# July 2007



Baseball, BBQ,
Air National Guard,
Wednesday Dinners,
High Performance Driving,
and a Fun Filled Meeting











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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

What can be said about the annual bar b-q meeting held on 6/09? The food was great, with the main attraction being Eddie Burt's special slow cooked bar b-q. QCCC members contributed side dishes and desserts so we had plenty of food to take care of the ravenous appetites of our members. It was wonderful to see the great turn out and welcome new members to the annual party. Now if we can only work on the heat index



next year we will be in good shape. Our thanks go out again to Jane and Eddie Burt for opening their home to the club as we all appreciate the hard work and planning that goes into this event.

On Saturday 6/16 a merry band of members consisting of Chris & Mel Patton along with daughters Ashley and Savannah, Bruce & Linda Keith, Paul & Rita Schulz, Linda & Paul Silvia, Mark Curtis & Jackie Zuleg, John Meadows, Ben Horack and grandson Parker, and Q & Margo Gross delivered one of the QCCC charity fund disbursement checks to the Thompson Child & Family Focus in Matthews. After viewing an introductory video about the services provided at Thompson's, we were directed to take our cars to a parking lot and the children would be brought to us to inspect the Corvettes. It didn't take long before all the cars were filled with boys and girls asking questions how things worked, inspecting the engine bays, listening to the radios, honking horns, and in general just having a great time being kids and talking to us. It didn't take anyone there very long to realize we were able to bring joy into a child's life, even if for a short period of time, and give them a well deserved break from their normal routine. The experience and memory will last with all of us for a long time. I want to again thank everyone in the club for their help and participation in the QCCC charity fund, as all the recipients of our support truly appreciated the funding and put it to good use.

And Saturday night at the race track was another good time that was enjoyed by a small but lively group of QCCC members. Gathering 6/23 at Concord Motor Sports Park, we not only had an air conditioned "sky box" all to ourselves, we were able to watch some good old fashioned side by side racing that this track has become known for. We will look to plan this event again as we get closer to the fall season.

## Additional thoughts

Our big event scheduled for the end of June is the Great Race car show and festivities to be held on 6/30 in Concord. Press deadlines are here before the actual event so look for more reports on the Great Race in next month's issue. In the meantime, I hope everyone has put this event on their calendar and we will see you in downtown Concord Saturday morning.

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

#### Q. Gross

What a month this has been. Baseball, BBQ, NASCAR, Black Lion, and the Classic Car Show. It can't get any

better than that, but wait the year is only half over and there are plenty of events yet to take place. For instance there will be Bowling, Parades, Ice Cream and a Car Care Day and that is just for July.

One special item we forgot to mention was the Best of Show at the Burn's Car Show. Congratulations to Nelson Sprague. 1<sup>st</sup> win and best car. Way to go Nelson!

On June 9<sup>th</sup> the largest member participation took place. Maybe it was the great BBQ by the world famous BBQ cook Eddie Burt. Thanks to Eddie and Jane for a fantastic event again this year. We had over 136 members show up and several potential members.



He is going the wrong way for a race!!!!

Our July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Northcross Bowling Alley 16317 Statesville Rd.; Huntersville, NC 28078 with bowling after the meeting. I77 Exit # 25. Next to the Northcross Medical Center. Get your best game ready for a fun time of good bowling. Let's see who is the best strike maker of QCCC. Chairs will be provided and snacks and dinner are available at their snack bar. Please support our hosts with your food orders and bowling. They are letting us use their meeting hall for FREE!!!

Our August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at a new place. The Auto Barn Classic Cars; 325 McGill Ave., Concord, NC 28027. <a href="www.autobarnclassiccars.com">www.autobarnclassiccars.com</a> Directions will be on the web site and elsewhere in this newsletter. Come early and wander among some old but classic cars. You will even find some Corvettes to drool over. They will open up at 4:30 PM for us and also open their picture wall so you can take a picture of your corvette for the web site. The meeting will start at 6:30PM and if you want dinner after the meeting, Punchy's Diner is right down the street. I understand it is a one of a kind place.

Now for an update on the Le Mans race: Corvette CR6 #63 came is second in its class. Yes the #64 broke down in the first two hours of the race. A broken drive shaft was the damage. Aston Martin came in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. SPEED Channel in my opinion was only interested in the LMP1 & 2 cars. They showed very little of the GT classes of cars.

