



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, August 10, 2013 Time: 6 PM Location: Hendrick Motorsports Concord

Board Members and Staff Present: Keith Cross, President; Bill Rambo, Vice-President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary; **Staff:** Nelson and Barbara Sprague, Charity Committee; Bob and Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Boyd and Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editors; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob Denney, Photographer; Brian and Michelle Moore, Photographers.

DISCUSSION:

President: Keith Cross

- Keith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to QCCC's 45th Anniversary celebration and meeting.
- Keith thanked Laura Pelchat and all those who brought the outstanding refreshments.
- Keith talked about having to cancel the outside Corvette photos prior to the meeting due to weather, and why he wants a picture of 100+ corvettes in the future. He asked the members present to vote -- whether they would like to try the photo again prior to a meeting or have it scheduled as a special event. By a show of hands, the clear choice was to have a special event in the future to take the Photo.
- Minutes of July club meeting were approved by the members.
- QCCC Board and Staff members were introduced.
- As part of the 45th Anniversary program, Keith shared some major, and not so major, events that took place in 1968.

Membership Director: Chris Wood

- Chris acknowledged members present, by their show of hands, those who were in QCCC over previous decades – as part of the 45th Anniversary celebration.
- Welcomed to their 3rd QCCC Meeting and Voted in as new members:
 - Lee and Debbie Ruth
- The following were Prospective Members in Attendance:
 - Bob and Sandy Chichester – 2nd Meeting
 - Larry Newsom – 2nd Meeting
 - Kurt Berger – 2nd Meeting
 - Jack and Barbara Higgins – 2nd Meeting
 - Gary and Gwen Cunningham – 1st Meeting
 - Jason Broady – 1st Meeting
 - Tony Smith – Guest with Kurt Berger
- Chris announced his sponsorship of Art and Barbara Pipek, who live in Purllear, NC, and made a motion that QCCC approve the Pipeks for QCCC Provisional Membership. Members voted and the motion passed.

- Membership: QCCC currently has 276 active and provisional members (145 families).
- Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc.

Vice President: Bill Rambo

- Upcoming Meeting locations planned:
 - **September 7, 2013** – Eddie and Jane Burt BBQ, Matthews
 - Jane Burt discussed the BBQ planned for the meeting. Email has been sent regarding food assignments for members. Members are also requested to **bring tents** if they have them.
 - Ken Watts talked about his scheduled Car Show Judges Meeting to take place just prior to the start of the Burt's BBQ.
 - **October 12, 2013** -- TBD
 - **November 2, 2013** – Streetside Classics
 - **December 14, 2013** – Christmas Party, location TBD
- Door Prizes were won by – Barb Kruse, Carl Bartlett, Michelle Moore, Merrilyn Harmon, Bruce Trefz, Jane Burt, Bill Laverty, Wendy Krupowicz.
- QCCC Board continues to search for meeting venues that will accommodate 100-125 people. Members are asked to notify the Board of any ideas for meeting sites.
- Total of 143 Members (plus Prospective Members) were present at the meeting.

Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin

- **August 23-25, 2013 – Corvettes at Carlisle**
 - John Meadows will display his 1963 Corvette
 - Contact Tommy Loftin for more information.
 - Carlisle Show information - <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/events/corvettes/>
- **August 17, 2013 – Little Switzerland Day Trip – Laura Pelchat coordinating**
- **August 28 – September 1, 2013 – Trip to National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green**
 - Information – contact Paul Mariano
- **August 31, 2013: Matthews Alive Parade**
 - Contact John Meadows
- **September 14, 2013: Second Annual QCCC CHARITY Car Show**
 - QCCC Members are encouraged to register ASAP for show, for judging or just showing.
 - Show will be held rain or shine
 - City Chevrolet will be represented at show
 - City Chevrolet will provide bags for 'goodies' at the show
 - Tommy has collected handouts for Goodie Bags for the show.
 - Rick Hendrick will display cars from his personal Heritage collection at the QCCC Charity Car Show, including his new C7 Corvette.
 - Trophies will be awarded in classes along with Plaques (awards of distinction) for second and third place.
 - Other Corvette Clubs in the Region have been contacted and invited.
 - Flyers-Registration Forms for the Show are available on Website
 - Ken Watts will hold a Judges meeting at Burt's BBQ Meeting on September 7.
 - Show participants will be provided with a map handout when entering show.
 - Silent auction will be held.
 - **QCCC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to assist with Show – **Keith Cross requested ALL Members volunteer and attend.** Sign up at a meeting or contact Tommy Loftin.

