

March - April
2006



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Fast Cars
Describes New
Meeting Venue



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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

As I look out my window at work...not that I have a lot of time to look out my window at work you understand...there is a tree that is in full blossom. That means Spring.. and Spring means that it is time to get the Corvettes back on the road. Chris, Jane and Q are putting together a very busy calendar for 2006. There will be lots of exciting and fun events with activities for everyone. Check our web site and newsletters for upcoming trips, parades, car shows and racing activities. I again encourage as many members as possible to consider heading up or recommending a trip or event. Just dream up great trips and coordinate them with Chris & Jane. We love to drive and eat!!



I want to thank Chris Davidson and Jim Massfeller for the lesson on the Corvette Forum. I know that I learned many things that I would have never known without some coaching. We are looking for more topics for presentation during our meetings. For example, we might want to have someone who knows Corvette tires make a presentation. There are several brands out there and they are not all the same. That's just one idea I had. Help me to identify topics that will be of interest to you and help us to enjoy and take better care of our Corvettes.



Would you believe that Gloria is still in the Club Photo business? I'll send an e-mail reminder to those who still have not picked up their pictures. If that doesn't work, I guess I'll have to ask for help from my Big, Strong and Mean Club Photo Parking Attendants who are still sore about the lack of tips!!

Chris has had an outstanding response to Autofair. In fact, he's requested additional spaces for our Club. Thank you to everyone for your support. For those of you who have not attended an Autofair with QCCC, I guarantee that you will have a great time. Autofair is a terrific show and we always have fun together in our Corvette corral. It's a great way to get to know your fellow members as well as an opportunity to lie with a straight face about how fast you drive.

Well, that's it until the next time. See you at the March meeting.

Jerry

Remember, the book says, "All Corvettes are RED", (but they really wish that they were BLUE!!)

VP REPORT

Hello all QCCC Members. With the spring season here and warm weather upon us, it's time to get into our Corvettes, put the top down, (or take your top off for the coupe folks) get on the road and put miles on these machines. QCCC has great upcoming events scheduled and I look forward to seeing all our old friends and new at these gatherings.



Business Meeting Recaps And Updates

Our March business meeting was held on 3/11/06 and turned out to be one blast for everyone! Victory Lane Indoor Karting Center in Charlotte opened their doors to QCCC members and we responded in typical member fashion...we showed up with our Corvettes all shined and polished and with a desire to get down to business and eat.

Bennett's Catering Service out of Conover, NC catered dinner. The smoked brisquet, smoked chicken, and all the fixings were sensational. 97 members participated in the dinner and I believe most went back for second helpings.

After dinner it was down to business and on with the meeting. With El Presidente Jerry Scienski unable to attend due to a severe bout with kidney stones, I grabbed the microphone and tried to fill his shoes as best I could. Getting everyone just to sit down and in place is a job in itself. But with the help of all my fellow board members, we conducted our business meeting and made Jerry proud.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, it was on to what 48 brave members signed up for and wanted to do most (after eating of course) and that was racing the very fast karts VLK is famous for. With a few minutes of helpful coaching from VLK regular Paul Pelkey, members proceeded to suit up, don their helmets, and start racing around the very demanding 1/3-mile road race course. Needless to say, it was a great time for all. At the end of each race, every driver was presented with a computer printout of his or her lap times. Speeds increased and lap times went down as the night went on. A lot of racers took advantage of the special VLK pricing and went out for several races. With the exception of yours truly being t-boned after a spin out, the races went on without incident.

Thanks to Fred Ogrim of VLK for working with me in putting together a great event for all. Special thanks to QCCC members Nelson Sprague, Clark Blevin, and Mike Kulsar for their help in directing arriving members to the designated parking area. I really appreciated their help in reducing my stress factor for the night. With this kind of turn out and support of the club members, we may make this an annual event.

The April meeting will held at the Crawford's on 4/15/06. More details regarding this meeting will be found through out this newsletter.

50th Anniversary Ramblings and Trivia

The 2003 50th Anniversary sales brochure was the first Corvette brochure to include an active CD-Rom disc. The CD showcases the history of the Corvette through the model years and includes a lot of interesting history, articles, pictures, and trivia. It even includes for the person who might think they have everything, complete instructions and programming to print a full size 1953 or 2003 Corvette (convertible of course) for your garage or den wall. All you need are 88 sheets of paper for the 1953 or 92 sheets for the 2003 and a new color cartridge for your printer! I think Wally needs one of these for the “Garage Mahal”.



