## November 2008 ST NEENCITY CHARLOTTE NC

The Leaves Are Falling,There is a Chill at Night, but QCCC Members are Out Enjoying

Car Shows, Meetings, Dinners, and Fall Trips


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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

October brought cooler weather and the changing of the leaves to everyone. To QCCC members, October brought a major car show, a trip to the mountains, and NASCAR races.

The second Saturday of the month (10/11) was
 a busy day for club members. Saturday was slated as our second major car show for club sponsor Hendrick Automotive and the Hendrick Chevrolet / Cadillac in Monroe. With the skies dark and rain threatening, the QCCC Corvettes slowly arrived. Eventually over 40 Corvettes showed up, and while we got rain, everyone got plenty of exercise wiping down their cars after each sprinkle. Before the morning was over, the sun came out and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie. Congratulations to all the trophy winners and to Automotive Director John Meadows for another great effort putting together the show and taking care of getting the lunch to all our members.

Special thanks go to the fine folks at Hendrick Chevrolet / Cadillac for allowing us to hold our car show on their grounds. They also were gracious in allowing the club to hold our monthly business meeting after the show at the dealership. John also had arranged to have a special "tricked out" Z06 come down from City Chevrolet and one of their salesman went into detail about the special things City could do to add even more horsepower to America's sports car.

We had a great turnout for the show considering it was also the same day as the NASCAR race scheduled for Lowe's Motor Speedway. Several members already had previously committed to their race tickets but were in phone contact with me throughout the day, checking to make sure we had plenty of cars for the show. While they couldn't make it to the car show, they were with us in spirit.

The following weekend gave another hardy band of members an opportunity to drive to the mountains and visit Gatlinburg, TN. From all accounts I have heard, another great time was had, enjoying the mountain scenery and taking on the curvy mountain roads.

At the end of this month, a great road trip is scheduled for Asheville and a visit to the Biltmore Estate. VP Boyd has put together a great agenda; look for more information on the Biltmore trip in this newsletter. While it is scheduled as a day trip, several members are either going up on Friday or making it a complete weekend and staying over on Saturday night. Whatever your schedule allows, I hope to see as many members as possible in Asheville on Saturday, 11/01.

## Additional thoughts

The November business meeting scheduled for Saturday, 11/08 will mark the date for electing new members for the 2009 board positions. Please look for more information on the meeting location in this newsletter. Plan now to come out to the $145^{\text {th }}$ Air National

Guard Headquarters and vote in the new board members. We will also be continuing the canned food drive and will be discussing plans for our annual Christmas giving program. Again, I hope to see as many members as possible at our November business meeting.

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



Big "Jim" would like to thank Jim and Kay for a great job putting on the Charleston Murder Mystery. Big "Bill" would like to thank all of you for the contributions to his campaign fund. What a fun trip and event. It took me a week to get my voice back.
Our October meeting was held October $11^{\text {th }}$
 after the Car Show at Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac of Monroe. Our thanks to John and his team, for a very successful event. The day started out wet but the afternoon was great and the meeting was fun. We had over 75 members and guests at the show and meeting.

Our November $8^{\text {th }}$ meeting will be held in the dining hall of the $145^{\text {th }}$ 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 5225 Morris Field Drive off of Billy Graham Expressway. This entrance may be closed so look for the signs on Morris Field Drive. that say QCCC. They will guide you to the correct entrance. We will also send out an email the Friday before the meeting with the route we will take. Remember no adult drinks or Weapons allowed. Remember this is QCCC election night so don't miss this one.

The December $13^{\text {th }}$ meeting, pot luck dinner and Christmas Party will be held at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church; 15000 York ( Hwy 49 ) Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278. The club will furnish the meat course, drinks and plates, etc. We get to furnish vegetables, potatoes, deserts and all the other good eats. Dinner will start at 5:45PM with the meeting starting at 6:30PM. A gift exchange will follow the meeting. Under $\$ 10.00$ gifts please. Look for more details in the coming month.


Mr. Sock \& Friend Retirement Party


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All racing Corvette’s are YELLOW!!!!!!
" Save the Wave"
Boyd Kurt - VP
PS: Remember Sebring ALMS race is March 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$, 2009. Look for us on the start finish line. Go Corvette in the GT1 and GT2 classes.

## QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 7, 2008

The October Board meeting was held at Jane \& Eddie Burt's home and was called to order at 7:00 PM. Officers present were, Quentin \& Margo Gross, Eddie Burt, Boyd Kurt, John \& Linda Meadows and Kay Weisberg. Guests were Jane Burt and Nelson Sprague.


Officer reports were as follows:

## Q Gross - President

- Discussed calendar changes.
- Reviewed cost and number of copies of QCCC Newsletter mailed each month.
- Nominations will close at the October meeting and all nominees will be contacted with a week or so to confirm their approval of their nomination and explain the officer duties.
- Elections will be held at the November meeting - Margo will send out an absentee ballot electronically two weeks prior to the November meeting. All ballots must be returned to either QCCC post office box or a QCCC officer no later than 24 hrs prior to the November Business meeting.
- Reviewed process for counting ballots.
- December meeting- members will vote on Member of the Year, Female and Male Rookies of the Year. No absentee ballots accepted - members must be present to vote.
- Asked Eddie to have Female and Male Rookies of the Year candidates list ready by the November Board meeting.
- Reviewed Annual Banquet responsibilities; Q - plaques; Program Agenda - Q \& Boyd; Programs - Boyd \& Kay.
- Decision regarding 50/50 raffle and Silent Auction will be made at November Board meeting.


## Boyd Kurt - Vice President

- Discussed October meeting at Hendrick Chevrolet.
- Reviewed plans for Biltmore House trip and will ask for volunteers to led caravan.
- November meeting will be held at the Air National Guard headquarters. Members should bring ID and enter at Morrisville road entrance no earlier than 5:55 PM.
- December meeting and dinner will be held same place as last year
- January meeting at Troutman's Barbeque in Concord.
- Third quarter member points will be mailed out within the next couple weeks.


## John Meadows - Automotive Director

- Reported that he had plenty of cars for the two high school homecoming parades.
- Car show plans all set for Hendrick Chevrolet.
- Discussed upcoming parades in Charlotte, Monroe, Concord and Lake Wiley.


## Kay Weisberg - Social Director

- Recapped Charleston trip and reported on event.
- Reviewed annual banquet plans - January $17^{\text {th }}$ Embassy Suites, Concord.
- Reported that 9 couples will be going on the Gatlinburg, TN trip.
- To date 61 have signed up for the Biltmore trip.
- Christmas party and gift exchange plans will be the same as last year.

Eddie Burt - Membership Director

- Current membership is at 223, with 1 prospective members eligible at October Business meeting.


## Linda Meadows - Treasurer

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

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,
Margo Gross, Secretary


## A TASTE OF COLOR

Several cancellations reduced our number for the trip to Sevierville to four cars for the morning trip with one meeting us later at the hotel. Those making the run through the back roads were treated to the splashes of colors in the high country and remarkably terrific colors through the lower altitudes. Although we were hounded by drizzle and light rain through the murky skies, enough light made it through to illuminate the color palettes on the trees.

We arrived at the hotel with just enough time to unpack, enjoy a drink of hot cider or coffee and then rush to the Events Center for the evening cruise. Over one hundred Corvettes made the nearly sixty-mile trek through the back roads of Tennessee to enjoy more beautiful scenery, interesting roads and more fall colors. The cruise ended back at the Volunteer Chevrolet dealership and a free BBQ. The personnel at the dealership were extremely friendly and anxious to make sure we were enjoying ourselves. We were.


All day Saturday was spent at the Events Center enjoying the NCRS judging, car show, auction and vendors galore. The guys were picking up free catalogues while the ladies picked up not so free shirts. No, nobody in our group bought a car at the auction. In fact, not many people bought any cars. I guess the economy has touched the Corvette faithful, also.

The group of eight, the Marianos, Davidsons, Walter Ahren and his friend Richard and David and Annmarie enjoyed a great dinner at The Chop House Saturday evening. The Belvins had to return home earlier on Saturday to fulfill family obligations. The superb management at the restaurant provided the table with free appetizers for seating us fifteen minutes late. Way to run a restaurant.

An event that the club could visit again at a minimal cost for a weekend. A great trip with very nice people, but a word of warning. Never, ever, repeat never, try to drive through Gatlinburg on a weekend. Impossible.

