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Happy
New
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



Hello 2006...Farewell 2005

It's hard to believe that another year has past and that my Corvette and me are a year older (at least the Corvette doesn't look it!). Our Club had a fantastic 2005. Looking at the Excel spreadsheet I maintained for participation points, I got up to column "CQ". That's 72 columns! Needless to say, we had a very busy and active year.

This month, the new board will be seated and we are already working on making 2006 a year with lots of fun for everyone. Quentin (Q) Gross is our new VP. Chris Patton has already started working on the automotive activities calendar as our Automotive Director. Eddie, Jane, Florence and Margo will remain in the Board positions they so ably held during 2005. One more time, on behalf of the entire membership, I'd like to thank Robert Morgan and Wally Crawford for their leadership and hard work as President and Automotive Director.

Christmas Party 2005:

We had an absolutely wonderful QCCC Christmas party. The classroom at the Harley shop was packed with people and with good cheer. Jane Burt and her committee deserve a huge THANK YOU for all they did. A special thanks also goes to Ken and Cecil Lipack for once again opening their room for us. And the most exciting news coming out of our Christmas party comes by way of John Leibe...Wally, you now have everything you need to spin out Butt Ugly again at the track.

One last Christmas thing for Boyd Kurt...."Boyd, what was that you were saying about a 90+ year old Mrs. Santa Clause at the Lake Wiley Christmas Parade???"

QCCC Annual Meeting:

Our Annual Meeting will be at the Lowes Motor Speedway Club on January 21, 2006. This year's event is going to be a super event and I hope every single member and prospective member is able to attend. Gloria's and my first QCCC Annual Meeting was three years ago at the Speedway Club. I will always remember the excitement of driving my new Corvette to LMS and seeing dozens of the most beautiful cars ever made parked together in the lot. There will be great food, entertainment and of course friendships at this year's Prom. Please don't miss it.

I am once again appealing to each of you to help us to procure as many raffle and silent auction items as we can get. Please ask anyone and everyone where you shop if they would donate "stuff" or gift certificates. We want to make our "PROM" a fun and fruitful night for everyone to remember. One additional thing, please send an e-mail to me with

your goodies so the Planning Committee can catalog raffle and silent auction prizes in preparation for our Prom.

Final Final Final Report on My Z06 via the Club Photo:

Gloria will once again be setting up her Club Photo shop, this time to hand out the Club photos and CD's that you ordered. This has been an interesting project to say the least. By the way, I'm still driving my '02 Electron Blue Coupe rather than that Z06 I was so sure that I'd get from the graft money from the photo sale.....BAHHHH HUMBUG!!

Pseudo-Doctor

Once again, here is more sage advise from our "pseudo-doctor department". You'll remember that we began our training in Southern Medical Terminology. Because we live in the South and take back roads on our trips it would be helpful to learn "Hillbilly" medical terminology. So, here we go again:

- Varicose..... Near by
- Hospital..... The biggest building in town other than the Troutman Bait & Tackle Shop
- Pelvis..... A second cousin to Elvis
- Recovery Room A place to do upholstery
- Node I knew it
- Pap Smear A fatherhood test

Final Thoughts:

Well, we've gone through 12 months of month-by-month Corvette history exhausting the historical events listed in the Corvette Black Book. However, just when I thought I had covered everything that there was to say about the history of our beloved Corvette, the Charlotte Observer publishes an article suggesting that "boy" monkeys choose cars as toys. Is it possible that Harley Earl is not the "father of the Corvette" but rather an ancestor of his who lived thousands of years ago????

Jerry

Remember, the only scent sweeter than a bouquet of flowers on a special day to a special someone is NOT the smell of Harley Earl's Great, Great, Great, Grandfather's digs. (see the last page)



VP REPORT



Good morning all QCCC Members. I hope the holidays provided everyone with a terrific Christmas and the New Year was brought in with good cheer and the company of family and friends. The New Year brings anticipation and expectation and I would like to start by thanking everyone for their support during the November elections. I look forward to working with all QCCC members to provide the support that is necessary to continue making this a great club.

