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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



I'm sure glad that I am the Club President and not the Club Meteorologist. There were 48 rabid, "kill the Ump" Corvette fanatics who came to Knights Stadium on August 5 ready to drink beer, eat hotdogs and cheer the team. Jane Burt did an outstanding job of organizing the event to ensure everyone had a great time. However, as luck would have it, during one of the driest years on the books, Mother Nature chose August 5 for thunderstorms in Fort Mill, SC. (Would you believe that we received NO rain at my house....again). They actually did play the game. The game started at 9:30 PM. By that time, our count went from 48 members to 3. Gloria, Boyd Kurt and I stayed on to cheer the team. Around the 5<sup>th</sup> inning I looked at the row behind us, and even Boyd left. Never fear....Gloria & I stayed for the entire game, which ended around 12:30 AM. To top it off.... they cancelled the fireworks! It actually rained during the entire game.

We have a full calendar again in September. To start the month, there is the Matthews Alive parade over the Labor Day weekend. Aside from the fact that we live in Matthews, this is my favorite parade. Check our website and volunteer to participate in the parade. We always go to some place good to eat afterwards. On September 9, we have a poker run and the annual outing at the Ledford's. Their place isn't easy to find, but you will have a great time once you find it.

Chris has secured 35 slots for us on both Saturday and Sunday at Autofair. I promise that you will have fun at Lowes and see some of the best cars you will ever find. Please help Chris and support your Club by signing up and please do so early. There are spaces left on both days, but they may disappear quickly. Let's have a big turnout, especially you folks with the classics and those with the BLUE cars!!



Finally, September is the month for your pilgrimage to the Corvette Holy Land....Bowling Green, Ky. Walt and Jane have put together a fantastic trip. If you've never been to Bowling Green, this is a must do experience. You will find the plant tour fascinating. Gloria and I went to Bowling Green with Walt and several members 3 years ago. We got the VIP treatment there. The museum closes at 5:00 PM. Because the Museum was astute enough to recognize us as really important people, we stayed in the museum until 6:30 PM when they politely asked our distinguished group to....GET OUT! Walt has also planned a memorable dinner in the museum under the dome that night.

Please bring your digital cameras to the Ledford's, Autofair and Bowling Green. Forward your photos to Bob Denney. Bob and Charlie Binder will again use your pictures for the video at our 2007 Prom and in 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 rest 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!!)

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**CORVETTE CLUB CONTINUES ITS WINNING STREAK  
AT THE JOCKS AND JILLS TRIVIA  
CONTEST**

Thanks is large part to the excellent help of Mark Curtis and his infinite knowledge of music trivia the Corvette Club blew away all of the other competition at their Wednesday evening dinner.



# VP REPORT



August was hot, muggy, and rainy up here in Concord and pretty much the same no matter what part of the metro area you live in. What better weather could be had for baseball, a car show, and finally an air-conditioned bowling event!

QCCC members come out to participate in any kind of weather and the support shown for the scheduled events is always growing. I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

## **Business Meeting Recaps And Updates**

Our August business meeting was held on 8/12/06 at the North Cross Medical Center Community Room. 67 members and guests were in attendance, a very good crowd, considering the Panthers were kicking off the pre-season with their first home game. The weather did not cooperate earlier in the day at the Reid's Fine Food car show, but most of the members that started off early in the rain, were also at the meeting. After reviewing the upcoming schedule of events, 35 folks then moved on to North Cross Lanes for an evening of bowling, food, and camaraderie. All I can say about the bowling event is most of the scores posted (including yours truly) looked more like something you would see at a golf event. The phrase, "breaking 100" has new meaning to me. With the exception of Mark Curtis (exactly how many bowling balls do you need to bring) and Greg Tilley (oh I haven't thrown a ball in years) most could have been poster children for America's Funniest Home Videos. Even faced with the inevitable aching backs and legs the next day, fun was had by all.

The QCCC September meeting is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> at Mark and Adina Ledford's house. Mark and Boyd Kurt have put together a great poker run to take place before the meeting. Boyd gave a preliminary description of the course at the August meeting and it sounds like QCCC members will be able to see plenty of great sights as well as run our cars on some cool roads. The tentative plan is to start the poker run at 2:00 p.m. as this will give everyone enough time to navigate the course and finish in time for the start of the meeting. More information on the poker run and meeting is found within the newsletter.

