

# August 2006



We Drive to Eat

Shatley Springs  
Draws The QCCC  
Members Out  
For A Ride  
And A Feast



# 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



We are into a hot and busy summer. By my count, the QCCC scheduled an event during three of the July weekends giving each member a terrific excuse not to do yard work. Beat that for 96 bucks per year.

Thanks to Pauline and John, we had our business meeting at a new site, and a great one at that. We are pretty set for meeting sites for the remainder of this year. However, there is next year to plan for. A couple of years ago, we had a meeting in the community room of an apartment complex. The room was like a large dining room with kitchen facilities. Everyone brought a Mexican dish and we had a feast, heartburn for two days and a wonderful time. If you know of a meeting place like that, please let anyone on the Board know about it.

Once again Wally showed us love by opening his humble car digs to us for Car Care Day. For any of the guys who haven't come out for this event, you don't have to change your oil to participate. This is an excellent way to get to know your fellow members better and I always learn something new about Corvettes. There are very knowledgeable people in our Club who can answer questions. The same is true for the Ladies Day Out, although I don't think the focus on their discussions center on cars, but who knows. Thanks to Wally and Anita for once again hosting Car Care Day. By the way, Anita is now a driver to be reckoned with. Ask her what she bought.



I drove 292 round trip miles for lunch and I loved every mile..... and the fried chicken as well. Fred Lentz lead us on a mountain trip to Shatley Springs. Jane Burt worked hard on the chicken and fixings part of our trip. Thanks to both of you. We should consider doing that same trip during the autumn color season.

Again, as a reminder, please bring your digital camera to QCCC meetings and events and take candid pictures. Forward your photos to Bob Denney. Bob and Charlie Binder will use your pictures for the video at our 2007 Prom and our Newsletters. Next year's video promises to be even better than this year's.... with your help that is.

In closing, there are still miles to drive, food to eat and fun to have during the second half of our year. The more you participate, the more you will enjoy your membership in our Club.

Well, that's it until the next time.

## Jerry

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

# VP REPORT

July not only provided everyone with hot weather but QCCC provided plenty of hot activities for the members. Participation in the 4th of July parade was outstanding with members having to wait in stand by to participate. The annual trip to Shatley Springs provided the caravan of shiny Corvettes with great scenery and food in heaping quantity.



The trip even gave the opportunity for some to spend extra time on the road and cross over the border into Virginia. (Don't worry Bart and Carolyn, you know now we will always wait for you to catch up!) Topping off the month was the semi-annual trip to Wally's garage mahal for the all important car care day (aka everybody into the oil changing pit) and the ladies day out event. With such a good ending to the month this means going into August all the QCCC cars and members are ready to proceed to the next great activity.

## **Business Meeting Recaps And Updates**

Our July business meeting was held on 7/08/06 at the Cornelius Town Hall, conveniently located off exit 28, I-77 north. With plenty of great parking, this location was home for the night to 52 Corvettes that glistened in the evening sun. From a '59 to a new '06, the 87 members and guests in attendance enjoyed looking at all the cars and visiting with friends, new and old. Thanks again to Pauline Baker for the help in lining up this meeting location and also to her other half, John "Crime Scene" Forgione for the help in setting up and breaking down the room. Look forward to more meetings at CTH in the months ahead.

The August meeting is scheduled for the 12<sup>th</sup> at the North Cross Medical Center. The meeting will be held in the community room of North Cross Medical center with parking at the rear of the building. The QCCC social committee has planned a bowling event at North Cross Lanes (located directly across the parking lot) to immediately follow the business meeting. Plan now to join everyone after the meeting for a fun night of bowling, pool, karaoke, and grab something to eat while you are there. Additional information on both the meeting and bowling event is located in this newsletter.

The QCCC September meeting is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> at Mark and Adina Ledford's house. The planned poker run, taking place before the meeting, will give everyone a chance to practice his or her navigational skills. Bring your own picnic dinners, beverages, and chairs to round out the day and recap with fellow members exactly where you missed all those left turns.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ramblings and Trivia**

The 2003 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary had the opportunity to pace the Indianapolis 500 race that was held on May 26, 2002. Rather than build a special Corvette pace model, a nearly-stock 50th Anniversary coupe (not a convertible) was used. An Indy 500 graphics package was available for purchase at \$495.