Trivia question time...the 1986 Corvette was the first American car to be equipped with what safety feature now common on all production cars? The answer can be found on another page.

Final Thoughts

And in your best Jeff Foxworthy impersonation and voice repeat after me... You might be a Corvette owner if:

You've ever bought a piece of clothing to “match the car.”

Your car is 26 years old and you find out that it still has the original fuel filter, and you're HAPPY!

You know the exact date your car was built (August 20, 2002)...but forget your anniversary. You have 100% cotton towels for your car and you use old, worn-out ones in your bathroom. Instead of your spouse, you carry a picture of your car in your wallet.

You order a build sheet for your Vette even though you have no idea what it means.

You find it necessary to keep pressing that little button that goes between oil temp/ water temp/ fuel avg./ etc.

You cause traffic jams as you maneuver your Corvette around a puddle of water in the street.

You have an 11 X 14 Corvette poster on the wall above your bed.

You find yourself looking at your reflection in large plate glass as you drive by.

The weatherman predicts rain and you are VISIBLY upset.

You flip through every page of Ecklers, Mid America and Corvette Central every month even though they have the same parts every month.

While looking to buy a house, garage space and condition is the first thing you look at.

And finally, you grit your teeth and scowl every time you see a Mustang on the road.

If you answered yes to any of the above statements, you just might be a Corvette owner!

Be safe, save the wave and see you all soon!

Q. Gross

Through the Windshield

The year is moving right along with our first road trip, up to Wilkesboro behind us. With the weather warming we are moving right into parades, and car shows.

The Charlotte St. Patrick's Day Parade is on Saturday March 18th. Queen City Corvette Club has been invited to have our own display in the parade. We will also be carrying some of the Pageant Queens and Parade Officials. We will meet in front of the Charlotte Observer building at the corner of Tryon and Stonewall Streets at 9:30 a.m.

Our next road trip is on Saturday, March 25th down to Beacon's Drive in Spartanburg, SC. We will meet at exit 23 on I-85 at 9:30 in the Hillbilly's BBQ parking lot. Please let Jane Burt know by the 22nd of March if you plan to attend. Bring your radios and appetites several members say that this is an excellent place to go for fun and good food. Jane has planed to go to the outlet mall in Gaffney, SC on the trip back.

With April just around the corner its time to start thinking about Auto Fair. I have arranged for five extra spaces this spring so now we will have 35 spaces to fill each day. At this time on the list there is one space open on Saturday April 8th and seven open on Sunday, April 9th. Please remember this is a rain or shine event, and we have to fill all the



"I know I wanted you to stop going to those summer classic car shows so you could spend more time at home, well, I changed my mind."

parking spots no matter what or risk losing them next for the next show. I have arranged for a spot up behind the Grand Stands so we can be in the shade and away from the grease from the food stands. Trophies will be presented on both Saturday and Sunday in the following categories, “Best in Show”, “Ladies Choice”, “Most Likely to Get a Ticket”, and “Competitors Choice”. Only members in good standing are eligible for trophies.

On March 18th the Auto Fair sign up list opens to perspective members and on the 25th the list opens to all second and third cars. Please email camspatton@aol.com or call 704-454-7272 if you would like to attend. I will be sending out more information as soon as I have the list finalized and all the information from the Speedway.

The weekend after Auto Fair we will have a trip to the Year One Event in Braselton GA. on April 22nd and 23rd. We will be leaving early Saturday morning. Once there, we will be given free spectators passes good for all the events. If you want to participate further you can upgrade your pass to a participant pass and this will allow you to do all the events that you want including the hot laps, autocross, car show, and drag strip. For those that just want to be a spectator, special parking inside the track at Road Atlanta will be given to QCCC so we can all park together near the pedestrian bridge that crosses the track. For more information you can go to www.yearone.com and click on Year One Experience under the event section on the right. There are about 7 couples signed up right now. This will be an over night trip and we are in the process of getting rooms. If you are even thinking of going please let me or Mike Kulscar mkulcsar@carolina.rr.com know as soon as possible so we will know the number of tickets and rooms to reserve.

In addition to the events, I have been speaking with a t-shirt store in the Concord Mills Mall and getting some prices on matching t-shirts for the club. The manager quoted us a price of \$15.00 for a t-shirt of good quality that will have the Queen City Club Logo on the back. I am sure we can get the price down if we have enough orders. If this is something that you all would be interested in please let me know and I will pursue this matter further.

