

November
2005



What A Month!!

Where We Drive To Eat

Lowes Parade
Lap,
Homecoming,
Columbia Trip,
Car Show!



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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:

We've finally gotten some relief from the hot summer with crisp cool air in the mornings and mild evenings. Soon we'll have little ghosts and goblins knocking at our front door and the leaves will soon turn. We are close to the end of another year, but there are still plenty of things to do with your Corvettes. According to the calendar daylight savings time will be gone shortly but that won't deter me from making every minute count on the weekend to enjoy my car!



Thanks again to Parks Chevrolet for sponsoring our second car show this year. The weather was a little questionable for the morning, but it soon cleared up. I think I counted around 42 cars. So thanks to all that came out! Special thanks go to Chuck Beard because he drove his '62 with the top down in the misty rain, now that's dedication!

We had 11 cars go down to Columbia this past weekend to view the Norman Rockwell exhibit at the Columbia museum of history. We got caught up in the Carolina football traffic heading to California Dreaming where we ate lunch but the good thing was that there were more traffic cones than fans blocking the street. We found our way to the restaurant with only one hiccup and lunch was scrumptious as usual. I didn't stay for the museum visit but I heard it was worth the trip. Thanks to Tom Hudalla who put this road trip together for us.

At our last business meeting, we took nominations for the 2006 QCCC board. Over the last week, I've contacted all of the nominees to gauge their interest. At our November meeting, we'll be voting in the new board that will take over in January of 2006. We will have ballot forms at the November meeting with the names of each position as well as the candidates for each. Thanks to all of you that have accepted nominations.

As always check the social calendar. You can view it at www.queencitycorvette.com for approaching events.

Until next time, save the wave!

Robert

VP REPORT

November Business Meeting:

Our November Business Meeting will be November 12 at the NorthCross Medical Center Building in Huntersville.

The meeting will begin at 6:30. We will have munchies at 6:00pm preceding the meeting. The Medical Center is on Highway 21 off exit 25 if you are coming from I-77. As always, there is a trusty map elsewhere in the newsletter.

You will need to bring your chairs and non-adult beverages. Gloria will be taking orders from anyone who would like to purchase a QCCC Club Photo CD or print....so bring a lot of extra money!! (I promise to send QCCC a post card from "somewhere in the Pacific" each Christmas).



Parks Chevrolet Car Show:

Big thanks to Chris & Mel Patton and everyone who brought a car or two or three (as in the case of Dee Putnam). The weather in the morning was awful (thank goodness for those donuts!!), but the day ended sunny and everyone had a good time. Sissy Parks was very happy to have us back. We'll do another car show there next year with hopefully a sunny day and park in front on the grassy area.

There were some very creative awards this time. In addition to the trophies, we had several new awards. My favorite was the loudest pipes. John Meadows won that award pretty easily. We had a special treat. Michael and Jennifer Hulett, who came to our club for the first time, came in style in their new C6 Z06. As we all suspected...that is one amazing car! I think their Z06 got almost as much attention as Butt Ugly did at the Spring Auto Fair.

Pseudo-Doctor

Here we go again with more sage advise from our "pseudo-doctor department":
As a part of your pseudo-medical training we are going to spend time learning "Medical Terminology". Because we live in the South and take back roads on our trips, it would be helpful to learn "Hillbilly" medical terminology in case any of us get indigestion from too much BBQ at lunch in the boone-docks. So, here we go:

Bacteria.....	Back door to a cafeteria
Catscan.....	Searching for the cat
Enema	Not a friend
Urine	Opposite of mine
Benign	What you be after you be eight

There will be more lessons in future newsletters, so study hard and go ahead and eat that BBQ.

Final Thoughts:

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

- November 3, 1911: Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors is formed.
- November 19, 1969: St Louis builds the 250,000th Corvette, a Riverside Gold convertible.
- November 18, 1992: Dave Hill becomes the Corvette's third chief engineer.
- November 16, 1993: Mercury Marine completes LT5 engine construction, though the ZR-1 vehicle assembly will continue through the 1995 model.

Jerry

Remember, the only scent sweeter than
a bouquet of flowers on a special day to a special
someone is the smell of scraping sheet metal from
the 8, 20, 24 and 38 car on the wall of Lowes Motor
Speedway.....GO 48 CAR!!!!!!!!!!



Minutes from QCCC Meeting Saturday, October 8, 2005

The October business meeting was held at **Park Chevrolet - Huntersville** and was called to order by President Robert Morgan at 3:15 PM.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes (*with correction on new members voted in Fred & Gloria McCoy who drive a 2004 Red Coupe not a 2002 Red Coupe as reported in the minutes*) from the September business meeting.

Visitors were: **Pete & Sandy Emmel** – 1976 Pearl White Coupe, **Paul Silvia** – 1985 Black Coupe, **Buddy Goodwin** - 2005 Yellow Coupe, **Bert Gowens** – 2002 Silver Convertible, **Mike & Jenn Hulett** – 2006 Daytona Sunset Orange Z06 Coupe, **Craig & Donna Perry** – 1998 Torch Red Convertible, **Bart Richards** – one fine 1999 Red Coupe.

