



## **Queen City Corvette Club**

### **Club Business Meeting Minutes**

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**Date: Saturday, October 12, 2013 Time: 6 PM Location: Harley Davidson Charlotte**

**Board Members and Staff Present:** Keith Cross, President; Bill Rambo, Vice-President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; 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, Bryan and Michelle Moore, Photographers.

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

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##### **President: Keith Cross**

- Keith called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone to meeting, and thanked the folks at Harley Davidson of Charlotte for allowing us to meet in their facility.
- Minutes from September Meeting were approved.
- Discussed Board Elections for 2014. All Board positions have a one-year term and are up for election or re-election every year. Anyone may be nominated (with nominee's permission) to serve in any Board position until nominations are closed. Two current Board members will not be running for 2014 re-election. All other Board members have offered to serve another year and will be on the ballot in November, but welcome others who may want to serve in their place. Those not seeking re-election are Bill Rambo (VP) and Laura Pelchat (Social). Keith announced that two club members have volunteered to serve in those positions on the 2014 Board – Bill Cruthis (Vice President) and Pat Bonino (Social Director). Their names will be added to the ballot with other 'returning' Board members to be voted on at the November Business Meeting.
- Keith called for nominations for the Board from those present. Hearing none, a motion was made and approved to close the nominations for the Board for 2014.
- It was announced that City Chevrolet will have a C7 Corvette Reveal at 6 pm on October 24, 2013. City Chevrolet will have Rick Hendrick's VIN 001 and VIN 002 C7 Corvettes on display along with some cars from his private collection. Contact City Chevrolet for more information.

##### **Membership Director: Chris Wood**

- The following were Prospective Members in attendance:
  - Clifton & Bronwyn Abare – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - Craig & Carla Sullivan – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - Harold Crockett – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
- Membership: QCCC currently has 284 active and provisional members
- Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc.

##### **Vice President: Bill Rambo**

- Upcoming Meeting locations planned:
  - **November 9, 2013** – Streetside Classics, Charlotte, NC
  - **December 14, 2013** – Christmas Party & Meeting, Cornelius, NC

- **January 11, 2014 – TBD**
- **February, 2014** – Pleasant Hill Church (Boyd & Susan Kurt)– Hwy 49 Charlotte
- Door Prizes were won by – Gerry Kessel , Tracey Comfort, Elaine Coulter, Barbara Mariano, Reggie Black, Susan Kurt, Rosalie Kirkley.
- 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 100 Members were present at the meeting.

### **Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**

- **September 14, 2013: Second Annual QCCC Charity Car Show - Results**
  - Total of 170 Cars participated.
  - Tommy reviewed Car Show Income and Expense sheets at the meeting.
  - Raised \$4000 for Charity for 2014.
  - QCCC September Car Show Results and trophies awarded, detailed in the QCCC Corvette Gazette (October Newsletter), were discussed.
  - Third Annual QCCC Car Show will be held on the first Saturday of September, 2014.
  - Extra Staff Car Show Shirts were given out at the meeting until gone.
- **September 21-22, 2013 Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway - Results**
  - Tommy discussed Auto Fair Results and trophies awarded. Details are listed in the QCCC Corvette Gazette (October Newsletter.) QCCC cars were judged by Victory Lane Corvette Club.
  - QCCC well represented in considerable media coverage prior to and during the event.
- **October 13, 2013 – Foothills Corvette Club – Corvette Fall Tour**
  - Multiple Corvette Clubs. - About 40 QCCC cars have registered – Expecting over 150 cars total.
  - Meet at Kat’s Patch in Troutman at 8am for drive to N. Wilkesboro
  - During Tour, all intersections are closed to Traffic by local police. No stops on the Run.
  - Lunch on the “Tour” will be served at Shatley Springs
  - Tour will continue with a no-stop drive to Galax, Virginia, and then home.
- **October 26, 2013 - Day Trip: Reggie and Susie Black to West Jefferson**
  - Enjoy the Drive, the Local Sights, Good food
  - Meet at Kat’s Patch in Troutman - \$14 per person for lunch
  - Contact Reggie asap if you wish to attend – needs payment for meals.
  - See Details and more Information on the QCCC Website Calendar
- **Dyno Day #2 – November 2, 2013**
  - Contact is Merrill Quintrell
  - Sign up to dyno (\$45) or sign up to just be a guest
  - Serving hot dogs for lunch.
  - More details and information on the QCCC website.
- **November 16, 2013 – Vettes for Veterans Charity Run**
  - To Salisbury VA Hospital to visit and honor Veterans
  - Sign-up sheet at the meeting
  - Will meet in Mooresville prior to run.
- **December 1, 2013 Foothills and Country Corvettes Christmas**
  - QCCC invited to attend if anyone desires to attend.
  - Buffet starts at 4 pm with ribs and chicken – Cost is \$20 each
  - To be held at the Depot (restaurant) Cody Creek in Dobson
  - Sign-up sheet available at the meeting.
- **To Host a Corvette Day Trip, please contact Tommy Loftin**

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg (Keith Cross covering)**

- Jim provided YTD status of actual vs. budget financials via email prior to meeting.

