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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 beginning of July was a good time to enjoy the holiday and spend time on the parade circuit. QCCC members represented the club in grand style, participating in several parades, escorting the beauty queens and showing off their fine rides. Many thanks to all who participated, great job!



The July monthly business meeting was held at Victory Lane Karting and was very well attended. In addition to our normal agenda, we held a special election to fill the vacant spot of club secretary. Congratulations to Margo Gross for her new position as secretary through the end of the calendar year. Kudos goes to VP Boyd Kurt for organizing the event and taking care of the dinner arrangements. This is not our first club visit to Victory Lane Karting and they always take good care of us and give our members a great facility for the meeting. Automotive Director John Meadows also put a challenge out to the members who participated in the racing afterwards, with awards for the fastest times in different brackets. Stay tuned for the August business meeting when John will announce the winners.

July also gave members an opportunity to do a little maintenance on their cars with the second Car Care Day of year, held at Wally and Anita Crawford's Garage Mahal. I am not sure if Wally was prepared for the fantastic turnout of members and the amount of oil that was changed. I have been coming to the Car Care Day event for quite a few years now, and I think I can safely say, a new record was set for oil changes. Special thanks for a job well done goes to Michael Crawford, who spent the vast majority of the day, under all the different models of Corvettes, shouldering the bulk of the work load, and giving plenty of helpful tips on improving our knowledge of our Corvettes. I got the "you really need to drive this car more award" as Michael and I were doing a visual inspection under my car, Michael found cobwebs on both of my rear brake calipers. I felt pretty foolish and assured him I would work on putting a few more miles on the 50th Anniversary. Thanks also to Anita Crawford and Michael's wife for putting the lunch spread out for all. This was truly a Crawford family effort and everyone in QCCC appreciates all you do for us.

From oil changes we went to ice cream the next day, with an outing to the Cabarrus Creamery in downtown Concord. While the weather didn't cooperate and it rained, we did have a hardy group of members show up and participate in some really good ice cream. Hopefully at the next ice cream gathering, the weather will be much nicer.

Additional thoughts

On Saturday, the 26th, Phil and Evelyn Gearhart hosted a birthday party for Victor Reveron. Phil's front yard was stacked deep in Corvettes while club members came throughout the afternoon to wish Victor a very special happy birthday and speak with Vernita as well. It was great to see Victor move around and speak with everyone who showed up, and he really enjoyed the oversized birthday card and the Wii game presented to him. And it couldn't be a party without plenty of food and dessert. Thanks again to Phil and Evelyn for allowing everyone to share this special day.

And don't forget the upcoming Murder Mystery trip to Charleston in September. If you haven't signed up yet, contact social director Kay Weisberg for more details. This should be a really fun trip and event and everyone is looking forward to the weekend. More details on the Charleston trip will be given at the August business meeting.

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

Q. Gross

QCCC Member Featured in Charlotte Observer

Patrice Northrup and her business The Map Shop were highlighted in the Observer this past Sunday, July 27th.

Find out why she doesn't use a GPS. How does she navigate the streets of our fair Charlotte??

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VP REPORT

Our July 12th meeting was held at Victory Lane Karting. We had a fantastic BBQ dinner and drove fast cars after the meeting. Who wore the Mohawk Helmet? Find out soon. Our thanks to Ed Bradford and his team at Victory Karting, for providing a fun filled evening. Also a big thank you to Bennett's for the great meal and superior service. Also thank you to Susan for collecting the money for dinner. Who was the fastest in each age group? Don't miss the August meeting.



The August 9th meeting will be held at Harley-Davidson of Charlotte; 9205 E Independence Blvd. ; Mathews, NC 28105. Meeting starts at 6:30PM with the social hour starting at 6:00PM. We are still working on a place for dinner after the meeting. Hooter's closed. Bummer!!! Remember no adult type drinks allowed. Bring your chairs and drive your Corvettes.

Are you ready for a Poker Run??? September 13th we will run the City Park Treasure Hunt Poker Run. It will be shorter than last years but more fun. After the run our meeting will be held at Mark and Adina Ledford's home at 739 Fawn Forest Lane, York, SC 29745. Hot dogs, brats and all the fixings will be for sale by the people who were there last year. Food service starts at 5:00PM and meeting at 6:30PM. We have been assured that they won't run out of food. Bring your lawn chairs, drinks, snacks and your best Pirate costume. More information later.

