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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 Thoughts,

What a great night. The January 17th QCCC Banquet was a fun filed evening. We can't thank enough the members who worked on it and contributed to its success. Thanks to Kay, Adina, Susan, Jim, John, Linda, Pat, Steve, Bob, Nelson, Phillip and Q. We hope we didn't miss anyone but if we did THANK YOU. We made over \$1000 for



the Charity Fund with the 50/50 and charity auction. Our congratulations to Q. Gross who was elected the 2008 Member of the Year; Chris Wood is the 2008 Male Rookie of the Year; Peggy Malone Wood is the 2008 Female Rookie of the Year. Also our King and Queen of the 2009 Awards Banquet were Q and Margo Gross who lead us in the first dance. The Jerry Scienski Award went to Bob Denney for his dedication to QCCC. Twenty six of our members won gift certificates for being the most active in the clubs point system. John Meadows won first place with a trophy and a \$100 gift certificate to the National Corvette Museum store. It was a pleasure to present to Q Gross, our 2007 and 2008 President, a plaque recognizing his outstanding service to Queen City Corvette Club. The official QCCC Club Presidential Gavel was passed on to me for its safe keeping. I will uphold all of its traditions and make a few new ones.

Have you looked at the 2009 calendar yet? It is already filled with many great events and more will be coming. Adina and her committee are hard at work so if you have an idea, let them know. Nelson and his group are also hard at work with car shows and automotive events. If you can't find anything to do with your friends at QCCC, you aren't looking. Remember the official QCCC calendar on the website is the official place to go for information on all QCCC events. Look often because it may change.

Now for a few final thoughts. We gave out over \$2300 to members in 2008 through random drawings and points awards. 2008 saw our club grow to 223 members with 112 families. We had over 143 of club member Corvettes shown in car shows. We solved 4 murders, drove many miles, ate lots of good food and had more fun than you should have. We know 2009 will be even better. Remember to respond early to emails concerning dinners and events. It really helps us do a better job.

"Save the Wave" and remember all racing Corvettes are Yellow,

Boyd

PS: I have set up a new email address without any blocks. It is: boyd-qccc@earthlink.net let me hear how we are doing.



The member spotlight for the month shines on Bruce Trefz, owner of the only 2009 ZR1 in the club. He has been a member of the Queen City Corvette Club since December 2005 and enjoys the people involved with the club and the variety of events offered.



I visited with Bruce on Friday and had the privilege

of riding in the most powerful factory built American car ever made. In the parking lot we accelerated to 3500 rpm almost instantaneously and we were only in first gear. I could feel the torque of the motor, the car forcing my body back into the seat. We hit the interstate in second gear and accelerated to 80 miles an hour in the blink of an eye. What a shame, we could not go faster. This car is designed for speed. Of course, the Corvette is his favorite mode of transportation.

If you compare the ZR1 to other luxury sports cars such as, the Aston Martin with 510hp, a Dodge Viper V10 600hp, F1 McLaren with 627hp, or a SLR Mercedes with 617hp you are really getting a bargain. This car has a better power to weight ratio than the Porsche 911 GT2, the Ferrari 599 or the Lamborghini LP460.

All ZR1's have a special protective clear coat over the carbon fiber (with a cost of only \$60K per gallon!!!!). Features include front valance, fender flares, dual vents in the front, side skirts, and top b-pillar. The center scoop of the hood is made with a clear lexon and there is carbon fiber inside the hood. The front fenders are wider than your regular Corvette and also made of carbon fiber. Bruce has plans to replace all plastic components inside the car will carbon fiber components.

Engine Drive Train and Suspension:

All ZR1's have the following:

- A hand assembled LS9 6.2 liter small block engine with 638hp/376 cubic inches
- 6th Generation Eaton Super charger
- Power is delivered to the rear wheels by a twin disc clutch and a 6 speed manual transmission. Top speed is achieved in 6th gear.
- 15.5 carbon ceramic Brembro brakes same braking system as an Enzo Ferrari These are only the highlights, as this car has so many features that I cannot possibly list them all.

