# June 2008



QCCC Garners Many Awards at Vettes in the Valley!

> Car Show at City Chevrolet Draws Members and Many Spectators!





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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

May turned out to be a pretty good month for QCCC members. While the rain storms brought us needed moisture, it also brought some dreaded hail. Hopefully everyone was able to have their pride and joy Corvette safely tucked away in the garage. My poor old '95 Bonneville



work car suffered damage, as I am sure others who had their family cars outside during the storms

May gave the club an opportunity to have the first City Chevrolet show of the season. By my count, we had 48 cars that were involved in the show for most of the day, and several other members were able to stop by and stay for an hour or so. The judging of the best cars by category was by the diligent staff of City Chevrolet employees and they were the ones who determined the class winners. Congratulations to Reggie Black, Ken Watts, Chris Woods, John Walton, Rick Mills, and Don Zimmer for their win in C1 through C6. Thanks and kudos to Automotive Director John Meadows for organizing the event. I would also like to give a very special thank you to City Chevrolet Executive Vice President and General Manager Jerry Ferrell for allowing QCCC members to show their cars and for their contribution to the club's charity fund. Jerry was also generous and gracious in allowing us to hold our monthly business meeting on the City Chevrolet property. We value our relationship with City Chevrolet and I remind any club member in the market for any kind of car, truck, SUV, or any other kind of vehicle to shop at City Chevrolet.

Memorial Day weekend brought the first major road trip of the year to beautiful Maggie Valley, NC and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Vettes in the Valley event. All I can say is what a great time! The Vettes in the Valley drew a total of over 300 Corvettes from across the country, each one as cool as the next. QCCC was represented at the event with 24 cars, taking home first prize for club participation. In addition to the club participation award, club members Tom and Debbie Rockhold, Steve and Laura Pelchat, Tommy and Brenda Loftin, and Rick and Linda Mills won individual awards in their class. In addition, Steve and Laura took home the coveted "Peoples Choice" award for their great 1960. This award was particularly neat in the fact that every spectator who came through the gates was given a ballot and an opportunity to vote for their favorite car. With over 300 Corvettes to choose from, the blue 1960 came out on top.

The weather and scenery in Maggie Valley was awesome. The organizers of the event not only put on a terrific show, but also had a greet and meet Friday night with door prizes and food. They also put together a poker run that included many miles on the Blue Ridge parkway, and also a run back to Waynesville, NC on a very curvy state road 215. Social Director Kay Weisberg did a splendid job organizing our club's participation and kept in constant contact with event director Marion Hamel to ensure our members had hotel rooms and were listed for the show. My vote is to be sure to include Vettes in the Valley on our calendar for next year.

#### **Additional thoughts**

I want to remind everyone that anytime you are attending a car show or business meeting at a business establishment, such as City Chevrolet, Motorama in Monroe, Victory Lane Karting, Harley Davidson of Charlotte or any other venues of this type, alcoholic beverages are not allowed. This applies to club members as well as perspective members. In the event someone is found in violation, you will be asked to leave immediately from the event. If anyone needs further clarification, please contact me, VP Boyd Kurt, or Automotive Director John Meadows directly.

We continue to receive good reports on the improvement of club member Victor Reveron. While these improvements are encouraging, please continue to keep Victor and Vernita in your thoughts and prayers. We all wish Victor continued recovery.

I am happy to report my shoulder rotator cuff surgery and rehabilitation is going well. While my left shoulder is not at 100% and won't be for several more months, I regain movement and strength every day. I am almost ready to take on polishing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

Q. Gross



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Susan and I would like to thank our QCCC family for the lovely cards and calls we received concerning the death of Susan's mother.

The May 10<sup>th</sup> Car Show and meeting at City Chevrolet was a great success. Over 64 members and guests were present for the car



show and over 77 made the meeting. We voted 5 new members into our club. The give away man was also present so be sure to make the meetings. You never know what he will have and what will be given away. Our thanks to our great hosts, City Chevrolet.

Now get ready for one of the highlight events of 2008. BBQ at Eddie and Jane's. June 14<sup>th</sup>. This also happens to be our club meeting for June. Good eats before the 6:30 PM meeting and more fun than you can handle.

Our July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Victory Lane Karting. Their address is 2330 Tipton Drive; Charlotte, NC 28206. Web site is: <a href="www.377fast.com">www.377fast.com</a> We will have a catered dinner prior to the meeting and Karting after. Get ready for another fun time. More details will be in next month's newsletter.