- **September 19-22, 2013 Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway**
 - Theme for Auto Fair is 60 Years of Corvette. Tommy has shared information with the club on cars being requested for displays. Special year Corvettes will be on display.
 - QCCC Cars will be judged
 - By another Corvette Club for Auto Fair Trophies
 - By QCCC Members and the QCCC President for the QCCC Trophies
 - QCCC Trophies
 - QCCC President's Award and QCCC People's Choice Award will be presented. Must participate both days to receive one of these awards. President's Award may only be received ONCE.
- **October 5-6, 2013 - Vettes at the Point - Virginia**
 - For member awareness only. This is not a club-sponsored event.
 - See their website for more info: <http://virginiacorvetteclub.com/5th-annual-vettes-on-the-point/>
- **October 13, 2013 – Foothills Corvette Club – Corvette Fall Tour**
 - QCCC will participate. Sign up at the Meeting or contact Tommy Loftin.
 - See flyer on the QCCC Calendar for More Info.
- **Day Trips:**
 - To Host a Day Trip, please contact Tommy Loftin

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Jim provided YTD status of actual vs. budget financials via email prior to meeting.
- We have a new QCCC advertiser – Patty Koski – Keller Williams

Social Director: Laura Pelchat

- **Membership Picture Directory**
 - Laura will coordinate update of the Picture Directory
 - Laura will contact members who want or need new pictures taken
 - Folks who have acceptable pictures in the Directory – no action needed
 - Plan is to potentially distribute new Directory via CD to mitigate expense of printing
- **August 11, 2013 – *I Love Lucy Live on Stage***
 - Blumenthal Performing Arts Center – Knight Theatre - Charlotte
- **August 17, 2013 – Day Trip to Little Switzerland**
 - Meet at 10:15 at Ingles Shopping Center in Shelby, NC
 - Have lunch at the Inn
 - Tour Linville Caverns
 - Ride Diamond Back - 180 Curves in 12 Miles
 - Contact Laura Pelchat for more information
- **August 24, 2013 – Lawn Mower Races in SC –**
 - Boyd Kurt coordinating. Contact Boyd for further information.
- **September 7, 2013 -- Burt's BBQ**
 - September Meeting at the home of Jane and Eddie Burt
 - Jane has sent out emails for food assignments
 - Bring tents if possible
- **October 18-19, 2013 – Octoberfest Trip to Helen, GA**
 - Leave on Friday, October 18, Return on Sunday, October 20, 2013

- Rooms Available at the Best Western, \$149/night - Walking distance to the Beer Garden
- Planned Activities and Lunch on way up
- Saturday night – Festival Hall
- Off street parking available
- See Website for more details – Pat Bonino coordinating
- **November, 2013 – Potential Day Trip to Biltmore in Asheville**
 - Laura asked for interest by show of hands.
 - Significant interest indicated, so she will schedule a trip.
- **December, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting**
 - Working to finalize date, venue and menu
- **January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet**
 - Vintage Motor Club in Concord, NC – New Owners and New Caterer.
 - Laura is working to contract for live music for the event.
 - Need Silent Auction Items for the Event.
- **Other Potential Day Trips:** NC Flight Museum and Billy Graham Library

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Announced August Member Birthdays. If you would like your name added to the Happy Birthday list, please contact Carolyn.
- Carolyn encouraged all QCCC Members to Register, Volunteer, and Attend the 2013 QCCC Charity Car Show to benefit our Charities. Registration form available on our Website.
- **Registration for the 2014 C&VA Corvette Caravan is now OPEN** . The 2014 C&VA Corvette Caravan is a prelude to the 2014 National Corvette Caravan in Bowling Green KY, and will kick off on **August 23, 2014** in Concord NC. Currently over 100 cars are registered for the C&VA Caravan Event. Detailed information and the registration process are available at www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/ . Carolyn Zimmer is the 2014 Carolinas and Virginia (C&VA) Corvette Caravan Registration Chair. Contact her at VelocityVette77@yahoo.com . (Special registration email address)
- Reminder that **QCCC Club Jackets** are available for purchase. Pictures of the Jackets and the process to order are on the QCCC Website under the “Club Regalia” bowtie. Contact Carolyn (carolynz77@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano

- **Museum History** - Paul shared information about the inception and continued growth of the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, KY. He reminded members that 2014 is the 20th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum, and it will be celebrated with a National Corvette Caravan and special Events. Paul is the National Chairperson for the 2014 National Caravan, and a founding member of the National Corvette Museum.
- **2014 NCM National Corvette Caravan – Bowling Green, KY** -- QCCC Members are encouraged to **Register early** for the 2014 National Caravan www.corvettecaravan.com AND the Carolinas and Virginia Regional Caravan www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/ so organizers can plan appropriately. Contact Carolyn Zimmer for additional registration information.
- **August 28, 2013 to September 1, 2013** Group of QCCC members are traveling to the NCM for the 2013 NCM Birthday Celebration and Hall of Fame Dinner. – Contact Paul Mariano for information.

Recognition of Past Presidents

- At this time in the 45th Anniversary Program, Keith Cross recognized the Past QCCC Presidents present at the meeting, and presented them with a special ID badge to acknowledge their service to the club and recognize them as a **PAST PRESIDENT**.

Those recognized were:

- **Travis Meredith**
 - **Quentin Gross**
 - **Boyd Kurt**
 - **Robert Morgan**
 - **John Meadows**
 - **Steve Pelchat**
- After recognition of the Presidents, **Travis Meredith** was recognized by Keith, and asked to share with the club some of his memories from his tenure in the 1970s. Travis will share more memories in upcoming Newsletters.

Old Business

- Charity 50/50 Raffle won by Prospective Member Gwen Cunningham
- Keith reminded members of QCCC Logo Items currently for sale.

New Business / Other

- **Steve Pelchat** spoke briefly and thanked everyone for cards, phone calls, well wishes and prayers since suffering his stroke a few weeks ago. Steve said he is recovering well and really appreciates the membership for all their thoughtfulness.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary