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Mayhem, Madness and Murder on Charleston Road Trip, Auto Fair Becomes Sunny, Parades March Along, Members Gamble on Poker Run!







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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

September for QCCC members had a car show, pirates, gangsters & dolls and a road trip to Charleston. Throw in a parade and the weekly dinners and the club had one very busy month.

The second Auto Fair of the year at Lowes Motor



Speedway had a terrific turnout from club members but our friendly weatherman somehow forgot to put in the order for a couple of nice days. Saturday found the club members in attendance in the shade, under the bleachers between turns 3 & 4. While a nice break from the rain, wind, and intermittent sun it was not a good place for spectators to find us. Sunday was much better and we were able to get down into the track infield and show off some great examples of club Corvettes. Congratulations to best of show winner Rick Mills, all the other class winners, and to all members who participated in the Auto Fair show. Special thanks to automotive director John Meadows, who was up very early both days, making sure everyone got into place and parked in the designated spots.

The September business meeting and poker run gave everyone the opportunity to have a little extra fun. With a pirate theme established, club members converged on Mark & Adina Ledford's house for the evening. There were plenty of pirate decorations and members got into the action, showing up in various stages of pirate attire. We appreciate Mark & Adina opening their home to us and thank them for all their help. Kudos to VP Boyd Kurt for setting up and organizing the poker run, Susan Kurt for her help on all the treasure chests awarded as door prizes, and again to John Meadows for his help and support.

September 19<sup>th</sup> –21<sup>st</sup> in Charleston was forecasted to be rainy and cloudy but turned out to be quite nice. With a major group of Corvettes meeting early Friday morning at the welcome center in South Carolina, we broke up into two groups for the drive down to Charleston. After a lunch break, members checked into the hotel and had a bit of leisure time before meeting to go to dinner with the Coastal Carolina Corvette Club based in Charleston. The Charleston club made sure we all arrived at California Dreaming restaurant in one piece; and everyone enjoyed the evening camaraderie.

Saturday gave club members the opportunity to explore the sights of Charleston before preparing for the big evening event, the murder mystery. With a 1920's speak easy opening theme, members came to the party dressed to the 9's. Or was it dressed to kill? We had a variety of different costumes, each one better than the next. We all enjoyed playing our roles and it was one great evening of entertainment. I especially enjoyed when VP Boyd as "Big Jim Ravioli" was the first one to get whacked.

All of this could not have happened without the hard work of social director Kay Weisberg and hubby Jim. They both spent a huge amount of time getting the hotel set up, organizing the Friday dinner with Coastal Corvettes, assigning everyone their roles and taking care of getting the dinner delivered Saturday night. This was one really cool party and trip and we could not have enjoyed all the activities without the help of the Kay and Jim.

We ended the month with the annual Mint Hill parade and another nice opportunity to show off some of the club's finest cars. John Meadows once again was on the front line, getting the queens to their designated ride and club participants to the right spot in the parade route and we appreciate his guidance.

Please be sure you are planning to attend our October business meeting and car show to be held at Hendrick Chevrolet in Monroe. Webmaster E.O. Oakley has done a great job listing the information on the club website and be sure to review the rest of this newsletter for additional information. Plan now to come to the show and meeting to show your support for our club sponsor.

#### Additional thoughts

We opened nominations for the 2009 board positions at Auto Fair and this process will continue through the October business meeting. As previously advised, five current board members are not planning to return for 2009 so now is your opportunity to step up and help organize and run QCCC. If you plan to nominate someone, please discuss with him or her in advance so they have ample opportunity to review the position and make their decision to run. Our club is now in excess of 225 members so I am confident we will have a great slate of candidates. If anyone has any questions regarding the nominations or board position responsibilities, feel free to contact me at any time.

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

#### Q. Gross





What a month we have had here at QCCC. We started with a short but fun City Park Poker Run and Treasure Hunt. I would like to thank Mark & Adina Ledford, Jim & Kay Weisberg, Norm & Joyce Lontz and John & Linda Meadows for their help. How did Q win this time? We would also like to thank Susan for the great Treasure Chests. The costumes were fun, the food was plentiful and the meeting was HOT!!!! Thank you Adina and Mark Ledford for a wonderful time.



He looks good in blue!

Our October meeting will be held October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM after the Car Show at Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac of Monroe: 3112 Hwy 74 West; Monroe, NC 28110. Bring your chairs as we will be having the meeting in the service bay area. Remember NO adult drinks allowed at the car show or meeting. NO Tolerance!!!!!!

Our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the dining hall of the 145<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard. The meeting will start at 6:30PM with a social at 6:00PM. Do not come early to this meeting as the gates will not open until 5:55PM!!!! The entrance we will use is on Morris Field Rd. Look for the map on the web site and newsletter next month. No chairs will be needed and remember, no adult drinks allowed.

