# December 2008



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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**

November brought elections where our country will have a new President starting in January and QCCC also held their annual elections for 2009 board positions. Congratulations to new 2009 QCCC board members President Boyd Kurt, Vice President



Phillip Lewis, Automotive Director Nelson Sprague, Treasurer Florence Prather, Social Director Adina Ledford, Secretary Linda Lewis, and returning Membership Director Eddie Burt. I know the new board members are excited to be taking on their new responsibility and will do an outstanding job in 2009.

I can't thank enough the outgoing 2008 board members who helped QCCC have one of our best years ever. VP Boyd Kurt has done a great job for QCCC and I knew I could always count on him for handling his VP responsibilities. He was always there when needed and I know Boyd will do a outstanding job as President. After all, he does have big shoes to fill. Automotive Director John Meadows has been a pleasure to work with and this past year put together a slew of memorable car shows, road trips, parades, and presided over the club charity committee. I learned a lot about John this year and can honestly say he is truly a gentleman and always had the club members interests at the forefront.



Kay Weisberg also was fun to work with as she guided the social activities of QCCC this past year. Coming up with new and different social activities for an organization of over 225 members can be challenging and Kay was up to the test. Who could forget the Charleston Murder Mystery as well as Maggie Valley? Sprinkle in all the other monthly events along with organizing the holiday food drive and you have one busy lady. And don't forget, Kay has put the January 2009 awards banguet together as well.

Linda Meadows has handled the treasurer job for the past two years with a professional attitude and did a great job. It is not an easy task balancing the club books, keeping track of dues, creating the annual

budget, and keeping the rest of the board and club in line when it comes to monitoring all the club finances. But Linda took the time to make sure every nickel and dime was accounted for and in line with what we said was going to be spent. And what can I say about Membership Director Eddie Burt that has not already been said? Eddie is the cornerstone of QCCC and also was there for me (and everyone else) and is always out in the public, recruiting new members for QCCC and coming up with new ways to generate revenue for the club. Eddie pretty much single handedly created our club advertising program, which has resulted in more prizes and awards coming back to club members.

And I can't thank enough my wife Margo for her help this past year. After previously serving as club secretary for 2 years (2005-2006) she stepped up midyear to fill the vacancy that had been created in the secretary position. Margo has been by my side for 33 years and has been a tremendous supporter while I have been on the QCCC board for the past 3 years.

And there are others I want to thank for jobs well done this past year. Thanks to Charlie and Iris Binder for their always impeccable job of putting together the newsletter you are reading. This job requires a huge amount of time and month after month Charlie and Iris come through for us. E.O. Oakley was given a challenge early in the year as web master to update the club website and boy did he do one heck of a job. E. O. gave a whole new look to the website and incorporated new technical tweaks that enables users to move smoothly through the information posted for QCCC.

Paul Pelkey publishes monthly all of the membership and car data for everyone and club photographer Bob Denney gives us the majority of all the great photos we enjoy looking at in the newsletter and on the website. National Corvette Museum Ambassador Paul Mariano keeps us posted on the latest happenings in Bowling Green and is really taking on a big job for 2009, helping organize the regional gathering for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caravan to the Museum next year. Thank you all for your hard work and support of QCCC.

And a big thank you goes to club sponsor City Chevrolet and Hendrick Chevrolet-Cadillac. They have been very supportive of QCCC this year and have been a terrific help to all of us.

#### Additional and final thoughts

The holidays seem to bring out the best in everyone and is a time to give thanks. Give thanks for our wonderful families, our great friendships, and reflect upon the fact QCCC is blessed to have such outstanding members. In all sincerity, I want to personally thank all of the QCCC members for their support while I have served as President the past two years. It has truly been an honor to be part of the great legacy of club presidents that dates back 40 years. I will see you all at the December Christmas party and at the January awards banquet.

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

Q. Gross



First of all I would like to thank everyone for their confidence in electing me as your 2009 President in QCCC. I have enjoyed being VP under Q. As his campaign manager it was a fun 2 years. Looking back at 2008 we all came together and had a great year. I know the 2009 QCCC Board will work hard and plan a fun filled 2009.



Our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was held in the dining hall of the 145<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard. We thank Lt. Col. Rose Dunlap for letting QCCC hold its meeting there. She said it was a pleasure to have us and thanked QCCC for all the good things we do for them. We had over 83 members and guests attend.

The December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, pot luck dinner, Christmas Party and gift exchange will be held at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church; 15000 York (Hwy 49) Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278. There is plenty of lighted parking so drive your Corvettes. 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 \$15.00 gifts please. You have to bring one to get one.

