

May
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C5/C6 Bash!

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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.

If you have a convertible, we hope you have had the top down several times this month. April was cool but we still had some warm days to enjoy our Corvettes. Auto Fair had great weather and we had a great showing. Thanks to Nelson and all his crew for doing a fantastic job. Congratulations to the winners both Saturday and Sunday. Remember another one is scheduled in September.



We got to see some very nice cars at the Autobarn before and after our meeting. Thanks to the nice folks at Autobarn for their hospitality. Four lucky members got a \$25 dinner certificate as door prizes. It pays to come to the meetings.

The month of May will be full for QCCC. We start with the meeting May 9th at the NASCAR Technical Institute followed by a car show at City Chevrolet May 16th (one of our sponsors), Vettes in the Valley as well as some day trips.

Our thanks to the great staff of volunteers at QCCC for working hard, making it easy for the rest of us, so we can enjoy the events and friendships. Keep up the good work as 2009 is turning out to be a very jam packed year. Fun is the name of the game.

If you have not participated in one of our Wednesday night dinners or the monthly Monday night dinner you are missing out. We do have a lot of fun and the food isn't bad either. Watch your emails for a time and place.

“Save the Wave” and remember all racing Corvettes are Yellow,



Boyd

PS: Please let me know how we are doing. Phone, email or just talk to me and let me know. boyd-qccc@earthlink.net

VP REPORT

Bob Denny is the featured member for the month of May. As you all know, Bob is the club's unofficial photographer. He is from the small town of Markle, Indiana and graduated in 1955, one of eight seniors. Bob has two daughters and one son. In 1985 he purchased Richmond Manufacturing from the parents of fellow Corvette member Sandy Welsh. He changed the name of the business to Augers Unlimited Manufacturing, retired from the Company and moved to Mooresville in 1995 where he lives with his dog Doodles.



He fell in love with Corvettes after high school and has had several over the years; a 1957 Red Corvette with white interior with a 283 fuel injection motor; a 1990 Corvette with two tops; a 40th anniversary burgundy Corvette; and his present car a 2004 C5 convertible.

He joined the Queen City Corvette Club in May of 1996. The Corvette Club is a big part of Bob's life. He takes hundreds of pictures each year for the newsletter and awards banquet. Bob previously held the position of Governor which was the predecessor to the Director of Automotive and entailed being the coordinator to NCCC. To retain status in NCCC you had to provide 12 "events" per year. These could be racing events, road rallies, car shows and many other events that were "sanctioned". Flyers had to be distributed to all regional Corvette Clubs in accordance with certain time criteria. Minutes and results had to be recorded and a copy sent to NCCC.

Bob has won numerous trophies over the years, including:

- 1996 - Circle City/Panama City Beach Long Distance Award.
- 1997 - 3rd Place at Auto Fair
- 1998 - Sportsman of the Year
- 1999 - Sportsman of the Year and 1st Place Participation
- 2000 - 1st Place Participation
- 2002 - 2nd Place Participation
- 2005 - 3rd Place Participation and President's Choice Award
- 2008 - Jerry Scienski Memorial



Bob loves to travel and take his Corvette on the road. For his 60th birthday he traveled about nine thousand miles to places across the US, including the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park in his 40th Anniversary Corvette. In 2007 Bob participated in a Corvette Cruise with Wally and Anita Crawford to Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

I want to thank Bob for taking the time to talk to me and for all the pictures and things he does for the Club.

The May 9th meeting is at the NASCAR Technical Institute located at 220 Byers Creek Road, Mooresville, NC 28117. Social Hour is at 5:30 with the meeting starting at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served; you do not have to bring your chairs.

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



GM Announces Grand Sport for 2010!

The Grand Sport is returning to the lineup. The new 2010 Corvette Grand Sport was introduced to the public at the 12th annual C5/C6 Corvette Birthday Bash in Bowling Green.

The new model combines the Corvette's LS3-based power train with wider front and rear fenders, a racetrack-bred suspension and Z06 style front splitter and rear spoiler. It is offered in both coupe and convertible, with either a six-speed manual or automatic transmission. The coupe models equipped with the manual transmission are outfitted with a dry-sump oiling system, differential cooler and a rear-mounted battery.



