

August 2007



They Ate Ice Cream,
Watched the Great
American Race,
Went to Oakboro, had
Fun in Parades, Went
Bowling, Worked on
their Cars, and had a
Heck of a Good Time
in July!



Details and more
photos inside!

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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

July for QCCC started with the kick off to the Great Race in Concord and ended with the infamous Oakboro cruise in / burn out. Throw some bowling and a car care day in between and July was another busy month for our members.



Saturday June 30th started with mixed weather and clouds but that did not deter 42 QCCC members to bring 28 of their cars to downtown Concord to participate in the kick off for the Great Race Event. The Great Race was a two-week event that started in Concord and ended two weeks later in Anaheim, CA. The 28 Corvettes from QCCC along with nine cars from Southern Corvette Club took a full city block of Cabarrus Avenue and we had the prime downtown Concord real estate. The event organizers estimated the crowd that came to watch the 72 teams of racers along with all the Corvettes and other classic cars at between 10,000 and 12,000 people! Needless to say, everyone in attendance had plenty of interesting cars to look, plenty of interesting characters to talk to, and just had a great time taking in all the excitement of the day. QCCC was well represented for the event with every model series from C1 thru C6 among our 28 cars on display.

72 teams started the Great Race, with 57 finishing. Once they left Concord, the route across America proved tough for the classic cars, as they endured torrential downpours, hail, desert heat and steep mountain climbs. The 1st place winner proved to be a gentleman named Bob LaBine from Phoenix, AZ and his 15-year-old nephew Charlie Wheeler in a 1928 Ford Model A Boat Tail Speedster. Their 4,000 mile, 14 day endurance race earned them a 1st place prize of \$25,000. In between the start and finish, additional cash awards were given to the racers at each stop who came as close as possible to the perfect score of time and distance traveled.

QCCC has already been invited back to participate in the next Great Race kick off. I want to again thank all the members who participated and maybe next time we will be able to fill two city blocks with Corvettes.

Our July business meeting was followed up by an enthusiastic group of members who had a great time bowling at North Cross Lanes. Greg Tilley and Mark Curtis put on professional bowling demos; rumor has it they may go on the tour. Our senior QCCC member, 92 year young Walter Ahrens also announced at the meeting his most recent acquisition, a torch red C5 coupe. Watch out Walter, I warned you that car is a real chick magnet!

Thanks also go to Wally and Anita Crawford for hosting another successful car care day and maintenance clinic. They once again opened the doors to the "Garage Mahal" for everyone in QCCC and provided plenty of useful car care tips and a great lunch as well.

We always enjoy listening to Wally the “pro” give helpful tips and pointers to extend the mechanical life of our Corvettes and how we can improve the performance.

Press deadlines prevent my report from the Oakboro cruise in, but if it is anything like our past events there, it is either going to be a warm evening with lots of different hot rods to look at or a torrential downpour that will damper things. Hopefully it will be nothing but a great time, regardless of the weatherman.

Additional thoughts

Next month’s August business meeting is scheduled on the 11th at the Auto Barn in Concord. VP Boyd Kurt has done a great job in lining up different meeting locations this year so come early and enjoy going through their museum of classic cars. You will also be able to bring your car into the special photo area to take updated pics of your pride and joy. As our membership in QCCC continues to grow, take the time to introduce yourself to a new member and get to know them. After all, we didn’t get to be the largest Corvette club in the area by not spreading the word and making new friends. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Auto Barn in August.

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

Q. Gross

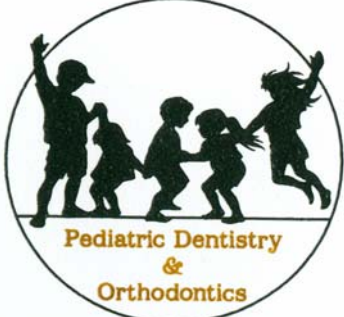
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VP REPORT

My thanks to Jane and Q for covering for me during the July meeting. August holds a lot of fun for the club. Besides baseball, ice cream and a meeting, Corvettes of Carlisle will be August 23- 26th. If you haven't gone there you are missing one of the greatest Corvette gatherings in the country.



Our July 14th meeting was held at Northcross Bowling Alley. It is my understanding that over 25 members bowled and I would like to thank them for supporting our host. I was told a lot of fun was had by all. I was on a river at Lake Tahoe and driving a 65 small block with side pipes. It was a green Corvette convertible.

