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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

Since the publication of our last club newsletter, I am happy to report the 2008 Queen City Corvette Club season is in full swing and members are enjoying participating in events and getting an opportunity to enjoy their cars.



While Margo and I were enjoying a previously scheduled trip to New Orleans, the rest of the club went on an excursion to Charlie O's for a look at some great Corvette memorabilia and lunch at the Childress winery. The reports from everyone who were on the road trip were they saw some wonderful Corvette items they would have loved to have in their collection. The report from Bourbon Street was we saw some things we can't begin to describe! All in all, I think both groups enjoyed their trips.

Thanks to QCCC member Linda Mills, the beginning of March afforded an opportunity for a hardy band of members to participate in a car show at the NASCAR Technical Institute. With the wind blowing outside, we all enjoyed a great tour of the facility, hosted by Linda. We all had the opportunity to visit with several instructors and get an insider view of what is being taught there. It really is a terrific facility and VP Boyd is working to schedule a future business meeting there.

Our March business meeting was held at the Hendrick Motor Sports facility in Concord, which proved to be a great venue to review the club business with our members. It was a very cool experience to be able to conduct QCCC business on the same stage where Hendrick drivers past and present have conducted interviews and taped television shows. Kudos to VP Boyd for lining up the meeting room and thanks again to Hendrick Motor Sports for the use of their facility.

St. Patrick's Day weekend gave us the first parade of the year and club members were out in force to show their support for a great party day. While the weatherman gave us a light sprinkle of rain, we all survived and were able to give the large crowd that gathered up and down Tryon Street a good look at the largest Corvette club in North Carolina.

At our March board meeting, I invited Webmaster E.O. Oakley to our meeting to review and discuss the QCCC website. I am here to tell everyone, if you haven't visited the website lately, you better go take a look. While many technical behind the scenes improvements have been made, E.O. has done a wonderful job getting a new look to the website and keeping all the important info members are looking for up to date. Check it out for the latest club news, calendar updates and schedules, and what everyone is looking for...plenty of pictures! While Bob Denney provides the vast majority of photos, anyone can send pictures to E.O. to be used on the website.

Our next business meeting is scheduled to be held at Anita and Wally Crawford's, preceded by a potluck dinner. I know we always have a great turnout as well for the "sock hop" that follows the meeting.

Additional thoughts

We continue to receive good news on the progress of club member Victor Reveron. I know everyone in the club will continue to keep Victor and Vernita in their thoughts and prayers as we all wish Victor a speedy recovery.

In the meantime, everyone be safe, save the wave and see you around the next curve.

Q. Gross

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March 6, 2008

Mr. Quentin Gross
President
Queens City Corvette Club
1102 Setter Lane
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

On behalf of *NASCAR Technical Institute*, I would like to thank the members of the Queens City Corvette Club who attended our Open House on Saturday, March 1, 2008.

Your enthusiasm and passion for these beautiful cars was the common denominator with all those who attended our event and had the chance to see your cars on display. Our staff heard many conversations throughout the day about "the cool guys who drive those Vettes".

Once again, we thank you for your participation and for helping to make our Open House such a great success!

With best regards,

NASCAR Technical Institute


Barbara Lopez
Tour Coordinator

VP REPORT

March has seen plenty of nice days to take our Corvette's out for a ride. The trip to Sebring was fun and what a pleasure it was to meet Ron Fellows. My friend even got the chance to drive back to Atlanta in the Millennium Yellow Corvette and is thinking he needs one now.



Our March 8th meeting was at the Hendrick Team Center at their race shop near Lowe's Motor Speedway. Our thanks to Beth Jones for allowing us to use their great facility. What fun it was to sit in the same seats as Jeff, Jimmy, Rick, Chad and all the other drivers and crew chiefs at Hendrick Motor Sports. We had 92 members and guests attend. The Gift Card man was there and four couples will enjoy a meal at TGIF courtesy of QCCC. You never know when he will show up again so be sure to attend the meetings.

We have a lot of fun times scheduled for April so mark your calendar starting with Auto Fair the first weekend. The April 12th meeting at the Crawford's will be one not to miss. Pot luck dinner before the meeting and the Sock Hop after the meeting. The Sock says "Be there or be square". See the map at the end of the newsletter for directions. Remember not to drive your Corvette since you need to park alongside the road. Party starts at 5:30 with the meeting starting at 6:30PM. Sock Hop after the meeting so dress the part.