Now for an update on the Le Mans Series: The Petit LeMans at Atlanta October 4th should be a fun race. The Knight will be at turn 5-6 for a cool place to sit and have a cool drink. Yes, Corvette is still in first and second place. If you think they are just running around the track, you are wrong. Both the 3 and 4 car want to win and will do what they can to beat their other team members. Corvettes are running in both the GT1 and GT2 classes this year. Go to www.corvetteracing.com to watch a hot lap by the new ZR1.



Corvette's of Carlisle Parade



Wish I had. www.carsatcarlisle.com

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" Save the Wave"
Boyd Kurt – VP

QCCC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 1, 2008



The July Board meeting was held at Kay Weisberg's house, Matthews, NC.

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

Guest: Jane Burt

Vice President, Boyd Kurt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Boyd Kurt, Vice President:

- Discussed the QCCC Secretary vacancy. Election of replacement will be held at the July 12 meeting.
- July 12 - meeting at Victory Lane Karting. BBQ dinner will be available for \$11 per person.
- August 9 - we have been invited to again, show our cars at the NASCAR Technical Institute Open House from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- August 9 - meeting at Harley-Davidson of Matthews. Will have to find another place for dinner afterwards since Hooters is closing permanently on July 13.
- September 13 – Poker Run, Meeting with a Caribbean Theme, and dinner at Mark & Adina Ledford's. Prizes will be given for the best poker hands. We'll be using actual playing cards this year.
- Challenged the Board to recruit members to run for the 2009 Board. Would like to have at least 2 people running for each Board position. This year, before nominating a person, you must confirm that the person agrees to be nominated and will serve if elected.

John Meadows, Automotive Director

- June 27 – trip to Oakboro was cancelled due to poor responses – will try to arrange another trip in July
- July 4 – Indian Trail Parade – need and have 13 cars
- July 12 – After the meeting, there will be a “John Meadows Challenge” for the go-kart racers. Prizes will be given to the drivers with the best times in 3 classes: under age 40, ages 40 to 50, ages 50 and over
- July 19 – Car Care Day at Wally & Anita's
- Charity donation letters have been prepared and are awaiting Q's signature. The letters and donations will be hand-delivered if possible. The charities approved by the QCCC membership at the June meeting are: Matthews Help Center, Operation Home Front – NC Chapter, USO North Carolina, and the National Corvette Museum.
- September 6 & 7 – Auto Fair participation is being finalized. We will have 35 cars on Saturday and 30 cars on Sunday.
- Hopes to plan a day trip to Linville Falls and Caverns this year.

Kay Weisberg, Social Director:

- September 19-21 – Charleston trip is being planned
- November 1 – tentative day trip to the Biltmore House, including lunch

- January 17, 2009 – the contract for the Banquet at Embassy Suites has been signed and the menu is being finalized

Eddie Burt, Membership Director:

- Membership – 120 families and 219 members
- Has received resignation from 1 family/1 member
- Will delete 2 families/4 members from the rolls due to non-payment of January dues
- 8 people will be eligible for membership at the July meeting
- Reviewed advertising revenue for the year

Linda Meadows, Treasurer:

- Reviewed dues status – 16 families owe 3rd quarter dues
- Reviewed Budget vs. Expense status – we are on-target
- Reviewed checkbook and charity balances

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Burt, Member

Meet the New Members



*Riding with Dennis Haywood
is Jeanne Truslow*



*Peggy Fournier will ride
with Jim Hammond*



*Richard and Janet Fisher
2008 Orange Convertible*

QCCC Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 12, 2008



The July business meeting was held at **Victory Lane Karting** in Charlotte and was called to order by President, Q Gross at 6:35 PM.

Officers Present: Q Gross, Boyd Kurt, Eddie Burt, Margo Gross, John Meadows, Linda Meadows and Kay Weisberg

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the June business meeting.

Visitors were: **Steve & Peg Aldridge** - 2004 Convertible; **Jack Bruton** – 2002 Convertible; **Patti Hamrick** – 2007 Convertible; **Dave & Karen Jurincie** – 2008 Convertible; **Randy & Jennifer Weiss** –2007 Convertible

Special Guests: Andrew Wandler – son of Les & Susan Wandler; Kevin & Teresa Zimmer – son & daughter-in-law of Don & Carolyn Zimmer

New members voted in: **Richard and Janet Fisher, Peggy Fournier and Jeanne Truslow**

Q Gross, President

- First order of business was to take a vote on accepting the secretarial nomination of Margo Gross to replace Mary Frawley who recently resigned.
- Thanked Victory Karting for allowing us to hold our meeting at their facility.
- Reminded members of birthday party for Victor Reveron on July 26th at Phil & Evelyn Gearheart's and gave a brief update on recent visit with Victor.
- Reviewed with members that elections for 2009 Board members will be held in November and asked everyone to think about upcoming nominations and election.