Our August 11th meeting will be at a new place. The Auto Barn Classic Cars; 325 McGill Ave.; Concord, NC 28027. www.autobarnclassiccars.com 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 like dinner after the meeting, Punchy's Diner is right down the street. I understand it is a one of a kind place.

Our September 8th Red Neck Poker Run, Picnic and Meeting will be at the Ledford's home in York, SC. The Poker run will start in northern Charlotte and finish at the Ledford's. More in the next newsletter. We promise this run will take you places you have never thought of driving to. The meeting starts at 6:30PM and the picnic will start at 5:30PM after the poker run. Don't miss these two events.

Now for an update on the American Le Mans Series: Corvette CR6 #3 came in 1st and the #4 came in second. I sure hope Aston Martin will be at the Petit Le Mans race. That race is October 1st and the "Intruder" will be in site #2 between turns 5&6. Drop by and sit in the shade. A shuttle service runs every 10 minutes from the front to the back of the race track.



John Wayne's 53. Only 300 made and only 170 sold. Why you ask?

2007 Points List

Points will be given for the following events:
Check the web site for times and place.

Event Name	Date
August Meeting	8-11-2007
Matthews 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

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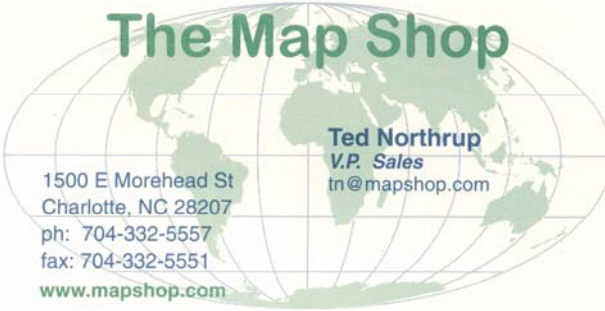
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QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday July 10, 2007

Call to Order 7:00 pm

Officers Present: Q Gross, Chris Patton, Melissa Patton, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, Linda Meadows.

Vice President Report: Q Gross for Boyd Kurt
Review of final meetings and locations

Social Director: Jane Burt

- Saturday July 14th Meeting, Bowling at NorthCross Lanes Bowling Alley, so far 23 people have paid and are going to attend for bowling.
- August 18th, Drive to Eat to Lake Lure for lunch at Larkins on the Lake. Cost is \$12.50 per person including tip. Pay Jane in advance via sign up sheet in cash with exact change. No refunds or exchanges.
- Black Lion Event on Saturday June 16th was successful with 13 members participating and invitation has been extended for next year. Discussion about guidelines for charitable contribution for participation in events such as this as we are not a promotional item for people's businesses. Upon closer anticipation of participation for this event next year, a discussion for a donation will be had.
- Update for Pawley's Island trip to be handled by Jane at July meeting regarding cut off date for reservations.

Membership Director: Eddie Burt

- 224 members, 124 families, 175 corvettes and potential for 6-7 new members to be voted in at July meetng.
- Inventory of items for new members has been made by Eddie, need for new purchases will be needed by the end of the year because supply will not get us through the new year, 2008. These items are not budgeted for 2007 and will need to be addressed in next year's budget. License Plates are the most expensive of these items we should consider this being a minimum order item and research plastic versus metal. Eddie to present suggestions and research later.
- Advertising, Eddie still soliciting vendors for the website. Potential for 3 more coming, goal is to have 12 right now we are at 10 currently paid and advertising.

Automotive Director: Chris Patton

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday July 21, 2007 Car Care Day at Wally and Anita Crawfords. Day will include 3 clinics on the C5, Headlights, brakes and general maintenance. Please bring your own oil and filter, there will only be time for a quick overview of a safety inspection, anything further will require consultation with Wally to set up alternate arrangements. Lunch will be served and catered by the Crawford Family.
- Sunday July 22, 2007 Ice Cream Social at Marble Slab Ice Cream at Sycamore Commons at 2233 Matthews Township Parkway in Matthews NC at 5:00 p.m. Directions to be emailed.