Remember, Corvette is not a car; it's a state of mind.

Chris Patton



Minutes of the QCCC March Board Meeting

Thursday, March 2, 2006

The March Board meeting was held at Jerry and Gloria Scienski's home and called to order at 7:35 PM. Officers present were, Jerry Scienski, Jane and Eddie Burt, Margo and Quentin Gross, Chris Patton and Florence Prather.

Guest present: Past President, Robert Morgan

Officer reports were as follows:

Jerry:

- Discussed request by Charlie Binder to do a mid-March QCCC Newsletter. Because he and Iris will be on vacation he will be unable to do another one until May.

Q:

- March meeting is set to be held at Victory Lane Karting in Charlotte. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM meeting will follow. Racing will be discounted from \$24 to \$20.
- Points are up-to-date and will go out to the membership on April 1st.

Florence:

- Reviewed member's budget request and discussed the categories and upcoming expenses.
- Final budget will be presented to membership at March meeting.

Chris:

- St. Patrick Day parade is set. QCCC was asked to provide 8 cars.
- Auto Fair we have 35 slots for each day.
- Reviewed Year One event being held at Road Atlanta in April.

Eddie:

- Mentioned that the mentorship program is going along nicely.
- 198 members to date.

Jane:

- Reported on trip to Wilkesboro.
- Discussed plans for the Spartanburg, SC trip in March. BMW plant portion cancelled because no tours will be given until Fall.
- April meeting/party at Crawford's will be a covered dish and Melissa Patton will be helping with decorations.
- Reviewed weekend trip she and Eddie are planning for Savannah, GA June 16-18th. Hotel venue will be Courtyard by Marriott.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Gross, Secretary



Business Meeting Minutes Saturday, March 11, 2006

The March business meeting was held at **Victory Lane Karting** in Charlotte and was called to order by Vice President, Quentin Gross at 6:30 PM.

Officers Present: Q Gross, Jane and Eddie Burt, Margo Gross, Chris Patton, and Florence Prather

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

Visitors were: **John Forgione**- 2006 Yellow Coupe; **Phil Gearheart & Evelyn Gaudreaux** – 2005 Red Coupe, **Frank & Eva Honaker** – 2002 Pewter Coupe; **Darrell & Beth Kirkley** – 1965 Red Convertible; **Wayne Smith** – 2002 Blue Convertible; **Rich & Patti Spina**, 2006 Red Coupe, **Steve & Maria Swanson** – 2005 Silver Coupe; **Bruce & Linda Trefz** – 2006 Silver Z06

No new members were voted in.

Quentin Gross, Vice President

- Welcomed all visitors and guests of members and thanked everyone for coming.
- Thanked Clark Belvin, Mike Kulsar and Nelson Sprague for coming early and helping direct cars.
- Thanked E.O Oakley for all his efforts on the QCCC website.
- Reminded members to **NOT** bring their corvettes to the April meeting at Anita and Wally Crawford's. Car points will automatically be awarded to all members who attend the meeting.
- Reviewed meeting locations for May, June and July.

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- Reviewed the 2006 proposed budget expenditures and income.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed 2006 budget.

Chris Patton, Automotive Events Director

- Discussed location and meeting time for St. Patrick's Day parade on 3/18/06.
- Reviewed upcoming Auto Fair event. Lowe's Speedway has given the club 35 slots on the 2nd level. Reminded members this is a rain or shine event.
- Mentioned that plans have been made for the Road Atlanta event. Plans have been made to leave Charlotte on the morning of Saturday, April 23rd. Spectator passes will be free to QCCC members as well as special parking inside. Hotel arrangements will follow. Please email Chris if you are interested in going.

Jane Burt, Social Events Director

- Thanked Adina Ledford for providing such great pictures from the Annual Banquet. Please see Adina tonight for your free prints.

- Plans are set for a drive to Spartanburg, SC on 4/25/06. We will be eating at Beacon Drive Inn and will stop at the outlet shops in Gaffney, SC on the return portion of the trip. Please check the website for details.
- April meeting will be “**When you Were 16 Party**” at Wally and Anita Crawford’s. Members will be asked to bring a covered dish.
- Plans are being set for a weekend trip to Savannah, GA in June. Check the website for additional details.

Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- Introduced guests
- No new member vote will be taken tonight.

