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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.

Happy New Year !!!!

2009 has been a great year don't you think? I don't know what was best, but I do know I really enjoyed being your president this year. A fantastic board and staff made the president's job easy. The events were many, exciting, fun and I know 2010 will even be better. I hope each one of you had as much fun as Susan & I did. QCCC has the best people and that is what makes our club great. Many new members and new cars have come into Queen City Corvette Club in 2009. Be sure to try to talk to someone new at each event or meeting so you get to know your club members. Remember if you don't participate you are missing out.



My personal thanks go to Phillip Lewis for serving as Vice President in 2009. His stories about club members were interesting and I know we all enjoyed them. He did say he would continue as a part time writer next year.

Please welcome Steve Pelchat as your new Vice President for 2010 and the rest of the returning QCCC Board members. They work hard to bring a lot of events and fun to our club. Your support is appreciated.

A couple things to remember while you are resting from eating too much food and watching football. First, your 2010 dues are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. Dues are \$96.00 for the year or \$24 per quarter. You can pay for the entire year or by quarters. **We do not send out a bill!!!** Please send your dues to Florence Prather our Treasurer. Second how did we do this year? Do we need to add an event, take away one or just keep doing the same? Please let Adina or Nelson know. We want to do things that you enjoy.

“Save the Wave” and remember all racing Corvettes are still Yellow. Get ready for Sebring on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

See you at the Meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> and the Awards (Mardi Gras) Banquet on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

Boyd

# VP Report

Thanks to all who wished me well at my new post as VP. As many of you know, Laura & I have a C-1, so my monthly articles will be on Corvette history.



The original Corvette logo was designed in 1953 by Robert Bartholomew, an interior designer at Chevrolet. It was displayed on the prototype Corvette, had the familiar crossed flags with the checkered flag on the right side and an American flag on the left. Several days before the start of the Motorama show at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, Chevrolet management had to redesign the logo. It was illegal at the time to use the American flag on a commercial product. The new logo featured the familiar checkered flag and a white racing flag, with a red Chevrolet bowtie symbol and the fleur-de-lis. The fleur-de-lis (flower of the lily) is a French symbol representing peace and purity. After unsuccessfully searching for a family crest for Louis Chevrolet, the fleur-de-lis was chosen because Chevrolet is a French name. The logo has had many design changes over the years, but retains its basic elements.

January 17, 1953 – The prototype Chevrolet Corvette “Dream Car” is displayed at the Motorama show at New York’s Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

January 1, 1958 – The 1956 Corvette makes its debut at the Waldorf Astoria in New York for the Motorama show. First body redesign.

January 1956 – Zora Arkus Duntov, sets a two-way record braking average of 150.583 mph at the Daytona Beach Raceway in a modified 240 HP V8 powered Corvette.

January 21, 1962 – General Motors’ Chairman, Frederic Donner issues a policy memo, re-iterating the company’s compliance with 1957 AMA company-Sponsored racing ban. This officially cancels production plans for the Corvette Grand Sport, with only 5 of the intended 125 cars built.

January 1, 1975 – Zora Arkus Duntov officially resigns from Chevrolet. David McLellan takes over as Chief Engineer.

January 1986 – Chevrolet announces that the Corvette has been chosen to be the Official Pace Car for the Indianapolis 500 race.

January 8, 1997 – The 1997 Corvette is introduced to Canada in Montreal.

January 1999 – At the 24 Hours of Daytona race, Chevrolet debuts the GT2 class C5R Corvette race car. Ron Fellows and Chris Kneifel drive one to third in GTS class.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting. It will be Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the NASCAR Technical Institute in Mooresville. 5:30 Social, 6:30 Meeting, check the website for directions.

Remember, real Corvettes have solid axles.

Steve Pelchat

# Queen City Corvette Club Board Minutes

**December 1, 2009**

**6.30pm –8.10pm**

***Eddie & Jane's home***

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Standing QCCC Board Meeting – First Tuesday of the Month
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Boyd Kurt
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Linda Lewis
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Phillip Lewis, Vice President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President Elect; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Adina Ledford, Social Director; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Eddie Burt, Membership; Jane Burt.

