

Happy New Year!

QCCC Reached Out to Military Families During the Year



Christmas Goodies Being Sent to a Needy Family

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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

Hello to everyone in QCCC and happy New Year! I hope the Christmas holiday was good to all as we welcome the New Year with great anticipation. Our club enjoyed an outstanding 2006 and I can't help but take a minute and look back before we move further into 2007.



As new board members Boyd Kurt, Melissa Patton, and Linda Meadows join us, we say goodbye to retiring President Jerry Scienski, Treasurer Florence Prather and Secretary Margo Gross. Thank you to all three for your hard work on behalf of QCCC and I know we will be seeing you at our events throughout the year. I look forward to the opportunity of being your new President and with the continued support of returning board members Chris, Jane, and Eddie all the 2007 board members pledge to have a new year filled with activities for all.

By my calculations, 2006 was filled with 7 days of various car shows, 10 days of overnight road trips (including the home of the Corvette, Bowling Green, KY), 3 days of road trips that the main ingredient included eating lunch, 2 car care days, a sock hop, a bowling event, go kart racing, a poker run, and a cruise-in through the streets of Oakboro. Not to forget 10 parades, a major summer bar b-q at the Burt's residence, and QCCC members participating in road course racing events at Road Atlanta, VIR, and Kershaw. Wow, we were very busy.

The generosity of our membership during 2006 was truly remarkable. Noted is the fact \$3000 was dispersed from the QCCC charity fund during the summer months, an additional \$1600 has been raised since that time and is continuing to build, one military family (including 3 small children) entire Christmas needs were met, and an additional \$2000 plus was raised for other deployed members of the military



during our annual Christmas party the beginning of December. To you my friends, I give a hardy thank you one more time for the support and generosity you have shown for those in need. Special thank you goes to all on the charity committee that helped throughout the year to bring this all together.

2006 was not without sorrow as several QCCC members lost beloved family members while others continue to courageously battle health issues. To all of you, we offer our continued support and think of you often and include you in our prayers.

2006 brought new technology to the QCCC website, led by the expertise of E.O. Oakley. Our newsletter editor and publisher Charlie and Iris Binder continue to keep us all informed through the quality of a great publication and the pictorial support of Bob Denney. Paul Pelkey continues to ensure we and all of our vehicles are all present and accounted for in the club directory. To all of you, thank you for your support through out the year.

So we now close the books on 2006 and embrace the New Year. Our first business meeting is scheduled for January 13th where we will present the 2007 calendar of events. It will be hard to top the previous year, but with the sneak preview I have seen, Chris and Jane have worked even harder to better the events from 2006. We will also be voting on the male and female rookies of the year and outstanding member of 2006 during this business meeting. The results of this vote will be announced during the awards presentation at the banquet.

Our annual awards banquet is scheduled for January 27th at the Speedway Club and we promise you will have lots of great food, great fun, dancing, a silent auction, a 50-50 raffle and recognition of members for their accomplishments during 2006. I look forward to sharing the friendship during this annual event.

So as I close my opening message for 2007, I just can't help but think that while everyone who first comes to a QCCC meeting starts with a common bond of owning the world's greatest sports car, we end by realizing QCCC is not just about the cars. It is more importantly about the people and the members of our club. We have all formed great friendships during our time spent with QCCC; we share the good times, we share the bad. We support and encourage each other and support those we have never met. That is what is so great about our organization and as noted earlier, I look forward to working with everyone to help grow our club in all venues. I hope to visit with all of you soon and promise you a very good year in 2007 for Queen City Corvette Club.

In the meantime, be safe and save the wave.

Q. Gross

Reminder: Annual Dues are due! Please send you check for \$96.00 payable <u>NOT</u> to John Meadows' C6 fund but to <u>QCCC</u> to:

Linda Meadows, Treasurer 3246 Gray Moss Rd Charlotte NC 28270



<u>What we do.</u> <u>Where we meet.</u>

First of all, I would like to thank our leader Q for all his help getting me



started as your new VP. The VP's main job is to find meeting places for a growing and very active club. The requirements are that it costs nothing and is large enough to hold over 125 people. We are always looking for new places to meet, so if you have any suggestions, just let me know and I will check them out.

