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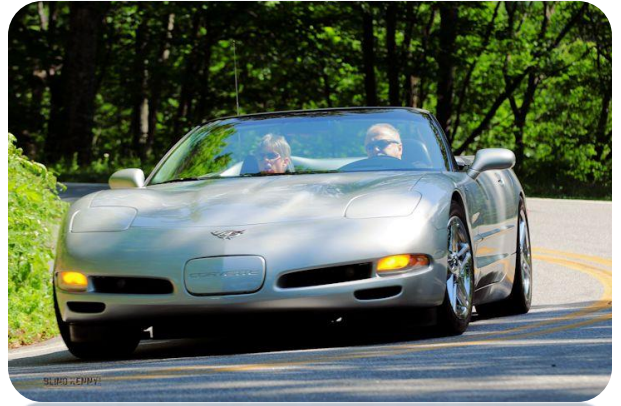
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To become a member of the [QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB](#), you must own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings and two (2) events within a six-month time period. *Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!* Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting and be voted in, begin paying dues and having fun! If you can't join us, **please WAVE!**



# Crossroads

With the President Keith Cross



Wow, where did November go? It seems just like yesterday we were carving pumpkins and handing out candy to trick-or-treaters. And now the Thanksgiving Holiday is behind us as we still feel full from that the Thanksgiving Dinner. So it is December and the Christmas Trees and House Lights have been lit. Since ole' turkey day came late this year that means that Santa will be here before you know it. But November did not leave us without giving us a few things to talk about.

At the QCCC November Business Meeting, right as we were to start, the building fire alarm went off and we had to evacuate the building. Then the big red fire trucks came. After a few minutes in the parking lot some of Charlotte's finest reassured us that it was just a faulty sensor and we could hold our meeting inside. Next I was fortunate enough to tour one of the largest houses in the world and it was magnificent. This home has over forty some bathrooms in it. But if you need to go they will send you outside in the rain down a walkway to their facilities. Now granted it was a nice big modern facility but it still was a separate building outside and away from the house. So I guess it could be said that they made me use the outhouse. And then there was the Thanksgiving Card of a singing and dancing turkey that I sent from the board to all the members to find out the URL had been removed from the web.

Now December is here. There is not a better way to end a year than with December and the celebration of Christmas. December not only gives us a chance to celebrate our religious beliefs but also our holiday spirit to everyone we meet. And, yes Virginia, I still believe there is a Santa Claus. I believe that Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas. I believe that Santa Claus is the sharing and giving to others. Whether it is a smile, holding the door for someone, letting someone else go ahead of you in line, letting a car out ahead of you, feeding the hungry, spending time with someone who is lonely, supporting a homeless shelter, making the magic of Christmas come true for a child or just by telling people you meet "Merry Christmas". The spirit of Santa Claus is helping and doing something for someone else just out of the goodness of your own heart. The spirit of Santa Claus is reaching out to people when they don't expect it and help them with kindness and generosity. The spirit of Santa Claus does not always have a monetary value but could be just you and the giving of your time. The spirit of Santa Claus is just trying to bring a little happiness and comfort to those who for one reason or another are maybe less fortunate than us. The spirit of Christmas is the spreading of Joy, Peace, Love and Happiness to others.

Kelly and I we would like to wish each you the Merriest of all Christmases and that your holidays will be blessed. And from me I wish that each of you get to experience the Spirit of Santa Claus...

...I'll see you at the Crossroads.

*Keith Cross*

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# The Wave

With the Vice President Bill Rambo



I want to say how much fun it has been this year serving as your Vice-President. This is a great Board of folks that do a lot of different things keeping the QCCC running well, like a Corvette. I have had lots of fun doing newsletters and meetings. I came in last year not knowing that my health was going to take a nose dive as I am generally a healthy guy, but this was tough. I had a tremendous outpouring of support and prayers from each and every one of you. This is what makes the QCCC a family, not just members. We all care about each other.

It has been my honor to have served. With that in closing, I will finish off with a little helpful advice, some might find quite useful, others will laugh!