No new members voted were in.

Robert Morgan, President

- Thanked Sissy Parks for hosting the car show and providing lunch.
- Reminded membership that a sheet is circulating for Board member nominations. Board member election will be at the November meeting. Prior to that meeting Robert will call those members who have been nominated to see if they accept the nomination.

Jerry Scienski, Vice President

Reminded members the November meeting will be held at **Northcross Medical Center** in Huntersville. December meeting and Christmas party will be held at **Harley Davidson of Charlotte**.

Asked Gloria to explain pricing of the club photographs which were taken at the September meeting. Both finished pictures and a 12 picture CD will be available for purchase directly from the photographer. However she has asked that only one large order be placed so please send a check and your order to Jerry so he can place one order (*for photographs, not a new 2006!*).

Florence Prather, Treasurer

Presented treasury report.

Mentioned that 4rd quarter dues are now due.

Wally Crawford, Automotive Events Director

Summarized Mint Hill Parade.

Discussed the upcoming **Corvettes at Kershaw** event being held on October 29th. QCCC will be hosting a hospitality table at the event.

On 10/23/05 Wally will be hosting a car care clinic on C5 headlight replacement.

Gave details on the cruise-in held in Oakboro on September 23rd, 44 cars attended the event. Mentioned that the Charity committee met in September and it was their decision to hold all charity funds and distribute mid year 2006. Discussion on this topic followed. A motion was made and seconded to close discussion.

Reported that the Board decided to ask the membership to again support deployed families of the Air National Guard families with Christmas gifts.

Jane Burt, Social Events Director

Regarding the weekend trip to **Lake Lure Inn**, currently 41 out of 45 rooms have been booked by QCCC. The group leaving Friday AM will have lunch at **Larkins on the Lake** (\$10/pp). Friday evening **Lake Lure Inn** will provide us the Roosevelt room and a keg of beer. Saturday AM the group will go hiking at Chimney Rock, Saturday evening will be a buffet at **Malarkeys**, Sunday brunch at **MJ's**.

Mentioned plans are still underway for the Christmas party and annual banquet at the Speedway Club.

Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- Reported we currently have 199 members.

Tom Hudalla will be heading a group trip to Columbia, SC on 10/22/05. The group will leave at 9:00 AM from the first South Carolina Welcome area off Highway 77. The group will have lunch at **California Dreaming** and then go on to the South Carolina State Museum to view the Norman Rockwell exhibition.

Chris Patton presented trophies from the Parks Chevrolet car show. Judging was done by Sissy Parks and several sales personnel. Winners were:

Best Car Category

C1 Chuck Beard
C3 Dee Putnam
C4 Caesar Escobar
C5 Jim Massfelder
C6 Jim Weisberg

Best of Show: Caesar Escobar

Special Awards

Most Armorall – Ralph Weinheimer
Best Car Exhaust – John Meadows
Best Wax – Larry Prather
Oldest Battery – Dee Putnam
Daily Driver – Caesar Escobar
Newbie Car – Pete & Sandy Emmel
Dressed like their Car: Fred & Caroline Lentz

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Margo Gross, Secretary

QCCC Does UAW - GM 500

The weather was great! Fifteen Corvettes entertained the United Auto Workers and General Motors Executives along with other dignitaries by parading them around the one and a half mile Lowe's Motor Speedway prior to the race.



Pre-race Pit Preparation



Wil Cooksey signing Autographs of Bowling Green's Corvette assembly plant talked with QCCC'ers and gave autographs!

Then QCCC members headed for their seats to watch the Nextel Cup Race from Turn 2 seats. There were two special visitors to the event: one was "JR" himself - Larry Hagman was honorary parade leader and Wil Cooksey the plant manager





Wil Cooksey's Autograph!



As Fast As His Car, Mark Got Her Phone Number In One Lap

October Car Show and Meeting

All though it was a soggy Saturday, QCCC members braved early morning showers and cloudy skies for the Fall Charity Car Show at Parks Chevrolet in Huntersville. In addition to displaying the cars, these faithful QCCC'ers enjoyed a lunch provided by the dealership: Sissy Parks of Parks Chevrolet cooked QCCC members lunch and donated \$500.00 to the charity fund! As you can see they also enjoyed the camaraderie associated with showing off their prize possession!



Some last minute prep!





Sure looks like she likes it!





Queen City Corvette Club 2005 Automotive Events Schedule

November

- 11/4-6 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 in this issue courtesy of Gary Artis, Bob Denney, Chris Patton, Jim Massfeller and Charlie Binder

QCCC MEETING SCHEDULE 2004

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.**

Your QCCC Event Calendar

November 2005

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Homecoming at Providence High School

Arranged by Linda Meadows, six of our Corvettes were used to assist in the half-time activities of the Friday, October 21st Homecoming football game. Needless



to say the guys and gals involved were thrilled to be escorted around the football field in shiny Corvettes.



