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Beer, Brats & Blues
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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

After whining about the weather for the last 3 months, it looks like the skies have cleared and we will finally be into the spring warmth everyone has been looking forward to. I for one can't wait to get out, put the top down, and hit the road.



April Auto Fair proved to be another great event for QCCC. With threatening clouds both Saturday and Sunday, the turnout from our club members was outstanding. This earned QCCC the distinction of once again, having not only the largest Corvette display at the Speedway, but having some of the finest cars on display as well. Auto Fair not only gives our members the opportunity to display their pride and joy, but also the opportunity to see what else is available all around them. Congratulations to Ken and Lois Watts on finding the fine 1963 C-2 black convertible that they decided just had to come home with them.

The beer, brats & tattoo event that preceded our April business meeting was also a good time for our members. Thanks again to Ken and Cecile Lipack for inviting us and hosting a great event. QCCC always has a good time at the Harley Shop!

The May calendar has two big items on the schedule with the Air Show and the Burns Chevrolet Car show. Read more about these events and the schedule in other columns of this newsletter

As I announced at the April business meeting, a new event has been added to the calendar for June. **The Great American Race** is going to kick off the start of the 4,000-mile race on June 30th in beautiful downtown **Concord, NC**. For those not familiar with **The Great American Race**, this is a national event that is limited to 1969 and earlier automobiles. In order to win, race teams need to follow as closely as possible the road course with assigned rules, speed limits, and pre-determined travel times. In the past, this event has received national TV coverage on the SPEED Channel and always draws a list of celebrity contestants.

QCCC has been asked to participate in a car show the morning of June 30th, along with other car clubs in the area. Since **The Great American Race** is limited to 1969 and earlier cars, we would like to have present as many member cars as possible that fit that description. However, we are not limited to just showing those years of Corvettes. So pencil June 30th on your calendar and stay tuned for more information. Automotive Director Chris Patton and I are tag teaming on this event, so we will be passing on more information in the upcoming weeks.

Additional Thoughts

As I mentioned in last month's column, interest in QCCC from new prospective members continues to grow. I handed out a ton of business cards at Auto Fair and spoke to a lot of nice people about the advantages of being part of the largest Corvette club in the state. At the April business meeting, we had a record number of visitors and the list keeps growing. We encourage everyone who owns a Corvette to get involved with QCCC, as there is something on our event calendar to please the interest of anyone.

Through the help of our great web site (thank you E.O.) as well as this great newsletter (thank you Charlie and Iris), the word of QCCC is getting out to all areas of the region. I hope to see and meet more new members in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, everyone be safe and save the wave.

Q. Gross

Meet the New Members



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2002 Blue Coupe



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VP REPORT

We had 85 members and 21 guests at the April 21st meeting at the Harley-Davidson meeting. Thanks to all the members who showed their cars and came early to enjoy our hosts of the Beer, Brats and Blues. I was sorry not to be able to attend this event. A little white ball got in the way. Yes I did drive my Corvette and won money.

Our May 19th meeting will be held at Burns Chevrolet in Rock Hill off Cherry Rd. The meeting will start about 4:00PM after the all day car show. (Note the time) More information can be found in the automotive section. Let's make sure we have over 50 + cars at the show. Remember the meeting and Car Show are point events.

The biggest meeting and event is coming June 9th. EDDIE'S AND JANE'S BBQ. This is a don't even think about missing BBQ. Great weather is predicted and we know the BBQ will be the best in the south. We will gather at 4:00PM, the BBQ at 5:00PM and the meeting will start at 6:30PM. Come early and enjoy good friends and lots of shiny Corvettes. Several door prizes will be available for you to win.

Now for an update on the American LeMans races. Both St Petersburg and Long Beach were won by the #4 Compuware Corvette driven by Oliver Gavin and Oliver Beretta. The #3 Compuware Corvette came close in the Long Beach race, .349 seconds difference. The next race will be April 21st in Houston televised on April 29th on CBS sports 1 – 3PM. Just to let you know the # 3 car won. Get ready for the 24 hours of LeMans. Yes the Corvettes will have stiff competition there. I believe Aston Martin will be bringing 8-10 cars to that event.



www.corvetteracing.com

Our thanks to E O Oakley for his work on the website. At auto-fair we heard several great comments from prospective members and other car club members about our website. Keep up the good work and thank you E O.

Why are Corvettes Millennium Yellow? Because they can!!