Our January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Troutman's BBQ ; 1388 Warren Coleman Blvd; Concord, NC 28025. It is at the corner of Hwy 49 and Hwy 601. We will have a buffet dinner prior to the meeting. Dinner will start at 5:45Pm with the meeting starting at 6:30PM. The cost will be \$11.00 per person. Exact cash please. Look for more information on the web site and January newsletter.



How did we get to park here at Biltmore?

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



What a Great Christmas Gift!

PS: Remember Sebring ALMS race is March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Look for us on the start finish line. Go Corvette in the GT1 and GT2 classes.

## **QCCC Board Meeting Minutes** Thursday, November 6, 2008



The November Board meeting was held at Q & Margo's home and was called to order at 7:15 PM. Officers present were, Quentin & Margo Gross, Eddie Burt, Boyd Kurt, Linda Meadows and Kay Weisberg. Guests were Jane Burt and Jim Weisberg.

Officer reports were as follows:

#### Q Gross - President

- Discussed the Murder Mystery photo book cost. Club will sell for \$10 difference in cost of printing and sale price will go to Charity fund. Will be printed on a pre-ordered number.
- Reviewed election procedures for the November meeting.

#### **Boyd Kurt – Vice President**

- Discussed November meeting is set for Air National Guard headquarters.
- Reviewed Biltmore House trip.
- December meeting meal will begin at 5:45, everyone should be give for exchange.
- January meeting at Troutman's Barbeque in Concord.

#### Linda Meadows - Automotive Presented report in John's absence

- Discussed upcoming parades in Charlotte, Monroe, Concord and Lake Wiley.
- Has contacted Kathleen Flararty at the Air National Guard for list of families that will need gifts this year. List will be available by November meeting.

#### Kay Weisberg – Social Director

- Reviewed annual banquet plans January 17<sup>th</sup> Embassy Suites, Concord presented menu for the Board's approval.
- Board discussed banquet costs and a motion was made and accepted to charge \$32.50 per person for members and \$70 per person for non members.
- Deadline to pay for banquet will be January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- A 50/50 raffle will be held during the banquet with 50% to go to Charity fund.
- Trophies will be ordered by Q; Boyd in charge of participation point gifts and attendance gift; Jane and Adina will count King & Queen votes.

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

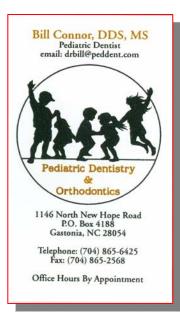
- Passed out Rookie of the Year award ballot for Board review.
- Current membership is at 223, with 9 prospective members eligible at November Business meeting.

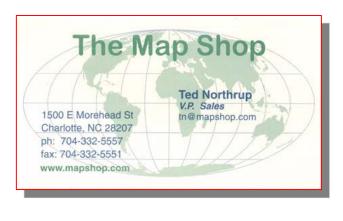
#### Linda Meadows - Treasurer

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

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Margo Gross, Secretary





# Take a Tour of the Assembly Plant in Bowling Green

A reporter from CNET visited the Corvette assembly plane and posted his photos (which we are not allowed to take when we visit) of the build process and other details online. For those of you that never had an opportunity to visit the plant this is a great way to see inside how the operation runs! Click on the following link to begin the tour.



http://news.cnet.com/2300-13576\_3-6241914-1.html?tag=st.nl



# Up Yonder Group Dinner













## **QCCC** Meeting Minutes Saturday, November 8, 2008

The November business meeting was held at the Air National Guard, Charlotte, NC and was called to order by President, Q Gross at 7:10 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 October business meeting.

Visitors were: Judy & Bill Armstrong– 2006 Blue Convertible; Michael & Jennifer Clay– 1974 Grey Convertible; Virgil & Kelli Dumire –2006 Black Coupe; Mike Maynard– 2001 Convertible; Barney & Donna Peterman - 2004 Coupe; Denise Presley – 2004 Silver Convertible; Tony & Debby Russ – 2005 Yellow Coupe and 1976 Orange Coupe; Jeff Stallings– 2009 Cyber Grey Coupe

New members voted in: **Bill & Julia Davidson** – 2008 Red Z06 and **Richard Dickey** – 2008 Mag Red Coupe.

#### Q Gross, President

- In honor of Veterans Day asked those members of the club who served in the Armed Forces to stand and be recognized.
- Recognized and thanked 2008 Board members for all their help
- Thanked E.O. Oakley for maintaining the QCCC website and Charlie & Iris Binder for the great work they do on the newsletter each month.
- Reminded members that Rookie of the Year ballots will be passed out at December meeting. No absentee ballots will be accepted.
- Recognized Board nominees and passed out nomination ballots.
- Thanked members for their generous food donations at this and the previous meeting. All food and gift cards will benefit **Matthews Help Center**.
- 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**

- 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. Dinner will begin at 5:45 with gift exchange following.
- All Air National Guard gifts should be brought to December meeting.

