

July
2009



**Eddie Burt Cooks Up A
Great BBQ**

**Members Put Corvettes To
Test At Kershaw**



**City Chevrolet Car Show
Helps Charity Drive**



**Members Lick It Up At
Ice Cream Social**



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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

I don't know about anyone else in the club but I am still full of great BBQ. A great big thank you to Eddie and Jane for the wonderful time had at our June BBQ and meeting. The rain held off and I think everyone had a fabulous time. Our thanks also go to Joyce for the 50/50, and to Jane and Linda for registration. We sold out of blankets so thanks to all who bought the extra stock.



The car show at City Chevrolet was also a big success. Over 45 cars participated, in over 90 degree weather, to make this the biggest and best. Our congratulations to the winners of the plaques but every car was a winner in my humble opinion. Thanks again for coming out on such a hot day. The fans really helped. The two ZR1's in the showroom also made for a good reason to cool off in the showroom. Our thanks to our sponsor City Chevrolet.

Need your oil changed? Remember Car Care day is coming up on the 18th of July at Wally's place. The price of the service is ok but the conversation will be priceless.

We now have one half of a year left and I know the 2009 Board has much more planned for this year. This fall will be full of events, so be sure to check the web site for the details. The best part of QCCC is our members. You make this club what it is and we thank you for that. We continue to come up with new and exciting things to do and hope you enjoy them. The 2010 banquet is set for January 30th so mark that day on your calendars.

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

Boyd

PS: Corvette C6R won its class at LeMans. We will miss them as they move to the GT2 class. We know they will be winners there.

VP REPORT

The featured members for the month are John and Linda Meadows. They have been members of the club since January 1998.



John was born in Birmingham Ala and Linda in Pensacola FL. They started dating in 1964 during their junior year of high school. They married in 1965 at age 18 and they are still sweethearts after 44 years of marriage. They have two children, Chris and Todd and three grand children. They have a dog, Annie who loves to ride in the Corvette. John has a brother and two sisters in Birmingham and Linda's father is 97 and lives in Charlotte.

John went to Samford University studying to be a pharmacist and worked in a drug store. He dropped out of college and joined the Navy in March of 1967 on his 21st birthday. He worked as an electronic engineer for six years aboard the USS Jouett DLG 29 and the USS Sterett DLG 31, both of which were missile frigates. The USS Sterett was the first frigate to shoot down a Russian Mig. They moved to Charlotte in February 1979 with the Memorex Corporation. In 1991, John started his own company, Computer Marketing Group.



Linda started in the computer industry at the age of 20 and retired from it as DP Manager of Rea Construction. She then went back to work for the

CMS school system for six years until she retired in 2009.

John and Linda fell in love with Corvettes after riding in a friend's 1959. In 1968 they purchased their first Corvette for \$800, a 1956, in San Diego while he was still in the Navy. They have since had two 1963 split windows, a 1966, a 1981, a 1998, a 2002 and a 2007. Out of all these cars, they still have the 1963 split window, which came in first place at Myrtle Beach on June 6th, and the orange C-6 convertible.

John has held numerous positions in the club, including Automotive Director in 2000 and 2008, Vice President in 2001 and President in 2002. Linda held the Treasurer's job in 2007 & 2008. They have won many trophies and plaques over the years; they are too many to name. Their two favorite trophies are the 1998 Rookies of the Year. They have two bedrooms upstairs that they are decorating for their grand children. Their grandson, Jayden's bedroom is decorated with all C6 Corvette décor. He will inherit the 1963 Corvette. Their granddaughter, Madison has the other bedroom and she will inherit the 2007.



Some of John and Linda's closest friends share their love of Corvettes and are in the Queen City Corvette Club. They enjoy the trips, car care day, car shows, going to dinner and of course the yearly Burt's BBQ. They have been on many trips with QCCC including Savannah, Charleston and Nashville for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. They have been a member of the National Corvette Museum for 10 years and plan on participating in the Caravan in September.



As John likes to say, "We are Corvette to the Core." The attached photos are of John and Linda standing beside their 1963 split window, their 2007 convertible and a photo of them holding their Rookie of the Year trophies.

I urge all club members to volunteer your time in support of our club. The more people we have who participate in events and planning, the more friends we make and the better our club will be in the future. The July meeting will be at Pier 51 Seafood Restaurant, 3921 Mt. Gallant Rd, Rock Hill, SC, 29732 on July 11th. Dinner is at 5:30pm and the meeting starts at 6:30pm. Please see the website for further details.

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.

