

**March
2008**



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Meeting at Motorama
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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 seems as though the annual banquet just ended and here we are, already into the start of the new events schedule for 2008 for our QCCC members. With the assurance of all of the television meteorologists the warm weather is not far ahead, we can all plan to get out and hit the road with our Corvettes.

After the review of the questionnaire turned in at the January business meeting, automotive director John Meadows and social director Kay Weisberg quickly got to work. I am pleased to announce they both have been very busy this past month. John and Kay presented several new updates to the club calendar at the February business meeting. In addition to the regularly scheduled parades and the spring Auto Fair, new road trips and other social activities are planned. As we discussed earlier, the club calendar for 2008 will constantly be a work in progress, so members will need to stay tuned to updates presented at our monthly business meetings, our monthly newsletter, and the website.



And speaking of the website, if you haven't had the opportunity to check lately, please take the time to visit the QCCC home page as soon as you can. Webmaster E.O. Oakley has made several changes to the overall presentation, added new pictures of club events, and made technical improvements to help everyone maneuver around when visiting the QCCC home page. Thanks E.O. for all your help.

Vice President Boyd Kurt has been busy as well, securing new locations to hold our monthly business meetings and reviewing the 2008 participation points program. I look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting to be held at the Hendrick Motor Sports complex. Eddie Burt continues to make new contacts and bring new faces to our events. I don't want to forget Treasurer Linda Meadows, as she was the catalyst in putting together the 2008 club budget. And Secretary Mary Frawley continues to document all of our board and business meeting notes, so all of the club members are assured of reviewing the monthly activities that take place.

Additional thoughts

At our February business meeting, I made the announcement the Corvette Museum brick has been ordered in memory of past President Jerry Scienski. Also at that time, a special vote was taken and I am pleased and honored to announce the membership approved Gloria Scienski as an Honorary Lifetime Member of Queen City Corvette Club. We look forward to seeing Gloria at future QCCC events and want her to know she will always be part of the QCCC family.

With the help of the 2008 QCCC board, Charlie and Iris Binder, and E.O. the 2008 QCCC staff team looks forward to a great year with plenty of activities for everyone. Continue to keep the ideas and suggestions coming in, as we will actively pursue new avenues for the club.

In the meantime, be safe and save the wave.

Q. Gross

VP REPORT

If you are retired or just played hooky, we had a few great days in February to take our Corvettes for a ride. I know mine enjoyed it. The countryside was beautiful and the car ran great. It even got a bath. Soon we will have more nice days to drive.



Be sure to look at the calendar on the web site for all events that will be point's events. There are plenty to pick from. Remember it is your responsibility to sign in. No sign in, no points. Either the VP or the leader of the event will have the official sign in sheet.

Our February 9th meeting at Motorama Classic Cars was another great event. Dale and his crew always have a nice place for us to meet and we even get to look at some fantastic cars. Thanks for hosting our meeting. We had 84 members and guests in attendance. Dinner afterward was great at the Hilltop Restaurant. Thanks Jane.

Our March 8th meeting will be at the Hendrix Team Center at their race shop near Lowe's Motor Speedway. 4411 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd.; Charlotte, NC 28262. Social at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. Directions from Lowe's Motor Speedway. Hwy 29 N or S. Turn West on Morehead which becomes Union School Rd. Right (North) on Stowe Ln.; Right on Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd and park in the parking lot. We will meet in the Team meeting room. Look for signs.



It's not too late to think about our April meeting at Wally World. Mark April 12th on your calendars and get your dancing feet ready. A pot luck dinner will be served: that means you bring the food of your choice so we all can share. More to come.

For your copy go to

www.corvetteracing.com

Now for an update on the American Le Mans Series:

Nothing new to report except Aston Martin will challenge the Corvettes this year. The first race at Sebring will be televised March 15th on Speed. Look for us at the start finish line. The Corvette Racing flag will be flying. From the roof, what a spot.

All racing Corvette's are YELLOW!!!!!!

“ Save the Wave”

Boyd Kurt – VP



QCCC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 5, 2008



The February Board meeting was held at Boyd and Susan Kurt's house, Charlotte, NC.