Our January 13^{th,} 2007 meeting will be held at the North Cross Medical Center Community Room in Huntersville starting at 6:00 PM Social and 6:30PM Meeting. Remember the room is around the back of the center, plenty of parking. We sometimes run out of chairs so please bring one.

The 2007 Queen City Corvette Club Banquet will be held at Lowe's Motor Speedway (Speedway Club) on January 27th, 2007 starting at 6:00PM for pictures. This annual event will surely start off the New Year with a Bang. Don't miss it.

Our February 10^{th,} 2007 meeting will be held at a really cool new place. Thank you EO for the lead. It will be held at Motorama Classic Cars of Monroe. It is located at 1601 Skyline Dr., Monroe, NC 28110. Their web site is: www.motoramaclassiccars.com. Check out the cool cars they sell. We may even get to see the 63 they are restoring. 6:00PM Social and 6:30 PM Meeting. Please bring

your own chairs for this meeting.

The question of the month is: What color and year was the first Corvette I ever drove and in what year? The answer will be found in next months newsletter or if you really want to know ask me.

We are looking forward to another great year at QCCC so get involved and have a lot of fun.

Remember to "Save the Wave" even if the other guy or gal doesn't,

Boyd



QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Monday, December 4, 2006

The December Board Meeting was held and Jerry and Gloria Scienski's home and call to order was at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Chris Patton, Jerry Scienski, Q Gross, Jane and Eddie Burt, Florence Prather, and newly elected board members for 2007, Boyd Kurt, Linda Meadows and Melissa Patton.

Officers Reports were as follows: <u>O (Vice President)</u>

Q gave notice of next meeting at Tryon House on December 9th 2006. He has set up the January 2007 meeting for Boyd at NorthCross Medical Center. All remaining meetings will be coordinated by newly elected Vice President, Boyd Kurt. Q also noted that the Cornelius Town Hall will not be an option going forward as our contact is no longer there and the new contact wants to charge for the facility. This past year we have not had to pay for space rental for any meeting and want to keep the precedent going forward as not to spend any of the club's funds for meeting places.

Participation points will be tallied by the end of the month and blank spreadsheets for participation and attendance will be forwarded to Boyd Kurt for the 2007 year.

Chris (Automotive Director)

Chris informed the board the QCCC members supported 6 Christmas parades with over 35 members participating.

There are also still items available on the list for the Christmas Giving Activity. Financial Contributions for the Military Care Packages will be collect in a box provided by Chris and counted the night of the Christmas Meeting by Chris. The Treasurer, Florence Prather will cut a check for the organization as long as the complete information is provided: Name, Address and contact person etc. E.O. Oakley is to supply this information as he has all contact information.

A Car Care Day will be scheduled for January 2007 if confirmation from host, Wally and Anita Crawford is established. The date of this event is to follow in email this week if Crawford's can host.

Eddie (Membership)

Membership count is up to 208.

Eddie has established a committee to review advertising for club website. An email was sent to solicit participation but confirmation of receipt was unavailable and not confirmed by any Board Members in attendance. Eddie said he called certain members and confirmed their participation and will utilize only these individuals for the committee.

Florence (Treasurer)

Florence distributed updated Charity Reports accounting for latest deposits from November meeting. She reviewed spreadsheet of Expenses vs. Budget in detail.

She also informed newly elected Treasurer, Linda Meadows that a new deposit stamp will need to be ordered, but other supplies are in abundance. Linda, Jerry and Florence will meet to discuss changing over signature cards on Club Bank Account in coming days.

Only three members still owe dues as per report distributed by Florence. Eddie is to make final contact of member's intentions to remain in club and their inability to attend Awards Banquet unless paid.

Review of Banquet expense sheet. Florence noted that this year we will not need 2007 membership dues to assist in payment of Awards Banquet as in past years.

Jane (Social Coordinator)

Jane gave confirmation of 103 members to attend December Christmas Dinner Meeting. Jane informed the board to park at the "Grand Slam" across the street from Tryon House. The admission for the dinner is \$10 per person, for members and non-members. The business meeting will start at 6:00 pm, which is earlier than most meetings. Q asked Jane to send an additional email highlighting the change in time. The buffet will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Interest is being sought for upcoming Beach Trip in March 2007. The trip will be a Thursday-Sunday event in Daytona Beach, Florida. Jane is to announce intentions at December Business Meeting regarding details thus far and will solicit interest by club members at December meeting as confirmation and trip reservations will need to be done in January to ensure room rates.

