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2007



Merry Christmas and a
Safe New Year to All!

Wine Tasting Enjoyed,
Members Earn Trophies,
Elections Held,
Charities Organized,
Parties Planned,
Looking Forward to
Merriment as Holidays Approach



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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

Thanksgiving has just passed and with it, we can reflect back on all of the things to be thankful for. We have our families, friends, and live in a country that affords the opportunity to drive the world's greatest sports car. With Christmas and the New Year now in sight, the weeks ahead will seem to go by quickly. I am sure everyone will be reviewing their Christmas wish list for the latest Corvette must have item.



The November QCCC elections brought me an opportunity to serve an additional term as president. I appreciate everyone's confidence and will do everything I can to carry out the responsibilities the position brings. I welcome back board members Boyd Kurt, Linda Meadows, and Eddie Burt. Along with new board members John Meadows, Kay Weisberg, and Mary Frawley, we all look forward for 2008 to be even better than previous years for QCCC.

I want to thank outgoing board members Jane Burt, Chris Patton, and Melissa Patton for their club achievements. Jane has served QCCC in various positions for the club as long as I can remember. Her devotion to everyone in QCCC is noteworthy and we all wish Jane well as she takes a well-deserved rest from formal club activities. Jane will still be active in planning our Wednesday night dinner activities as well as lending a helping hand to Eddie where necessary. Chris did a wonderful job as automotive director the past two years, setting new standards in car show attendance, planning memorable road trips, and raising monies for the club charity fund. Melissa's tenure as secretary this past year and her involvement with extra club planning helped make 2007 a great year for our club. I look forward to seeing Jane, Chris, and Mel at as many of the upcoming club events as possible.

For those that missed coming out to the car show held at Hendrick Motorsports complex on November 17th you missed a cool event. While not a QCCC sponsored show, 307 cars from around the region participated. Everything from street rods to trucks, customs to classics, this show had a lot to offer for eye candy. In addition to the cars, event goers had the opportunity to go through the Hendrick show rooms and look at plenty of racing memorabilia. Congratulations to club members John Meadows and Karl Slavetsky in placing in the top 100 and taking home trophies that are very unique for this event.

At the scheduled December business meeting, we plan to incorporate our holiday dinner and gift exchange. Be sure look for additional e-mails for further details and bring your favorite side dish and a gift.

Additional thoughts

As I mentioned at the beginning of this column, the holidays seem to always bring out the best of everyone, and QCCC is blessed to have such an outstanding membership. 2007 brought us closer to our old friends as well as bringing new ones into the club. As we begin to close out the year, I want to thank all of our members for their continued support at club events. From car shows, parades, road trips, and business meetings, I know 2008 will continue to have great participation. Please, keep Jerry and Gloria Scienski in your prayers during this stressful time for them.

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

Q. Gross

VP REPORT

My congratulations to our new 2008 Board Members and my thanks to the 2007 Board Members who will be leaving the Board January 1st. I have enjoyed working with you and appreciate all of the hard work you have done for QCCC. I thank you for your support for 2008 and am looking for new places to meet. Remember our

requirements. Large enough to hold 100 + members and guests, and free. We need some places up north so your suggestions will be very much appreciated.

Our November club meeting was a big success and our thanks to Dale Ledbetter at Motorama for hosting our meeting. The donuts, coffee and beautiful cars were just the ticket. We had over 90 members present for our election and meeting. Let's keep coming to the meetings as this is the way you find out what is happening for the upcoming months and have fun seeing other members. I will continue to try to have them at interesting places and have some sort of activity before or after the meeting for 2008.

Are you ready for a Christmas Party? Our December meeting and Christmas party will be held December 8th at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, 15000 York Road (Hwy 49) South, Charlotte, NC 28278. A pot luck dinner will start at 5:45PM with a short meeting starting at 6:30PM and gift exchange after the meeting. QCCC will furnish the meat course and drinks. This should be a fun evening and get us ready for the holiday season.

The January 12th, 2008 meeting will be held at Troutman Restaurant, 1388 Warren C. Coleman Blvd. South, Concord, NC 28027. A buffet dinner will be available for \$8.00 – \$9.00 before the meeting. More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

Now for an update on the American Le Mans Series: It is my understanding that one or more Corvettes will be in the GT2 class in 2008 and that Corvette will stay in the GT1 class also. We are getting ready for an exciting year and look forward to Sebring in March and the Petit LeMans in October. Stay tuned.



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points list at the end of the
4th quarter so we can have a

little suspense at the Banquet as to who are the winners. If you really want to know your points prior to the banquet, send me an email and I will give them to you.

Why are Corvettes Millennium Yellow? Because they can!!

