

August 2009



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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.

Summer is here and the weather is hot. It is time to go for ice cream or take a trip to the mountains. So, get out there and drive those beautiful cars. Mine went to Colorado for a visit with family.



Isn't it nice to win a \$25.00 gift certificate just for attending a meeting? Our thanks to Philip and his lovely side kick Linda for obtaining the certificates to hand out. I just need to win one. Get ready for some more at the next meeting and practice up on your bowling game. Think you can beat the President. I am up to all challenges. See you on the 8th.

We hope everyone is ready for the fall. QCCC has a lot of fun things to do. August is Corvettes of Carlisle along with the next week of race track driving, dinners and the Caravan to the National Corvette Museum. September has trips to Daytona Beach, Auto Fair, Petit LeMans, Parades and a Meeting. Then we need to get ready for October. Be sure to sign up for the Country Fair, I know it will be a blast for all ages.

Just a word about Wednesday night dinners. Fun!!!!!!!!!! If you haven't tried one be sure to put it on your to do list. These smaller groups of members have a great time in a very casual setting. It is a great way to meet members and potential members. The same thing goes for the Up Yonder group that meets once a month.

Our thanks to all of our members who make this club special. Without you we wouldn't be the biggest and BEST Corvette Club in the Carolinas. Thanks for all you do.

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

Boyd

VP REPORT



This month's member spot light is on Walt and Wendy Krupowicz. They attended Auto Fair 1995 and met members from the Queen City Corvette Club. They joined the club the same year.

They are both from New York and have been married for 38 years. Walt purchased a 1969 Riverside Gold coupe in Utica, New York. This was their family car and both daughters were brought home from the hospital in the car. Jennifer works in Storm Water at the City of Charlotte and Gretchen is in school at CPCC. They have a beagle named Yorky who is 15 years old.



Walt joined the Army in 1965 and worked as an electronics technician with the Air Defense Command in Korea. He was an instructor at the Air Defense Missile Command School in El Paso. He worked for Univac in New York, and the Federal Aviation Administration in Rochester NY in the computer communications maintenance area. In 1989 he worked at the BWI airport tower as a supervisor responsible for installing the electronic system utilized by the Air Traffic Control system. In 1993 he continued his supervisory responsibilities at the Charlotte Air Traffic Control Tower. He retired after 39 years of service.

Wendy has a degree in Early Childhood Education from State University NY- Plattsburg. She has a Masters degree from the University of New York-Brockport. She taught briefly in the Rochester, New York School system and worked as a director of a child care center in the Baltimore area. They relocated to Charlotte in 1993 and she became a supervisor for child care center regulation for the state of NC. She is the licensed supervisor of seven consultants who monitor approximately 1000 day care centers in Mecklenburg County.

Walt has participated in the by-laws committee, charity committee and was the Chairman for Corvettes in the Queen City. He has organized the caravan to the Museum with a dinner banquet. Wendy has held the positions of Social Director, Vice President and served on numerous other committees within the Club. They have been on two trips to Daytona for the Rolex 24 Hours. In 2003 he received the Member of the Year Award and the President's Award. In 2007 they toured the Museum at Bowling Green, KY.

Walt and Wendy have been members of NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) since 1994. Both are judges in the NCRS 1968-1972 category of Corvettes. He has held the Vice Chairman position for five years at the local chapter and has contributed to the 1968/1996 judges manual.

In 1994, they took the '69 out of storage and drove the car to participate in the silver salute and received the Bloomington Gold Survivor's Award. The car has received numerous NCRS awards which include the Top Flight Award at the Local and Regional levels and the NCRS 2 Star Award for originality in the exterior and interior area.

In 1996 they purchased a White LT4 from City Chevrolet. They sold this car in 2001 and now have a 2001 dark metallic Bowling Green. Wendy's dream car is a new Cyber Gray convertible option with the plant photo tour and museum delivery.



Walt and Wendy's best friends are members of the Queen City Corvette Club. They enjoy the Car Caravans, road trips, cruises and meeting all the "Corvette People". Walt and Wendy have dedicated a great deal of time and effort to the success of our club. I urge all members to participate in events and dedicate your time to make our Club the best in Mecklenburg County.

The August meeting will be at Northcross Lanes in Huntersville. The social hour 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.

Meet The New Members



Richard and Jan Klause
2003 50th Anniversary
Convertible



Jim and Jill Peterson
1967 Red Roadster - 327/350



Susan Hibbard
Rides with
Wes Hibbard

QCCC Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday July 7, 2009

The July Board meeting was held at Boyd Kurt's house,
Charlotte, NC.