Jane was informed by Q and Chris that many members have suggested and requested shorter distance for our trips. Concern for length of Daytona Trip was expressed, and shortness of notice for confirmation. Other factors that needed to be researched are Spring Break in Daytona and Bike Week in Daytona. It was suggested that when Jane and Chris make up the calendar for 2007 that more frequent, shorter weekend trips be brought into the calendar so all members will have something to choose from.

Jerry (President)

Jerry directed attention to details of the Banquet and reconciled details and responsibilities of the Awards Dinner under new business. Jerry will handle update of Club Gavel and new names being added. He will also inform Q of the President's choice awards so that Q can obtain the plagues for this award also. Jerry then reviewed the itinerary for the Banquet and assigned tasks and responsibilities.

New Business:

Annual Awards Dinner

At December meeting clarification for nominations and voting of Member of the Year and Rookies of the Year will be discussed by Jerry. The Points log will be updated and emailed out by Q so members can nominate Member of the Year and the process for voting for Rookies of the Year. The votes will be tabulated at the January Business Meeting by Melissa and Q will coordinate and be responsible for getting plagues for recognition of respective elected members for these two awards.

Jane and Eddie informed the board that the Awards Banquet will be in the Ballroom at Lowe's Motor Speedway, not the Restaurant, but the contract for the event has not yet been finalized or ratified. There will be round tables of 8 set up. Jane and Jerry felt it would be nice if we have the QCCC banner displayed at the Dinner, Chris Patton will bring Banner to the banquet for this purpose. Jane and her committee will arrive at the Speedway at 4:00 p.m. to set up for the event.

Adina Ledford has again volunteered her services as Photographer. Pictures will be taken from 5:00-6:00 immediately after check in of members. Jane to finalize details with Adina and

send email to membership regarding limited time constraint for pictures so that the Ledford's can participate in the Awards Banquet in its entirety.

Jane is also to inform members to send Banquet money to Florence Prather and inform membership that there will be no refunding of money once it has been collected.

Jane informed membership of a 50/50 raffle at the Banquet for the Charity Fund in an email. Florence Prather volunteered to accept money and sell tickets at the check in table for this function.

Jerry is to contact Wally Crawford to do the blessing before dinner.

Boyd Kurt is to handle design, set up and copying of programs and itinerary for Banquet. Q is to send "President's Message" to Boyd for Programs. Programs have a budget of \$100.

At Banquet, Melissa Patton will tally votes for the King and Queen. Wally and Anita Crawford, last years winners will award the new winners for 2007.

Other items for Awards Banquet were discussed for winners by Q and samples were shown and voted on by Board Members.

The next Board meeting is to be held on January 4th 2007 at Q Gross' home. Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded and passed at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted in Margo Gross' Absence, Melissa Patton

Here's a group of happy people - definitely happy with their bellies full from dining on some BBQ after a Wednesday dinner!





QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday, December 9, 2006

The December Meeting was held at the Tryon House Restaurant and hosted the annual Christmas Dinner. Officers Reports were as follows:

Jerry Scieniski-President

·Approval of minutes from previous meeting in November.

<u>Eddie Burt-Membership</u>

•Membership count is up to 210. •Introduction of visiting members and vote of Sheldon and Carol.

Quentin Gross-Vice President

·Attendance Roster passed around.

An update of the participation points will be sent out by the end of December.

•The January 2007 Meeting will be held at North Cross Medical Center in Huntersville, be sure to bring chairs.

•Solicitation of Auction Items for the January Banquet along with minimum bid suggestions need to be emailed to Quentin for an expected inventory. Bring items the night of the Banquet.

Florence Prather-Treasurer

•Florence indicated that she would distribute the updated Treasury Report by the end of the year.

•Reported donation total for the Army Care Packages collected at the dinner, total was \$2080.00.

Jane Burt-Social Coordinator

•Reminder of January Banquet and cost of \$65 per member couple and \$52 per person for non-members. Payment must be made before hand and payments should be sent to Treasurer. There will be no refunds for cancellations this year.

•The calendar for 2007 will be coordinated on December 16th by Jane and Chris.