New Business:

Walt Krupowicz gave a brief summary of a September trip he will be putting together to Bowling Green, KY. If you have any interest in going please email Walt so he can put you on his “further information” list www.oneowner6901@charter.net.

The 6th Annual Tombstone Run is being held in Tombstone Arizona. Please contact Wade Stickels if you have any interest in attending. wjstickels@aol.com

Paul Pelkey and Fred Ogrum gave a review of the go-carts and track for those members who will be racing tonight.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

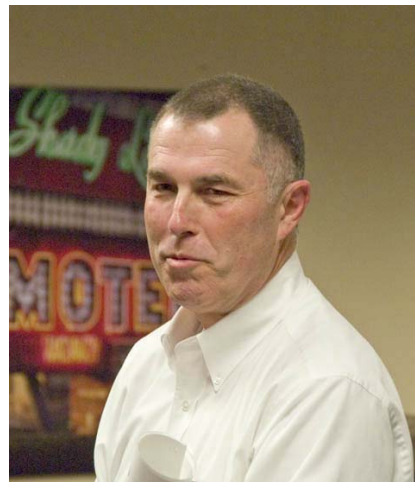
Respectfully submitted by,
Margo Cross, Secretary



Meet the New Members



Greg Tilley
1981 Silver/Gray Coupe



Bill Connor
2006 Silver Z06

Road Trip To Wilkesboro

The morning was a little cool, but lots of Corvettes gathered in the Mooresville meeting location and took off up I77 for Wilkesboro. It was the first road trip/lunch of the year and it was time to give those Corvettes a good run. The food was good, the camaraderie was great and the ice cream was an excellent way to end a tasty lunch. We even had a bit of cake to celebrate Jen Hulett's birthday!





HEAD TO THE BEACH WITH QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB

JUNE 16 - 18, 2006

Spend a weekend with your Corvette in the beautiful city of **Savannah GA** with **QCCC**.
www.savannahvisit.com We will be spending Friday and Saturday nights at:

Courtyard By Marriott – Midtown
6703 Abercorn Street
Savannah, GA 31405 **912-354-7878**

- Make your reservation by MAY 26 by calling 888-832-0327 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$99 per night
- After you've made your reservation, be sure to register on the QCCC Website under "Events"

Friday June 16

9:30 am Leave I-77 SC Welcome Center for 3.5-hour drive to Savannah
1:30 pm Lunch at Savannah area restaurant (TBD)
7:30 pm Dinner at Kevin Barry's Irish Pub on the Savannah River Front

Saturday June 17

9:30 am Pick-up at hotel by Old Town Trolley Tours for 1.5 hour private narrated tour of the Historic District, followed by free time to sightsee, shop, and have lunch. Trolley ticket of **\$19 per person** covers narrated tour plus on and off privileges until 4:00 pm. Checks should be payable to and sent to Jane Burt by May 26.
NOTE: After the narrated tour, anyone wishing to go back to the hotel will be taken back by the trolley
4:00 pm Pick-up at Waving Girl Statue on River Street by Old Town Trolley Tours for ride back to hotel.
6:00 pm Gather at hotel for departure to The Crab Shack on Tybee Island for dinner.
6:30 pm Caravan will promptly leave for the restaurant.

http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/savch?WT_Ref=mi_left

<http://www.historictours.com/savannah/default.htm>

www.kevinbarrys.com

www.thecrabshack.com

Highlights of March Meeting

The location of the meeting – Victory Lane Karting – proved to be an exciting adventure that had all the basic elements for QCCC members: food, fun and fast cars. After enjoying the buffet dinner, officers were quick to run through the typical business meeting agenda; they could tell that members wanted to get in those go karts as quickly as possible.



Those that raced were well pleased with their driving and had a lot of fun; I'm sure you will be hearing about their escapades in months to come.



Aliens from another planet!!





Corvette Museum Applies For \$2.3 Million Expansion Grant

The National Corvette Museum is applying for a \$2.3 million transportation enhancement grant to be used to add a 27,000 square foot expansion. The grant application will be submitted to the Bowling Green City Commission on March 21 for consideration and request to serve as the local government sponsor. The grant application will then be submitted to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Transportation Enhancement Programs. The Museum should receive notification by July 1st if their application is approved.