Now for an update on the American Le Mans Series: The Corvette Teams came in top of their class at the Utah Grand Prix again in the GT1. In GT2 the LG Corvette came in 7<sup>th</sup> in its class and 19<sup>th</sup> overall. Way to go Corvette. Get ready on June 14&15<sup>th</sup> for the big race. 24 hours of LeMans at LeMans, France. Live on Speed.



Watch Wally run May 31st at Kershaw



LG Corvette GT2 www.corvetteracing.com

All racing Corvette's are YELLOW!!!!!!
"Save the Wave"
Boyd Kurt – VP

PS: It is not too early to think about Corvettes of Carlisle August  $21st - 24^{th}$ . We will be there.

# QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

<u>Officers Present:</u> Q. Gross, Boyd Kurt, John Meadows, Kay Weisberg, Eddie Burt and Mary Frawley. Jane Burt was a guest. Linda Meadows was not present for this meeting.

#### Vice President Report: Boyd Kurt

- Our May general meeting will be held at City Chevrolet on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a car show before the meeting from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Meeting to follow immediately after the car show.
- June 14<sup>th</sup> will be our annual barbecue at the Burt's home. The theme for this year's barbecue is red, white and blue. There will be a 50/50 raffle at this event (proceeds to the charity fund) as well as a cake celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Queen City Corvette Club.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at Victory Lane Karting; dinner details to be worked out.

#### **Automotive Director: John Meadows**

- John advised that the upcoming car show will be on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be held at City Chevrolet from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Trophies have been ordered, made and will be picked up on Thursday.
- Arrangements have been made to rope off the area in front of the dealership for our cars.
- Jerry Ferrell will be presented with a plaque before the meeting by Q and John for their sponsorship of QCCC.
- 6 trophies to be given out after the car show.
- Registration sheets have been made up for voting by the City Chevrolet employees.
- A suggestion was made to purchase subs from Subways since lunch will not be bar b-q burgers and dogs as in the past at the dealership. Club members are requested to bring their own drinks.
- John suggested that we let Metrolina participate in the car show, but they would not be allowed to display any of their banners at the show or show business cards.
- 50/50 raffle set up with 50% of the proceeds to go to the Reverons.
- A suggestion was made for Boyd to spend \$100.00 for gift certificates to Applebees to give away at the car show.
- John suggested that we give City Chevrolet 10 of our cooler bags to their prospective buyers. Included in each bag would be Eddie Burt's prospective member letter.
- John will be sending out an e-mail with regard to our upcoming Vettes in the Valley weekend trip
  regarding where we should meet.
- Charity Committee to meet to present their charities to the Board. The charities will be presented at the Burt's barbecue to the general member ship.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> is the National Guard Homecoming for all those interested in going to this event.

#### Social Director: Kay Weisberg

- January 17, 2009 will be our annual banquet. It will be held at the Embassy Suites. Contract to be coming soon. DJ has been booked.
- Kay suggested that we try to have some more day trips.
- Maggie Valley trip has 3 rooms left for anyone still interested in going to this event. We have about 35 people attending.
- Q suggested that we meet at 9:00 am at Hillbillies Barbecue off of I-85 leaving at 9:15 am. We will be stopping some place in Asheville for lunch.



Ice cream social is set for June 1<sup>st</sup> at Bruster's in Matthews.

#### Membership Director: Eddie Burt

- 119 families to date
- 219 members

# <u>Treasurer:</u> presented by John Meadows in the absence of Linda Meadows

- Discussed the Budget.
- Discussed member status.

#### **New Business:** Quentin Gross

- Q advised the Board concerning the brick purchased for Jerry Scienski. We have finally received
  it and a display case will be purchased. The brick will be presented to Gloria Scienski at the June
  barbecue taking place at the Burt's home.
- Boyd suggested that we urge all members to get their picture to E.O. for the website. He also complimented Eddie on his advertising program and the great job he has done.

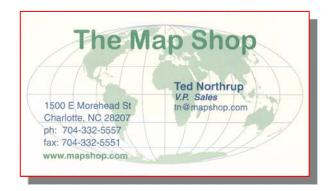
#### **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion seconded.

Respectfully submitted by: Mary R. Frawley, Secretary QCCC







### QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday May 10, 2008

The May business meeting of QCCC was held at City Chevrolet, Charlotte, NC.

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



#### Q Gross, President

Called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

#### John Meadows, Automotive Director

- He thanked City Chevrolet for sponsoring the car show and providing a meeting location.
- Trophies were awarded for Best C1 Steve Pelchat, C2 Ken Watts, C3 Chris Woods, C4 John Walton, C5 Rich Mills, C6 Don Zimmer.