I hope they will race in Atlanta at the Petit Le Mans in October. Drop by in October, I have my usual spot.

#### **Balance of the 2007 QCCC Points Events**

Points will be given for the following events:

Check the web site for times and place.

Event Name	Date
Great American Race – Concord, NC Car Show	6-30-2007
July 4 <sup>th</sup> parades – Harrisburg, Indian Trail, Hickory Grove	7-4-2007
July Meeting	7-14-2007
August Meeting	8-11-2007
Mathews Alive Parade	9-3-2007
Red Neck Poker Run – Charity	9-8-2007
September Meeting	9-8-2007
Auto Fair	9-15&16 - 2007
Pope AFB – Fayetteville, NC	10-6-2007
Car Show – Charity	10-13-2007
October Meeting	10-13-2007
November Meeting	11-10-2007
Thanksgiving Parades	11-(17-22)-2007
December Meeting	12-8-2007
Xmas Parades	TBD
Other events as designated by the VP	TBD and announced

Why are Corvettes Millennium Yellow? Because they can!!

"Save the Wave"

Boyd Kurt-VP





# QCCC Board Meeting Agenda for June 5, 2007

Call to Order

Officers Present

Boyd Kurt- VP Jane Burt-Social

Linda Meadows-Treasurer

- Q. Gross-President
- Chris Patton-Automotive
- Eddie Burt-Membership
- Melissa Patton-Secretary

#### **Old Business**

- Update and review of meeting sites through end of year (Boyd)
- Any point issues (Boyd)
- Burns Car Show review; all monies due QCCC received? (Chris)
- Intimidator Game review (Chris)
- Air National Guard Day update (Chris)
- Concord Car Show (Q & Chris)
- Oakboro Cruise in (Chris)
- Car Care Day update (Chris)
- Bar B-Q update: all items covered? (Jane)
- Any other social functions coming up that need to be discussed (Jane)
- Membership review and update (Eddie)
- Newsletter advertising; additional vendors added (Eddie)
- Club insurance review; additional premium quote (Eddie)
- Budget update (Linda)
- Any other money issues (Linda)
- Meeting notes (Mel)

#### New Business

 Any new items to be discussed (All board members input)

## Motion to adjourn

Motion seconded







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# Agenda for June 09, 2007 Business Meeting

#### **Officers Present**

Q. Gross-President
Chris Patton-Automotive
Jane Burt-Social
Boyd Kurt-Vice President
Linda Meadows-Treasurer
Melissa Patton-Secretary

**Eddie Burt-Membership** 

Call to order and introduce board members (Q)

Opening remarks / thank Jane & Eddie for the great bar b-q (Q)

**Introduction of guests (Eddie)** 

Request motion / second to approve minutes from previous meeting; vote to approve

#### **Officers Reports**

Pres. (Q)

Advise membership charity fund exceeded the \$3000 voted on at April business meeting.
Charity checks have been signed and will be mailed Monday. Thank everyone on the charity committee and all members for their participation.

#### VP (Boyd)

- Business meetings location updates and review through end of the year
- Review events that will be awarded participation points

#### Jane

- Review the bar b-q festivities today; thank everyone for their participation
- Advise of the changes on the social calendar going forward

#### Chris

- Air Show update (Vettes and Jets on May 12th)
- Burns car show discussion; review issues raised. Touch on member obligations to represent QCCC in a responsible manner
- Intimidator game review
- Blacklion car show on 6/16; Lynn Solland club contact
- Oakboro cruise in
- Concord Great Race Car Show (Chris and Q) sign up sheet available
- Car Care Day update; advise correct date and location (Wally's)
- Holiday parades schedule

#### **Eddie**

- Membership review / update.
- Newsletter advertising updates; participation growing
- Vote on any folks present and eligible for membership

#### Linda

Budget update through the most current date possible

#### Melissa

Member illness updates

#### **New Business**

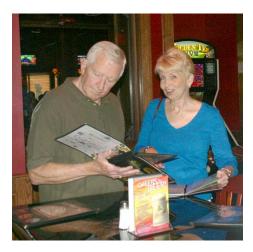
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• Advise Fred McCoy has an additional contact for embroidery work; see Fred after the meeting for review and inspection of merchandise. Prices will be available as well.