“ Save the Wave”
Boyd Kurt – VP



QCCC Board Meeting Minutes April 3, 2007

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Officers Present

Q. Gross-President
Chris Patton-Automotive
Jane Burt-Social
Eddie Burt-Membership

Boyd Kurt- VP
Linda Meadows-Treasurer
Melissa Patton-Secretary

Officers Reports

Vice President-Boyd Kurt

- Points Review has been published
- Reviewed calendar and places for remaining club meetings, calendar set for rest of year.
- Burns Chevrolet Charity Car Show May time to be determined for business meeting. Chris to verify and update. June BBQ at Burts, arrive 4:00 and eat at 5:00, meeting at 6:30 pm. November meeting for elections to be held at alternative location and not at Crawford's garage.

Automotive Director-Chris Patton

- Reviewed results for the April Charity meeting in which research of charities was presented and committee voted. Recommendation to membership at April Meeting for their vote. Disbursement of funds will be in June for the entire amount in the Charity Fund for 2007.
- T-Shirt Sales were reviewed and reconciled.
- Road Trip Updates included the May trip to Goldsboro, NC to see the Blue Angels. So far there are 20 cars signed up to present on the tarmac and several others that are going up on Friday evening for the show the next day.
- Auto Fair sign ups still in the works. Same numbers for attendance needed as last year, 35 cars each day.

Social Director-Jane Burt

- April Meeting will be preceded by the Harley Davidson Beer and Brats Festival. Ten cars are needed for this display: to come around 10:00 in the morning and remain until the business meeting starts that evening. So far there are 13 cars signed up to handle this event.

Membership Director-Eddie Burt

- 116 Families currently in membership
- 8 new members so far this year, 7 terminated this year
- Advertising Update-so far 5 individuals have subscribed to the QCCC website advertising program.

Treasury-Linda Meadows

- Reviewed list of members still owing first quarter or annual dues.
- Linda to publish first quarter budget at April meeting.

President-Q Gross

Reviewed new business about invitation to the Great American Race on June 30, 2007 in Concord. Details forthcoming and announcements will be made after confirmation of invitation and details.

Motion to adjourn

Motion seconded

Auto Fair Spring 2007

Saturday the rain held off and everybody came and the place was packed. Sunday was an entirely different day – rains threatened but did not arrive until late afternoon and only the Queens City Corvette Club was there!





QCCC Meeting Minutes

April 21st, 2007

Call to Order 6:30 PM

Introduction of Officers Present

- **Q. Gross-President**
 - **Chris Patton-Automotive**
 - **Jane Burt-Social**
 - **Eddie Burt-Membership**
- Boyd Kurt- VP not present**
Linda Meadows-Treasurer
Melissa Patton-Secretary

Officers Reports

Vice President-Quentin Gross in Boyd's absence

- Points Review has been published
- Reviewed calendar and places for remaining club meetings, calendar set for meetings up to September of this of year.

Social Director-Jane Burt

- Thanked everyone who participated in April Meeting Harley Davidson Beer and Brats Festival.
- Revisions to Social Calendar will be published in an email this week.

Automotive Director-Chris Patton

- Reviewed attendance and performance at this year's Auto Fair at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Announced winners.
- Road Trip Updates included the May trip to Goldsboro, NC to see the Blue Angels. So far there are 20 cars signed up to present on the tarmac and several others that are going up on Friday evening for the show the next day.
- T-Shirt sales will continue and new order will have shirts with emblem on front chest as well as back of shirt. Anyone interested should see Chris for order. Price adjusted for extra emblem.
- Burns Chevrolet Car show to be held May 19th with as many participants as possible. Trophies and prizes to be awarded.

Membership Director-Eddie Burt

- 214 members currently
- 21 Visitors for April 21st meeting
- 8 new members so far this year, 7 terminated this year
- Advertising Update-so far 5 individuals have subscribed to the QCCC website advertising program and introduction and recognition of advertisers was done at meeting.
- Voted in new members.

Treasury-Linda Meadows

- Dues Update through the first quarter.
- Total budget update through the most current date possible was distributed to members and reviewed.

President-Q Gross

- Reviewed new business about invitation to the Great American Race on June 30, 2007 in Concord. Details forthcoming and announcements will be made after confirmation of invitation and details.
- Reviewed new race track/condo information near High Rock Lake.

Charity Recommendation and Vote-Chris Patton

- Reviewed process for Charity Consideration
- Recognized the members present that are on the Charity Committee
- Presentation of the 5 selected and researched charities to the membership with information and disbursement recommendation done by Linda Roberts, Rita Shulz, Bart Richards, Chris Patton and Melissa Patton.
- Recommendation to membership for vote was as follows:
Thompson Orphanage \$1,000
108th Army Division (Care packages) \$500
145th Air Guard Family Readiness Support Fund \$500
Make a Wish Foundation \$500
Levine Children's Hospital \$500
- Open discussion and question and answer session held immediately after presentations, headed by President and Automotive Director.
- Motion for Vote made and seconded
- Vote results were 61 for approval of the Charity Committee Recommendation Funds being dispensed as stated above and 7 against. There were no abstentions.
Recommendation Passed.