#### **Q** Gross

- Introduced the club Officers. He asked Visitors to stand up and introduce themselves.
- The visitors were: Dick Craig, Richard Dickey, Richard and Janet Fisher, Gary Gilmore, Ron Hankins, Lyn and Donna Johnson, and Gary Kailbourne.
- Q asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. After one correction –
- DJ will be \$600 not \$60, the minutes were approved.
- Announced that Jerry Scienski's brick is in place at the museum. He has Gloria's brick and hopes to present it at the June meeting.
- Q asked members to check QCCC's website on a regular basis for the latest information on club events, etc. He also asked members to send pictures to EO for the website.
- June's 50/50 drawing will benefit the Charity fund.

#### **Boyd Kurt for Eddie Burt, Membership Director**

Introduced those present that were eligible for membership. New members voted in are:

- Dennis Haywood 2008 Crystal Red Coupe
- Brenda and Tommy Loftin 2007 Red Convertible
- Pam and Bob Paynter 1971 White Coupe

#### **Boyd Kurt, Vice President**

- June meeting will be at the Burt's. June newsletter and emails will give details. QCCC will furnish the Pork for Eddie Burt's secret processing into the BEST Q IN THE SOUTH.
- July meeting at Victory Lane Carting. A catered meal will be available for purchase.
- Boyd conducted a drawing for Hats winners were Walt Krupowicz and JC Roberts.

#### Jim Weisberg

Announced a 50/50 drawing to benefit Victor Reveron.

#### John Meadows

• Thanked everyone who participated in the Car Show – we had 48 cars.

- May 31 June 1 will be a driving event at Carolina Motorsports Park in Kershaw, S.C. Some QCCC members will be racing. During lunch, parade laps will be available for all cars. Information will be sent out on time and place to meet for caravan to Kershaw.
- Sunday, June 8 is National Guard Family Day. It will be 9 noon and all QCCC members are invited. Names must be submitted to John by the end of May. If your name is not on the list, you will not be allowed inside the gate.
- Charity Committee has held meetings to select Charities for mid-year donations.

#### Kay Weisberg, Social Director

- Maggie Valley trip has 23 cars/46 people signed up email will be sent with
- information on time and place to meet for caravan to Maggie Valley.
- Ice Cream social on June 1 at Brusters in Matthews. Email will be sent with details.
- June 14 will be meal and meeting at the Burt's. The theme is Flag Day wear something red, white and/or blue. Email will be sent with details on food to bring. You may arrive early at 4. We will eat at 5 and the meeting will be at 6:30.
- QCCC calendar shows points events in Bold Black.

#### **Boyd**

Coolers winners: Barbara Sprague, Tom Rockhold, Jim Weisberg and Carl Slavetsky.

#### Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum Ambassador

- Contact Paul for information on the 2008 annual Anniversary event at the Museum. Check the Museum website for event information and the progress on the Museum expansion. See Paul for information on Museum membership and/or bricks.
- As Fundraising Chairman for the 2009 Caravan, Paul is selling Ads in the Tour Book these can be personal or business. Several QCCC members will attend the 2009 Anniversary event. Call Paul if you need a room. Sept. 1, 2009, there will be Laps around the track at Lowe's Speedway and dinner in the Speedway Club. The Caravan will leave from the Speedway and the first stop is in Seiverville.

#### Linda Meadows, Treasurer

Reviewed checkbook balances for both General and Charity Funds.

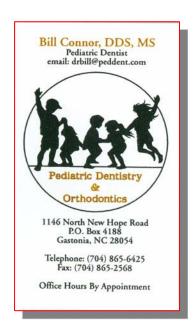
#### Jim Weisberg

The 50/50 raffle collected \$280. JC Roberts was the winner. JC graciously returned his winnings to the fund for Victor Reveron. See Barbara Mariano for donating to Victor's fund. With today's monies, \$900 has been collected.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Meadows, for Mary Frawley, Secretary









#### Meet the New Members



Dennis Haywood 2008 Crystal Red Coupe



Tommy and Brenda Loftin 2007 Red Convertible



Bob and Pam Paynter 1971 White Coupe

# **Automotive Report**

Dear Fellow QCCC Members,



WOW! were has May gone! Summer will be here soon and we can really get out and enjoy our cars. We had our scheduled Charity Fund Raising car show at City Chevrolet on May 10 2008. We had at least 48 cars there for the show along with several who came and visited for a while. Participating were some of the older cars in the club from Paul Mariano, Ken Lipack, Reggie Black and Ken Watts. We also had several really great C-3's there from Walt Krupowicz, Ron Barr, and Martha Davidson .Getting to see and hear that super charged 650 HP C5 from Rick Mills was awesome and to get to see Gary Artis with his 2007 Indy Pace Car (there is just something I like about that car—could be the color!). Dealer's Choice awards were presented to Steve Pelchat, Lois and Ken Watts, Chris Wood, John Walton, Rick Mills and Don Zimmer. These were chosen by the employees at City Chevrolet. To all congratulations. I appreciate all your help to make this a great event.