This month's trivia question...what model year Corvette offered two different engine displacements but were not optional (one available only to California residents) and featured a speedometer that read to a maximum of 85 mph, a new federal requirement? The answer to this question will be found on another page in the newsletter.

### **Final thoughts**

It has been rumored that when a comparison is drawn between the automotive industry vs. the computer industry it goes something like this:

When Silicon Valley wants to look good, it measures itself against Detroit. The chip heads state that if automotive technology had kept pace with computer technology over the past few decades, we would be driving a V-32 instead of a V-8, and it would have a top speed of 10,000 miles per hour. Or you could purchase an economy car that weighs 30 pounds and gets a thousand miles to a gallon of gas. In either case the sticker price of a new car would be less than \$50.

In response to all this goading, Detroit grumbles back...that all may be true, but would you really want to drive a car that crashes twice a day?

Good thing we have the combined technology of the computer heads and the engineers all wrapped up in the best of both worlds as a Corvette!

Until next time, be safe, save the wave and see you all soon!

## **Q. GROSS**

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### **From the Nations Capital.....**

This photo of Linda and Bruce Trefz was taken at the recent Boy Scouts of America National Meeting in Washington, DC. Beside them is a scale 2006 Corvette Z06 carved out of laminated maple by the GM Styling Studio. Chevrolet is supporting the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cub Scouting in the US, and prepared this giant "Pinewood Derby" car for promotion. Bruce suspects it is not as fast as the real thing.



## Through the Windshield

With July already passing by us I must make mention of the wonderful turnout that we had for the Indian Trail 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. QCCC had fourteen cars in attendance. Again I say thank you to all that helped make this a success and withstood the 100 degree heat!

There will be more opportunities to participate in parades with the Mint Hill Madness Parade and the Matthews Alive Parades coming up. Sign up sheets will be at the next meeting, and as always coupes are welcome to participate just as much as convertibles.

In addition I would like to thank Fred Lentz for leading the group to Shatley Springs where we proceeded to test the maximum weight limits of the chairs and the cars!

I would be remiss if I did not express our gratitude to Wally and Anita Crawford for again hosting the automotive car care day. Eleven cars received clean oil and two others got inspections. Different than other years, this year we took donations at car care day for the charity fund. I am happy and grateful to report that we raised \$65 for the charity fund. Thank you to all that attended and gave so generously.

The coming attractions include an invitation by Reid's Fine Foods for a car show on August 12th from 10:00 to 12:30. A donation from Reid's to the Charity fund will be made in the amount of \$250. Anyone interested in attending please contact me at [Camspatton@aol.com](mailto:Camspatton@aol.com) so that we can inform the organizers of the number planning to be in attendance. This event will end long before the Panther's Game and should not interfere with traffic or plans to attend the football game.

Finally, Auto Fair will be September 16th and 17th. As in the spring event, we are granted 35 spaces each day. There is still space available and sign up at the next meeting will be available or reply to [Camspatton@aol.com](mailto:Camspatton@aol.com). Copies of the regulations and rules will be posted and sent out closer to the event.

Chris Patton



*"My last 4 boyfriends spent more time with their cars than they did with me. I hope you don't make the same mistake."*



## Minutes of the QCCC Board Meeting Thursday, July 8, 2006

The July Board meeting was held at Jerry and Gloria Scienski's home and called to order at 7:40 PM. Officers present were, Jerry Scienski, Jane and Eddie Burt, Margo and Quentin Gross, Chris Patton and Florence Prather.

Officer reports were as follows:

### **Jerry:**

- Thanked Chris and Jane for the great Savannah trip.
- Opened discussion on Ed Fesmire's email regarding the club having a forum. Jerry will check with Ed and EO on possible mechanics for this and report back at the next meeting.

### **Q:**

- Meetings have been booked through January.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter points have been sent out to members via email.
- Agreed to be in charge of cooking hotdogs at Car Care Day. Any money collected for food will be used to defray cost of the food, any profit will be deposited into club general funds. No club funds will be used to purchase food.

### **Florence:**

- Budget discussed in detail. Mid year recap given.
- Any members who have not paid their 1<sup>st</sup> quarter dues by the next meeting will be notified of their suspension. These members can be reinstated after paying their dues and a \$5.00 reactivation fee (per QCCC Bylaws).

