

# November 2006



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# 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

As I am writing my part for this month's QCCC newsletter, there are only 65 shopping days remaining until Christmas. Does that seem possible???? Thanks to a very active and creative Board and an enthusiastic membership we have had a full year with many varied activities. Thanks to everyone who helped plan an activity and thanks to everyone who participated in those events. We still have trips, parties and parades to enjoy before that last shopping day arrives.



As I stated in my October newsletter, the QCCC membership will be voting for the 2007 Board during the November Business Meeting. This is an extremely important event for our Club. There are many dedicated members who have been nominated and will be on the November ballot. Please make every effort to attend this meeting and cast your ballot. Voting is "All American" and we are one of "America's Sports Car" clubs. How could you not vote after that!!



I hope that you have had a chance to look at our Club website. EO has been working to get our members with their cars on the site and it looks great. If you and your car are not up there, please send EO a digital picture. I understand that EO will also put up a different picture if you wish to send him a favorite. Thanks to EO for all you do. I know that I may be slightly biased, I believe we have the best website of any car club I've seen.

We are again approaching the Christmas parade season. There are several Christmas parades that we traditionally support. Please watch for Chris' e-mails and volunteer for a parade. They are always a lot of fun as is the lunch we go to after the parade.

Finally, I want to wish a speedy recovery to Charlie Binder. Charlie's shoulder is due for the 100K tune-up. All the best Charlie. Charlie and Iris do a fantastic job producing our monthly newsletter. Please help them by writing articles or sending them things that will be of interest to our membership.

That's it....see you in November.....

# VP REPORT

October is winding down and before you know it the trick or treaters are going to be knocking at your door. This time of year has always signified to me it is time to schedule one more day trip to the mountains and cruise down the Blue Ridge Parkway to take in all the beauty of the fall colors. Nothing better than taking that trip in the favorite vehicle of choice, your Corvette. So pack a lunch basket and your camera and head for the hills.



## **Business Meeting Recaps And Updates**

Our October business meeting was held on 10/21/06 at Burns Chevrolet after the conclusion of another successful car show. The weather was absolutely beautiful, not a cloud in the sky all day long. A fine turnout by the QCCC membership produced a great array of cars representing all classes from C1 through C6. Kudos and a sincere thank you to the fine folks at Burns Chevrolet for all of their hospitality. Burns Chevrolet was very generous in their donation of trophies and a contribution to the club's charity fund. Congratulations to automotive director Chris Patton for coordinating the event and to all the participating members.

Our November meeting is scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cornelius Town hall in downtown Cornelius. This meeting will consist of the normal business agenda as well as serve as election night for the 2007 board members. Plan now to attend and vote for the representative of your choice for the QCCC board positions. The town hall location has plenty of parking and the meeting room will be able to accommodate a large crowd.

The December Business meeting is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Tryon House restaurant in Matthews. This meeting is scheduled around dinner plans and will enable members to bring gifts for the families of the North Carolina Air National Guard. More information regarding this event will be coming from social director Jane Burt.

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

The Burns car show afforded an opportunity to display most of my different collectibles for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary special edition. We received a lot of nice comments from the folks in attendance and special recognition from the judges

netted another collectible, a certificate that will be displayed proudly along side all the other items.

This month's trivia question...what model year Corvette featured standard wheels that had an in line change midway through the model year production? Both wheels were similar in design but the later featured thicker spokes. In addition this model year eliminated the passenger-side key cylinder lock. The answer to this question will be found on another page in the newsletter.

### **Final thoughts**

In case you didn't already have enough reasons to justify owning a Corvette, here are a few others:

Life in the fast lane is the only way to travel!

You like the idea of having no back seat driver...ever.

The roar of the engine sounds better than the radio (just ask David Sigman).

You feel the speed limit should be raised to 120 m.p.h.

You like getting yelled at, whistled at, waved at, and honked at.

Low bucket seats don't give you leg cramps or a backache.

And finally, you know the correct answer to "How do you like your Vette?"