·Update of Daytona, Florida trip in March. Emails will follow with details. So far there are 19 couples signed up to go.

Chris Patton-Automotive Director

•Expressed gratitude to all who donated money to the Care Packages and gave gifts to the needy family.

•Informed group that car care day is set for Saturday January 6, 2007 at Wally Crawford's Garage. Cars will have oil changed and a quick safety inspection but nothing further as time is limited.

·Ladies day will be planned on January 6, 2007 by Melissa Patton, email with details to follow.

•Trip to Litchfield Resort, Pawley's Island, SC will be in September. This event will be a three day weekend trip. No agenda or planned activities will be set up for group, this is a "slug fest" for much needed rest and relaxation.

•Expressed gratitude to all that participated in Christmas Parades. Over 35 cars supported 6 parades throughout North and South Carolina.

·Introduced Paul Moreno to tell about his new 2007 Yellow Z06.

•Charity Committee is all new for 2007, anyone interested in joining the committee should email Chris at <u>camspatton@aol.com</u>. There will be more frequent meetings this year and it will be more organized.

•Expressed gratitude to the ad hoc Christmas Committee who supported the 108th Army and noted that 12 additional children were supported by additional QCCC members from a last minute request.

Jerry Scieniski then thanked E.O. Oakley for the work he does on the website along with the Binders for doing the newsletter. Paul Pelky was also recognized for his part in supporting the maintenance of the club directory and list. Anyone with member pictures should email them to E.O. Jerry also noted that Bob Denney is making a DVD to be shown at the Banquet in January.

Wally Crawford was asked to give the blessing for the meal and motion to adjourn and second was done at 7:50 p.m.

Melissa Patton, Secretary

Okay - This Couple Really Likes Corvettes

It was just learned that a Wisconsin couple (who recently took possession of an '07 ZO6) donated \$1.3 million to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The money will be used toward the proposed \$14 million expansion project that is underway.

So, we want to know who will be the first Queen City Corvette Club member to match that donation! Reminder - in case you are in doubt - you can probably write most of it off as a tax deduction!

Highlights of December Meeting



























HEAD TO THE BEACH WITH QUEEN (ITY CORVETTE (LUB

<u>MAR(H I5 - 18, 2007</u>

Spend a long weekend with your Corvette in the exciting city of **Daytona Beach, FL** with Queen City Corvette Club. <u>www.daytonabeach.com</u> We will be spending Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at:

> The Shores Resort & Spa <u>www.shoresresort.com</u> 2637 S. Atlantic Avenue Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118 386-322-7237

- Make your reservation by <u>FEBRUARY 15</u> by calling 866-934-7467 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$129 per night
- After you've made your reservation, please let Jane Burt (704-846-7130 or <u>fab4fan@carolina.rr.com</u>) know so that she can keep track of how many rooms are still available

Thursday March 15

TBDLeave for 8 hour drive to Daytona BeachLunch at the Georgia Pig, Brunswick, GA

Friday March 16

TBD Various activities

Saturday March 17

TBD Various activities including group dinner

Sunday March 18

TBD Return to Charlotte

Christmas Parade











The man stands up for his car!

Sure enjoyed "The Sports-Car World Cup" comparison test [cover story, CID, September 2006]. Classic C/D-great writing with piquant phrasing, mellifluous metaphors, sizzling similes, and nonlinear logic resulting in an inverted ranking at the end!

Excluding the Porsche on the basis of weight, your article has clarified my decision between the Ferrari and Corvette. I'll buy a Z06, send it to Caravaggio for a leather interior, and use the leftover money to buy a second Z06 for the track and spend the difference on driving schools!

B.R. TREFZ GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA QCCC member Bruce Trefz wrote the following letter to the editors of Car and Driver Magazine when they placed the 2006 Z06 third out of three when compared to a 2007 Porsche Turbo 911 and 2006 Ferrari F430 in their September issue.

Although to take a direct quote from the article

"On paper, the Z06 Corvette is the best car here. It accelerates as quickly as the 911 Turbo through the quarter and wastes both the Porsche and Ferrari at speeds above 120 mph. How about 0 to 150 mph in 17.7 seconds? ... The Z06 has the most grip at 1.01 g and the best braking performance. On an autobahn, it was still accelerating while the Ferrari was topped out in sixth gear at 186 mph. Around our road course, it was an easy victor, 1.7 seconds quicker than the Porsche on a near-76-second lap. It does all this for about a third of the Ferrari's price. The Z06 is the best performance value in the world, period.

