December 2009



In the Holiday Spirit -

Parades & Food Drives
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Matthews Help Center
Air National Guard
Christmas Dinner







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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,

Did you know that QCCC had over 40 plus events planned and executed during 2009. It was a challenge to participate in all of them. I am sure 2010 will have the same or more for you to enjoy with your QCCC friends. If you



missed some of them, you missed out on a lot of fun. We are a social club and we do social. Thanks to all the members who helped make 2009 the best year ever.

If we tried to thank everyone who helped, this page would include over 50 + names. To all of you who helped, THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!

2010 is starting to shape up as another fun filled year. A cruise is planned for March, Corvettes at Carlisle has over 34 members signed up and I know several club members are participating in NCM events. Car Care days, picnics and all the car shows are being planned as we read this. Your 2010 Board is at work and needs your help to make next year better than ever.

We would like to welcome Steve Pelchat as our new Vice President for 2010 and say Thank You to Phillip Lewis for serving in 2009. Phillip, your articles of famous QCCC members have been great. We are very grateful for your service and look forward to seeing more famous people in future newsletters. Yes, Phillip said he would continue to write them. All other QCCC Board Members remain the same as in 2009.

Remember to mark your calendars for January 30, 2010, our annual awards banquet. Live music, Mardi Gras theme, dancing and fantastic auction items will be there.

"Save the Wave" and remember all racing Corvettes are still Yellow. Get ready for Sebring on March 20th.

See you at the Christmas Party December 12th at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.

Boyd



December's member spotlight shines on Bill Cruthis. He is originally from Clinton, Illinois. He attended the St. Louis College of Pharmacy and was graduated in 1969. He has been a



pharmacist for forty years. Bill worked for Wal-Mart for twenty three years as a district and regional manager. He met Judy Armstrong in high school. They lost touch with each other and were reunited five years ago through a mutual friend. She moved here and opened Albertine's Florist in Denver. She has one son.

Bill moved to Charlotte in 1974 and met Shad Alberty, an early QCCC club member. At that time, the QCCC membership only totaled twenty seven couples. They met every Wednesday night in the attic of a house located on the corner of Morningside and Independence. They usually had fifteen to twenty Corvettes and listened to the Juke Box and had drinks. Bill was the Chairman of the Decorating Committee and helped maintain the Club House. The interior walls had red, white and blue stripes around the room. Bill still has this same design in his garage today.

Back in the 1970's, the Charlotte Motor Speedway allowed the Queen City Corvette Club to hold car events at the Speedway. The only stipulation was that the Club members had to clean the infield. In 1977 the Queen City Corvette Club had a challenge between the Corvettes and Porches. He won the A Class for Big Blocks. In 1978 CMS hosted the National Corvette Club Convention South Sectional which Bill attended.



Bill has owned many Corvettes over the years, including a 1963 blue split window; a 1965 red

convertible; a 1968 green convertible; a 1970 silver coupe; a 1974 brown T-top; a 1985 red Corvette; a 1987 yellow Corvette and his present car a 2006 blue Corvette.

He was a member of QCCC until 1980 and rejoined in March of this year. Bill would like to establish a historical committee and gather information about the old club. He would like to get a scrapbook together with old photographs. Anyone interested, please contact Bill. He has been a member of the NCRS since 1976 and a Museum member. Bill enjoys the camaraderie and being around people who love Corvettes.

This is my last article as your Vice President. I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve over the past year. I have enjoyed my time with all of you, and especially the people who welcomed me into their homes and were participants in the member spotlight articles. I urge all of you to consider serving in some capacity during the coming year. I welcome the new Vice President Steve Pelchat and I know he will do a wonderful job.

Our next meeting is the Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in Lake Wylie on December 12th. Dinner at 5:30pm. The club will provide the drinks and the ham. Please email Adina Ledford on the side dish you intend to bring. The meeting will start promptly at 6:30pm. Check the website for details and directions. Come out and support your Club and enjoy the many activities planned.

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.

Hang Up And Drive!

A Texas man driving his luxury, French-built Bugatti Veyron, valued at 1.25 million, blamed a low-flying pelican for his driving his car in the drink in a salt marsh near Galveston. The accident happened about 3 p.m. on the frontage road of Interstate 45 about 35 miles southeast of Houston.

