

September 2008



A Quiet Month for
QCCC – Only
Five Dinners,
a Meeting,
Corvettes at Carlisle,
a Mountain Trip,
and NASCAR
Tech Institute



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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

August was a good month to get caught up on summertime chores around the house as it turned out to be an unusually slow month for QCCC. But for the events held, we had great participation and we are building to a busy month of September.



August started with the club's second appearance of the year at the NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville. While Automotive Director John Meadows requested 12 cars, QCCC had 21 cars and more members show up for the morning car show. NTI representative Barbara Lopez took good care of us, putting our Corvettes in the air-conditioned garage on the backside of their great facility. Everyone in attendance enjoyed touring NTI and learning more about them. The visitors to NTI enjoyed visiting with club members and getting pictures taken in Corvettes.

Once finished with the car show at NTI, we enjoyed a couple of hour break and then headed to Charlotte for the monthly business meeting held at Harley Davidson of Charlotte on Independence Blvd. I want to thank owner and QCCC members Ken and Cecile Lipack for allowing the club to hold our business meeting at their dealership. They are always gracious hosts for our meeting venue.

During the meeting, we learned from VP Boyd Kurt of the details for our September get together scheduled at the Ledford estate. A poker run and drive, followed by a pirate themed meeting is surely going to garner a lot of attention. We also learned more of the upcoming murder mystery trip scheduled for Charleston, SC Sept. 19th –21st from the tag team duo of Kay and Jim Weisberg. This trip is going to be great fun for everyone and the participation at last count is up to 26 cars and more than 50 people. If you haven't signed up, contact Kay for more information, as I am sure we will talk about this event for months afterward.

John Meadows also reviewed upcoming Labor Day parades and the fall Auto Fair, being held at Lowe's Motor Speedway on Sept. 6th & 7th. Auto Fair is always a great gathering and the weatherman owes lots of sunshine to everyone after the rain infused spring Auto Fair in April. Look for more information on this event and others throughout the newsletter.

Additional thoughts

During the August business meeting, I also reviewed nominations for 2009 board positions and will continue through the October business meeting. Five current board members are not planning to return for 2009 so now is your opportunity to step up to help organize and run QCCC. Be sure you discuss your plan to nominate someone in advance so they have ample opportunity to review the position and make their decision to run. QCCC is an organization over 220 people, so I am confident we will have an excellent slate of candidates to choose from.

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

Q. Gross

VP REPORT

As I sit here in Carlisle enjoying the afterglow of Corvette's at Carlisle I think back on the things I saw. Not one but at least 4 ZR1's, so many ZO6's I couldn't count. There were 80 acres of Corvettes all models and a great show of 58's. They had an auto cross both Friday and Sunday morning. Saturday night the parade had 4 – 5 blocks 4 wide of Corvettes on display. No, I did not buy one, but there were plenty for sale. A fully restored 53 and big block 67 for only \$399,000 each. What a great experience for the 6th time in 7 years. See you there next year.



We would like to thank our hosts at Harley-Davidson of Charlotte for hosting our August meeting. Over 75 plus members and guests were there. Thank you Ken.

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 year's but more fun. After the run our meeting will be held at Mark and Adina Ledford's home in York, SC. 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. See the web site for more information.

Our October meeting will be held after our fall car show. More info coming in next month's newsletter. It will start right after the car show ends.

Now for an update on the Le Mans Series : No update this month but I know Corvette is getting ready for the Atlanta on October 4th. Yes I will be there again this year between turns 5 & 6. Go to www.corvetteracing.com for more information.

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 28 – 30 , 2009. Also elections are coming up for QCCC in November. Get your nominations in NOW!!!!



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QCCC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 5, 2008



The August Board meeting was held at Quentin and Margo Gross' home and was called to order at 7:15 PM. Officers present were, Quentin & Margo Gross, Eddie Burt, Boyd Kurt and John & Linda Meadows.

Officer reports were as follows:

Q:

- Discussed nomination procedures for upcoming year. All nominees for positions will be contacted by Q. Members should not nominate someone unless they know that person is interested in serving. This will be reviewed with members at upcoming business meeting.
- In Kay's absence Q asked for a vote from Board members on whether pizza should be provided to those attending the Murder Mystery in Charleston. Discussion held and Board unanimously voted for approval.