Our October meeting will be tied into a QCCC charity car show on the 21<sup>st</sup>. As of this writing, the location is not 100% finalized but the chances are pretty good it will be held at Burns Chevrolet in Rock Hill. This is an important meeting to attend, as this meeting is when the nominations will be needed for the QCCC board positions. Start planning now to recommend who you would like to represent the membership on the board. The November meeting is election time and will be here before you know it.

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

The combined total of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary special edition coupes (4,085) and convertibles (7,547) accounted for almost 33% of the total model year production for 2003. The most rare color for the 50th anniversary 2003 model is Speedway White.

This month's trivia question...what model year Corvette production run included 4,000 serial numbers that were never built and the first use of radial tires? The answer to this question will be found on another page in the newsletter.

**Final thoughts**

And here are real answers from responses on a driving school exam:

Q. When driving through fog, what should you use?

A. Your car.

Q. How would it change your life if you had your license suspended or revoked?

A. I'd have to drive illegally.

Q. What is the most important thing to remember when passing or being passed?

A. If the driver is cute, make eye contact and say "hello".

Q. What is the difference between a flashing red traffic light and a flashing yellow traffic light?

A. The color.

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

Q. Gross

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**Caught on Camera**



**Bowling Top Scorers**



## Through the Windshield

Looking in the rearview mirror on August, the month just flew. I want to thank everybody that came to Reid's Foods in August and braved the rain for charity. Reid's gave \$250.00 to the charity fund. I also want to thank Bart Richards for all his help in setting up this show.

I want to take this opportunity to explain why the Victory Junction Camp day trip was cancelled. I had a miscommunication with the events director at the camp; the camp plans their events one year in advance, so when I was talking about August 2006, the director was thinking August 2007. There is a trip in the works, details to follow, and I think the trip will be better than what I had originally planned.

Before the September business meeting out at Mark and Adina Ledford's house, we are going to have a poker run for charity. The starting point will be the rest area on I-77 just south of Charlotte, in South Carolina. Mark Ledford and Boyd Kurt have really gone out of their way to plot a run through some historic sights, and some challenging curves. The first car will start at 2:00 and will end at the Ledford's house for a picnic and meeting.

There are still spaces open for Auto Fair, September 16 and 17. We are going to be in the same place as we were in the spring. Please remember we have to fill all the space allotted, or we risk having our number of spaces reduced. I will be handing out the passes to Auto Fair at the September meeting. If you can not attend the meeting I will mail the passes to you.

Until next time remember, we all own a dream car!

**Chris Patton**



*"I expect him to call out MY name during lovemaking, not his car's."*



## QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, August 8, 2006

The August Board meeting was held at Jerry and Gloria Scienski's home and called to order at 7:45 PM. Officers present were Jerry Scienski, Jane and Eddie Burt, Margo and Quentin Gross, and Chris Patton.

Officer reports were as follows:

### **Jerry:**

- Thanked Jane for arranging Knights baseball game.

### **Q:**

- Meetings have been booked through January, except for October which is slated to be held immediately after car show (TBD).

### **Chris:**

- Discussed Poker Run which will commence at NC/SC rest area off I77. Boyd Kurt and Mark Ledford have put together a great run. Those who do not want to participate are to meet at Ledfords.
- JC Roberts suggested a car show at Burns Chevrolet in Fort Mill. No firm commitment made, however this is looking to be a possibility rather than Parks Chevrolet in Huntersville.
- Reid's car show was discussed.
- Victory Junction will be a no go for this year. All events are planned and approved one year ahead of time. Victory Junction thought the club was interested in August 2007 – not 2006. Camp is only open 9 weeks out of the year. Any plans we propose must be reviewed and approved by their committee.
- Parades – still don't have an exact count on how many cars are needed for Mint Hill and Matthews parades. Board discussed following closely to QCCC parade guidelines. If Queen requests their chaperone ride with them, their request will be honored only if the driver does not already have a passenger. For the Matthews parade Moms will be instructed prior to the start of the parade that they will need to collect their daughters at the end of the Matthews parade.
- Ken Watts and Chris are working on putting together a golfing event at the Kannapolis Country Club. Will firm up details in next month or so.
- Working on Auto Fair. Car show guidelines will be included in packets that contain tickets and instructions.
- Charity committee plans to meet sometime the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in August.
- Still no word on the LMS pre-race parade. Will probably not know anything until about 2-3 weeks prior to race. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next couple meetings for those interested in participating.