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Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

June 2, 2009

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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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"> ○ May’s meeting at the NASCAR Institute was a great success with 101 people in attendance 80 people ate at Fat Boys ○ June Meeting at the Burt’s for BBQ ○ July meeting will be at Pier 51 in Rock Hill ○ August Meeting is at Norcross Bowling Alley • Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We had 15 corvettes and 30 people for ice cream at Brusters in Cornelius. Plan to have a few more of these as the summer goes on. ○ City Chevrolet Car show is June 20th. ○ Vettes in the Valley was a great success. We had eleven cars and won 7 trophies. ○ 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 should be here for the June Meeting. ○ Car Care Day has been rescheduled for July 18th at Wally’s. ○ Will have a signup sheet for the Indian Trail parade at the BBQ ○ The Charity Committee voted to send \$1250 to the Corvette Museum, \$1250 to the Matthews Health Clinic, USO \$750 and Operation Home Front \$750. • 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 223 members ○ 130 people have signed up for the BBQ. Last year we had 166. Board members please come at 3:30 to help set up. ○ Eddie to invite John Elliott ○ Boyd will write a letter to the members who have not paid and will be removed from the roster on July 1st. ○ Eddie will forward all car related emails to Nelson.

- Social Director – Adina Ledford
 - Banquet – Adina and Pat Bonino talked with the Marriott and the Hilton downtown. The Board liked the Hilton. We need to book a DJ.
 - 56 people have signed up for Myrtle Beach
 - 13 couples have signed up for Daytona Beach
 - Possible upcoming events include a scavenger hunt and mystery trip before the meeting at Norcross Lanes in Huntersville in August.
- *The next board meeting is July 7 at Boyd Kurt's home at 6:30*

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Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

June 13, 2009

6:00 – 7:10 PM

Burt's BBQ

ATTENDEES	<p>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</p> <p>Staff: Paul Mariano Corvette Museum Ambassador</p>
DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boyd Kurt called the meeting to order • Minutes approved and seconded. • Vice President Report – Phillip Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July's meeting will be at the Pier 51 at Lake Wylie ○ Winners for the gift certificates – Merle Elko Becky Ross, Phil Smith & Craig Perry. • Automotive Director – Nelson Sprague <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Driver's Institute had 7 cars with 14 people ○ Vettes in the Valley a success with 11 cars and 7 trophies. Please check the newsletter for winners. ○ Car Show at Hendricks June 20th ○ July 4th Indian Trail Parade ○ Belt Buckles – should be here soon. ○ Car Care Day is scheduled for July 18th. ○ Auto Fair Sept 12th – 13th Need 30 cars for Saturday and Sunday. • Treasurer Report – Boyd Kurt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reported on the bank balance. • Membership Director – Eddie Burt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New members voted in - Keith Wade & Jane Pressley, Matt & Dena Deiger, Wes Hibbard, Ken & Deb Krupa ○ Visitors – Jim & Jill Peterson, Ted & Chris Hatley, Tom Mounts & Wendy Underwood, Dennis & Julie Barrows, Karen Day, John Ferri & son William, Rick Webb & son Ty, Fred & Phyllis Berta and daughter Janeene • Social Director – Adina Ledford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Myrtle Beach – we had 50 people- great success. ○ Pat Bonino reported on Helen GA – October. Rooms are filling up quickly. We have 38 people signed up and the deadline is August 1st ○ Pat Bonino – reported on the October County Fair – Will have games with a small charge that will go to the charity fund. We will have a vendor selling food for lunch and dinner. Will have people pre pay for dinner. There will be parking for the corvettes. Will ask for volunteers closer to the date. ○ Daytona Beach in September ○ Possible upcoming events include, a scavenger hunt and mystery trip before the August meeting, ice cream socials 	

- Museum Report – Paul Mariano
 - Please continue sign up for events for the Caravan
 - Requested that the club donate \$350 of the Charity money set aside for the Museum for a banner to be displayed at the Museum in September. Club voted in favor.
 - June 26th - Drive your Corvette to Work Day
- President – Boyd Kurt
 - We are pleased to announce the new Chrome Bumper Club made up of the older corvettes. If you would like to join them on a trip, all are welcome.
 - Reminded the membership that we do not send out invoices for dues. They are due the January 1st or 1st of every quarter.
 - Thanked the Charity Committee- Nelson Sprague, Florence Prather, Jim Weisberg, Chris Wood and Walt Krupowicz for their hard work.
- Membership voted to spend the charity money as follows: Corvette Museum \$1250, Matthews Health Clinic \$1250, USO \$750, & Operation Home Front \$750.
- Bill Davidson won \$298 from the 50/50 raffle. He immediately turned around and gave the money back to the club. Thanks Bill.
- John Meadows presented Eddie & Jane with a floor mat as an award in excellence for back yard BBQ “King of the Grill” “Keep it Smokin”. “Cooked with Pride, Served with Pleasure”
- BBQ winners were – Walter Ahrens, Sue Stickles, John Jensen, Reggie Black, Fred McCoy, JC Roberts, Ken Aycock, Barbara Mariano and Chris Wood.
- *Next meeting is July 11th at Pier 51, Lake Wylie. Social at 5:30, Meeting at 6:30. Check the website for details.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda H Lewis
Secretary