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong. Keep skunks and bankers at a distance. Life is simpler when you plow around the stump. A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor. Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled. Meanness don't jes' happen overnight. Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads. Yeller Vettes are taxis. Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you. It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge. You cannot unsay a cruel word. Every path has a few puddles. When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty. The best sermons are lived, not preached. Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway. Don't judge folks by their relatives. Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer. Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time. Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none. Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance. If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'. Orange Vettes need painting. Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got. The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'. Always drink upstream from the herd. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment. Red Vettes are the best color. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in. If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.. Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God. Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you. Most times, it just gets down to common sense.

Save the Wave, Y'all!!

Thanks

Bill Rambo



## Queen City Corvette Club Club Business Meeting Minutes

**Date: Saturday, November 9, 2013 Time: 6 PM Location: Streetside Classics**

**Board Members and Staff Present:** Keith Cross, President; Bill Rambo, Vice-President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Laura Pelchat, Social Director; Nelson and Barbara Sprague, Charity Committee; Bob and Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Boyd and Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editors; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bob Denney, photographer.

### **DISCUSSION:**

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

- Keith called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm (a little late due to the fire alarm and building evacuation)
- Welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Introduced the 2013 QCCC Board and Staff
- Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the October minutes
- Asked all Veterans to stand and thanked them for their service to our country (Veterans Day is Monday 11/11/13)
- Thanked Christian Sayles of Streetside Classics for providing refreshments and a place to meet
- Invited **Christian Sayles** to say a few words about Streetside Classics:
  - Streetside Classics is an automotive consignment operation and has a \$150 referral fee program
  - Toys For Tots collection will be at Streetside Classics on Saturday December 7 at 9:00 am
- Invited **Bill Miller** to speak about the Christmas Angels Toy Drive
  - November 23 – 8:00 am meet at Sears at Carolina Place Mall at the Salvation Army truck. Local Corvette Clubs have been invited to join a police-escorted cruise to Mimi's Café at Northlake Mall for brunch. There will be a DJ and media coverage featuring each generation of Corvette.
  - Bring a wrapped toy to donate to the Salvation Army - last year provided a record 275 gifts!
  - Please preregister via the QCCC Website's Calendar

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

- Thanked Streetside Classics for being a sponsor of the 2014 NCM Caravan
- Asked that we remember Wendy Krupowicz, Fred McCoy, and Guy Bising's son in our prayers
- Monogram Fever is a new advertiser
- Prospective Members introduced themselves:
  - Clifton & Bronwyn Abare – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
  - Don & Peg Conover – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
  - Mike & Darry Finney – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
- New Members voted into the club:
  - Gary & Gwen Cunningham – 1978 Anniversary Corvette
  - Christian & Dawn Sayles – 2003 Anniversary Corvette
- Guests:
  - Ron & Anne Simmons, friends of Ben & Jamie Hinson
  - Zoe Poindexter, daughter of David Poindexter
  - Chance Nisley, son of Jim & Tracy Nisley
  - Brandon Clarke, son of Jim & Dao Clarke

- Membership - QCCC now has 288 active and provisional members

**Vice President: Bill Rambo**

- Upcoming Meeting locations:
  - December 14, 2013 – Christmas Party & Meeting – Laura Pelchat will give the details in her report
  - January 11, 2014 – Boy Scout Camp - bring flashlights
  - February, 2014 – Pleasant Hill Church (Boyd & Susan Kurt) Hwy 49 – South, Charlotte
- Total of 121 Members were present at the meeting

**Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**

- The September QCCC Car Show was featured in the centerfold of City Chevrolet's Newsletter - available at City Chevrolet
- October 13 – Foothills Corvette Club's Fall Tour to Shatley Springs was a perfect day with over 200 Corvettes participating – 30 from QCCC
- October 26 - Reggie and Susie Black led a day trip to West Jefferson on another beautiful day
- November 2 - Dyno Day #2 was successful - thanks to Merrill Quintrell for coordinating
- November 16 – Vettes for Veterans Charity Run from Mooresville at 11:30 am to the Salisbury VA Hospital to visit and honor Veterans - \$20 registration fee - information is available at the front table
- November 23 – Hendrick Motorsports will have a Christmas For Kids Car Show
- December 1 - Foothills and Country Corvettes have invited QCCC to join their Christmas cruise to The Depot Cody Creek Restaurant in Dobson. Buffet starts at 4 pm with ribs and chicken for \$20 each. A sign-up sheet and information are available at the front table.
- John Meadows is coordinating many parades for us to be in – see the QCCC website for details
- To Host a Corvette Day Trip, please contact Tommy Loftin