**Eddie:**

- Current membership is at 202, with possibility of 6 new members being voted in at the August meeting.
- Mentioned that a club member had asked about the possibility of selling advertising in the Newsletter. Board discussed this at length. Board decided to table discussion until the next meeting.

**Jane:**

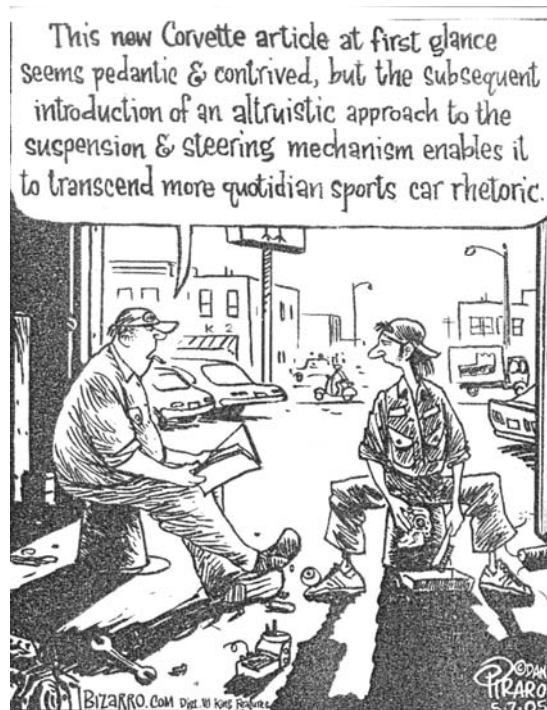
- Reviewed Knights baseball game.
- Reviewed Helen, GA and Bowling Green plans.
- Mentioned that Walt Krupowicz had found a speaker for the dinner Friday evening at Bowling Green. Walt had made a request that the club cover the cost of dinner for the speaker and his wife. The Board discussed this in length and voted against covering this expense.
- Annual banquet costs have been tallied; because Board did not have an up to date treasurer's report the amount the club will pay will need to be discussed at next Board meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo Cross*, Secretary

**Craig Perry passed this one along about the role of the modern auto mechanic.**





## Minutes of QCCC Business Meeting Saturday, August 12, 2006

The August business meeting was held at Northcross Medical Center in Huntersville and was called to order by Vice President, Quentin Gross at 6:30 PM

Officers present: Quentin & Margo Gross, Eddie & Jane

Burt, and Chris Patton

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

The following guests were introduced: **Robbie Hodge**, 2000 Black FRC; **Paul & Barbara Marino**, 2003 Anniversary Coupe and 1967 Coupe; **Mike & Donna Rose**, 2002 Convertible and 1990 Black Coupe; **Steve Russo**, 1994 Black Convertible

### Quentin Gross, Vice President

- Introduced and thanked Iris & Charlie for all the work they do putting together the monthly newsletter and Bob Denney for all the great pictures.
- Reviewed September meeting location at Mark & Adina Ledford's house following the Poker Run.
- Reminded members that nominations for officers will be taken at the October meeting with election following at the November meeting.

### Chris Patton, Automotive Director

- Reviewed car care day. A total of 11 oil changes were done and \$65 was raised for Charity.
- Informed membership that the reason we were not asked to participate this year in the National Guard Family Day is that this event is held once every two years. Therefore this year there will be no event.
- Thanked those members who turned out in the rain for Reid's Fine Food car show. There were a total of 20 cars. Chris thanked John Meadows for bringing their 1963 in the rain. In addition to the \$250 that was contributed to our Charity fund all participants were treated to a wonderful lunch compliments of Reid's. QCCC was asked to return for another show in the Fall.
- Thanked Bart Richards for helping put together the Reid's event.
- Announced that the car show we had scheduled at Victory Junction Camp will not be taking place. VJC plans all their activities one year in advance, therefore they were talking about August 2007, not 2006. Chris has to provide them with an activity plan which will need review and approval by their Board.
- Reported that the Charity committee plans to meet September 29<sup>th</sup> at Jocks & Jills.
- Still needs cars for Auto Fair in September. Cars are especially needed for Sunday. If any slots are still open on 9/8/06, participation will open to prospective members and those QCCC members who wish to bring a second car.