Automotive Report

Once again the members of our club have shown they like to attend QCCC events whether they are planned well ahead of the event or they are impromptu events where there is short notice. On May 31st we had 15 Corvettes and 30 members enjoy the ice cream gathering at Bruster's Ice Cream in Cornelius. Then while over 50 members were in Myrtle Beach we had 7 Corvettes and 14 members attend the PDS at Kershaw Motorsports Park. There were also several of our members there as instructors and students.



I want to thank all the members and guests who attended the City Chevrolet Car Show on a very hot and humid day. There were 46 Corvettes and 64 members and guests. Trophies were awarded to: John Walton, Best C1-C2; Robert Morgan, Best C3-C4; Rick Mills, Best C5; Bob Becker, Best C6 and Larry De Montegre, Personal Choice. The staff at City Chevrolet who did the judging were very complimentary of all the Corvettes present, saying it was very hard



to judge which cars should be given trophies as they all looked great. We had three winners in the prize drawing: Jane Burt and Chris Wood each received \$75 gift cards for City Chevrolet and Helen Jensen receive a "Cilajet" car treatment. We owe a special thanks to Jerry Ferrell, General Manager and his staff for not only providing a great venue for the cars but also a very nice free lunch.



At the June meeting, the charity committee announced its recommendations for distribution of the current charity funds and the members voted to accept those recommendations.

These were: The National Corvette Museum, \$1250; Matthews Health Clinic, \$1250; USO, \$750 and Operation Home Front, \$750. Also, the 50/50 raffle winner was Bill Davidson. He generously returned his half to the charity fund, so a total of \$298 was deposited in the fund.

The 4th of July parade slots have all been filled. I want to thank those members who are donating their time for parades on this national holiday.

Car Care Day is on schedule for July 18th at Wally Crawford's Garage Mahal. Look at the QCCC calendar for details and directions.

Sign up sheets for the Matthews Alive Parade, September 5th and Lowe's AutoFair, September 12th and 13th will be available at the July meeting for all who want to sign up. More information on both events will be sent out as soon as it is available.

The QCCC belt buckles have arrived. We will distribute them at the July meeting. I want to thank John Jensen for his work in making the buckles a reality.

QCCC members' participation makes this a great club. Your help and support is appreciated.

Nelson

Highlights From Meeting And BBQ





NCM Corner



First order of business this month is to thank all the new joinees of the NCM. Each month we have one or two club members become part of the National Corvette Museum family. I don't get excited for myself, but for the fact that every new NCM member means the support increases for keeping our heritage alive.

I have submitted our newsletter into the club newsletter competition again this year. We didn't place last year and I just don't know why. Charlie and Iris Binder do such a fantastic job that I sure would like to see what the winner looks like. Maybe we will get our due recognition this year.

Nelson Sprague and Charlie Binder have combined to submit our club logo for the flag drawing at the NCM. If our logo is drawn, a flag with it on it will fly in front of the museum for one year and then returned be to us for safe keeping. Many thanks to the Charity Committee for making this possible and the generous donation to the NCM. Our club is the best.

Several of our members have signed up for the NCM Cruise to North Europe next year. It is a fourteen night cruise from England to Belgium to Germany to Russia to Finland to Denmark and back to England. The inclusive dates are June 12 thru June 26. Go to the NCM website and under the "Events" pull down, click on Northern Europe Cruise. All the info you need to proceed is there. These are great prices for NCM members and included is a two day shore excursion in St. Petersburg, Russia. Should be a great experience with other Corvette lovers.

Lucky winner of the 2009 Crystal Red Corvette was Ronald Olson of Reno, NV. A raffle for a 2010 "Build Your Own" Z06 is now open. Five hundred tickets at \$500.00/each. The drawing will be held on Thursday, July 23rd. If you want a chance at a 2010 Grand Sport, a "Build Your Own" coupe or convertible raffle will be held on Friday, September 4rd. Only 1994 tickets at \$100.00/each. John Jensen will be selling the \$10.00 raffle tickets for a 2010 Torch Red Convertible to be given away on Saturday, September the 5th. This car includes Cashmere interior, NPP exhaust and automatic transmission.