Paul Mariano
Journalist


## QCCC Helps with Home Coming Events



## QCCC Meeting Minutes

## Saturday, October 11, 2008

The October business meeting was held at Hendrick
Chevrolet, Monroe, NC and was called to order by President, Q Gross at 3:30 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 September business meeting.
Visitors were: Michael \& Cynthia Clay - 1974 Red Coupe; Bill \& Julia Davidson - Red Z06; Glen Dick - 2006 Black Coupe with ZL465 performance pkg; Bill Hanna - 1966 Convertible, 2008 Z06; Tony Russ - 2005 Coupe and 1977 Coupe

New member voted in: Linda Craig - 2008 Orange Z06 and 1985.

## Q Gross, President

- Passed around nomination sheet and reminded members that nominations will close at end of meeting. All nominees will be contacted by phone to confirm their nominations and officer duties will be reviewed.
- Reviewed election process and reminded members that absentee ballots must be signed, placed in a sealed envelope and either mailed or hand delivered to a Board members no later than 24 hours prior to November Board meeting.
- Thanked E.O. Oakley for maintaining the QCCC website and Charlie \& Iris Binder for the great work they do on the newsletter each month.
- Showed calendars that were sent to him by a vendor and could be purchased for $\$ 9.00$ with minimum order of 11 .


## Boyd Kurt, Vice President

- Mentioned that $3^{\text {rd }}$ quarter points have been sent out. If members notice a discrepancy please contact him ASAP.
- Plans have been finalized to hold our November meeting at the Air National Guard. Members need to be there arrive no earlier than 5:55 PM no later than 6:15 pm. Be sure and bring your drivers license as identification is necessary for entry. Drivers should enter on Morris Field road. Signs will direct to meeting location.
- Reminded members to bring food to the November meeting for Matthews Help Center.
- Reviewed Biltmore Trip details.
- December meeting and dinner will be held at the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. QCCC will furnish meat, members are asked to bring side dishes. Please RSVP if you will be attending. All Air National Guard gifts should be brought to December meeting.


## John Meadows, Automotive Events Director

- On behalf of QCCC presented a special award to Chris Boone, Sales Manager of Hendrick Chevrolet.
- Thanked Hendrick Chevrolet for their generous gift of $\$ 3000$. The Charity fund received $\$ 2000$ and trophies were purchased with the remaining $\$ 1000$.
- Presented Hendrick Car Show awards to the following: Steve Palchek; Tom Rockhold; Carl Slavetsky; Jim Weisberg and Clark Belvin.
- Thanked the many club members who participated in today's car show and also those who participated in the recent parades.
- Mentioned an upcoming event (non-club event) at Auto Barn in Concord. This event will be held on November $8^{\text {th }}$ from 9-2. Proceeds will help support the Boys \& Girls Club of Cabarrus County.
- Discussed Veteran's Day parade which will be held in Charlotte on November $8^{\text {th }}$. See him after meeting if you would like to participate.


## Kay Weisberg, Social Events Director

- Presented Charleston Mystery Dinner awards to the following: Wealthiest - Mayor Big Bill (Boyd Kurt); Best Costume - Don Zimmer; Best Performers - Lois Watts \& Carolyn Zimmer; Super Sleuths - Diane Liebe \& Don Zimmer.
- Reminded members that the Annual Banquet is scheduled for January $17^{\text {th }}$ at Embassy Suites in Concord.
- Reviewed Gatlinburg and Biltmore trip plans.


## Linda Meadows, Treasurer

- Presented current budget report.
- Reminded members that if they plan on attending Biltmore trip and have not yet paid they should do so immediately following the close of the meeting.


## Eddie Burt, Membership Director

- Introduced tonight's guests.
- Introduced guests eligible for membership at this afternoon's meeting.
- Reported after voting takes place we will have 224 members.

Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum
Liaison

- Anyone wishing to purchase raffle tickets
 please check with Paul after the meeting.
- Mentioned National Corvette Museum event Vets for Vettes being held on Nov. 7-8 ${ }^{\text {th }}$
- If anyone is interested he has forms if you would like to purchase a brick from the National Corvette Museum.

Motioned was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 PM.
Respectfully submitted by,
Margo Gross, Secretary

## Back Stage Tour of Blumenthal Theaters

A determined group of eleven members went over to the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center for a guided tour of their theaters which included the Belk, Booth Playhouse, McGlohon, Duke Energy Theater and the newest theater the Stage Door. We were treated to a very knowledgeable tour guide who explained about the types of theaters, and gave us a little theater history and some interesting tidbits of behind the scenes stuff. We followed it up with a great lunch at the Ri-Ra Irish restaurant nearby.