- Friday July 27, 2007 Oakboro Cruise In. The rally point will be highway 601 and 24 at the First Charter Bank parking lot at 6:00 pm leaving at 6:30pm. Dinner arrangements are difficult due to availability, but parking will be reserved for the corvettes and picnic dinner is advised, weather permitting. More information to be emailed asap.
- July 4th, 2007 11 cars participated in the Indian Trail Parade and lunch was enjoyed by all afterward at Hopps Restaurant in Matthews.
- Sign up sheets for Auto Fair will be in August. Details to follow.

Treasurer : Linda Meadows

- Review of budget and checking account.
- Eddie raised question about National Corvette Museum budgeted item for the year, has it been paid. Linda to check the register and be sure we are in good standing. Linda thinks that we pay that in December of each year. Eddie is also going to speak with Bobbyjo at Museum regarding this issue.
- First half of year budget to be handed out at meeting.
- Still 6 families that have not paid third quarter dues yet.
- Insurance Policy quote still to be done and researched by President Gross.

President: Q Gross

Great Race, 42 members attended with 28 cars. Great time enjoyed by all and we had excellent real estate for our display, one entire city block.

New Business:

- Invitation to club by Linda Mills for the Nascar Institute's sponsorship of the NCCC autocross. Issue is that it is co-sponsored by the Metrolina Corvette Club and you must be a member of the NCCC in order to participate. Invitation will be extended to membership and Linda Mills will be contact, NCCC event is already on the calendar of events.
- Suggestion was made by Melissa Patton that delineation of difference between a club sponsored event and an invitation by another party, not a club sponsored event be discussed and guidelines set up and followed. Criteria for invitations to be extended were discussed. In order for a non-club sponsored event to be published on our calendar of events, a submission of a contact name, and number and web address must be submitted before it will be added to website and calendar, no discussion during a meeting will be held any further than the mentioning event and referring to the calendar, and the contact.
- All further emails about events etc. from board members to general members will be blind copied so that member email addresses will be protected going forward.
- Points issues have arisen with method for calculating participation. Issues have been brought up with Boyd Kurt, VP and only extenuating circumstances will be addressed. Other discussion was brought up and social activities are not being awarded points and it is insulting and not fair to coordinators of social events. Boyd will need to be consulted going forward each event addressed and outcome determined on individual basis. The organizer of the event will need to inform Boyd of any areas in which there is a car count to be met and a plea for cars.
- Nominations coming up and Auto Fair will be first opportunity for nominations. Elections are held in November.

- Metrolina Association for the blind is trying to organize a road rally in May of 2008 and they are requesting a sighted driver and a visually impaired navigator to conduct a road rally type event and the invitation has been extended to QCCC. The event is something to be looked at and discussed with the membership next year and or the charity committee for next year.
- T-Shirts for kids at Thompson Orphanage. Discussion was had about donating money to assist for the Christmas Giving List. More discussion to be done closer to the holidays for the amount and sizes etc. Invitation will also be extended for a family day at the Orphanage, details to follow.

Motion to adjourn seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Meet the New Members



Randy and Linda Fisher
07 Victory Red Coupe



Les Wandler
1968 427 Blue Coupe



Scott and Nancy Bartsch
1969 Orange Coupe



Michael and Debbie Rather
1974 Red Stingray Coupe



QCCC Meeting Minutes ***Saturday, July 14, 2007***

The July business meeting of QCCC was held at Northcross Lanes at the Lake, Huntersville, NC.

Officers present: Q Gross, Linda Meadows, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt

President, Q Gross called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Visitors were asked to stand up, introduce themselves, and tell what year Corvette they have:

Doug & AnnaLuree Wright – 1973 Red Coupe, ***Jay & Virginia Roseman*** – 2001 Red Coupe, ***Scott & Nancy Bartsch*** – 1969 Orange t-top, ***Michael & Debbie Rather*** – 1974 Red Coupe, ***Les Wandler*** – 1971 Blue Convertible and 1968 Big Block Blue Coupe, ***Ken & Hazel Aycock*** – 2007 Black Coupe, ***Jackie Zuleg*** – ***Mark Curtis's*** co-pilot, ***Linda Fisher*** – ***Randy Fisher's*** co-pilot

New members voted in: ***Scott & Nancy Bartsch, Michael & Debbie Rather, Linda Fisher, Les Wandler, and Ken Aycock !!!***

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the June meeting minutes.

