

# December 2006



Mountain Trip, Golf, and  
Parades Make for Fun Filled  
Month!

*We Drive To Eat*



# 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

Does anyone out there believe it is actually the Christmas season already? I hope you enjoyed the QCCC year as much as I did, even though I managed to miss several outstanding trips and events. Thanks to a very imaginative Board and several club members who stood up and lead an event or trip, this year there were three overnight, long weekend trips. We had a great time at the beech, based on the pictures I saw, October Fest was a big winner and who wouldn't enjoy a trip back to the birthplace of our beloved Corvettes. There were BBQ's, day trips, parades, car shows, Car Care Days and even Go Cart racing.



There are still a number of QCCC functions scheduled. We have several Christmas parades to participate in as well as the Mother of all Parties, our Annual Meeting at the Speedway Club. I hope each of you will be able to attend and enjoy a night of friendship and dancing. Bob Denney, EO and Charlie Binder have been working on this year's slide show. I've seen the early version and I promise that you will be impressed. Bob has talked about selling the CD to Club members with the proceeds going to our Charity fund. Please plan on buying a CD. It's professionally done full of many memories from this past year.



CONGRATS to our new 2007 Board. Returning in their current roles are Eddie & Jane Burt and Chris Patton. Your new fearless leader is none other than Q (Quentin) Gross ably assisted by Boyd Kurt as Vice President. Linda Meadows joins the Board as Treasurer. Melissa Patton rounds out the Board as your Secretary. Again, CONGRATS to all. Please support these folks. They will work hard for all of us.

As I rotate off the Board, I first want to thank the 2006 Board for all of their hard work, support and making me even look smart at times. During this year EO Oakley has labored successfully to make our QCCC website the best I've seen for any club. Likewise, Charlie and Iris Binder have published an outstanding newsletter month after month. Thanks to the membership for your participation...the more the merrier!! Thanks to Gloria for all of her help. Gloria did many things, but her key project was to head-up the sale of the Club Photo...remember that. It took a year, but we got them out to everyone who wanted pictures.

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



Well, that's it. I'll see you at the Christmas party.

## Jerry

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

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## Caught on Camera



# VP REPORT



Thanksgiving is now over and I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday with their family and friends. Before you know it, Christmas will be here! Another holiday that most of us will be enjoying with family but Christmas also represents an opportunity to share with others. During December QCCC has several events scheduled that will allow us to share with others less fortunate. So make your plans now to join in and help others during the season of giving.

## **Business Meeting Recaps And Updates**

Our November business meeting was held on 11/11/06 at Cornelius Town Hall. In addition to our regular business meeting, we also held the annual elections for 2007 officers. Congratulations to new incoming board members Boyd Kurt (vice president), Linda Meadows (treasurer), and Melissa Patton (secretary). Along with re-elected members Chris Patton, Eddie and Jane Burt, and yours truly as new president, we all look forward to representing the QCCC membership for 2007.

Our December Business meeting is scheduled for the 9th at the Tryon House restaurant in Matthews. This meeting is scheduled around dinner plans and will also allow members to bring gifts for families serving in the military. More information regarding this event will be found throughout the newsletter.

The January business meeting is scheduled for January 13th, 2007. Due to a scheduling conflict with the city of Cornelius, please note the January meeting will be held at the North Cross Medical Center community room in Huntersville. The complete address and map is located on another page in this newsletter and also on the website.

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

This past month several QCCC members attended and participated in a car show at Hendricks Motors Racing Headquarters in Concord. Along with a lot of great looking Corvettes, the show featured excellent representation of 55-58 Chevy's, Camaros, Firebirds, street rods, and yes-even Fords. It was like being at a mini Auto Fair. My point is while we in QCCC are prejudiced to our Corvettes, it is really cool to stop and visit with other folks who all have a story to tell about their car.

This month's trivia question...what model year Corvette featured a new style side fender vents with five slots, a relocated parking brake handle between the seats (a Corvette first), a fixed 31" radio antenna, and a blue "GM Mark of Excellence" label attached to the back of each door above the latch? The answer to this question will be found on another page in the newsletter.

### **Final Thoughts**

And in this month's final thoughts I would like to thank the 2006 outgoing board members Jerry Scienski, Florence Prather, and Margo Gross for all of their valuable time and effort they have provided to QCCC. Jerry has guided QCCC members and the board as president for the last year and served as vice president in 2005. I hope 2007 brings you good health and plenty of time to enjoy your car and be able to participate in all of the club functions. Florence has kept a professional watchful eye on club funds for the last three years and her accounting and disbursement of club monies has been impeccable. Margo has served as secretary for the past two years and has dutifully recorded everything discussed at board and business meetings and presented it to the membership for review. I thank you all for the countless hours you have given QCCC and I will miss working with all of you on the board. I plan on seeing you at all of our events in 2007.