“ Save the Wave”
Boyd Kurt – VP

QCCC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 6, 2007



Call to Order 6:55 pm

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

Vice President Report: Boyd Kurt

- Review of final meetings and locations
- January meeting place (Joe Gibbs Racing) has fallen through so Boyd will continue to research. New location will be Troutman's BBQ in Concord with a buffet dinner at a cost of \$8.00 a person.

Automotive Director: Chris Patton

- Turned in \$500 donation check to Treasurer from Burn's Chevrolet Car Show for deposit into Charity Fund. Over 120 cans of food were donated to Second Harvest Food Bank from donations of members at the meeting and car show.
- Car care day October 27th at Gary Katzman's garage was very successful. Over 11 cars were serviced. A \$14 donation was made to the Charity fund from left over for lunch.
- November Golf Outing was very successful. Attendance was 11 people and many had dinner afterwards.
- Holiday Parades: Concord, Monroe, Davidson, Lake Wylie, Pageland and Kannapolis. Emails to be sent out. Signup sheets at the meeting, Kannapolis Parade is on the same night as Christmas Meeting. Chris to contact Brenda Wells about other volunteers or possibly canceling out on this one.
- Sweatshirt Sales are trickling in and a flyer will be done for the next meeting.
- Wayne Smith has video of both air shows and would like to make DVD's and sell to any member that wants them and proceeds to go to Charity Donation. Mention of it in next meeting and signup sheet, details to follow.
- October 20th Winery Trip was very successful. Over 25 people went and attended the wine tasting and had dinner at the Harvest Grille. The ride from Elkin to the Vineyard was really fun and twisty.

Social Director: Jane Burt

December meeting; a committee will need to be formed for the tear down of tables and chairs and sweeping. An announcement will be made at the meeting for volunteers. Board members come at 5:00 and as everyone arrives, the side dishes will be coordinated. We will eat at 6:30 and meeting at 7:30. Two volunteers will be needed to help with the Christmas exchange. Sams has fully cooked Black Forest Hams that will be sliced and packed for the dinner. Eddie and Jane to pick up hams from Harris Teeter or Sams, whichever has best price. Mention of RSVP and signup sheet at November meeting. Clarification for gift exchange is needed at the November meeting for the gift exchange. Tickets will be passed out to participants of the gift exchange.

Membership Director: Eddie Burt

- Currently 240 members.
- 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 \$1080 through the advertising program. Damon's Restaurant, Southern Auto Parts and Brad Crawford have advertised.

Treasurer: Linda Meadows

Review of budget and checking account.

President: Q Gross

- New Business
- Board Nominations, have been contacted and discussion of eligibility requirements and duties done. Election is this week and ballot has been sent out. Paper Ballots will be at meeting for the voting.
- Flow of November meeting will be the same up to and including the guest's introduction and minutes approval, then vote in any new members and then board elections will commence. Q to ask someone to assist and validate voting tabulations that are counted by Secretary and assistance of Jane Burt.
- Christmas Giving Committee will be set up and discussed at November Business Meeting and signups for children and gifts to sponsor.
- Jane to finalize pricing for Banquet once everything is accounted for and calculated; actual cost for members is looking to be around the same price per couple. Review of plaques and awards and budget in support of these items.
- After November meeting, Jane has contacted Hilltop Restaurant and they have a separate room that we can have with a buffet at a cost of \$11.95, but Jane needs an RSVP by Thursday night. Email to be sent out this week.
- November 24th Charlotte Bobcats will give us a deal for \$25 a person, with seating in the upper center court level. They will be playing the Boston Celtics and an email and signup sheet will be done.
- Display and discussion of giveaway member banquet gift.
- January Banquet set up committee needs to be set up.
- Motion by President to change the voting for the Rookies of the Year and the Member of the Year to the December Meeting rather than the January for an earlier time line for the trophies and plaques. Motion Seconded and passed.
- Issue of Bank charging us for the account. Resolution was suggested that Linda, Treasurer go into the bank and talk with them and see if they realize that we are not a commercial account and should not be charged as such. Linda will do this and see if they will refund the charge and cancel the future charges.
- Discussion was held to decide whether or not we should have the books reviewed by a CPA or an outside party on a consistent basis going forward. This would need to be handled in February of each year due to the final January statements. Treasurer Linda will do some investigation and form a finance committee of qualified club members and then report back to the board on her findings.
- Proposal for Paul Mariano, the Ambassador to the Museum be added to the newsletter cover page and member log. Eddie to let Charlie and Paul Pelkey know.