Q Gross, President, for ***Boyd Kurt***, Vice President

- Welcomed members and visitors to the meeting
- August 11 meeting will be at the Auto Barn in Concord. Come as early as 4:30 pm to see the stored cars and museum. There is a nice area to take pictures of your car.
- September 8 meeting will be at ***Mark & Adina Ledford's*** house in York, SC following the Red Neck Poker Run. Bring a picnic dinner.
- October 13 meeting will be a car show, probably held at Burn's Chevrolet in Rock Hill, SC
- November 10 meeting will be at Motorama in Monroe, NC. Elections will be held for the 2008 QCCC Board.
- December 8 meeting will be at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church near Lake Wylie, SC. This will be a covered dish dinner as well.
- Introduced Tom Lineberger of The Rose Petal. Tom brought samples of his embroidery work featuring QCCC and Corvette logos. Caps, visors, and t-shirts were available for purchase after the meeting.

Jane Burt, Social

- Requested everyone to sign the Attendance Sheet
- 21 folks signed up to bowl tonight, additional spots are available
- August 18 – Drive to Eat Lunch at Larkin's On The Lake in Lake Lure with free time afterwards to explore the area. Please pay \$12.50 per person in advance, to Jane.
- September 21-23 – Beach Trip to Litchfield Resort at Pawley's Island. Deadline is end of July to make reservations at the QCCC discount rate. Friday night dinner will be at

Crabby Mike's, Saturday dinner will be at River Room in Georgetown, SC, followed by a sunset cruise on a sailboat - \$27 per person if at least 30 people attend.

Q Gross, President, for **Chris Patton**, Automotive

- June 30 Great Race Kickoff in Concord, NC was GREAT. The QCCC had 42 people and 28 cars participate in the Car Show with C1's through C6's. Over 10,000 people attended the event and watched as 100 classic cars left for Anaheim CA.
- Thanked everyone who participated in the July 4 parades
- July 21, Saturday 9:00 am – Car Care Day at **Wally Crawford's** – bring your own oil, filter, drinks, etc. Lunch will be provided and there will be clinics on brakes, routine maintenance, and C5 headlights.
- July 21, Saturday – FYI: Car Show at Auto Barn in Concord (where the August meeting will be held) The QCCC will not formally participate in this event.
- July 22, Sunday 5:00 pm – Ice Cream at Marble Slab in Sycamore Commons in Matthews, NC
- July 27, Friday 6:00 pm – meet at First Charter Bank at Hwy 601 and Albemarle Rd to caravan to, and parade through, Oakboro, NC. We'll have special parking at a bank. Bring a picnic dinner. Let **Chris Patton** know if you'll attend, so we'll have enough parking.
- August 25, Saturday – per **Bart Richards** – Car Show at Green Market and Reid's Fine Foods in uptown Charlotte. Details to come. The QCCC will participate in this event.
- September 15 & 16 – Auto Fair – will need 35 cars each day. Details will be provided at the August meeting.
- September 22 – FYI: NCCC Auto Cross & Car Show at NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville. See **Linda Mills** for more information. The QCCC will not formally participate in this event.

Eddie Burt, Membership

224 members, plus 7 new members voted in tonight

Linda Meadows, Treasurer

- Provided copies of the second quarter financial report
- We have spent less than the amount budgeted so far this year
- 4 members owe dues for third quarter. The QCCC really appreciates members paying promptly as it helps the budgeting process.

Paul Mariano, Member

Provided 40 copies of the May/June 2007 issue of America's Sports Car magazine published by the National Corvette Museum

Fred Lentz, Member

Announced that **Walter Ahrens**, our most senior member at age 92, has a new 2004 Red Coupe!

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt, Social, For Melissa Patton, Secretary

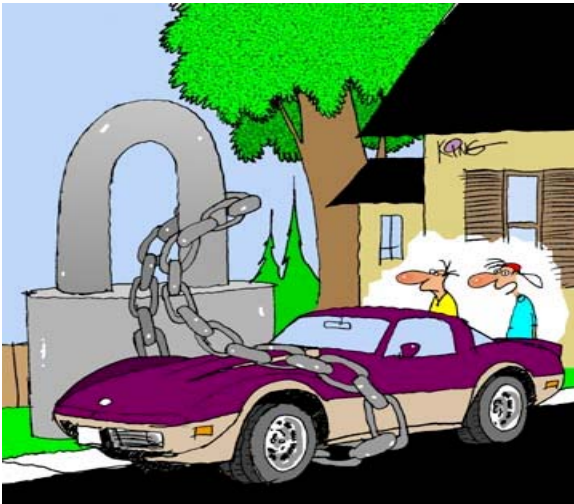
Warm Summer Afternoons and Ice Cream - Yummy!