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

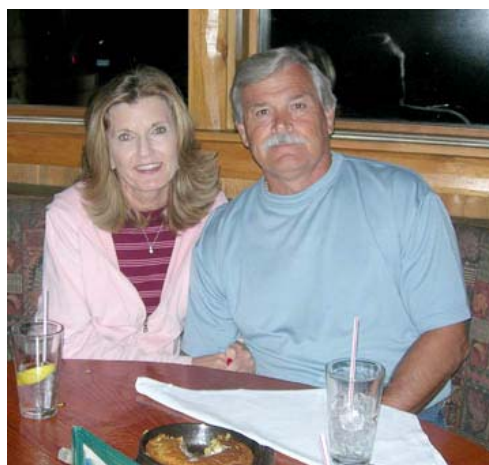
**Q. Gross**

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### **Meet the New Members!**



**Woody Nail - 1966 Convertible**



**Ron & Becky Steele  
2006 Yellow Convertible**



## **QCCC Board Meeting Minutes** **of the QCCC October Board Meeting** **Tuesday, October 17, 2006**

The October 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, 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 the October meeting. After nominations have closed Jerry will send an email to all nominees listing those members who are running. If they accept the nomination Jerry will call and explain the position duties. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

### **Q:**

- All meetings have been booked through January. Cornelius Town Hall has been reserved for November and January meetings. Fee to use the town hall has been waived.
- Member participation points have been emailed to members and to date only one member cited a correction.
- Discussed the possibility of the club attending the Hendricks Motor Sports car show on 11/18/06. Entry fee is \$10 or a toy for a child. There will be an award presented for the most cars that participate from a car club.

### **Florence:**

- Reviewed budgeted vs. actual expenses.

### **Chris:**

- Everything is set for upcoming car show at Burns Chevrolet. Lunch will be provided.
- Planning to meet with Kathleen Flaraty from the Air National Guard Family Readiness team to get family Christmas wish list.
- Golf outing at Kannapolis Country Club has been set. Event begins at noon, cost is \$35 and will include cart. This will be a no participation point event.
- Auto Fair turned out great. Only downside was someone took our QCCC sign and the Speedway told Chris that if it is not returned the club will be required to pay for the sign.
- Mentioned that we need to make a several changes to the club newsletter website. The club does not support various children charities and participate in autocross and drag racing events.

### **Eddie:**

- Reviewed new members vs. termination list. Three members will be eligible for membership at the new meeting.
- Discussed with Board the possibility of selling ads for the newsletter under a section called Member Services. Ad would be for entire year. Eddie volunteered to oversee the

project. He will contact EO Oakley and Charlie Binder regarding the technical aspects of this.

**Jane:**

- Reviewed Bowling Green trip.
- Sixty three people have signed up for the trip to Helena, GA. Cars will leave in groups of 5-6 as was done for the Bowling Green trip.
- December meeting is scheduled for Tryon House. Dinner will cost \$10 per person. Jim Weisberg has offered to bring a motorcycle trailer to load gifts into. It will then be locked up and driven to Jane and Eddies until club takes it to the Air National Guard for presentation. There will be no gift exchange, just bring gift for the readiness team.
- Correction to minutes of last meeting. Banquet cost is \$65 per couple not \$55.

**New Business:**

- The Board discussed and voted that all silent auction monies be added to the club's general funds. In past years this was the practice; last year was an exception with monies going to the Charity fund.
- A 50/50 raffle will be held at the Banquet and 50% of that money will go to the Charity fund.
- Q and Jerry will collect items for the Silent Auction.

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

Respectfully submitted,

**Margo Gross**, Secretary

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## QCCC Calendar of Events for 2006

### November

- 3-5 Weekend trip to Helen, GA ,
- 11 Meeting /Golf Outing
- 18 Monroe Christmas Parade

### December

- 9 Meeting and Christmas Party at Tryon House in Matthews
- 16 Operation Christmas

### January 2007

- 27 Banquet at Lowe's Motor Speedway



## Minutes of the QCCC October Business Meeting Saturday, October 20, 2006

The October business meeting was held at **Burns Chevrolet** in Rock Hill, SC, and was called to order by President, Jerry Scienski at 3:40 PM.