## DISCUSSION

- **President - Boyd Kurt**
  - ✓ Called the meeting to order at 6:40pm.
  - ✓ Welcomed the new Vice President, Steve Pelchat to the meeting.
  - ✓ 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 December meeting.
- **Vice President Report – Phillip Lewis**
  - ✓ December – Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Church.
  - ✓ Discussed participation awards for the banquet.
  - ✓ January Meeting is at the NASCAR Institute.
  - ✓ Gave an update on the gift for members for the banquet
- **Membership Report – Eddie Burt**
  - ✓ Gave an update on the membership - 122 families, 221 members
  - ✓ The Board voted to reinstate membership for Ken Smelter and Joan Murray.
- **Automotive report – Nelson Sprague**
  - ✓ Gave update on Christmas parades.
  - ✓ We will collect food at the Christmas Party for the Matthews Help Center
  - ✓ Christmas gifts for children with the Air National Guard and Matthews Help Center will be brought to the December Christmas Party.
  - ✓ Nelson signed the agreement with City Chevrolet for our car show sponsor for next year.
  - ✓ January 23<sup>th</sup> is car care day at Wally and Anita's garage.
- **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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 presently have 69 members attending.
- ✓ Update on the banquet –
    - Pat Bonino will work with Nelson on the Silent Auction the night of the banquet.
    - The cost for the banquet will be \$70 per couple and \$50 for non-members. This will include parking. Rooms will be \$109 at the Hilton.
    - Decorations have been ordered. King and Queen items have also been ordered.
    - The hospitality suite will be available from 3pm until.
    - We will bring lap tops with two or three screens for the picture presentation.
    - We will have a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to the Charity Fund.
  - ✓ McAdenville trip on December 16<sup>th</sup> combined with the Wednesday night dinner at Hillbilly BBQ. Leave from the BP station at 6pm. Exit 26. I-85.
  - ✓ 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 8:40pm.

*Next meeting Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Boyd's home; February meeting will be at Florence's home.*

Respectfully submitted,

**LINDA LEWIS, SECRETARY**

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Meet with the Hilton.	Adina and Pat	December
Send out invitation for the banquet.	Adina	December

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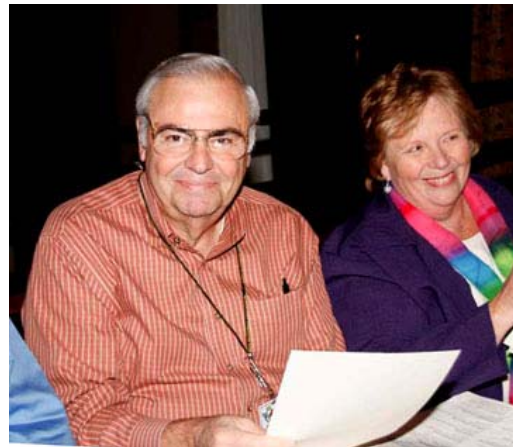
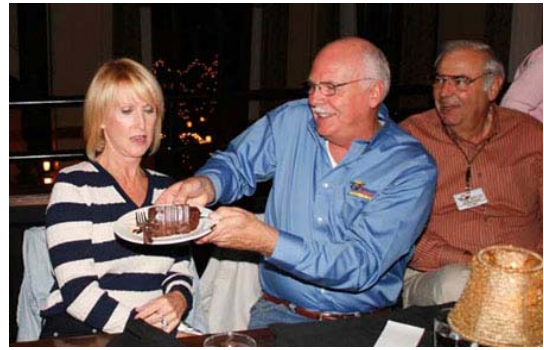
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## Up Yonder Dinner Photos!



# Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

December 12, 2009

5:30 -7:15

*Pleasant Hill Presbyterian  
Church*

<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Phillip Lewis, Vice President; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Eddie Burt, Membership; Adina Ledford, Social Director; Paul Mariano, Corvette Museum; EO Oakley, Webmaster; Charlie and Iris Binder, Newsletter Editors, Bob Denny, Club Photographer.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Dinner was served at 5:30</li> <li>• <b>President - Boyd Kurt</b> – called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Introduced the Board Members and thanked them for their service in 2009.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ November Minutes were approved and seconded.</li> <li>➤ We voted on the Member of the Year and the Male and Female Rookie of the year to be announced at the banquet.</li> <li>➤ Reminded the membership of the new NC state law concerning the regulations for displaying the state name on the license plate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Membership Report – Eddie Burt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Visitors: Greydon &amp; Rose Cruse, Al &amp; Gerri Kessel, Brian Marconi, Peter Perolini, and Jud &amp; Sylvia Self</li> <li>➤ The club voted and approved Steve and Pat Bales, Ken and Debbie Rinehart and Ken Smelter for membership.</li> <li>➤ The club presently has 227 members. Gave the balance on the money earned from advertising.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Vice President Report – Phillip Lewis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Gift Certificates were won by the following: Debbie Rinehart, Bill Echo, Diane Leibe and Richard Klause.</li> <li>➤ The January meeting will be at NASCAR Institute. Please check the calendar on the website for all updates and meetings.</li> <li>➤ Phillip thanked the membership for allowing him to serve as the Vice President for 2009 and urged other members to participate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Automotive report – Nelson Sprague</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thanked the membership for their gifts for the children at the Matthews Help Center and the Air National Guard and their contributions to the food drive. Thanked everyone for participation in the car shows.</li> <li>➤ January 23<sup>th</sup> is Car Care Day at Wally and Anita's.</li> <li>➤ February 27<sup>th</sup> Charlie O's in Winston Salem</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather</b> Reviewed the budget and bank balance.</li> <li>• <b>Social Director's Report - Adina Ledford</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Update on the banquet –                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Banquet will be held at the downtown Hilton on January 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have free parking and a Hospitality Suite</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	



- Banquet theme is Mardi Gras. The club will provide the masks. Justin Michaels will provide live entertainment.
- Cost is \$35 per member or \$70 per couple and \$50 for invited guests.
- December 18<sup>th</sup> trip to McAdenville combined with the Wednesday night dinner at Hillbilly's BBQ.
- We have two cruises reserved for March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.
  - Let Paul know if you would like to order a leather bag from Mid America for \$44 plus shipping.
  - John Jensen still has belt buckles if the membership is interested.
  - C-5 and C-6 Bash registration is open on line.
- **Other Business**
  - Congratulations to Walter Ahrens on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.
  - Pat Bonino and Florence Prather gave out a special gift to the group who participated in the Snowbird trip: Ann Oakley, Marilyn Becker, Jane Burt, Carolyn Zimmer, Pat Bonino, Barbara Sprague, Helen Jensen, Florence Prather, Peggy Wood, Barbara Mariano, and Susan Kurt
  - New members see Don Zimmer if you would like to order a club jacket.
  - The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at the NASCAR Institute at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Linda H. Lewis, Secretary*

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# Automotive Report

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a wonderfully holiday season. Your generous gifts to the 145th Air National Guard and food and gifts to the Matthews Help Center helped many others have happier holidays in 2009. All gifts for both organizations and the second food delivery to the Help Center were made December 14th.

We closed our 2009 parade season with the Indian Trail, Kannapolis, Gastonia and Lake Wylie parades. The drivers for these parades were: Indian Trail – K. Krupa & J. Meadows; Kannapolis – B. Denny; Gastonia – B. Kurt; Lake Wylie – B. Kurt, J. Meadows, S. Pelchat, K. Krupa, J. Weisberg, E. Burt, J. Walton, R. Fisher, R. Klause, J. Ross, P. Lewis, M. Deiger and Brian Marconi, Greydon Cruse, both prospective members.



Our first event for 2010 is Car Care Day, January 23rd. Wally and Anita Crawford have generously offer their “Garage Mahal” for the club to use for the maintenance of our Corvettes. Information is posted on our website and reminders will be sent out early in January. It is not required that you have work done on your Corvette to attend. Many of our members come out just to enjoy the hot dogs and snacks and good conversation.



activities and member participation.

*Nelson*

The second automotive event will be on February 27th. We will be going to Charlie O's Corvette Garage in Clemmons, NC. We will make plans for lunch before going to see Charlie O's fantastic Corvettes and memorabilia. Details will be sent out via email and posted on the website. If you have not been to Charlie O's before, talk to members who have been there. It is a fun place to visit.





## A Bad News – Good News Story

A 1965 Corvette stolen from its owner in 1970 was found by Scottsdale, Ariz. police and returned to its owner.

Chance Mayfield was in a bar in Nashville 39 years ago when his car was stolen. "That ruined my night," Mayfield told the Nashville-based newspaper. When the car didn't show after a few years, Mayfield said he forgot all about it -- until he received a call on his 68th birthday saying his car has been found.

The car was discovered when a collector who bought the car for \$65,000 took it to the Arizona department of motor vehicles for inspection, the story said. A routine check of the serial number identified the completely restored car as stolen.


### The Queen City Corvette Club Goes On A Cruise!

**It hasn't quite gotten cold yet – but we all need a little summer break already!**

**I have put a small deposit down for BOTH of these cruises. We need 8 rooms to be a "group" to get the group rates. Suites are NOT held under the deposit, as there are not many suites per ship.**

**Our Reservation Dates have been extended until January 10, 2010!! See below for additional rate information!**

#### "Cheapy Quick Trip" – 5 Night Cruise to Nassau, Bahamas & Half Moon Cay from Jacksonville, FL

	GROUP BOOKING # 65NL49				Cabin Type	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Guest	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Guest
	Day	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart			
 (Click on photo for ship details – Carnival Fascination)	Saturday, Mar 20	Jacksonville, FL		4:00pm	Interior	\$369/ea	\$299/ea
	Sunday, Mar 21	Fun Day At Sea			Ocean View	\$399/ea	\$299/ea
	Monday, Mar 22	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas	8:00am	6:00pm	Demi Suite *	\$919/ea	\$369/ea
	Tuesday, Mar 23	Nassau, Bahamas	7:00am	10:00pm	Penthouse Suite	\$1119/ea	\$369/ea
	Wednesday, Mar 24	Fun Day At Sea			* Demi Suite occupies 3 guests or less only Plus \$37 per person for taxes		
	Thursday, Mar 25	Jacksonville, FL	8:00am				
	We will get onboard credits for this cruise - \$50 per cabin I think!						

#### "Awesome Adventure Aboard A Brand New Ship"

**7 Night Cruise to Cozumel, Mexico; Isla Roatan; Belize & Costa Maya, Mexico from Port Canaveral, FL**

	GROUP BOOKING # 63NL56				Cabin Type	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Guest	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Guest
	Day	Port of Call	Arrive	Depart			
 (Click on photo for ship details – Carnival Dream)	Saturday, Mar 20	Port Canaveral, FL		4:00pm	Interior	\$739/ea	\$379/ea
	Sunday, Mar 21	Fun Day At Sea			Balcony	\$1089/ea	\$459/ea
	Monday, Mar 22	Cozumel, Mexico	10:00am	6:00pm	Grand Suite	\$2149/ea	\$589/ea
	Tuesday, Mar 23	Isla Roatan	10:00am	6:00pm	There are many more suite types available Plus \$68.09 per person for taxes		
	Wednesday, Mar 24	Belize	8:00am	6:00pm			
	Thursday, Mar 25	Costa Maya, Mexico	7:00am	3:00pm			
	Friday, Mar 26	Fun Day At Sea					
	Saturday, Mar 27	Port Canaveral, FL	8:00am				

**- Flight Info – Don't want to drive this far? As per Travelocity on 11/3 -**

Flts from CLT to Jacksonville on 2/1 are approx: \$263/ea for flights with 1 stop. Only a few to choose from – may want to fly in the day before.

Flts from CLT to Orlando, FL on 3/20 are posted as \$154/ea to fly in the day before, or \$259/ea the morning of the cruise – both are non-stop flights.

\* Once we choose a cruise, the cruise lines have flight discounts available as well!

**These Cruise rates are GROUP rates. If you can get a past cruiser, military, resident, senior or other discount which is lower rate than shown above – you CAN take advantage of that rate – and still be part of our "group".**

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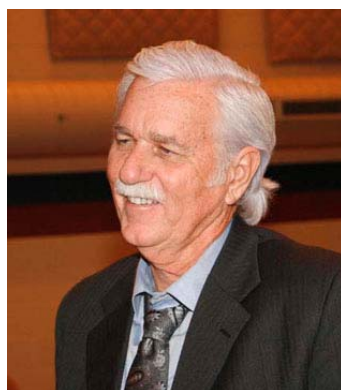


## Highlights From Christmas Party/Meeting









# NCM Corner



I will trust that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a great holiday season. Now the new year begins and the time for resolutions and new beginnings. Along with those items maybe a recommitment to previous dedications. If you have not made, nor considered Corvette commitments, let's take a moment to evaluate our sport, our hobby, our passion, the Corvette.