I want to thank Bruce for the interview and especially the experience of riding in the car.

Remember everyone the next meeting is Valentine's Day at the Captain's Galley in Matthews, NC, 5:30 PM.

Signing off from Rock Hill SC, the top Corvette center of my universe, this is your VP, Phillip. Have fun and drive safely.

Queen City Corvette Club Board Minutes

<u>January 6, 2009</u> <u>7.00pm – 9.30pm</u> *Boyd Kurt's Home*

MEETING CALLED BY	Standing QCCC Board Meeting – First Tuesday of the Month
PRESIDENT	Boyd Kurt
SECRETARY	Linda Lewis
ATTENDEES	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Phillip Lewis, Vice President; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Eddie Burt, Membership; Adina Ledford, Social; EO Oakley, Webmaster; Jane Burt, Q Gross, Past President.

Agenda topics: 2009 Club Year

DISCUSSION

- EO Oakley reviewed the current website and asked the board to keep him apprised of all current events.
- Newsletter items are due to Charlie Binder by the 25th of the month.
- Inventory was reviewed and approved.
- Discussed the need for name tags for the board with board position on the face of the name tag.
- The remaining QCCC coolers will be given out to new members.
- Vice President Report Phillip Lewis
 - ✓ Discussed Friday's meeting at Troutman's BBQ. Presently we have 40 people signed up to eat. The board members should be at the meeting by 6pm.
 - ✓ The February meeting will be at the Captain's Galley on Valentine's Day. We will have a seafood buffet and music after the meeting. Adina will handle the decorations.
- Update on the banquet:
 - ✓ At the present we have 23 couples signed up to attend.
 - ✓ Boyd asked that the board be at the banquet by 5pm on January 17th.
 - ✓ The gift this year will be a very nice travel blanket.
 - ✓ The board reviewed the program. Boyd is having 150 copies printed.
 - ✓ Phillip and Boyd will handle the silent auction.
 - ✓ Linda and Adina will count the ballots for king and gueen, etc.



- ✓ Florence will take the money.
- ✓ Boyd and Q will give out the awards.
- ✓ Eddie gives out the Rookie of Year awards.
- Membership report Eddie Burt
 - ✓ We are starting the year with 121 families, comprised of 223 members
 - ✓ We lost two advertisements this year. Eddie is working on replacing them. We only have 12 slots.
- Automotive report Nelson Sprague
 - ✓ Discussed the Charity Committee and the procedure for distributing the money. The donations are taken from July to June. The recommendation is presented to the club, voted on in June and the money is donated in July.
 - ✓ Car Care day is February 21st.
 - ✓ Auto Fair is April 4th and 5th.
 - ✓ Nelson will get more information on belt buckles with the QCCC logo.
- Treasurer's Report Florence Prather
 - ✓ The December bank statement has not been received yet.
 - ✓ Florence is in the process of formatting the files for the 2009 budget/actual and will have them ready for Friday's meeting.
 - ✓ During the February meeting we will discuss the budget.
- Social Director's Report Adina Ledford
 - ✓ The Social Committee will meet on Thursday to discuss ideas.
- Q gave an overview of the past year and answered any and all questions concerning the club meeting, etc.
- Board Meetings will be held at 6:30 pm. The locations are listed below.

February – Eddie and Jane March – Florence April – Boyd May – Adina June – Linda & Phillip July - Boyd

Next meeting Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 6:30pm at Eddie and Jane Burt's home
 Topic 2009 Budget



Queen City Corvette Club Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2009

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Troutman's BBQ

BOARD MEMBERS

Boyd Kurt, President; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Phillip Lewis, Vice President; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Eddie Burt, Membership; Adina Ledford, Social

DISCUSSION

- **Dinner was served at 5:30pm** 74 people ate dinner and 82 people signed in.
- **Boyd Kurt President** called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
 - Boyd introduced the new board members and thanked the 2008 board for their service.
 - December Minutes were approved and seconded.