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg**

- Asked if there were any questions about the YTD actual vs. budget financials recently sent to members via email
- 2014 dues of \$100 are due by January 15

**Social Director: Laura Pelchat**

- November 15 – 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
- November 16 – 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
- December 4 – Tour the Billy Graham Library at 4:30 pm for \$10. Dinner afterward at Jocks and Jills (we have a \$30 gift certificate from our last Trivia Contest victory, to be used for appetizers)
- December 14 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting at The Pearl in Cornelius
  - Buffet Dinner - \$10.00 per person, Cash Bar
  - Gift Exchange again this year – Dirty Santa \$15 - car related items went well last year
  - Details will be posted on the QCCC Website
- January 25, 2014 - QCCC Awards Banquet
  - Vintage Motor Club in Concord, NC (new owners and caterer)
  - Live Band – *The Extraordinaires*
  - Buffet Dinner - \$35 per person, Cash Bar
  - Need Silent Auction items for the event - proceeds go to the Charity Fund (last year raised \$900)



**Secretary: Jane Burt for Carolyn Zimmer**

- Announced November Member Birthdays
- Please sign the big Birthday card at the front table for Walter Ahrens who will be 99 years old on the 16<sup>th</sup>!
- If you would like your name added to the Happy Birthday list, please contact Carolyn Zimmer

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

- April 23-27, 2014 NCM Bash, Bowling Green Kentucky
  - Paul has two rooms left at the Hilton Garden Inn and will lead the group
  - Sign up on list or email Paul Mariano
  - Assembly Plant Tours are now open for booking – QCCC Member Art Pipek will reserve a private tour for 20 people if there's enough interest. Please let him know ASAP.
- August 2014 - National Corvette Caravan, Bowling Green, KY
  - This is turning into quite an event! About 4000 cars are registered so far with two from The Netherlands!
  - Assembly Plant Tours are now full
  - 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.
  - 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).
- C7 Corvette Raffle Tickets are available from Helen Jensen for \$10 each – only two left!

**Charity Committee – Nelson Sprague**

- Thanked everyone for bringing food and monetary donations tonight for the Matthews Help Center – items will also be collected at the December meeting
- Thanked everyone for adopting all of the children of the 27 local Air National Guard members who are deployed this year. Please bring the toys, gift cards, and monetary donations to the December 14 Meeting and Christmas Party

**50/50 Raffle for Charity won by Al Kessel****Door Prizes won by Larry Newsome and Ken Watts****Old Business**

- As part of the 2013 QCCC Car Show, QCCC raised funds to support the National Corvette Museum. Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador will provide 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.
- Five blue QCCC logo blankets – made in USA – are available for \$55.00 each
- Lids for QCCC logo tumblers are available for \$10
- QCCC License plates are available for \$15

**New Business / Other**

- Tonight's QCCC Corvette Boutique raised close to \$800 to support the 2014 NCM Caravan - Thank you Pat Bonino and crew!
- Motion was made, seconded, and approved to declare the 2014 QCCC Board by proclamation, since the slate is running unopposed
- Proclamation was made, seconded, and approved that the 2014 QCCC Board be:
  - President – Keith Cross
  - Vice President – Bill Cruthis

- Secretary – Carolyn Zimmer
- Treasurer – Jim Weisberg
- Social Director – Pat Bonino
- Automotive Director – Tommy Loftin
- Membership Director – Chris Wood

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Burt, for Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*



## *Queen City Corvette Club* Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes

**When: Tuesday, November 5, 2013 Time: 6:00 PM Where: Smith & Stevenson**

**2013 Board Members/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.

### **DISCUSSION:**

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

- Keith reviewed the current QCCC Calendar of Upcoming Events
- Keith is talking with all the folks in Club Staff positions to see if they are willing to continue to serve in 2014.
- Keith request the Board review existing QCCC Bylaws and come to the March Board meeting with any recommended changes.
- Discussed the best use of the planned QCCC Donation to National Corvette Museum. The Board will seek additional information and revisit the discussion in the December Board meeting.
- Charity Discussion –Board agreed to move forward and discuss further in December.