Our May 10th meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Car Show. For more details see the Automotive Report.

Now for an update on the American Le Mans Series: All I can say is "IT was a fun filled four days" See the article in this newsletter for more details.



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"Save the Wave"

Boyd Kurt – VP

Highlights of Day at NASCAR Tech Institute



QCCC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 4, 2008



The March Board meeting was held at John and Linda Meadows' house, Matthews, NC.

Officers present: Q Gross, Boyd Kurt, Linda Meadows, John Meadows, Kay Weisberg, Eddie Burt
Guests: Jane Burt, E.O.Oakley

President, Q Gross called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Q Gross, President:

Visitors at the March meeting will be Frank and Laura Sancineto, Captains of the VA, NC, SC Caravan to the NCM September 3 – 5, 2009. Frank will give a short presentation on the Caravan to Bowling Green to celebrate the Museum's 15th anniversary.

Boyd Kurt, Vice President:

- March Meeting is at Hendrick Motor Sports. The Team Training room will be set up for 90 people. Unfortunately, the Museum is under construction and won't be open.
- April Meeting will be a Sock Hop at Wally and Anita Crawford's. Kay will coordinate the pot luck dinner to begin at 5:45 pm. Will remind folks to carpool and not drive Corvettes due to on-street parking.
- Reviewed remaining meeting locations.
- August meeting will be changed from the Northcross Bowling facility to the NASCAR Technical Institute. During the March 1 NTI Open House, that several QCCC Members attended, we were invited to have a QCCC meeting at their facility.
- Boyd will bring the give-aways for the March meeting. For the drawings, Linda will provide the names of members who have paid their 2008 dues. (must be present to win)

John Meadows, Automotive Director

- March 15 - St. Patrick's Parade – 12 cars signed up
- March 22 - Bluefield, VA Day Trip – 4 cars signed up
- April 5 – Auto Fair – 25 cars signed up
- April 6 – Auto Fair - 15 cars signed up. John and Karl Slavetsky are meeting at LMS on Thursday to get the passes and display locations.
- June 8 - Air National Guard Family Day

Kay Weisberg, Social Director:

- March 22 – Bluefield, VA Day Trip - needs a prize for the winner of a Corvette Trivia Crossword Puzzle contest
- Jan. 24 – Banquet - finalizing the menu and contract with Embassy Suites
- April 19 – Daniel Boone Inn Day Trip
- May 24-25 – Vettes In The Valley – Maggie Valley – 7 cars signed up
- Sep. 19 – 21 – Charleston Trip – looking at hotels with room for a Murder Mystery

Eddie Burt, Membership Director:

- Membership – 119 families/219 members
- Has received resignations from 11 families/22 members
- 7 people will be eligible for membership at the March meeting
- Has received payment from 10 Advertisers

Linda Meadows, Treasurer:

- Reviewed the status of dues paid - 20 families have not paid
- Reviewed financial statements
- Will get a Get Well card for Victor for everyone to sign at the March meeting

E.O.Oakley, Webmaster

- Reviewed purpose and direction of QCCC website
- Discussed additions, deletions, links, and updates to the website
- Requested that Board members forward event information and details to E.O. on the same deadline as for the newsletter
- Will soon be able to get a count of the number of “hits” to the website

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, for Mary Frawley, Secretary

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QCCC Meeting Minutes

Saturday March 8, 2008



The March business meeting of QCCC was held at Hendrick Motorsports Team Training Room, Concord, NC

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

President, Q Gross called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

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

Dennis Haywood – 2008 Crystal Red Coupe, ***Steve & Laura Pelchat*** – 1960 Horizon Blue Convertible, ***Bob & Pam Paynter*** – 1971 White Coupe, ***Annmarie Spiegel & David Messenger*** – 2002 White Convertible, ***Lyn Johnson*** – 2007 Monterey Red Convertible, ***Stephen & Therese Zito*** – 2006 Triple Black Convertible, ***Randy & Jennifer Weiss*** – 2007 Atomic Orange Convertible, ***Tommy & Brenda Loftin*** – 2007 Red Convertible, ***Tony Prior*** – 2001 Black Z06, ***Mike & Carole Callea*** – 1969 Coupe in restoration

New members voted in: ***Kelly and Joyce Moore – 2005 Blue Convertible !!!***

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

Q Gross, President

- Welcomed members and visitors to the meeting, introduced the QCCC Board, Charlie & Iris Binder-Newsletter Editors, Paul Pelkey- Membership Directory Editor, Bob Denney-Photographer
- There have been many inquiries as to how to assist a fellow QCCC Member who is very ill and experiencing an extended hospital stay. Barbara Mariano has volunteered to collect donations that will be given directly to the family. This will be on-going. Checks should be payable to the family, cash will be combined and a cashier's check will be presented. Each donation will receive a receipt. Member input is needed for additional fundraising events through Spring.