Now for an update on the Le Mans Series:

It was announced that Corvette Racing will run a limited schedule in the GT1 class in the first half of the 2009 American Le Mans Series season as it prepares for its 10th participation in the 24

Hours of Le Mans in June. The team will race in the ALMS GT1 class in Sebring and Long Beach. Following its return from Le Mans, Corvette Racing will compete in the GT2 category in selected ALMS events in 2009 in preparation for a full-season program under new international GT class regulations in 2010

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



Drayton Hall Charleston, SC

PS: Be sure to watch the ALMS race October  $4^{th}$  on SPEED. Or come to it and relax by the motor home between turns 5& 6 spot # 2.

# **Automotive Report**



We started out this month attending Auto Fair. While the weather didn't help the Car show, we still had a great turnout both days. Our winners were Richard Fisher, Reggie Black, Bob Becker, Gary Artis, Paul Mariano, Chris Wood and Best of show winner Rick Mills. Again I and the board want to thank all who participated and made this event a successful show.



During September we also had a Poker Run with about 20 cars participating, a trip to Charleston with over 25 cars going down and a parade in Mint Hill(In The Rain) with 12 cars participating. We also learned that City Chevrolet had one of

the new ZR1's(Belonging to Casey Mears) on display and many of our members made the trip down to get a glimpse of this exciting new Corvette.

In October we have a couple High School Home Coming events, our Big Show at Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac of Monroe and a trip planned to Gatlinburg .

We will be having a Car Show at Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac on October 11, 2008 This is our sponsors car show and we need a BIG turnout. The show will run from 9AM to 3PM with our monthly meeting being held at 3:30 PM. I realize that this is also the day of the big race at the speedway, but it being a night race, we hope those planning on attending the race will at least come by in the morning. We will be serving Subway sandwiches and chips



for lunch. Please bring your own drinks (Non Alcoholic Please). Dealers choice awards will be presented at the meeting . We have promised the dealership that we would have a least 40 cars there. Lets show them how much we appreciate their support our club.

Again we are thankful for ALL of our club sponsors especially City Chevrolet and Hendrick Cadillac Chevrolet. Be sure to support them!!

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



## **QCCC Board Meeting Minutes** Tuesday, September 2, 2008

The September Board meeting was held at John and Linda Meadows' home and was called to order at 7:20 PM. Officers present were, Quentin & Margo Gross, Eddie Burt, Boyd Kurt, John & Linda Meadows and Kay Weisberg.



Officer reports were as follows:

#### Q Gross - President

- Reviewed calendar events and meetings. Only updates were Board meeting location changes for November and December. Location updates will be forwarded to Charlie Binder.
- Nomination sheets will be prepared and taken to Auto Fair so that members can review and add names to ballots.
- Reminded everyone that Male and Female Rookie of the Year and Member of the Year will be voted on at the December meeting.

#### **Boyd Kurt – Vice President**

- Plans for August meeting and Poker Run are set.
- Reviewed times for the October meeting at Hendrick Chevrolet.
- Still working on confirming November meeting at Air National Guard meeting room.
- Biltmore House and Winery tour set for Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> will need an exact count by October 18<sup>th</sup>. The winery and house tour will be timed entries, lunch will be buffet style.
- Discussed several suggestions for banquet gift items.

#### John Meadows – Automotive Director

- Will check with Air National Guard to see if their units are deployed and if they will need our help this year.
- Mint Hill parade needs 8-10 cars for September 27<sup>th</sup>. Will send out email when he knows the exact count needed.
- Auto Fair count is 34 cars for Saturday and 20 for Sunday. Will keep recruiting for more cars on Sunday.
- Sub sandwiches will be provided to members who attend the October car show at **Hendrick Chevrolet.** Business meeting will be help in the shop and will begin at 3:30 pm. Trophies have been ordered.

#### Kay Weisberg – Social Director

- Ordered port-a-jon for August meeting at the Ledford's.
- Reviewed plans for Murder Mystery weekend in Charleston. At this point approximately 50 QCCC members will be attending. Members will have dinner Friday evening at California Dreaming with approximately 20 members from the Charleston Corvette club.
- Will get Gatlinburg trip information on the website.
- Christmas party and gift exchange plans will be the same as last year.

#### **Eddie Burt – Membership Director**

• Current membership is at 218, with 9 prospective members eligible at September meeting.

#### Linda Meadows - Treasurer

• Reviewed expenditures and budget. All are in line with projections.