## NCM Comer

Elfie Arkus-Duntov passed away on October $23 r d$ at the age of 93 . She will be cremated and her ashes placed next to her beloved Zora at the National Corvette Museum. So the life cycle is complete and the legends live.


Just how proud are you of your Corvette?
You can make it famous by purchasing a 4 " $\times 2.5^{\prime \prime}$ display to be showed on one of the tabletops in the upcoming new cafe at the museum. There will only be 279 display boxes available on a first come/first serve basis. Artwork and info must be provided to NLT 24 November. Corvettes only, no models please. Price is $\$ 50.00$ for display through February 2011. Visit the NCM website for complete details.

Thanks to everyone who voted in the American LeMans Series "From the Fans" award. As a result, Corvette Racing Program Manager, Doug Fehan won the award as the person who made the greatest contribution to the series in the past year. Johnny O'Connell lost the Most Popular Driver award by just three votes. Let's all pitch in next year for a Corvette sweep.

One of our caravan sponsors and also an advertiser in our newsletter, Autoshield Carolinas, has a special offer for their customers to help advertise their new location. Simply make a purchase of Zaino Show Car Polish and you will be automatically entered to win a complete Invisible Bra installation. The drawing will be held on December $24^{\text {th }}$. A very nice Christmas present. There is also a $\$ 20.00$ coupon on Citysearch for a discount on a full window tint. Visit their website at www.autoshieldcarolinas.com for other specials.

I have a few raffle tickets remaining for the 2009 Victory Red Coupe to be given away in January 2009. I will not be getting any more tickets for this raffle.

Although April is still a few months away, it's not too early to begin plans for the C5/C6 Bash at the NCM on April 22-26. Barb and I will be going, as this is one of the really fun events without the large Labor Day crowds. This year we had seven cars from QCCC attending and if we can once again put together a group, l'll be glad to arrange a caravan over the mountains. Viva Margaritaville.

Save the Wave
Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador

## The October Car Show and Meeting Highlights





Dear Fellow QCCC Members,
Happy Upcoming Turkey Day everyone. As usual, October has been a busy month for QCCC. So far we have had 2 homecoming parades, our fall car show at Hendrick Chevrolet-Cadillac and a trip to the mountains.

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I would like to thank everyone who attended our fall car show at Hendrick Chevrolet-Cadillac. We had over 40 cars attending the show. Although the dealer had a real hard time deciding their choice for awards( they wanted to give a trophy to everyone) they finally presented trophies to the following people- Steve Pelchat, Tom Rockhold,Carl Slavetsky, Jim Weisberg and Clark Belvin. Congratulations to our winners!!

I want to give a special thanks to all those who made the trip down from the lake,those down from Shelby and to Craig and Donna Perry who came all the way from Lenoir. We were glad to see Craig had recovered from his recent surgery. Our members were asked and they delivered! Hendrick Chevrolet-Cadillac was very pleased with our turnout. AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT A SUCCESS!!

In November and December we have several parades for which we will need volunteers. In these we can use any Corvette except those with fixed roofs. Some of the upcoming parades and dates are:

- Concord November 22, 2008 2:00 PM
- Monroe November 23, 2008 2:00 PM
- Lake Wylie Elementary Dec. 6, 2008 10:30 AM Look for sign up sheets for these at our next meeting.

There are a couple of non-QCCC cars shows coming up in
 November. The first is November 8 from 9AM to 2 PM in Concord. This is an all model show put on by AutoBarn Classic Cars. The Boys and Girls Club of Cabarrus County will benefit from this show. Although this show is on our Club Meeting day, it will be over early.

There is also a show at Hendrick Motorsports on November 22. I have attended this show for the last couple years and it has lot of cars and again is a fun show. It benefits the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. I will be sending out emails on both of these shows.

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 idea's on events and trips you would like to see. Until next month---- Save the Wave.

John

Oh, Those Low Calorie Meals We Love!



## QCCC Event Calendar for 2008



# Next Meeting November 8th - QCCC Election Night!! 

Where: Dining Hall of 145th Air National Guard
Entrance at 5225 Morris Field Drive (off Billy Graham Expwy)
When: Social 6:00 PM Meeting 6:30 PM

## Reminders:

- No Adult Drinks
- No Weapons
- Do Not Arrive Before

5:55 PM!!!

- QCCC Signs will guide you to correct entrance
- We are electing 2009

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