• Membership Report - Eddie Burt

- Eddie recognized our visitors: David Farmer, Mariann Dagenhart and Allen Yount.
- The club voted and approved membership for returning members John and Wendy Callahan and new members Margie Dickey and Barney and Donna Peterson.
- The club presently has 121 families, or 223 members.

• Vice President Report - Phillip Lewis

- The February meeting will be at the Captain's Galley on Valentine's Day. We will have a seafood buffet and music after the meeting. Adina will handle the decorations.
- > The March meeting will be held at Motorama.
- Points will be the same as last year, one point for member attendance and one point for driving or riding in the corvette.
- Points will be awarded for all meetings, parades, poker runs, Auto Fair, over night activities, car shows

• Automotive report - Nelson Sprague

- ➤ Thanked the 2008 Charity Committee and asked for volunteers for this year. We presently have Florence Prather, Chris Wood and Jim Weisberg
- Car Care day is February 21st at Wally Crawford's home
- > There is a St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 14th
- > Auto Fair is April 4th and 5th.
- "Vettes Doing Charleston" on April 18th.

• Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather

- > 90 members have signed up for the banquet.
- ➤ We are in the process of preparing the 2009 budget.

• Social Director's Report - Adina Ledford

- ➤ The Social Committee met on Thursday, January 8th. Please check the website for all upcoming events.
- The banquet will be on Saturday, January 17th.
- A day trip is planned for Shelton Vineyards on January 24th.

Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano

- ➤ The 2009 Caravan to the Corvette Museum will meet on January 31st. Call Paul for details.
- Encouraged members to join the Corvette Museum

• Other Business

- Mark Ledford suggested that Panther fans tailgate to some of the games next year.
- Tommy Loftin suggested that members with "old" cars get together.
- ➤ Boyd reminded all members to visit the website for all upcoming events and reminded people to please email Phillip Lewis when you were going to attend a dinner meeting so we could plan accordingly.
- > The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Meet the New Members



Virgil and Kelli Dumire 2006 Black Coupe



Glenn Dick 2006 Black Coupe



Bill and Julia Davidson 2008 Red Z06



Barney and Donna Peterman 2004 Lemans Coupe

Automotive Report

QCCC Members,

It is hard to believe that this is my second newsletter for 2009.

The response from the members with ideas for places to go, events to attend and day trips was outstanding. The social and

automotive committees met 1/8/2009 to discuss the information received and start planning the calendar of events for the year. I personally want to thank all the members who took time to contribute their information.

The first automotive event for the year is Car Care Day, February 21. In addition to the information on the web site, Wally has secured the service of a qualified technician and prospective member, David Farmer, to check the alignment of your Corvette's wheels while you car is on the lift. He will only be able to check the alignment; it will still be



your responsibility to make any corrections or repairs he determines you need.

The next event is the St. Patrick's Day parade which will be held March 14. I do not have any details on the number of cars that will be needed. The Miss Mecklenburg Pageant will not be held until January 24 and our contact will send me the necessary information at that time. This is a very big parade and event for Charlotte. You can visit the website – www.charlottestpatsday.com – for the parade route and the many events associated with the parade.

The Lowe's Auto Fair is set for April 4 and 5. We will determine the number of cars needed after



we meet with Lowe's personnel and get their instructions for the show. You can visit the Lowe's web site for general information about the car show and a schedule of all their events for the coming year. Also, they have a map of the speedway facility.

The QCCC car shows with our sponsors, City Chevrolet and Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac are tentatively set for May 9 at City Chevrolet and October 3 at Hendrick Chevrolet Cadillac. More information will be sent out and posted to the web site as it becomes available. NOTE: One thing will not change; we would like as many cars at these shows as possible. Both dealerships are very important to QCCC and we would like to show them our gratitude by putting on the best shows we can.