The Caravan route books should be available for distribution the first week of July. I will bring all the copies for our club registrants to the July meeting to save on postage. Take time to read through it and familiarize yourself with all the events. It won't be long now.

Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador

Hot Car Show Gets Many Corvettes Out!





And, the Well Deserved Winners are....



SOCIAL NOTES....

Summer is here... and everyone seems to be scattered about! I am still working on a Mystery Trip – but I am still having problems getting dates good for everyone! We are so busy with car shows, parades, and car care days!!! I will send an email out shortly – once all the details have been finalized.

Our Scavenger Hunt will be on August 8th – the day of our August business meeting. We will meet at 11am, and break into teams, and get our list of items to find. Each item will have a point value based on difficulty in finding it. We will split up – go and hunt for our items, and then meet back at the Norcross Bowling Alley at 4:45pm to submit our findings! The scores will be tallied and prizes will be given out at the end of the meeting! An email will be sent out with more details, and RSVP information.

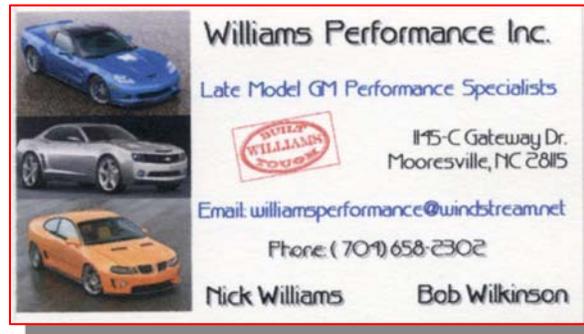
We will have TONS of information to give out at the July Business Meeting for our **October Country Fair and Business Meeting.** This event is a family friendly event – you are asked to invite your kids, grandkids, anyone you would like to invite! We will have games, food, prizes and so much more! Games will be for adults and children of all ages!! We are putting a lot of work into this event to make it memorable for everyone! The games will cost a minimal amount to play – and this money will go into our charity fund.

Plans for the Banquet are well under way! A location has been chosen, and details will be coming out as the planning progresses! The Banquet will be on January 30, 2010 - Save The Date!

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

Thank you!

Adina ☺



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Members Keep Cool At Ice Cream Social!



July 11th Meeting to be Held at

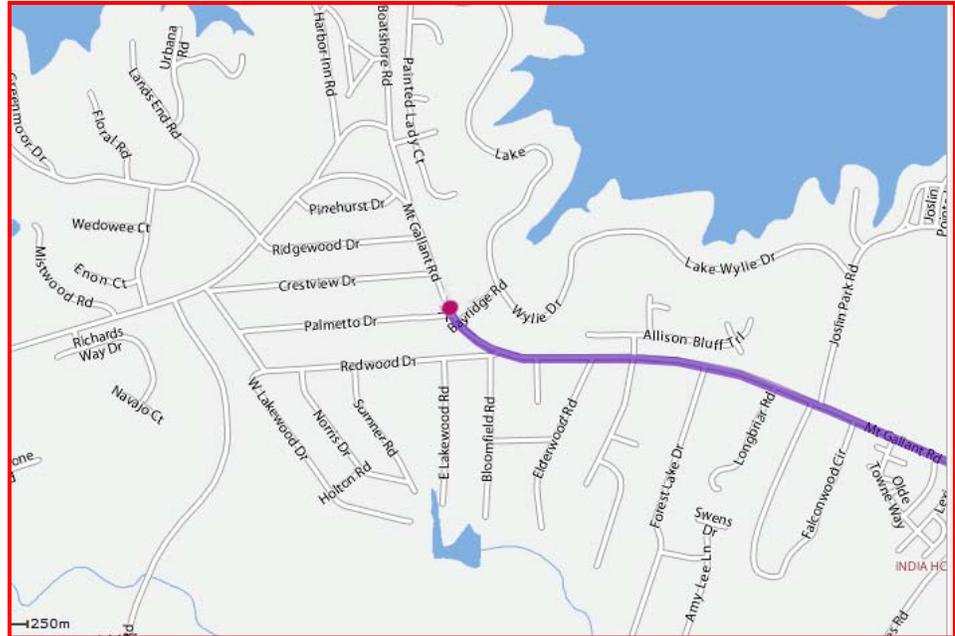
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Dinner at 5:30 PM
Meeting 6:30 PM

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- Turn Right onto Mt Gallant Rd, Approx 4 miles



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