**Social Director: Laura Pelchat**

- **October 18-19, 2013 – Octoberfest Trip to Helen, GA (Pat Bonino)**
  - Leave on Friday, October 18, Return on Sunday, October 20, 2013
  - 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
- **November 15, 2013 – Overnight Trip to Biltmore Candlelight Viewing**
  - Quality Inn Biltmore South
  - Evening House Tour 7:30 PM - \$59
  - Includes Tour of the Grounds next day
  - Need money by October 25, contact Laura Pelchat.
- **November 16, 2013 – Day Trip to Biltmore**
  - Arrive by 10:30 am for Group picture of Vettes in front of Biltmore
  - Lunch at Deer Park Inn
  - House Tour \$40 per person
  - Contact 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
  - Some print copies will be ordered, potentially with a cost to print.
- **December 14, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting**
  - The Pearl - 19501 W. Catawba Avenue – Cornelius
  - Buffet Meal - \$12.50 per person tea and water
  - Details will be posted on the QCCC Website
  - Gift Exchange again this year – Dirty Santa \$15 - car related items went well.
  - Cash Bar available.
- **January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet**
  - Vintage Motor Club in Concord, NC
  - New Owners and New Caterer
  - Live Band – *The Extraordinaires*
  - \$35 per person for Buffet
  - Need Silent Auction Items for the Event, proceeds go to Charity fund.

**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- **October Member Birthdays** announced. If you would like your name added to the Happy Birthday list, please contact Carolyn.
- **Club Volunteer List**: Board has been encouraging folks to assist the Directors and other leaders at the meetings and during social and automotive events. Board has decided to start a list of members who are willing to volunteer, as their schedule permits, to assist in these activities.

PLEASE sign up at the meetings or send an email to Carolyn to volunteer and please indicate any preferences of areas in which you would like to volunteer.

- **QCCC Club Jackets** are available for purchase. Cost again this year is \$113 per jacket. Pictures of the Jackets and the process to order are on the QCCC Website under the “Club Regalia” bowtie. Contact Carolyn ([carolynz77@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynz77@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.
- **Registration for the 2014 C&VA Corvette Caravan** -- The 2014 Carolinas and Virginia 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 200 cars are registered for the C&VA Caravan Event. Detailed information and the registration process are available at [www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/) . Carolyn Zimmer is the 2014 C&VA (C&VA) Corvette Caravan Registration Chair. Contact her at her Caravan email [VelocityVette77@yahoo.com](mailto:VelocityVette77@yahoo.com) .

#### **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano**

- **NCM Bash, Bowling Green Kentucky, in April 23-27, 2014**
  - Paul has rooms blocked at the Hilton Garden Inn and will lead the group.
  - Sign up on list or email Paul Mariano
  - Assembly Plan Tours are now open for booking
- **2014 National Corvette Caravan, Bowling Green, KY – August 2014**
  - About 2000 cars registered so far
  - Clings and Flags are available for purchase (see Chris Wood)
  - Assembly Plant Tours now open
  - QCCC Members are encouraged to Register at [www.corvettecaravan.com](http://www.corvettecaravan.com) AND the Carolinas and Virginia Regional Caravan [www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/](http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/) so organizers can plan appropriately. Contact Carolyn Zimmer for additional registration information.
- **2014 C7 Corvette Raffle Tickets** – Available from Helen Jensen \$10 each.

#### **Charity Committee – Nelson Sprague**

- **2013 QCCC Christmas Season Charity Activities**
  - Matthews Help Center – Food and Holiday Toys and Gift Cards
  - Air National Guard - 27 local members deployed this year - Christmas
    - See Nelson’s Wish List for Children of deployed members
    - Will have gender and age of children
    - QCCC Members will have opportunity to buy gifts for the children.
    - Collect gifts at December 14 Christmas Party
- **November 23, 2013 - Corvette Angels - Bill Miller Director**
  - To Support Salvation Army Toys for Tots
  - Area Corvette Clubs Come Together for Family Event
  - 8 am – 9:30am –Carolina Place Mall Corvette Family Event
    - Park as many Generations of Corvettes as possible up front with the Salvation Army Truck
    - Kids Events at the Mall
  - After Events at the Mall, Vettes will Caravan to Mimi’s Café Northlake Mall
    - Caravan will have a non-stop Police Escort
    - Special Parking area and Seating Area in Restaurant
  - Everyone asked to bring at least one toy.
  - Details on QCCC website.
- **50/50 Raffle for Charity**

- Won by Ron Worley
- **Raffle Gift – Model Car**
  - Won by Carl Bartlett

#### **Old Business**

- As part of the 2013 QCCC Car Show, QCCC raised **funds to support the National Corvette Museum**. The Board approved a motion to ask Paul Mariano (our Club NCM Ambassador) for recommendations to determine the best options for donating the funds to provide benefit to the NCM while providing tangible recognition of the donation for QCCC.
- **QCCC is selling QCCC logo Corvette Blankets – Made in USA**
  - Colors are Blue or White with QCCC Logo
  - Cost \$55.00 each.
- **Lids for QCCC logo tumblers** are also available for sale.
- **Palm Gifts** present at the meeting selling QCCC logo apparel.

#### **New Business / Other**

- QCCC Corvette Boutique
  - Christmas Boutique items and bake sale
  - Proceeds benefit the 2014 Corvette Caravan
  - Held at November Meeting
  - Contact: Pat Bonino

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*