Since this is my first attempt at a newsletter article, I would like to take time to thank the two outgoing board members, Robert Morgan and Wally Crawford. Since Margo and I joined QCCC, Robert has been the only president we have known. Robert has provided QCCC with great leadership and has provided the steady hand necessary to guide an organization of this size through the many business meetings, board meetings, and all the events that had been planned for the members of the QCCC. I know Robert (and Vanessa) look forward to some down time but want them to know we all look forward to seeing them (and the new addition to the family) at as many events as possible.

The past two years for Wally Crawford as Automotive Director can be summed up in one word...outstanding! The car shows, road trips, poker runs, car care days, high performance speed days, and parades have given all QCCC members an opportunity to pick from a variety of events that will let them share their pride and joy Corvette with other members. There weren't many events Wally planned that the weather didn't cooperate and give us all an excellent day(s). From all of us in QCCC, thank you Wally (and Anita) for your time and expertise the past two years.

For my fellow board members and myself, the New Year will provide us all with great challenges and I know we will be able to provide the QCCC members with a schedule of events that everyone will enjoy. 2006 should be

a great year; after all how can it not be when the last two numbers have a lot in common with Corvette (Z06).

January 2006 Business Meeting

The January business meeting will be held January 14th at the North Cross Medical Center Building in Huntersville. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Munchies will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. preceding the meeting. Be sure to bring your own chair-in-a-bag as seating is always at a premium in this location. The medical center is located on Highway 21 off of exit 25 on I-77. The meeting room is to the rear of the building. A map and additional directions are provided elsewhere in the newsletter.

January Calendar

In addition to our business meeting, January also contains two highly anticipated events, our annual QCCC banquet and a car care day. Additional information on those events will be provided throughout the newsletter and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Additional thoughts

As we have all been following for the past year my predecessor's (the now duly appointed El-Presidente Jerry Scienski) unsuccessful quest for a new Z06; I have been trying to think of what possible endeavor I could come up with that would keep our readers on the edge of their seats as that quest did. The only thing I can come up with is to advise what is the latest item (or junk as Margo says) that is associated with the 50th Anniversary Corvette. Many QCCC members have already generously contributed to my cause (Mark, Chris, and Adam to name a few) so as I acquire more stuff, I will pass that information on so you can all rest easily knowing my collection will grow every month. For now, I have to go check the temperature in the garage on my 50th Anniversary wall thermometer to ensure all is well and the car will rest easily throughout the night.

Until next time, be safe and keep the shiny side up and the greasy side down!

Q

Through the Windshield

I would first like to thank you all for selecting me as Automotive Director for QCCC. Wally Crawford has left some big shoes to fill but I hope to make 2006 a great year for QCCC with plenty of Road Trips, Parades, Poker Runs, High Performance Driving Events and Car Shows.

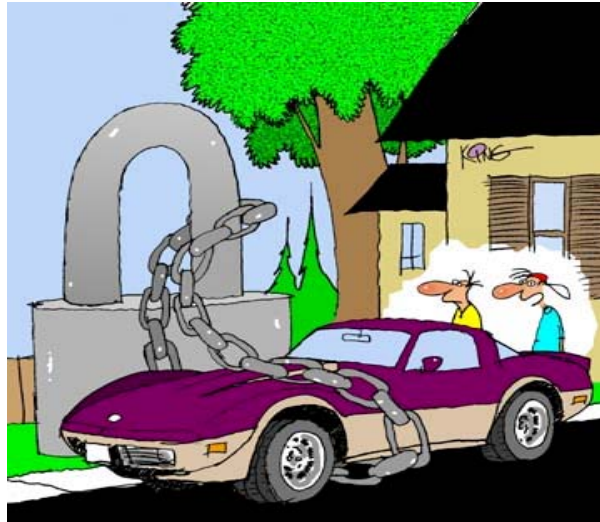
We have some up coming events; first January 14th is the Business Meeting at the Northcross Medical Location. At that meeting I will have an open call for any and all members that would like to be on the Charity Committee. Then on January 21st we have the Banquet at the Speedway Club. Next on January 28th there will be a Car Care Day out at Wally Crawford's famous "Garage Mahal" in beautiful Stanfield, NC. You can bring your own oil and filter to change your oil. There will be a bunch of guys with plenty of Corvette "knowledge" hanging out in the garage to help with ***SMALL*** repairs and to give advice. Keep in mind there is just not enough time to do more than change oil and to give a good inspection to the undercarriage of the cars.

