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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

As January comes to an end, and having visited with members at the business meeting and the awards banquet, the theme I heard from everyone is "We are ready for some warm weather!" While I certainly don't disagree, I would safely venture to say we are not out of the woods and will bet we get at least one more



cold blast before we can drive down the road with the top down.

At the January '08 business meeting, newly elected board members John Meadows and Kay Weisberg presented a questionnaire to all in attendance that asked for more input from members in establishing the calendar of events for 2008. We received a great response from everyone so stay tuned for announcements that will be coming from both Kay and John about road trips, cars shows, parades, and other items of interest for the membership.

And it was great to hear John present the news that QCCC will receive primary sponsorship for 2008 from Hendrick Automotive and City Chevrolet. The details are still being worked out as of this writing, but stay tuned, as more information will be presented at the February business meeting.

January 26th gave everyone in QCCC the opportunity to spruce up, put on his or her best evening wear, and head on out to Lowe's Motor Speedway for the 2008 Annual Awards Banquet. Everyone in attendance was promptly greeted upon arrival by a welcoming committee of Susan Kurt, Mary Frawley, Jane Burt, Kay Weisberg, Margo Gross, Linda Meadows, and given a neat attendance gift of a QCCC cooler and can cozies. After a social hour that allowed everyone to renew friendships and catch up on what happened over the holidays, we all proceeded to a terrific dinner that was well received by our members. One thing we can always count on at a QCCC event is a great meal.

As QCCC celebrates it 40th anniversary, special recognition went to Gary Artis as the member with the longest tenure in the club and recognition given to senior member Walter Ahrens. VP Boyd Kurt kicked off the award ceremony by recognizing the top 26 members for 2007 in participation points. Membership Director Eddie Burt then awarded the top Female and Male Rookie of the Year honors to Barbara Mariano and Paul Mariano. Barbara and Paul were chosen as top rookies in a vote by the membership at our January business meeting. Since joining QCCC, Barbara and Paul have both accomplished quite a bit for QCCC in a short time, with Paul named as our Corvette Museum liaison last November. Congratulations again to everyone in the top 26 and to Barbara and Paul.

Next up was a couple of fun awards to Bob Denney for leaving home without his wallet and to Don Zimmer for leading the group of QCCC members that go by the handle of the "Leisure Lizards". We then moved on to the Member of the Year Award and again, this award went to the member that was chosen by a vote held at the January meeting. It was with great pleasure that I was happy to present this award for 2008 to Eddie Burt.

Eddie is the individual that most everyone in the club has had their first contact with and 2007 was an exceptional year for Eddie. His always "hands on" approach to recruiting new members for the club this year has brought the membership roster to an all time record membership of 250 members plus. He also spear headed a newsletter advertising program that resulted in additional funds going to the QCCC general fund. Congratulations Eddie on an outstanding 2007.

The final award was the presentation of the newly named Jerry Scienski Memorial Award. This award was formerly known as the President's Choice Award but renamed upon my recommendation and I received approval by the club membership. I was very happy to present the first Jerry Scienski Memorial Award to outgoing Social Director Jane Burt. Jane has done so much for QCCC over the years and as she retires from her board position, she assures everyone that she will continue to plan our Wednesday night dinners and assists Eddie with recruiting new members. After the award presentation, we all raised our glasses to past President Jerry Scienski who passed away this past December.

It was then on to the annual coronation of the King and Queen of the ball. Congratulations to our newly elected royal couple of Charlie and Iris Binder. They looked very regal as they led everyone in the first dance of the evening.

Congratulations to all members who held the winning tickets in the Corvette poster raffle that benefited the club charity fund and to member Chuck Solland, who held the winning ticket in the 50/50 raffle. Thanks go to John Meadows and Jim Weisberg for handling the sales of raffle tickets to our members.

And everyone in attendance would not have been able to enjoy the evening without a great deal of planning and prep work from all the board members and volunteers. Jane Burt was our main banquet planner assisted by Kay Weisberg. Boyd Kurt designed and prepared the programs; while Mary Frawley, Susan Kurt, Linda and John Meadows, Margo Gross, Eddie Burt, and Jim Weisberg came to the Speedway Club well in advance to ensure all the preparations were completed before the first member showed up. I thank you all for your help in making our 2008 banquet an event to remember.