# Those Wednesday Evening Dinners .....













Photos in this edition courtesy of Bob Denney, Jane Burt, and Charlie Binder

# Through the Windshield

June was a full month for QCCC. June first many of us went to see the Kannapolis Intimidators baseball team take on the West Virginia Power at Cannon Stadium in Kannapolis though the Intimidator's fell short of a victory the gang in attendance had a great time with cheap tickets and beer not to mention the fireworks after the game. For those of you that could not make the June game we have another planned for August 24<sup>th</sup>, be sure to check your email for more information.



The 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing of the NC Air National Guard welcomed QCCC members to the Maintenance Divisions Family day June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Only 9 Corvettes braved the rain but the Air Guard families showed their appreciation with several rounds of applause and many individuals thanking all the car owners. As always, for the showing QCCC members have already been invited back next year.

June also has one of the best meetings QCCC has; the Burt's Bar-B-Que. Thank you to



the Burt's for opening their home, and making the area's best bar-b-que. I am not sure about the total number in attendance, but as always Eddie was able to feed us all. I am pretty sure just about everything was eaten except for Bob Denny's birthday cake which I have been told will never see a knife or fork and has been classified as a work of art by Bob.

At the June meeting I was pleased to announce that the charity fund dispersed \$3000.00. The checks have all been mailed

except the Thompson Child and Family Focus: that one I was happy to hand deliver with Melissa and my daughters Ashley and Savannah, along with QCCC members Q. and Margo Gross, Paul and Rita Schulz, Ben Horack and his grandson Parker, Mark Curtis, Jackie Zuleg, Paul and Linda Silvia, John Meadows, and Bruce and Linda Keith. The Thompson staff was very happy to receive the \$1000.00 check and the children had a great morning looking at the cars. The kids also made sure every horn and radio worked on every car. It was great to listen to the members at lunch later that afternoon tell stories of their experience with each child and the child's reaction to each different Corvette. The club has been asked to participate in an upcoming family day at the center in Matthews by displaying cars at the family day picnic. As soon as I get more details I will be passing them on to the membership.

July really kicks off parade season. This year QCCC will have cars in the Harrisburg and Indian Trail parades. As I have said before when it comes to a parade coupes are just as welcome as convertibles, and fixed roofs are always welcome in our club displays.

The end of July has several events planned. July 21<sup>st</sup> is Car Care Day at Wally Crawford's. Wally has planned several C5 clinics including brakes, headlights, and general C5 maintenance. His son Michael will be on hand to do the oil changes, and Wally's other son Brad along with Ben Horack will be cooking up lunch. Please remember to bring your own filter and oil. While the cars are on the rack there will only be enough time to give them a quick inspection. For any other repairs you will have to consult with Wally on a time to get his help or take it to you own mechanic.

Melissa and I have decided to bring back the QCCC Ice Cream Social on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Marble Slab at Sycamore Commons in Matthews. More information will be following so mark your calendars.

The end of July is also the Oakboro Cruise In. For those of you that do not know about Oakboro, NC, it's like a car nuts dream. Oakboro is a small town about 30 minutes ride east of Charlotte and one night out of each month they host one of the biggest car cruise-in's in the area. You can see everything from Monster pick-ups and early model Buick's to foreign sports cars and American Muscle. This event is truly a sight to see.

Also July 30<sup>th</sup> is cut-off to reserve your room for the Pawley's Island/Litchfield Resort No Shoes, No Shirt, No Itinerary trip in September. You will still be able to book a room after July 30 but you will not be able to get the special QCCC rates. Please check the QCCC website calendar for more trip details.



One last thing, I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to Nelson Sprague for forgetting to note in the last newsletter and at the last meeting that he won "Best in Show" at the Burn's Chevrolet Charity Car Show. Congratulations Nelson! And I am Sorry for the oversight.

Remember till next time, it's not just a car, it's a Corvette!