Some events for the future include a "Zaino Day" with Steve Treece sometime before car show season. In April the Year One Company will be sponsoring a high performance driver education and show event at Road Atlanta, and they have invited QCCC. Also April brings Auto Fair to Lowes Motor Speedway.

I would like to hear your ideas and suggestions for things to do and places to go; you can email your suggestions to me at camspatton@aol.com, or give me a call 704-454-7272. Please do not be upset if we can not use all the ideas, but the only way to move forward is to put your ideas on the table.

Until next month remember,
"Give 'em a length, then shut 'em down!" *The Beach Boys "Shut Down"*

Chris Patton



"With all the cars being stolen these days, I went out and bought the strongest security system I could afford."



QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday November 20, 2005

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

Officers present: Robert Morgan, Jerry Scienski, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt and 2006 Officer Chris Patton.

President, Robert Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Robert:

Reviewed the roles of the officers for the 2006 Board

Plaques have been ordered to be presented at the Awards Banquet: Member of the Year, Male Rookie of the Year, Female Rookie of the Year, and President's Choice. The gavel has been taken to have the new President's name engraved. Will also order plaques for the top 3 Participation Awards.

Jerry:

January meeting will be at Northcross Medical Center in Huntersville. Q will arrange the meeting places for the rest of the year.

Copies of the group pictures taken September 10 at the Harley-Davidson place are being prepared. Chris will pick them up and Gloria will distribute them.

Chris for Wally:

Car Care Day at Wally's will be Saturday January 28

Plans to have several day trips in 2006

Potential event in April with Year One - Restoration and Performance Headquarters

www.nextgenparts.com

Jane:

Discussed the Holiday party in December

Discussed details for the Banquet in January. Since member dues heavily subsidize the Banquet, QCCC members will pay \$20 per person and non-members will pay \$46 per person.

Eddie:

Reviewed current membership status

Received approval from the Board to let www.modvette.com link to our website

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

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



Minutes of the QCCC December Business Meeting

Saturday, December 10, 2005

The November business meeting was held at **Harley Davidson of Charlotte** and was called to order by President, Robert Morgan at 7:30 PM.

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

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

Visitors were: **Bart & Carolyn Richards**- one superb 1999 Torch Red Coupe

New members voted in: **Mike & Jenn Hulett** – 2006 Daytona Sunset Orange Z06 Coupe, **Craig & Donna Perry** – 1998 Torch Red Convertible

Robert Morgan, *President*

- Thanked Ken and Cecile Lipak for allowing the club to use their facilities for the meeting and Christmas party.
- Thanked Jane for the great dinner which was provided by Tryon House.

Jerry Scienski, *Vice President*

- Mentioned that since members had to bring Air National Guard presents to the meeting, car points would be awarded tonight even if you did not drive your corvette.
- Due to photographer printing problems the club pictures will not be ready until the next meeting.
- Asked Victor Reveron to tell the club about his early Christmas present (*2006 Monterrey Red Coupe*)

Florence Prather, *Treasurer*

- Presented treasury report.

Wally Crawford, *Automotive Events Director*

- Thanked everyone who participated in the gift giving. Almost all of the gifts on the list have been met and many people have also given gift cards and checks to help fill in the gap of those needs not met.

Jane Burt, *Social Events Director*

- Thanked those who brought brownies and came early to help decorate for the dinner. Also thanked Jenn Hulett for doing such a great online Christmas party invitation.
- Asked Vanessa Morgan to explain how the gift exchange would work.

Eddie Burt, *Membership Director*

QCCC Delivers to the Air National Guard Families

You folks are awesome, and I want to thank everyone who participated in the QCCC Operation Santa Claus for making it such a huge success.

A recap might be a good place to start.



We were given a list that included 7 North Carolina Air National Guard Families. Those seven families included eighteen children of various ages. I think it is significant to note that once again this year **NOT ONE PARENT ASKED FOR ANYTHING FOR THEMSELVES.**



Queen City Corvette Club came through in grand style.

We took on all 8 families-that's right-we took an extra family. Bob Denney and Sandy Welsh supported a family that Kathleen had mentioned at our meeting. This family had had a devastating fire and lost most everything they owned. Bob & Sandy made a



\$400.00 cash donation specifically earmarked for this family which did not even show on the list given us.