We had a great turnout to go to Maggie Valley. We had about 10 cars caravanning over and meeting the other 13 there. We ended up with 23-24 cars to enter the event. The weather Saturday morning was a little cool, a quick shower, then nothing but beautiful weather.

Over 200 Vettes in the Valley was a pretty site. After the judging, all were invited to go on a poker run, which was run mostly on the Blue Ridge Parkway. We ended up in Waynesville for a town block party complete with 3 bands. On Sunday we headed for the Valley for more judging and awards. Queen City picked up a trophy for having the largest group attending the event. We also had several members picking up awards for their cars. They were Steve Pelchat, Rick Mills and Tommy Loftin. Steve and Laura Polecat's beautiful 1960 Convertible also won the People's Choice Trophy. Laura had to hold it all the way back from the mountains. While we were there, several members had really neat pictures made of their cars.

Coming up this Saturday, May 31, we will be off to Carolina Motorsports park to watch several members run their cars and also to participate in a Pace Lap around the course.

Coming up June 8, we will be showing our cars at the National Guard Family Day event. For security reasons, names of all attendee's have to be given to them by June 1.



Again we would like to thank Mr. Jerry Ferrell, VP and General Manager, for help making City Chevrolet and Hendricks's Cadillac and Chevrolet the OFFICIAL Sponsor of Queen City Corvette Club and for hosting our Charity Car Show!

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! Look to the web site to see what's coming up!

Until next time---- Save the Wave.

John

# Highlights of Car Show and Meeting

























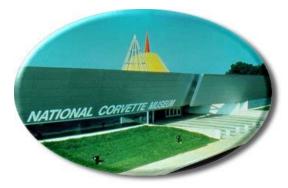






# NCM Corner

The very exciting news out of the NCM this month concerns another addition to the museum complex. The NCM announced the purchase of 70 acres for the development of an Educational Motorplex Park. The property is directly across I-65 from the museum and will include a quarter-mile drag strip, a 1.5 mile road course and an autocross/skid pad



area. It will be available for rent to Corvette clubs and law enforcement agencies for training. Look forward to many exciting events at this venue.

Last month I promised an update on the club trip to the C5/C6 Bash. Let me begin by saying if a better time exists anywhere, I don't know if I'm capable of withstanding it. I am not referring to just the event itself but the people making the trek. The day events were entertaining but the evening gatherings by our group made the trip all it was. We participated in the Wine and Cheese Tour, which filled the whole day and included a lunch stop at a very quaint restaurant. The cheese was outstanding but the wine needed a lot help. I cannot begin to describe the trip home but if you want to listen to the most hilarious story you'll ever hear, just ask one of the participants to relate it to you.

Someone asked a most interesting question at the City Chevrolet car show regarding NCM events. It was, "just what goes on at these events?" In a nutshell, there are usually three or four day trips. These tours last about seven hours and include tours of distilleries, wineries, Lincoln's homestead, Shaker Villages, cave tours, etc. Lunch is included. There are silent and live auctions, tech sessions by GM engineers and celebrity autograph sessions. A car show, judged by NCM staff and celebrities. If you like your speed, there are drags and autocross competitions. Add in one or two banquets and parties and you are pretty well max'd out with your time.

I guess it doesn't take much to amuse simple people, but I do enjoy watching the building progress of the 47,000 square foot expansion on the web cam. Check out the progress being made from time to time and you can start believing that it will be completed by the 2009 Caravan.

Raffles now in progress: A 2008 black Corvette coupe. Only 500 tickets @ \$250.00/ticket.

Drawing is Thursday, June 5th. A 2008 Indy Pace Car replica. Only 2008 tickets @

\$100.00/ticket. Drawing is June 11th.

Barbara and I will be making the trip to Bowling Green for the 14th Anniversary Celebration this coming Labor Day. Departing on Wednesday, August 27th and returning Sunday, August 31st to get us back for Labor Day Monday. If you are interested in joining us for this event, please give me a call for all the particulars.