Boyd Kurt, Vice President

- Thanked Hendrick Motorsports for providing their wonderful facility for our meeting
- March 15 – first American LeMans Race of the season will have 1 Corvette in the GT3 class
- April 12 – meeting/sock hop/covered dish dinner at Wally & Anita Crawford's. Please do NOT drive your Corvettes, as parking will be along the road – house-side only
- May 10 – meeting immediately following a Car Show at City Chevrolet
- Presented 2007 Participation Awards Gift Certificates to Nelson & Barbara Sprague
- At some 2008 meetings, there will drawings for gifts and gift cards to members who have paid their dues, and who are present at the meeting. Tonight's winners:
 - Bruce Trefz – Coca-Cola cap
 - Gloria McCoy – Z06 print
 - \$25 T.G.I.Friday's gift card – Paul Pelkey

- \$25 T.G.I.Friday's gift card – Linda Kish
- \$25 T.G.I.Friday's gift card – Beth Walton
- \$25 T.G.I.Friday's gift card – Clark Belvin
- Reminded everyone to sign the sign-in sheet

Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- 221 members
- 10 Advertisers have paid

John Meadows, Automotive Director

- Read a thank you note from the NASCAR Technical Institute for our participation in their Open House last Saturday
- March 15 – Meet at 9:30 am to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in uptown Charlotte. We will carry 9 Beauty Queens. See John to sign up.
- April 5 & 6 – Auto Fair – open to members and prospective members. See John for passes.
- May 31 & June 1 – High Performance Driving Event (HPDE) in Kershaw, SC. Planning a trip for members to observe the event. A few QCCC members will be driving the course.

Kay Weisberg, Social Director

- March 22 – Day trip to Bluefield VA for lunch – meet at 8:00 am behind Denny's at I-77 Exit 36
- April 12 – Meeting/sock hop/covered dish – details will be emailed next week. Bring your chairs.

Linda Meadows, Treasurer

- Reviewed checkbook and Charity Fund balances
- Will provide copies of the first quarter financial report at the April meeting
- 14 members owe dues for first quarter. The QCCC really appreciates members paying promptly as it helps the budgeting process.

Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum Ambassador

- 2008 Corvette Raffle winner lives in Ohio
- Build Your Own Corvette Raffle has \$100 tickets for sale on-line
- Has 4 \$10 tickets for sale for the April Corvette Raffle
- April 23-26 – C5/C6 Bash at the Museum – 6 cars have signed up
- Has free admission tickets to the Museum for anyone who is not a member yet
- Sept. 3-5, 2009 – 15th Anniversary Caravan to NCM – 18 members have signed up
- As Fundraising Chairman for the 2009 Caravan, is selling ads – see him if you're interested in advertising
- Introduced the Regional Captain for the Caravan, ***Frank Sancineto***

Frank Sancineto, Regional Captain for the 2009 National Corvette Caravan to the NCM

- Sept. 1, 2009 – the Virginia/Carolinas caravan will depart from Lowes Motor Speedway
- National Caravans are amazing – the 50th Bash Celebration had 14 **miles** of Corvettes. The 2009 Caravan expects 10,000 Corvettes!

- Register on-line at <http://www.corvettemuseum.com> , Events, 2009 National Corvette Caravan
- QCCC Members Paul Mariano and Wade Stickels are assisting Frank. Additional volunteers are needed and will be greatly appreciated.

Caroline Lentz, Member

- March 31 – the “Up Yonder” Monday Night Dinner will be at 6:30 pm at Max & Erma’s – I-77 Exit 25

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, for Mary Frawley, Secretary

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and Nelson Sprague

Automotive Report



Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

Another month has come with lots of activity. At the end of February we went up to Charlie O's Corvette and had lunch at Richard Childress' Winery. The food was excellent and the collection of cars and memorabilia at Charlie O's was unbelievable. If you didn't get to go, check out the pictures that EO has posted on the website. From a 1954, to a 1965, on to a 2001 with 4 miles on it, what a collection! We have been invited to come again next year as he changes his displays. Be sure to watch for this trip next year.



