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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

The weather has finally started to turn warm but to the “top down” and “roof panel out” crowd, we haven't been able to enjoy it much. I believe at last count, it has rained 7 out of the last 8 week ends. Don't get me wrong, I know we are still in a drought condition and need the rain for all the right reasons, but the rain gods could adjust their calendar a bit and drop some rain from Monday-Friday.



Speaking of all the weekend rain, it did not spare us for the all important Auto Fair weekend. Saturday of Auto Fair was one of the worst I can remember since I have been participating in this event over the years. But the tenacity of our QCCC members really stood out as even with a steady drizzle and sometime hard rain, we hit our Saturday quota of 35 cars. Sunday was somewhat better in the moisture category, but with a cool wind blowing all day, it made for another difficult day to deal with. Again, a hardy band of QCCC members was there to support the club and help make it a good day anyway. Thanks and kudos to Automotive Director John Meadows for organizing the event and helping us all make the most of the inclement weather. Congratulations to Best of Show winner Karl Slavetsky and to all of the other trophy class winners. And a huge thank you to each and every QCCC member who came out and supported Auto Fair by showing their cars and bringing pop up canopies to help break the rain and wind. John has assured me plans are in place to make sure we get nice weather in September for the fall Auto Fair event.

Our April business meeting was held at Wally and Anita Crawford's estate in the esteemed “Garage Mahal” building. Just coming off torn rotator cuff surgery and bone spur removal four days earlier on my shoulder, it was good to see everyone at the pot luck dinner that preceded the meeting. Thanks again to Wally and Anita for their generosity and allowing us to hold our event at their home and to Social Director Kay Weisberg for organizing the dinner and sock hop.

A road trip to Boone and lunch at the Daniel Boone Inn was the final scheduled April event. Once again the weather did not cooperate and deterred the number of club members who made the trip. But Kay reported all in attendance enjoyed a good time and had a great lunch. Even senior QCCC member Walter Ahrens made the drive up the mountain.

I have mentioned many times this year and probably will many more, but if you are not checking the QCCC website, you should be. Webmaster E.O. Oakley has been doing a wonderful job giving users new technical improvements, a new look, and giving members all the latest club information. Check it out for the latest club news, calendar updates and schedules, and lots of event pictures. Once again, E.O. is requesting members to send him pictures to post. Bob Denney provides the club with most of our photos, but any member can send pictures to E.O. for the website.

Additional thoughts

Our next business meeting will be held on May 10th at City Chevrolet in conjunction with our club car show. Since this will be our first show at club sponsor City Chevrolet, I am requesting as many club members as possible come out for this show and bring as many Corvettes as you can. More information regarding this event can be found through out this newsletter.

In the meantime, I am on the mend; my shoulder is getting better every day. Everyone be safe, save the wave and see you around the next curve.

Q. Gross

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VP REPORT

A little tech tip. Be sure to have your air conditioning drain checked every time you change your oil. I didn't and the cost of water in your passenger side foot area is very expensive to fix. All control modules and control fuses are located there. The repairs are done and once again we are on the road. Also go to the "Corvette Forum" for information on C5's Steering Column Lock. Another long story.



The "Sock" and I were sorry to miss the great Pot Luck and Sock Hop dinner at Wally's and Anita's. Thanks for your hospitality. From all reports it was another fun event. We were at Sun & Fun (see pictures below) but missed our club friends. The 145th did say Hi and thanked QCCC for our help and prayers. They are a great group of men and women.

Our May 10th meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Car Show at City Chevrolet. The meeting will start at 3:30PM so please note the time. Bring your own chair and drink (Non adult type). We hope to see all club members and guests at the Car Show and Meeting. Remember Hendrick Dealers are our official sponsor so come out and support them.

Now get ready for one of the highlight events of 2008. BBQ at Eddie and Jane's. June 14th. This also happens to be our club meeting for June. More details coming but mark your calendar. Meeting starts at 6:30PM, Food earlier!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now for an update on the American Le Mans Series: Once again O'Connell and Magnussen teamed up for a 30th win at Long Beach. It was a fight to the finish. Next race is Utah, May 18th on Speed live at 3:00PM.



