

October 2006



What A Month!

Parade

Meeting

Poker Run

AutoFair

Museum Trip

Corvette Plant Tour



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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 sit here at my computer writing this month's letter, something like thirty-five shiny Corvettes are leaving Charlotte on their pilgrimage to the Promise Land...Bowling Green, Ky. Three years ago, Gloria and I went there with a much smaller group again lead by Walt. We had a wonderful time. The plant was switching production to the C6 at that time, so it was very exciting to see the new models being made. After the plant tour, we visited the Museum. Because Walt has connections, we were able to stay more than one hour after the normal closing time. Thanks Walt, Wendy and Jane for once again providing our Club with such a fabulous opportunity.

In just over a month, those shiny Corvettes will once again hit the road, this time, and for the first time, to Helen, Georgia for the October fest. The main instigators of this trip are Steve & Pat Bonino and Tom & Debbie Rockhold assisted by our able Director of Social...Jane Burt. This promises to be a fun time in the mountains. There is a big turnout signed up for this trip as well. Be sure to make your reservations now if you haven't already done so.

The two trips above are, I think, one of the ingredients that make QCCC so special. We have in this year's Board and in all of the past Boards some very creative and hard working people. But some of the best events happen when members step up and lead a trip or activity with Jane's and Chris' assistance. Our recent Poker Run was organized and led by Boyd and Mark. I hope the membership continues to initiate these types of activities. That's how we have been able to keep our calendar full of great activities.

Just like on the local, state and national scene, QCCC is now into the "election" season. During Autofair, I circulated a 2007 Board Nomination Ballot. I'll bring that Ballot to our October meeting so members can nominate members they wish to lead our Club during the coming year. Once I have all of the nominations, I will contact each nominee to ensure that they are willing to serve. For those members who are nominated for more than one office, I'll ask them to choose one that they wish to run for. Our election for our 2007 Board will take place by paper ballot at the November Business Meeting. The new Board will then be installed in December. Please make every effort to attend both the October Meeting and the November Meeting to cast your vote.



Once again, thanks to Chris for organizing another fun and successful Autofair. We met and exceeded our count for this year's show. A good time was had by all. Congrats to

Mark Curtis for his Best of Show award. Even though his car is not BLUE, Mark has a pristine 59 that you surely want to see.

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 may be RED", (but they really wish that they were BLUE!!)

QCCC Calendar of Events for 2006

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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 courtesy of Bob Denney, Linda Silvia, Mel Patton and Charlie Binder

VP REPORT



September weather turned out to be absolutely sensational for the majority of the month through out the Charlotte area. QCCC had plenty of great activities planned for just about any interest our members would have. Starting the month was the Matthews Alive parade over Labor Day weekend, followed by a poker run and meeting the next weekend. Before you knew it the two day Food Lion Auto Fair at Lowe's Motor Speedway gave everyone in attendance an opportunity to show what QCCC was all about. This fall event gave us two great weather days and the QCCC attendance quotas were exceeded both days. The end of the month was capped off by the dream road trip...an excursion to the home of the Corvette, Bowling Green, KY.

Congratulations to Chris Patton for putting together the parade, Auto Fair, and help on the poker run and road trip. Special congrats to Jane Burt and her team for organizing the road trip and keeping all in attendance happy through out the weekend.

Business Meeting Recaps And Updates

Our September business meeting was held on 9/9/06 at Mark and Adina Ledford's house just over the state line in South Carolina. The day started off with a well-organized poker run that took most of those who showed up at the South Carolina rest stop through some very beautiful and historical countryside. About the only problem noted was when El Presidente Jerry and first lady Gloria encountered difficulty getting out of Rock Hill. The truth will never be known if the Scienski's were given a trick set of directions or the navigator encountered difficulty following highway 5! It was a good thing they had previously been to Mark and Adina's as they were both able to find their way to the house following the trail of cracker crumbs event organizer Boyd Kurt had left for the directionally impaired who have difficulty reading road maps. 47 members attended the business meeting that was capped off by a win in the 50/50 charity raffle by none other than my better half, Margo. It should be noted Margo was the only woman driver that participated in the poker run and our luck of not getting lost during the day carried over into the evening,