The Museum's building expansion plans were first announced in June 2003, with a fundraising campaign to add approximately 60,000 square feet. Approximately \$2 million has been raised towards the campaign and with the increased construction costs, the decision was made to take a "phase approach" to begin the expansion. The first phase is estimated to cost about \$5.3 million, and will be funded by the \$2.3 million grant, and \$3 million by the Museum. The Museum will need to raise approximately \$700,000 and the plans are for this to be obtained from additional fundraising efforts or from bank financing if necessary. "For the past 10 years, our main focus has been to reduce debt," states NCM Executive Director, Wendell Strode. "Having reduced our debt from \$12 million to \$3 million, it is at a much more manageable level." Strode states that the Museum is positioned to do more strategic and long-term planning and sees this addition as "Phase one" for future expansion.

Phase one of the building expansion will bring several needed enhancements to the Museum and its 140,000 annual visitors. Enhancements include:

- *Library/Archives*
- *Historic Car Display Area*
- *Corvette Store Expansion*
- *Restrooms*
- *Offices*
- *Classroom*
- *Corvette Cafe*

The grant called a T-21 grant, funnels federal money through individual states. A city or county must be a sponsor of the grant application, and the City of Bowling Green is being asked to sponsor the Museum's efforts. "We are excited about this grant opportunity and our potential expansion, which will bring additional visitors to Bowling Green and thus be a positive economic impact on our community and state." said Strode. The enhancements of the additional expansion will help the Museum continue its mission of educating the public on Corvette's contribution to American and automotive history. The expansion will add to the Museum experience as the entertainment and educational facility for all things Corvette. Additional information on the Museum's expansion plans can be obtained by calling (800) 53-VETTE.

Highlights of February Meeting





QCCC Club Inventory Fiscal Year 2006		
Equipment Item	Equipment Status	Location
1 Fire Extinguisher	Accounted for	Eddie Burt
1 Easel Stand	Accounted for	251 Amanda Drive
1 Blackboard	Accounted for	Matthews, NC 28104
5 Wooden Awards & 1 Trophy	Accounted for	
1 QCCC Banner	Accounted for	Chris Patton
1 Club Tent	Accounted for	8930 Cherry's Ford Court
Assorted Corvette / Chevrolet Banners	Accounted for	Harrisburg, NC 28075
1 Club Flag	Accounted for	
4 Metal Stakes	Accounted for	
8 Rubber Bungi Cords	Accounted for	
Poker Run Cards	Accounted for	
50/ 50 Tickets	Accounted for	
1 QCCC Official Seal	Accounted for	Jerry Scienski
1 Speaker system w / microphone	Accounted for	1110 Thornsby Lane
1 Official Oversize Meeting Gavel	Accounted for	Matthews, NC 28105
1 Green Tub With Club Historical Records	Accounted for	Quentin Gross
Official QCCC Reading Glasses	Accounted for	1102 Setter Lane

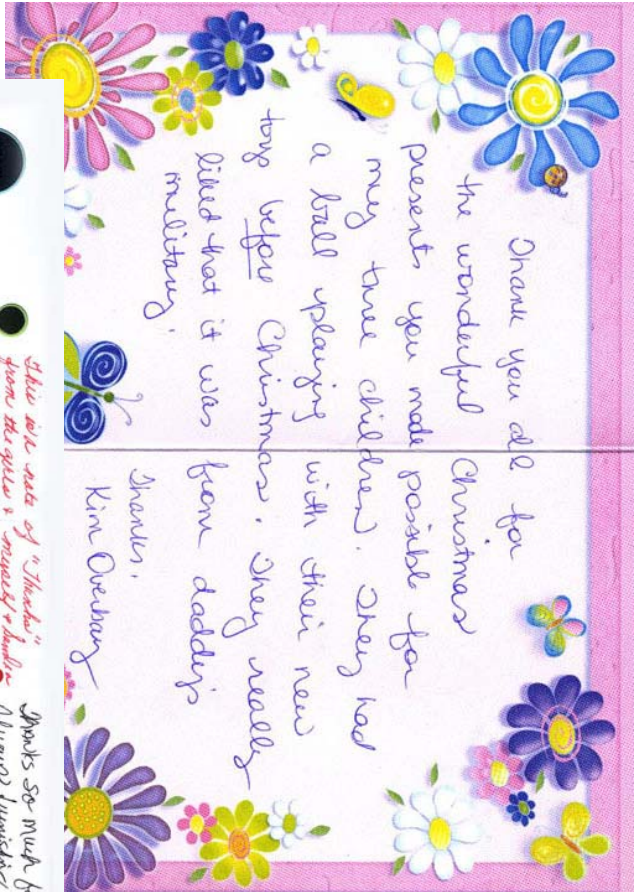
Corvette For Sale

1988 Coupe, Automatic Transmission, Black with a Purple Stripe, Fully Loaded, 245 HP New Gray Cloth Interior, 135K miles, located in Cornelius NC. \$7,000.00 contact E.O. Oakley

Scenes from Dinner Events in February



QCCC Gets Thank You Notes



Dear Margo,

It was so nice of you and appreciated more than words can say!