And one more final thought, in case you didn't see the special TV show "The Last Sting Ray" on the Speed channel over the Thanksgiving weekend, be sure to catch it on the re-runs. It is an "awesome" reflection on the history of the Corvette.

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

Q. Gross

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## **QCCC Calendar of Events for 2006**

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### **December**

- 2 Davidson Christmas Parade
- 2 Lake Wylie Christmas Parade
- 9 Meeting and Christmas Party at Tryon House in Matthews
- 16 Operation Christmas

### **January 2007**

- 13 Club Meeting - North Cross Medical Center Community Room
- 27 Banquet at Lowe's Motor Speedway

## Through the Windshield

November has been a good month, with the unseasonably warm weather it was a great time for members to take time out for driving their Corvettes and try driving a few Titleist Golf Balls at the First Annual QCCC Golf Outing. After the day on the links I am sure many will want to play again next year. Thanks again to Ken and Lois Watts for arranging the event with the Kannapolis Country Club.

In the last few business meetings several members have brought up various Charitable Organizations for the Charity Committee to research. As Automotive Director I also have the task of being the Chairman of the Charity Committee, and I wanted to take a minute and explain how the committee works and how you can help get your ideas heard.

The Charity Funds are raised through car shows with local Chevrolet Dealers and merchants in the Charlotte area, funds are also raised through raffles and in the months to come the sale of QCCC t-shirts. Soon after January this year the committee will meet and we will discuss what organizations have asked for our help.

From that meeting the committee members will research various organizations and report back to the committee at the next meeting with details of each organization. Each organization is voted on and ranked in order on the amount of funds each organization will receive. The committee then gives the membership its recommendation and the membership decides to go forward with the committee's recommendation or not. If the membership votes not to accept the recommendation then the committee must then start over with researching charities. All of this must be done by no later than June since the charity funds are to be dispersed in June each year. This was decided and voted on by the membership in 2005 as a way to provide funds to organizations though out the year and not just at the Holiday Season.

If you have an organization that you would like to have considered please contact me with any and all contact information for this organization as soon as possible as I hope to get underway soon. I hope this answers any questions you may have had on what the committee does.

**Chris Patton**



*"The car can stay. You, on the other hand, aren't on the list."*





## **QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Monday, November 6, 2006**

The November 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 and Florence Prather.

Officer reports were as follows:

### **Jerry (President):**

- Reviewed format for upcoming Board member election at November business meeting.
- Margo will send out nomination list to membership via email.
- Florence will prepare the ballot that will be distributed to the membership after election of new members.
- Ballots will be counted during the meeting by Florence and Margo.

### **Q (Vice President):**

- 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.
- Discussed membership gifts for upcoming banquet and awards to be given. Mentioned he has found another company who will provide a quote for trophy award presentations.

### **Florence (Treasurer):**

- Reviewed budgeted vs. actual expenses and charity recap. A hard copy summary will be distributed at the November Business meeting.
- Discussed with each board member any possible expenses that might fall before year end.

### **Q for Chris (Automotive):**

- Still 5 parades remaining this year. Information will be distributed via email prior to each parade letting members know the date, time and number of cars still needed.
- Golf tournament organized by Ken Watt currently has the maximum number signed up.
- The upcoming car show at Hendrick Motorsports will be a QCCC non-points event.

### **Eddie (Membership):**

- Reviewed new members vs. termination list. Currently membership is at 205.
- Reviewed potential ad plans for web site. These would need to be based on a yearly price. Monies received from ads would be distributed into the general fund.
- Reported he has checked with various corvette clubs around the state and many have business card member services listed on their websites.



**Jane:**

- Reviewed Bowling Green trip and reported that 59 members attended the weekend event.
- Discussed December Christmas party meeting at the Tryon House. Members will pay \$10 pp for dinner. Social hour with a cash bar will begin at 5PM, business meeting at 6PM with dinner following at 7PM.
- Asked Board members to help secure items for Silent Auction. All proceeds from auction will be added to the general funds, as has happened in all years except this past year.

**New Business:**

- Jerry received and invitation from Harley Davidson of Charlotte. They have invited the club to an event they will be hosting: a beer, brauts and blues event at that location on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Margo Gross*, Secretary

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**Meet the New Members**



**Jim Wesson**- 2001 Yellow Coupe



**Paul & Barb Mariano** - 03 Anniversary Coupe &  
1967 Coupe



## **Minutes of the QCCC November Business Meeting Saturday, November 11, 2006**

The November business meeting was held at the Cornelius town hall, and was called to order by President, Jerry Scienski at 6:30 PM.

