

September  
2005



Where We Drive To Eat



**QCCC Members Fill Up At  
Shatley Springs  
And At Mark and Adina  
Ledford's Cookout!**



# 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

The August business meeting was hosted by Mark and Adina Ledford, and I'd like to thank them again for putting up with all of us in their back yard! It was a bit hot but well attended and the food was great. If you didn't attend, Mark had two of his big rigs sitting in his front yard for us to look in. After looking in one, I sure respect anyone's ability to drive one and maybe next time I can start one up and try!



Our next meeting will be at the Harley shop off of Independence Blvd in Matthews. We are having our club picture taken before the meeting so please come early enough to line up. Be sure to check Jerry Scienski's VP report for the exact details. We haven't had a group picture taken in several years so you can come on down and have a place in club history!

I'll be taking nominations for the 2006 board at the October business meeting. If you can't make that meeting, just email me your nomination. I'll contact each nominee to ask their interest. We'll be voting on the new officers at the November meeting. If you have questions on the responsibilities of a position, just ask a current board member. Or, you can read about them in the Club's bylaws.

Speaking of bylaws, the board discussed the two issues that were placed up for review. As you know, one was how we vote prospective members into the club and the other was to look to see if committees are needed to support each board position. We have come to a conclusion and I will present this to the membership at our September business meeting. This is a "tweak" to the bylaws that were reviewed and rewritten by a committee in 2002 and those changes were after several weeks of discussion. QCCC is a fun club with great members. We do fun things. We go fun places. We have fun meetings. The overall 'feel' of the meetings changes drastically when we get into discussions about bylaws. I've had several comments from members pertaining to this. However, sometimes it is good to do a little housekeeping and air out some dirty laundry and the business meeting is the forum for that. This was an area in the bylaws that needed updating and the board has 'tweaked' them a little. Most members say the board is doing a great job, others say that the board controls too much. But, when posed to the membership, I get little responses for improvement. My direction over the past three years of being your club President has been to provide leadership to the club and direction to the board. It has been a great three years and, in my opinion, there are too many fun things to do than being consumed with the exact letter of the bylaws. Ending my dissertation I'll say that the board tried to provide a simple solution to the bylaws without causing more questions to surface.

Again check the social calendar. You can view it at [www.queencitycorvette.com](http://www.queencitycorvette.com) for approaching events.

Until next time, save the wave!

## Robert

# VP REPORT

## **September Business Meeting:**

Our next business meeting will be at the Harley Davidson Store on Independence Ave (behind Hooters...like any of us know where that is) on Sept 10. There is a map and directions in this newsletter and on our web site. We will take a club (group) picture of our members, prospective members and our cars.

Drive directly to the back, next to the classroom where we met in January, into the parking lot (within the fenced area). We will begin lining up the cars at 5:00pm and take the picture at 6:00pm SHARP. (PLEASE BE THERE at 5:00. It will be a REAL DEAL lining up the cars!!!)

It would be great if those of you lucky #%&\*#@ who have the "classics" drove that car for the picture. All Blue Corvettes are especially welcome. Please bring a chair for the picture.

The photographer is Shannon Wright. Shannon is the photographer who took the pictures at DEI for Corvettes in the Queen City. You will be able to purchase prints, and/or CD copies from Shannon. Here is the deal to purchase copies of the picture.

The Club will receive a CD, the film prints and the negatives unless we want Shannon to hold the negatives so she can send prints to members who want them. Everyone can buy a CD for about \$1.00. You can then take the CD to most any store that does photos and have copies made. Shannon will also send an electronic copy to one of the Board Members who can then send it out to members who ask for a copy. (Might be a good way to fund a C-6????)

Shannon will also sell prints. They cost \$1.50 for an 8x11 glossy. Depending on how we line up the cars, she may be able to print 11x17 for \$3.50 each. Shannon will use both digital and film cameras. (The film enlarge prints with better quality.)

Following the picture, we will return to our normal Business Meeting routine of Munchies followed by the meeting at 6:30pm.

## **Indy Pace Car Hair Dryer:**

The other morning, Gloria's hair dryer went klabooey and she asked me if I could stop at Wal\*Mart on my way home from work to buy her a new dryer because she had a night meeting and couldn't get to the store. She was in a less than happy mood because her hair was flat and she had a meeting that morning with an important group of sponsors....so I didn't argue.

I'm sure this is a whole lot more information about Gloria and her hair dryer than anyone cares to hear...but I do have a point. I did go to Wal\*Mart and bought Gloria a new hair



dryer. The one I bought has the exact purple and yellow colors as the '98 Corvette Indy Pace Car!! The impeller or fan blade is yellow and shows through a clear plastic cover. It looks like the wheels on the Pace Car turning at 150mph.