All of Corvette's exterior colors are available and an optional Heritage package adds iconic front fender hash marks offered in four colors, as well as two-tone seats with Grand Sport embroidery. Note on the photo the new front vent design and the functional rear brake vent. For more info and specifications click on this link:

[2009-04-24 Chevrolet Announces New 2010 Corvette Grand Sport](#)

The C5/C6 Bash at Bowling Green!



Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2009 6:30PM – 7:10 PM

AUTO BARN MONROE
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Attendees	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Phillip Lewis, Vice President, Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Eddie Burt, Membership Director; Adina Ledford, Social Director Staff: Paul Marino Corvette Museum
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DISCUSSION

- Boyd Kurt called the meeting to order.
- Minutes approved and seconded.
- Vice President Report – Phillip Lewis
 - May's meeting will be at the NASCAR Institute.
 - Thanked the Auto Barn for hosting the meeting.
- Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague
 - St. Patrick's Day parade was rescheduled – 5 cars.
 - Old Salem trip – had 35 members to attend.
 - Lowes Motor Speedway – had 30 cars each day. The Mustang Club judged the cars.
 - Winners – Saturday
 - Best Coupe – Bob Becker
 - Best Convertible – Jack Brunton
 - Best Motor – Robert Morgan
 - Winners Sunday
 - Best Coupe – Larry Prather
 - Best Convertible – Q Gross
 - Best Motor – John Meadows
 - Best of Show – Robert Morgan
 - Car Show at Hendricks has been rescheduled for May 16th.
 - Possible events – Cruise-ins for the summer months; trip to the Performance Driving School on June 6th; Mustang vs. Corvettes Car Show in Monroe.
 - Belt Buckles – 25 people have ordered, 10 paid. Will close out order on Saturday night.
 - Car Care Day is scheduled for June 20th.
- Treasurer Report – Florence Prather
 - Reported on the bank balance. Will send out the budget next week.
- Membership Director – Eddie Burt
 - We presently have 215 members
 - 16 members have terminated and 10 have joined since January
 - New members voted in - Becky Ross, wife of member Jack Ross and Bill Cruthis

- Visitors – David Farmer, Rich & Merrilyn Harmon, Matt & Dena Deiger and Tim Weems & Jamie Anderson.
- We have 10 advertisers on the web site.
- Social Director – Adina Ledford
 - Lake Norman cruise cancelled.
 - Blowing Rock – April 24th 21 people signed up.
 - Myrtle Beach – Looking into possible events and dinner.
 - Helen GA – October. Rooms are filling up quickly. Make your reservations.
 - Possible upcoming events include a Charlotte Knights game in June, a scavenger hunt and mystery trip before a meeting and attending the monster truck bash in August.
- Museum Report – Paul Marino
 - Please sign up for events for the Caravan
 - QCCC has purchased 5 corporate tables for the banquet at the Corvette Museum in September.
 - There will be a party on the Tuesday before we depart for the Museum at Lowes Motor Speedway. You can take 10 laps around the speedway for \$30.
- President – Boyd Kurt
 - Thanked the Zimmers for handling the sale of the jackets.
 - Please send your pictures to EO and Charlie for the website and newsletters.
 - Congratulations to the following members for the article in *Corvette Fever* magazine; Ben Horack, John Meadows, Robert Morgan, John Walton.
 - Charlie Hudnall is doing well and improving.
 - Up Yonder Club will meet at Killington's on April 27th.
 - Men's Luncheon will be on Thursday, email Paul Marino.
- Next meeting is May 9th at NASCAR Institute. Social at 5:30, Meeting at 6:30. Check the website for details.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda H Lewis
Secretary

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Queen City Corvette Club Board Minutes

Minutes

April 7, 2009

6:30pm – 7:30PM

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

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boyd Kurt called the meeting to order. • Vice President Report – Phillip Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ April's meeting has been moved to the Auto Barn. ○ May's meeting will be at the NASCAR Institute. ○ EO Oakley has the updates for the website. • Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ St. Patrick's Day parade was rescheduled but a success. ○ Old Salem trip – had 35 members to attend. ○ Lowes Motor Speedway – had 30 cars each day. The Mustang Club judged the cars. • Winners – Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Best Coupe – Bob Becker ○ Best Convertible – Jack Brunton ○ Best Motor – Robert Morgan ○ Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Best Coupe – Larry Prather ○ Best Convertible – Q Gross ○ Best Motor – John Meadows ○ Best of Show – Robert Morgan • Possible events – Cruise-ins for the summer months; trip to the Performance Driving School on June 6th; Mustang vs. Corvettes Car Show in Monroe. • Belt Buckles – 25 people have ordered, 10 paid. Will close out order on Saturday night. • Car Care Day is scheduled for June 20th. • Treasurer Report – Florence Prather <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reported on the bank balance. • Membership Director – Eddie Burt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We presently have 225 members. ○ 32 families have not paid their 2009 dues. ○ We have 10 advertisers on the web site.