Officers present: Boyd Kurt, Phillip Lewis, Florence Prather,
Eddie Burt

Guest: Pat Bonino, Jane Burt



President, Boyd Kurt called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Boyd Kurt, President

- Mentioned the program Cell Phones for Soldiers. Received approval to discuss it at the July meeting.

Phillip Lewis, Vice President:

- Led discussion on Charity Committee responsibilities and the donations that were approved by the membership at the June meeting
- Reviewed the upcoming meetings:
 - July – Pier 51 Seafood Restaurant in Rock Hill – needs RSVPs for dinner at 5:30 pm
 - August – Northcross Bowling Lanes in Huntersville
 - September – Fat Boy's Restaurant in Mooresville – dinner at 5:30 pm
 - October – Country Fair at the Rockhold's & Bonino's in Shelby

Eddie Burt, Membership Director:

- Has received a resignation from 1 family
- Will delete 6 families from the rolls due to non-payment of first quarter 2009 dues
- Have had requests to rejoin the QCCC from 3 families who previously resigned. The Board agreed that at the next meeting they attend, they will be voted on and will owe the balance of 2009 dues.
- Additionally, 11 people will be eligible for membership at the July meeting

Florence Prather, Treasurer:

- Reviewed current bank balance and deposits to be made
- Will get with Nelson regarding the payments to the charity recipients approved at the June meeting

Boyd Kurt - for Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director

- Reviewed the Car Show held at City Chevrolet on June 20, and the July 4 parades in Troutman, Indian Trail and Hickory Grove
- Upcoming Events:
 - July 17 – Cruise-In at South 21 in Matthews
 - July 18 – Car Care Day at Wally & Anita's
 - July 21 – Oakboro Cruise-In to be coordinated by John Walton

- September 5 – Matthews Alive Parade to be coordinated by Eddie Burt
- September 12 & 13 – Auto Fair – 30 cars for each day
- October 3 – Car Show at Hendrick Chevrolet-Cadillac in Monroe
- Belt buckles will be distributed at the July meeting

Pat Bonino, for Adina Ledford, Social Director

- October 10 - Meeting and Country Fair will be held at the Rockhold's and Bonino's in Shelby. TONS of fun for children of all ages will begin at noon, with the QCCC Meeting beginning at 4:30 pm. There's plenty of parking for Corvettes as well as handicap parking. There will be booths for games of skill (ring toss, bottle toss, ball toss, corn cob toss, etc), horseshoes, food for purchase (popcorn, snow-cones, cotton candy, candied apples, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.), prizes, hay rides, dancing, a fire pit, cake walk, golf zone, and lots more. Tickets to play the games will be 50 cents apiece with proceeds going to the Charity Fund. Members are encouraged to bring children and other family members. A sign-up sheet will be at the July meeting for attendees and volunteers.
- October 16 – 18 – Weekend trip to Helen, GA – 28 reservations have been made so far

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, for Linda Lewis, Secretary
Jane Burt, Member



Solving Global Problems at Car Care Day

These great minds (and bodies) meet twice each year at Wally's Garage to fix the economic issues that face the nation, solve the great problems that perplex mankind and change the oil on their Corvettes. Usually they are successful at only one of these tasks.



Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

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07-11-09

5:30 - 7:25

Pier 51 Seafood Rock Hill

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; Paul Mariano, Corvette Museum Ambassador
DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30pm • Boyd Kurt – President called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ June Minutes were approved and seconded. ➤ Banquet will be on January 30th at the downtown Hilton. ➤ Corvette Museum is offering to feature two clubs at no cost. Do we want to participate? Motion was offered, seconded and passed. ➤ The McGuire Women in Nuclear are collecting old cell phones to be sold to a recycling company. They will then take the money and buy phone cards to send to our troops overseas so they can keep in touch with their families. QCCC will be collecting your old cell phones at our August Meeting. Please bring them along with their chargers in a plastic bag to the meeting. We will deliver them on Monday August 10th to the WIN at McGuire. ➤ Elections are coming up in November. We will be taking nominations in September and closing them out in October. • Membership Report - Eddie Burt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visitors: Karen Day and John Ferri. ➤ The club voted and approved Susan Hibbard, Richard and Jan Klause and Jim and Jill Peterson for membership. ➤ The club presently has 212 members. • Vice President Report – Phillip Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The August meeting will be held at Northcross Lanes in Huntersville. ➤ Please check the calendar on the website for all updates and meetings. ➤ Gift certificate winners were Nelson Sprague, Doug Wright, Jim Peterson and Jennifer Clay. • Automotive report – Nelson Sprague <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We have sign up sheets for the Oakboro Cruise In, Matthews Alive Parade, Lowes Auto Fair ➤ We had 46 cars at the car show. The following individuals received trophies: John Walton, Robert Morgan, Rick Mills, Bob Becker, Larry DeMontegre. ➤ Jane Burt and Chris Wood won \$75 and Helen Jensen won a car treatment. Thanks to all who brought tents and Clark Belvin for the generator. ➤ We had 10 cars for the Troutman parade. ➤ Thanks to all who attended the Hickory Grove and Indian Trail parades ➤ Car Care Day July 18th ➤ Hendrick Chevrolet-Cadillac Charity Car Show is October 3rd 	

