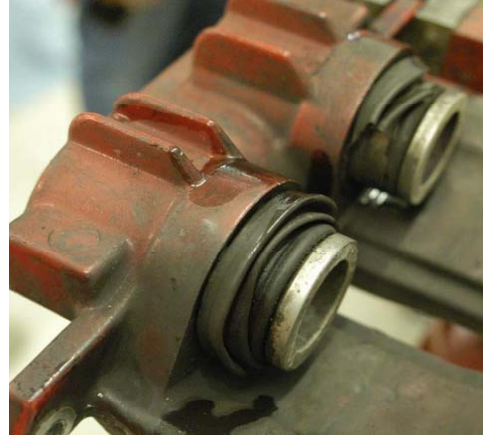
2 Hands needed to hold and position



E.O. Cleaning Treads with a Tap



Wally checks tread size with a gage



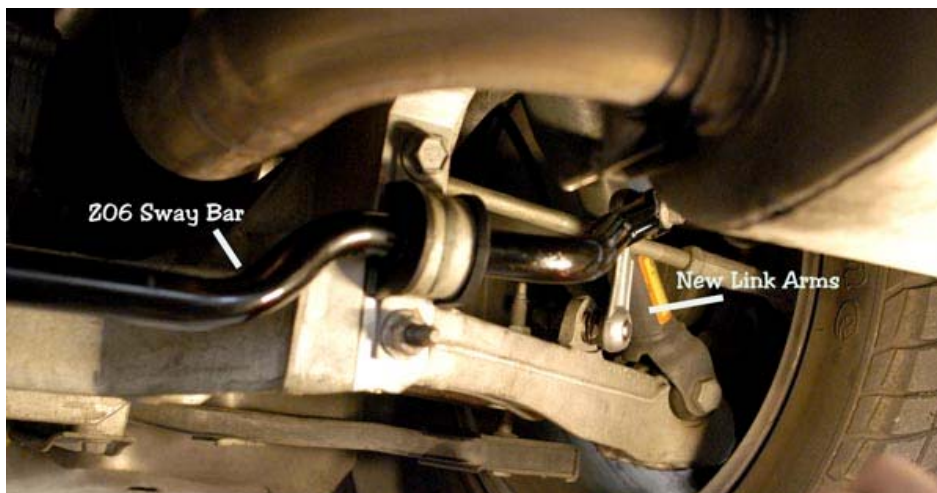
Adam's Piston boots destroyed from excessive heat



These calipers get new pistons



E.O. Compares old and new sway bars



Meet the New Members



Ira and Beverley Powell
2005 Red Coupe



Lisa Yeager
05 Red Coupe



Jim and Martha Vaughn
2005 Black Coupe



Dennis and Mary Kay Rowell
93 Burgundy Anniversary
Coupe



Paul and Rita Schulz
05 Mag Red Coupe

QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

Aug 13th	Meeting and Ledford's Cookout and Covered Dish
Sep 10th	Harley Davidson of Charlotte, Matthews, NC
Oct 8th	Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC
Nov 12th	Northcross Medical Center, Huntersville, NC
Dec 10th	Meeting and Christmas Party – Harley Davidson of Charlotte

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



"ICE" YOUR CELL PHONE

A good and very important tip from our VP, Jerry Scienski

Paramedics will turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that person's identity. You can make their job much easier with a simple idea that they are trying to get everyone to adopt: [ICE](#).

[ICE](#) stands for In Case of Emergency. If you add an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under [ICE](#), with the name and phone number of the person that the emergency services should call on your behalf, you can save them a lot of time and have your loved ones contacted quickly. It only takes a few moments of your time to do.

Paramedics know what ICE means and they look for it immediately. ICE your cell phone NOW!

You may indicate more than one contact by adding entries such as ICE2, ICE3, etc.

PASS THE WORD!!!!

Members Vettes Get Fresh Oil At Car Care Day



LUNCH IN THE MOUNTAINS

SHATLEY SPRINGS INN - CRUMPLER, NC

(8 miles south of the VA state line)

Saturday August 6, 2005

Round up at **I-77 Exit 36**

I-77 North to Exit 36

Turn right onto Hwy 150

Turn left at the first light & park behind Denny's Restaurant in the shopping center parking lot (Belk's & Kohl's are also in the shopping center)

Head 'em up and move 'em out at **9:00 am sharp**

Corvette-train to be led by experienced Corvette Trainmaster **Fred (Gil Favor) Lentz**. Drive time will be about 2 hours.

Massive quantities of food are served family style – country ham, fried chicken, vegetables, biscuits, and desserts for only \$14.50 per person (includes tax).

Bring your radios and appetites.