Boyd Kurt, Vice President

- Reminded members the August meeting will be held at Harley Davidson of Charlotte.
- September meeting will be preceded by a Poker Run with 5 stops. At each stop you will select a card. The poker run will end at the Mark & Adina Ledford's home. A caterer will be on site with hot dog type food that can be purchased or you can bring your own picnic dinner. Everyone is encouraged to dress for the theme Pirates of the Caribbean.
- Drew dinner tickets throughout the meeting and gave out gift cards.
- Mentioned the point listings for second quarter will be sent out via email. If anyone has questions or finds an error please contact him and so they can be corrected.
- Reminded members to be sure and sign the attendance sheet at meetings and events so points do not get missed.
- Explained to new members why the participation point record is kept – those who have the highest number of participation points at the end of the year will be presented with gift certificates to the National Corvette Museum at the annual banquet.
- Reminded members participating in go kart racing they should see him at the end of the meeting to sign release forms.

Linda Meadows, Treasurer

- Passed out copies of the midyear budget and reviewed items with the membership.
- Reminded members about paying 3rd & 4th quarter dues.
- Charity checks will all be mailed or delivered within the next two weeks.

John Meadows, Automotive Events Director

- Car care day is set for July 19th at Wally Crawford's garage mahal. Cars should arrive no earlier than 9 AM. Be sure and bring your oil and filter. Food will be available for purchase. Will send out an email to remind everyone of the date and time.
- Reported on parades – all went well. Upcoming parades are **Matthews Alive** on August 30th and **Mint Hill Madness** on September 27th. Email will be forthcoming on those events.
- Took a vote by show of hands of those who have an interest in participating in a cruise-in at Oakboro on July 25th.
- August 9th the NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville will be hosting an Open House. They have asked if QCCC might bring about 15 cars to the event. The show is scheduled to run from 9:00-2:00 and the Institute will try to put our cars inside.
- Lake Norman Classic Cruisers will be hosting their 4th annual benefit car show in Denver, NC on October 19th. Contact John if you want more information on this.
- Working on putting together a couple day trips.
- At the next meeting prizes will be awarded for fastest times for tonight's go cart racing. Winning categories are: *Mens under 40; Mens 40-50; Mens over 50; Ladies.*

Kay Weisberg, Social Events Director

- Reviewed Murder Mystery trip to Charleston from September 19th-21st. Sign up sheets for that event are at the back of the room. Needs to know no later than August 1st who is attending so she can assign parts for the murder mystery. Group will be staying at the Quality Inn – 30 rooms are being held at the rate of \$105 which includes king size bed, mini-fridge, microwave and made to order breakfast each day.
- Next Ice cream social will be held at Cabarrus Creamery on July 13th.
- Asked Jim to talk a bit about the motorcycle ride he is organizing.

Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- Introduced tonight's guests.
- Mentioned that we currently have 214 members.
- At the beginning of the year an advertising goal of 12 was set. That goal has now been met.

Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum Liaison

- Thanked the Charity committee for the terrific job they did selecting charities for this year and for the \$500 donated to the National Corvette Museum.
- If anyone is interested in joining the National Corvette Museum see him after the meeting so he can give you a membership enrollment form.
- The corvette caravan is coming up Labor Day weekend 2009 – gave a short review of the itinerary. So far 24 couples from QCCC have signed up. If you want to sign up for this or get information contact Paul.

- If you or your company would like to advertise in the 2009 caravan route book he can provide you with forms or information.

Reminder-

Up Yonder dinner group will be meeting at *Cheeseburger in Paradise* on July 28th.

Respectfully submitted by,
Margo Gross, Secretary

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Automotive Report



Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

We disbursed our charity funds to the following groups, Matthews Help Center, Operations Home Front, USO North Carolina and the National Corvette Museum.