Our 145th at Sun & Fun



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"Save the Wave"
Boyd Kurt – VP

PS: It is not too early to think about Corvettes of Carlisle August 21st – 24th. We will be there.

QCCC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 1, 2008



The April Board meeting was held at Quentin Gross' house in Concord, NC.

Officers present: Q. Gross, Boyd Kurt, Linda Meadows, John Meadows, Kay Weisberg, Eddie Burt and Mary Frawley.

President, Q. Gross called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

President's Report: Q. Gross

- Quentin listened to band for our upcoming banquet in January. Does not feel this would be a good band for us. We will stay with our DJ that we have had in the past. Need to lock him in for the \$60.00 price.
- Quentin complimented E.O. on his website, especially his layout of all the pictures. He has done a fantastic job.
- Quentin suggested that we check on Super Bowl Sunday with regard to our upcoming banquet for next year.
- Quentin will be checking on the possibility of Aarac race in May.
- Quentin advised that the Charity Committee will be meeting soon and then presenting their program in June.

Vice President's Report: Boyd Kurt

- Arrangements have been made and are ready for the Sock Hop taking place on April 8th at Wally and Anita Crawford's house. This is a covered dish event. All are expected to bring something according to the first letter of your last name.
- Our May General Meeting will be held at City Chevrolet. This will be a car show. Meeting will be taking place at 3:30 pm that day.
- Victory Carting has locked in their date for our meeting with new carts.
- Picnic is still on at the Ledford's for later this year. The theme for this event has not been determined at of this date.
- 50/50 raffle will take place at our April General Meeting.
- Coozies will be supplied to all new members in their packages.
- Boyd suggested that those winning gift cards should be mentioned in our newsletter.

Automotive Report: John Meadows

- Auto Fair on April 5th and 6th at Lowe's is set to go. However, we still need people for the show on Sunday.
- Quentin suggested that there be a driver's meeting before the show so that all present would be aware of the rules for the awards.

Social Director, Kay Weisberg:

- Kay advised that judges are needed for our Vettes in the Valley weekend trip taking place May 24th-25th. We also need models for a Vette fashion show.
- It is imperative that all attending this event send in their \$45.00 registration.
- Drag racing will take place on Sunday, September 14th for all those interested in attending.

Membership, Eddie Burt:

- 219 members currently.
- 10 people eligible for membership at our April General Meeting.

Treasurer, Linda Meadows:

- Linda sending our notice to people for 2nd quarter dues.
- Linda discussed bank balance and available funds.
- Linda advised that we are on budget for 2008.
- Quentin spoke about dues and the people who still needed to pay.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary R. Frawley, Secretary QCCC



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QCCC Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 12, 2008



The April business meeting of the QCCC was held at Wally and Anita Crawford's house in Stanfield, NC.

Officers present: Q. Gross, John Meadows, Linda Meadows, Kay Weisberg and Mary Frawley.
President, Q. Gross called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

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

Tommy & Brenda Loftin – 2007 Red Convertible

New members voted in: **Steve & Laura Pelchat** – 1960 Horizon Blue Convertible,
Annmarie Spiegel & David Messenger – 2002 White Convertible

President's Report: Q. Gross

- Welcomed members, visitors and introduced QCCC Board.
- Q complimented E.O. on the website he has created. He asked that all members check this out.
- Q also thanked Bob Denney for his many pictures taken at recent events of members and their cars. If you would like to have your pictures in the upcoming Newsletters, please advise E.O. that it would be okay to do same.
- May 4th is the ARCA race in Rockingham. They would like to have some cars from our club represented. Q is checking out for more information. They are open for coupes and convertibles.

Vice President's Report: Boyd Kurt was not present for this meeting. John Meadows filled in for him

- Boyd has sent out points notification for the 1st Quarter to all members.
- May 10th will be our next meeting at City Chevrolet. This will be a car show and meetings taking place from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm with our meeting starting about 3:30-3:45 to be tied in with the trophy presentation.
- Our June meeting will be taking place at the Burt's. This is their annual BBQ. If you have not attended before, this is an event you do not want to miss.