#### **New Business:**

Boyd mentioned their might be some interest in having a photo album of headshots so that new members have an easier time putting faces with names.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Margo Gross, Secretary

#### MEMBERS SON GETS PROMOTION

Sergeant Todd C. Lontz, son of Norman and Joyce Lontz, was recently promoted to the position of Response Area Commander in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

The Response Area Commanders are an integral part of the CMPD's strategy for reducing crime at the neighborhood level. Each of the thirteen patrol divisions is divided into three response areas; they are responsible for developing crime reduction action plans and strategies to address the most significant crime problems in their assigned areas. Sergeant Lontz will be assigned to the Southwest Service Area, Westover Division



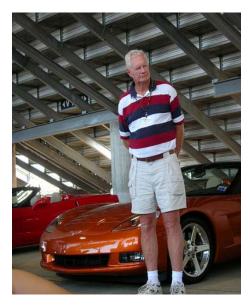




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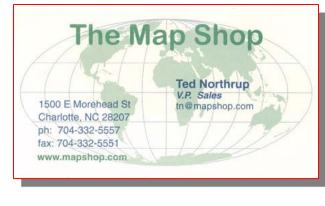














## **QCCC** Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 13, 2008

The September business meeting was held at Mark & Adina Ledford's home in York, SC and was called to order by President, Q Gross at 6:30 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 August business meeting.

Visitors were: *Linda Craig* – 2008 Orange Z06 and 1985, *Glen Dick* - 2006 Black Coupe with ZL465 performance pkg; *Virgil & Kelli Dumire* – 2001 Black Convertible and 2006 Black Coupe

New members voted in: **Richard Craig** – 2008 Orange Z06 and 1985, **John & Helen Jensen** – 1962 Red Convertible, 1998 Red Coupe, 2008 Red Coupe and **Randy and Jennifer Weiss** – 2007 Atomic Orange Convertible.

#### Q Gross, President

- Thanked Mark & Adina Ledford for hosting the meeting and presented them with a gift certificate to *Sticky Fingers* as a thank you on behalf of the club.
- Thanked Boyd and Susan Kurt for putting together the poker run and treasure chests.
- Acknowledged Charlie & Iris Binder for all the work they do on the club newsletter.

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

- Reminded members that no liquor is allowed at the October meeting and car show.
- Plans have been finalized to hold our November meeting at the Air National Guard. Members need to be there no later than 6:15 pm. Be sure and bring your drivers license as identification is necessary for entry.
- Announced poker hand winner was Q. Gross and Carl Slavetsky was a treasure chest winner.

#### Linda Meadows, Treasurer

- Presented current budget report.
- Six members still owe 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter dues

#### John Meadows, Automotive Events Director

• Presented certificates to the Go-Kart winners from July meeting who were not present at the August meeting. These awards went to

"Red Baron" Mark Ledford - Best Lap - driver age 40-50.

"Thor" David Bessinger - fastest driver under 40

- Mint Hill parade on September 27<sup>th</sup> still needs cars.
- Discussed October car show and meeting at **Hendrick Chevrolet** in Monroe. Club will furnish sub sandwiches to those who attend the car show. Members should bring their

own beverages. There is a possibility that **Hendrick Chevrolet** will be sponsoring an on site blood drive that day.

- **Motorama** in Monroe will be hosting a car show on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Members might be interested in entering their car. If you don't want to enter your car you might want to stop by and just check out all the cars entered. It's a great car show for a good cause and they offer some great prizes for the top cars.
- Pilot Mountain will be having a cruise in October 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Kay Weisberg, Social Events Director

- Reviewed plans for Murder Mystery weekend in Charleston. For those going the group will be meeting at the SC Welcome center at 9:00 am on 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Friday evening (9/19/08) the group will be meeting the **Coastal Carolina Corvette** club for dinner at **California Dreaming**. Some of their members will be meeting us at the hotel to lead us to the restaurant. Be sure and be downstairs in your car at 6 pm sharp.
- An email vote was taken on Gatlinburg and Biltmore trips members voted that both trips stay on schedule.
- So far 53 have signed up for the trip to the Biltmore. Be sure to get your money to Linda Meadows by 10/11/08. If you would like to stay overnight contact Q. Gross and he will give you a lead on a great hotel.
- Members should bring nonperishable food items to both the November and December meeting. All donated items will be given to **Matthews Help Center**, one of our past charity recipients.
- Is looking into planning a trip to Old Salem on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Banquet is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> at Embassy Suites in Concord.

#### **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 223 members.

#### Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum Liaison

- Thanked Boyd for mistakes on poker run route.
- See him at the end of meeting if you would like to purchase 2009 Caravan flags for \$15 and/or 2009 Caravan clings for \$10.
- Caravan will be having a get together at the **Hampton Inn** in Concord prior to the caravan leaving.
- **National Corvette Museum** has a new program when you get your car built; you can order a photo album for \$350 which contains between 20-25 pictures.