After the January meeting, the following members volunteered to be on the charity committee: Jim Weisberg, Walt Krupowicz, Chris Wood, Florence Prather and Barbara Sprague. If you have any information for the committee, see me or one of these members.

Nelson

The QCCC Annual Awards Banquet



















































Social Notes:

Hello Fellow QCCC Members!

We are already off to a great year – and it's only the third week of January!

THANK YOU, KAY – for organizing another fabulous Banquet! We had over 100 members at The Embassy Suites in Concord, NC on **January 17**th. There was great food, great friends, and lots of dancing! Everyone who attended had a FABULOUS time!



On **January 24**th we had 50 members take a leisurely drive to Shelton Vineyards for lunch, a winery tour, and of course – wine tasting! We started out with some sprinkling rain, but the skies cleared up, the sun came out and we had a beautiful day! After lunch, more than half the group headed over to Mt. Airy, fondly known as "Mayberry" the town where Andy Griffith was born. We were greeted on Main Street by Otis, the town drunk - we even had our group photo taken with him! I am sure it is posted somewhere here in the newsletter! From Mt. Airy, most of the group was headed to another winery, and then dinner. **I want to thank PAT BONINO and CHRIS WOOD for the FABULOUS job they did organizing this event!** They planned the entire day from the meeting point at 9:30am, the caravan up there, the tour reservations, lunch, and created information for the Mt. Airy ride afterwards! They deserve a HUGE round of applause for their hard work!

UPCOMING...

Our February business meeting will also be our **VALENTINES PARTY!** Be festive – wear Red and White! We will meet at 5:30 for an hour of socializing, then we will hold our business meeting at 6:30, and then our all-you-can-eat seafood buffet will be served at 7:30. We will have music and dancing after dinner – so don't plan to run off right away! Let's have a fun night together with friends!

We are still working on a Ladies Luncheon or other afternoon event for the Ladies on 2/21 – Car Care Day. While the men are playing in oil, let's get together and have a nice afternoon! Information will come via email in the next few days once all details have been finalized.

We are also working on a MUSEUM TOUR for February! Details have not been finalized, and a date not set yet as of this writing, but an email will follow and all details will be posted on our website!

Please visit our website often to keep updated of our events – new ones will keep being added, and occasionally changes will be made. The website always has the most current, up to date information!

OVERNIGHTS...

CHARLESTON - 4/17 - 4/19

We are still getting details together from the Charleston Corvette Club – and we still are in negotiations with a few hotels, but details will be out in a few days for our FIRST weekend away this year – to Charleston for a car show and fun weekend! Mark your calendar to save the date and check your email next week for all the details!

More Social Stuff:

DAYTONA BEACH, 9/17 – 9/20

We have decided to go back to "The Shores" again! It is a GORGEOUS resort hotel, and we got great rates and accommodations! An email will come out in the next week or so with more info! Check your email – or check the website!

The QCCC "Social Committee" is working together to create events that everyone will enjoy! If

you have any ideas or suggestions, or if you would like to join the committee, please feel free to contact me at any time – adinaledford@yahoo.com

Adina Ledford: Social Director









The Shelton Wine Tasting Road Trip





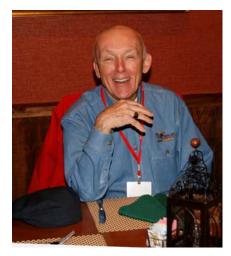






















NCM Corner

There is still time to sign up for the C5/C6 Bash in April. Lots of new events and special presentations are on the agenda. Tadge Juecther and Harlan Charles will be introducing the 2010 models and an



unveiling of the limited editions 2009 Competition Sport Corvettes. Plus new road tours, quality clinics, seminars, and a tour of the new expansion. And of course, the infamous QCCC meetings at the Holiday Inn Lounge. Why would you even consider not attending this event?