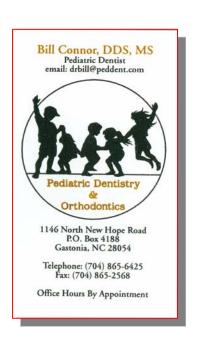


The driver said when the bird distracted him he dropped his cell phone. As he reached to pick it up he veered off the road and

into the salt marsh. The car was half-submerged in the brine about 20 feet from the road when police arrived.

An expensive error!





Queen City Corvette Club Board Minutes					
	November 10, 2009	6.30pm -8:30pm	Linda & Phillip Lewis' home		
MEETING	Standing QCCC Boar	Standing QCCC Board Meeting – First Tuesday of the Month			
PRESIDENT	Boyd Kurt	Boyd Kurt			
SECRETARY	Linda Lewis	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; Jane Burt.				
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DISCUSSION

President - Boyd Kurt

- ✓ Called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
- ✓ We will vote at the November meeting on officers for 2010. Nominations are: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Adina Ledford, Social Director; and Eddie Burt, Membership.
- ✓ We will vote on the Male and Female Rookie of the year at the December meeting.
- ✓ Boyd will ask for Silent Auction Items at the November meeting.

Vice President Report - Phillip Lewis

- ✓ November meeting will be at Victory Karting with BBQ catered.
- ✓ December Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Church.
- ✓ Discussed participation awards for the banquet.
- ✓ Checked with the NASCAR Institute for the January meeting; they will place us on the calendar.
- ✓ Gave an update on the gift for members for the banquet
- ✓ The Board voted on buying 100 items from Monogram Magic for the member gifts.

Membership Report – Eddie Burt

- ✓ Gave an update on the membership.
- ✓ Discussed the bylaws for suspension.
- ✓ We presently have six advertisers.

Automotive report – Nelson Sprague

- ✓ Gave update on Christmas parades.
- ✓ WE will collect food at the next two meetings for the Matthews Help Center
- ✓ We have seven members attending the International Car Show November 19th November 22nd.
- ✓ Will send out an email concerning Christmas gifts for children with the Air National Guard and Matthews Help Center this week.
- ✓ The Board voted to continue with City Chevrolet for our car show sponsor for next vear.

Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather

✓ Update on the budget

Secretary-Linda Lewis

✓ No report

Social Director's Report - Adina Ledford

- ✓ Christmas Party will be December 12th. Susan Kurt will handle decorations. There will be a gift exchange for \$10-\$15. The club will furnish the ham. Side dishes will be assigned. We will need a response by Tuesday, December 8th from the membership.
- ✓ Update on the banquet
 - We have sent a deposit to Justin Michaels to handle the entertainment and will be meeting with the Hilton this week to set the menu.
 - o Banquet theme to be announced at the November meeting.
 - o We plan to invite our City Chevrolet sponsor and John Elliott who prints the newsletter for the Club.
 - o We plan to have a photographer on site at the banquet for member pictures.
 - o Silent Auction to be handled by Susan Kurt and Adina.
 - o Discussed the gift for each couple. Linda and Florence will give out the gifts
 - o Discussed the plaques to be given out.
 - o The cost for the banquet will be \$70 per couple and \$50 for a non-members. This will include parking.
 - We will hire one bartender and one cashier.
 - o The hospitality suite will be available from 3pm until.
 - We will bring lap tops with two or three screens for the picture presentation.
 - o We will have a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to the Charity Fund.
- ✓ Corn Maze day trip in November.
- ✓ McAdenville trip in December combined with the Wednesday night dinner.
- ✓ Adina has reserved seats on two cruises for the club on March 20th One 5 night cruise leaving from Jacksonville for \$369 per person and one 7 night cruise leaving from Port Canaveral for \$739 per person.
- ✓ Adina will hand out a survey to the membership on event satisfaction for this year and a survey on events for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30pm at Eddie & Jane's home.

Respectfully submitted.

LINDA LEWIS, SECRETARY

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Call the NASCAR Institute for interest in hosting meetings next year.	Phillip	11-30-09
Call Monogram Magic and order gifts for banquet.	Phillip	11-10-09
Meet with the Hilton.	Adina and Pat	11-13-09
Send out invitation for the banquet.	Adina	TBD
Send out email with sign up sheets for Christmas gifts for children at Matthews Help Center and the National Guard.	Nelson	11-13-09
Meet with Bob Denny about the presentation at the banquet.	Boyd	12-31-09

Corvette Plant Buyers Tour-The Ultimate Corvette Goal By Walt & Wendy Krupowicz

Corvette people have various goals in mind when they think about a Corvette. Some may want to own an older version that they used to own or saw during their early years. Or maybe restore one, run one at a driving event, or just purchase one in order to enjoy the driving fun and belonging to

a club with all of the camaraderie that is inherent with a club membership.