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

- Discussed upcoming Meeting locations planned:
  - **November 9** – Streetside Classics – Charlotte
    - Special 2014 Caravan Fund Raiser, approved by Board, will be held.
    - Board will bring Tables / Chairs
  - **December 14** – Christmas Party at The Pearl, Catawba Ave., Cornelius NC. Meeting is planned for 30 minutes, beginning at 6 PM
  - **January 12** – Boy Scout Camp – Plan to have a Chili Cook Off and Hot Dogs. Keith will discuss the food/social events with Pat Bonino and confirm with the Board.
  - **February 8** – Pleasant Hill Church (Boyd & Susan Kurt) – Hwy 49 Charlotte
    - The Quest Movie will be shown prior to the meeting. Details to be announced.
- Lists of Participants forwarded to Bill for award points need to be Legible. Members will be instructed to PRINT on all Sign-Up sheets. Keith will also request legible sign ups from the members at the Club meeting.
- Board continues to search for meeting venues that will accommodate 100-125+ people.

- Hosts of dinners, day trips and other events are reminded to send legible List of Attendees to VP for compilation of appropriate Award Points.

**Membership Director: Chris Wood**

- Discussed Membership Report and prospective members who will be attending November business meeting.
- After discussion, Board passed a motion for Chris to Order 500 new QCCC window clings for membership.
- Board approved a QCCC sponsor, *Monogram Fever*, to offer QCCC logo products on a special website portal designed for QCCC members, in conjunction with their club sponsorship. Chris provided a Demo of the website and the Board agreed to do a review of the website and provide Chris with Feedback to give to Monogram Fever.
- Lifetime Member discussion tabled for December meeting.

**Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin**

- **November 16, 2013 – Vettes for Veterans Charity Run - FYI**
  - To Salisbury VA Hospital to visit and honor Veterans
- **November 23, 2013 - Corvette Angels (Salvation Army Toy Drive)**
  - Pre-registration requested – Participants asked to bring an unwrapped toy
  - Sponsored by Carolina Place Mall (Pineville) and RoadRunner Corvettes
  - At least 4 Corvette Clubs will be participating
  - Lunch after ‘caravan’ at Mimi’s Café – Northlake
  - Bill Miller will discuss further at November Club meeting.
  - Details and Pre-Registration form on QCCC Website calendar
- **November 23, 2013 – Car Show at Hendrick Motorsports – FYI**
  - The Carolina Camaro Association, Hendrick Motorsport, & 5th Gen. Camaros of the Carolinas will host the 11th annual Christmas-For-Kids Car and Truck Show on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.
  - Proceeds will benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Greenville, SC.
  - All makes and models welcome.
  - The car show will be held at the Hendrick Motorsports racing complex, 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Boulevard, Charlotte, NC.
  - Registration from 8am-12pm, Awards at 2 pm
- **December 1, 2013 Foothills and Country Corvettes Christmas Party - FYI**
  - QCCC invited 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, NC
- **Day Trips:**
  - To Host a Day Trip, please contact Tommy Loftin

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg**

- Board reviewed the status of the 2013 Budget and briefly discussed the 2014 Budget
- Jim sent YTD detailed Treasurer Report to Board and all Members prior to November meeting.
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**Social Director: Laura Pelchat**

- **November 15, 16, 2013 – Overnight and Day Trips to Biltmore**
  - Detailed Information on the QCCC Website
- **December 7, 2013 – Board Discussed possible Christmas Activities at Billy Graham Library**
  - Laura will find out more information and communicate to the club.
- **December 14, 2013 – QCCC Christmas Party/Meeting**
  - The Pearl – Cornelius, NC
    - 5:30 Social, 6 pm meeting time and 6:30 dinner
    - Laura will communicate additional information.
- **January 25, 2014 - QCCC 2014 Banquet**

- Vintage Motor Club in Concord, NC
- New Owners and New Caterer.
- Live Band – The Extraordinaires
- Need Silent Auction Items for the Event.
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**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- Greeting Cards sent since our last Board Meeting:
  - Elyse Williams – Get Well
- Will have Large Birthday Card for Walter Ahrens – members sign at November Meeting
- Distributed Club Minutes to members following October meeting and forwarded October Board and Club Minutes to Boyd Kurt for Newsletter publication.
- Response Minimal to General Volunteer Request – 8 Volunteers – will continue requesting.
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**Old Business**

- Board Elections for 2014 will be held at the November Club meeting. Board discussed the voting process. All Board positions have a one-year term and are up for election or re-election every year.
- QCCC Logo Stadium Blankets and Tumbler Lids will be sold at the November business meeting.
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**New/Other Business:**

- Board members each need to review their Budget areas in preparation for 2014 Board vote in February.
- Jim will send out 2014 dues notification email.
- Voting for Club Member Awards, to be presented at the Banquet, will be conducted at the January business meeting.

