October 2007



Good Weather
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Fun In The Sun at:
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Parade
Beach Trip
and
Various Dinners







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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

It sounds like a broken record, but September was nothing but hot, hot, hot! I think we all are getting used to brown lawns and going to the quarter car wash to hose down the 'Vette due to all the water restrictions.

Our monthly business meeting for September was preceded by a great car show held at Autorama in Monroe that was a segway into a poker run



before our meeting. Trying to follow VP Boyd's directions to the letter proved to be a dismal attempt on Margo's and my part as the navigator in this event (yours truly) did not hold up his end and we proved to rack up the most miles and take way too many wrong turns. But none the less, we made it to Mark and Adina Ledford's house in time for the business meeting and trade barbs with the other participants who had plenty of time to rest by the time we got there. Thanks again to Mark and Adina for their gracious hospitality to QCCC members and for hosting the meeting. And even though we did not have a great finish in the poker run, special thanks to VP Boyd for putting together the route for the poker run.

The fall Auto Fair event brought some much needed rain to the area on Friday but by Saturday morning the streets had dried and QCCC was at the speedway in force. Our club always has one the best displays of super Corvettes and we were well represented on both days. We were extremely happy and surprised when the 50th Anniversary was chosen best in show on Saturday. Getting to meet and shake hands with Humpy Wheeler on Sunday was a pretty neat experience and one we won't soon forget.

Leaving from Monroe on Friday the 21st, automotive director Chris Patton led a caravan of 17 Corvettes to the Litchfield Resort on Pawley's Island for some much needed R & R. Once at the resort, the caravan of travelers met up with other club members who had the opportunity to come down ahead of time. Thanks from all in attendance to Melissa Patton for making the dinner and entertainment arrangements through out the week end; we all had a wonderful time.

Additional thoughts

At next month's business meeting I will have the nomination sheet for the 2008 board member positions. Once our business meeting has concluded, I will compile and contact any member who has been nominated for a board position. If the nominated member chooses to go forward with the process, their name will be placed on the ballot for the election that will be held in November. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to speaking with many of you soon.

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

Q. Gross



I am still tired. The September car show at Motorama, meeting and picnic at the Ledford's was a busy but fun day. My thanks to Mark Ledford and Linda Silvia for their help on the Poker Run. I think



the Mustang thought it was a race. Remember poker runs are fun and follow the speed limit events. We made over \$200 for the charity fund. The picnic and hot dogs were a blast and Adina did herself proud in decorating and what a party!!!! (Yes I know Mark helped a little bit)

Dale Ledbetter at Motorama had a great place for us to display our cars. He also had several C3's for sale and even some C5's. Thanks to all of the members and guests who came early and showed their support for our November meeting place. Remember November is election night for the QCCC Board for 2008.

Our October meeting will be held after the Burns Chevrolet Car show October 13th in Rock Hill, SC. Let's see if we can break the 63 car record. The meeting will start at 4:00PM. Bring your own chairs. More in the automotive report in this newsletter.

November 10th we will be at Motorama in Monroe, NC. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM but Motorama will be open for us at 5:30 PM so we can look at the many fine cars they have for sale. Dale has enlarged the show room (heated) so we will meet there. Please bring your own chairs as

they don't have enough for all club members.

Now for an update on the American Le Mans Series: The GT2 class will have a Maserati running against the two Corvettes at the Petit Le Mans race. That race is October 6th and the "Knight" (note new name) 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. Speed coverage starts at 11:30 AM live.



I wish it were mine!!!!!!!!

1954 1 of six Black made, 76 actual miles.

Why are Corvettes Millennium Yellow? Because they can!!

"Save the Wave"

Boyd Kurt - VP

PS: November is election month: Q for President

2007 Points List

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

Event Name	Date
Mint Hill Parade	9-29-2007
Pope AFB – Fayetteville, NC	10-6&7-2007
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

Sign Alert



This is from a recent edition of the Charlotte Observer. Its purpose is to help you navigate the busy roads in and out of Washington DC. Now, aren't you glad you just have to deal with roads that change names in Charlotte.

Just wonder about the poor soul that's in a rush and is on the road at 3:59 PM!





QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday September 4, 2007

Call to Order 7:11 PM

<u>Officers Present</u>: Q Gross, Chris Patton, Melissa Patton, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, Boyd Kurt, Linda Meadows

Vice President Report: Boyd Kurt

- Review of final meetings and locations
- Review of plans for Motorama Car show as starting point for the Poker Run to the Ledford's home for the September Meeting. Reserved spot for QCCC about 40 parking spots and lunch will be available for purchase. Around 2:30 depart for Poker Run, most of run will be on secondary state roads 68.5 miles. Volunteers for hole punching will be set up by Boyd and Chris will announce winner during meeting. Chris to provide punch tickets. Hand of poker will be \$5 each or 5 cards for \$20. Hot Dog Vendor will be at meeting selling hotdogs and brats, bring cash. Vendor will be serving from 4:30 to 7:00pm.
- Boyd to email the most current roster to Q for the set up for the nomination sheet for the elections.

Automotive Director: Chris Patton

- Turned in charity money for Reid's fine foods to be deposited.
- Mint Hill Madness parade at end of September will need at least 10 cars. Sign up sheet at next meeting.
- Auto Fair, Saturday is filled and still have 14 spaces available for Sunday. Eddie to send out email again to the prospective members and Chris to send out another email for member's with second car.
- Pawley's Island trip all set up, 26 cars going.
- Air Show for October is set up, there are two days for showing. People still signing up and making reservations.
- Mountain Trip still in works. People interested and sign up sheet at next meeting. Two groups will be set up for travel to Dillsboro.
- Corvettes at Biltmore is something being investigated for price and tail of dragon ride to be checked into. An announcement will be made to the membership if anyone wants to go, but it will not be a club sponsored activity.
- Car Show in October is in the works. Parks has mentioned an invitation but Burns Chevrolet has gone over an above in efforts and has sold a corvette to a member at invoice due to his membership.
- There will be a car care day in October at Gary Katzman's garage. A clinic will be held for some specific issues.
- November Golf Outing is still in works and many members are investigating possible courses.
- Turned in \$132 cash for deposit from the charity donations from the last car care day at the Crawford's.

Social Director: Jane Burt

- Quotes for Hams for the Christmas Party will be done. Spiral Cut Hams will be supplied by the Club. A committee will be formed to assist with the heating and serving of the Hams. Estimation of cost of hams will be around \$150. Jane to investigate further for cost and pricing on hams. Motion to approve \$150 for decorations for Christmas meeting voted and passed.
- Will need some money in November for snacks before meeting.

Membership Director: Eddie Burt

- 233 members, so far this year we have voted in 42 people so far. Potential for 2-3 new members to be voted in at next few meetings.
- 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. Currently have raised \$880 through the advertising program. Brad Crawford has advertised and Eddie will be following up with an invoice.
- Suggestion for recognizing the advertisers once a quarter and introduce the participating advertisers.

Treasurer: Linda Meadows

Review of budget and checking account.

President: Q Gross

- New Business
- Input for review of articles for the Newsletter with Charlie and Iris. Participation is encouraged.
- Start thinking about banquet issues and prizes etc., it is just around the corner.
- Motion to combine auction for charity and club funds for silent auction at Banquet, discussion for next board meeting.
- Christmas Giving Committee will be set up and discussed at next board meeting also.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 8:03 PM

Chuck Beard adopts a new 206!

We think the license plate says it all!



A Couple of QCCCer's Cruise West in Vettes

Bob Denney joined Anita and Wally Crawford for some Corvette travel out west. Wally and Anita ventured to Oregon while Bob diverted south to the Canyon Lands area.















QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 8, 2007

Call to Order 6:30 PM

Introduction of Officers Present: Q Gross, Chris Patton, Melissa Patton, Eddie Burt, Jane Burt, Boyd Kurt, Linda Meadows.

Thank you for Boyd Kurt and Mark Ledford for arranging the "Red Neck Poker Run."

Introduction of Guest: Eddie Burt, Membership

Jagi Chess, wife of Ross Chess Gayle and Karen Creamer Brian and Angie Williams John and Beth Walton Jacquie and Arnie Rider Norm and Joyce Lontz

Sue Wandler, wife of Les Wandler Becky Ross, wife of Jack Ross

Motion to approve meeting minutes made and approved

Vice President Report: Boyd Kurt

- Review of final meetings and locations: October Burn's Chevrolet Car Show, November Motorama for elections, December Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church for Christmas Party. Covered dish dinner, Hams supplied by Club.
- Thank you to Mark and Adina Ledford for hosting the meeting. Announcement of Poker Run winners:
 - 3rd place Charlie Hudnall 2nd place Boyd Kurt

 - 1st place and winner of 50% of Poker Run Collection (\$222.50) Paul Marianno
- Thanked Linda Silvia and all that assisted in the Poker Run as the punchers for the tickets. Thank you to the Lontzs' who provided CD's as prizes for the winners.
- Other awards presented by Chris Patton and Mark Ledford:
- Couple that got in the biggest argument during the Poker Run: Q and Margo Gross, presented with cap guns

Eddie Burt for best Hawaiian shirt Adina Ledford for best grass skirt

Scott Bartsch for Jimmy Buffet look a like John Meadows for best Hawaiian hat Linda Silvia for best Parrott head costume Ken Lipack for best mascot, Cocoa the

Parrott

Thank you to "The Grill Sergeant" for supplying the grill and food.