Following along and watching your Corvette be assembled at the Corvette Assembly plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky has got to be the Corvette owners' ultimate ownership experience.

The Corvette museum has a program that allows people who have ordered a specific car with their specific options to follow along the assembly line while their car is being assembled.



You will be accompanied by a guide who represents the Museum and was once an assembly line technician who worked at the plant. They are knowledgeable, personable, and have a wealth of information about the process that you are seeing.

When the car is ordered through the dealer, an order code is subsequently generated for your particular vehicle. At that time, the Buyers Tour can be requested through the Corvette Museum. As time progresses, the build date, marriage time, and tour guide from the museum are provided. This usually occurs approximately two weeks before the actual build day to allow for travel plans.



If the Buyers tour (through the Museum) and the Museum delivery (ordered through the dealer) are requested, two separate trips will be required. There is no flexibility with the buyer's tour. Once the Target Production Week (TPW) is scheduled by the plant, the car will be built during that week.

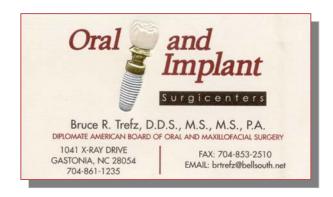
Typically, arrival in Bowling Green is the day before production. Assembly of the car starts with the frame and instrument panel already installed as the car enters the "trim" line and where the buyer's tour starts. It is

amazing to see the car move down the assembly line as correct parts for a particular car are waiting for installation. Another line running separately but in coincidence with the "trim" line is the "chassis" line. The appropriate engine, drive line and suspension move down the assembly line until it meets with the appropriate car dolly on the "trim" line and the "marriage" occurs.

What is equally interesting to see along with the car assembly is the logistics of the parts delivery system. Either overhead conveyers or forklifts delivering bins or pallets ensuring that the correct parts are in the correct place on the line at the correct time for the appropriate car.

The assembly process is very precise. When the exhaust manifold is attached to the engine as it is suspended from a moving overhead track, the line worker places both manifolds onto a tool that also moves. The line worker presses a button on the installation tool and both left and right manifolds move up to the engine correctly aligned and the attachment nuts are correctly torqued to the proper specification. This is generally the way all large or heavy parts such as the doors, wheels, seats or front and rear glass is installed on the moving car.

The assembly line technicians are extremely cordial and very grateful of tour participants. While the tour is a long two day adventure, the experience is unforgettable. If you are lucky, they may allow you to install a part or two and be the very first to start your car! The experience cannot fully be explained. There is just too much to see. It is a must do experience for the Corvette owner that will never be forgotten. Just be prepared to have a smile etched on your face for a very long time!







Queen City Corvette Club Minutes						
	November 14, 2009	<u>5:30 -6:30</u>	Victory Lane Karting			
ATTENDEES	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Phillip Lewis, Vice President; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Eddie Burt, Membership; Corvette Museum, Paul Mariano; Webmaster, EO Oakley; Charlie and Iris Binder, Newsletter Editors.					

DISCUSSION

- **President Boyd Kurt** Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and introduced the Board Members.
 - ➤ October Minutes were approved and seconded.
 - ➤ Elections were held for the 2010 Board. Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President; Nelson Sprague, Automotive; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Adina Ledford, Social Director; Eddie Burt, Membership. Phillip Lewis will continue to write the monthly Member Spotlight. The vote was unanimous.
 - ➤ We will vote on the Member of the Year and the Male and Female Rookie of the year at next month's meeting.

• Membership Report – Eddie Burt

- ➤ Visitors: Steve and Pat Bales, Jim and Beth Cerniglia, Ken Rinehart, Ken Smelter and Joan Murray
- ➤ The club voted and approved John Ferri for membership.
- ➤ We have an opening for six more advertisers if anyone is interested.
- The club presently has 221 members or 125 families.

• Vice President Report – Phillip Lewis

- ➤ Gift Certificates were won by the following: Linda Lewis, Debbie Rockhold, Jill Peterson and Marilyn Becker.
- Thanked Victory Karting for hosting the meeting.
- ➤ The December meeting will be at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.
- ➤ Please check the calendar on the website for all updates and meetings.