Linda (Artis)...it only seems fair that if Gary gets to collect Pace Cars, you should be able to have a matching collection of hair dryers to match his toys. I'll call Wal\*Mart and tell them that Gary will be by shortly to pick up yours.

### **We Corvette People Know Value!!:**

The following table is an interesting comparison of the C6 with several very expensive high performance cars featured in the August 2005 issue of Car and Driver magazine.

	<b>Corvette</b>	<b>Aston Martin DB9</b>	<b>Ferrari F430</b>	<b>Ford GT</b>	<b>Lambor ghini Gallardo</b>	<b>MB SL-65 AMG</b>	<b>Porsche 911 Turbo S</b>
Base \$	\$43,500	\$164,500	\$180,785	\$143,345	\$177,600	\$185,820	\$143,695
Tested \$	\$47,000	\$164,500	\$191,225	\$156,945	\$181,350	\$189,970	\$147,435
Cu inch	364	362	263	330	303	365	220
HP	400	449	483	550	493	604	444
Torque	400	420	343	500	376	738	457
0 - 60	4.3	4.8	4.1	3.6	4.1	4.2	4.0
¼ Mile	12.7 @113	13.2 @ 111	12.5 @ 116	12.0 @123	12.4 @ 118	12.1 @ 120	12.1 @ 117
Top Speed	186	186	186	205	192	156	190
EPA City	19	11	11	13	9	12	15
EPA HgwY	28	19	16	21	15	19	22

Just think how much BBQ you can buy with the difference between our beloved Corvette and these other cars, particularly considering the small differences in performance!!

Next month, I'll show this comparison with the C-6 Z06.

### **Pseudo-Doctor**

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

***About 200 major league baseball players are hoping to improve their batting averages and recover from injuries more quickly by wearing necklaces embedded with Titanium. The necklaces are believed to improve circulation and relieve muscle tension by "stabilizing the flow of electricity" throughout the body. According to the necklaces manufacturer, the players who wear the necklace report less soreness and a faster recovery from injuries.***



(You know where I'm going with this.) If Walt Krupowicz will call his contacts in Bowling Green and arrange for a group purchase of around 135 Z06's, we will all save some money on the price of the car and never have aches and pains again.

### **Final Thoughts:**

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

September 28, 1953: Banned from working on the Corvette, Zora Arkus-Duntov nonetheless lays out his views on sports cars in an address to the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) in Lansing, Michigan.

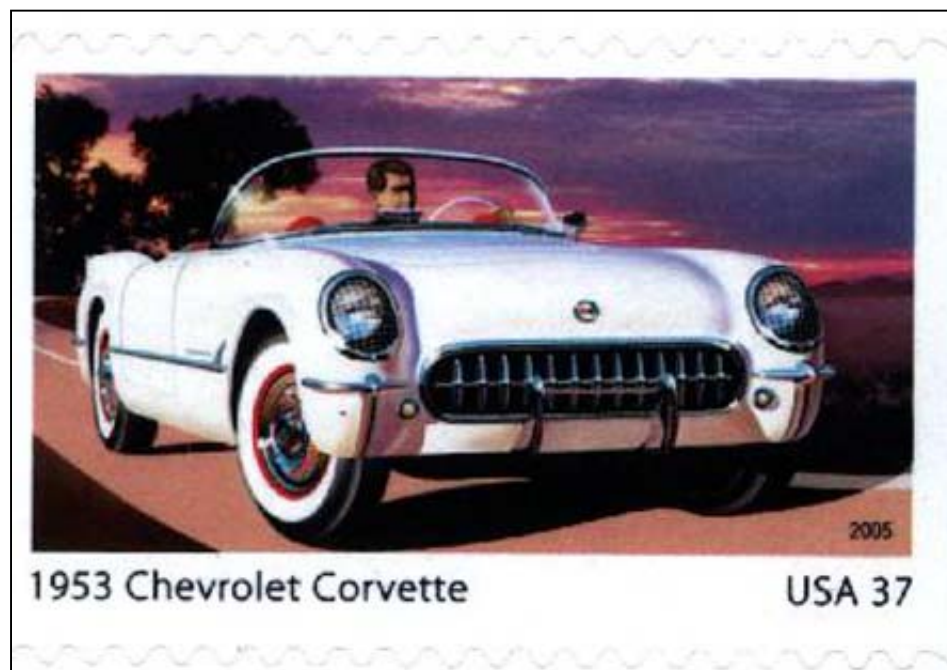
September 2, 1994: The National Corvette Museum opens.

### **Jerry**

Remember, the only scent sweeter than  
a bouquet of flowers on a special day to a special  
someone is the smell of the 35,742 pounds of BBQ  
you can buy with the \$142,000 you'll save by buying  
the C-6.