We were invited, by Linda Mills, to display our cars at NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville on March 1. We had about 15 cars displayed including one from each generation line up beside each other. Again pictures are out on the website. The tour thru the facilities was awesome. We are hoping to have a meeting at this location later this year.

Then we had the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The rain held off until after the parade. Although the parade was shortened this year there was a great turnout. Again pictures on the website. Again I would like to thank Bob Denny, for taking most of the pictures and to EO Oakley for getting them posted on the website.

Spring Auto Fair will be held on April 5th and 6th. We will display in a great location with lots of exposure for our club and cars. Carl Slavetsky is assisting me to coordinate this event. Any questions send me an email or give me a call.

On Saturday May 31, we are planning a trip down to Carolina MotorSports Park in Kershaw. We will be watching some of our club members as they speed around the track and we will participate in parade/Touring laps around lunch time. If you have wondered about all the hype about getting on the track, this is your chance. I will tell more at the club meeting and later emails.

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.



If you are in need of a new car, truck or CORVETTE, Be Sure to call on one of these two Dealerships. Just let them know that you are a QCCC Member and see if they can't put you in the driver's seat of a new car.

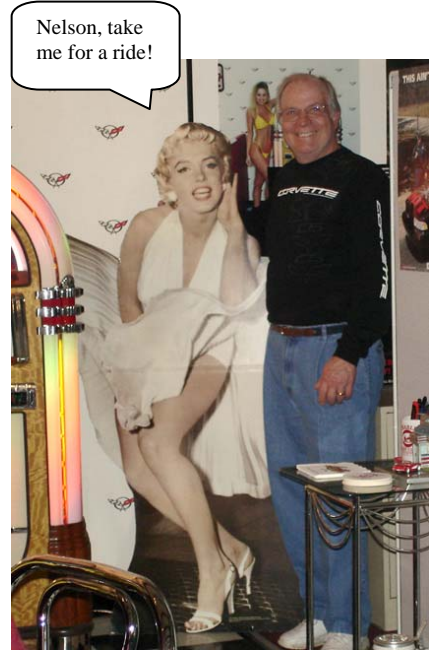
Remember this is **YOUR** Corvette Club! It will only be as good as YOU make it! We the board, try to plan events that YOU WANT. If we are not, then let us know!

Until next time---- Save the Wave.

John

Highlights Of Charlie O's Corvettes Trip





NCM Corner



Well, let's get the bad news out of the way first. Unfortunately, none of our merry band won the latest "build your own" Corvette raffle. A Mr. Alex Greenburg of Merrick, NY was the lucky drawee (is that a word?). Don't despair just yet as a new, shiny, red convertible will be given away on April 26th. Maybe one of our Bash attendees will get to drive it home.

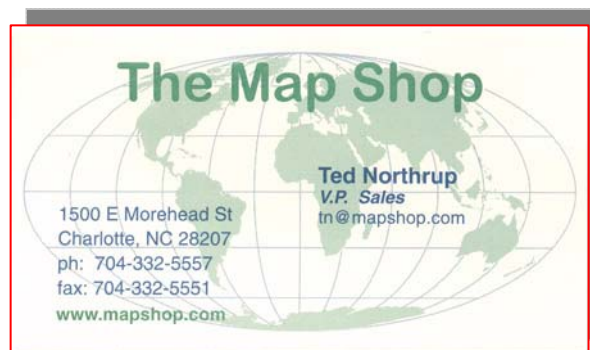
Preparations for the 2009 Caravan are gathering speed. The forefront of our efforts is to start signing up businesses, and individuals too, for sponsorship. Each caravan is left to its own means to fund the kick-off activities and the events in-route. We are attempting to sign up major sponsors that want to get their company names assigned to all facets of this event. I am in the process of contacting major auto component suppliers and help is solicited in identifying local firms that would like to participate. Some would only have to be apprised of this event to want to join in. Your help in finding and letting me know of these companies would be greatly appreciated.