• Automotive report – Nelson Sprague

- ➤ Charity Committee For Christmas the club will sponsor thirty kids, fifteen children from the National Guard and fifteen children from the Matthews Help Center. We will also have a food drive for the Matthews Help Center at our December meeting. Do not wrap the gifts. Gift cards are welcome.
- November 21st the Hendricks Motor Sports Car show.
- ➤ Please check out the Charlotte International Car Show. Queen City will have six cars at the show.
- > Sign up sheets are now available for participation in parades.

• Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather

> Reviewed the budget and bank balance.

• Social Director's Report - Adina Ledford

Christmas Party will be December 12th. Susan Kurt will handle decorations. There will be a gift exchange for \$10-\$15. The club will furnish the ham. Side

dishes will be assigned. We will need a response by Tuesday, December 8th from the membership.

- ➤ Update on the banquet
 - Banquet will be held at the downtown Hilton on January 30th. We will have free parking and a Hospitality Suite
 - o Banquet theme is Mardi Gras. The club will provide the masks. Justin Michaels will provide live entertainment.
 - o Cost is \$35 per member or \$70 per couple and \$50 for invited guests.
- ➤ We plan to have a trip to McAdenville in December combined with the Wednesday night dinner
- We have two cruises reserved for March 20th. If you are interested, please sign up.
- ➤ We have a block of tickets for Wicked in June. Email Adina if interested.

• Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano

- > Several more raffles coming up. Please contact Paul if interested.
- > C-5 and C-6 Bash registration is open on line.
- ➤ We have one Caravan picture at the race track if anyone is interested.
- Jack Brunton is leading Vets in Vetts.

• Other Business

- Congratulations to Walt and Wendy Krupowicz on the museum delivery of a new Green Grand Sport Convertible. Walt and Wendy took the Buyers Tour and watched the assembly of their Corvette.
- ➤ Congratulation to Ken and Lois Watts. They are now driving their totally restored 1963 Convertible a three year project.
- ➤ EO Oakley asked everyone to look at the website. He has just posted 518 photographs. Thank you EO and Ann for all of your hard work.
- ➤ Congratulations to Charlie and Iris Binder for the number one Corvette Newsletter in the US.
- ➤ The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, December 12th at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. Dinner at 5:30, meeting to start promptly at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H. Lewis, Secretary



Automotive Report

WOW! This is my last newsletter for 2009. Where did this year go? Time seems to be passing by faster than Bruce Trefz's ZR-1. During our November business meeting, we started our Christmas charity programs with the first collection



of food for the Matthews Help Center. Your generous donations were enough to completely fill our station wagon. For members who could not be at the November meeting, our second collection of food for the Matthews Help Center Food Donation will be at the Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church Christmas meeting on December 12th.

Our second Christmas program, the sponsoring of children submitted to us by the 145th Air National Guard and the Matthews Help Center has gotten off to a great start. Members have signed up to provide gifts for all thirty of the children on the Christmas list. If any of you would



still like to contribute to this program, you can buy Wal-Mart gift cards which will be distributed by Matthews Help Center to deserving children. Gift cards can be brought to the Christmas party meeting or mailed to me if you cannot attend. Your support of this special program is appreciated.

PLEASE BE SURE to bring your gifts to the Christmas party or contact me for collection arrangements. The gifts will have to be distributed to the two organizations the next week.



November and December are big months for parades.

We have already provided rides for one queen in the Concord Christmas Parade and rides for three queens in the Monroe Christmas Parade. I want to thank Charlie Binder for driving in the Concord parade and Ken Krupa and E. O. Oakley for driving in the Monroe parade. We still have three parades to go before the end of the year, Indian Trail -11/29/09, Kannapolis -12/5/09 and Lake Wylie -12/5/09. I want to thank our members who have signed up to participate in these upcoming parades.

The New Year is here! The first automotive event is Car Care Day, January 23rd at Wally and Anita's "Garage Mahal". Check the club calendar for details.

Your participation has made this a wonderful year to be Automotive Director.

Thank you for your support.