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## ***US Postal Service Issues Corvette Stamp!***



***Buy and use them now before the rates go up!***



## **Minutes from QCCC Meeting Saturday, August 13, 2005**

The business meeting was held at Mark and Adina Ledford's home in York, SC and was called to order by President, Robert Morgan at 6:40 PM.

Officers Present: Robert Morgan, Wally Crawford, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt and Margo Gross

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from the July business meeting.

There were no new members voted in.

### **Robert Morgan, *President***

- Thanked Mark and Adina for inviting us to their home and for putting together a great cookout.
- Thanked Wally and Anita for again hosting a great Car Care day.
- Reported that the Board met last month to review the bylaws and found some inconsistencies. The Board will meet one more time to review these and will then present any potential changes to the membership at the next meeting. The membership can then vote on any modifications to the bylaws.

### **Jane Burt, *Social Events Director***

- Gave a brief summary of the club's recent trip to Shatley Springs.
- Mentioned that September is busy with parades in addition to the Auto Fair.
- Asked Tom, Hudella to speak about an October 22<sup>nd</sup> trip to Columbia, SC for lunch at *California Dreaming* restaurant and then view the Norman Rockwell exhibition. Look for further details on the website.
- The November weekend at Lake Lure is shaping up nicely.

### **Wally Crawford, *Automotive Events Director***

- Chris Patton will be helping with the September Auto Fair and upcoming car show.
- October 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a car show at Parks Chevrolet (still to be determined if it will be at the Tryon or Huntersville location).
- There are three new members on the Charity committee: Chris and Mel Patton and Ben Horack.
- Mentioned Bob Denney will be sending out emails regarding the September parades.
- Reminded members that September next meeting will be at Harley Davidson of Charlotte and a group picture will be taken of the cars. Members should be there by 5PM to begin lining up for the picture at 6PM. The professional photographer is Shannon Wright.
- Awarded John Leibe a *Ricky Racer* backpack for his great driving skills awhile back at Kershaw, SC.
- Held discussion on trophies vs. certificates vs. gifts at upcoming car shows.

- Mentioned that he and Anita will be attending Corvettes in Carlisle, PA. They plan on taking a truck so if anyone purchases something they cannot carry in their car, let him know and if possible he will bring it back in his truck.

**Eddie Burt, *Membership Director***

- Reported that current membership is at 197 members.
- New lanyards are in and if anyone needs one see him after the meeting.

E.O. Oakley gave a brief report on the upcoming driving event being held in Kershaw, SC. Boyd Kurt mentioned that he will have his motor home at this event.

Congrats to Jim and Kaye Weisberg on the purchase on their new C6 Daytona Orange convertible.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

♥ *Kudos to Mark and Adina for the great cookout,  
and also to Ben Horack and Boyd Kurt for helping man the grills.* ♥

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Margo Gross*, Secretary

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**Meet the New Members**

**Ken and Lois Watts**

**Red C5 Coupe**





## *IT'S **AUTO FAIR** TIME*

This years Fall Auto Fair will be September 17 & 18.

With trophies awarded on ***both days***!

The categories will be "**BEST IN SHOW**", "**LADIES CHOICE**", "**MOST LIKELY TO GET A TICKET**", and "**BEST LICENSE PLATE**", with the judging by another participating Corvette Club.

If you would like to attend you can email me, Chris Patton at [Campatton@aol.com](mailto:Campatton@aol.com) Or you can call me at 704-454-7272. The sign-up sheet will be kept by date on a first come first served basis. I will also have the list at Wednesday night dinners, but I encourage you to sign-up as soon as possible because space is limited to only 30 cars.

### **CAR SHOWS** **Guidelines for Participation** **Limited Venue Events**

- All QCCC Members will be limited to entering one car to give the most members an opportunity. Members wishing to enter a second car should make their intentions known ASAP and will go on a waiting list for the 2<sup>nd</sup> car. 2<sup>nd</sup> cars will be allowed as space permits in the order that they were registered.
- Prospective members will be given an opportunity to enter provided there is adequate space. Contact the Automotive Events Director ASAP and indicate your interest. Slots will be awarded based on sign up.
- Cut off is three weeks prior to the first day of the event. Director of Automotive Events will use his discretion, subject to these guidelines, to fill the allocated slots.
- Remaining slots, if any, will be awarded to anyone who wants to show with QCCC whether or not they are a member.
- Only members in good standing are eligible for trophies

# CORVETTES AT CARLISLE

by Iris Binder

What a show! I'm a first timer but I'm sure anyone would agree that this is the place for anything Corvette. Looking for a Corvette? The vintage models and the new 05 were there in abundance, as were all the other models. Want a fixer upper? Some looked as if they had barely survived... others were true survivors. Some were incredibly beautiful with majestic paint jobs and all kinds of custom work. The NCRS gallery was a show stopper as well as the Callaway exhibit and the NCCC Competition.