Motion to adjourn

Motion seconded



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Office Hours By Appointment

June 9, 2007 QCCC Meeting and Eddie Burt's BBQ

4:00 pm until

Please bring side dishes according to your last name as follows:

- A – D** **Salads (green, potato, pasta, jello, etc)**
- E – K** **Side Dish (whatever goes with BBQ)**
- L – R** **Dessert (can't have too many of these)**
- S – Z** **Snacks (chips, dips, salsa, veggies, etc.)**

Bring chairs & your preference in beverages.
Tents would be appreciated too.

We'll eat at 5:00 pm and have the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Note:

Please park on the streets and make SURE there's enough room for emergency vehicles to get through.



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Through the Windshield

April showers put a little damper on Auto Fair this spring but as always Queen City Corvette Club put on a top notch display both Saturday and Sunday. Even with the rain on Sunday we still had the most cars out on display for the show. The officials also said they can always count on QCCC to put on a good show.

A big congratulation goes out to the winners;

Best Coupe Saturday - Dr. Bruce Trefz
Best Convertible Saturday - Ron Barr
Competitor Choice - John Meadows
Ladies Choice Saturday- Bart and Carolyn Richards

Best Coupe Sunday- Jay Pool
Best Convertible Sunday – Phil Tancora
Ladies Choice Sunday –Mike Hulett
Best in Show went to Mark Curtis.



I want to thank everybody that attended and to give those that brought their cars out in the rain on Sunday a special “Thanks”!



The QCCC t-shirts are in and if you have not gotten yours please see me as soon as possible. I am taking orders for the next batch the price has been increased but the next batch of shirts will have the club logo on the left front. The shirts are still going to be offered in white or heather gray.

Please make all checks out to QCCC and mail to:

Chris Patton, 8930 Cherry's Ford Court Harrisburg, NC 28075

The prices are as follows:

Small to X-large	\$16.00
XX-large	\$18.00
XXX-large	\$21.00



April 21st brought bad news of the crash of Blue Angel number 6 in South Carolina. I have received a couple of emails asking if we are still a go for "Vettes and Jets". As stated in the news reports the Blue Angels will continue on with the show schedule. The team flew back to their home base in Pensacola, Florida Sunday April 22nd to mourn the loss of their fellow pilot and to regroup.

As for the club's trip on May 11 we are a go! The caravan will rally at the Cracker Barrel on I-85 and Dale Earnhardt

Boulevard at 11:00 AM for lunch and then travel to Goldsboro, NC. Once we arrive in Goldsboro and check in to our hotel Greg Tilley will pass out the event passes to all showing their cars on the tarmac with the aircraft. The show is free to the public and I encourage all that can to make the trip to show our support for the Blue Angels.

For those that can not make the trip on Friday afternoon Q. Gross will be leading an early morning caravan Saturday May 12th to Goldsboro. There will also be a group leaving on Friday evening. Please let me know by email as soon as possible if you are planning on traveling with a group on Friday or Saturday; or if you plan to travel on your own. This way we leave no one behind.

I have arranged for 2 water hoses at the Hampton Inn so anyone that would like can wash their car prior to the show Saturday morning. I also need to know which hotel each of you is staying in so we can be sure anyone displaying their car Saturday morning will not be left behind. (camspatton@aol.com or cpatton@seastarline.com) On Saturday we will meet in the parking lot of the Hampton Inn at 7:00AM sharp to travel together to Seymour-Johnson Air Force base where we will be met by base personnel and directed where to park. The Air Force stated that we all must travel onto the base together. If you are late or do not travel with the hotel caravan on Saturday morning you will not be allowed onto the tarmac. Please be ready on Saturday morning. Also keep in mind that this is a rain or shine event, as I have been told that barring a hurricane the show will go on and the aircraft will perform what they call a "low show".

The Golf outing scheduled for April 28th has been moved to May 5th. We will be playing at the Chester Golf Club in Chester, S.C. Tee time will be 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come out to play, men, women, member, and perspective member regardless of skill level. We will be playing "Best Ball". If you would like to play please contact me as soon as possible. We will need at least 12 people to play.