- Eddie has a member wanting to rejoin after a long illness, Paul Bunda. Motion to reinstate Charlene and Paul Bunda effective at the first meeting they attend. Motion seconded, voted and passed.
- Review of Insurance Policy is needed and will be handled by President Q and Automotive Director Chris Patton and licensed North Carolina insurance adjuster. A meeting with the agent will be done as soon as an appointment is available.
- VP Boyd needs to update the club inventory list for so that the new board of 2008 has a current list and this list is to be printed in the January Newsletter per the bylaws.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 8:55 pm




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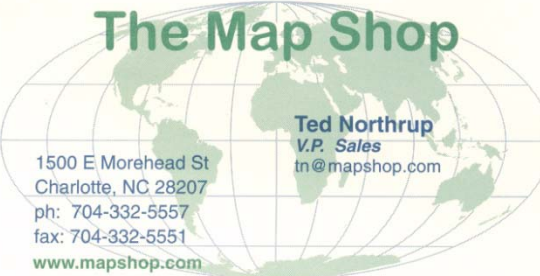
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QCCC Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 10th, 2007



6:30 pm Call to Order

Introduction of Officers, Paul Mariano, Iris and Charlie Binder and Dale Ledbetter of Motorama, host for the meeting venue.

- Acknowledgement of all Veterans in observance of Veterans Day.
- Acknowledgement of Tom Idema and his book signing at Morrowcroft Place at Borders Books.
- Motion to approve minutes with correction of ownership of the Flag pole being John Meadows, not Queen City's.

Introduction of Guests:

Doug and Joy Moore, Brandon Gerely, Chris and Andrea Quinn, Chris and Peggy Wood, Al and Charlene Bunda. Commenced with voting and passage of new members.

Recognition and Introduction of Club Photographer, Bob Denney.

Presidents Report, Q Gross:

Overview of Election, Pass out Ballots and introduction of all nominees. Introduction of Voting Auditors Nelson Sprague and Bob Becker.

Vice Presidents Report, Boyd Kurt:

- Expression of Gratitude to all who sent sympathies in the passing of his mother.
- Review of December 8th Christmas Party and Meeting along with January 12th meeting at Troutman's BBQ in Concord.

Automotive Report, Chris Patton:

- Review of Burn's Chevrolet Show and deposit of \$500 into Charity Account.
- Expression of Gratitude to Gary Katzman for hosting a Car Care Day at his business MVB.
- Golf Outing had 12 players at Emerald Lake Golf Course in Matthews.
- Signup sheets for Holiday Parades are at meeting; they include Concord, Kannapolis, Monroe, Davidson and Lake Wylie.
- T-Shirt Sales are done; but Sweat Shirt sales have commenced. Colors are White or Gray and they are regular Sweat Shirts for \$30 or Hoodies for \$37. Must meet 50 orders for order to be produced.
- Thompson Orphanage recognized QCCC for being volunteers in their newsletter.
- Sticky Fingers Trivia Winner was Victor Revron.

- DVD of both Air Shows for Sale for \$5, see Wayne Smith, all funds go to Charity Fund.
- Winery Trip to Shelton Vineyard had 13 cars in attendance.
- Christmas giving list has been distributed, all item on list will support children of active guardsmen with the 145th Air National Guard. Cash Donations can be sent as well but need to be made out to the 145th Air National Guard Family Readiness Fund.

Paul Mariano, Museum Liaison:

Thanked club for appointment to position and reviewed raffle ticket sales for Museum.

Jane Burt, Social Director:

- RSVP to Hilltop Restaurant after meeting
- November 24th Charlotte Bob Cats Game, tickets are \$25 each, rsvp by November 12th.
- December 8th meeting is Christmas Party, Covered Dish Dinner. Gift exchange is voluntary with a gift of \$10 or less.
- January 26th Annual Banquet at Lowe’s Motor Speedway. Cash Bar with Dinner at 7:00 and awards afterward. A 50/50 Raffle will be held for the club fund.

Membership, Eddie Burt:

- 131 Families
- 243 Members
- Announcement and review of Advertisers

Treasure, Linda Meadows:

Review of bank balances and budgets

New Business

- Invitation to Hendrick Motor Sports Charity Car Show
- Announcement of Voting Results were as follows:
 - President - Q Gross
 - Vice President - Boyd Kurt
 - Secretary - Mary Frawley
 - Treasurer - Linda Meadows
 - Social Director- Melissa Patton- abdicated and position defaulted to Kay Wiesberg
 - Automotive- John Meadows

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 8:41 pm

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NCM Corner

First things first. Thanks to everyone for the great response to the raffle ticket sales. My first allocation totally sold out at the November meeting. Not to worry though, I just received a second package of tickets, so you can still win that Victory Red 2008 convertible in April.



The NCM has provided a membership status listing for all QCCC members. If you think your membership has lapsed, or about to, see me for your status. If you intend to attend the C5/C6 Bash next April or the Anniversary Celebration in 2009, it truly behooves you to be an active NCM member. Free museum admission, merchandise discounts, event discounts, etc. will more than pay for that membership.