Want some work done? You could sign up for special brakes or exhaust and have it done while you enjoy the show.



Got questions? There were seminars running all day and the Corvette engineers were on hand to answer questions.

Like to go fast? Or faster? Check out the C4 and Up Racer and Race Car Reunion. The corral had lots of these beauties dressed for the race.

Sweet. And if you needed to put a few more horses under the

hood, there were vendors with air induction systems, flow through exhaust systems, and super chargers. And they





would do it right then. Or you could enter the Dyno challenge.

Now we know there's a few ladies who just can't get enough of Corvettes so you could check out the Mecum



auction: we love bargains and the excitement of bringing home the trophy. Or the Women's Oasis: crafts, boutiques, nails and the Corvette Fashion Trunk and Forum. If you just want to show off your Vette, take a ride through Carlisle. Its a beautiful little town with lovely old homes and antique shops set in a very picturesque region of Pennsylvania.

For the little ones, the show included kiddy Corvettes in parade, and games, crafts, entertainment and a model Corvette contest for various age groups.



Chris – Ever see so many C4 Anniversary Editions??

For the young at heart, all of us, there was the evening parade to downtown Carlisle, the Corvette Cook Off and the Trivia Challenge.

As for the logistics: Carlisle is an easy drive up I77 and I81.



Use this link to see some prime Corvettes:

<http://www.carlislemediasite.com/celebritypics/celebritypics05.asp>



## Highlights of August Meeting



The Hosts: Mark and Adina Ledford



The weather held out, members brought plenty of side dishes and desserts, the grillers did a masterful job of cooking the chicken, hot dogs and those tasty hamburgers. Nobody went home hungry!









## Your QCCC Event Calendar

# September 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b>  SCCA Autocross Corvette Celebration ...	<b>5</b>  Labor Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Club Mtg & Member & Car Photo - Harley Davidson of Charlotte
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Auto Fair
<b>18</b>  Auto Fair	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Mint Hill Madness Parade
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  Pace Car Reunion at NCM	<b>30</b>	

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## QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

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.**

**If you can read this - thank your brain!**

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**And I always thought spelling was important!**

**But in some cases spelling is important!!!**



Found at  
Corvettes at Carlisle,  
a wine vineyard that  
creates custom labels  
for their products: either  
a misspelling or a new  
type of Corvette!!

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**Hey Gary - there is  
another one up for  
auction!!!**

Found at Corvettes at  
Carlisle!



# 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](http://www.lakelureinn.com)

[www.lakelure.com](http://www.lakelure.com)

[www.chimneyrockpark.com](http://www.chimneyrockpark.com)

## Queen City Corvette Club 2005 Automotive Events Schedule

### 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*
10/8	Club Meeting and Car Show – City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC
10/15	Hope Builders Race
10/13-15	C3 Extravaganza at NCM*
10/15-16	UAW/GM Parade

### November

11/5-6	Mountain Trip - <b>Lake Lure Inn</b>
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
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### January 06

1/21	Banquet at Speedway Club
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\* Non Club Event

**Photos in this issue are courtesy of Melissa Patton and Charlie Binder.**



## Highlights of Shatley Springs Drive and Eat Road Trip



Construction delays on I77 meant more time for socializing in the parking lot. But we did get there in time to eat!





When they asked leader Fred Lentz what route he was going to use, he said that he was going to follow his nose.







# Directions to September Meeting

## Group Photo Will Be Taken!

## Be there promptly 5:00 PM

### Harley-Davidson of Charlotte

(704) 847-4647  
9205 East Independence  
Blvd.,  
Matthews NC

Note: They are in Matthews  
right behind the Hooters in the  
West bound lane of US 74.

**Be There 5:00 PM Sharp!**

**Business Meeting 6:30 PM**

### Reminder – Bring Your

- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Chairs

### From the North:

I-77 South to Brookshire Freeway / I-277 South to Hwy-74 East / Independence Blvd.  
Approximately 10 miles on left just past Crown Pointe area. Take the first left after the Crown  
Pointe Shopping Center. You will turn into the Shopping Area with Hooters, International House  
of Pancakes(IHOP), Midas, Infiniti, Krispy-Kreme and the Suburban Lodge.

### From the South:

I-77 North to I-485 East. Take Hwy-74 West exit and head towards uptown Charlotte for  
approximately 2 miles. We'll be on the right just behind the International House of Pancakes.