Thank you so very much for the lovely flowers. Please also extend my thank you to all QCC members for their thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
 Quin Keitt

QCCC Calendar of Events for 2006

March

18 St. Patrick's Day Parade Uptown Charlotte 11:00 AM

25 Day trip to Beacons Restaurant for Lunch in Spartanburg, SC

April

8,9 Auto Fair

15 Meeting, Crawford's house "When You Were 16" Theme

22,23 Year One overnight event at Road Atlanta

May

13 Meeting and Car Show, tentative for Diamond Chevrolet

28 Coca-Cola 600

June

10 Meeting and Barbecue at Burt's home, "Margaritaville" with Karaoke and Talent Hour.

16 -18 Weekend trip to Savannah, GA

30 Cruise in to Oakboro NC

July

8 Meeting

15 Shatley Springs Caravan and Overeating Jamboree

22 Car Care Day and Ladies Day Out

August

12 Meeting and Bowling Event

26 Victory Junction Daytrip Caravan

September

9 Meeting Ledford's House. Bring Picnic lunch, Poker Run Down to Ledford's in York SC

16,17 Auto Fair

21,22,23,24 Weekend Trip to Bowling Green Corvette Museum

October

14 Bank of America Race at Lowe's Motor Speedway

21 Car Show and Meeting TBA

November

3,4,5 Weekend trip to Helen, GA/Hiawassee, GA (Tentative)

11 Meeting

18 Monroe Christmas Parade

December

9 Meeting and Christmas Party at Tryon House in Matthews

January 27 2007

Banquet at Lowe's Motor Speedway

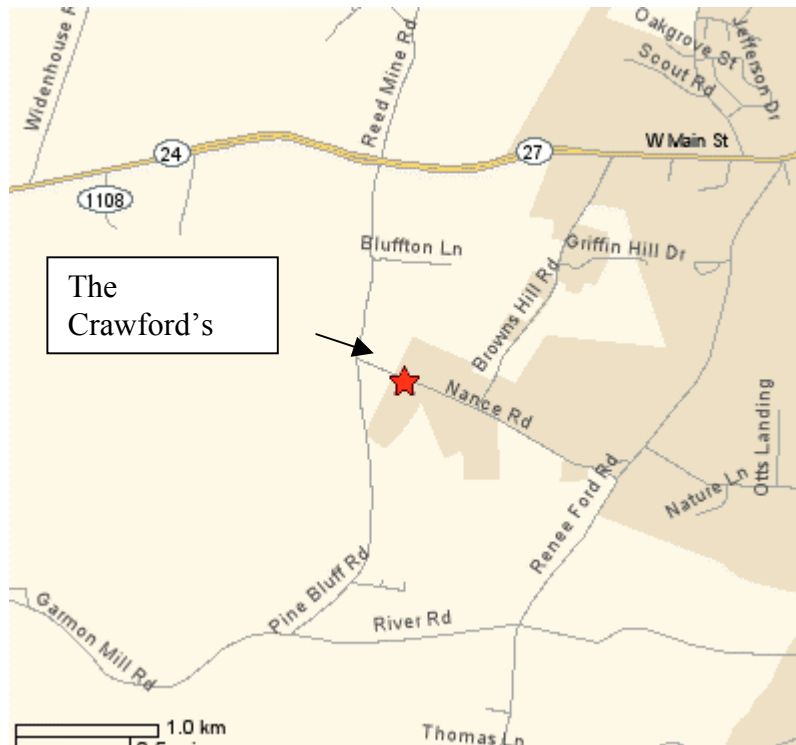
Photos in this issue courtesy of Bob Denney and Charlie Binder

April 15th QCCC Meeting & Party
Tax Day
At Wally and Anita Crawford's

4484 Nance Road
Stanfield NC

**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!)

Reminder: Do Not Bring Corvettes!!!

See info on page 17 regarding theme and what to bring !

Answer to Quentin's Trivia Question: ***ABS Brakes***