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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

SPECIAL REPORT



I need to do something here that I haven't done very often in our newsletter...talk about something seriously. God knows that we all love our Corvettes. Our Club provides us with the opportunity to do fun events with our cars and with great friends who share our passion for the Corvettes.

This year, the Board and particularly our Treasure have spent an inordinate amount of time attempting to collect club dues. It's mid May as I write and there are still nearly 20 members/couples who have not paid. My concern is not that those members will not pay but rather the amount of effort our Treasurer must exert to collect the dues and that we as your Board and I as your President are not governing the Club in accordance with our By-Laws. To spare you from reading the entire text of our by-laws, I'm going to quote various paragraphs to demonstrate our dilemma. Our by-laws contain several references regarding the subject of dues.



First, Active Members Shall be dues paying members in good standing. To hold an office, officers must be current with the payment of their dues: Officers must be dues paying Active members or the spouse of a dues paying active member. The Club Treasurer is responsible in accordance with the by-laws to ensure that members pay their dues; The Treasurer shall enforce the rules of non-payment of dues.

Our by-laws are quite specific as to when Club dues are to be paid:

Dues are determined by the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors.

Three month's dues must be paid in advance of each calendar quarter by cash or check. The Treasurer or President must receive payment of dues within the first 5 days of each calendar quarter for a member's dues status to be considered as current. The Secretary must notify members of any change in the amount of dues at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change. Certainly, members who can...are encouraged .. to pay the entire year's dues in January. Many members do, which means that there is one less thing they have to remember throughout the year.

The following is the excerpt from our by-laws that we never want to get to:

Suspension for Nonpayment of Dues. Any member who is delinquent in Club dues for three (3) months shall be suspended from the Club. In the event of unusual circumstances, the Board has the authority to review the situation and take appropriate action. Reinstatement shall be automatic upon payment of a \$5.00 penalty, all past dues and current quarterly dues. The member shall be notified by the Treasurer when he is past due two months. The member may then either:

1. Bring the dues current, no later than the next meeting.
 2. Be suspended. If suspended, the member may request a hearing before the Board of Directors and explain the reason for delinquent dues.
- n. Anyone suspended for nonpayment of dues will have a period of six (6) months to settle their account including bringing all dues up to date with the Club. At the end of this period, if dues are not brought current they would be completely expelled. To be allowed back in the Club, the expelled member must apply as a new member.

Only members in good standing are eligible for trophies at our car shows. We have so many great cars in this Club; we want everyone to have an equal chance to win recognition.

Your Board has the responsibility to keep you, the membership, informed of all matters concerning the Club. They asked me to address this issue with you. Most of what we do as a Board and as a Club involves fun stuff. But we would be remiss in our responsibilities to the Club if we did not also govern.

I want to end this on a positive note. I can't think of a single person now or before that hasn't been a friend and an asset to our Club. Gloria and I have had more fun since joining QCCC than in anything else we have ever participated in. Thanks to everyone who has paid, and to those who have not paid yet, please do so quickly so we can get on with the fun stuff...

Jerry

QCCC Members

Share your stories and photos with us. Many of you will be off to places far and wide this summer – share your adventures with us. Email your photos and a brief write up of where you went and what you did. It does not have to be Corvette related; just forward to my email address at chasbinder@adelphia.net.

Photos in this edition courtesy of Bob Denney and Charlie Binder

VP REPORT



The beginning of summer is here and QCCC has a calendar of events that include everything from one-day road trips, parades, a long weekend excursion to Savannah, GA, business meetings under the stars, and plenty of food and camaraderie for all. If you haven't put your summer schedule together yet, plan on attending as many events as possible with your friends in QCCC. You and your pride and joy ride won't be disappointed.

Business Meeting Recaps And Updates

Our May business meeting was held on 5/13/06 at the conclusion of the charity car show at Freedom Chevrolet in Monroe, NC. While a previous vacation commitment prevented yours truly from attending the show and meeting, El Presidente Jerry Scienski and the always multi-tasking Chris Patton carried on and had a successful double-header event that went on with no glitches. Thanks guys for holding down the fort and keeping things in order.

Our June meeting will be held on the 10th at Eddie and Jane Burt's house. For all members who have attended this great bar b-q in the past know, this is one of the highlights of the summer QCCC schedule. For all new members who have joined in the past 12 months and any current prospective members, you don't want to miss this. Eddie has that down home bar b-q cooking down and has plenty of secret sauces to satisfy everyone. With all QCCC members pitching in and bringing a favorite side dish, it is one cook out you won't want to miss!

The July 8th meeting will be held at the city of Cornelius Town Hall. This is a new location to hold our QCCC monthly meetings. With plenty of parking behind the hall and a new larger meeting room, this venue should satisfy our needs during the warm dog days of summer; this location is scheduled for more meetings in the months ahead.