Additional thoughts

The February business meeting will be held at Motorama in Monroe, with further information on this location located in the newsletter. Come down early and look at all the great cars on display. Remember, Valentine's Day is just around the corner.

I am certainly looking forward to having a great 2008 with QCCC and I can't say enough good things about everyone in our club. I wish everyone a truly great year and will enjoy seeing you in the near future.

In the meantime, be safe and save the wave.

Q. Gross

With all of the cold and wet weather we have had, it has been hard to drive our Corvettes this last month. Let's hope we have some sunny days in February. A beach trip in the Florida Keys sounds like a good idea. Boy do I wish.

The January 12th, 2008 meeting was held at Troutman Restaurant with 96 members and guests. What a great turnout and we think we will be back. Let me know if you liked it. The food was great and the meeting room was big enough. Looking out over the parking lot I saw some really cool cars, I wonder who owned them? Remember to drive your Corvette, it likes to run.

Our February 9th meeting will be back at Motorama Classic Cars, 1601 Skyway Dr., Monroe, NC 28110. They will open at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:30PM. For those of you who missed the wonderful QCCC Banquet we will have the remaining Points awards at this meeting. Please bring chairs and your favorite beverage. I know Dale and his team sold over \$500,000 worth of cars at Barrett-Jackson and bought some new ones for us to look at. It was fun to watch and we even saw Dale several times on TV.

Our March 8th meeting will be at the Hendrix Team Center at their race shop near Lowe's Motor Speedway. More details coming.

Please find the club inventory below. Our bylaws state it must be published in the Feb. newsletter.

Now for an update on the American Le Mans Series: The C6.R's will be back and running E85 fuel. They ran E10 in 2007 and are switching to the E85 ethanol this year. Go "Green". Remember Sebring is March 12- 15 with the 12 hour race on the 15th. Go CORVETTE!!!!!!!!! Corvette will run the entire 12 race American LeMans series and also the LeMans race in France.



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"Save the Wave" Boyd Kurt – VP

QCCC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Call to Order 7:10 p.m.

<u>Officers Present:</u> Q. Gross, Boyd Kurt, John Meadows, Linda Meadows, Kay Weisberg, Eddie Burt and Mary Frawley. Jane Burt was a guest.

Vice President Report: Boyd Kurt

- Our January meeting will be taking place at Troutman's BBQ in Concord at a cost of \$10.00 per person.
- Form for Male and Female Rookie of the year will be passed out at our next meeting as well as the
 cut-off date for this will be discussed. There will be no absentee votes accepted for this voting
 process.
- Quentin to validate the final count.
- Our February meeting will be taking place at Motorama in Monroe.
- Order of plaques for our upcoming banquet is on track for this event.
- Cooler give away for the banquet is set to go.
- Program layout is being prepared.
- 50/50 raffle will be taking place at the banquet with names being picked out for particular items.
 Proceeds will be going to the General Fund.
- Raffle items will include 3 corvette posters one of which being autographed by a CR driver. There
 will also be Jeff Gordon bags and Rockingham cups. The proceeds from this raffle will be going to
 the Charity Fund.
- List of attendees to the Banquet needed by January 12th for insertion into the program.
- King and Queen ballots will be given out at the Banquet for voting process and coronation.

Automotive Director: John Meadows

- John will be working in conjunction with Wally Crawford to firm this up.
- John proposed to City Chevrolet General Manager, Jerry Ferrell, that they be a sponsor for Queens City Corvette Club. The sponsorship would involve 2 car shows a year. This was presented to the Board and approved and now has to go before the membership for their approval.
- John and Kay are working diligently to prepare our upcoming calendar of events for the 2008 year.
 This year's calendar will be a work in progress. Forms will be given out at our next meeting to all members present welcoming any suggestions and feedback from them.

Social Director: Kay Weisberg

- Kay spoke about upcoming weekend and day trips for the club. She is working closely to compile a calendar of events for the 2008 year.
- Banquet payments will be accepted at our January meeting as well as dues for the coming year.

Membership Director: Eddie Burt

- Membership continues to grow.
- Currently there is a total of 245 members with one couple eligible for voting into the club at our January meeting.

Treasurer: Linda Meadows

• Review Budget for 2008 year.