We raised a total of \$1050.00 in cash, which was divided evenly between the seven families. Each family was given a gift envelope with three \$50.00 bills and a letter from QCCC. (copy enclosed). This cash was in addition to gift certificates. I do not have an accurate count on the gift certificates but Anita and I agree that it was at least another \$500.00.

Almost every toy on every child's wish list was also purchased by someone within QCCC and given to Kathleen and we had a ball doing it. Mark Ledford brought a tractor trailer rig and we loaded all the toys into it and formed a Corvette Caravan. We had 9 Vette's and one big danged truck delivering gifts to the Air Force base.

Kathleen had it well set up on her end and we were expected and admitted through the security gate without a hitch. We were escorted to her office and had all the help from military personnel we needed in unloading the gifts. Later, we all went for lunch and shared some warm feelings and food.

Thanks again to all who participated and an extra thanks to those who arranged their schedules to participate in the delivery of the gifts.

Wally





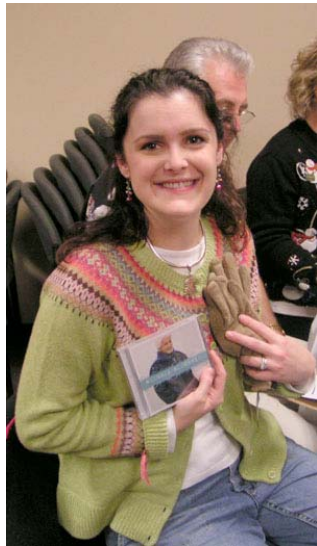
QCCC Christmas Party/Business Meeting

The annual Christmas Party/sumptuous catered dinner/business meeting was an event that brought out many members. QCCC'ers had many opportunities to relax, catch up on all the happenings, enjoy the friendship and tell tales of how fast their cars are.



Must have been a shirt sale!!





From the Driver's Seat...

Bittersweet, Adj. “having a taste that is a mixture of bitterness and sweetness”. The word says it all. Time marches on and this is the last article I will write as Automotive Events Director for QCCC. It has been a fun two years-sometimes a little hectic, always very rewarding, but none of it would have been possible without the support of many, many people within the club. Many people come to mind who have helped throughout the last two years, and I cannot name them all, but I do wish to acknowledge a few who were certainly critical in making the task a little easier.



First and foremost is my wife, Anita. I have written about this before, but without her support and love, it would not have been possible. Thanks, honey, for the many weekends you gave up to plan or participate in current or upcoming events. While always fun, Corvettes and cars are my passion, not hers, and I know that there were times that my wife may have wanted to do something other than ride the same road course for the fifth time, taking mileage and noting directions. Always the trooper, she never complained.

Robert Morgan-Mr. President- a trustworthy sounding board, dynamic leader and never ending source of good advice. Robert was always just a phone call away and never too busy to discuss club business.

Bob Denney, Karl Slavetsky and Chris Patton. Thanks to these three for making the second year much more manageable. Bob handled the parades all this year, while Karl and Chris split the car show duties. Thanks guys for lightening the load. Ben Horack. Ben was my predecessor as Automotive Director and was an outstanding resource for contacts and contact information.

Thanks to all the members who showed up at the AutoFair, car shows, poker runs, day trips and whatever else. The fun and reward in this job is watching others enjoy themselves with their cars and having a good turn out for the planned event. Without exception, we had a good turn out for everything we did and I think everyone had a good time.

I am leaving this post in good hands. Chris Patton has been very actively involved in all the parades and has helped to organize the fall AutoFair and car show. Chris is enthusiastic about his new responsibility and will bring new blood and fresh ideas to the events calendar. Chris has the support of Mel, and together I'm sure they will give us many opportunities to enjoy the camaraderie of QCCC while enjoying our cars.

I intend to sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labor. I am looking forward to just sitting in the crowd of folding chairs, spending time with my friends and drinking a cold brew. Until later-

Keep the rubber side down.

