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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 was just wondering why am I in the Queen City Corvette Club? Second is why I am President of this club? Is it because I drive a Corvette and have always loved the car? Is it because I enjoy driving the best and only true American Sports Car? The parades are fun and it is always a great time at auto fair , car shows, car care day, dinners, road trips, lunches, overnight trips, just talking cars and visiting with people who have something in common with you. All of those things are good but are they really important?



Well you got a lot of questions but no answer. Each of us I am sure will have a different answer to those questions but mine is the friendships I have developed since joining Queen City Corvette Club. Friends are important in so many ways. They keep us in balance and make our lives easier. Friends can help you out of all kinds of situations. So yes, friends are why I am in Queen City Corvette Club. If you don't have any in the club just participate in the events and meetings and I am sure you will make some. Sit next to someone you don't know next time and you will be amazed.

Our Board is working on another fantastic year but we need your friendship to really be the best club in the world. I think we are!!

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

Thanks for your friendship and support,

Boyd



VP Report



The Beginning

When the 50s dawned, GM was the biggest corporation in the world – twice the size of number two, Standard Oil of New Jersey, today's Exxon-Mobil. In September 1951 Harley Earl, GMs' Chief Designer, went to Watkins Glen, NY for the sports car races. Earl is impressed with the MG, Triumph, Jaguars & Alfas. Back in Detroit, Earl decides to pursue a sports car concept. He assigns Bob McLean to draw a layout for the car. Determined to keep costs down, McLean used off-the-shelf Chevy mechanical components. The chassis & suspension were from the upcoming 1952 Chevy sedans, shortened to 102" wheelbase. The engine, 235 cubic inch inline 6, and transmission, 2-speed powerglide automatic, also came from Chevy's lineup of family sedans.

By April of 1952 Earl & McLean's team complete a full size clay model for a June presentation to GM executives. GM president Harlow Curtice, and Chevrolet general manager Thomas Keating approve production of a prototype sports car for the 1953 Motorama Tour.

Chevrolet's newly appointed chief engineer, Edward Cole, was also very enthusiastic about the concept car, then named EX-122. Cole needed to name the car, so he called on Myron Scott of Chevrolet public relations, who came up with the name "Corvette", after a fast type of Royal navy warship. It was presented to Harley Earl, who chose the name.

The Motorama opened at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in NYC on January 17th, 1953. Thousands of potential buyers asked when they could buy one, and by June of 1953 production of the Corvette began on a small assembly line in Flint, Michigan. The cost saving measures did not totally work. The new Corvette was priced at \$3498.00 - \$270 more than two Chevrolet 150 2-door sedans.

In July of '53 Zora Arkus-Duntov begins working on the production of the 1953 Corvette, ending in December with only 300 cars produced. Probably one of GM's biggest mistakes was the policy of marketing to VIPs only – celebrities & CEOs of major companies - leaving the bread & butter Chevrolet customers out of the equation. Production of the '54 Corvette moved to an assembly plant in St. Louis, MO. By March of '54 Chevrolet decides to end its VIP only policy, but is too late for the many buyers who are disgruntled with the VIP policy. When production of the '54 Corvette ends in December, 3640 units are produced with almost 1100 still on dealer lots.

By late 1954 GM considers cancelling the Corvette, but Zora Arkus-Duntov writes an impassioned letter to GM executives to not cancel the Corvette, but to make a separate department within Chevrolet to oversee Corvette development, so it will compete with the newly announced Ford Thunderbird for 1955. When production of the '55 Corvette started, two major changes had occurred: first Chevy had introduced the new small block V-8 at 265ci, and Zora Arkus-Duntov was named Chief Engineer of Corvette. The new V-8 helped the Corvette 0-60

time go from 11.5 to 8.5. Also, Chevrolet redesigns its 3-speed manual transmission to handle the horse power increase of the V-8 – finally giving Corvette the feel of a true sports car.

Next month, the rest of C-1 facts & production.

Corvette Milestones for February

February 20, 1954: The Ford Motor Company shows the Thunderbird two-seat convertible in Detroit. The Thunderbird is a major part of General Motors' decision to continue production of the Corvette.

February 1955: The basic design of the 1956 model Corvette is completed.