The QCCC October meeting is scheduled for the 21st at Burns Chevrolet in Rock Hill. The meeting is scheduled to be tied into a QCCC charity car show . This is an important meeting to attend, as this meeting is when the nominations will be accepted for the 2007 QCCC board positions. In case of a conflict on details with Burns, the October meeting will be held at the North Cross Medical building in Huntersville.

Our November meeting is scheduled for the 11th at the Cornelius Town hall in downtown Cornelius. In addition to the normal business agenda, this meeting will actually serve as the election night for all in attendance to make the decision and elect the 2007 board members. This meeting location has plenty of parking for all and the room is set up to accommodate a large crowd, which is what we want to see for election night!

50th Anniversary Ramblings and Trivia

The Auto Fair unfortunately did not present itself with any new or different collectibles for the 50th anniversary special edition. Combing through the vendor arcade is still lots of fun as there is always plenty of other model year Corvette product that will catch the eye.

This month's trivia question...what model year Corvette was the first to have the body paint and trim plate riveted to the driver's door hinge pillar and all had 7" wide silver wheels? The answer to this question will be found on another page in the newsletter.

Final thoughts

And finally, it is reported a guy from Concord responded to an ad for a 2 door Chevy for \$1000. Upon inspection, the man discovers that the car for sale is really a 1962 Corvette. He said to the woman, "You know the car has to be worth a whole lot more than your advertised price, so why are you selling it so cheap?" The woman replied "My husband has left me for another woman. He told me to sell the Corvette and send him the money!"
OUCH!!!!

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

Q. Gross

Reminder Up-Coming Road Trip

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. 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!

Through the Windshield

September proved to be a packed month. QCCC members did it all from parades and poker runs to car shows and road trips.

The poker run before the September meeting raised a pot over \$300.00, which was split with the charity fund. Congratulations to the winner Margo Gross, and her lucky hand of three 8's. Also, a "Thank You" to Mark Ledford and Boyd Kurt for planning and mapping out a great poker run. And also to the Ledford's for opening up their home for the September meeting.

Auto Fair was a gaint success this fall. Speed Channel and the Barrett-Jackson Auto Auction was part of Auto Fair this year. On Saturday, QCCC members did a promtional commerical for Speed Channel telling the world that "We LOVE Speed Channel" and that the



"I felt like Albert Einstein taking it apart, but it's all relative, I guess."



Corvette is "Our prescription for Speed" These commercials will air on January 13th during the Barrett-Jackson Auction from Scottsdale, and will continue to air for Speed Channel all year long.

Speed Channel was also filming a show called "On the Road with Barrett-Jackson" in which a film crew went around the entire speedway looking for

unique stories about people and their cars. Persepective member Ross Chess was invited to tell the story of his 1969 Corvette, and how he had known the car from the day it was purchased. After the interview Ross and fellow member Bob Schillo



were asked to put their Corvettes on the stage with Craig Jackson and Mike Joy as they discussed the differences between the 1968 of Bob's and Ross' 1969. "On the Road with Barrett-Jackson" is to air before the Auction on January 13th.

A big Congratulations goes out to Mark Curtis for his “Best in Show” for QCCC with his 1959 black and silver Corvette. Other winners for the weekend included Chuck Beard, Competitor’s Choice; Wally Crawford and John and Linda Meadows for Ladies Choice; Ron Barr and Bob Schillo Best Coupe; and Best Convertible going to Gary Katzman on Saturday and Reggie and Suzie Black on Sunday.

“Thank You to ALL!!” that attended the spring and fall Auto Fair this year and helped to make this event a continued success.

Untill next time remember, no matter the year or the color, it’s still a beautiful Corvette.