On May 19th QCCC will have our May Charity Car Show at Burn's Chevrolet in Rock Hill, S.C. There will be trophies for each class of Corvette one through six. Plus, there will be additional trophy classes. Burn's Chevrolet will be giving away door prizes. Burn's Chevrolet will also be providing us with lunch, trophies, and a donation of \$500.00 to the charity fund. Please help us make this one of the biggest Corvette Shows in the area. We need to get as many Corvettes as possible for this event.

The Charity Committee passed on its recommendation to the members for vote at the April 21st meeting. The charities and their recommended amounts are as follows; Make-a-Wish Foundation of North Carolina \$500.00; N.C. Air National Guard 145th Air Lift Wing Family Readiness Fund \$500.00; Levine Children's Hospital \$500.00 in the name of Jenna Witherspoon; U.S. Army 108th Infantry Division Car Packages \$500.00; and the Thompson Child and Family Focus \$100.00. The membership passed this recommendation and the donation checks will be sent out after the charity car show on May 19th. Thank you to all those on the charity committee for their time.



"I know I wanted you to stop going to those summer classic car shows so you could spend more time at home, well, I changed my mind."

Customize Your C6!

Tom Idema knows of a custom car manufacturer that will take your Corvette and convert it in to a composite 50's vintage Chevy. The company is planning a production run of about 100 vehicles. Sits on a Corvette C6 chassis, front styled like a 57 Chevy, side like a 58, rear like a 59. Hence the designation "789". You provide the C6 donor car, they do the rest. The company is N2A motors.



Highlights of April Meeting





2007 Calendar of Events

- MAY**
- 1 Board Meeting
 - 5 Golf Outing- Chester SC
 - 11,12 Trip to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base/Blue Angels, Goldsboro, NC www.blueangels.navy.mil
 - 19 Car Show/Meeting at Burns Chevrolet in Rock Hill, SC www.burnschevrolet.com 10:am-4:pm
Meeting afterwards at Burns Chevrolet @ 4:pm
 - 26-27 (Vettes in the Valley Corvette Show - Maggie Valley, NC www.smokyevents.com)
- JUN.**
- 1 Kannapolis Intimidators Baseball Game www.intimidatorsbaseball.com
 - 5 Board Meeting
 - 9 Meeting/BBQ/Covered Dish at the Burt's 4:pm until . . . Eat at 5: pm Meeting @ 6:30 pm
 - 23 NASCAR Whelen All American Race,Concord Motorsports Park www.concordmotorsportpark.com
 - 29 Cruise-in and picnic to Oakboro www.oakborocruisein.com
 - 30 Classic Car Show in Concord. Kickoff for Great Amer Race to Anaheim, CA www.greatrace.com
- JUL.**
- 3 Board Meeting
 - 4 Parades
 - 14 Meeting / Bowling at Northcross Lanes in Huntersville www.northcrosslanes.com
 - 22 Marble Slab Ice Cream at Sycamore Commons, Matthews NC www.marbleslab.com
 - 28 Car Care Day at ?
- AUG.**
- 5 Cabarras Creamery Ice Cream,Concord NC www.charlotteipages.com/fun/attr/cabarruscreamery.htm
 - 7 Board Meeting
 - 11 Meeting at Mia Famiglia Restaurant, Cornelius Exit 28 www.miafam.com
 - 18 Drive to eat - _____
 - 23-26 (Corvettes at Carlisle PA www.carsatcarlisle.com/corvette/index.asp)
 - 24 Kannapolis Intimidators Baseball Game www.intimidatorsbaseball.com
- SEPT.**
- 3 Matthews Alive Parade
 - 4 Board Meeting
 - 8 Meeting / Red-Neck Poker Run / Picnic at the Ledford's
 - 14-16 Auto Fair (35 cars) www.lowesmotorspeedway.com/car_show_events/ 8:am each day
 - 21-23 Beach Trip to Pawley's Island SC - Litchfield Resort www.litchfieldbeach.com
 - 22 (Auto Cross & Car Show at NASCAR Institute in Mooresville)
- OCT.**
- 2 Board Meeting
 - 13 Meeting / Car Show Collect canned food for Second Harvest Food Bank www.secondharvest.org
 - 20,21 Bridge Day in New River Gorge, W.VA www.wvbridgeday.com

- NOV.**
 - 3 Golf Day
 - 6 Board Meeting
 - 10 Meeting at ? Election of 2008 Board
 - 17/22 Thanksgiving Parades
 - 17,18 Smokey Mtn Railroad – Dillsboro/Asheville (weather permitting) www.gsmr.com

- DEC.**
 - 4 Board Meeting
 - 8 Meeting /Covered Dish/Christmas Prty at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Hwy 49 Lake Wylie
Gift exchange and charity collection
 - TBD Christmas Parades

- J'08**
 - TBD Board Meeting
 - 12 Meeting at _____
 - 26 Banquet at Speedway Club
 - TBD Car Care Day

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Ken and Lois Adopt A New Old Corvette!