Road Trip to Norman Rockwell Exhibit in Columbia SC

On Saturday October 22nd, eleven Corvettes lined up at the South Carolina Welcome Center on I-77 to begin their journey to Columbia, South Carolina. The stated reason for the trip was to see an exhibit of 50 years of Norman Rockwell's art (but we all know the real reason was to have lunch at California Dreaming!) Our thanks go to Tom and Brenda Hudalla for a great job of organizing and leading the adventure.



Norman Rockwell was a master of telling the story of America. From World War I to space exploration, Rockwell's art showed us the American people. (If you missed the trip, the exhibit will run until the end of January.) The S.C. State Museum has an impressive array of exhibits: don't miss the dinosaurs and history of Carolina presentations.



Jim Massfeller Does Eckler's Corvette Show

Last spring some of my friends from the Corvette forum talked me into entering Eckler's Fall Reunion Corvette Show. It sounded like a lot of fun in addition to meeting many of the guys from the Forum. I spent three days cleaning and polishing my Vette before going to Florida, then a day and a half at my brother's home in Ormond Beach, FL. Then on Saturday morning we drove down to Titusville, gave the Vette a final cleaning and waited to see what happened.



This time the judges told me about:

- Dirt inside the fuel filler door
- Dirt around the lug nuts on the wheels
- Vinyl stripes not quite right
- Tiger Shark Front Fascia color does not quite match the hood and fenders.
- Misaligned front body panels and uneven gaps between the panels
- Assorted dings in the paint

There were probably other things they didn't tell me about. Am I complaining? NO! The judges had to be picky because there were so many great looking cars there. After the judging was over I talked with several judges and other Vette owners and they all agreed that if I really wanted to be competitive next year that my Vette needed a complete repaint and new carpets.

So I have retired from competitive Corvette showing. Next year I will go to the show to hang out with the guys but I will not enter in the competition. There is just too much time and money involved in competitive showing for me. But the good news is that this year I got a \$100 gift certificate from Eckler's for having driven farther than any other competitor.



Pace Cars at the Petit Le Mans Race in Atlanta

Gary Artis had the opportunity to travel to the Atlanta Motor Speedway and witness the Petit LeMans Race on October 1st. As you can see he was able to rub elbows with high level Corvette officials: Wil Cooksey the Plant Manager at Bowling Green and Dave Hill, the Corvette Chief Architect. Plus which, his newest Pace Car was able to meet up with others that were there.



Gary with Dave Hill

Head to the Hills with Queen City Corvette Club

November 4 through 6th 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 per night includes:

2 tickets to Chimney Rock Park

Continental breakfast for 2 each morning (7 am to 10 am)

- 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

9:45 am: Charlie Binder leads a group from Hardees at Hwys 16/150

10:00 am: Eddie Burt leads a group from Hillbilly's BBQ at Exit 23 on I-85

10:30 am: Chris Patton leads a group from Hillbilly's BBQ at Exit 23 on I-85

12:00 pm: Lunch at Larkin's On The Lake Restaurant - \$10 per person (which includes tax & gratuity) Choice of Bayfront Burger & fries, grilled chicken sandwich & fries, Buffalo wings & fries, or clam chowder and salad. Price includes non-alcoholic beverages.

After check-in at 3:00 and everyone gets settled, we will have "Tea Time" at the QCCC Hospitality room in the Lake Lure Inn. Please bring snacks to go along with the hotel-provided keg of adult beverage.



4 Lake Lure area restaurants are within a short walk of the Lake Lure Inn awaiting your choice of dining desires: La Strada, MaLarKie's, MJ's, and Margarita grill

Saturday November 5

8:30 am: Leave for a Hill
Climb to Chimney Rock (in
your car).

After the visit to Chimney
Rock, there will be free time to
sightsee, shop, fish, ride horses,
play golf, go to the Spa, and/or
take a drive in the mountains.



6:30 pm: All-you-can-eat BBQ Buffet Dinner at MaLarKie's - \$17 per person
(which includes tax & gratuity).

Choices of pulled pork, chicken, potato salad, slaw, Texas toast, baked beans,
brownies, cookies, and non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will be
available, but their cost is not included in the dinner charge of \$17 per person.

MaLarKie's has an amusement area with pool tables, pinball machines, video
games, etc. for those who wish to display their hand-to-eye coordination skills.

Note: the restaurants have asked that we pay with one check, so as we did in St.
Augustine, I will be collecting payment for lunch and/or the buffet dinner prior to
November 1.

Sunday November 6

11:00 am: Check out time

10:30 am to 2:00 pm: Lake Lure Inn serves Brunch for \$9.95

www.lakelureinn.com

www.lakelure.com

www.chimneyrockpark.com

www.larkinsonthelake.com

www.thehickorynutgorge.com

www.malarkies.com

www.cedarcreekstables.com

Business Meeting Saturday November 12th

NorthCross Medical Center
Highway 21
Huntersville

Social Meeting 6:00 PM

Business Meeting 6:30 PM

Directions: From I77

Take Exit 25, go East One Block To Highway 21
(AKA Statesville Road)

Go South approx Quarter Mile

Turn into Second Driveway, go to left rear of building

Reminders:

Bring Chairs and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