- John Jensen has the belt buckles.
- John Walton gave an update about the Oakboro Cruise In
- **Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather**
 - Reviewed the budget and bank balance.
- **Social Director's Report - Adina Ledford**
 - We will have a scavenger hunt in conjunction with the August Meeting
 - A Mystery trip is scheduled for August 29th
 - Tom Rockhold gave an update on the October 10th County Fair at the Bonino and Rockhold's property in Shelby. They need volunteers and people to help make booths, etc. They have a vendor who has a "Hillbilly Hut" and will serve popcorn, snow cones, etc and will serve a full dinner. They will need a count on the number of people soon.
 - Helen Ga – October 16th, 17th and 18th, staying at the Country Inn and Suites. Room \$119-\$135 per night.
- **Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano**
 - We have 25 cars signed up for the September trip. No factory tour on Friday, as the plant is closed.
 - Our banner was selected to fly at the Museum
 - Events planned before we leave in September – Tour of Hendricks Racing, 10 Laps around Lowe's Motor Speedway for \$30, DJ and dancing. Check the website for events.
 - The museum is selling automobile insurance if you are interested.
 - Walt Krupowicz has contacted Vector shirts. Carolina Blue shirts will be available with the 2009 Caravan Logo. The deadline is August 1st. Check the website for details.
- **Other Business**
 - No other business
 - The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, August 8th at Northcross Lanes in Huntersville, 5:30pm for the social hour, 6:30pm for the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda H. Lewis, Secretary

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Automotive Report

July started off with a bang with QCCC members participating in several July 4th parades. I want to thank Tommy Loftin for coordinating the Troutman parade. We had 10 cars sign up but only 9 made the entire parade. We had one overheating problem. Boyd Kurt, Kelly & Joyce Moore and Jim & Kay Weisberg drove in the Indian Trail Parade. John Meadows and Randy Fisher drove in the Hickory Grove Parade and John Meadows also drove in the Coulwood Parade. Thanks to all of you who participated.



We had several members attend the impromptu South 21 Cruise-In. John Walton coordinated a very nice Oakboro Cruise-In. We had 9 cars participate and 7 of those members got to do a "parade lap" down Main St. and back up to our club parking at the request of the event

director. The weatherman did not rain on this parade.

Everyone coming to Car Care Day had a lot of food and good conversation and got their cars serviced if they wanted. We had 20 members attend which is a little lower than normal; but, with the beautiful July day, who can fault those who just wanted to enjoy the nice weather.

We don't have a final number of cars needed for the Matthews Alive Parade. I am told we will know before the August meeting.

Lowe's AutoFair sign up is still in progress. As of 7/25/09, there are still 2 openings for Saturday and 15 openings for Sunday. Please check your schedules and if you can attend, send me an e-mail. So everyone knows, after the August meeting is closed, the remaining spaces will be opened for members' second cars and prospective members. The reason for this is August is the last meeting before Lowe's AutoFair opens.



The Queen City Corvette Club belt buckles have arrived and most have been distributed. They are beautiful. John Jensen did an outstanding job working with the manufacturer. There are still 8 buckles to be passed out to members. I think I saw a few members who did not order buckles cast envious looks at those of us who did get them.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who participated in club events. It is our club and the more active we are, the more friends we make and enjoy.

Nelson

Everybody Loves a Parade!!

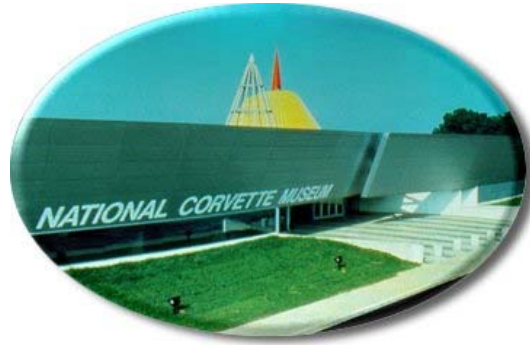
Iredell County Independence Day Parade was held on Saturday June 27, 2009 and Queen City Corvette Club was there to participate in the festivities. We had ten cars in the parade, one of which over heated and had to drop out. The parade itself had over one hundred entries including floats carrying United States War Veterans, local clubs and civic organizations, beauty queens, Cowboys and Girls on horses and just about anything you can imagine including at least one John Deere Tractor. The streets were lined with American Flags, yellow ribbons and folks of all ages, many with signs honoring our military past and present. The parade route ran from Iredell County Fair Grounds to Troutman Elementary School which was about three miles.