February 1956: John Fitch drives a stock 1956 Corvette at NASCAR Speed Week in Daytona. He sets a new Flying Mile record of 145.543 mph.

February 11, 1962: At the Daytona Continental race, Dick Thompson and Don Yenko race a 1962 Corvette of the Gulf Oil racing team to first in A/Production class, and seventh overall.

February 1966: At the Daytona Continental endurance race, Roger Penske's 1966 Corvette with 427CI engine finishes first in GT class.

February 1968: At the 24-hour Daytona Continental race, Sunray DX Oil Company enters three Corvettes. Jerry Grant and Dave Morgan race a 1967 L88 (car No.31). Revson/Yenko race a 1968 L88 (No.29). DeLorenzo/Thompson race a 1968 L88 (No.30). This is the racing debut of the 1968 model Corvette. The Grant/Morgan car finishes first in GT class and 10th overall.

February 1993: General Motors Powertrain Division decides to discontinue development of the Gen II engine as a small-block, and create a new medium-displacement V-8 engine.

February 19, 1994: Reeves Callaway decides to produce a modified Corvette to race at Le Mans, the first time for a Corvette in almost 20 years.

February 2000: The Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona is held in Florida. Chevrolet enters its two C5-R Corvette race cars. One places second, 31 seconds behind the winner. The other places 24th.

The February 13th meeting will be at Harley Davidson Charlotte, 9205 W. Independence Blvd. 5:30 social, 6:30 meeting. No chairs needed. Refreshments provided.

Remember, real Corvettes have solid axles.

Steve Pelchat

Queen City Corvette Club Board Minutes

January 5, 2010

6.30pm –8.15pm

Boyd Kurt's home

MEETING CALLED BY	Standing QCCC Board Meeting – First Tuesday of the Month
PRESIDENT	Boyd Kurt
SECRETARY	Linda Lewis
ATTENDEES	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Adina Ledford, Social Director; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Eddie Burt, Membership; Jane Burt.
DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Boyd Kurt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. ✓ Welcomed the new Vice President, Steve Pelchat to the meeting. • Vice President Report – Steve Pelchet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ January Meeting is at the NASCAR Institute. ✓ February 13th Harley Davidson ✓ March – TBD ✓ April 17th Picnic at Lake Norman ✓ May – City Chevrolet ✓ June – Burt's BBQ ✓ July, August - TBD ✓ September – Auto Fair ✓ October – City Chevrolet ✓ November – TBD ✓ December – Christmas Birthday • Membership Report – Eddie Burt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Gave an update on the membership – 225 members • Automotive report – Nelson Sprague <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All gifts were given out for the Matthews Help Center and the Air National Guard ✓ January 23rd Car Care Day at Wally and Anita Crawford's. ✓ February 27th - Charlie O's ✓ July 13th to July 17th – NCRS National Convention at Lowes Motor Speedway. • Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Update on the budget • Secretary- Linda Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ No report • Social Director's Report - Adina Ledford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Update on the banquet – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pat Bonino will work with Nelson on the Silent Auction the night of the banquet. 	

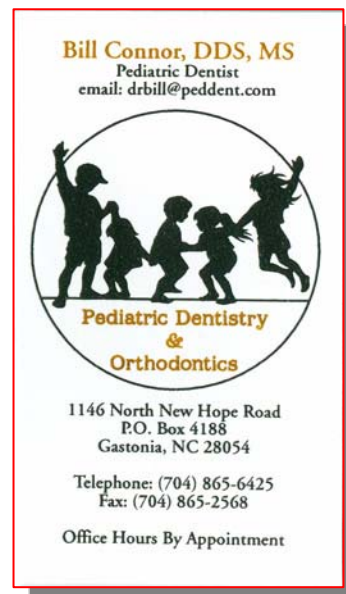
- The cost for the banquet will be \$70 per couple and \$50 for non-members. This will include parking. Rooms will be \$109 at the Hilton.
- Decorations have been ordered. King and Queen items have also been ordered.
- The hospitality suite will be available from 3pm until.
- We will have a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to the Charity Fund.
- Discussed the agenda at the Banquet
- We will vote on the King and Queen at the Banquet
- ✓ 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 8:15pm.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30pm at Florence Prather's home...