Chris Patton

On our recent trip we again saw many Smart Cars. Iris seems to be taken with them, easy on gas, easy to park (in shopping centers no doubt). Just think if we all had cars this size,



our two car garage could count as a four car garage! Look, even the police are using them!

Highlights of Poker Run and Meeting





Highlights of Auto Fair





Craig Jackson, Humpy Wheeler and Mark Curtis during filming



QCCC Board Meeting Minutes

September Board meeting

Tuesday, August 31, 2006

The September 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:

- Discussed process for nominations for Board members for upcoming year. Jerry will distribute a nomination list at Auto Fair and again at the October meeting. After nominations have closed he will call each nominee to ask if they accept the nomination and explain their particular board function. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Q:

- All meetings have been booked through January, except for October which has still not received final approval by Burns. If the car show can not be held Q has secured another location for the meeting.
- Member participation points will be going out via email by the end of the month.

Florence:

- Reviewed budgeted vs. actual expenses.
- Discussed with board members any possible upcoming expenses between now and the end of year.
- Banquet costs and club subsidy discussed. It was agreed by all board members that we would need to raise member cost from \$40 per couple to \$55 to cover increased cost of banquet. No increase has been made since 2000.

Chris:

- Auto Fair looks like we will have enough cars. If spaces are still available on September 8th any prospective members or those members who wish to bring a second car can sign up. Saturday cars will be under cover, Sunday will be on the grass. Reviewed Auto Fair's new rules and regulations. Auto Fair packets will be passed out at September meeting.
- Poker run plans are in place.
- Mentioned he had spoken with Speedway and there will be no more parade laps prior to the race. Other events have been planned and television networks felt that it was cutting into their on air time.
- Currently no plans are in place for a redo of Oakboro Burnout. Based on current planned activities the only available date would be the 4th Saturday of October.
- Still working on plans for a car show at Burns Chevrolet.
- Reviewed tentative plans for a golf outing at Kannapolis Country Club. This will be a no point activity.

Eddie:

- Possibility of five new members at the September meeting
- Mentoring program is going nicely.

Jane:

- Will send out email flyers regarding the picnic prior to the September meeting.
- Reviewed Bowling Green trip. So far 64 have signed up for trip, and 39 for dinner in the Dome. Walt has made plans for a speaker and slideshow during dinner.
- Sixty people have signed up for the trip to Helen, GA.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Cross, Secretary

**Here goes another shirt that will
never be washed!**



**Linda Silvia gets her
shirt autographed by
auction owner Craig
Jackson at the
AutoFair held at
Lowe's
MotorSpeedway.**



Minutes of the QCCC September Business Meeting Saturday, September 8, 2006

The September business meeting was held at the home of **Mark & Adina Ledford** in York, SC, and was called to order by President, Jerry Scienski at 6:40 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 August business meeting.

Visitors were: **Ryan Chess** - 1968 Silver Coupe & 1969 RPB race car; **Charlie and Bonnie Hudnell** - 1989 & 2000 Convertible; **Butch Thompson** – 2004 Yellow Convertible

New members we voted in were **Woody Nail** - 1966 Convertible and 2005 Coupe; **Ron & Becky Steele** – 2006 Yellow Convertible.

Jerry Scienski, President

- Asked Bob Denny to speak about his idea of putting together a picture CD of all the many pictures taken throughout the year. Bob offered to compile the pictures and sell the CD at the annual banquet. The funds raised from the sale of the CD would go into the Charity fund.
- EO Oakley addressed the club and explained about the new software that he now uses on the website. This software was purchased by the club and allows him to post pictures of member's cars on our website. These pictures are grouped by generation. Email or send a hard copy of your favorite car picture to EO. Information regarding picture size etc. will be coming to the club via email. In addition to member car posting he will also be posting photos from our various club events.