#### **Chris Patton**

# Highlights From Eddie and Jane Burt's Meeting and BBQ Bash











































# Calendar Of Events for 2007

- JUL 10 Board Meeting
  - 4 Parades Harrisburg, Indian Trail, Hickory Grove
  - Meeting / Bowling at Northcross Lanes in Huntersville <a href="www.northcrosslanes.com">www.northcrosslanes.com</a> \$9.50 per person for 2 games. Pay Jane by July 1.
  - 21 Car Care Day / Clinics / Swap Meet at Wally Crawford's 8:30 am until Clinics: C5 Headlights, C5 Maintenance, Brakes
  - 22 Marble Slab Ice Cream at Sycamore Commons, Matthews NC www.marbleslab.com
  - 27 Cruise-in and picnic to Oakboro www.oakborocruisein.com
- AUG 5 Cabarras Creamery Ice Cream, Concord NC www.charlotteipages.com/fun/attr/cabarruscreamery.htm
  - 7 Board Meeting
  - 11 Meeting at Auto Barn Classic Cars, Concord I-85 Exit 52 www.autobarnclassiccars.com Opens at 4:30 pm
  - 18 Drive to eat @ Larkin's On The Lake Lake Lure, NC <a href="https://www.larkinsonthelake.com">www.larkinsonthelake.com</a> \$12.50 per person. Pay Jane by August 11.
  - 23-26 (Corvettes at Carlisle PA <a href="www.carsatcarlisle.com/corvette/index.asp">www.carsatcarlisle.com/corvette/index.asp</a>)
    - 24 Kannapolis Intimidators Baseball Game www.intimidatorsbaseball.com
- **SEP 3** Matthews Alive Parade
  - 4 Board Meeting
  - 8 Meeting / Red-Neck Poker Run / Picnic at the Ledford's LUAU Theme
  - 15-16 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
  - 6-7 Trip to Pope Air Force Base / Thunderbirds, Fayetteville, NC <a href="http://thunderbirds.airforce.com">http://thunderbirds.airforce.com</a>
  - 13 Meeting / Car Show Collect canned food for Second Harvest Food Bank www.secondharvest.org
  - 20,21 Smokey Mtn Railroad Dillsboro/Asheville (weather permitting) www.gsmr.com
- **NOV** 3 Golf Day
  - 6 Board Meeting
  - 10 Meeting at Motorama in Monroe Election of 2008 Board
  - 17/22 Thanksgiving Parades
- **DEC** 4 Board Meeting
  - 8 Meeting / Covered Dish / Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Hwy 49 Lake Wylie, NC Gift exchange and charity collection

## 2007 Calendar Continued ......

#### **TBD** Christmas Parades

#### J'08 TBD Board Meeting

- 12 Meeting at \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 Banquet at Speedway Club
- TBD Car Care Day

### **Bold and red denotes "points event"**











# High Performance Driving at Carolinas MotorSport Park



## Meet the New Members



Michael and Tifanie McCollum 03 Red Z06 50th Anniv Edition



Randy Fisher 07 Victory Red Coupe



Patti Black rides with Jim Van Dusen

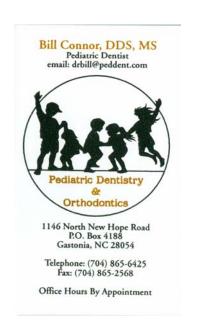


Ross Chess 02 Blue Convert



Tom and Bev Marron 93 Blk 40th Anniv Convert





# Corvettes At NC Air National Guard

















# QCCC Monthly Meeting Saturday July 14, 2007

# NORTHCROSS LANES AT THE LAKE

Exit 25 I-77 16317 Statesville Rd, Huntersville NC 28078 704-892-7177

Meeting 6:00 PM

Bowling Afterwards at 8:00 PM

If you would like to bowl, the cost will be \$9.50 per person for two games contact :Jane Burt (ASAP)

Bowling shoes can be rented for \$4.00 upon arrival.

Have dinner before or after the meeting at the full-service Food Court!

Satisfy your hunger and thirst while cheering on the QCCC bowlers.



For details and menu see <a href="https://www.northcrosslanes.com">www.northcrosslanes.com</a>
Register on the Events page of <a href="https://www.QueenCityCorvette.com">www.QueenCityCorvette.com</a>

<u>Directions</u>: I77 Exit 25 – Turn East onto Sam Furr Rd (aka Hwy 73) to First Light, Turn Right (South) onto Statesville Rd (aka Hwy 21) Bowling Lanes are approximately a quarter mile on right.