A lurking phantom that appears to be stalking the Corvette, is the discontinuation of the product line. The production rate continues to decrease and layoffs are still occurring at the Bowling Green production facility which is certainly cause for concern. However, one optimistic happening is that GM is planning on paying back the government loan in the near future which removes that burden from product planning and keeps the government "greenies" from wielding the coup d' grace to the Corvette. The obvious solution is for all of us to go out and purchase a new Corvette but we know that is not a likely occurrence. What we can do is promote the Corvette lifestyle and bring others into our hobby and show them the light. Our club does a fantastic job doing that with participation in parades, charity involvement, and car shows. By making a public statement in areas outside our normal Corvette activities, we spread the gospel.

So where am I going with all this? Well, this is the NCM Corner, so it must have something to do with it. Like it or not, the NCM is the central focal point for Corvettedom (?). It is a destination point for even non-Corvetters and its rating in the top ten automotive museums in the world draws car enthusiasts from around the world. Surely some of those visitors also become believers. In a word, we cannot allow it to fail. It is the nucleus that binds all Corvette owners, clubs, organizations, and enthusiasts together in a common love affair. So, if you aren't a member, ask yourself why not. Is it that you don't feel a part of the larger Corvette community, you don't think the museum makes a difference, or you think its mission is mis-directed? Whatever the reason, if you would like to make it better, join in and help it change and grow. Trust me, you won't be sorry.

Happy New Year

Save the Wave!  
Paul Mariano  
NCM Ambassador



## The Guys Enjoying Nourishment and Camaraderie

(Also solving the world's problems  
and telling tall tales!)





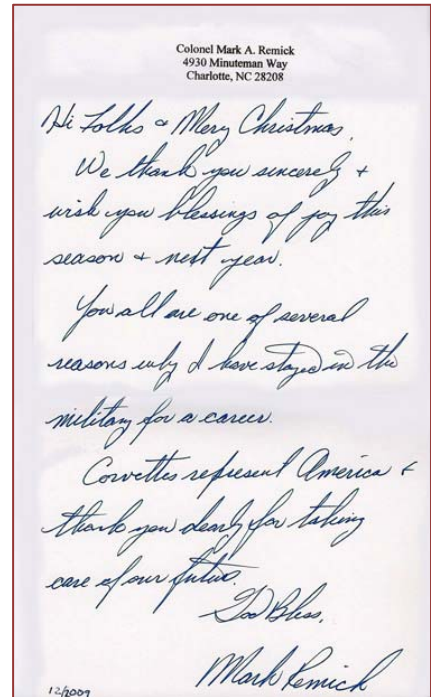
## QCCC CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFT DONATIONS

I want to thank the membership of QCCC for their generous donations of food and gifts. These acts of giving will make a merrier holiday for others who are less fortunate. *Nelson*



Boyd Kurt and Nelson delivering Christmas gifts for Air National Guard children to Major Johnson and her staff.

Thank you note from Colonel Mark Remick, 145th Air Nat. Guard.



Nelson delivering November food donations to the Matthews Help Center staff.

John Meadows and Nelson delivering December food donations to Matthews Help Center.



Boyd Kurt and Nelson delivering Christmas gifts for Matthews Help Center children.

# A Day of Remembrance: December 25 1909

By Gary Artis

This December 25<sup>th</sup> marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Zora Arkus-Dutov, the father of the Corvette. It is fitting that God chose that day to bring Zora to us, the day we celebrate the birth of His Son. I am in no way comparing Zora with Jesus, just the coincidence of the day.



CORVETTE. Harley Earl designed it, Bill Mitchell re-fined it, Myron Scott named it and the government and EPA of the late 70's and early 80's tried to tame it.

Corvette would have died in 1954 as so many bean counters at GM wanted. It would have been a foot note in the legend of GM as something they tried. It would have been remembered as a car they thought the public wanted, but really didn't. Its underpowered 6 cylinder engine and power glide transmission would have been too much for the brand to overcome. Just a cute little car that only about 3600 people would have as a novelty. Ford would have taken the market over completely with the Thunderbird and GM would have been left in the dust in the sports car market. But then came Zora!!!!