Wally

Lake Wiley Parade





To Paddle or Not To Paddle

Dave Hill and his gang have made a major change in the automatic transmission of the '06 Corvettes. No longer a 4 speed - it now is a six speed and is paddle driven. For the additional cost of \$1,250 the new Hydra-Matic 6L80 is only used on Vettes and some Cadillac models this year, and will be standard on many GM autos in '07. The result of more gears gives the '06 a lower first gear for off the line performance and a higher top gear for better mileage. You can operate the new trans in a fully automatic mode or control each gear by shifting via the paddles mounted on the sides of the steering wheel.

Meet the New Members



Mike & Jenn Hulett
'06 Daytona Sunset Orange Z06



Craig & Donna Perry
98 Torch Red Convertible

Photos in this edition courtesy of Chris Patton, Bob Denney and Charlie Binder

January Car Care Day at Wally's

Needin' an oil change??

Wally Crawford is hosting a car care day to kick off the New Year. Bring your Corvette: you will be able to do your oil and filter changes and, possibly, some other minor items in his heated garage. He has a four post lift at your disposal. **Bring your own oil, filter, and chairs.** Trust me, it doesn't get much better than this!

Saturday, January 28, 2006.

Time : To Be Announced

4484 Nance Road

Stanfield NC

704-888-1938

Directions FROM CHARLOTTE:

Albamarle Road (RT 24/27) East about 17 miles from Independence
Cross Rt 601 and continue on 24/27 1.9 miles, cross over Rocky River and immediately turn right onto Pine Bluff Road.

Go approximately .9 miles to Nance Road. Turn Left
House is on the right.
White house with white garage.

(You will know you are getting close when you pass the herd of goats!)



Next QCCC Meeting at Huntersville Saturday January 14th at the Northcross Medical Center

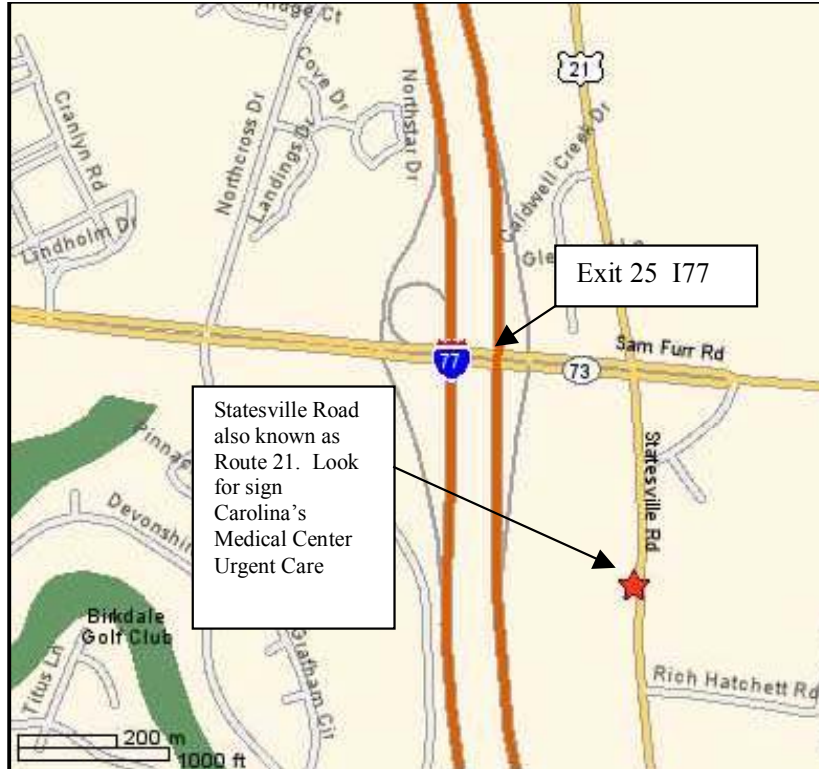
Times:

6:00PM Social

6:30 PM Business Meeting

Reminders:

Please bring chairs and
non-alcoholic beverages



To Y'all:

A Thank You Note from the Air National
Guard

Folks,
To all you outstanding patriots.
It is indeed a pleasure to see a
corvette and it is an honor to
have your support.
Thank you all so much for
Family Day and all the assistance
you give our family readiness
programs.
Thank you all for what you
do for the community and America.
Sincerely,
The staff of the 145th