Officers present: Q Gross, Boyd Kurt, Linda Meadows, John Meadows, Kay Weisberg, Eddie Burt

Guest: Jane Burt

President, Q Gross called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Q Gross, President:

- Has an application for a NCM Brick in memory of Jerry Scienski. \$100 for its purchase was approved by the attendees of the January 2008 meeting. For \$50, a duplicate brick can be ordered for personal use. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the Board to request club approval at the February meeting, to purchase a duplicate brick to be presented to Gloria Scienski.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the Board to request club approval at the February meeting to make Gloria Scienski an Honorary Lifetime Member of the QCCC, per the By-Laws.
- Has QCCC t-shirts that were intended for the Blue Angels pilots, but were not able to be presented. The Board agreed to offer them for sale to the membership for \$16 each.

Boyd Kurt, Vice President:

- The yellow can holders that were ordered for the Banquet did not pass quality control. The Board agreed to cancel the order and offer a replacement color to the 16 members who wanted yellow. Boyd Kurt will handle.
- There are 50+ collapsible coolers left over from the Banquet. The Board agreed to offer them for sale to the membership for \$10 each with the funds going to the General Fund. John Meadows will handle.
- There are 11 Participation Awards NCM Gift Certificates that were not presented at the Banquet. They will be presented at the February meeting and any remaining will be mailed to the participant.
- Participation Points for 2008 will be earned for participation in parades, meetings, car shows, Auto Fair, one-day and overnight trips.
- Locations for all meetings in 2008 have been scheduled.

Kay Weisberg, Social Director:

- Reviewed the 2008 Social Calendar.
- Reviewed responses to the Activity Survey completed at the January meeting.
- Meeting with Embassy Suites on Speedway Blvd about the January 2009 Banquet.

John Meadows, Automotive Director

- Working on a day trip to Tom Smith's in Salisbury.
- At the February meeting, will have sign-up sheets for NASCAR Technical Institute Open House – March 1, St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 15, and Auto Fair – April 5 & 6.

- “City Chevrolet” and “Hendrick” will be added to the QCCC Banners.
- At the February meeting, will ask for membership interest in attending as a group, the inaugural NHRA Drag Race at Carolina Speedway on Sunday September 14.

Eddie Burt, Membership Director:

- There are 127 families/234 members at this time.
- Has received resignations from 5 families/11 people.
- Two families (4 members) will be eligible for membership at the February meeting.
- Has received payment from 8 Advertisers so far.

Linda Meadows, Treasurer:

- Reviewed the Banquet expenses.
- Reviewed the end-of-year 2007 carry-over to 2008.
- Led discussion of 2008 Proposed Budget. Copies will be handed out at the February meeting for member review and approval.
- Reviewed the status of dues paid. 60 families have paid so far.
- Will refund payments received for t-shirts, based on member statements that t-shirts were never received.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 10:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Burt for Mary Frawley, Secretary

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QCCC Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Quentin Gross, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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:
 - Kelly & Joyce Moore – 2005 Blue Corvette
 - Irene Saylor & Robert – 2001 Black Corvette
 - Bob & Pam Paynter – 1971 White Coupe
 - Annmarie Spiegel & David – 2002 White Convertible.
- Club Member Darrell Kirkley brought a guest named Cindy.
- Club Member Jim Hammond brought a guest named Peggy Fournier.
- Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January Board and Business Meeting Minutes published in the Newsletter.
- A Brick has been purchased from the Corvette Museum honoring Jerry Scienski.
- Motion made, seconded and approved to purchase an additional brick for Gloria Scienski.
- Motion made, seconded and approved to make Gloria Scienski an Honorary member of the Queen's City Corvette Club.

Vice President's Report: Boyd Kurt

- Awards were presented to people not at the annual banquet for participation points.
- Anyone wanting a yellow coozie could obtain one after the meeting.
- March meeting will take place at Hendricks Motor Sports.
- April meeting will be at Wally and Anita's. It will be a Sock Hop as well as a covered dish dinner.
- Our May meeting will be at City Chevrolet after the car show.
- Points will be done differently this year for all point events. Point events will be in red bold lettering on our current calendar.