RSVP to fab4fan@carolina.rr.com

Shatley Springs Inn

407 Shatley Springs Road

Crumpler, NC 28617

336-982-2236

www.shatleysprings.com

HEAD TO THE HILLS WITH QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

NOVEMBER 4 & 5, 2005

Spend a weekend with your Corvette in the spectacular Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina this fall with Queen City Corvette Club.

We will be spending Friday and Saturday nights at the newly remodeled
1927 LAKE LURE INN AND SPA.

The rate of \$99.00 plus tax per night includes:

2 tickets to Chimney Rock Park
Continental breakfast for 2 each morning

- Make your reservation by calling the Inn at 888-434-4970 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate.
- After you've made your reservation, also register on the QCCC Website at Events

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

10:30 am Leave Charlotte for 2-hour drive to Lake Lure

Lunch at Lake Lure area restaurant (TBA)

QCCC Hospitality in the Roosevelt Room behind the Lake Lure Inn.

Please bring snacks to go along with the hotel-provided keg of adult beverage.

Dinner at Lake Lure area restaurant (TBA)

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

9:00 am Hill Climb to Chimney Rock

Free time to sightsee, shop, and drive in the mountains

Dinner at Lake Lure area restaurant (TBA)

www.lakelureinn.com

www.lakelure.com

www.chimneyrockpark.com

Queen City Corvette Club 2005 Automotive Events Schedule

August

8/6 Shatley Springs Inn – Drive and Lunch
8/13 Club Meeting – Ledford's Cookout and Covered Dish
8/26-27 Corvettes at Carlisle*

September

9/1-4 Corvette Celebration/HOF – National Corvette Museum*
9/3-4 SCCA Autocross site TBA*
9/3 Matthews Alive Parade
9/10 Club Meeting – Harley Davidson of Charlotte
9/17-18 Auto Fair
9/24 Mint Hill Madness Parade
9/29-10/1 Pace Car Reunion at NCM*

October

10/2 SCCA Autocross, Intimidators*
10/5 Hopebuilders 5K Race for Brain Tumor Research*
10/8 Club Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC
10/13-15 C3 Extravaganza at NCM*
10/15-16 UAW/GM Parade

November

11/5-6 Mountain Trip - **Lake Lure Inn**
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

January 06

1/21 Banquet at Speedway Club

* Non Club Event

Photos Courtesy of Bob Denney, Melissa Patton, Robert Morgan, Gary Artis, Karl Slavetsky and Charlie Binder

**August 13th QCCC Meeting and Cookout at
Mark & Adina Ledford's**

739 Fawn Forest Lane
York SC 29745
803-628-5342

4:00 pm until

Mark and friends will be cooking hamburgers & hotdogs. Please **RSVP** at the Events section of www.queencitycorvette.com so they'll know how many burgers and dogs to buy.

Please bring side dishes according to your last name as follows:

A – D	Side Dish (whatever goes with burgers)
E – K	Dessert (can't have too many of these)
L – R	Snacks (chips, dips, salsa, veggies, etc.)
S – Z	Salads (green, potato, pasta, jello, etc)

***We are hosting a Charity Horseshoe
Tournament!***

Come Early & Join The Fun!

Sign Up & Practice is from 4pm - 5pm

Tournament Begins at 5pm

\$10 per player

If we have enough participation, we will have teams!

Winner gets $\frac{1}{2}$ - Charity Fund gets $\frac{1}{2}$

Come Have Fun For a Good Cause!

Also bring chairs & drinks ~ Tents would be appreciated too.

We'll play yard games until dinner is served at 6:00 pm.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm.

Highlights from the July Meeting at Parks Chevrolet



Some Came to Enjoy the Food!



Wendy Drives Home a Point!



A View From the Top!



Some are Very Attentive!



Some Came To Relax!



Chris is Enjoying The Comfort of His Chair



Directions to Mark and Adina Ledford's House

From North Carolina

- Take Route I-77 South to Exit 90 – Carowinds Blvd.
- From exit ramp, make Right turn onto Carowinds Blvd.
- Follow Carowinds Blvd. to Route 49 (approx. 1.5 miles)
- Make a Left turn onto Route 49
- Follow South towards Buster Boyd Bridge and S. Carolina
- From Buster Boyd Bridge – go to your third traffic light.
- Make a Left turn to continue on Route 49 at the intersection with Winn-Dixie / Wendy's & Burger King.
- Follow Route 49 another 5.25 miles.
- On the Left will be a community named "The Timbers".
- Make Left turn here onto Clegg Farm Road.
- Make next left onto Timber Creek Dr.
- Make next Right turn onto Fawn Forest Lane. Follow to end.
- House is on the far right.

Parking will be up Fawn Forest Lane. It is a cul-de-sac with only four houses – there will be plenty of parking!

Mark & Adina Ledford
739 Fawn Forest Lane
York, SC 29745
803-628-6415 - home
803-526-1653 – Mark cell