Boyd:

- Plans for August meeting are set.
- So far four couples will be going to Corvettes in Carlisle.
- Poker run in September in place – will be called City Park Treasure Hunt. Winning hand will receive ½ of the money, 2nd & 3rd place will receive prizes. In addition six names will be drawn to win treasure chests. The hotdog vendor we had at last years Poker Run will again be on site for members to purchase food or bring picnic lunch.
- October meeting will be a car show at **Hendrick Chevrolet** in Monroe.
- November meeting may possibly be held at the Air National Guard meeting room.
- Biltmore House and Winery tour set for Saturday, November 1st for cost of \$36 per person. If enough interest could likely have lunch at one of the restaurants located on the grounds.

John:

- Saturday, August 8th two events are scheduled. So far 11 cars have signed up for NASCAR Technical Institute Open House and 2 cars for Harley Davidson.
- Matthews Alive parade needs 8-9 cars for August 29th.
- Mint Hill has a parade on Sept 27th will let him know how many cars are needed.
- Currently working with **Hendrick Chevrolet** in Monroe on plans for upcoming car show and meeting.
- Certificates and awards for Go Kart winners will be presented at August Business meeting.
- Sign up sheets for Auto Fair will be at the August meeting.

Eddie:

- Current membership is at 213, with 12 prospective members eligible at August meeting.
- Reviewed advertising guidelines – when an advertiser signs up for an advertisement in QCCC newsletter all fees are paid in advance and are nonrefundable.

Linda:

- Reviewed expenditures and budget.
- Reminder notices have been sent out for 2nd and 3rd quarter dues.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Margo Gross, Secretary

NASCAR Tech Center Visit



Automotive Report



Dear Fellow QCCC Members,

This has been another busy month with club members traveling from Oakboro to Carlyle Pa. We also had over 20 cars show up for the car show at the NASCAR Tech Center.

Summer is over but activities are still coming. We have a lot coming up over the next 2 months. First, we have the parade in Mathews Labor Day Week-end. We needed 15 cars for the parade and I had more than that to volunteer. THANKS!!! We will be carrying some of the young beauty queens as well as some political dignitaries. We will also have one car in the Labor Day parade in downtown Charlotte. Mint Hill Madness parade is scheduled for September 27th. We will be needing about 8-10 cars for this parade. I will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.



Our next big event will be Auto Fair, the week end of September 6th & 7th. It is being held a week early so that the drag races could be held the following week end. I understand that many of our club members are headed out to the drags (Remember we have a poker run and a meeting that same Saturday) . I still have a few openings for Saturday and a LOT for Sunday AUTO FAIR. I need your help with this show. If you still haven't signed up, please do so soon.

We will be having our Poker Run (Thanks to Boyd Kurt for setting this up) on September 13. Start time will be at 2:30PM and will end up at Mark Ledford's house for our meeting. We also have our Weekend trip to Charleston along with the Murder Mystery. This is going to be FUN!!!

Next month, October, we will be holding a car show for our Club Sponsor, Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac in Monroe. This will be held on October 11. We need a big turnout at this show. I will be putting out more information on this show soon.



Again we are thankful for all our club sponsors especially City Chevrolet and Hendrick Cadillac Chevrolet. Be sure to look to them for your next new Corvette!

As I close for this month, remember this is your club. It will only be as good as YOU want to make it. Give us your ideas on events and trips you would like to see. Until next month---- Save the Wave.

John

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Corvettes at Carlisle 2008

Carlisle was great, thousands of Corvettes in all of the various years and models were there. For those that were in the market to find a Vette, or parts for restoration – this was the place to be. On Friday, they had 117 Corvettes that were red, white and blue line up in the shape of our nation’s flag. VP Boyd Kurt took us on an impressive tour of the PPG glass factory. We enjoyed perfect weather and Saturday evening had dinner while hundreds of Corvettes took over one of the main streets of Carlisle, parking four across after a delightful parade.



Pictured here are: in great condition an unrestored '53, a C5 patrol car used by a sheriff in Kentucky, a pile of stock exhaust pipes discarded by installers, and a '58 Corvette that a guy bought for \$1,000 and his father complained that it was just too much money to spend on a Chevrolet!



QCCC Meeting Minutes Saturday, August 8, 2008



The August business meeting was held at **Harley Davidson** 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 July business meeting.