Automotive Director: Chris Patton

Auto Fair, Saturday is filled and still has 12 spaces available for Sunday. Reviewed rules and regulations for attending Auto Fair. Bart Richards is secondary contact for this event. Ticket to be passed out at tonight's meeting. See Chris afterward.

- Pawley's Island trip all set up, 26 cars going. Will rally at Motorama in Monroe on day of 21st. Price for Sunset Cruise is \$26 each and needs to be paid in cash to Melissa Patton evening of sail.
- Air Show for October is set up; there are two days for showing. People still signing up and making reservations. Please be sure to designate which day you will be showing your car. Also, room block with the Hampton Inn ends September 9th and so does price of \$79 a night.
- Mountain Trip still in works. People interested and sign up sheet at next meeting. Two groups will be set up for travel to Dillsboro.
- There will be a car care day in October at Gary Katzman's garage. A clinic will be held for some specific issues such as Radiator Flushes and Transmission Flushes. Bring your own fluids to MVB on October 27th for this next car care day.
- Paul Marianno donated back to the Charity Fund \$22.50, gave to Linda Meadows to deposit.

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Social Director: Jane Burt

- Christmas Party discussion and directions given by Jane. Covered Dish dinner.
- January is annual banquet at Lowe's Motor Speedway
- Thank you to Adina Ledford for the decorations provided at the meeting tonight.

Membership Director: Eddie Burt

- 41 new members so far this year
- 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. Currently have raised \$880 through the advertising program.
- Voted on membership eligibility for Sue Wandler and passed by club.
- Recognition of Gary and Linda Artis as members belonging to the club the longest, Walter Ahrens as oldest member, 94 years old.

Treasurer: Linda Meadows

Review of budget and checking account, currently \$1122.23 in Charity Fund and Funds Available Balance in checking account is \$13, 288.51 of which almost \$7,000 of that will be spent for the banquet in January.

President: Q Gross

- Nominations for board positions will begin next weekend at Auto Fair and will end at the completion of the October meeting.
- Leman's Race October 6th
- Recognition of Mark Ledford's Birthday

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 7:32 PM



The NCM Corner

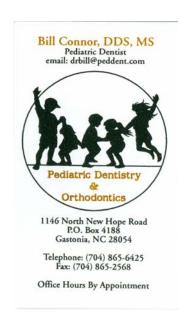
As I mentioned last month, the National Corvette Museum Board of Directors are moving forward very aggressively on the planned expansion. Rather than doing it in phases, the entire project will begin with a planned completion date in late Summer 2009. The grand opening will be during the 15th Anniversary Celebration on that Labor Day weekend. The fourth national caravan will end up in Bowling Green at that time, which will result in one huge party. Full details on the 2009 caravan and registration instructions are available at www.corvettemuseum.com.

The directors are also pursuing plans to develop a motorsports park near the NCM. The project will include a quarter-mile drag strip, an autocross course, and a road course. The planning is almost complete and a go-ahead decision should be made in the near future. This addition would make a trip to the museum even more worthwhile.

Christmas is almost on us once again and since most of your friends are Corvette people, visit the Corvette Store on line at the NCM website and get your shopping done the easy way. Don't forget, NCM members enjoy discounts on all purchases.

Paul Mariano NCM Life Member





Highlights From The Luau/Meeting at the Ledford's































Through The Windshield

A big Thank you to Bart Richards again for getting the club back in with Reid's Fine Foods and the "Green Market". Again we were given \$250.00 for the charity fund. The Green Market also offered the club a lot of exposure by having a reoccurring spot on News 14 the local news channel for 24 hours. Thank the Lord that the producers used Melissa's interview rather than mine. Not only is she better spoken than I, she also looks much better in person and on camera. Thank you to all the members that came out to

help us raise money for the charity fund.

We also had a good time with the C4 headlight clinic at my house. The changing of headlight gears in a C4 is just as the "Corvette Forum" explained...one and a half hour on the first and thirty minutes on the second. Thanks to Mark Curtis and his curiosity for all things mechanical and to Greg Tilley for supplying enough beer to keep me calm



while watching Mark pull the headlight out of the car.