Respectfully submitted by, Margo Gross, Secretary



# Highlights From Poker Run and Meeting



































# NCM Corner

If you haven't subscribed to the NCM eNEWS mailings, you are missing out on some bargains. A special merchandise sale from the Corvette Store was offered for only three days and only to those enrolled for eNEWS. Go to <u>www.CorvetteMuseum.com</u> and pull down on the Newsletter header. Click on "Sub



and pull down on the Newsletter header. Click on "Subscribe to NCM eNEWS". Follow the easy directions.

Two people are now driving new Corvettes they won in NCM raffles. They are not from the Charlotte area, unfortunately. Jeff Hicks of Atlanta, GA won the "Build Your Own Z06" and William Smith of Cashmere, WA won the 2009 Crystal Red Coupe.

Would you like the ultimate baby book for your new Corvette? If you are ordering a new Corvette, you can purchase a twenty-page photo album from the NCM that documents your car's build process. Each album is created with the highest quality photo paper and bound with a padded leather cover. The cost is \$400.00 or \$350.00 if included with a buyer's tour or museum delivery. \$300.00 if both options are taken. Check it out on the NCM website.

Hopefully, last month I provided everyone with all the information required to get you registered and all your hotel needs taken care of. I also promised to give you all the scoop on activities after you arrive in Bowling Green. So here goes! First you may want to take a tour of the plant and see the assembly line in action. The plant surprisingly opened up their reservation register early and I alerted all those signed up for the caravan as soon as that news broke. I hope everyone wanting a tour got in close to the time they wanted. The next big event is the Hall of Fame dinner where three or four Corvette personages are inducted. Cost of this event is usually \$55.00/person and will probably be on Friday night. There is a limited number of tickets sold for this event. Tours of local attractions such as Lincoln Heritage Tour, Maker's Mark Distillery tour and a Wine and Cheese tour are offered. These events have limited participation and a cost of \$20.00/25.00 per person, which includes a lunch. Registration should open for these events early next year. I will alert everyone as soon as I hear. Free seminars, road tours, and auctions are offered every day. If you are not pre-registered for the caravan, you will miss out on these fun outings. We can anticipate new events will be added for next year. Stand by with your finger on the mouse.

I have sold my initial allotment of Caravan flags and static clings, but should shortly receive a second shipment. Flags are \$15.00 and the clings are \$10.00.

Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano NCM Ambassador

## **QCCC** Does the Parades



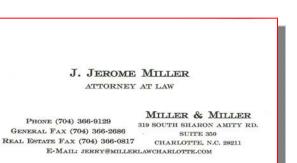
# **QCCC** Event Calendar for 2008

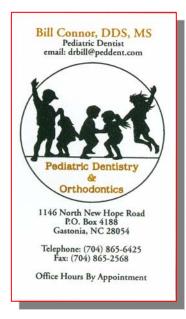
- **OCT.** 1 Deadline for making Hotel Reservations for Gatlinburg Trip
  - www.innofthesouth.com Clarion Inn Willow River 865 429 7600
  - 4 Car Show @ Motorama
  - 7 Board Meeting @ Eddie's
  - 11 Deadline for payment for Biltmore Estate Trip
  - 11 Meeting and Car Show at Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac in Monroe
  - 17 Weekend Trip to Gatlinburg Deals Gap / Corvette Expo in the Smokies
- NOV.1Day trip to Biltmore Estate (<a href="http://www.biltmore.com">http://www.biltmore.com</a>)4Board Meeting @ Q's
  - 6-8 Georgia Crossroads Vette Rendezvous at National Corvette Museum
  - 8 Meeting at 145th National Guard Headquarters (off Morris Field Rd)
  - 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 -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







## The Charleston Murder Mystery

Wow – did Jim and Kay Weisberg ever set up a great trip! They organized the whole weekend adventure: the travel plans, lodging, hooking up with the Coastal Carolina Corvette Club, and especially the Murder Mystery.

For those not able to join in, on Friday the group caravanned from the SC welcome center to the

Quality Suites hotel. After some settling in, we joined up with the local Corvette club and headed to the California Dreaming restaurant that overlooked a picturesque harbor and marina. On Saturday evening the real fun began with all of the characters dressed up in their 20's outfits. Mayhem and madness soon took over as the play unfolded























































# October 11th Meeting and Car Show at Hendrick Chevrolet - Cadillac 3112 Hwy 74 West; Monroe, NC

Car Show: 9:00 AM Meeting: 3:30 PM (Approx., after car show)

#### **BRING:**

- Your Corvette
- Polishing equipment
- Chairs
- Beverages
- Sun screen

#### Lunch will be provided.

**REMINDER :** 

No Adult Drinks!