50th Anniversary Ramblings and Trivia

The 2003 50th. Anniversary model interior blends a lighter value of gray-beige for seats and carpeting with a darker gray-beige for console, instrument panel and upper door panels. This interior introduction marked the first appearance of anything but black for a C5 instrument panel.

Trivia question time... what model year Corvette heralded the return of genuine fuel injection for the first time in two decades? The answer can be found on another page.

Final thoughts

And while we all might on occasion drive our Corvette a tad over the legal speed limit, you may be pressing the need for speed if:

Traffic advisories are issued whenever your car is spotted during rush hour.
You spend more on tires than food.

You have to go to the track to buy gas.
You spend more on car insurance than on house payments.
You refer to the intersection at the end of your street as turn #1.
Your local DOT decides not to re-pave your street with that new rubberized asphalt because you've already "done such a good job."
You need parachute braking.
Your exhaust pipes are a larger diameter than your driveline.
You measure the fuel you use in "gallons per mile."
Your insurance agent sends you "Thank You" postcards from Tahiti.
You find that the stock side mirrors don't hold up at speeds exceeding 145 m.p.h.
You get a phone call asking if you are interested in being in the Cannonball Run.
Your mechanic names the new wing of his shop after you.
And finally, you get pulled over for doing 150 in a 45 zone but the cops will let you go if "they can look under the hood".

If any of the above describes you and your Corvette, you might be pressing the need for speed just a little too much!

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

Q. Gross

Meet the New Members



Rich and Patti Spina
2006 Red Coupe



Wayne Smith
2002 Blue Convertible



Steve and Maria Swanson
2005 Silver Coupe

Through the Windshield

The QCCC gang had a good time out at Freedom Chevrolet in Monroe last month with our car show. With the financial state of car dealers these days it is very hard to find a Chevrolet dealer that is able to afford to assist us with a car show. The "Peoples Choice Award" and poster sales raised \$64 for charity. Thank you to all that attended, and Congratulations to all the winners.

Best C-1	Chuck Beard	1960 Red Convertible
Best C-2	John Meadows	1693 Silver Split Window Coupe
Best C-3	Karl Slavetsky	1971 Yellow Coupe
Best C-4	J.C. Roberts	1995 White Convertible
Best C-5	Ed Fessmire	1999 Magnetic Red Coupe
Best C-6	Jim Weisberg	2005 Daytona Orange Convertible
Peoples Choice	Jen Hulett	2006 Daytona Orange Z06
Best In Show	Darrell Kirkley	1964 Red Convertible

Our next road trip will be June 16 – 18 down to Savanna, GA for a fun coastal weekend. We will rally at 9:00 AM, at the I-77 rest area just south of Charlotte, in South Carolina. Since we have roughly 30 cars signed up for this trip, for safety concerns, I have decided to split the caravan into 3 groups departing 10 to 15 minutes apart. I will lead the first group departing approximately 9:20, Eddie Burt, will lead the second group departing at 9:30, and Mike Hulett, will lead the third group. Please email me at camspatton@aol.com and let me know the group you want to travel with. We need to keep these groups even with 8 to 10



"If you really cared about me, you would swim back to the boat and get my Corvette Keys."

cars in a group. With rest breaks, this trip will be a little over 4 hours long. I will be handing out directions to Savannah with the rest areas and gas stations marked for each group before they leave the rest stop.

Also June 23rd, we will have a short road trip out to the town of Oakboro, NC. For those of you not on the trip last time, Oakboro is a small town about 30 minutes east from the edge of Charlotte, which is taken over every fourth Friday of the month by cars. The town comes alive with just about every car you can imagine. On last year's trip out to Oakboro, I saw everything from a 1934 Buick to Shelby Cobras to a Ferrari 355 Spider not to mention the 39 Corvettes that were the talk on the night when QCCC came rolling in to town together. It was a scene like in the old western movies when the outlaw gang comes into town to take over. QCCC has been guaranteed and assured special parking and we have been asked to make a grand entrance by parading through town turning around at the far edge of town and going back to our parking spot at the bank lot on the main street of town.

QCCC has been invited back to the "Taste Around Ballantyne" on Thursday June 22 from 5:30 to 7:30. The event staff has sectioned special parking showcasing the Corvettes from QCCC. The "Taste Around Ballantyne" is a charity event to help raise money for the Charlotte Housing Authority to buy school supplies for children in the Charlotte area. Food from local restaurants will be there to sample. There is no admission fee but they are asking for donations. The address is 3420 Torrington Way, Charlotte, NC 28277. Please email me if you would like to attend so the event staff can assure there will be enough parking.