- Social Director – Adina Ledford
 - Banquet – Adina is working with the Chamber of Commerce for room rates and banquet facilities. Possible locations are the Speedway Club or a hotel Uptown.
 - Ashville trip has been postponed
 - Possible upcoming events include a Charlotte Knights game in June, a scavenger hunt and mystery trip before a meeting and attending the monster truck bash in August.
- The Board agreed to sell the remaining inventory of blankets for \$10 at the monthly meetings.
- ***The May board meeting has been cancelled.***
- ***Next board meeting June 2, 2009 at the home of Linda and Phillip Lewis***

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send out an email to delinquent members concerning dues	Boyd Kurt	04-11-09
Follow up on the possibility of a Mustang vs. Corvette Car Show	Nelson Sprague	n/a
Email EO Oakley with any updates to the calendar	All	Ongoing

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Weekend at Blowing Rock



Automotive Report

QCCC Members,

We had 18 Corvettes make the trip to Old Salem. We missed the members who had signed up but had to cancel at the last minute for health and family reasons. We had an enjoyable lunch and even in the light drizzle we could wander the streets of Old Salem and get a feel for the life of long ago.



Lowe's AutoFair was spectacular! Mother Nature could not have been more accommodating with the two beautiful sunny days. We had our 30 cars on Saturday and if Tom Rockhold had not had the misfortune to trash his engine on the way home Saturday, we would have had all 30 again on Sunday. It was a great time and I want to thank all those that participated. Our 3 trophy winners on Saturday were: R. Morgan – Best Motor, B. Becker – Best Coupe and J. Brunton – Best Convertible. Sunday's winners were: J. Meadows – Best Motor, L. & F. Prather – Best Coupe, Q. Gross – Best Convertible and BEST OF SHOW – Robert Morgan. I am looking forward to another great AutoFair in the fall.



The Blowing Rock weekend was fabulous. For the second event in a row the weather was great. We had a nice drive up on Friday and enjoyed lunch with a wonderful view of the mountains. On Saturday we drove down the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Linville Caverns. We made two stops on the

Parkway at the Moses Cone House and the Linn Cove Viaduct visitors' center. After a pleasant and cool visit at the caverns, we had lunch at Louise's Rock House. After that stop, everyone was on their own to do as they pleased.

Keep your calendar open for the upcoming events. We have the City Chevrolet Car Show set for May 16th. It had to be moved to this date due to Chevrolet's national introduction of the new Camaro. We need all the Corvettes we can muster to make a good showing for one of our major sponsors. Our next Car Care Day is scheduled for June 20th. Look at our calendar for information on both of these events.

For those members not going on the Myrtle Beach trip the first weekend in June, I will be going to the PDS hosted by Carolina Regional Mustang Club in Kershaw, SC on Saturday, June 6th. I am not participating in the school, only going to observe and have a pleasant afternoon with friends at the race track.



I will send out a note the week before to see if there are any members who would like to join me. City Chevrolet and Hendrick Chevrolet-Cadillac will both be having celebrations to introduce the new Camaro during the first week of May. I will forward any information I receive from them so that the members interested can join in the events planned by our sponsoring Corvette dealers.