Visitors were: *John and Helen Jensen*

New members voted in: **Jack & Betty Brunton, Patti Hamrick and Dave & Karen Jurincie**

Q Gross, President

- Reviewed with members that elections for 2009 Board members will be held in November and asked everyone to think about upcoming nominations and election. If you are thinking of nominating someone please discuss this with that person to make sure they are interested in the position before putting their name down.
- Nomination sheet will be at Auto Fair and the September and October meetings.
- Reminded everyone to check the table up front for sign up sheets for Auto Fair, parades and trip to Biltmore.

Boyd Kurt, Vice President

- The September meeting will be at Mark & Adina Ledford's following the Poker Run.
- Poker Run will cover 31 miles and take approximately 2 hrs to complete and will be a treasure hunt as well as a poker run.
- We will have the same hotdog vendor as last year so if you don't want to bring a picnic lunch you will have the option to purchase food from the vendor.
- October we will have a car show and meeting at **Hendrick Chevrolet** in Monroe.
- Corvettes in Carlisle will be held August 29-30th

Linda Meadows, Treasurer

- Presented current budget report.

John Meadows, Automotive Events Director

- Thanked everyone who came to the NASCAR Technical Institute Open House today. Ended up with 21 cars with great parking inside and free lunch.
- Presented certificates and awards to the Go-Kart winners from July meeting who were present at the meeting. Winners were:
 - “Leadfoot” Susan Wandler – fastest woman driver
 - “Rocky” Tom Rockhold – fastest driver over 40
- Remaining Go-Kart certificates and awards will be presented at the September meeting.
- So far six cars have signed up for the Matthews Alive parade; he still needs two more cars.
- Auto Fair will be held September 6th and 7th. This year we will need 30 cars for each day.

- **Motorama** in Monroe will be hosting a car show on October 4th. Members might be interested in entering their car or stopping by. It's a great car show for a good cause and they offer some great prizes for the top cars.
- Passed around Thank You letters from the **USO** and **Matthews Help Center** who were two of the three charities QCCC supported this past year.

Kay Weisberg, Social Events Director

- Reminded members if you are interested in going to Charleston in September be sure and sign up now. So far 50 people have made reservations. If you have signed up for a part and have not yet received it please let her know ASAP. A few parts are still available.
- Dress for the Murder Mystery is roaring 20's. Recommended checking with Morrison's Costumes if you need something to wear. Certificates will be awarded for best costume.
- Bring part packet you receive for the Murder Mystery regarding your part with you.
- Groups will be leaving from the NC/SC Rest area at 9:15, 9:30 and 9:45am. John & Linda Meadows going on Saturday morning if anyone wanted to drive down with them.
- One day trip to the Biltmore has been planned for November 1st. Group tickets will be \$36 per person and includes winery tour. If you care to have lunch there the total cost will be \$53.95. Arrangements have been made for a group photo to be taken in front of the Biltmore.

Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- Introduced tonight's guests.
- Introduced members who are eligible for membership at tonight's meeting.
- Reported after voting takes place tonight we will have 218 members.

Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum Liaison

- Still has a few Corvette Museum \$10 raffle tickets available. Must be sold tonight. Raffle prize winner will receive a 2009 red coupe.

Fred McCoy mentioned a car show in Winston Salem, NC on September 13th which supports **Kids with Cancer**. This will be held the same day as our Poker Run and meeting. Fred also mentioned an upcoming **Hot Nights – Hot Cars** car show in Mount Pilot on September 1st.

Wendy Krupowitz gave update on the **Royal Caribbean** cruise in February 2009 for QCCC members. Please call or email Wendy if you are interested in getting information.

Respectfully submitted by,
Margo Gross, Secretary



Highlights from the August Meeting



NCM Corner



It will soon be under a year's time before the 2009 Corvette Caravan will be roaring out of Charlotte headed for the holy city of Bowling Green, KY. Once that one-year barrier is broken, things will begin to happen fast. At last notice, over 2,000 participants have already registered. Shortly, the special events and Hall of Fame dinner registrations will open. With all these milestones approaching and more people contemplating joining the caravan, maybe a recap of all the procedures required to sign up is in order.

First, you have to register for the caravan at www.Corvettemuseum.com and look for **“Events”** at the top of the page. Place your cursor on it and a pull down will provide a listing of upcoming events. Click on **“2009 National Corvette Caravan”** and you will be on the caravan page. www.Corvettecaravan.com will also get you there. Toward the bottom of the page, click on **“Register for Corvette Caravan”**. On the next page you will see that you need your log in name and password. If not a NCM member, you will need to request one. If you are a member and don't know it, you will have to call the NCM for that info. The cost to register is \$25.00 per person.

Okay, now that you have all that done, it's time to set up your hotel rooms. The overnight stop is in Seveirville, TN at the Hampton Inn and Suites. You need to contact Amy Law at 1-865-465-0590 and she will put your name on the list for a room. You will not receive a confirmation until sometime in September of 2008. If you do not have a room in Bowling Green, e-mail Frank Sancineto at F6978@aol.com and request that he put your name on a list for the Hampton Inn in Bowling Green. **Do this only after registering.**

Now that all that is taken care of, visit the NC/SC/VA site by going to the caravan web site and clicking on the NC map or selecting the NC site in the window in the upper left corner. This page will keep you updated on all the latest news for our local caravan.

I will notify, by e-mail, all our club members who are registered, of any breaking news and when you will be able to select and register for all the museum events happening when we arrive in Bowling Green.

Next month we will talk about the events at the NCM during the celebration.

Thanks to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the 2009 coupe. Good Luck!

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador



The Leisure Group Does the Mountains at Snow Bird Lodge



Eight couples embarked on a journey into the mountains of Western North Carolina to get away from the heat, enjoy some great scenery and fine food, and have a run on the Tail of the Dragon. Ask Bob Becker and Paul Marino about their run.



QCCC Event Calendar for 2008

- 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.** 1 **Biltmore Estate and Wine Tour**
 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 Presbyterian Church - Covered Dish & gift exchange**
- J'09** TBD Board Meeting @
 10 Meeting at Troutman BBQ,
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 17 Banquet - Embassy Suites,
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- F'09** 21-27 Western Caribbean Cruise

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To John and all the wonderful men & women at Queen City Corvette Club,
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Your gift will help us continue to help those in dire financial crisis by providing programs & services to meet life's basic needs. We appreciate your generosity so very much! Thank you. Thank you, Thank you!

All the best,
 Patti Palmer
 Executive Director



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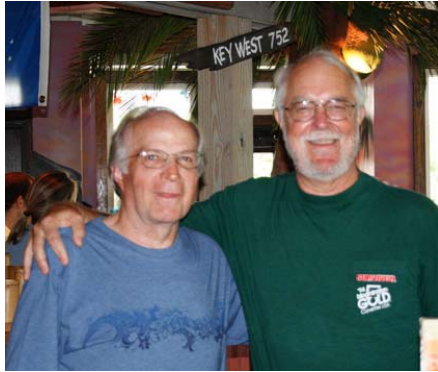
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Directions to The Ledford's: You are encouraged to take the Treasure Hunt Poker Run, starting at 2:30 PM from Charlotte, however the alternate route is:

Take Route I-77 South to Exit 90 – Carowinds Blvd.

- From exit ramp, make Right turn onto Carowinds Blvd.
- Follow Carowinds Blvd. to Route 49 (approx. 1.5 miles)
- Make a Left turn onto Route 49
- Route 49 South - Cross over Lake Wylie on the Buster Boyd Bridge.
- Make a Left Turn to Remain on Route 49 - Bi-Lo / Wendy's on Right corner, Food Lion / Burger King on Far Left corner.
- At the Second light (just past the BP Station) make a RIGHT TURN to remain on Route 49. (The signage is not very obvious!)
- Go approx 3 to 3 1/2 miles - On Left is "The Timbers" - Make Left Here
- Go to end, make a Left, and then the next right onto Fawn Forest Lane. They are #739 in the cul-de-sac (house on right).



The City Park Poker Run and Treasure Hunt

Start time 2:30PM

Location Prime Sirloin Family Steakhouse parking lot located off Exit 33 on I85 , go north on Billy Graham/Mulberry Creek Rd.

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At each stop you will draw a card and the Dealer will write the card name on your Poker Hand Card.

There are 5 stops on the run. Total 42 – 50 miles long (or more **if you get lost**).