For anyone interested, Quaker Steak and Lube will be having a car show June 11 at their Concord location from 12 to 4 and has invited QCCC. Music and trophies will be provided. Parking will be on the paved lot beside the patio.

Until next time, remember, the biggest thing on a Corvette is the ego of the person driving it!

Chris Patton



QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Thursday May 4, 2006

The May Board meeting was held at Jerry and Gloria Scienski's house, Matthews, NC.

Officers present: Jerry Scienski, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, Quentin Gross, Margo Gross, Chris Patton and Florence Prather.

President, Jerry Scienski called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

Jerry:

- Reviewed Bylaws regarding late payment of dues.

Q:

- Discussed holding the August meeting at Northcross Medical Center conference room due to the fact that a bowling event will be held after the meeting.
- August meeting will be changed to 8/19/06 due to Panther pre-game opener.

Chris:

- Reviewed upcoming car show at Freedom Chevrolet. Only those cars eligible to receive a trophy will have stickers in the window.
- Freedom Chevrolet has not committed to contribute \$500 towards our charity fund.
- Discussed various methods for public to vote for their favorite cars.
- Not sure if QCCC will be asked to do the parade laps for upcoming race at Lowes.
- Decision on grouping cars to Savannah will be based on final count of cars going

Florence:

- Reviewed Budget vs. Actual report.
- Reminder emails were sent to members who have not yet paid their first two quarter dues.
- Board discussed suspension of those members who have not yet paid their dues by the end of May. Per Bylaws any member who has not paid their dues for 3 months will be suspended and must pay their dues and an additional \$5.00 to be reinstated.

Jane:

- Discussed Savannah trip, to date 22 cars have signed up.
- Bowling Green trip has 23 cars signed up
- Trip to Helena, GA firmed up. Dates will be November 3rd and 4th.
- Discussed holding a 50/50 drawing at annual barbeque in June. Table will be set up and manned by some of the Charity committee members.

Eddie:

- Three families will be eligible for membership at the May meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, **Margo Gross**, Secretary

QCCC Folks Dine with Hilton Head Corvette Club

A few QCCC'ers spent a week enjoying the sun and sand at Hilton Head Island recently. A call to their local Corvette Club garnered an invitation to join them in one of their regular Wednesday evening dinners on the Island.



About a dozen of their members showed up and greeted us with open arms. They have about 40 club members with various types of our favorite cars. And they enjoy the same things we do - driving their cars, eating out and getting together with other Corvette folks!





Minutes of the QCCC Business Meeting Saturday, May 13, 2006

The May business meeting was held at Freedom Chevrolet in Monroe, NC and was called to order by President, Jerry Scienski at 5:00 PM.

Officers Present: Jerry Scienski and Chris Patton

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

New members voted in were: **Wayne Smith**, 2002 Blue Convertible; **Rich & Patti Spina**, 2006 Red Coupe; **Steve & Maria Swanson**, 2005 Silver Coupe

Jerry Scienski, President

- Welcomed visitors and introduced those who were eligible for membership.
- Held vote for membership.
- Thanked Freedom Chevrolet for hosting the car show and presented Awards to winners of car show.
- Reviewed locations for next four business meeting. June meeting will be the famous Burt barbeque, July will be at Cornelius Town Hall, August meeting will be held at Northcross Medical Center and followed by bowling. September will find us at Mark and Adina Ledford's home.
- Read Treasurer's report for Florence. Report was accepted and seconded.

Chris Patton, Automotive Events Director

- Mentioned that Lowe's Motor Speedway will not be doing parade laps prior to the Coca Cola 600.
- Asked for volunteers to lead a second caravan to Savannah.
- Mentioned that Fred McCoy has found a new company that will do embroidery for the club. This company will be able to do a larger choice of emblems.
- Discussed plans for the Oakboro trip on June 30th.

In Jane Burt's absence Linda Meadows and Mel Patton reviewed upcoming events.

Walt Krupowicz discussed trip to Bowling Green, KY. To date 47 members have signed up for the trip. Reminded members to be sure and make their hotel reservations. Reservations have been made for dinner Thursday evening at Montana's Museum. GM Plant tour will begin at 10:00 AM Friday and will be followed by lunch at Santa Fe.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 PM.

☺ **Kudos to Linda Silvia for taking the minutes for this meeting while Margo was off playing at the beach!** ☺

Respectfully submitted by,
Margo Cross, Secretary

QCCC Calendar of Events for 2006

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
- 21-24 Trip to Bowling Green - Corvette Museum

October

- 14 Bank of America Race at Lowe's Motor Speedway
- 21 Car Show and Meeting TBA

November

- 3-5 Weekend trip to Helen, GA ,
- 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

Problem With C6 Roofs on Coupes

GM has issued a recall to fix a problem with roof panels on C6 coupes that have become delaminated and have been known to fly off the car when traveling at high speeds. Below is a copy of the recall notice taken from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrations web site. The date of this notice is May 24, 2006!