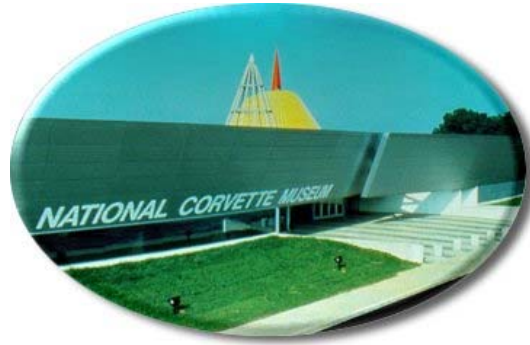
Your support and participation in all club activities is appreciated,

Nelson

Old Salem Road Trip



NCM Corner



The support our club has provided for the 2009 Caravan and 15th Anniversary Celebration is nothing short of fantastic. First, we had twenty-five couples sign up for the caravan with another couple joining us in Bowling Green for the celebration. Then we

collected \$460.00 from some of the caravan participants and club members to sponsor the Route Book. And finally, our good group purchased five corporate tables (ten seatings per) at the Hall of Fame Dinner. This action will get us official notice in the event program. All in all, a jolly good showing. Thank you!

I have been remiss on selling raffle tickets for the various Corvettes being given away so I suggest you visit the website and purchase them online. Or you may want to wait for the celebration when three Corvettes will be given away. One Thursday, one Friday and one Saturday.

I suggest you keep track of all news on the caravan and celebration by visiting the caravan website (www.corvettecaravan.com) and selecting the NC/SC/VA page. There you can catch all the updates and event times as they become available. The one item to take note of is the registration for laps on Lowes Motor Speedway. Captain Frank Sancineto has asked that your check be submitted by 15 May. You get ten laps for \$30.00, such a deal.

By the time you read this, our C5/C6 Bash group will have returned from the NCM with tall tales to regale everyone, I'm sure. We had a total of twelve Corvettes making the journey and enjoying the museum without large crowds soaking up all the resources Bowling Green has to offer. This is a real fun event that everyone should consider next year.

Save the Wave.

Paul Mariano
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SOCIAL NOTES....

I don't have feedback yet from the Blowing Rock weekend trip (I completed this article for the newsletter before we went on the trip!). We have 21 people signed up for this fun weekend of friends, socialization, fun mountain roads, and great food! If you did not join us on this trip, check out the calendar - we have many more trips planned this year!

UPCOMING DAY TRIPS...

DATE CHANGE -

Sunday – May 24th – Lunch Cruise on Lake Norman. We will be heading out on the 12:30 lunch cruise. Reservations are required. An email has gone out – please reply to adinaledford@yahoo.com to reserve your spot or to get more information.

We are still working on our Summer Calendar – but we are looking to have a trip to Asheville, a Mystery Drive, and a Scavenger Hunt. We are also looking to host a few fun weekend outings including ice cream socials! Keep your eyes open for last minute emails!

UPCOMING OVERNIGHT TRIPS...

VETTES IN THE VALLEY – 5/23-5/24

There are two parts to participating in this event. First you need to go to the website for “Vettes in the Valley” to register for the event – www.vettesinthevalley.com. Here you will find the registration form that you need to fill out and mail with your \$45.00 registration fee to the address on the form. Also on this website will be all the event information you will need for the weekend. Once you have done this let us know so we can compile a list of all going from QCCC by emailing - sbonino@carolina.rr.com.

Next you need to obtain your place to stay soon. Last year we all went to The Maggie Valley Inn and Conference Center. Once again they have lots of rooms available (below is all the information). They are again the Events Headquarters. Maggie Valley Inn & Conference Center - 70 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC 28751. 828-926-0201. Room rates for 2 double beds are \$81.95 per night. For more information – visit this link to our website for additional hotel information -

<http://www.queencitycorvette.com/2009%20Calendar/Vettes%20in%20the%20Valley.htm>

MYRTLE BEACH – 6/5-6/7

Not just a “weekend at the beach” but an awesome car show weekend as well! Help support our neighboring Corvette Club by participating in their Car Show. Registration includes their Welcome Party, the Car Show, and their Awards Banquet. It is a great deal for the cost. For those not interested in participating in the car show and related festivities, we will have a dinner planned for Friday night, an event planned for Saturday, and a dinner event for Saturday evening as well. More details to follow, as the event date gets closer. Rooms are limited – please contact the Landmark Resort Hotel to reserve your room before they are booked up!

Link to Corvettes at Myrtle Beach: <http://www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com/id6.html>

Link to the Landmark Resort Hotel: <http://www.landmarkresort.com/>

Link to email me to sign up: adinaledford@yahoo.com

DAYTONA BEACH – 9/17-9/20

Join us for a long weekend at The Shores. The hotel has been confirmed, and this weekend event will be hosted by Jane & Eddie Burt. I think they have already sent out an email with the details, and a good number of members have already booked their rooms!