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

After one correction to the minutes of the September meeting, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September business meeting.

Visitors were: **Russ Brasher** - 2006 Monterrey Red Coupe; **Ross Chess** - 2005 Blue Convertible & 1969 RPB race car; **Paul & Barb Mariano** - 2003 Anniversary Coupe & 1967 Coupe; **Dave & Gail Megenes** – 1990 Convertible

No new members were voted in.

### **Jerry Scienski, *President***

- Asked if membership had any further officer nominations. Nominations were closed and members reminded to vote at the November meeting.
- Introduced EO Oakley webmaster and asked EO to brief the club on the member picture and club events sections.
- Recognized Charlie & Iris Binder who put together the club newsletter. Thanked them for all the hard work they do each month.
- Asked Bob Denney to speak briefly about the photo CD he will be compiling and selling at the annual banquet. Money raised from the sale of the CD's will be added to the Charity fund.

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

- Reminded everyone to be sure and sign the attendance sheet for the meeting and car show.
- Next months meeting will be held at the Cornelius Town Hall.
- Third quarter points have been sent out. Be sure to let him know if he needs to made any corrections.
- Mentioned upcoming car show at Hendricks Motor sports. Flyer for event mentioned all types of cars entered. The car club that has the most participants will receive a prize. Entry fee is \$10 or a toy for a child.

### **Florence Prather, *Treasurer***

- Reviewed current budget.
- Explained how our dues subsidize the cost of the annual banquet each year.



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

- Thanked everyone who attended the car show. A total of 42 cars participated. Also thanked Burns Chevrolet for the \$500 donation to our Charity fund and the donation of two Kyle Petty Ride Along tickets.
- Presented trophies to winners of the car show.
- Pulled names for charity raffle prizes. Ruffled off were two Kyle Petty Ride Along tickets and four Renaissance Festival tickets. This raffle raised a total of \$87 for the Charity fund.
- Anyone who wishes to participate in remaining parades please email Chris. He will add you to his list and contact you when he finds out how many cars will be needed.
- Anyone wishing to participate in the golf outing scheduled for 11/11/06 at Kannapolis Country club should talk to Ken Watts or Chris. Money for this event needs to be turned in no later than next October 27th.
- Mentioned that the Charity Fund has meetings once a month and can always use additional members. At this time there are 17 members on the committee.
- Discussed club shirts. Club logo will be on back of shirt. Orders must come in bulk in order to receive the discounted price.

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

- Summarized trip to Bowling Green and upcoming trip to Helena, GA.
- Asked Tom Rockhold to review travel route to Helena, GA. Tom passed out maps and driving instructions to those who will be attending.
- Discussed Christmas party at the Tryon House.
- Reviewed annual banquet costs of \$65 per couple.

**Eddie Burt, *Membership Director***

- Introduced visitors.
- Reviewed his idea of selling ads for club newsletter. Volunteered to oversee this project.

**New Business:**

- Caroline Lentz addressed the club in regards to donating money to the Corvette museum to help support the archives. Members were reminded that previously the club donated \$1500 which is being paid in installments of \$150/year.
- Melissa Patton asked members to consider donating their time to help work at Operation Christmas. Our club has been scheduled to work on 12/16/06 from 12-4, dinner will follow. Anyone interested in helping should contact Melissa. Directions to the warehouse will be passed out at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Margo Gross*, Secretary

## *Through the Windshield*

Thanks to all that made the Burns Chevrolet Charity Car Show a huge success. Danny Philbeck the General Manager was so impressed with the Corvettes from the club that in addition to the \$500.00 denoted to the Charity Fund they added two tickets to the Richard Petty Experience and 4 tickets to the Renaissance Festival that were raffled off at the show to raise additional \$87.00 for the Charity Fund, and they have already invited us back for the May Car Show next year.