Automotive Report: John Meadows

- Sign-up sheets have been created for all those interested in upcoming events.
- On March 1st the NASCAR Technical Institute will be having an open house. They would like to have some of our cars present at that time.
- March 15th will be a St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown.
- March 22nd there will be a road trip and lunch to Bluefield, VA. The club will be eating at Ryan's Steak House.
- Auto Fair will take place on April 5th and 6th. The club will have 35 slots available for this event.

Museum Liaison, Paul Mariano:

- Paul spoke about joining the Corvette Museum wherein it would cost \$50.00 for a family membership.
- Corvette Museum’s Website has some nice items for different occasions.
- Raffle tickets for \$10.00 are still on sale for the chance to win a red Corvette.



Social Director, Kay Weisberg:

- Kay and John have been working together for potential events for the coming year.
- April 19th there will be a road trip and lunch at the Daniel Boone Inn. The price is \$13.95 per person .
- May 23rd will be a weekend trip to Maggie Valley. Rooms are available at the Maggie Valley Inn wherein the QCCC has a block of 25 rooms.
- September there will be a weekend trip to Charleston for a Murder/Mystery dinner.
- A vote was taken for all those who might be interested in the Drag Races at the Speedway. Tickets would be \$52.00 apiece.

Membership, Eddie Burt:

245 Members of this date.

Treasurer, Linda Meadows:

- Reviewed and discussed our budget for 2008.
- A Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the budget for 2008.



New Business:

- Q thanked both Kay and John for their great planning on the 2008 calendar of events, especially with trips requested by the club members.
- The “Up Yonder” group will be meeting at Safari Miles Restaurant. It will be at 6:30 and takes place on the last Monday of every month.
- Linda Silvia gave us an update on Victor Reveron’s condition at the present time. She asked all members to pray for his speedy recovery as well as send cards and messages to Vernita during this difficult time in their lives.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary R. Frawley, Secretary QCCC

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NCM Corner



I have had an in-depth conversation with our Carolina's Caravan captain regarding the 2009 trip to the NCM. The schedule is in the final planning stages and many exciting events are being arranged both in the Charlotte area and in-route. I will be supporting Frank Sancineto in every way I can to make sure the kick-off party at Lowe's Motor Speedway is the event of the year. If you intend to participate or just haven't decided yet, I encourage you to commit and become one of the anticipated 400 Corvettes on the road to Bowling Green in 2009.

The pre-registrations for the C5/C6 Bash in April have reached a total 450. This number makes for a good event without overpowering the ability for everyone to see and do everything they wish. It is still not too late to join our merry band for a great weekend.

With regard to the above two events, I have established an e-mail list of those signed up to keep them informed on the latest status. So if you don't see or hear a lot of communication, those on the list are being kept up to date.

Did you know? All memberships and brick purchases are tax deductible. Of course this depends on your personal situation, so see your advisor. All building donations, fund raising dinners, and other events are considered to have tax implications, so you can help the NCM and your taxes at the same time.

Over 7,500 new members joined the NCM last year bringing the total to over 28,000. When you consider the number of Corvette owners those membership numbers seem awfully meager. Any sport or hobby needs a central focal point to ensure its past is preserved, its present is solidified and its future defined. All sports have a hall of fame to meet these goals and the Corvette is the only automobile marquee to enjoy that honor. Let's make sure it's here for future generations.

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QCCC 2008 Calendar of Events