2008 Budget will be presented at our February meeting.

New Business: Quentin Gross

- Board approved the changing of the President's Choice Award to now be called the Jerry Scienski Memorial Award.
- Charity Committee volunteers will be discussed at our January meeting.
- Board meeting locations for the 1st quarter of 2008 were discussed.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion seconded.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary R. Frawley, Secretary QCCC

Please Note

The March Edition of the QCCC Newsletter will be distributed earlier than usual. This is because the production teams, editorial group, art staff, and all other members will be taking a brief respite during the later part of February. Deadlines for articles and reports will be Feb. 17th.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.









QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday, January 12, 2008

6:35 p.m. Call to Order

Introduction of Board Members: Quentin Gross, Boyd Kurt, John Meadows, Linda Meadows, Kay Weisberg and Mary Frawley.

President's Report: Q. Gross

- Quentin welcomed everyone and recognized the board members present.
- Eddie Burt introduced the guests present for this meeting. They were:

Ron and Pam Griffin - 2008 Crystal Red Coupe

Joe D. Delibovi and Cathy – 1994 Black Rose Convertible

Dennis Haywood – 2008 Crystal Red Coupe

Kelly and Joyce Moore - 2005 Blue

Steve and Laura Pelchant - 1960 Horizon Blue Convertible

- Motion approved to accept December Board and Business Meeting Minutes published in newsletter.
- QCCC will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary this year. They have been in existence since 1968.
- Voting for Rookie of the Year both Female and Male will be announced in 2 weeks at our annual banquet once all votes have been collected from this meeting and tabulated.
- The President's Choice Award will also be given at this time. The name has been changed and approved by the Board. It will now be called the Jerry Scienski Memorial Award.

Vice President's Report: Boyd Kurt

- Boyd thanked Troutman's BBQ for the wonderful meal.
- Our next meeting will take place on February 9th at Motorama in Monroe. There will be 7 cars that will be auctioned at Barrett Jackson and they will be there at this time.
- Our 2008 calendar to be finalized shortly.

Automotive Report: John Meadows

- Car Care day to take place on Saturday, January 19th at Wally's. Anyone planning on attending, please bring your own oil. Oil changes will start at 9:00 am and will continue until all is completed.
- A hand-out was given to all members for suggestions on upcoming events for the club.
- A request was made for volunteers to head up road trips, etc.
- John is in the process of forming a Charity Committee. Monies will be dispersed in May.
- Motion made and seconded that City Chevrolet will now be the official sponsor for the QCCC.

Museum Liaison, Paul Mariano:

- C5-C6 Convention will be taking place April 23-26 in Bowling Green. Anyone interested in attending, contact Paul.
- 2009 Caravan will be place Labor Day 2009. Anyone interested in going, contact Paul.

Social Director, Kay Weisberg:

- Kay and John working together for potential events for the coming year. They welcome all suggestions for club members.
- There will be at least 1 beach trip and 1 mountain trip.
- Kay encouraged all members and guests to attend our annual Banquet taking place on January 26, 2008 at Lowe's Speedway Club. The cost is \$30.00 per member and \$50.00 per non-member. Money is to be in Linda Meadows hand by January 21st for all those who have not paid.

Membership, Eddie Burt:

- 245 Members of this date.
- Advertising letters have been sent out with ½ being returned at the present time.
- No new members being voted in at this time.

Treasurer, Linda Meadows:

- Reviewed and discussed our budget for 2008 as well as for 2007.
- Linda accepted monies for banquet and club dues.

Secretary, Mary Frawley:

Quentin discussed the responsibility of the Secretary and asked that all club members send information pertaining to illness, births, deaths, etc. to her for publication to the club.

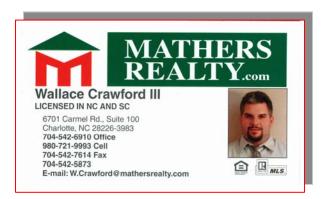
New Business:

Motion made and seconded to approve the purchase of a small brick from the National Corvette Museum in the amount of \$100.00 in memory of Jerry Scienski.

Motion to adjourn and seconded at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary R. Frawley, Secretary QCCC





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Car Care Day

Although many were deterred by the threats of foul winter weather, a few hardy souls made it out to Wally Crawford's Garage Majal to service their Corvettes.

















NCM CORNER

Owning pieces of your Corvette's history is a great way to document and preserve your Corvette. You can order a build sheet and replica window sticker through the Museum and complete your package with the original dealer brochure and a Corvette Black Book. Package prices range from \$65.00 to \$115.00 for NCM members, depending on year of



Corvette and items desired, and \$80.00 to \$130.00 for non-members.