Quentin Gross, Vice President

- Thanked Chris Patton, Boyd Kurt and Mark Ledford for putting together a fun Poker run.
- Reminded members that nominations for new Board members will be taken at Auto Fair and the October meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting.
- Third quarter points will be coming out before the end of the month.

Florence Prather, Treasurer

- All dues are up to date except for 10 members.
- Reviewed Charity fund payments.
- Explained that the current budget is in line with our expenses.

Chris Patton, *Automotive Events Director*

- Thanked those who participated in the poker run. The total collected from the poker run was \$325. The only female driver of the day, Margo Gross, won a 50/50 split with half going into the charity fund.
- Mark Ledford spoke and asked if anyone has suggestions for future poker runs to please send information to him.
- Still need to fill 15 spaces for Auto Fair on Sunday. Auto Fair car show rules will be found in your packets. This year we are required to put our name and cell phone number on the windshield sticker. If you won't be around, or do not want to be bothered you can put Chris' cell number on the sticker.
- Mint Hill Madness parade needs 14 cars for the parade on 9/30/06.
- Melissa Patton reviewed several civic activities the Charity committee has come up with. These are Operation Shoebox and handyman helper. One idea was helping families from the Air National Guard whose husband is away and might need repairs done around the house. Another was inviting them to oil change day and giving them a free oil change. If you would like to sign up or you have any other suggestions for civic projects the club might participate in please email Melissa.
- Ken Watts and Chris Patton are working on putting together a golf outing at Kannapolis Country Club in November.
- Speedway informed Chris there will be no more parade laps. The reason they gave was that the television networks disapprove because this cuts into their broadcast time.

Jane Burt, *Social Events Director*

- Summarized upcoming trip to Bowling Green
- Reviewed annual banquet costs. Because costs have risen, the amount that members will pay to attend has also risen. The club will supplement part of the cost of the event and members will pay \$55 a couple.

Eddie Burt, *Membership Director*

- Introduced tonight's guests.
- Membership is currently at 110 families.

Kudos to Mark & Adina Ledford for hosting the meeting!

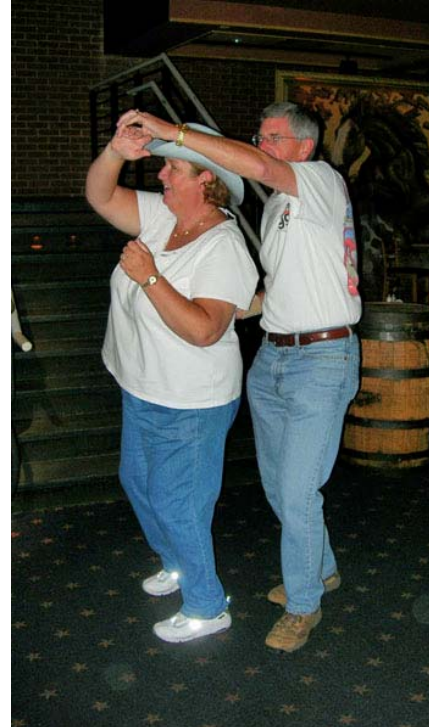
Respectfully submitted by,

Margo Gross, Secretary

Highlights From Bowling Green/Nashville Trip



These babies are awaiting Museum Delivery!





QCCC MEMBER TAKES THE PODIUM AT MID OHIO

Our club member, resident hot shoe and Troutman's favorite son Jody Austin, and his stock ZO6 wound up in second place to a fully race prepared car at the recent NASA National Time Trials at Mid Ohio race track recently.

Jody, a long time member of QCCC, has been participating in Driver Education Events for about 4 years and attends 15-20 track weekends a year. The NASA (National Auto Sport Association) is a sanctioning body similar to Sports Car Club of America or NCCC. This year, the inaugural year for NASA Nationals, they chose to hold the event at Mid Ohio Race Track and competitors who had qualified came from all over the country to participate.