Make / Models :

CHEVROLET / CORVETTE

Model/Build

Years:

2005-2006

Type:

ANY

Recall Number:

06V181000

Summary:

ON CERTAIN 2005-2006 CHEVROLET CORVETTES EQUIPPED WITH PAINTED ROOFS, THE ADHESIVE BETWEEN THE ROOF PANEL AND THE FRAME MAY SEPARATE.

Consequence:

IF THERE IS A COMPLETE SEPARATION, THE ROOF PANEL MAY DETACH FROM THE VEHICLE AND IT COULD STRIKE ANOTHER VEHICLE AND CAUSE INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT VEHICLES FREE OF CHARGE FOR POTENTIAL ROOF PANEL-TO- FRAME SEPARATION AND ADD THE SPECIFIED ADHESIVE FOAM OR REPLACE THE ROOF WITH ONE HAVING ADHESIVE FOAM. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CHEVROLET AT 1-800-630-2438.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Highlights of May Meeting and Car Show







QCCC LUNCH IN THE MOUNTAINS

Saturday July 15, 2006

SHATLEY SPRINGS INN - CRUMPLER, NC

(8 miles south of the VA state line)

Shatley Springs Inn

407 Shatley Springs Road

Crumpler, NC 28617

336-982-2236

www.shatleysprings.com

Massive quantities of food are served family style – country ham, fried chicken, vegetables, biscuits, and desserts for only **\$15.00 per person** (includes tax).

Jane will collect this before leaving exit 36

Depart I-77 exit 36 9:30 am

I-77 North to exit 36

Turn right onto Hwy 150

Turn left at the first light & park behind Denny's

Bring your FRS radios and appetites.

Register on the Events page of www.QueenCityCorvette.com.

Head to Bavaria with Queen City Corvette Club

NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 2006

Spend a weekend with your Corvette in the beautiful Alpine Village of **Helen GA** with Queen City Corvette Club www.helenga.org. We will be spending Friday and Saturday nights at:

Alpenhof Motel

15 Yonah Street, Helen GA 30545

800-535-8678 or 866-464-3536

- Make your reservation by * AUGUST 1 * by calling 800-535-8678 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$89.52 per night.
www.alpenhofmotel.com
- After you've made your reservation, be sure to register on the QCCC Website under "Events"

Helen GA is an Alpine Village in the mountains of north Georgia. In addition to the beautiful mountain scenery, there is river rafting, shopping, golfing, horseback riding, a winery, model railroad exhibit hall, gold mine, arts and crafts, and best of all, this is the last weekend of a 7-week **Oktoberfest** !

Oktoberfest features a 700-seat Festhalle and beer garden, with lots of wurst, German potato salad, kraut, pickles, beer and wine as well as bands, singing, dancing, and fun. The admission price for groups of at least 25 is **\$8 per person**. (food and drink sold separately) On Saturday, the hall is open from 1:00 pm to 11:30 pm and your ticket allows all day and evening access privileges. Checks should be payable to and sent to Jane Burt by August 1. (251 Amanda Drive, Matthews NC 28104)

The motel is in downtown Helen and within walking distance of shops, restaurants, and the Chattahoochee River. Mark, the hotel manager has hosted other Corvette Clubs at the Alpenhof Motel and is providing the Conference Room to us for the weekend and will serve a free continental breakfast there on Sat. & Sun. mornings. He is also preparing a scenic driving route for us.

Departure time and location will be determined at a later date.

Head to Savannah with Queen City Corvette Club

June 16 - 18, 2006

Spend a weekend with your Corvette in the beautiful city of **Savannah GA** with Queen City Corvette Club. 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

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. _
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.

June 10, 2006 QCCC Meeting and Eddie Burt's BBQ

4:00 PM until

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

- A – D** **Side Dish (whatever goes with BBQ)**
- 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)**

**Bring chairs & your preference in beverages.
Tents would be appreciated too.**

We'll eat at 6:00 PM and have the meeting afterwards.

Location: Eddie & Jane Burt's House, 251 Amanda Drive, Weddington, NC 704-846-7130

Directions From I-485:

- Exit 57 to Highway 16/Providence Rd. Turn North .
- First major intersection, turn right on McKee Road.
- Approx. 0.4 miles; Bear right on Tilley Morris Road
- Approx. 1.7miles; turn right onto Matthews-Weddington Road.
- Follow Matthews-Weddington Road to Amanda Drive; turn right.
- House is second on the left - approx. 75 yds.
- Park on Amanda Drive – leave sufficient room for emergency vehicles