It must have been love at first sight, Ken and Lois Watts couldn't resist the lure of a black '63 roadster sitting there at the recent AutoFair. It's now resting safely in their garage.



SAVE THE WAVE

Ever since Corvette No. 00001 first met Corvette No. 00002 on the road, their drivers saluted each other with waves. Today, unfortunately, this grand and glorious tradition is wavering.

There's one item of standard equipment that comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It's an instant wave of recognition he or she receives when he meets one of their ilk on the road. The first time it happens, they will be taken by surprise. He immediately thinks:

He has been mistaken for Sterling Moss.

His lights are on.

He has just been given the bird.

Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, he experiments with his waves, running the gamut from the gaping "yoo hoo" to the ultra cool "two finger flip." He perfects his timing, making sure he affects neither a too-early wave, nor the jaded "oh brother" too-late variety. Determined not to be one upped, he even develops a defense mechanism for non wavers, usually settling on the "Wave"? My hand was just on the way to scratch my head" approach. (This is especially useful when you're not driving your Vette, but you forget, and like a dummy, you wave anyway.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving next to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going in opposite directions is one thing. Greetings are exchanged, and that's that. But what happens when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and then pull up to him at the next light, a block later? Wave again? Nod bashfully? Grin self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're expecting an answer, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have any.

Girl-type Corvette drivers also have a unique problem: to wave or not to wave. The Miss or Misses who borrows her man's Corvette for the first time is immediately faced with this quandary. Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies who drive their own Vettes prefer to suffer the latter rather than take a chance of being misread. For this reason, all girls are excused for occasionally failing to return a well-meaning wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is no excuse, however, for a guy who refuses to return the wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems a few owners of newer models refuse to recognize anything older than theirs, while some others simply won't wave, period. Boo on them. These ding-a-lings don't seem to realize that they are helping to squash a tradition that had its beginnings back when most of us were still driving tootsie toys.

Courtesy of Chris Patton. Article first appeared in 1969 issue of Corvette News

Caught On Camera



Next Meeting/Car Show

Saturday May 19th

Burns Chevrolet

2515 Cherry Rd. Rock Hill, SC 29732

(803) 366-1128

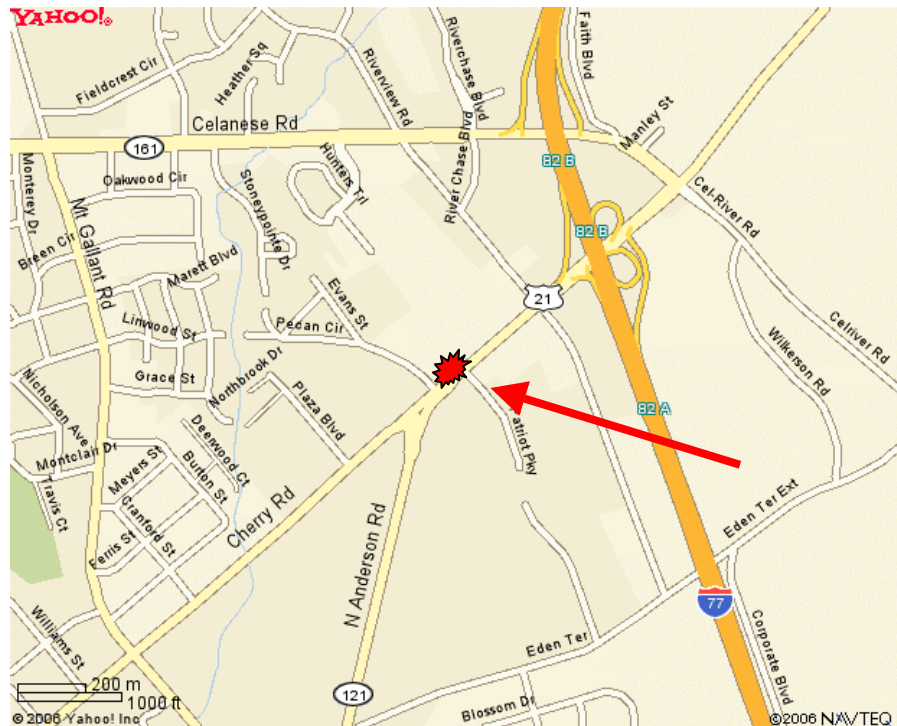
Car Show Times: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Meeting Time Approx. 4:00 PM (after show)

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.



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