- FEB. 23 Road Trip to Charlie O's Corvette, Inc - Winston Salem**
- MAR. 1** Open House - NASCAR Technical Institute - Mooresville
4 Board Meeting @ Meadows'
8 Meeting at Hendrix Motor Sports Complex, Concord
15 St Patrick's Day Parade – Charlotte (www.charlottestpatsday.com)
22 Road Trip to Bluefield, Va
- APR. 1** Board Meeting @ Q's
5/6 Auto Fair (www.lowesmotorspeedway.com/car_show_events)
12 Meeting at Wally World - Sock Hop & Covered Dish
19 Road Trip Daniel Boone Inn
18/19 "Vettes Doin Charleston" - Charleston, SC (<http://www.4cccc.com>)
24-26 C5/C6 Bash at National Corvette Museum
- MAY 6** Board Meeting
8-10 C4 Gathering at National Corvette Museum
10 Meeting and Car Show at City Chevrolet
22-24 Corvette Forum Cruise-In at National Corvette Museum
23-25 Mountain Trip - Maggie Valley
24-25 Vettes in the Valley Corvette Show - Maggie Valley, NC (www.smokyevents.com)
30-6 NCM Alaskan Cruise
- JUN. 3** Board Meeting
14 Meeting/BBQ/Covered Dish at the Burt's
30-1 NCM High Performance Driving Events at VIR
- JUL. 1** Board Meeting
4 Parades - Harrisburg, Indian Trail, Hickory Grove
12 Meeting at Victory Lane Carting
19 Car Care Day
30-1 NCM High Performance Driving Event at VIR
- AUG. 5** Board Meeting
9 Meeting at Northcross Bowling Alley
22-24 Corvettes at Carlisle PA (www.carsatcarlisle.com/corvette/index.asp)
28-30 NCM 14th Anniversary Celebration/Hall of Fame
30 Matthews Alive Parade
- SEPT. 2** Board Meeting
6-7 Auto Fair (www.lowesmotorspeedway.com/car_show_events)
11 Drag Races

- SEPT.** 11-13 Z06 Fest at National Corvette Museum
- 13** **Poker Run /Meeting-Picnic at the Ledford's**
- 19-21** **Weekend Trip to Charleston and Murder Mystery**
- 25-27 R8C/Xperience Reunion at National Corvette Museum
- 27** **Mint Hill Madness Parade**

- OCT.** 7 Board Meeting
- 11** **Meeting and Car Show at City Chevrolet**
- 17** **Weekend trip to Gatlinburg - Deals Gap**

- 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**
- 13** **Meeting/Christmas Party Pleasant Hill Presb.Church, Hwy 49 Lake Wylie**

- J'09** TBD Board Meeting
- 10** **Meeting at Troutman BBQ, Concord**
- 24** **Banquet**
- TBD Car Care Day

- F'09** 21-27 Western Caribbean Cruise


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They Took A Sea Cruise!



This group left chilly Charlotte on January 26, and sailed out of Charleston aboard the Norwegian Majesty. Their first night was a little chilly but the weather warmed as soon as they reached Florida.

The first stop was Grand Cayman, where they toured the island, enjoyed shopping and riding in a glass bottom boat.

In Cozumel they took a jeep tour of the island, did some bartering in the Mexican marketplace, and took a small submarine down into the ocean to view the beautiful fish and flora.



Back in the US they visited Key West, did some bar hopping and sight-seeing.

While they are not disclosing their winnings (or otherwise) in the ships casino; we heard they enjoyed some good music, great food, tropical beverages, beer, and dancing.



Automotive Report



Dear Fellow QCCC Member,

We have had a busy month even though it is a short month. Several club members went up to A2 Aerodyne Wind Tunnel in Mooresville. Each of the cars were placed in the wind tunnel with various options (No one inside, 2 people inside, head lights up and down.) The fans were producing winds up to about 80 miles per hour. A photographer and writer were there producing an article for Hot Rod Magazine on the aerodynamics changes of the different generations of Corvettes. It was interesting to see that each generation was definitely better than the last.

As I am writing this prior to us going up to Charlie O's, it sounds like fun and I will write up something on it next month.

Many of our club members have signed up for the open house at NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville on March 1, 2008. If you would like to join us come on up and have some fun. The show will be from 9-2. Lunch will be served.

We will be participating in the St Patrick's Day Parade on March 15. I am still in need of a few cars for this event. Please email me and let me know if you can participate.

We also have a day trip to Bluefield VA on March 22, 2008. This will be a nice and easy road trip on some great back roads. We will have lunch in Bluefield and then return home (Drive to Eat). Looking forward to seeing you there.



Spring Auto Fair will be held on April 5 & 6. We have agreed to have 35 cars there both Saturday and Sunday. We will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting or you can email me at jmeadows@carolina.rr.com if you would like to attend. Carl Slavetsky has agreed to help me with this show. For all you new members, this is a great show and you don't want to miss it!!