#### John Meadows, Automotive Events Director

- Summarized upcoming parade needs.
- Kathleen Flaraty Air National Guard Family Readiness coordinator is getting list together of family Christmas needs. List will be emailed to all members. Gift cards will also be accepted.

• Mentioned in the past year 26 trophies were awarded to 20 different winners at the 4 cars shows.

#### Kay Weisberg, Social Events Director

- Reviewed annual banquet details. Cost will be \$32.50 per person for members or \$70 per person for nonmembers.
- Discussed upcoming Christmas party/meeting. Members will be asked to bring side dishes and the club will furnish hams and refreshments. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift of \$15 or less.
- Food donations will be delivered Monday or Tuesday to the Matthews Help Center. Thanked everyone for donating so generously.

#### Linda Meadows, Treasurer

- Presented current budget report and reviewed income vs expenses.
- Reminded members that Charity funds will be distributed in July 2009.

#### **Eddie Burt, Membership Director**

- Introduced tonight's guests.
- Introduced members eligible for membership at this meeting.

#### Paul Mariano, National Corvette Museum Liaison

- Reported on C6 Bash being held April 22-26, 2009 and also the Corvette Caravan in September 2009.
- Reminded members that if anyone is interested he has Caravan flags and window clings available for purchase.

Wendy Krupowitz updated membership on the cruise February 21-28, 2009. The cruise will go to the Western Caribbean on *Royal Caribbean's* Liberty of the Sea. This is currently their largest ship. Contact her is you need further details, or if you are interested in going.

Caroline Lentz reminded members that the Up Younder dinner group always meets the last Monday of the month.

E.O. Oakley asked members to send him any photos they may take at events so that he can post them on the website.

Q introduced the new Board members – Welcome Boyd Kurt, Philip Lewis, Linda Lewis, Florence Prather and Nelson Sprague.

Motioned was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Margo Gross, Secretary



# The Biltmore Trip



The temperatures were a little nippy as members gathered in different locations to caravan from the Charlotte area to the mountains. Most arrived around ten in the morning to be greeted by VP Boyd Kurt handing out tickets and directions to the wine tasting event.

Needless to say, we really enjoyed the wine making tour and especially the wine tasting event. Wow, that could have easily lasted till mid afternoon if it wasn't for the fact that we had lunch reservations at the Deer Park.



With a great meal and wine in our bellies, we took our Corvettes over to the "big house" where the Biltmore attendants helped us line up our Corvettes for a panoramic photo right in front of the mansion. Members then took a leisurely tour of the house and admired the grounds while enjoying the perfect weather. Some members headed home after the tour, but a bunch stayed on and continued the partying at local hotels. We have to compliment VP Boyd on a splendid job of organizing and arranging to have great weather for the event.





















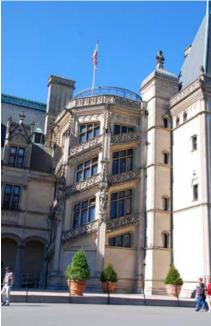






















# NCM Corner

We have many new members that may not be familiar with the National Corvette Museum so I would like to quickly go over the reasons why you should become a member. The NCM became a goal in 1989 and opened its doors in 1994. It is committed to preserving the legacy



of the Corvette past, present, and future through maintaining a central point for displays, documents, memorabilia, and most importantly, a place all Corvette owners can look to as the gathering point for all things Corvette. The early years of the museum saw it kept alive by a small dedicated group of enthusiasts who refused to let it die. Today, over 30,000 members contribute to its viability and as a result, it continues to grow with a 47,000 square foot addition set to open next year and plans for a motorsport park in the near future.

You can be a major part of this exciting endeavor by simply becoming a member and make further contributions by attending functions at the museum and shopping on-line at the NCM Corvette Store. Memberships range from \$50.00 for a single to \$100.00 for a family to \$1,500.00 to become a lifetime member. There are other memberships in between that may be better suited for your situation. Please give me the opportunity to discuss with you all the options available and the benefits of being a member. Once you join and have the opportunity to visit the NCM, you will have a feeling of satisfaction that owners of other automobiles can only dream about.

If you are already a member, do you have your personal brick on display at the museum? If not, order one before the end of the year and let Uncle Sam pay for part of it. It is a donation and therefore, tax deductible. Help the NCM and yourself.

There are now nine cars signed up for the C5/C6 Bash in April at the NCM. I will be getting a block of rooms for us and if you would like to join the festivities, please let me know ASAP.