EO and Ann Oakley, Q, and I delivered a check down to the USO at the airport. They really have quite a nice operation to help support our troops as they pass thru the Charlotte airport, over 150,000 in less than 2 years. If you would like to volunteer to work at the USO , contact Jack Ahart at 704-359-5581. You would be expected to work a 3 hour shift at least twice 2 a month. I also delivered the check to the Matthews Help Center. This group was recommended by Jim Weisberg. Again, this organization is doing some great work in our area helping families who may need some help. The other two checks were mailed out to their recipients.

At our last meeting at the Indoor Karting center, I presented a challenge to our members to see who could turn in the fastest laps. We had some big name drivers competing for some great prizes. We had Rocky, Crash, Rebel, Wombat, Thor, Red Baron, Leadfoot, Blondie and Sunshine. Be sure to attend the next meeting to see who won.



I understand Wally Crawford has struck oil (35 Gallons of Synthetic oil that is). We had about 30 members to show up at Wally's. and at least 20 of us left him with our old used oil. We give our thanks to Wally and Anita for hosting us and Michael for performing the oil changes. Anita fixed some great sloppy joes and hot dogs. Even those of you came up just for the camaraderie had a great day.



We are scheduled for our trip up to Oakboro for a Cruise In on Friday July 25th. I will report on it next month.

Kay Weisberg has put together a great trip down to Charleston complete with a Murder Mystery. Get your reservations in soon!

Again we are thankful for all of our club sponsors especially City Chevrolet and Hendrick Cadillac Chevrolet. I understand they have over 30 new Corvettes and are ready to make a deal. Be sure to mention that you are a member of Queen City Corvette Club.

As I close for now, remember this is your club. It will only be as good as you want to make it. Give us your idea's on events and trips you would like to see.

Until Next Month----Save The Wave

John

Gary Artis' 1986 Pace Car to be in Corvette Motorama II

Gary's Yellow '86 Corvette Pace Car was chosen to be in the Corvette Motorama II event in September to celebrate the 100th year anniversary of General Motors. The event will begin at Bowling Green and overnight at St. Louis. Then it will head to Indianapolis for a visit to Griot's Garage and possibly the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. They will visit the Tire Rack in South Bend, Indiana before going to Michigan for a stop at Corvette Central and will conclude in Troy, Michigan on Saturday morning.



Not to overshadow that event, but Gary recently acquired the 2008 Indianapolis 500 Pace Car. Gary bought his first pace car close to home after seeing a 1998 Pace Car in Houston. Later, on a trip to Kentucky, he made a side trip to Bowling Green and at the Museum saw four pace cars all



lined up. He must have liked the look of seeing a group together and that started the desire to collect them. Gary now has ten Corvette Pace cars in his collection.

Each car is driven, enjoyed and always attracts attention at car shows and gas stations. In addition to the Pace Cars, he also currently owns a Ron Fellows Z06, a 1990 ZR-1, and the very first Corvette he ever drove, a 4 speed 1997 Coupe. Gary's wife, Linda's daily driver is a 2000 Nassau Blue Coupe.

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Car Care Day at Wally's Garage

We had a record number of Corvettes come through Wally's garage and have their oil changed and car inspected by Wally's very capable son Michael. In addition to oil changes there was lots of food, conversation and good fun to be shared.



NCM Corner



The NCM raffle season is upon us. I want to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets at the July meeting and cleaned out my first allocation. I have a second allocation and will have to turn those in right after the August meeting. There are three other raffles in progress but you will have to buy those tickets on line or call the NCM direct. A 2009 Crystal Red Metallic Coupe (auto) will be awarded on September 10th. Only 500 tickets at \$250.00/each. A 2009 Z06 that you can select any option and any color will be given away on September 18th. Only 500 tickets at \$500.00/each. And finally, a 2009 "Build Your Own" coupe or convertible goes on November 19th. Tickets are only \$100.00/each and 2009 will be sold. Please let me know if you buy a ticket directly from the Museum.

I know my raffle ticket sales will be down this year as Norm and Joyce Lontz gave up and bought a new 2008 coupe. Congratulations guys, enjoy the ride.