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano NCM Ambassador



## **Vettes in the Valley**

On Friday the QCCC gang caravanned in different groups to join up at the Maggie Valley Inn.

After the afternoon check in they re-hydrated their parched throats while sitting by the pool in the sun and enjoying the mountain views. Later they enjoyed the "meet and greet" supplied by the hotel with a hot dog dinner, free beer, and wine. On Saturday morning the QCCC'ers traveled together and displayed their cars at the fairgrounds only minutes away from the hotel. The afternoon of swapping stories and lounging under the tents was followed by a Poker Run on the Blue Ridge Parkway – which was a spectacular event!

















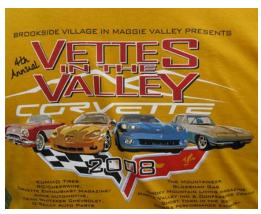
















# QCCC Calendar for 2008

JUN	1 2 8 <b>14</b> 30-1	Ice Cream Gathering 6:00pm Board Meeting @ Mary's National Guard Homecoming Day Meeting/BBQ/Covered Dish at the Burt's NCM High Performance Driving Events at VIR (http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/HPDE/virinfo.shtml)
JUL	1 <b>4</b> <b>12</b> 19	Board Meeting @ Kay's  Parades - Harrisburg, Indian Trail, Hickory Grove  Meeting at Victory Lane Carting - Catered  Car Care Day
AUG	5 9 22-24 28-30 <b>30</b>	Board Meeting @ Q's Harley Davidson of Charlotte Corvettes at Carlisle PA (www.carsatcarlisle.com/corvette/index.asp) NCM 14th Anniversary Celebration/Hall of Fame Matthews Alive Parade
SEP	2 6-7 11-14 11-13 13 19-21 27	Board Meeting @ John & Linda's  Auto Fair (www.lowesmotorspeedway.com/car_show_events)  Drag Races - To be Announced  Z06 Fest at National Corvette Museum  Poker Run /Meeting-Picnic at the Ledford's  Weekend Trip to Charleston and Murder Mystery  Mint Hill Madness Parade
OCT	7 11 17	Board Meeting @ Eddie's  Meeting and Car Show at City Chevrolet  Weekend Trip to Gatlinburg - Deals Gap
NOV	4 6-8 <b>8</b> 22/23	Board Meeting @ John & Linda's Georgia Crossroads Vette Rendezvous at National Corvette Museum Meeting at Carolina Air Museum - Elect 2009 Board Thanksgiving Parades - Concord, Monroe
DEC	2 6,7 13	Board Meeting @ Q's Christmas Parades - Davidson, Lake Wylie, Pageland Meeting/Covered Dish/Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Pres. Church
J09	TBD 10 24	Board Meeting @ Meeting at Troutman BBQ, Concord Banquet
<b>J</b> 09	TBD	Car Care Day
F09	21-27	Western Caribbean Cruise  Bold Denotes a "points event"

## **Our Members Caught on Camera**

Take a look at these smiling faces enjoying one of the many dinners throughout the month!

































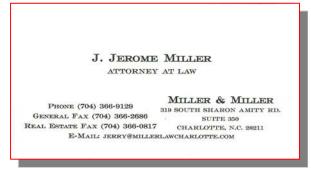












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# June 14, 2008 QCCC Meeting and Eddie Burt's BBQ

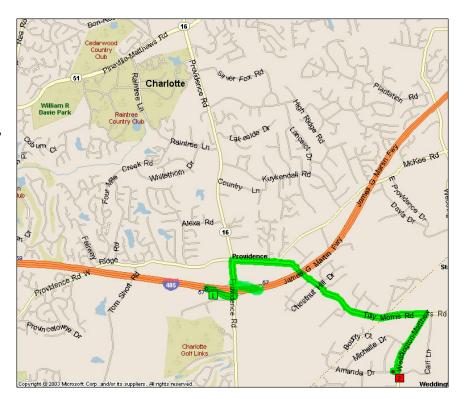
#### Directions from I485

- Take Exit 57, head north
- Turn right at first light on to Tilley Morris Rd,
- Turn right on Weddington Matthews Rd,
- Turn right on to Amanda Drive

#### Note:

Please park along the streets and make <u>SURE</u> there's enough room for emergency vehicles to get through.

Starts at 4:00 PM Eat at 5:00 PM Meeting at 6:30 PM



Please bring side dishes according to your last name as follows:

A – D Appetizers and Snacks

E - S Side Dishes and Salads

T - Z Desserts

Bring chairs & your preference in beverages.

Tents would be appreciated too.

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