As in most forms of racing, the rulebook tightly governs what can be done to the car. The ZO6, because of its perceived performance edge, allows very few modifications without being disqualified. Jody's car was basically stock except for some very minor suspension modifications and different tires and brake pads. Rules and how to break them is its own science, but suffice it to say that Jody was beat out of first place by a fully race prepared car, built by a professional team, that does nothing but race. They knew exactly where to tweak the rulebook and how to get away with it.

I will let Jody describe the event in his own words:

I decided last February when it was first announced that I would attend the Inaugural NASA National Championships as a participant in the Time Trials.

The National Championships took place from Thursday, September 14 through Saturday, September 16th at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington Ohio. It is a 2.4-mile, 15-turn course. The American LeMans Series and Grand Am both race here each year.

Each day we time trialers take the track for 3 sessions of 9 laps. Approximately 30 of us are on the track at the same time so we have to pick the lap when traffic is just right, our tires are exactly at the right temperature and when we have the sharpest focus in our minds. When all of these things converge, we put our foot in it and drive the fastest lap we can possibly turn. If traffic gets in the way, or we make a mistake, or the car stumbles, or any other of a thousand things go wrong, we will not turn our best time so we have to start all over again, with only a few laps remaining to "get 'er done!" Keep in mind, all of us are on track trying to do the same thing, but we might all be trying at different times during the session, so everything is still going on around you at full speed.

Along with having to drive fast, there is some strategy involved. This is like a qualifying lap in Formula 1 or a qualifying lap in NASCAR but with other cars on track at the same time trying to qualify at the same time. I'm not saying there was any intentional interference by other participants to prevent a "good" lap by anyone, but the possibility does exist.

The winner in time trials is determined by the fastest lap turned during those 3 days. As each day passes and the sessions are used up, the pressure to turn a better lap time increases. It's a pretty grueling process. After driving as fast as you think you can, taking all of the turns as well as you possibly can, hitting the braking points perfectly, accelerating at track out right on time, you get off track after the session and discover someone else has beaten your time by 6/100'ths of a second. What a bummer! Now you have to go back out in the next session, do what you did before perfectly, but this time even better.



There was quite a bit of preparation involved in this quest. I bought 10 new tires to take to the Championships. This would allow me to always be on fresh rubber, which is vital for the quickest time. It turned out I had just enough tires to do what I needed.

The final standing in our class (TTA) wasn't decided until the last session on Saturday, the final time on track for us. I managed to maintain 2nd place throughout all the sessions, but I had to get better each time I took the track to ensure I kept that position.

The NASA was founded in 1991; it has more than 10,000 members nationwide and stages over 120 professionally managed events for automobile racers and driving enthusiasts coast-to-coast. Its amateur racing programs cover a variety of motorsport disciplines, including competition road racing, high-performance driving events for street-licensed cars, rallying, autocross, drifting and time trial competitions.

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course is a 2.4-mile, 15-turn permanent road racing circuit in Lexington, Ohio. The track has been called the most competitive in the U.S. and annually hosts a diverse group of locally, regionally and nationally sanctioned racing events for amateur, club and professional riders and drivers. Jody's best time for the 2.4 mile run was 1:38.984, which averages out to an amazing 87.29 miles per hour!

Hats off to you Jody!

Corvettes at Carlisle

Boyd Kurt

The trip to Carlisle started out great. The driving weather was just about perfect and the Law of all states decided to take the day off. I made it to the fairgrounds at lunch and had a great BBQ sandwich. I actually had this sandwich all three days at Carlisle. It almost beats Eddie's BBQ but not quite.

After a great day of looking at Corvettes, watching the auction and seeing Eddie and Jane riding the trolley I went to the friend's home that I was house-sitting for. After a good shower I went to start my 2000 and received a message (Steering Column Locked). What the heck does that mean? After looking in the manual and trying the fix,

I called Eddie and Ron Barr for advice. Thanks to them I learned that the problem was covered as a recall by Chevy. I called the dealer and was told they were closed until 7:30 AM. Had the car towed the next morning and found out they could fix it but could not get the part until Tuesday morning. Oh Boy!!! They did have a loaner car. A 1995 Lumina with 141,000 miles on it that had a power steering system that made a lot of noise when turned. Needless to say I was happy to just have wheels.