If you want to experience a slice of true small-town America, this is a must attend parade for next year. We will have it on next year's calendar and hope to have a large showing of Corvettes from QCCC. **Tommy Loftin**



NCM Corner



Good news, bad news. The good news is that our logo was selected for one of the eighteen banners to be flown in front of the museum for one year. Thanks to Nelson Sprague and Charlie Binder for making it possible. Bad news is that our club was not selected to be one of two clubs to have a display in the Enthusiasts Exhibition area. We will try again next year.

Hard to believe but only one month left before the NCM Caravan moves out from Concord to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the museum. Everyone should take a minute to make sure all your plans are in order and call your hotel in Bowling Green just to re-confirm your reservations. Please check on the new Celebration Agenda as much has changed, especially on the seminars time, location and subject.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help with the registration at the Hampton Inn on Monday and Tuesday before the departure. Even if you aren't going on the caravan, you can volunteer to help and your time will be most appreciated. Call Barbara Mariano at (704) 992-2726 or e-mail at vettld@aol.com to let her know you can give an hour or two. And you still have time to sign up for the laps around Lowes Motor Speedway. Congratulations: To new NCM members Steve and Pat Bonino and Richard and Merrilyn Harmon; the 10th Year Anniversary for Walt and Wendy Krupowicz; and to Chris and Peggy Wood, new lifetime members. Thanks for keeping the dream alive.

Thanks to Cardinal Graphics for the outstanding printing job on the caravan route books. Cardinal is owned by one of QCCC's own, Kelly Moore, and if you need printing done, see him. There is a Cardinal ad elsewhere in this newsletter.

I urge all the new QCCC members to contact me regarding membership in the NCM or purchasing a brick to display your commitment to the Corvette lifestyle.

Save the Wave!

Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador



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SOCIAL NOTES....

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 Northcross Bowling Alley at 5:00pm sharp to submit our findings! The scores will be tallied and prizes will be given out at the end of the meeting! An email has been sent out with complete details and RSVP information – another email reminder to go out shortly! Sign up today for this fun event!

Country Fair and Business Meeting – October 10th @ 12pm. This event is a family friendly event – you are asked to invite your kids, grandkids, friends - 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 spent this past Saturday building and painting booths for 7 “games of skill”. They are AMAZING! The Bonino’s and The Rockhold’s have GENEROUSLY volunteered their property, time, and money to create an AMAZING Country Fair for fellow QCCC members and their guests. Dinner tickets will be sold in advance assuring us enough food. A local vendor will be there all day with hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, cotton candy and so much more! Please see more information on this event at:

<http://www.queencitycorvette.com/2009%20Calendar/Meetings/October/County%20Fair.htm>

PLEASE save the date for this event – you won’t want to miss our COUNTRY FAIR!!

Helen, GA – Oktoberfest Weekend ~ October 16th – 18th

<http://www.queencitycorvette.com/2009%20Calendar/Helen%20GA%20Trip/QCCC%20Helen%20trip%20flyer.htm> The Hotel Reservation Cut-off date has been extended until August 1st – or when our block of rooms are all booked – whichever comes first! If you have not made your reservations for this trip – please do so ASAP to reserve your room! We have MANY QCCC members joining us for this fun-filled weekend!

UPCOMING DAY TRIPS –

Mystery Trip – going to ... shhh – I can’t tell you yet! We are still working on a good date – **Asheville, NC** – we are working on a Saturday date in September – more info to come via email

Corn Maze – this will be in October – dates and info to come out soon.

***REMINDER - 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!

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Thank you!

Adina ☺



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Meeting Highlights





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- Make reservation as soon as possible, call 866-934-7467 and ask for the Queen City Corvette Club group rate of \$139 per night, plus taxes. Note: there is a one-night deposit required.
- After you've made your reservation, please let Eddie &/or Jane Burt know so that we can keep track of how many rooms are still available.
- Parking – We have an agreement with the hotel that allows us to park our own cars underneath the hotel (covered parking) with in-and-out privileges. The hotel will also provide a facility for washing our own cars.