Congratulations to Paul Mariano on winning the "Red Neck Poker Run". This event organized by Boyd Kurt and Mark Ledford raised \$245.00 for the charity fund, and was followed by a great meeting at the Ledford's house. As those in attendance know I also gave out a prize for the couple that got in to the biggest fight while on the poker run. Although I was not there at the Ledford's house when the Gross' arrived I was told by many sources that Margo will never do another poker run while Quentin navigates. Thank you to all that participated in the poker run and to Mark and Boyd for all the work put in to organizing and mapping out the route. Also thank you to the Ledford's for opening up their home once again to host the business meeting.

September also brought fall Auto Fair. This year's winners were Dr. Bruce Trefz for Competitor's Choice with his Silver Z-06; Saturday Best Coupe Robert Morgan with his Rally Red C-3; Saturday Best Convertible Jane and Eddie Burt and their Spiral Gray Metallic C-5. Sunday winners included J.C. and Linda Roberts for Ladies Choice with

their LeMans Blue C-6; Bob and Marilyn Becker and their Monterrey Red 2006 for Sunday Best Coupe; Sunday Best Convertible was Tom and Brenda Huddalla and their Anniversary Red 2003 convertible. Best in Show honors went to Quentin and Margo Gross for their 50th Anniversary Convertible. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks for all that came out for the weekend.



The weekend after Auto Fair some of the QCCC gang headed south to Pawleys Island South Carolina for some end of summer sun and relaxation. As we headed out of

Motorama Friday morning I had my doubts about the weather but as we stopped in Darlington, S.C. for a quick pit stop the Corvette Weather Gods decided to smile down on us and never let up with sunshine till after we got home. The sailboat cruise was an especially nice way to end the evening Saturday night. A big "Thank You" to Melissa for all her work on this trip.



As we go into October we have some events that you may want to mark on your calendar. October 6 and 7 is Jets and Vettes II featuring the USAF Thunderbirds. Although it is too late to get a space on the tarmac I encourage you all to take a drive over to Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, NC to see the show. I promise you will not be disappointed. Watch your email for trip information.

The next meeting is planned for October 13, at Burns Chevrolet in conjunction with our business meeting. We are also planning a canned food drive for this meeting to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. We are hoping that each couple will bring 4 cans of food. Please note the time change for the business meeting. It will be held starting at 4:00PM immediately following the car show.



In October we will have an additional Car Care Day so mark your calendars for Saturday October 27. Gray Katzman will open his shop that day to all of those that could not make it out to the last Car Care day hosted at the Crawford's. Gary's shop is called MBV European LTD. and is located at 5410 Old Pineville Road Charlotte, NC 28217. At this car care day Gary is going to help us service our transmissions. Anyone that would like to have their transmission flushed must bring 16 quarts of transmission fluid and a filter. Gray will not be able to open his supply room and each member must bring their own supplies. I will also be there to assist any member wanting to change their motor oil. You must bring your own motor oil and filter also. As with car care days in the past we will not be able to make repairs; you will have to make arrangements with Gary to do more extensive work on your car.

Until next month remember, the only thing sweeter than driving your Corvette on Highway 17 in Pawleys Island is passing a Mustang and getting a thumbs up from the driver!

Chris Patton

AutoFair 2007





























QCCC Events Calendar For 2007

- **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
 - Meeting at Motorama in Monroe **www.motoramaclassiccars.com** Election of 2008 Board
 - 17/22 Thanksgiving Parades
- **DEC.** 4 Board Meeting
 - Meeting / Covered Dish / Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church 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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Fred Lentz Has Another Birthday!

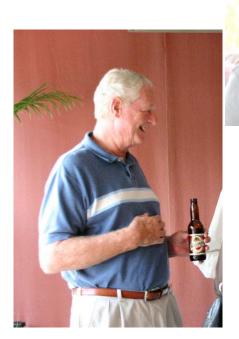
And he celebrated it in style with a surprise party at the September 24th "North Group" dinner in The Sports Page restaurant.

Thank goodness they didn't have a candle for each year on the cake!















Guess Who!



Do you recognize who is saluting in this photo??

Hint: They still have the car!

Have an old photo of you and/or your car - submit it to us, we would love to feature it in the newsletter.





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Bob Denney and Boyd Kurt

Next Meeting/Car Show

Saturday October 13th 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

Please Bring Chairs & Soft Drinks

Directions: 177
Exit 82B, go west approx. quarter mile on Cherry Rd, (AKA Highway 21)

Show details will be sent via email from Automotive Director.