Through The Windshield

With July already passing by us I must make mention of the wonderful turnout that we had for the Indian Trail 4th of July parade. QCCC had eleven cars in attendance. Again I say thank you to all that helped make this a success. There will be more opportunities to participate in parades with the Mint Hill Madness Parade and the Matthews Alive Parades coming up. Sign up sheets will be at the next meeting, and as always coupes are welcome to participate just as much as convertibles.

I would be remiss if I did not express our gratitude to Wally and Anita Crawford for again hosting the automotive car care day. This year again donations were taken at car care day for the charity fund. I am happy and grateful to report that the Crawford's helped raise \$132.00 for the charity fund. Thank you to all that attended and gave so generously.



"With all the cars being stolen these days, I went out and bought the strongest security system I could afford."

The club had its first of two Ice Cream Socials at the Marble Slab Creamery at Sycamore Commons on Sunday the 22nd. I am happy to report more than 30 people attended and ate too much! Our next Ice Cream Social will be Sunday August 5th at the Cabarrus Creamery on Union Street in Concord. More details will follow with directions and times.

Once again we gathered at the small town of Oakboro to worship chrome, tires and heavy metal, and once again, we got rained on. I want to thank all that attended and note that over 32 cars caravanned to the event.

More coming attractions include Friday night August 24th a Kannapolis Intimidators baseball game. Come and bring your kids and grandkids. The last time QCCC members went out for a night at the park the Intimidators fell short of a win but the cheap cold beer and the fireworks after the game made the loss bearable.

The next morning, August 25th, the club has been invited back to Reid's Fine Foods and the Green Market for a Corvette display 10:00 to 12:30.

A donation from Reid's to the Charity fund will be made in the amount of \$250. Anyone interested in attending please contact me at camspatton@aol.com so that I can inform the organizers of the number planning to be in attendance. A sign up sheet for this will also be at the next meeting.



Auto Fair will be September 15th and 16th. As in the spring event, we are granted 35 spaces each day. Copies of the rules will be posted and sent out closer to the event. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting, on August 11th at the Auto Barn.

After Auto Fair the next event will be to take a ride down to Pawley's Island, South Carolina September 21st to the 23rd for a little rest and relaxation. Melissa has made some arrangements for dinner on Friday and Saturday night and also a sunset sailboat cruise. Be watching your email for more details.

Chris Patton

THE GOOD OL' SUMMERTIME

Based on the temperatures over the past month, it appears this article may just be a couple of months late. With the high temps and searing sun, there are a few maintenance items that should be taken care of post haste. Number one on the list is some preventative maintenance on the weather stripping. Between the ozone and UV rays, the W/S takes a real beating. The C4 models have weather stripping that doesn't hold up at all to the elements and requires constant care to prolong its life. However, all models will deteriorate if not coated with a thin layer of silicon grease. Massage in a good coating with your fingers and then wipe off the excess with an old rag or paper towel. If it looks like rubber, smear it on. The rest of the interior soft parts also need attention if exposed to the sun at all. Vinyl/rubber protectant should be applied to the dash, door panels, and any other soft trim. If you like shiny and greasy, go with Armor All, if a matt finish is to your liking, try Mother's or Griot's protectant. The latter two are also good on tires and don't attract dirt to the extent that Armor All does.

No need to plunge into the world of waxes and polishes as we all have our favorites and by now I'm sure there is a fresh coat on all our cars. Just don't forget to apply a good coat of wax to those wheels to fight off the effects of brake dust.

Happy Summer Vetting.