Want to own a new Corvette cheap? One way is to win one in a NCM raffle. A 2008 Crystal Red Coupe (auto) is being given away on March 5th. Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$250.00 each. A 2008 "Build-Your-Own" coupe or convertible is being raffled on March 19th with 2008 tickets being sold at \$100.00 each. These raffle tickets must be purchased directly from the NCM either through the internet or by phone. I still have \$10.00 tickets for the 2008 Ruby Red Convertible being given away at the C5/C6 Bash on April 26th.

The winner of the "Build Your Own Z06" raffle was Ed Glazer of Pacific Palisades, CA. - Ticket #420.

Registration for the *VIR High Performance Driving Event* will open on *Tuesday, February 5th at 8:00am Central Time*. Only 125 students will be able to participate, so stand by your computers on that date if you want to be one of the lucky ones. Just be aware, if you plan on using a convertible, it must have a SCCA roll cage. Dates for this event are June 30th-July 1st.

The new general manager of the GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant, Paul Graham, is in place and getting his on-the-job training from Wil Cooksey, who will retire in March. He will have large shoes to fill to keep the high level of quality and morale that Wil has implemented in making this plant one of the stars in the GM organization. Wil will be the new Chairman of the NCM Board of Directors, so he will be close by for any help should Paul need it.

Who doesn't like a bargain? Purchase a regular \$50.00 "individual" membership before February 29th and receive a new \$100.00 "family" membership for that price. This Valentine's Day special does expire on the 29th. Offer only applies to new membership purchases.

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The right to purchase the first "retailable" 2009 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 built was auctioned off for an even million at the 2008 Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, Ariz. recently. All proceeds of the sale will be donated to the United Way.

Production of the 2009 ZR1 is expected to begin this summer. Sticker prices will be about \$100,000.

The ZR1, which will be officially unveiled at the Detroit Auto Show in January; General Motors is taking the Corvette into supercar territory with a supercharged V8 that will produce at least 620 horsepower.

In contrast, the base model Corvette is powered by a 6.2-liter, 430 horsepower V8, while the high-performance Corvette Z06 is powered by a 7.0-liter, 505 horsepower engine.

"Chevrolet's goal with the ZR1 is to show that an American supercar can deliver, at a price that trumps exotics that cost two, three, or four times as much - and does so with exceptional driveability," said Chevrolet general manager Ed Peper in a GM announcement.



THE JANUARY BUSINESS MEETING

















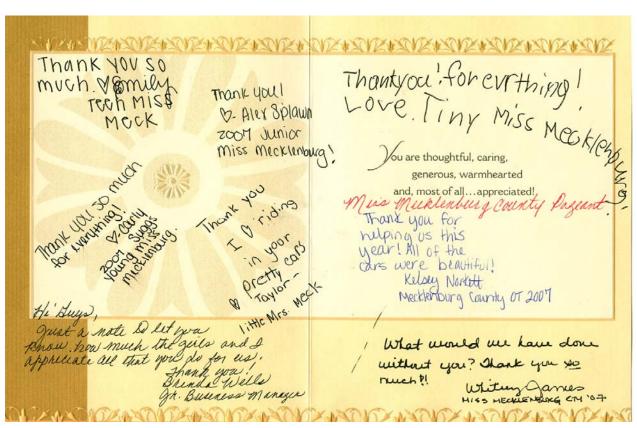




QCCC Club Inventory Fiscal Year 2008

Equipment Item	Equipment Status	Location
1 QCCC Official Seal		Quentin Gross
1 Speaker system w / microphone		1102 Setter Lane
1 Official Oversize Meeting Gavel		Concord, NC 28025
1 Green Tub With Club Historical Records		
2 QCCC Banners & Racks		John Meadows
1 Club Tent		3246 Gray Moss Rd
Assorted Corvette / Chevrolet Banners		Charlotte, NC 28270
1 Club Flag		
Poker Run Cards		
50/ 50 Tickets		
1 Fire Extinguisher		Eddie Burt
1 Easel Stand		251 Amanda Drive
1 Blackboard		Matthews, NC 28104
4 - 20 " box fans		

BEAUTIES THANK QCCC FOR PARADE HELP!