- Matthews Alive Labor Day parade will need 14 cars.
- The Poker Run which precedes the September meeting will begin at 2:00 PM beginning at the NC/SC rest area off of I77. Boyd Kurt and Mark Ledford have worked very hard to make this a great run. The run will be 91 miles and last approximately 2 hrs and 15 minutes taking participants past historical homes and battlefields. Poker cards will cost \$5.00 a piece.
- October car show location is not yet confirmed. There is a strong likelihood that the event will be at Burns Chevrolet in Fort Mill, SC instead of Parks Chevrolet in Huntersville.
- Reported it is still undetermined whether or not QCCC will be asked to participate in pre-race activities for LMS. If our cars are needed Chris will be notified 2-3 weeks prior to the event.

**Jane Burt, Social Director**

- Reminded members that bowling will follow meeting at Northcross Lanes.
- Reviewed Helen, GA and Bowling Green trips. Pat Bonino discussed activities available at Helen GA. Walt Krupowicz discussed details of Bowling Green trip.

**Eddie Burt, Membership**

- Currently we have 202 members. There are 113 families and approximately 150 corvettes.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

*Margo Gross*, Secretary



**Jerry Scienski sent in this photo of a Corvette Club meeting that took place halfway around the world. His boss took the photo in July on a trip to Bergen, Norway. Just like here - they love to show off their Corvettes!**

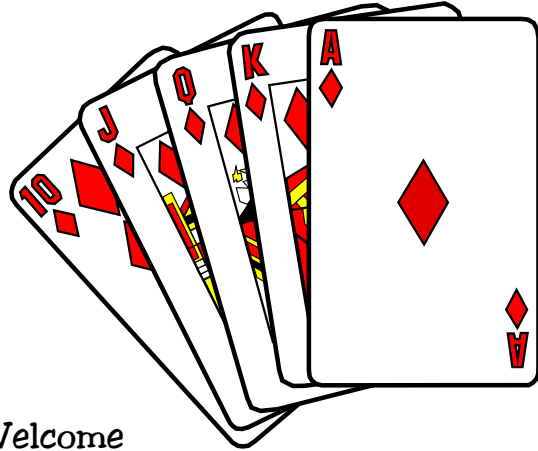


# July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Photos



# Historic Carolinas Poker Run

**When:** Saturday September 9th  
**Where:** South Carolina  
**Starting At:** South Carolina Welcome Center on I77 South Bound  
**Start Time:** Meet at 2:00PM



## Instructions:

- Pick up your 50/50 poker card at the Welcome Center to receive the directions.
- Complete the required 5 stops and get your card punched.
- This poker run will be historic in nature and fun to drive; plus it's for CHARITY.
- At the finish, we will as we all say "QCCC drives to eat"
- The run will take about 2 1/2 hours and run for 91.5 miles.
- Picnic and meeting at the Ledford's.
- Cost is \$5.00 a hand, please bring exact amount,
- You can (and are encouraged) to purchase additional hands

## Along the Poker Run you will

- See quaint small southern towns and beautiful old southern homes.
- See where revolutionary war battles between the Scottish settlers and British took place
- See beautiful mountains and also tree covered driving paths.
- Pass an 18 century working farm.
- Drive on curvy roads and dips.
- Find several places to "Save the Wave"
- Pass a Boyd's Tire and Appliance Stores (How many can you find? Stop by and buy some)
- And lastly: see if you can really follow directions and get to the meeting without using any lifelines

## Reminder Up-Coming Road Trips

### November 3- 5, 2006 Helen Georgia Oktoberfest

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 the **Alpenhof Motel**, 15 Yonah Street, Helen GA 30545 800-535-8678 or 866-464-3536

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 !

Contact Jane Burt for availability!