Respectfully submitted,

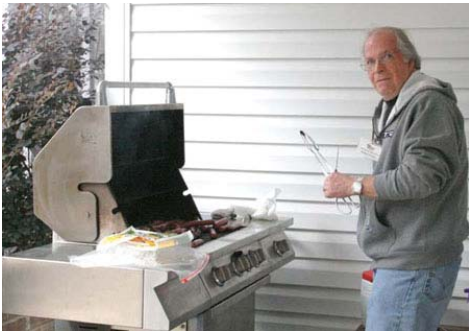
LINDA LEWIS, SECRETARY

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Arrive at the Hilton on the day of the banquet at 3pm to set up.	All	January 30th
Start thinking about your budget for 2010	All	February 2nc



Solutions to Global Problems, World Order and Economics Discussed at Car Care Day. Other topics of interest were discussed: best toppings for hot dogs, Krispy Crème vs Dunkin Donuts and best Corvette Colors!





Queen City Corvette Club Minutes

December 12, 2009

5:30 -7:20

NASCAR Tech Institute

ATTENDEES	Board Members: Boyd Kurt, President; Steve Pelchat, Vice President; Florence Prather, Treasurer; Nelson Sprague, Automotive Director; Linda Lewis, Secretary; Eddie Burt, Membership; Paul Mariano, Corvette Museum; Bob Denny, Club Photographer.
DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshments were served at 5:30 • President - Boyd Kurt – called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Introduced the Board Members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduced our host Pam Liner who gave us the background of the NASCAR Institute. The Institute donated hats and mugs as prizes for the meeting. ➤ December Minutes were approved and seconded. ➤ The club is sponsoring a Checkers game on Friday, February 5th. All interested let Boyd know. Tickets are \$15 each. • Membership Report – Eddie Burt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Visitors and prospective members: Jerry and Dawn Vega, Greydon Cruse and Rose, Al and Gerri Kessel, Brian Marconi, Jud and Sylvia Self, Jerry and Pam Liner, Jim and Catherine Appleyard, Bill and Lea Hogan, Peter Perilini, John and Barbara James (Guests of Jensen and Marian) ➤ The club voted and approved Jim and Beth Cerniglia for membership. ➤ The club presently has 225 members. ➤ We presently have 10 advertisers. • Vice President Report – Steve Pelchat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The February meeting will be at the Harley Davidson Shop. Please check the calendar on the website for all updates and meetings. ➤ The April Meeting has been moved to April 17th. We will have a catered picnic at Lake Norman – details to follow. • Automotive report – Nelson Sprague <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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. ➤ January 25th is Car Care Day at Wally and Anita's. ➤ February 27th Charlie O's in Winston Salem ➤ March 13th – St. Patrick's Day Parade. ➤ Anyone who would like to be on the Charity Committee please let Nelson know. This is a one time meeting. • Treasurer's Report – Florence Prather <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reviewed the budget and bank balance. ➤ 38 couples have signed up for the banquet and 48 have paid their dues. • Social Director's Report - Boyd Kurt for Adina Ledford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Update on the banquet – 	

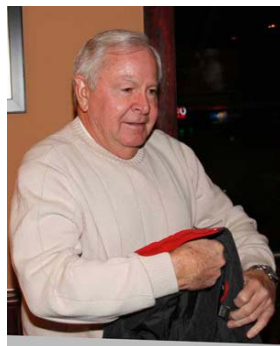
- Banquet will be held at the downtown Hilton on January 30th. We will have free parking and a Hospitality Suite.
- We need to know if you are going by January 22nd and the money needs to be paid by January 25th.
- Banquet theme is Mardi Gras. The club will provide the masks. Justin Michaels will provide live entertainment.
- Cost is \$35 per member or \$70 per couple and \$50 for invited guests.
- There is a group rate for the club: go to Hilton.com to register, or call the hotel.
- Handed out a survey sheet to the club for proposed 2010 events.
- If you are interested in serving on the Social Committee let Adina know.
- **Corvette Museum Report – Paul Mariano**
 - Please contact Paul if you wish to purchase a raffle ticket.
 - C-5 and C-6 Bash registration is open on line.
 - Remember the Brick Program at the Museum.
 - Museum will open a Motocross Sports Complex in approximately 4 years.
 - Congratulations to JC and Linda Roberts' on their new Corvette.
- **Other Business**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, February 13th at the Harley Davidson Shop at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H. Lewis, Secretary