### **Chris:**

- Asked the Board if those members who volunteered for Indian Trail parade but could not be used could get event points. These members had been notified the night before the event that they would not be needed. After discussion and vote Board denied this request. Points will only be awarded to members who actually participate in event.
- Discussed publishing car show guidelines prior to events. The guidelines will appear in the club newsletter and given to members in their Auto Fair packets.
- Fred Lentz will be leading the drive to Shatley Springs.
- Things set for Car Care day. Jim Hulett will be helping Chris with oil changes. Day will begin at 9 AM.

### **Eddie:**

- Mentoring program is going well.
- Mark & Adina Ledford donated a karaoke machine to the club at the June barbeque. This will be added to the club inventory and for the time being will be stored at the Burt's.



**Jane:**

- Currently 15 cars have signed up for Shatley Springs drive. Cost will be \$15.25 and needs to be paid to Jane prior to leaving.
- August 5<sup>th</sup> baseball game – meet at the event.
- Things set for bowling after the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- To date 19 cars have signed up for Helena, GA. Deadline for hotel is 8/1/06.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo Cross*, Secretary

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**Some Recent Parade Photos**







## Minutes of the QCCC Business Meeting Saturday, July 8, 2006

The July business meeting was held at the **Cornelius Town Hall** in Cornelius and was called to order by President, Jerry Scienski at 6:35 PM.

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

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

Visitors were: **Robert Boff** - 1998 Coupe; **Lonnie Putnam** - 1968 & 1988 Coupes; **Butch Thompson** – 2004 Yellow Convertible

No new members were voted in.

### **Jerry Scienski, President**

- Introduced Charlie & Iris Binder and E.O. Oakley to new members. Also mentioned Paul Pelkey and the role he plays in keeping membership rooster up-to-date.
- Reminded members to please send any pictures taken at club functions to Charlie Binder. These will be used in the year end video and newsletters. Bob Denny asked that the pictures be sent on a quarterly basis so they don't have to wait until end of the year to compile the video.
- Asked Robert Morgan to give an update on Vanessa and the new baby. Robert reported everyone is getting along fine (except maybe himself!).
- Thanked Jane and Eddie for the great barbeque at the June meeting. Also thanked Chris and Jane for putting together the fun trip to Savannah.

### **Quentin Gross, Vice President**

- Thanked Pauline Baker for helping secure tonight's great meeting site and John Forgione for helping set up chairs.
- Reviewed all meeting sites through January.
- Mentioned that the point listings for second quarter should have been received by everyone via email. Any questions or errors please contact him and so they can be corrected.
- Mark Ledford gave a brief review of the upcoming poker run and meeting scheduled for September.

### **Florence Prather, Treasurer**

- Passed out copies of the midyear budget and reviewed items with the membership.

### **Chris Patton, Automotive Events Director**

- Car care day is set for Wally Crawford's garage mahal. Cars should not arrive earlier than 9 AM. Be sure and bring your oil and filter. Food will be available for purchase.

- Talked a bit about the car show at Reid's Food being held 8/12/06 from 10:00 – 12:30 PM.
- Auto Fair will be held September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17th and we can have 35 spaces. If the club fills all spaces we will be given 8 trophy awards.
- Robert Morgan asked Chris to explain what happened at Freedom Chevrolet – Chris said that Freedom chose not to give any money to our charity fund because they already support their own large charity. They did however provide trophies and lunch.
- Asked membership to think of ways we might be able to raise money for charity. Currently our main source is through car shows, but dealers are hard pressed due to poor car sales so it is harder to schedule shows and get them to donate money to our charity fund.

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

- Reviewed upcoming drive and lunch at Shatley Springs.
- Mentioned we will have a Ladies Day in conjunction with Car Care day. Plans are for lunch and a movie.
- Those who will be going to the Knight's baseball game on 8/5/06 should meet Jane on the grassy knoll to pick up your ticket.
- After the August meeting we will go bowling. Those interested should pay Jane \$9.50 pp for bowling. Shoes will need to be purchased separately.
- Thanked Gloria Scienski for helping collect money tonight for the various upcoming club functions.
- Pat Bonino reviewed the Alpine Village venue and functions in Helena, GA. All décor and food in the area is Germany. Cutoff for the discount hotel rate is 8/1/06.
- Martha Vaughn spoke briefly about the northern group getting together for dinner. These dinners will be held once a month. The next dinner is scheduled for 7/24/06 at Galway Hooker.