Thursday September 17

8:30 am Leave from the South Carolina Welcome Center on I-77
1:30 pm Lunch at the Georgia Pig, Brunswick, GA
<http://www.roadfood.com/Restaurant/Reviews/82/ga-pig>
6:30 pm Meet in the Hotel lobby to go to dinner at Racing's North Turn Beach Bar & Grille overlooking the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. It's about 5.5 miles south of our hotel
<http://www.racingsnorthturn.com/>

Friday September 18

10:00 am Leave Resort to take a scenic drive around “The Loop”
11:30 am Lunch at “River Grille” www.rivergrille.net
Seating will be outside overlooking the Tomoka River
1:30 pm Journey to the “Red Tail Bar and Grill” for an afternoon of relaxation and world problem-solving www.followtheredtail.com
6:30 pm Meet in the Hotel lobby to go to dinner at “Down the Hatch” overlooking the beautiful Halifax River in Ponce Inlet

Saturday September 19

- Noon Meet at the brand new Daytona Kennel Club and Poker Room (the Dog Track), which is near the Daytona International Speedway and airport, for Matinee DOG Races which begin at 1:00 pm.
www.daytonagreyhound.com Lunch either at restaurants nearby or at the dog track.
- Afternoon After the dog races, you can journey across the street to Speed Park Motorsports for drag and go-kart racing.
www.speedparkdaytona.com
- Dinner By now, each of you should have seen enough of Daytona Beach and the surrounding area so that you have a preference for dinner on the “last night” of our trip. For this reason, Eddie and I have not scheduled anything for Saturday night, with the thought in mind that you might want to eat in smaller groups at various restaurants throughout the area. Of course, if you would like to join us, we would love to have any and all of you who have not made other plans. Contact Eddie and Jane for a list of restaurants in the area.


Sunday September 20

Leave at your leisure for the long trip back to Charlotte.
Be careful, safe, and cherish the memories.

NOTE: Eckler’s and Cape Canaveral are located in Titusville, FL, which is about 60 miles south of Daytona Beach.

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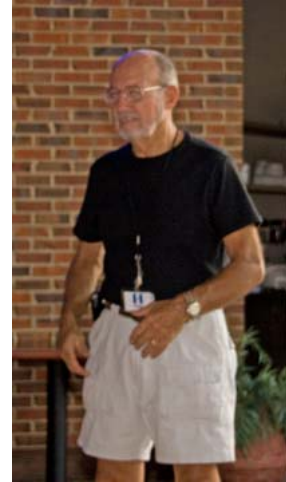
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Meeting Saturday August 8th

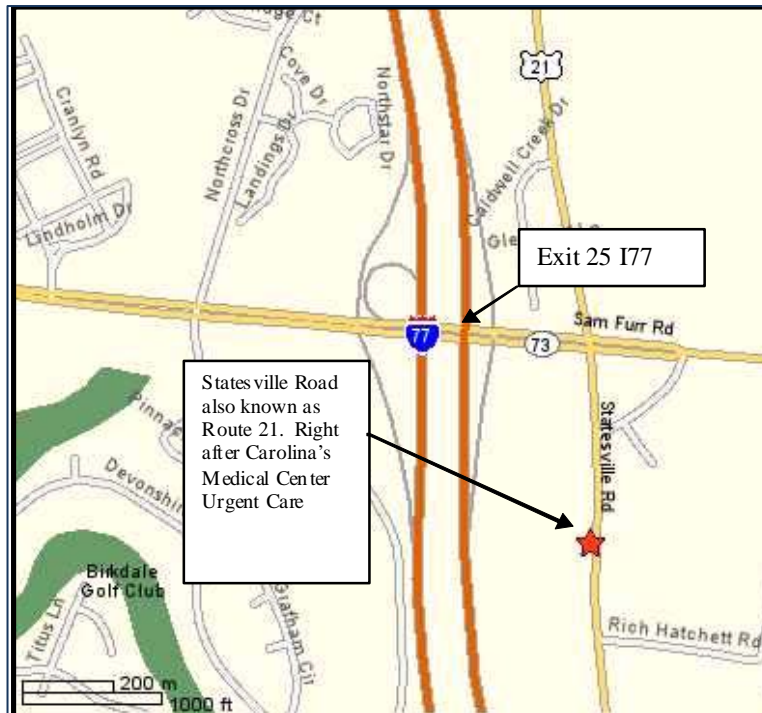
At
Northcross Bowling Lanes
Statesville Rd. (Hwy 21)
Huntersville, NC

5:30 PM SOCIAL HOUR
6:30 PM BUSINESS MEETING

Directions:

From I77:

1. Exit 25, go East to First Traffic Light
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