The Vette is also highly usable. It has the biggest trunk, by some margin, and it's easy to drive around town, thanks to masses of torque and reasonably good outward visibility..."

Just to give you a cost comparison, the 480 horsepower Porsche goes for a healthy \$123,695, the Ferrari with 483 horsepower a mere \$174,535 and the Corvette Z06 with 505 horsepower is \$65,690. Makes you wonder after reading the above comments how they rated it the way they did. I suspect it is the lure and mystique of the foreign that influenced their decision or the bigger the price tag the better it ought to be!

Car Care Day - Saturday January 6th 2007

Starting at 9:00 am and not ending until all the oil runs clean!

Come out and join us for another QCCC car care day and Swap Meet at Wally Crawford's "Garage Mahal." We will change oil and filters

Any member with parts or Corvette related items are invited to bring them to be traded or sold. Due to space limitations, all swap meet items will be placed outside on the driveway. We ask that all items be related to Corvettes.

As always, we can only use this opportunity to give the cars a quick but thorough inspection and change the oil.

No other repairs will be done!

Lunch orders will be placed from Boomers Restaurant for their famous Fried Chicken.



The Crawford's never accept payment for the use of their garage but, donations for the charity fund will be accepted from each car that goes up on he lift.

All are welcome

But please note if you are not changing oil please do not park in the driveway.

Again thanks to the Crawford's for allowing us this opportunity.

Caught on Camera













Here They Come and There They Go

The guys at the track are moving fast again. Jody Austin purchased a yellow 2002 Z06 that has been setup as a Tl SCCA race car with a roll cage in it. This setup is required to be able to race in NASA events. These photos were taken by trusty Bob Denney at a recent Carolina Regions Porsche Club HPDE at VIR in Danville VA. Jody's first race (note: race not HPD school) with this car will be at nearby Kershaw on Feb 10 & 11th, come on out and cheer him on! Other QCCC'ers running at VIR that day were Phil Smith, Wally Crawford, Charlie Tew, and John Liebe.



John Liebe leading the pack!



Phil Smith's Z06 screaming by!



Jody Austin's T1 Z06 coming out of a high speed turn



Wally Crawford's car getting off its trailer!

QCCC BANQUET Saturday January 27, 2007 6:00 PM to Midnight

SPEEDWAY CLUB AT LOWES MOTOR SPEEDWAY

AWARDS PRESENTED: Outstanding Member of the Year, Male and Female Rookies of the Year, President's Choice Award, Past President Award, Participation Awards Jerry Scienski will pass the gavel to the new President, Q Gross Wally and Anita Crawford will crown the new King and Queen of the Banquet

Silent auction, DJ, dancing, slide shows, 50/50 Drawing

Dress to impress

COST : \$65 per couple for QCCC members	Send
\$52.00 per person for non-members	
(prospective members, members' guests)	

d by Sat. Jan. 20 to: Florence Prather 2000 Draymore Lane Matthews NC 28105

RSVP Required by Wed. Jan. 17 to: Jane Burt 704-846-7130 Fab4fan@carolina.rr.com

Note: there will be <u>no</u> refunds after this date

- **6:00 PM** Cash Bar, bar snacks
- **6:45 PM** Welcome and blessing
- **7:00 PM** Buffet dinner: prime rib, chicken forestiere, baked salmon, salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rice pilaf, pasta salad, potato salad, rolls, desserts, coffee, tea
- **8:00 PM** Awards presentations
- 8:30 PM Dancing, fun, and games begin
- 9:00 PM Silent Auction bidding ends

Proceeds from the Silent Auction go to the Club's General Fund.

Proceeds from the 50/50 drawing go to the Charity Fund.

Nearby hotel, among others, SpringHill Suites by Marriott 704-979-2500.

Next Meeting - January 13th 2007 at Northcross Medical Center

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

Reminder Bring Chairs and Soft Drinks

Directions: From I77

Use Exit 25, go east to next light - Statesville Road aka Highway 21, turn right, approx. mile on right turn into the Northcross Medical Center parking lot and go to the rear (use left side) of the building.