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

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

Visitors were: *Sheldon & Carol Bernstein* - 1991 Black Coupe; *Michael & Tiffany McCullom* – 2003 Z6

New members were voted in *Paul & Barb Mariano* - 2003 Anniversary Coupe & 1967 Coupe and *Jim & Glenda Wesson*- 2001 Yellow Coupe

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

- Reviewed board member elections with membership and introduced those members who were nominated.
- In honor of Veterans Day asked all veteran members to stand and be recognized.
- Thanked Pat & Steve Bonino for helping organize the Helen, GA weekend and Walt and Wendy Krupowicz for their work on the Bowling Green trip.

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

- Introduced guests and those prospective members eligible for membership.
- Reviewed next month's holiday meeting at Tryon House.
- Mentioned upcoming car show at Hendricks Motor sports. Mentioned that the car club that has the most participants will receive a prize. Entry fee is \$10 or a toy for a child. This event is a QCCC non-points event.
- Thanked Walt Krupowicz for bringing remaining posters from Dinner in The Dome for distribution to members.

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

- Distributed hard copies and reviewed current budget and charity recap with membership.
- Reviewed Articles of Incorporation.
- Acknowledged Walt and Wendy Krupowicz for donating all remaining monies from the Bowling Green trip to the Corvette Museum on behalf of the club.
- Explained how our dues subsidize the cost of the annual banquet each year.

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

- Thanked Ken Watts for putting together the great golf outing and asked Ken to recap the days event.
- Spoke briefly about the upcoming parades and asked members to watch for emails which will announce the various parades, times and cars needed.
- Informed membership that currently the Air National Guard has no units deployed at this time and therefore has no family holiday gift needs.
- Led discussion about what type of charity we might be able to benefit this season. Many suggestions were made with final outcome being that the Charity committee will convene a special meeting and E.O. Oakley will assist Chris in helping research some organizations that might need toys.
- John Liebe suggested just buying some toys, bringing them to the December meeting and let someone else decide where they should go.

**Florence Prather for Jane Burt, *Social Events Director***

- Reminded members of Christmas party at the Tryon House, cost of \$10 pp, social hour and cash bar at 5PM, meeting at 6PM with dinner following at 7PM. There will be plenty of parking in lot across the street from the restaurant.
- Reviewed annual banquet costs of \$65 per couple.

**Q Gross for Eddie Burt, *Membership Director***

- Introduced visitors.

**New Business:**

- Melissa Patton spoke briefly about the club's participation in Operation Shoebox on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in working should contact her.
- Walt Krupowicz made a motion which was seconded, that the Charity Committee consider adopting a military unit for the holidays and donate all other charity funds monies each year to the Corvette Museum. Discussion followed.
- Q Gross reviewed the current club Bylaws which stipulate that the Charity committee is charged with selecting a charity or charities each year to distribute the monies to. Their selection(s) are then presented and voted on by the general membership. Therefore the Bylaws would need to be changed if the membership wanted to stop this process and do a direct vote on an organization without having it first reviewed for selection criteria by the Charity Committee.
- Jerry introduced the new 2007 Board members at the close of the meeting. Those Board members are: **Q Gross**, President; **Boyd Kurt**, Vice President; **Melissa Patton**, Secretary; **Linda Meadows**, Treasurer; **Jane Burt** Social Director; **Eddie Burt**, Membership Director; **Chris Patton**, Automotive Director.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Margo Gross*, Secretary



# Sorry Officer -What to do when you're pulled over

By BENGT HALVORSON

Submitted by Chris Patton

As you coast to a stop on the shoulder of the roadway, you know that sick feeling -- you've been busted. And now, it's time to pay.

We thought it might be a good idea to share with you some advice on how to behave once you're pulled over. So, we asked a few state troopers for their list of do's and don'ts. Here's what we gathered:



**Pull over as soon as possible.** As soon as you even think that you might be the one that the highway patrol car is after, pull over. This shows that you have proper respect for emergency vehicles' right of way, and doesn't necessarily mean to the officer that you're admitting guilt.

**Always pull over to the right.** Always pull over on the right side of the roadway. On divided highways, signal and safely move over to the far right lane, and then to the shoulder. When you come to a complete stop, choose a section of roadway that has a full shoulder, without guardrails if possible. Pulling over on the left may obstruct traffic, and pulling over next to a guardrail may make it difficult for the officer to safely approach your car. Both are mistakes that won't win favor.

**Know where your paperwork is.** Normally, when a police officer first pulls you over, he/she will ask for your license, registration, and insurance. If you're not well organized and keep the officer waiting while you dig through your possessions, the officer may be less likely to sympathize.

**Make the officer feel safe.** Turn your dome light on at night. Always keep your hands in plain sight. Don't make any sudden movements. Roll your window down all the way. Stay in the car. Use common sense and don't put the officer in an uncomfortable situation.