Again we would like to thank Mr. Jerry Ferrell, VP and General Manager, for help making City Chevrolet and Hendrick Cadillac and Chevrolet the OFFICIAL SPONSOR of Queen City Corvette Club for the year of 2008.

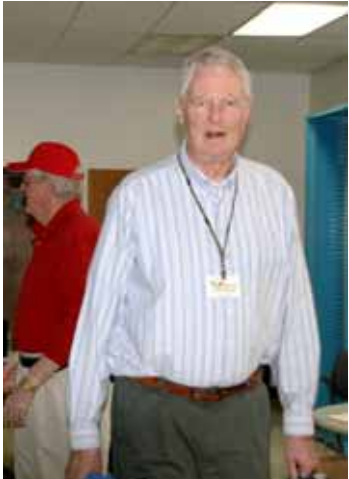
IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A NEW CAR, TRUCK OR CORVETTE BE SURE TO CALL ON ONE OF THESE 2 DEALERSHIPS. Just let them know that you are a QCCC member and see if they can't put you in the drivers seat of a new car!

Remember this is **your** Corvette Club. It will only be as good as **YOU** make it!! If we are not planning the things you want to do, LET US KNOW!

Until next time----Save the wave

John

Highlights of February Meeting at Motorama Classic Cars







Meeting March 8th at Hendrick MotorSports

4411 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28262.

Social at 6:00 PM

Business Meeting at 6:30 PM

Reminder: Bring your own beverages.

Directions:

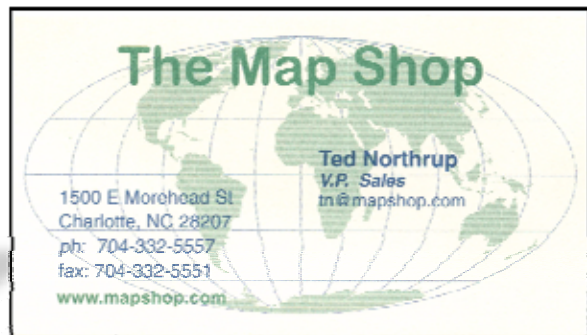
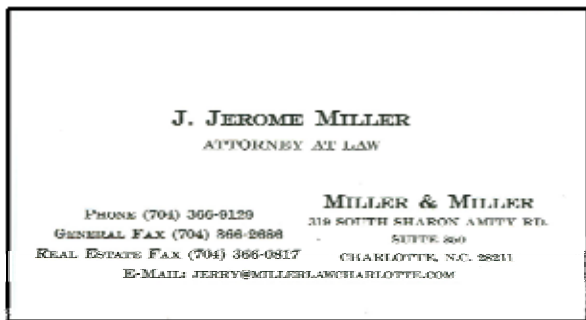
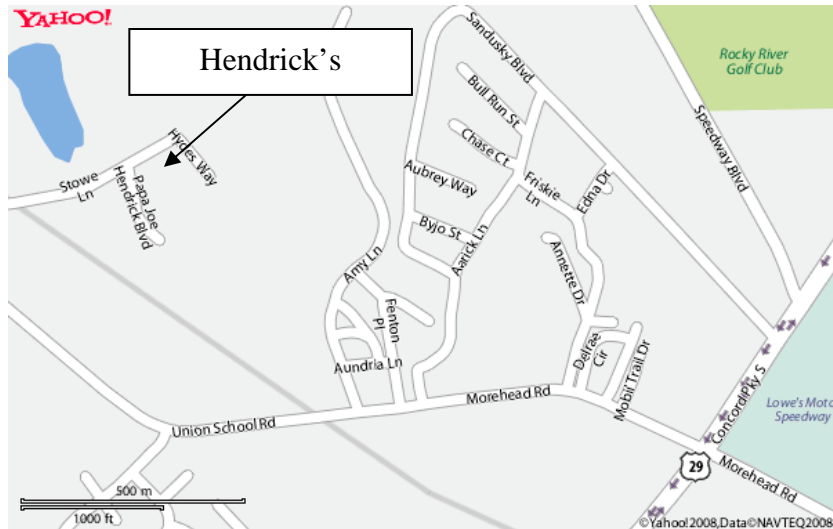
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