Automotive Report: John Meadows

- John had a small giveaway for those present.
- John thanked all who took part in the recent car show at Lowe's. We had approximately 35 cars represented each day.
- John advised that May 23rd-24th is our Vettes in the Valley road trip for all those interested in attending.

Social Director, Kay Weisberg:

- Kay advised that the deadline for the day trip to the Daniel Boone Inn is April 12th for those interested in going. The price is \$13.95 per person .

- April 18th is the cutoff for Vettes in the Valley. We have 25 rooms reserved with 12 currently booked at the present time. The trip will be May 23rd. Be sure to check out www.queenscitycorvette.com website for the registration form and additional information. There is a \$45.00 registration fee which will include entrance to the show and festival grounds, the competition and parade, poker run, meet and greet and car wash facilities.
- Kay has been asked to supply a judge for the event and models. If you are interested, please contact Kay Weisberg.
- An updated calendar has been sent to Charlie and E.O. for the upcoming year.
- Kay thanks the Crawford's for their hospitality in creating a great Sock Hop this past Saturday evening.

Membership, Eddie Burt:

- 217 Members of this date.
- 11 advertisers for the year.

Treasurer, Linda Meadows:

Reviewed budget for 2008. We are on target for this year.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary R. Frawley, Secretary QCCC



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Highlights from Sock Hop/Meeting in April





NCM Corner

This issue of the newsletter is going to press too early to let you know how the trip to the C5/C6 Bash turned out, but we will get it done the next time. Hopefully, one of our group will be returning in that 2008 red convertible.



You can now sign up for the Birthday Bash in August of this year. Not to be confused with the big event complete with caravan next year. Registration is available on the NCM website. I have already registered and will be traveling over on Wednesday, August 27th and returning on Sunday the 31st. If you wish to join me, be sure to sign up for the Hall of Fame Banquet so you can mingle with the Corvette famous.

A special hexagon shaped brick has been designed to line the streets of Corvette Boulevard in the new addition to the museum. These unique bricks are available for purchase for \$200.00 (\$250.00 for non-members but includes a one-year individual membership). Each brick can be engraved with three lines of text and your choice of Corvette generation logo or NCM logo engraved at the top of the brick. Bricks are available now and will be placed when the expansion is completed in 2009. To order, visit the website -

<http://store.corvettemuseum.com/detail.aspx?ID=2002>.

Bob Denney is celebrating his 10th year as a member of the NCM. This means that Bob is one of those members whose dedication got the museum through those lean years and into its growth spurt. Bob will be honored at the NCM during the Birthday Bash this coming August. Now I just have to get him to go over and be recognized in person.

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador



Automotive Report



Dear Fellow QCCC Member,
We have had another great month with lots of activities.



We started out with AutoFair on April 5 & 6. Although the weather did not cooperate with us completely, we still had a great show. Due to the rain, on Friday, many of the clubs were moved to up under the grandstand. We were able to just move our cars onto the asphalt and we had one of the best spots available. On Saturday, we set up several tents for our club members and had a great time. It drizzled off and on all day, but it did not curtail the crowds. On Sunday, we were again at the same location with a lot of people stopping by and admiring the cars.

We had our judging done on Saturday by one of the Mustang Clubs and on Sunday by a Camaro Club.

Our Winners were:

Karl Slavetsky - Best Of Show

Jim Van Dusen

Walt and Wendy Krupowicz

Chris Woods

Robert Morgan

Bruce and Linda Trefz

Reggie and Susie Black

Ken and Cecile Lipack

My thanks again to all who helped make this a successful show.

We had our monthly meeting with a 50's theme at Wally and Anita Crawford's. The food was awesome and everyone had a great time. I got to give out some of those great attendance prizes that Boyd had stashed away. Be sure to attend our events in the future: you never know just what we might be giving away.



Our trip up to the Daniel Boone Inn. was also a great trip. I am little disappointed that we didn't have more attendees. At least half of the group that went up had never been there before. They got to experience some of the best home cooking in the south. Be on the lookout for another great day trip from Kay.

We have our next big event at **City Chevrolet on May 10, 2008**. This will be a CAR SHOW from 9AM to 3PM and our monthly meeting to follow shortly thereafter. City Chevrolet again is our main sponsor and they donate a lot to our club. We want to have at least 40 Corvettes there for the show. Make your plans. It will be a fun day and we will show City Chevrolet that we support them as well.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT PUTTING ON THIS SHOW!.

The trip over to Maggie Valley is scheduled for May 23-25. The Vettes in the Valley Show promises to be a great week-end event. If you haven't signed up, you need to do so now. For those who don't want to go for the week-end, you could come over on Saturday

On Saturday May 31, 2008, we are planning a trip down to Kershaw to visit the Carolina Motorsports Park. This week-end is being hosted by the Mustang Club, but QCCC will have several members out on the track for this High Performance Driving School. We will discuss this more at our meeting at City Chevrolet.



Again we would like to thank Mr. Jerry Ferrell, VP and General Manager and City Chevrolet for hosting our Charity Car Show. We look forward to having a great turnout. If you are interested, City has a showroom full of Corvettes. Stop by and take a look!

Remember this is **your** Corvette Club. It will only be as good as **YOU** make it!!
Tell Kay Weisberg or me what types of events you want to participate in. We want our club to continue being the BEST Corvette Club in the Carolinas!

Until next time----Save the wave

John

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**Our May meeting will be held in conjunction with our car show
at CITY Chevrolet.**

**The show will run from 9AM till 3 PM. Our meeting and
awards presentation will start around 3:30 PM.**

**This car show is one of the most important events we hold!
Again City Chevrolet is donating money to our Charity Fund
and also providing trophies for the top six cars. These cars will
be selected by the staff of City Chevrolet.**

**We have promised City Chevrolet to have at least 40 Corvettes
on display. They have at least 10 brand new Corvettes on their
showroom for immediate delivery.**

**Please mark your calendars! We need your support in this
show!**

Bring chairs, water and soda to drink.

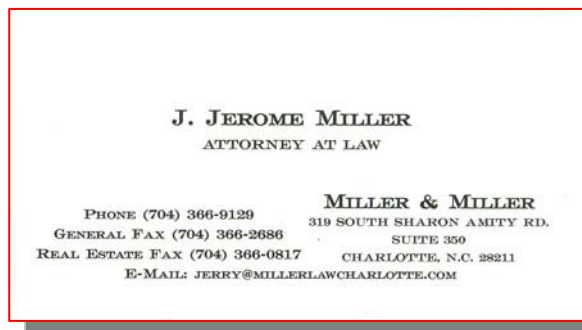
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City Corvette Club.**

RAIN DATE May 17, 2008

QCCC Calendar of Events for 2008

MAY	6	Board Meeting @ Boyd's
	8-10	C4 Gathering at National Corvette Museum
	10	Meeting and Car Show at City Chevrolet (meeting @ 3:45)
	22-24	Corvette Forum Cruise-In at National Corvette Museum
	23-25	Vettes in the Valley Corvette Show - Maggie Valley, NC (www.smokyevents.com)
	30-6	NCM Alaskan Cruise
	31	Road Trip to Kershaw
JUN	1	Ice Cream Gathering 6:00pm
	2	Board Meeting @ Mary's
	8	National Guard Homecoming Day
	14	Meeting/BBQ/Covered Dish at the Burt's NCM High Performance Driving Events at VIR
	30-1	http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/HPDE/virinfo.shtml
JUL	1	Board Meeting @ Kay's
	4	Parades - Harrisburg, Indian Trail, Hickory Grove
	12	Meeting at Victory Lane Carting - Catered
	19	Car Care Day
AUG	5	Board Meeting @ Q's
	9	Harley Davidson of Charlotte
	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
SEP	2	Board Meeting @ John & Linda's
	6-7	Auto Fair (www.lowesmotorspeedway.com/car_show_events)
	11-14	Drag Races - To be Announced
	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
	27	Mint Hill Madness Parade
OCT	7	Board Meeting @ Eddie's
	11	Meeting and Car Show at City Chevrolet
	17	Weekend Trip to Gatlinburg - Deals Gap
NOV	4	Board Meeting @ John & Linda's
	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 @ Q's
6,7 Christmas Parades - Davidson, Lake Wylie, Pageland
13 Meeting/Covered Dish/Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Pres. Church
- J09 TBD Board Meeting @
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- F09 21-27 Western Caribbean Cruise
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Secrets of the Leisure Group

You may have heard furtive conversations and observed written agendas for trips for this clandestine group. Rest easy, it is not a secretive sect planning the overthrow of the government, but a mingling of lost souls looking for daylight in their lives. You cannot imagine the boring hum drum lives retirees live during the week waiting for weekends when their more affluent, working brethren can join them for fun on the open road.