It's time to start the Christmas shopping chore and you can alleviate some of the pain by going to <u>www.corvettemuseum.com</u> and shopping on-line at the Corvette Store. Oh, and don't forget to buy something for your Corvette. Its feelings would be terribly hurt.

Happy Holidays to all!

Save the Wave.

Paul Mariano NCM Ambassador



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Dear Fellow QCCC Members,



Turkey Day is upon us and the year is getting close to the end. This past month we have provided cars for a couple of parades (Concord and Monroe). I appreciate all those who have helped out with these activities. We also have a parade coming up the weekend of December 6 at Lake Wylie Elementary. I still need a few more cars for this parade.

Several members attended a couple of car shows this past month. The biggest was at Hendrick Motorsports with over 415 cars participating. We had about 10 members bring out their cars with 4 of them winning in the top 150 cars. It was very cold but I think we all had a great time . This show has grown each year and I think we should plan on attending it again next year.



Well, elections have come and gone. Nelson Sprague will be our new Automotive Director next year. I look forward to working with Nelson in putting together many activates where we will be able to enjoy our cars. I have appreciated the support that I have received this year from you the members of QCCC. We have had some great events and a lot of fun. In our car shows this year, we have had at least 20 different winners out of about 28 awards. Again showing that all the Corvettes are great looking cars!



I would also like to thank both City Chevrolet and Hendrick Chevrolet-Cadillac for sponsoring our club this year. Through their generosity, we have at least \$2000 to be awarded to local charities next year. I urge you, if you are looking for a new car, to visit one of these two dealerships. They will treat you right!

As I close, I want again to thank each of you for supporting me as the Automotive Director for QCCC this past year. I look forward to traveling many miles with you in the future. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve on the board of QCCC. I encourage you to think about serving as well. While there are several other Corvette Clubs in our area, there is only one Queen City Corvette Club and it is you the members that make it the best. Other clubs may try to imitate QCCC, but because of you, we ARE the BEST!

Thanks Again John



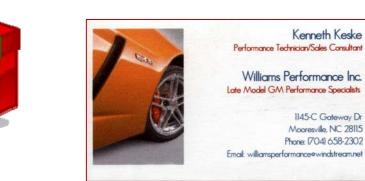
# **QCCC** Event Calendar for 2008

Board Meeting @ Q's

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Christmas Parades - Davidson, Lake Wylie, Pageland 6,7 Meeting/Covered Dish/Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Pres.Church -13 **Covered Dish & Gift exchange** TBD **J'09** Board Meeting @? 10 Meeting at Troutman BBQ, J. JEROME MILLER Concord ATTORNEY AT LAW 17 Banquet - Embassy Suites, Concord TBD Car Care Day MILLER & MILLER PHONE (704) 366-9129 319 SOUTH SHARON AMITY RD. SUITE 350 GENERAL FAX (704) 366-2686 REAL ESTATE FAX (704) 366-0817 Western Caribbean Cruise F'09 21-27 CHARLOTTE, N.C. 28211 E-Mail: JERRY@MILLERLAWCHARLOTTE.COM









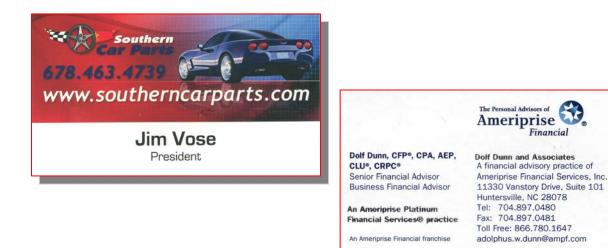


## Did you know that.....

For the production model year 2009 (so far)...

- The NPP Performance Exhaust package has been ordered on 51% of all Coupes and 59% of all Convertibles?
- Cyber Gray is the most popular 2009 color to date with 20% of all Corvettes ordered in the new color? Second is Black and third is Victory Red.
- The top three colors ordered for the Corvette ZR1 were: Cyber Gray, Black and Jet Stream Blue?

General Motors has announced the Corvette Assembly Plant will undergo <u>another</u> shutdown in January and will lay off 110 workers as the company slashes production amid lower sales? Production is expected to be cut as well from 15 Corvettes an hour to 11.



# The November Meeting

























# Next Meeting and Holiday Party Saturday December 13th



at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church 15000 York Road Charlotte, NC 28278 (704) 588-0686





Times:

5:00 for Gathering and Social5:45 Dinner6:30 Business Meeting

#### **Directions:**

From Lake Wylie: Church is located about one mile east of Lake Wylie Bridge on NC Hwy 49 From Charlotte: Take I77 to Exit 2, and travel west one exit to South Tryon (Hwy 49) travel west/south for approx. 5 miles