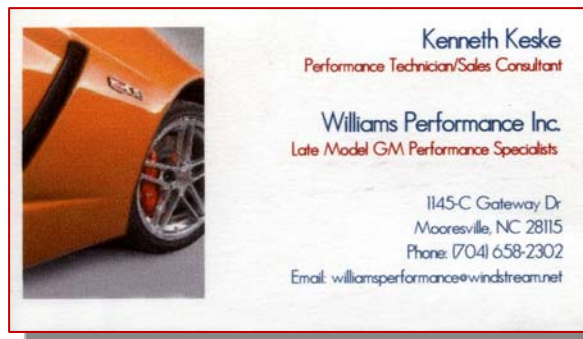
We now have 24 club members signed up for the 2009 Caravan to the NCM. If you have any intention of participating in the event, now is the time to declare as hotel rooms are already at a premium.

Congratulations to Gary Artis, who was selected to participate in the second annual Historic Motorama with his 1986 Indy Pace Car. This special caravan retraces the route of the Corvette plants from Flint, MI, to St. Louis, MO, to Bowling Green, KY. VIP events and VIP treatment follow this group all the way. Only one of each year Corvette is selected and model years 1953, 1955, 1960, 1970 and 2002 are still needed. Registration fee for this event is \$500.00 and if you have a pristine Corvette of one of these years, contact Adam Boca at 1-800-53-Vette.

You have until Friday, August 15 to pre-register for Corvette Celebration on August 28-30. Help celebrate the 14th Anniversary of the opening of the NCM by participating in seminars, road tours, poker runs and the annual Hall of Fame dinner.

Save the Wave.

Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador



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In Bob's Viewfinder



QCCC Donates to USO

In July, members of the QCCC Charity Committee visited the facilities of the USO at Charlotte's Airport and presented them with a check for our donation to their worthy cause. They received a guided tour of the local facilities by Capt. Jack Ahart who accepted our donation.



The local USO has been open for 22 months and has served over 150,000 service men and families.

Want Creature Comforts Away From Home?

Hertz Rent A Car has teamed up with Chevrolet to offer a limited edition Corvette ZHZ. The ZHZ comes equipped with the 436 hp LS3 coupled to the 6-Speed paddle shift transmission. It is Yellow with a painted Black hood stripe and will be included in the Hertz Fun Collection. So, next time you are renting a car ask for it!



Looks Like...An Ear Of Corn!



The pace car for the Allstate 400 NASCAR race at the Brickyard this past week was a Corvette Z06 with exterior graphics that make it resemble corn. It has a yellow hood with green stalks gracing the sides against a Lemans Blue base. We are wondering if GM is suggesting we go green!

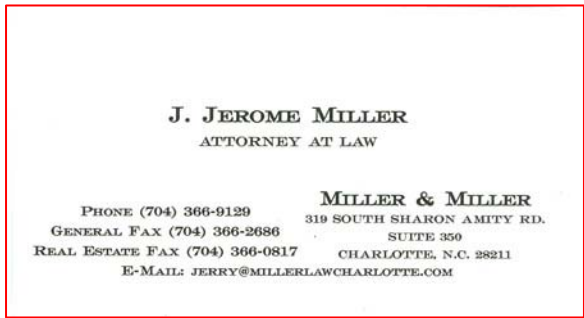
Highlights from Meeting





QCCC Event Calendar for 2008

- AUG.** 5 Board Meeting @ Q's
 9 NASCAR Tech Open House 9am - 2pm
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
- SEPT.** 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 Treasure Hunt/Meeting- Pirate 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
 ? Day trip to Biltmore Estate
- DEC.** 2 Board Meeting @ Q's
6,7 Christmas Parades - Davidson, Lake Wylie, Pageland
13 Meeting/Covered Dish/Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church - Covered Dish & gift exchange
- J'09** TBD Board Meeting @
 10 Meeting at Troutman BBQ, Concord
 17 Banquet - Embassy Suites, Concord
 TBD Car Care Day
- F'09** 21-27 Western Caribbean Cruise



July Men's Lunch



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Fourth of July Parade



Directions to August Meeting

Harley-Davidson of Charlotte

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Note: They are in Matthews right behind the Hooters in the West bound lane of US 74.

Social Gathering 6:00 PM
Business Meeting 6:30 PM

Reminder – Bring Your
-- Non-alcoholic beverages
-- Chairs

From the North:

I-77 South to Brookshire Freeway /
I-277 South to Hwy-74 East /
Independence Blvd.

Approximately 10 miles on left just past Crown Pointe area. Take the first left after the Crown Pointe Shopping Center. You will turn into the Shopping Area with Hooters, International House of Pancakes(IHOP), Midas, Infiniti, Krispy-Kreme and the Suburban Lodge.

From the South:

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