### September 21-24 Corvette Assembly Plant & Museum

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 in **Bowling Green** enjoying a hosted plant tour plus time at the fabulous nearby Corvette Museum. Plus have an opportunity to enjoy a Friday evening dinner under the dome of the museum.

QCCC members can take one of two options for Saturday, either heading to Nashville TN or going to Sevierville TN.

Check with Walt Krupowicz at  
oneowner6901@charter.net or 704-735-8454.

## Let's Play Ball

Yes, that was the theme of all QCCC'ers that attended the Knight's Baseball event on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. The Knight's eventually beat Rochester in an 8 to 3 game that was delayed a few times while Mother Nature decided to soak the area. Many came out and enjoyed the hot dogs, bratwurst, beer, and the socializing while watching the lightening and rain.







# Highlights of August Meeting



Must Have Been A Sale On Red Shirts





# QCCC Calendar of Events for 2006

## 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

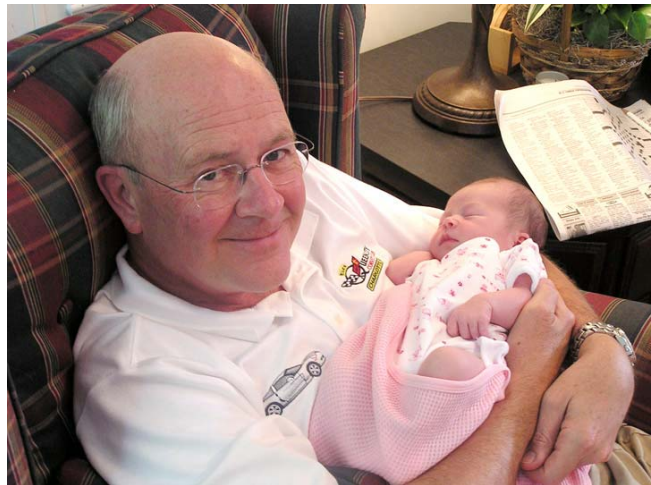
- 9 Meeting and Christmas Party at Tryon House in Matthews

## January 2007

- 27 Banquet at Lowe's Motor Speedway

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Bruce Trefz and his first granddaughter, Reagan Poindexter, born on July 31. Note proud granddad has little Reagan looking right at the Corvette logo on his shirt. I suspect a little subliminal persuasion going on there!



## Saturday Evening Bowling Highlights

Surprisingly, the hamburgers were good and the cold beer went a long way to improve scores. The teams competed fiercely (ha), and they were aided by a large cheering section of those QCCC'ers that didn't want to show off their bowling talents.



## Reid's Fine Foods Charity Show

On Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> a large contingent of QCCC'ers braved Mother Natures' showers and went uptown to display their cars in the parking lot across from Reid's Fine Food Market. That showing netted the QCCC Charity Fund a check in the amount of \$250! Of course those in attendance did the expected thing: they ate! In addition to some coffee and pastries, we were all treated to an excellent BBQ lunch courtesy of Reid's.





# September Meeting And Picnic At Mark and Adina Ledford's House

739 Fawn Forest Lane York SC 803-628-5342

Reminder Bring Chairs and Favorite Beverages  
Arrive 5:00 PM, Dinner 5:30, Meeting After Dinner

Directions: You are encouraged to take the Poker Run, see page 13 however the alternate route is:

- Take Route I-77 South to Exit 90 – Carowinds Blvd.
- From exit ramp, make Right turn onto Carowinds Blvd.
- Follow Carowinds Blvd. to Route 49 (approx. 1.5 miles)
- Make a Left turn onto Route 49
- Route 49 South - Cross over Lake Wylie on the Buster Boyd Bridge.
- Make a Left Turn to Remain on Route 49 - Bi-Lo / Wendy's on Right corner, Food Lion / Burger King on Far Left corner.
- At the Second light (just past the BP Station) make a RIGHT TURN to remain on Route 49. (The signage is not very obvious!)
- Go approx 3 to 3 1/2 miles - On Left is "The Timbers" - Make Left Here
- Go to end, make a Left, and then the next right onto Fawn Forest Lane. We are #739 in the cul-de-sac (house on right).



Answer to Q's Trivia Question is : 1973