I really enjoyed the next two days of the show. The Cumberland Valley Corvette Club took me in and I got to see the parade (400 Corvettes driving down main street. What a site to see), join them for dinner and get to know many of them.. The CVCC renamed my Lumina a Luminavette since several of the club members had the same loaner over the years. When at the show in future years look them up and ask them about me. They actually rent two booths to just sit and relax. I felt that I really belonged to the family.

If you want to see 10,000 plus Corvettes in one place and enjoy fellow Corvette Enthusiasts, Go to Corvettes at Carlisle.

Monday I took a side trip to Gettysburg and the Eisenhower retirement farm. A great and interesting trip especially in a Luminavette. The trip back on Tuesday afternoon was again void of the Law and I made it home in record time. This time in MY Corvette.

Remember to Save the Wave and enjoy Corvettes at Carlisle next year. My thanks to Rufe Chevrolet of Carlisle and the CVCC. What nice people!



Next Meeting/Car Show

Saturday October 21st

Burns Chevrolet

2515 Cherry Rd. Rock Hill, SC 29732

(803) 366-1128

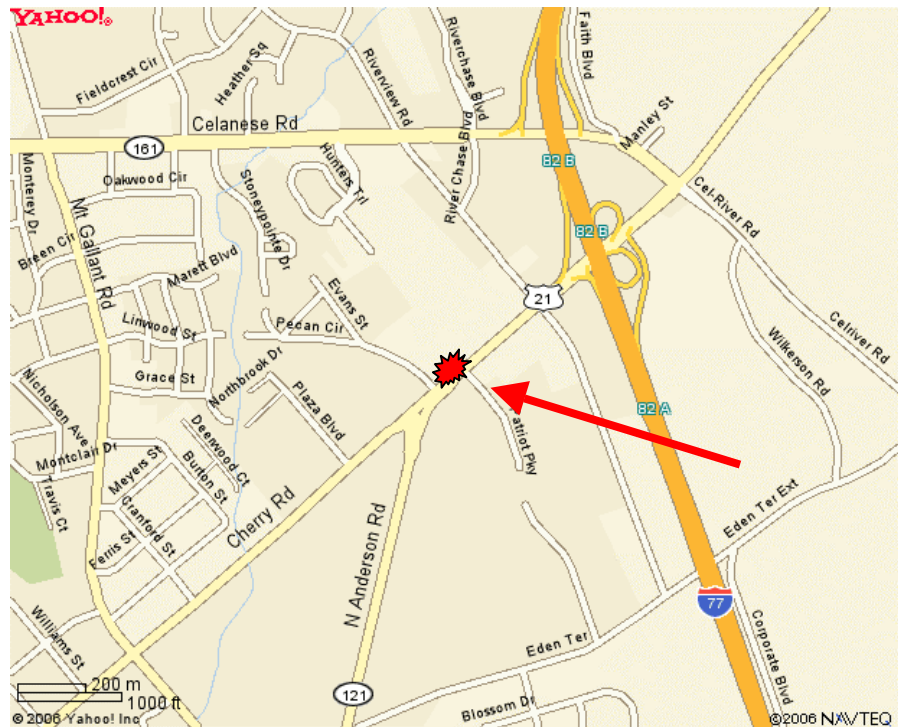
Car Show Times: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Meeting Time Approx. 3:00 PM

Please Bring
Chairs & Soft
Drinks

Directions: I77
Exit 82B, go west
approx. quarter
mile on Cherry Rd,
(AKA Highway 21)

Show details will
be sent via email
from Automotive
Director.



The answer to Q's Trivia Question is 1968