**December 10, 2013 Board Meeting** will be held at Smith & Stevenson at 6 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*





I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving. I always give thanks for 2 extra days off of work! This time of year is always so busy, I sometimes forget to take time to reflect on the past year and look at the future.

The next several weeks will be busy for everyone – I hope you took part in the Billy Graham Christmas Tour on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, and have signed up for the Christmas party at our December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. It will be at the “Pearl Event Center” at 19501 W. Catawba Ave, Cornelius NC 28031. I’m looking forward to seeing the present exchange, it should be a fun time. Remember, you want your present to be something that other people will want to steal, around a \$10-\$15 price range. There were some really hot items last year. Let’s see if Tom Rockhold can hold on to his pick this year. He had an uncanny knack of opening what everyone else seemed to want. A few women have asked about dress guidelines for the party. I’d say mainly dressy casual, a Christmas theme, red, or bling being the dominate themes.

Our last event of the 2013 year isn’t until January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – our Annual Awards Banquet. It will be at the Vintage Motor Club in Concord again this year. A new twist this year, we will have a live band, The Extrodinaires. [www.theextraordinaires.com/index.asp](http://www.theextraordinaires.com/index.asp) I had several club members tell me how great they were, and what a plus it would be to have them at our banquet. They play a complete range of music from Lady Gaga to the Drifters. Classic Rock, top 40, R&B, Beach. If you have something you would like to hear, let me know and we’ll get it on the list. Even if you don’t want to dance, stay after dinner to listen and watch and socialize with the club. I think it’s going to be great fun for everyone that attends.

Since this is my last month of being Social Director for QCCC, I’d like to thank everyone that has helped the last couple of years. It’s one thing to have ideas, but you need some help along the way to make them work. So thank you to everyone that has helped, and to everyone that has taken part in the activities. When you see people enjoying the events, it makes it worth the effort. I especially want to thank my husband, Steve, for going along with most of my ideas and working his butt off. I couldn’t have done half of the things without his help. I have so much to be thankful about, health, family, club friends, looking forward to spending more time with you all.

Hope to see you at the next event.

Laura Pelchat  
QCCC Social Director



1954 Corvette

2014 Corvette

### **Tommy Loftin, QCCC Automotive Director**

November has provided us with some perfect days to get out in our Corvettes and participate in local car shows, car auctions, parades, and even a Corvette caravan with the Corvette Angles Christmas Toy Drive. The month has been full of local car shows including Roush Yates Performance Products of Mooresville benefiting a local teen, Dalton Edwards. At this show I entered my 1954 Corvette and won Best of Show out of about 100 entries. Other shows in our area include Hendricks Motorsport's Christmas for Kids Car and truck Show, Oakboro Cruise-in and Burnout, and Sonic Cruise-in at Concord all of which were for local charities.

John Meadows has organized our participation in local parades and school home coming events. Wow has he done a good job and it has been fun providing Corvettes for our local area to use in their activities. This has been a good way for QCCC to give back to our community. Again thanks to John for his organization and support.

The big event for QCCC automotive for the month is the Corvette Angles Christmas Toy Drive. Bill Miller was the event coordinator and hosted the event for QCCC. Four Corvette clubs, with over 100 Corvettes, started at Carolina Place Mall and proceeded, with a police escort, to North Lake Mall and Mimi's Café. Toys and proceeds collected for this event will go to The Salvation Army's Children Christmas Toy Drive. Again this month members of our club were on TV and if you missed it you can ask Boyd Kurt and Bill Miller how it feels to be in the spot light. We were also honored to have Chris Wood, Bob and Marilyn Becker and Paul Mariano do an article "The Corvettes are coming in 2014" in the Mooresville News on November 13<sup>th</sup>. What a good job these guys did for the 2014 caravan that will depart from our area in August.