Retirees don't get holidays, weekends, vacations, sick leave, etc. like normal working



people so they have to find enjoyment wherever it manifests itself. Caroline Lentz brilliantly deduced that if retirees banded together, they could plan outings during the working week to offset this crushing boredom. Hence, the Leisure Group was born, dedicated to weekday fun and games. Not wanting to discriminate, we have allowed

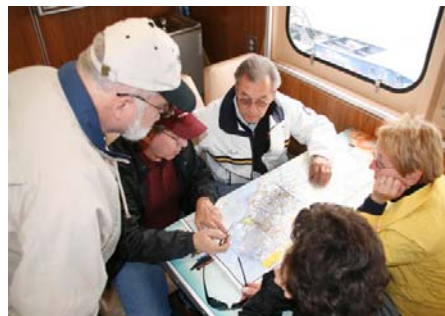


those of the working class to join us when they felt the need to vacate their workplace and no doubt concoct a fallacious excuse for their employer.



So, if you are retired, or wish to become indoctrinated into the life style before officially becoming a bored one, feel free to join this band of wanderers. Since these trips are not carefully planned or organized in a precise manner, you need to place

your name on the e-mail listing to get the notification an event is about to occur. Let Caroline Lentz or Barbara Mariano know that you too want to escape these weekday blues.



Highlights of Auto Fair





May Meeting and Car Show At City Chevrolet - May 10, 2008

Car Show 9:00AM -3:00PM
Business Meeting Immediately
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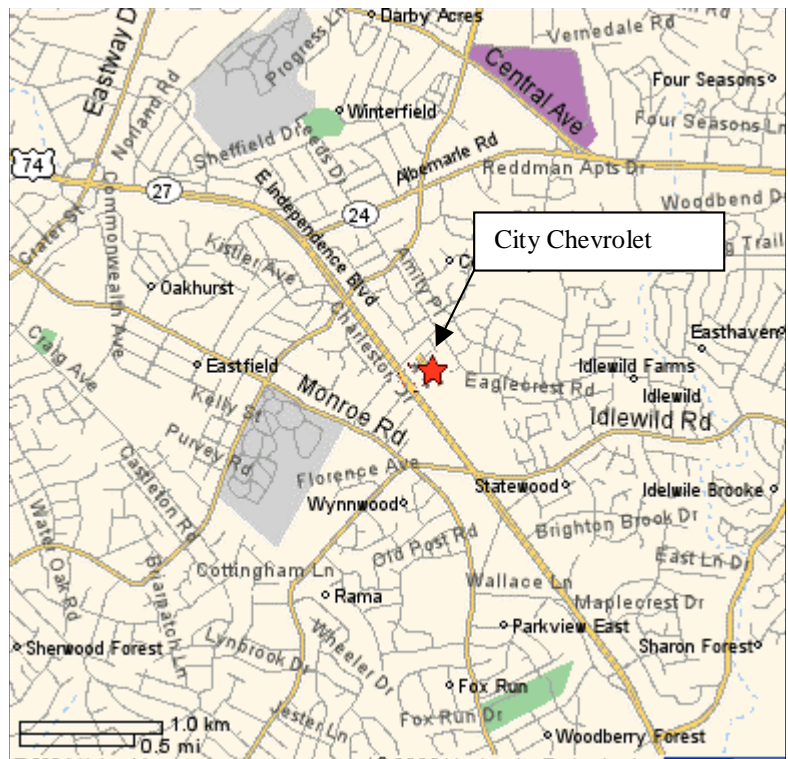


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