A little discussion on the advantages of a family membership versus an individual membership. The family membership costs \$100.00 initially and then \$50.00 annually, thereafter, but you, your spouse, and all dependent children under 18 are covered for all the benefits. The Individual plan only covers the named member and initially costs \$50.00 and \$50.00 annually. So, for a one time \$50.00 additional payment, you can cover the entire family from there on.

I will be attending the C5/C6 Bash on April 24-26 next year and will be making hotel reservations very soon. If anyone would like to attend this function and would like for me to reserve a room for them, please let me know ASAP. Registration for the event, road tours and awards dinner will have to be done on line.

The NCM has instituted a new club competition this year. Clubs will be recognized for special achievements in the following categories regarding their relationship with the NCM.

1. Largest Club visit to the NCM
2. Most creative fundraiser
3. Best newsletter
4. Top Raffle sales
5. Largest % of membership growth
6. Largest % of members
7. Best Club show

I think we certainly can compete within categories 3,5 and 6 and possibly a couple of others.

Let me know your thoughts and I'm sure we can announce our presence to the rest of the Corvette Nation.

Save the wave!
Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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A – D Snacks (chips, dips, salsa, veggies, etc.)

E – K Salads (green, potato, pasta, jello, etc)

L – R Side Dish (whatever goes with ham)

S – Z Dessert (can't have too many of these)

**Gift (\$10 or less) to exchange with QCCC members – wrapped – ONE PER PERSON
Charity Families Gifts – unwrapped presents or money (details forthcoming)**

Dinner:

QCCC will provide ham, coffee, and tea

Schedule:

6:00 Social time, gift collection, set up side dishes

6:30 Eat

7:30 Meeting

8:00 Gift Exchange

Dress:

Casual, Colorful, Festive

RSVP BY SATURDAY DECEMBER 1 (required):

Jane Burt

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Highlights from November Meeting at Motorama



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Calendar for QCCC Events for Remainder of 2007

- DEC.** **1/2** Christmas Parades - Davidson (2 cars), Lake Wylie (9 cars), Pageland (1 car)
4 Board Meeting
8 Meeting / Covered Dish / Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church,
Hwy 49 Lake Wylie, NC Gift exchange and charity collection
- J'08** TBD Board Meeting
12 Meeting at Troutman's BBQ, Concord, NC
26 Banquet at Speedway Club
TBD Car Care Day

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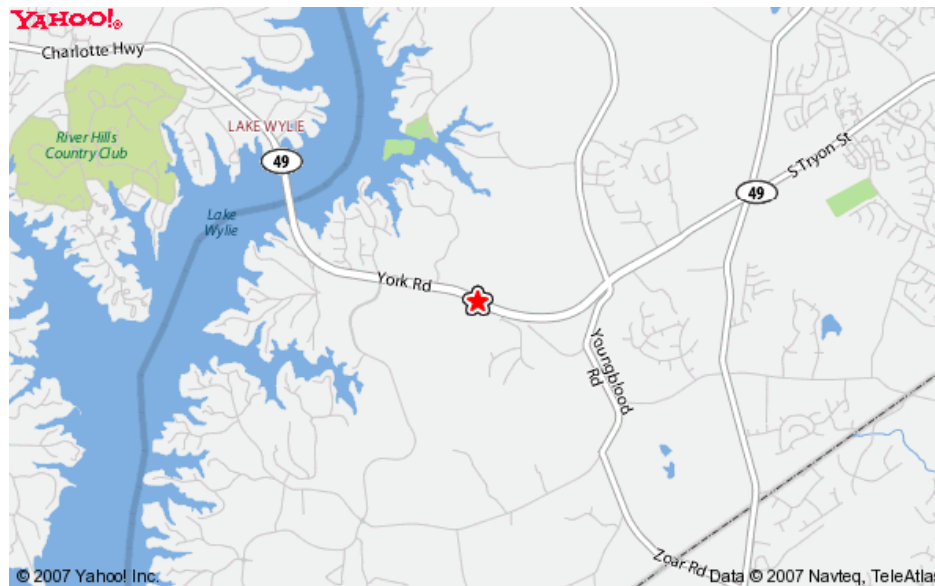
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Next Meeting and Holiday Party Saturday December 8th

at

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Please see details of meeting/party on page 12 in this newsletter!



Times:
6:00 for *Gathering and Social*
6:30 *Dinner*
7:30 *Business Meeting*
8:00 *Gift Exchange*

Directions:

From Lake Wylie: Church is located about one mile east of Lake Wylie Bridge on NC Hwy 49

From Charlotte: Take I77 to Exit 2, and travel west one exit to South Tryon (Hwy 49). Travel west/south for approx. 5 miles