December will again be a big month for parades; however will be limited to Corvette activities due to the holidays and winter weather. If you have an event or would like to sponsor a ride or event just let me know and I will help you get it going.

Keep your ride on, till next time.

*Tommy Loftin*

**QCCC**   
**Cornerstones**  
**Building a Great Corvette Club**  
**One MEMBER at a time**



*"The road. A simple path, really. And yet it's come to mean so much more. Perhaps the real reason roads are special is that every road leads us to someplace we're not – but could be" "Roads drive us to places we've never been before. And we'll never stop seeking out new ones." From the preface of the 2014 Stingray Dealer Brochure*

Roads. QCCC has certainly been down a few more in 2013. As we close out the old and prepare ourselves for the New Year we must admit that we've had opportunities to experience enjoyable times with Corvette friends in 2013. Laura, Tommy and all who have planned and led an event, trip or meal provided us great reasons to enjoy new roads in our Corvettes and we thank you. New friends have joined us along the way and our membership has risen. For a number of you, Santa has already arrived because you have found those new roads in your new Corvettes. Others found those new roads in an old friend and member of the family who now sits in the garage and waits for cruising weather. Whatever we discovered our new roads in; QCCC did it with big smiles on our faces in 2013.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered your time to make membership in QCCC so very special. To the outgoing board members, thank you for lots of hard, but rewarding work. To the new volunteers and those who are staying around for another year, thanks for taking on the challenge. To each member who participated in events, dinners, trips, luncheons, meetings, etc., thank you. We all choose to be somewhere, and by choosing to participate with QCCC, you make it fun for everyone!

*Chris Wood, Membership Director*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**  
*We're glad you joined us!*

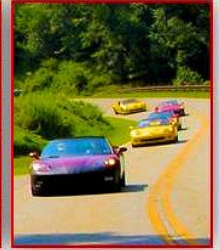
Hey, look what I  
got for an old  
sleigh and a few  
worn out



**Gary & Gwen Cunningham**  
1978 Silver Coupe



**Christian & Dawn Savles**



## National Corvette Museum Corner

How do you have a really Merry Christmas? One – you buy a raffle ticket from the NCM, two – you win a new Corvette, three – you take the museum delivery and get a VIP tour of the museum and assembly plant, and four – you drive it home and park it in your garage. It's a simple formula and Bob and Ginnie Nibarger had it all figured out as they won a Sixtieth Anniversary coupe in the recent NCM raffle. Congratulations to the Nibargers and enjoy the new Corvette in the months to come.

The NCM Bash is rapidly approaching and this will be the time to tour the assembly plant and avoid the crowd crush during the Caravan in August. I still have two rooms available if someone has changed their mind about going. If you have already requested a room and have not called the hotel to make your reservation, I suggest you do so as quickly as possible to avoid losing the room.

With the countdown to the 2014 NCM Caravan getting ever shorter, I urge those of you that have never participated in a caravan to engage in conversation with a veteran of past caravans to discuss what to expect. We want you to be completely comfortable with the process so you can enjoy all the events. Don't be reluctant to ask questions and put any qualms aside. It's all about fun and knowing how to make the most of an event that only occurs every five years.

The Corvette Museum now has its very own YOU TUBE Channel. Tune in to [www.youtube.com/user/corvettemuseum](http://www.youtube.com/user/corvettemuseum) to view a variety of videos. Check in often as new videos will be added frequently.

Thanksgiving will have passed by the time you read this, but Christmas and New Year's celebrations are still on the horizon. So this is a time for a little reflection. We live in the greatest country on Earth and drive a car that millions of people can only dream of owning. All this allows us to interface with the nicest people in the world and live a lifestyle that few can even imagine. I wish everyone a most enjoyable holiday season and continued prosperity in the year to come.

Save the Wave!

*Paul Mariano,*  
NCM Ambassador





# Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

*Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith*

*More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past*



Over the last few years we have shared with you all how close we came to financially folding in the mid to late 70's. We were always broke but being in our 20's we never gave it that much thought at least until we lost the clubhouse. This month we bring you the actual treasurer's report from the January 1976 QCCC newsletter. Bill Cruthis was the treasurer for 76. Note that the bar receipts for the purchase of a keg( every Wednesday nite) for the bar in the clubhouse accounted for about 18% of revenue. In short we had to drink a lot to make ends meet. Ironically that is the reverse of what drinking usually yields.