As I mentioned before, all membership fees are 100% tax deductible and now for a few more money saving tips on your membership. If you buy a new Corvette there is a free one-year trial membership card in the car. If you are already a member, you can use that card to extend your membership an additional year. So you didn't buy a new Corvette, well, you can extend your membership for five years for the price of four. That's \$200.00 instead of \$250.00 – plus the tax savings.

Have you signed up for your subscription to the NCM eNews yet? It's free and it keeps you up to date on all the museum happenings. Go to www.corvettemuseum.com/ncmenews/index.shtml and enroll today and stay informed.

Save the wave!

Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador



St. Patrick's Day Parade



QCCC 2008 Calendar of Events

- 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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Sebring 2008

The American Le Mans racing season started March 12, and the Sebring race was one to behold. There were Corvette's in the GT1, GT2 and the World Class GT race. Viewing the race from the comfort of your motor home was like watching it on TV but with the noise and power. The best part of the time I spent there was meeting Ron Fellows. My friend and I were just walking in the paddock area and saw Ron digging in his trunk. I said hi and he looked up and we had a nice conversation. I thanked him for his help in securing posters for our charity fund and wished him luck in the race. That luck paid off. He Won!!!!



Corvette GT1 came in 1st and 2nd many laps in front of the Aston Martin factory car. In the GT2 class the single Corvette entry did not fair so well. They had just finished building the car at Sebring and it was not well tested. They did say, however they would continue the season and we should see improvement.

The race ended at 10:30 PM and as the Corvette team was mounting the winners platform the Knight's horn sounded loudly. (Yes people did notice.) The best part of the race was the overall winner. Audi who has won the last 7 years in an LP1 car lost to a Porsche in an LP2 car. Porsche has not won for 20 years.



Road Atlanta comes up October 4th and we have our spot and can't wait. Let's keep the Corvette Racing flag waving high.

Save the Wave,
Boyd



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Highlights from Meeting at Hendrick's





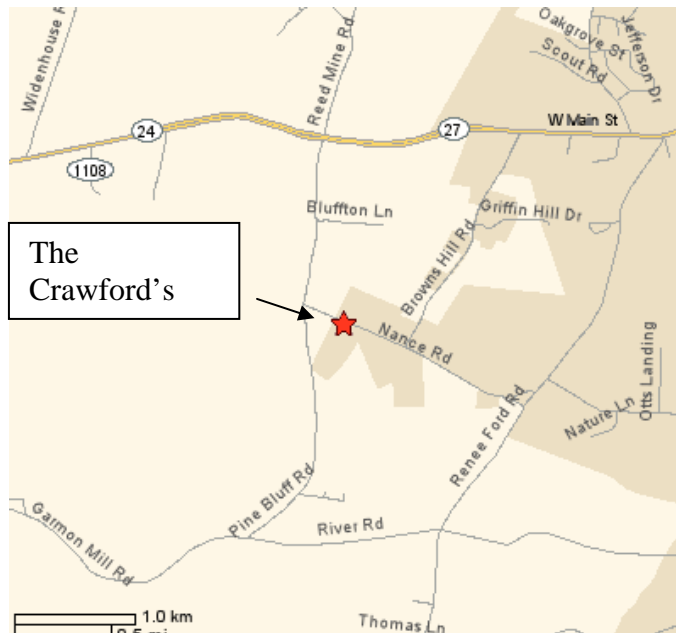
Next Meeting and Sock Hop - Saturday April 12th
5:30 PM at Wally and Anita Crawford's
4484 Nance Road
Stanfield NC

Directions FROM CHARLOTTE:

Albamarle Road (RT 24/27) East about 17 miles from Independence. Cross Rt 601 and continue on 24/27 1.9 miles, cross over Rocky River and immediately turn right onto Pine Bluff Road.

Go approximately .9 miles to Nance Road. Turn Left. House is on the right. White house with white garage.

(You will know you are getting close when you pass the herd of goats!)



Reminder: DO NOT Bring Corvettes !!! All parking is on ONE side of the road!!

Bring your chairs and beverage. There will be a grill available. This is a covered dish - see below for what you need to bring.

A – D

E – I

J – M

N – S

T – Z

Salads (green, jello, pasta, potato, etc.)

Side Dishes/Veggies

Desserts

Meats/Casseroles (fried chicken, chili, cold cuts, hot dogs, meatballs, etc.)

Snacks/Appetizers