Tentative QCCC Calendar For 2008

FEB.	5 9	Board Meeting @ Boyd's Meeting at Motorama, Monroe
MAR.	4 8 15 TBD	Board Meeting @ Meadows' Meeting at Hendrix Motor Sports Complex, Concord St Patrick's Day Parade – Charlotte (www.charlottestpatsday.com) Charlie O's Day Trip
APR.	1 5/6 12 18/19 24-26	Board Meeting @ Q's Auto Fair (www.lowesmotorspeedway.com/car_show_events) Meeting at Wally World - Sock Hop & Covered Dish "Vettes Doin Charleston" - Charleston, SC (http://www.4cccc.com) C5/C6 Bash at National Corvette Museum
MAY	6 8-10 10 22-24 24-25 30-6 TBD	Board Meeting @ C4 Gathering at National Corvette Museum Meeting and Car Show at City Chevrolet Corvette Forum Cruise-In at National Corvette Museum Vettes in the Valley Corvette Show - Maggie Valley, NC (www.smokyevents.com) NCM Alaskan Cruise Weekend Trip to Ashville Area
JUN.	3 14 30-1	Board Meeting @ Meeting/BBQ/Covered Dish at the Burt's NCM High Performance Driving Events at VIR
JUL.	1 4 12 19 30-1	Board Meeting @ Parades - Harrisburg, Indian Trail, Hickory Grove Meeting at Victory Lane Carting Car Care Day NCM High Performance Driving Event at VIR
AUG.	5 9 22-24 28-30 30	Board Meeting @ Meeting at Northcross Bowling Alley Corvettes at Carlisle PA (www.carsatcarlisle.com/corvette/index.asp) NCM 14th Anniversary Celebration/Hall of Fame Matthews Alive Parade
SEPT.	2 6-7 11 11-13	Board Meeting @ Auto Fair (www.lowesmotorspeedway.com/car_show_events) Drag Races Z06 Fest at National Corvette Museum

20 Poker Run / Meeting-Picnic at the Ledford's
 25-27 R8C/Xperience Reunion at National Corvette Museum
 27 Mint Hill Madness Parade
 TBD Weekend Trip to Charleston and Murder Mystery

OCT. 7 Board Meeting @

Meeting and Car Show at City Chevrolet

NOV. 4 Board Meeting @

6-8 Georgia Crossroads Vette Rendezvous at National Corvette Museum

8 Meeting at Carolina Air Museum - Elect 2009 Board

22/23 Thanksgiving Parades - Concord, Monroe

DEC. 2 Board Meeting @

6,7 Christmas Parades - Davidson, Lake Wylie, Pageland

Meeting/ Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Hwy 49 Lake Wylie

J'09 TBD Board Meeting @

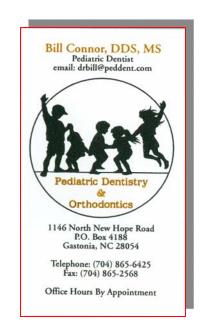
10 Meeting at Troutman BBQ, Concord

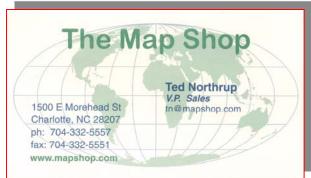
24 BanquetTBD Car Care Day

F'09 21-27 Western Caribbean Cruise

Bold and red denotes a "points event"









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One never knows where eagle eye Denney lurks with his ever ready lens.

















Next Meeting Saturday February 9th at

Motorama Classic Cars

1601 Skyway Drive - Monroe, NC 28110 704-226-9400

Reminders:

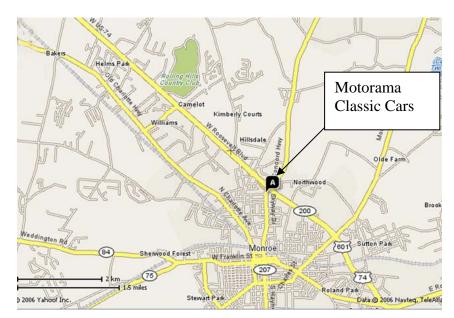
Social at 6:00 PM Meeting at 6:30 PM

Bring:

Chairs Soft Drinks

Directions:

Continue on US 74 East approx. 10.8 miles from intersection of I 485. Exit to the right immediately after passing under the overpass for the Concord Road Exit.



Motorama Classic Cars is on the right!