Congratulations to the Winners:

Best C-1	Reggie Black	Best C-2	John Meadows
Best C-3	Robert Morgan	Best C-4	Dee Putman
Best C-5	Phillip Lewis	Best C-6	Ronnie Steele
Best in Show	Larry De Montegre	"Daily Driver" the Silvia's	
"Best Sounding" Exhaust David Sigmon		"Perspective Member" the McGinnis'	
"Most Corvette Accessories" Quentin Gross			

Congratulations to Mike Kulscar and to John Leibe on winning the tickets to the Richard Petty experience and to Ken Watts and the Mariano's on winning the Renaissance Festival tickets. I also want to thank Evelyn Gaudreau, Melissa Patton and Linda Silvia for their help in making the Certificates and helping obtain some of the gifts that were given away to the winners at the show.

With the passing of October we move into the Christmas Parade season. This year we have agreed to do a several parades. The Concord parade on November 18, the Monroe parade, November 19, the Kannapolis parade November 28, the Davidson parade and the Lake Wylie parade December 2. The Kannapolis parade is on Tuesday night, and each car must have lights. Please remember this when signing up. If any one is interested in participating in any of these parades just send me an email (camspatton@aol.com) I will also have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

The next road trip is coming up in November to Helen, Ga. And although Melissa and I can not go, I wanted to take this opportunity to say what an excellent job the Bonino's and the Rockhold's have done in planning this road trip. I wish a safe and fun trip to all that are able to attend.

In the last meeting I spoke of having club t-shirts made with the QCCC logo on the back. With every shirt sold \$1.50 will be given to the Charity Fund. These shirts in white will cost \$14.00 a piece for small to x-large and xx-large will be \$16.00. Gray or red colors will cost an additional \$2.00 per shirt. These shirts will also be offered in women's sizes. To get this price we will have to order a minum of 50 at a time. If you are interested please email me with the size and colors you would like. I will be taking orders through the December meeting for the first order. All money will have to be collected before the order can be placed.

The 11h of November will hold host to our first annual golf outing. Twenty people will be out at Kannapolis Country Club either hitting or chasing golf balls, and December 16th members have volunteered to work a shift at the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse in Charlotte. A good time will be had by all that attend and members are encouraged to participate and make suggestions of events that you would like to see happen.

And to answer a question posed by many I will have the Christmas Wish list for the N.C. Air Guard Families at the November meeting.

Lastly, the November meeting will host our annual Board Elections for Officers. I encourage all that can attend to come out and cast your votes, and participate in the club that you make so great.

Remember, when leaving your mark in this life; be sure they can smell the rubber burning!

Chris Patton

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## 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](http://www.helenga.org). 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!

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### **Did You Know: The NCM is hosting a Mediterranean Cruise??**

(on a cruise ship – not in Corvettes!)

*June 18th - 30th, 2007*

### **Aboard Celebrity's Millenium Cruise Ship**

Enjoy the history that only the Mediterranean can offer. This trip will explore Venice, Naples, Capri and Rome, Italy, Santorini and Athens Greece, Dubrovnik Croatia and Nice France.

Contact Sheri Clark at [sheri@corvettemuseum.com](mailto:sheri@corvettemuseum.com).