Without Zora we would not have the Z06 option of 1963 or the Z06 of the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> generation. We wouldn't have to explain what the big gold "V" on the side of the '55 stood for. We wouldn't have "one horsepower per cubic inch" Fuel Injection. We wouldn't have the ZR-1 or the ZR1. We wouldn't have the LT-1, L-98 or the LS series engines. We wouldn't have the SS, the Indy or the Aerovette. The five '63 Grand Sports would never have hit the track to challenge the Cobras and the rest of the world. The '96 Grand Sports would not have been made to honor those great racers. We wouldn't have the Corvette Museum in Kentucky or all the friends and associates and clubs we have because of the Corvette.

How many people would come up to you and start a conversation if it weren't for your Corvette that Zora built?

100 years ago, the savior of the Corvette was born and all was saved. So as we celebrate the birth of Christ this December 25<sup>th</sup>, remember to give thanks for Zora and all he did.

Zora saved the Corvette and made it what it is today.

## **SOCIAL NOTES....**

### **OUR BANQUET!!!**

Saturday – January 30, 2010 @ 6pm – Please see invitation within the newsletter! An email with details to follow!

**RSVP by January 22, 2010!**

Cost - \$35 per member, \$50 per non-member. Payment to be made to “QCCC” and must be received by Florence Prather NO LATER than January 25, 2010 to secure your seat! Our Business meeting is on January 9, 2010 – please feel free to bring your payment to this meeting if you don’t want to mail it!

Florence Prather - 2000 Draymore Lane - Matthews, NC 28105 - 704-847-9964

There is a parking deck attached to the hotel. Parking is FREE – the QCCC is picking up this cost!

Would you like to stay over and not worry about driving home? Our discounted room rate is \$109 plus tax per night. There is a restaurant in the hotel to get a buffet breakfast in the morning if you like. Our reservation code is “QCCC Annual Banquet” – please call for reservations at 877-667-7213.

Once you RSVP to me at [adinaledford@yahoo.com](mailto:adinaledford@yahoo.com) – I will send you a confirmation email with all the complete details, driving directions, etc. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Email is better for me – but you can always call me at 803-524-2647.

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### **REMINDERS –**

#### **Carnival Cruise Lines – Cruise on March 20, 2010**

Carnival has extended our booking deadline to January 10, 2010. We have a choice of two cruises – a 5 day to the Bahamas starting at \$369 per person (out of Jacksonville, FL) or a 7 day to Mexico, Belize, Roatan and Costa Maya starting at 739 per person (out of Port Canaveral, FL).

These Cruise rates are GROUP rates. If you can get a past cruiser, military, resident, senior or other discount which is lower rate than shown above – you CAN take advantage of that rate – and still be part of our “group”.

TO BOOK – contact D.J. MYRICK AT CARNIVAL CRUISES - 800-438-6744 X82358 OR email [DMYRICK@CARNIVAL.COM](mailto:DMYRICK@CARNIVAL.COM)

**Let’s SAIL AWAY! I REALLY NEED AN UMBRELLA DRINK!**

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**“Wicked” The Musical – Thursday - June 3, 2010 –** “Wicked” is the prequel to The Wizard of Oz and is the story of the witches before Dorothy and the infamous tornado! Tickets are expected to sell out as soon as they go on sale to the public - and the prices are up there.

For this event, please feel free to invite any friends that might be interested, so they can benefit from our group rate!! We have already purchased 30 tickets, and we are able to purchase more, and we will get the best available seats still available. Tickets go on sale to the public in March.

Follow the link below for more information from the Blumenthal website, and the “group sales” brochure with prices. Our group has to go to the same performance on the same day, BUT we can get order any tickets in the venue – we do not have to sit together (this is a great option for those who may want to spend more and sit closer; or spend less, and sit further back).

Show information – <http://www.blumenthalcenter.org/default.asp?id=59&objId=50>

Group sales brochure – [http://www.carolinatix.org/resources/pdfs/Wicked\\_Group\\_Pricing.pdf](http://www.carolinatix.org/resources/pdfs/Wicked_Group_Pricing.pdf)

Contact me at your earliest convenience to reserve your seat – or with any questions you may have!

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Would you like to join the 2010 Social Committee? It's a fairly easy job! Help come up with event ideas, and help facilitate an event if you like! You can contact me with any questions, suggestions and ideas, or if you would like to help with the Social Committee! [adinaledford@yahoo.com](mailto:adinaledford@yahoo.com) / 803-524-2647. Thank you!

Adina ☺



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**JC and Linda adopt a new one!**

**And it's a Red Grand Sport!**





You are cordially invited to the  
Queen City Corvette Club Annual Banquet

*Mardi Gras*  
*Masquerade Ball!*

at The Hilton Center City  
222 East Third Street & Charlotte, NC

Saturday, January thirtieth 2010

at six o'clock in the evening

R.S.V.P. by January 22nd to [adinaledford@yahoo.com](mailto:adinaledford@yahoo.com)

\$35 per member / \$50 per non-member

Payment to Florence Prather before Jan. 25, 2010

FREE PARKING (Valet Not Included)

Room Rate - \$109 (plus tax) reserve with our code:  
"QCCC Annual Banquet"

Directions and  
complete details  
will be sent upon  
your RSVP!

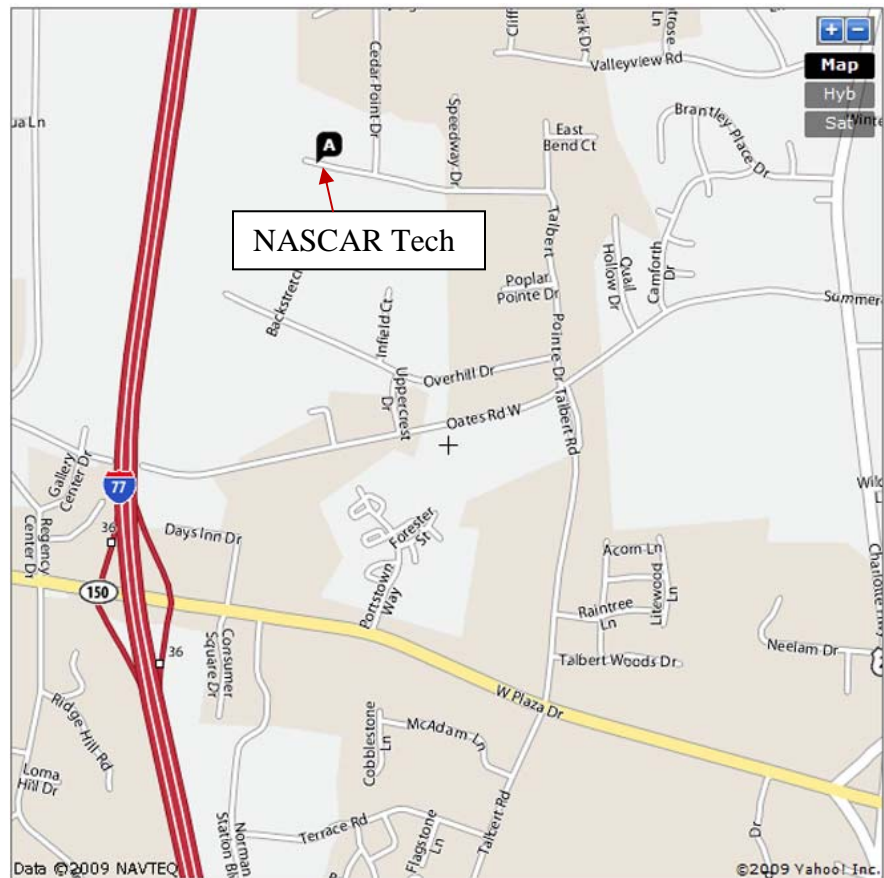
January 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting to be held  
At the  
**NASCAR Technical Institute**  
220 Byers Creek Road, Mooresville, NC 28115

Social - 5:30 PM  
Meeting- 6:30 PM

Refreshments will be served.  
Chairs provided.

Directions From I77

- Exit 36 go East on Highway 150 approx ½ mile
- Turn left at traffic light onto Talbert Road.
- Go approx ½ mile
- Turn left onto Byers Creek Rd
- Go approx ¼ mile on your right



**Reminder – Dues are Due!**

Send your \$96.00 to

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