**Let the cop talk first.** Don't blurt out things that could incriminate you. Keep your calm, even if you're upset about being stopped. Don't volunteer information, like how fast you thought you were going. The officer may not be pulling you over for what you think he is. Let him talk to you first. React kindly and you may have more of a chance to be sent on your way without a ticket.

**Don't argue with the cop.** Challenging the officer is a recipe for disaster, and likely means that you will be written up for the full offense and the officer will be less likely to opt for a compromise in court. So is asking to see the officer's radar-gun calibration records. If you are issued a ticket and wish to contest it, set a date in court.

# Octoberfest QCCC Style at Helen Georgia











**QCCC MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY \***  
**DECEMBER 9, 2006**

Our December meeting and Christmas party will be held at the

**TRYON HOUSE FAMILY RESTAURANT**  
10630 Independence Pointe Parkway  
Matthews, NC 28105  
704-847-8911

Due to limited parking, we have arranged for parking across the street at  
**GRAND SLAM USA**, indoor batting range  
10715 Independence Pointe Parkway  
Matthews, NC 28105  
704-847-5333

They have a large lot with plenty of room for all of the club's Corvettes and they are anxious to accommodate the club's parking.

- 5:00 pm     Park in the Grand Slam USA parking lot. Then journey across the street to the Tryon House for a Social Hour before dinner – Cash Bar, beer and wine only.
- 6:00 pm     QCCC Business Meeting
- 7:00 pm     Buffet dinner  
Lasagna, chicken marsala, salad, bread, dessert, coffee and tea

**\* \* \$10 per person will be collected at the door \* \***

Note:

Instead of having a gift exchange among ourselves, please consider donating the money that would have been spent on a gift, to the Charity Fund.

BRING:     \$10 per person for dinner  
Donation for Charity (optional)

**\* RSVP required by Dec. 1**     Jane Burt  
704-846-7130  
[fab4fan@carolina.rr.com](mailto:fab4fan@carolina.rr.com)



# Highlights of November Meeting





# *December Business Meeting and Christmas Party*

*Saturday, December 9, 2006*

*5:00 pm*

## *TRYON HOUSE FAMILY RESTAURANT*

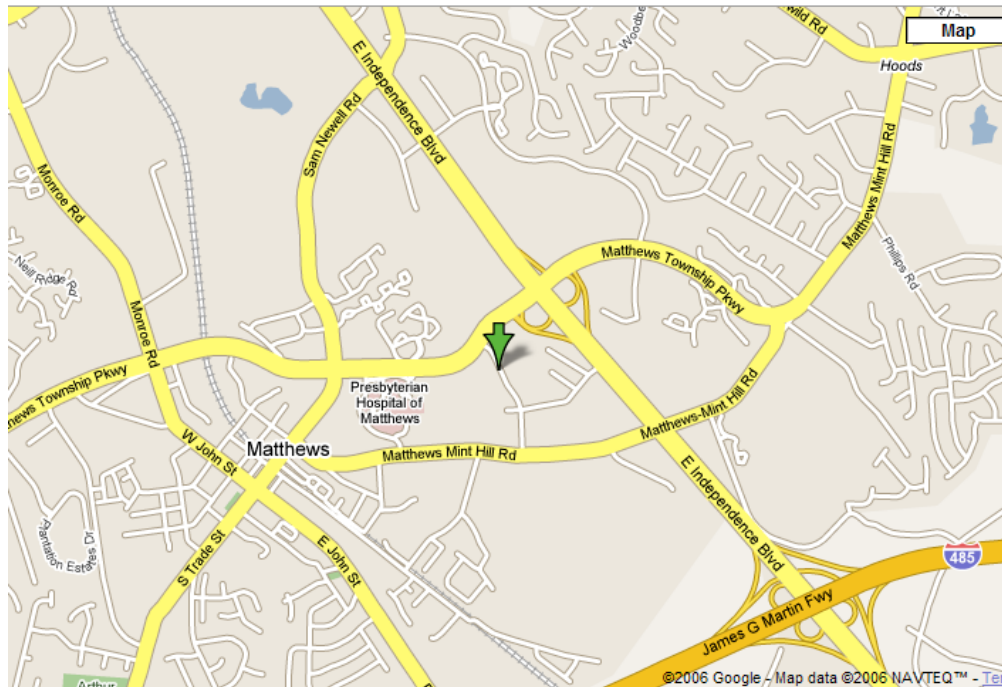
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*Bring: \$10 PER PERSON for dinner*

*Charity Families Gifts – unwrapped presents or money (details forthcoming)*

### *Schedule:*

*5:00 Gift Collection and Social Time*

*6:00 Meeting*

*7:00 Buffet Dinner*

*Dinner Buffet:*

*Lasagna, Chicken Marsala, salad, bread, dessert, coffee/tea*

*Answer to Q's Trivia Question is 1967!*