Nelson



The Charlotte International Auto Show and the Queen City Corvette Club

The Auto Show has always been a great success in the past years, but the 2009 show was even better. This year the directors of the Auto Show invited the Queen City Corvette Club to participate. Our club provided seven vintage Corvettes and was given our own separate display area. I cannot tell you how wonderful it was to see those Corvettes looking like they were on a new car show room floor ready for some lucky buyer. But these seven Corvettes were already owned by our members: Wally Crawford's – 1960 Roadster, Larry deMontegre's – 1959 Roadster, Ken Lipack's – 1965 Coupe, John Meadow's – 1963 Coupe, Steve Pelchat's – 1960 Roadster, John Walton's – 1962 Roadster and Les Wandler's – 1968 Coupe.

It was a great show for the new cars but especially for our Corvette Club display. I want to thank these seven members for making this event unique and special.





Nelson









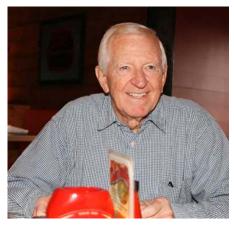
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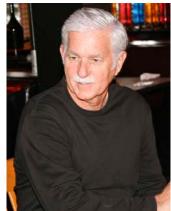














More Fun at the November Meeting































































NCM Corner

The response to the 2010 C5/C6 Bash has been larger than anticipated. The block of twelve hotel rooms has already been spoken for and I have increased that number to



fifteen. If you intend to participate in this fun event, please let me know ASAP so I can reserve more rooms if necessary. Let me know if you are planning on going and I will forward an e-mail outlining all particulars on registering and making your hotel reservations.

Thanks to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket at the November meeting. John Jensen and I still have a few left to sell and as I have said before, they make great stocking stuffers. Also, consider doing some of your Christmas shopping at the NCM store and with orders over \$100.00, shipping is free through December 6. (NOTE: Build sheets and window stickers are excluded.)

Congratulations to Walt and Wendy Krupowicz who took delivery of their 2010 Grand Sport convertible at the museum. Several of our club members watched the event unfold on the web-cams and had them following our phone instructions to wave at us. They took advantage of the full NCM experience by watching their car come down the assembly line (even installing a part or two and starting it for the first time) and ordering the scrap book showing the full assembly process. Beautiful car, guys. Next up for a museum delivery are J.C. and Linda Roberts. Exact date is still in doubt, but around December 14th.

We seem to have stalled out at the 40% level for museum membership for our club. I had hoped we could go over 50% by the end of this year and that will be my only impassioned plea at the December meeting. What we do now and what we leave behind will determine the lifespan and future of our hobby. Remember, ask not what the NCM

can do for you, but what can you do for the

NCM.

Happy holidays to all and may all your stockings have a 1957 fuelie in them.

Save the Wave! Paul Mariano NCM Ambassador



All Things German at the Oktoberfest
In Helen GA















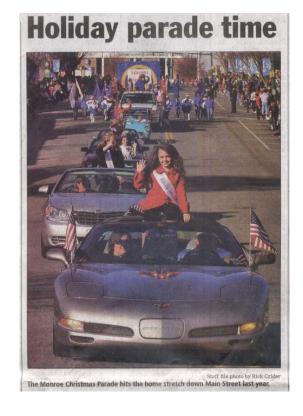
It's a Great Day at a Parade!













Wednesday: Meet and Eat





















Queen City Corvette Club

CHRİSTMAS PARTY & BUSİNESS MEETING

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009

Dinner @ 5:45pm / Meeting @ 6:30pm



Enjoy the Holiday Season with Your QCCC Friends!



PLEASE RSVP by December 8, 2009

to Adina Ledford at adinaledford@yahoo.com

Please RSVP with total number of attendees and the side dish you plan to bring.

(If too many of one side dish is being brought, you may be requested to bring something different)

Come together for a wonderful Ham Supper!

Please bring a side dish to share! (enough to feed 6-8 people) QCCC will provide the ham, iced tea, water & coffee. BYOB or Sodas are available for purchase (No adult beverages please)

Gift Exchange!

Bring a wrapped gift with a value between \$10 & \$15! (Please note male or female if the gift is gender specific!)

- Christmas Charity Collection!
 - ~ Food for the Matthews Help Center Food Drive
 - Gifts for the Children of the 145th Air National Guard
 Matthews Help Center

(Please see information from Nelson for complete details for these donations)

 Voting on "Male & Female Rookie of the Year" & "Member of the Year"

> Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church 15000 York Road ~ Charlotte, NC 28278

- Same Location as Last Years Christmas Party & December Meeting -



Next Meeting and Holiday Party Saturday December 12th



at

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





Times: 5:00 for Gathering and Social

5:30 Dinner

6:30 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