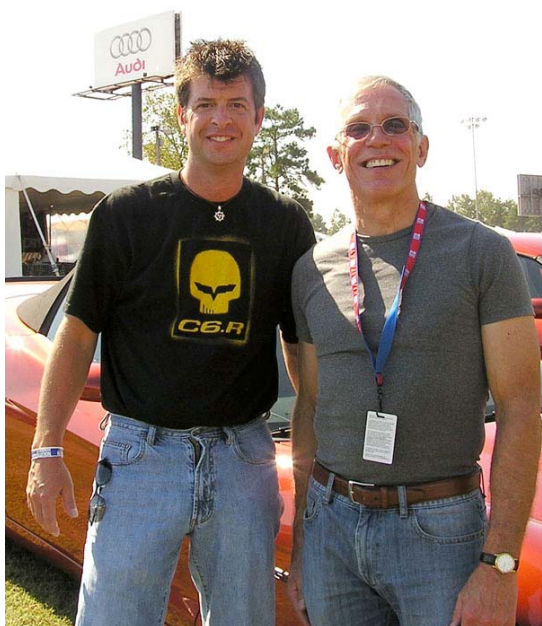
## Racing Corvettes at Road Atlanta

By Mark Curtis

On the weekend of Sept. 29-31 I took a trip to Road Atlanta for the 2006 Petit LeMans race. Team Corvette and the National Corvette Museum put on a great weekend for us. There were seminars on Friday and Saturday by David Hill, Tom Wallace, Tom Hill, Will Cooksey and his complete team of engineers and Johnny O'Connell. There was also an auction on Friday night that was done by Johnny which raised several thousand dollars for charities in the Atlanta area.



I ran into fellow members Boyd Kurt at the Friday autograph session and Ed Williams later that same day and Ed and I traveled the whole area watching the race on Saturday. I also met some great members and new friends from other clubs and some of the Corvette forum members that I chat with online. It was a beautiful weekend and the main highlight for me was having a nice sit down chat with Dave Hill and having him sign the hood of my car. It is something really special to have the first new corvette you have ever owned signed by the man who designed and brought the car to life. Everyone was so approachable and hospitable about questions and general conversation.



As for Team Corvette and the race, the 3 car of Johnny O'Connell and Ron Fellows won the pole but the Corvettes were not able to do the same in the race as they have been restricted with a 188 pound weight penalty and a small air restrictor on the engine. At the 24 hours of LeMans they were able to go the whole race without a brake failure but at Atlanta both cars had to replace brake rotors in the seventh hour of a ten hour race. They had to break

harder in the corners and get on the throttle sooner just to keep up with the Aston Martins. At the time of this writing the season finale at Laguna Seca has just finished. Corvette Racing capped Corvette's 50th anniversary in international road racing by sweeping the American Le Mans Series manufacturers, drivers and team championships in tonight's season finale at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. A runner-up finish by Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6R at the Monterey Sports Car Championships wrapped up Chevrolet's sixth consecutive manufacturers' title and gave the pair their second straight drivers championship.



The weight restrictions were lifted for this race but the smaller air intakes were not. Even with this change it took a lot of hard work, determination and driver talent to put two more championship trophies in the Chevrolet stables. Congratulations to Team Corvette for winning the 2006 American Lemans Series Drivers and Manufacturers championships. Vive La Corvette!!!! This is an event that anyone who enjoys racing should attend as the teams are so willing to accommodate the fans and things are not as restricted as NASCAR. I will definitely be returning to another race at Road Atlanta as long as the Corvettes are running.



# QCCC Does High School Homecoming



# Highlights of Car Show - Meeting

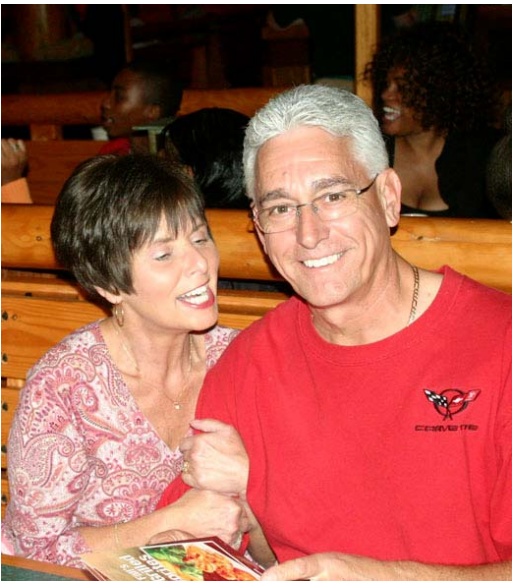








# Caught On Camera



# November 11th Meeting in Cornelius NC

In the Town Hall at 21445 Catawba Avenue

Social Gathering 6:00 PM  
Business Meeting 6:30 PM

**Directions: From InterState 77**

Get off at Exit 28, travel East on Catawba Ave approximately ten blocks,  
Parking is in rear.



Answer to Q's trivia question: 2000