From deep within the vault quote the treas.

As you can see from the monthly balance the shelves here in the vault are a bit light. Let's get those dues in on time. Don't be afraid to break in line to pay up.

In case anyone hears comments on returned checks, we had a small foul up. About 10 checks were returned as the bank lost our signature cards to accept the new signatures of myself and Trav. The situation is now straight, we hope with no damage done.

## YE OL REPORT

BANK BALANCE 12/31/1975 \$493.95

### INCOME:

CLUB DUES JAN. \$146.03

BACK DUES PAID 39.09

FUTURE DUES PAID 19.37

NATIONAL COUNCIL CORVETTE CLUB DUES 22.00

TOTAL DUES \$204.49

BAR REVENUE 49.36

QCCC INITIATION 7.00

TOTAL INCOME + \$282.85

### EXPENSES:

NATIONAL COUNCIL CORVETTE CLUB DUES \$22.00

SOCIAL EXPENSES 26.29

PORSCHE-CORVETTE CHALLENGE EXPENSES 144.00

BAR PURCHASES 83.72

CLUBHOUSE REPAIR AND MAINTAINENCE 1.33

FUEL OIL 84.66

POSTAGE 7.80

FILM AND PROCESSING 28.00

NEWSLETTER 25.48

QCCC MAILING LIST 7.28

N.C. INTANGIBLE TAX 1.15

POSTAL BOX RENTAL (6 MO) 15.00

CLUBHOUSE RENT 150.00

TOTAL EXPENSE - \$596.71

BANK BALANCE 1/26/76 \$180.09

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

FUEL OIL JAN. \$42.33

AL STARNES TROPHIES 15.00 APPROX.

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - \$57.33

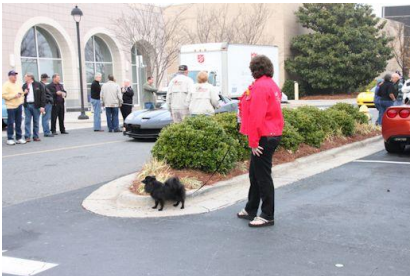
UNENCUMBERED BALANCE \$122.76

Now Ol Bill Ingram told me 64% of the wives & girlfriends would trade their dues out. I need names Ingram names not numbers. No wonder he always looked tired.

definitely a big Ol 10-4 from the race carless driver

To be young in QCCC just as much fun as being old in QCCC

QCCC Members Caught on Film. See QCCC Website for more photos.





Many more photos on the web site.



## *From Track to Street*

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### **NEXT EVENT**

Corvette Racing will open the 2014 TUDOR United SportsCar Championship with the Corvette C7.R race car at the Rolex 24 At Daytona on Jan. 25-26.

Look for more info on the new C7 R in our January 2014 Newsletter. Testing is still in process.

**Other Corvette Related Items of interest.**

Did you see that our own Bob Nibarger won the NCM Raffle for the Anniversary Coupe. We need a picture Bob.



# “Heads-Up”



Our Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 14th. It should be a great time! We have a brand new event hall that is giving us a real deal for the hall & dinner. Plan to come for a relaxed evening with friends. Arrival time is 5:30, with a short meeting at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30. After dinner we'll have plenty of time for socializing. For those who want to bring a gift to exchange, we'll be doing the "Dirty Santa" game again. It was a lot of fun last year to participate in and even just to watch. The competition and strategy to get the present you want is pretty fierce. Bring a gift of around \$15 value and mark it for male or female, if it's obviously for one or the other, i.e. garage sign vs spa items (okay Bob, you can have the spa items if you want).

The party and meeting will be at the Pearl Event Center, 19501 W Catawba Ave, Cornelius. It's just seven tenths of a mile west of I-77 at exit 28. Plenty of good parking and easy access. Buffet dinner will be \$10 a person, and a cash bar will be available. I will be collecting money at the November meeting. If you won't be at the November meeting, email me if you want to attend and mail a check, made out to QCCC, and send it to me at 1800 Starbrook Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210. I will need to give my final numbers to the caterer by November 29th.