The December Up Yonder Party



Automotive Report



QCCC Members,

I appreciate those who responded to my request for charity committee volunteers. The following six members form the 2010 committee: Richard Dickey, Jo Graham, Walt Krupowicz, Phil Lewis, Florence Prather and Jim Weisberg. We will be meeting in May to review our ideas for 2010 and determine the distribution of funds. The information will then be presented to the membership for a vote during

Car Care Day was another success made possible by Wally and Anita Crawford, their son Mike and prospective member David Farmer. The club owes them a big "Thank You" for allowing the club to use their garage to service our vehicles. The three men did a great job of maintenance on the Corvettes but Anita provided the most important help in setting up lunch and snacks. We have to remember, a Corvette Club travels on its stomach. There were 37 members and prospective members in attendance and 16 Corvettes were serviced.



Our next trip is to Charlie O's garage on February 27th. Sign up sheets for this trip and the lunch at O' Charley's Restaurant in Salisbury will be on the sign-in table during

the February 13th meeting at the Harley Davidson shop. I will have more details on the caravan to O' Charley's and Charlie O's at that time.

St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 13th in uptown Charlotte. Information for this parade is posted on our QCCC website. There will be sign up sheets on the table during our February 13th meeting. This is a fun parade, unless it rains again, and I will try to find a location for lunch for parade participants who want to meet after the parade ends. Not all cars participating need to be carrying beauty queens; just come to be in a parade!

NASCAR Technical Institute open house is scheduled for March 20th. At this time I do not have the information on the number of Corvettes needed for this show. I hope to have the necessary information at the February 13th meeting so we can start sign ups at that time.

Just a reminder; the Food Lion AutoFair is April 10th and 11th. We will be requesting room for 30 Corvettes each day. I should have more information by our February meeting.



Thank you for your participation in club events. I hope you have fun and enjoy the events we have planned for 2010.

Nelson

Meet the New Members:

Jim and Beth Cerniglia
2007 Ron Fellows White Z06
and a 1997 C5



More on the Awards Banquet in the March Edition.....



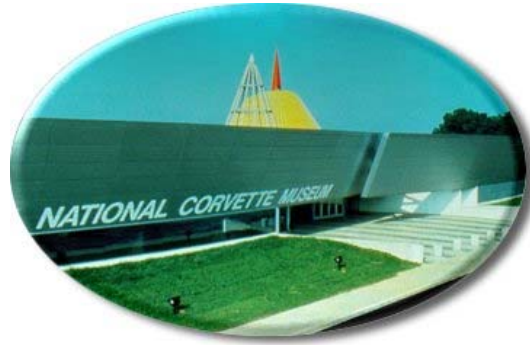
Highlights of January Meeting





NCM Corner

I am directing this month's article toward all our new members and potential members. Although some are long time Corvette owners, I'm sure there are some who are enjoying their first Corvette and new to our hobby as an organized activity. If you are not aware of all the enjoyment awaiting you, our social and automotive leaders will soon have you indoctrinated on all the club activities. I encourage everyone to also explore all the outside opportunities available, including those offered by the National Corvette Museum.



This year the NCM will be hosting nine events at Bowling Green, Kentucky with each catering to various sectors of the Corvette community. Last year, members of our club attended three of these events and we will be traveling over there again in 2010 for at least that many. So, if you want to partake of all the Corvette lifestyle has to offer, please allow me to fill you in on the world of the NCM.

And speaking of NCM activities, the C5/C6 Bash is rapidly approaching (the end of April) and I still have rooms available if you would like to go. I cannot guarantee you will get to sign up for all the activities of your choice, but there are plenty more to keep you entertained. I will be glad to walk you through the sign-up process. At the present time, the factory is scheduled to be open for public tours.

Thanks to all of you who allowed me to sell out my allotment of raffle tickets. By the time you are reading this article, I hope one of our members is the proud owner of the 2010 Red Coupe. Oh yes, my grandsons will have a nice Valentine's Day.

The Corvette Store is having a blowout sale on leftover caravan merchandise. If you were on the caravan, or even if you weren't, now is the time to stock up on memorabilia from the great event.

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Paul Mariano
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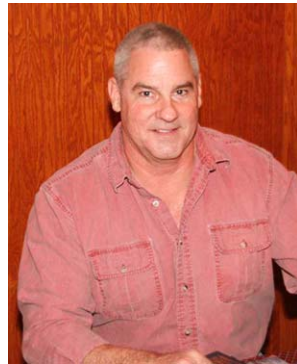
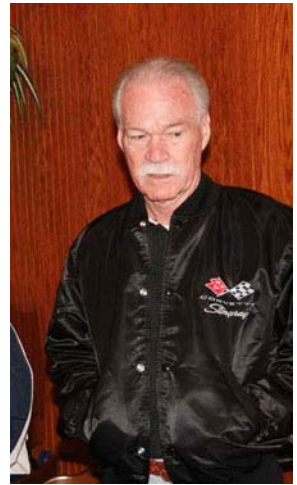
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The January Up Yonder Party





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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

A visit to Charlie O's Corvettes, Inc. is a fun experience for the Corvette enthusiast who loves looking at lots of older Corvettes in wonderful condition and tons of Corvette related memorabilia. The garage area is not only full of great cars, it has been decorated to bring back that good old days feeling. It is well worth the drive.

You can meet at either one of the two optional caravan starting points and drive to O' Charley's Restaurant 123 N. Arlington St, Salisbury. Our reservation is for 11:00 AM. After lunch, we will leave at 12:15 PM for a ride to Charley O's Corvettes. Directions will be given out at the driver's meeting at the starting points.

Caravan Starting Points:

TWO OPTIONS -

(a) **Exit 36, I-77.** Exit east off I-77, then turn left at the first light and go to the shopping center parking lot behind the Denney's restaurant. Meeting time is 10:00 AM and the caravan will leave at 10:15 AM to go to O' Charley's Restaurant in Salisbury.

(b) **I-85 Rest Area, just north of Exit 58.** Meeting time is 10:15 AM and the caravan will leave at 10:30 AM to go to O' Charley's Restaurant in Salisbury.

Sign-up sheets will be on the table at the February 13th meeting or you can send Nelson an e-mail at barnel@carolina.rr.com. You **MUST DESIGNATE** the caravan starting point you plan to use so we do not leave anyone behind. Visit www.ocharleys.com for menu and information



Wednesday Evening Dinners



Social Notes

I would like to thank everyone for braving the roads to join us at the Banquet this past Saturday night. For those of you unable to attend – we missed you tremendously!

In the last-minute-ness of it all – I want that thank everyone who came down to help decorate the hall for our Mardi Gras theme. There is no way I could have done that myself!!

I would also like to send out a HUGE “THANK YOU” to my husband Mark, who, after dropping me and all of our decorations off at the hotel, drove BACK to Lake Wylie, SC to get our musician and all of his equipment to the hotel as well... He was BEYOND iced in!

We did have a fun evening despite the weather, and missing our friends who were snowed in...

Let's all look forward to Sunny Skies and Dry Highways!

On another note - I have reviewed the surveys, and we will begin planning our 2010 calendar this month. As always – if you would like to help out and join the social committee – just shoot me an email anytime! We appreciate all assistance and input!

Thank you.

- Adina Ledford / adinaledford@yahoo.com

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Directions to February 13th Meeting

to be held at

Harley-Davidson of Charlotte

(704) 847-4647
9205 East Independence Blvd.,
Matthews NC

Social Gathering 5:30 PM
Business Meeting 6:30 PM

Reminder

- Bring non-alcoholic beverages
- Refreshments provided

From the North:

I-77 South to Brookshire Freeway / I-277 South to Hwy-74 East / Independence Blvd. Approximately 10 miles on left just past Crown Pointe area. Take the first left after the Crown Pointe Shopping Center. You will turn into the Shopping Area with International House of Pancakes(IHOP), Midas, Infiniti, Krispy-Kreme and the Suburban Lodge. Harley Davidson is at the rear of the shopping center.

From the South:

I-77 North to I-485 East. Take Hwy-74 West exit and head towards uptown Charlotte for approximately 2 miles. We'll be on the right just behind the International House of Pancakes.



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