**Eddie Burt, *Membership Director***

- Introduced tonight's guests.
- Mentioned that we currently have 214 members.

Walt Krupowicz reviewed plans for the Bowling Green trip. The plant tour will cost \$5.00/pp and should be paid to Jane Burt by August. Reminded members to be sure and make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. Trip info will be posted on the QCCC website.

***Kudos to Pat Belvin and Barbara Sprague for the great pre-meeting snacks!***

Respectfully submitted by,

*Margo Cross*, Secretary

## Corvettes Return From Shately Springs Lower to the Ground!

Yes it's the truth - QCCC members' cars were riding closer to the ground on the return trip! Some were speculating the reason was they were headed downhill, but anybody that saw what that crowd ate for lunch would opt for a different opinion.

The weather held off the rain for the trip up. We were fortunate not to find any "turkey" trucks on route. After the hearty lunch, the twenty five cars went different ways; most took a tour and stopped by an old post office, some went to Blowing Rock for an "Art in the Park" festival and some just headed home. **But none left hungry!**



*They should have discussed directions!*











# QCCC Calendar of Events for 2006

## August

- 5 Knight's Baseball Game
- 12 Meeting in Huntersville and Bowling Event
- 26 Victory Junction Day Trip Caravan

## September

- 9 Meeting at Ledford's House. 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 2007

- 27 Banquet at Lowe's Motor Speedway

Photos in the issue courtesy of Bob Denney, Margo Gross, Iris Binder and Charlie Binder



## Highlights of July Meeting in Corneilus

New location gives needed space and much comfort!









## 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](http://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](http://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.**

# QCCC GOES TO THE BALLGAME

**Charlotte Knights vs Rochester Red Wings**

**\* \* \* FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME \* \* \***

**Saturday AUGUST 5, 2006**

## **KNIGHTS CASTLE**

2280 Deerfield Drive  
Ft Mill, SC 29715  
(I-77 Exit 88 Gold Hill Rd)  
704-357-8071

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

**Meet in the grassy area in front of Knights Castle at 6:15 pm**  
Jane will hand out tickets for lower level, reserved seats

**[Call Jane Burt for Availability](#)**

Register on the Events page of [www.QueenCityCorvette.com](http://www.QueenCityCorvette.com)



## Highlights from Car Care Day





## Join the Pilgrimage to Bowling Green, KY with QCCC

September 21 - 24, 2006

Spend a long weekend with your friends at the Corvette Mecca of **Bowling Green KY** with Queen City Corvette Club. We will be spending Thursday and Friday nights at:

***Courtyard By Marriott – Bowling Green Convention Center \****  
***1010 Wilkinson Trace Bowling Green, KY 42104 - 270-783-8569***

(Make your reservation by AUGUST 21 by calling 800-321-2211 or 270-783-8569 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$85 per night. After you've made your reservation, be sure to register on the QCCC Website under "Events")

### Thursday September 21

Lunch at Cracker Barrel near NC/TN border, Arrive in Bowling Green KY, Dinner at Montana's

### Friday September 22

Tour the Corvette Assembly Plant (\$5.00 for nonmembers)

Lunch at Santa Fe Restaurant

Tour the National Corvette Museum

Dinner in the Dome of the NCM (about \$30 per person)

### Saturday September 23

**Option 1      Clarion Inn – Willow River 1990 Winfield Dunn Parkway**  
**Sevierville TN 37862**

(Make your reservation by AUGUST 23 by calling 865-429-7600 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$103.90 per night)

Tour the Muscle Car Museum

Dinner at Apple Farm Restaurant

**Option 2      Courtyard Nashville Downtown ,170 Fourth Avenue North**  
**Nashville TN 37219      615-256-0900**

(Make your reservation by SEPTEMBER 1 by calling 800-321-2211 or 615-256-0900 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$110 per night)

If you have any questions, contact **WALT KRUPOWICZ** at  
[oneowner6901@charter.net](mailto:oneowner6901@charter.net) or 704-735-8454.

August 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting in Huntersville  
At North Cross Medical Center

**Bowling Immediately After Meeting!**

Reminders: Bring  
Chairs and Soft Drinks  
Social 6:00PM  
Meeting 6:30PM

Directions: From I77:

Take Exit 25 go East  
to Highway 21 also  
known as Statesville  
Road. Turn right-  
second driveway is  
Medical Center.

Continue to left rear of building.



Answer to trivia question is : 1980