Who doesn't like a bargain? Between now and February 28, you can order a Valentine's Day gift membership for \$50.00 and receive a Family Membership worth \$100.00 at that individual price. This offer is only available for new memberships, so if you're not an NCM member, now is the time to join up. You will be glad you did.

For those of you not registered for the caravan and missing out on the info e-mails, there is a caravan meeting at the Hampton Inn in Concord on January 31st. The meeting begins at 1:00pm and all details of the caravan preparations will be discussed. Although the meeting is primarily for all the caravan staff and local leaders of feeder caravans, everyone is invited to attend to see what all the excitement is about. If you haven't planned on participating, you may change your mind.

A special thanks to the board for providing gift certificates for the NCM as prizes for the club points awards. Every purchase from the Corvette Store helps keep the museum going and ensuring its future.

The museum expansion is rapidly nearing completion and most of the interior finishing work will be ready for the Bash in April. Corvette Boulevard, which runs down the center of the addition, will be paved with hexagon shaped bricks that you can purchase and have personalized. The price is \$200.00 for members and \$250.00 for non-members but includes a year's membership in the NCM.



Be a part of this history-making event by having your name on view for posterity.

Save the Wave.

Paul Mariano NCM Ambassador

January Meeting at Troutman's































QCCC Gets Thanks....

Dear Members,

I would like to express

my sincere appreciation for

the Christmas gifts you gave

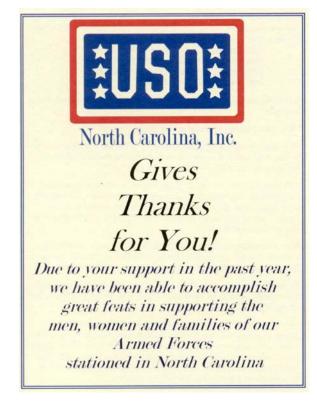
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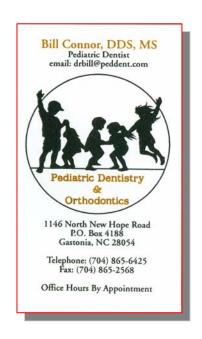
for the time and energy you spent
selecting the individual gifts.

Your generousity is truly wonderful.

In gratitude,

Kimbaly Brock





Caught in Bob's Viewfinder















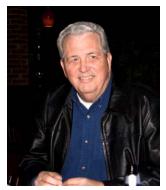








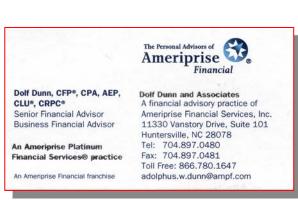












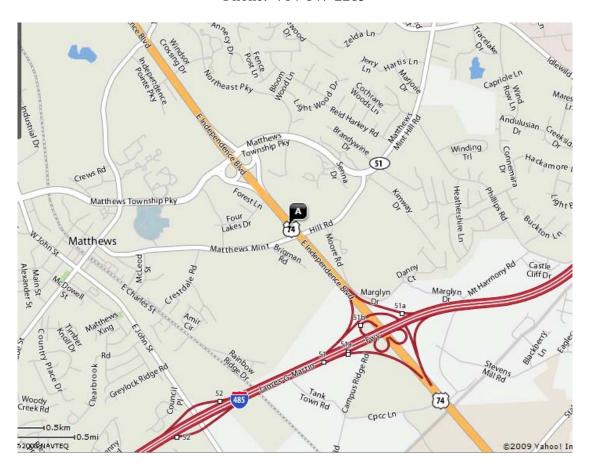




Next Meeting February 14th at

Captain's Galley Seafood

11032 E Independence Blvd. Matthews, NC 28105 Phone: 704-847-2285



5:30 PM - Social

Dinner Cost \$14.00 (bring exact amount)

6:30 PM - Meeting

Beer and Wine Available Additional

7:30 PM - Dinner and Dancing until?

You must email Phillip Lewis at: pglewis@comporium.net for dinner reservations.

Please let us know if you are having dinner with us.