Paul Mariano



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Highlights from The Oakboro Road Trip



OverView of 4th of July Parades



Queens City Corvette Club Calendar of Events for 2007

- 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 Opens at 4:30 pm
www.autobarnclassiccars.com
 18 Drive to eat @ Larkin's On The Lake - Lake Lure, NC
www.larkinsonthelake.com \$12.50 per person. Pay Jane by August 11.
 23-26 (Corvettes at Carlisle PA www.carsatcarlisle.com/corvette/index.asp)
 24 Kannapolis Intimidators Baseball Game www.intimidatorsbaseball.com
25 Car Show at Green Market & Reid's Fine Foods in uptown Charlotte
- SEPT.** **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/
 21-23 Beach Trip to Pawley's Island SC - Litchfield Resort www.litchfieldbeach.com
 22 (NCCC Auto Cross & Car Show at NASCAR Institute in Mooresville
www.uticorp.com)
- OCT.** 2 Board Meeting
6-7 Trip to Pope Air Force Base/Thunderbirds, Fayetteville, NC
<http://thunderbirds.airforce.com>
13 Mtg/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 www.motoramaclassiccars.com Election of 2008 Board
17/22 Thanksgiving Parades
- DEC.** 4 Board Meeting
8 Meeting / Covered Dish / Christmas Party at Pleasant Hwy 49 Lake Wylie, NC
TBD Christmas Parades
- J'08** TBD Board Meeting
 12 Meeting at _____
 26 Banquet at Speedway Club
 TBD Car Care Day



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July Meeting and Bowling Outing

The meeting at NorthCross Lanes in Huntersville provided us with a large meeting room and a chance to socialize and have fun bowling.





Photos in this edition Courtesy of Bob Denney, Walt Kurpowitz, Nelson Sprague, and Margo Gross



QCCC was there at a historic moment as the great race across America started in nearby Concord and will end on the west coast in California.





QCCC Visits the Garage Mahjal for Car Care



August Business Meeting -Saturday the 11th

At

AutoBarn Classic Cars

325 McGill Avenue

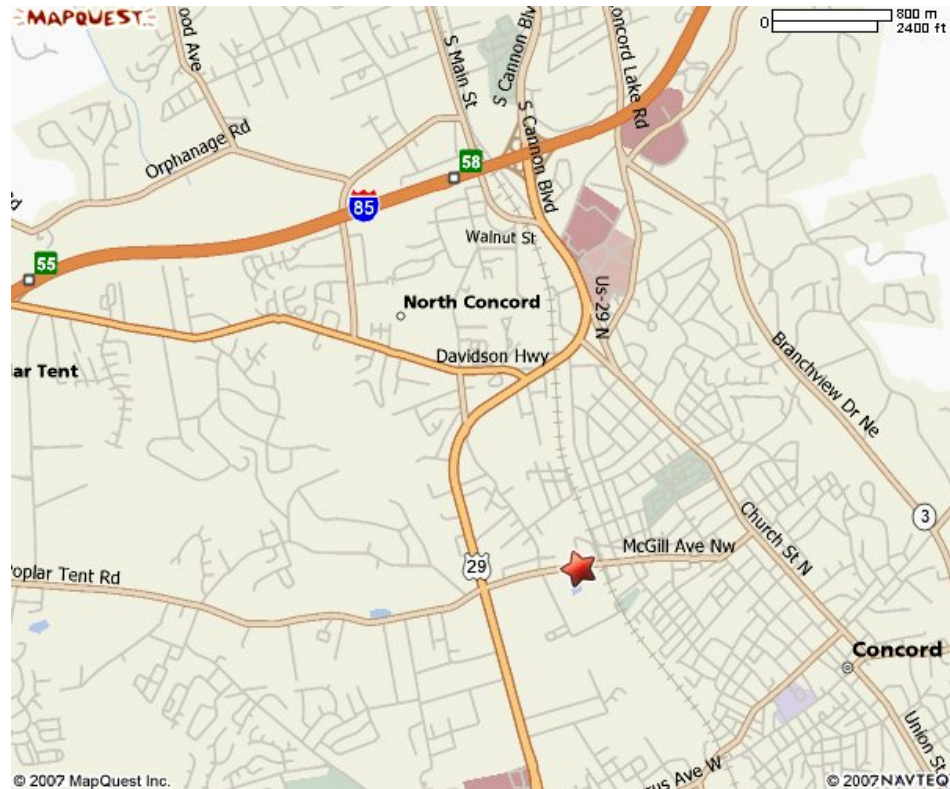
Concord NC

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

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that you can
enjoy seeing their
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East , cross Hwy 29, road name changes to McGill, continue approx. quarter
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