Link to The Shores Resort Hotel: <http://www.shoresresort.com/>

Link to Jane & Eddie to sign up: eddieburt@carolina.rr.com

We have A LOT going on! We will have more day trips announced as their dates get closer. In addition to these fun events and trips, Nelson has many car shows and parades to participate in as well! There is something for everyone on the calendar of the QCCC!!!!

As always – please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions or ideas, or if you would like to help with the Social Committee!

Thank you!

Adina ☺

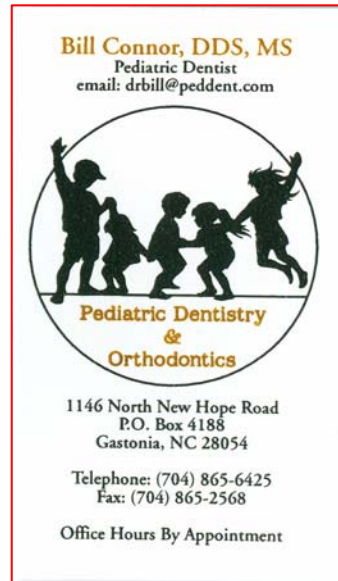


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Highlights of Spring Auto Fair





May 9th Meeting at NASCAR Tech Institute

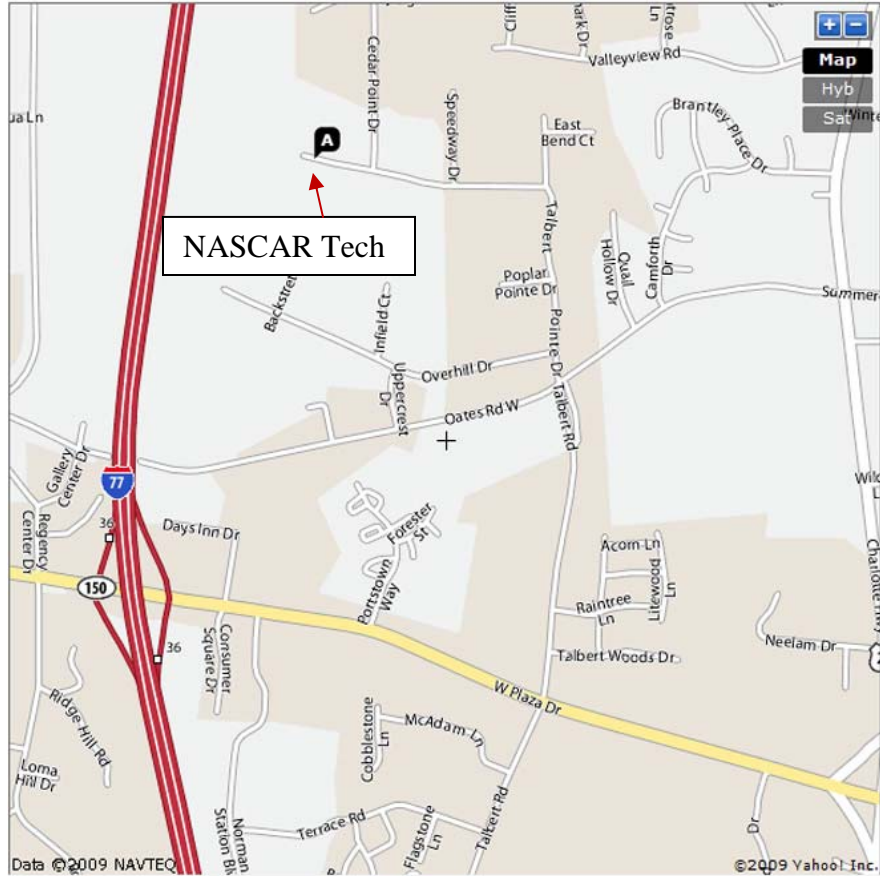
220 Byers Creek Road, Mooresville, NC 28115

Social - 5:30 PM
Meeting – 6:30 PM

Refreshments will be served.
Chairs provided.

Directions From I77

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- Turn left at traffic light onto Talbert Road.
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