



## *Queen City Corvette Club* **Club Business Meeting Minutes**

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**Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014 Time: 6 PM Location: Loftin's Garage, Troutman, NC**

**Board Members and Staff Present:** Keith Cross, President; Bill Cruthis, Vice President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Pat Bonino, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; **Staff:** Bob and Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Boyd and Susan Kurt, Newsletter Editors; Bob Denney, Brian and Michelle Moore, Photographers; Travis and Sharon Meredith, Historians; Nelson and Barbara Sprague, Charity.

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### **DISCUSSION:**

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

- Keith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Thanked Tommy and Brenda Loftin for their hospitality, Randy's BBQ for catering dinner (especially the 'nanner puddin'), and Pat Bonino for setting up all the activities – including the poker run, dinner, corn hole, slot machine, 50/50, pinball whose proceeds went to Charity Fund.
- March Business Meeting Minutes were approved.
- Introduced the Board and Staff to members and guests.
- Read a Thank You card from Debbie Lisi. QCCC will send a donation to St. Jude's Hospital in Tony Lisi's memory.

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

- Asked that we remember Wendy Krupowicz, Debbie Lisi, Ann Oakley, Pat Motta in our prayers. Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc.
- Check the QCCC Website for car shows and trips – preregister online
- QCCC jackets, belt buckles, monogramming and screen sprints -QCCC Website-"Club Regalia"
- **Introduced Prospective Members in Attendance:**
  - George Manghis – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
  - James & Polly McKee – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
  - Alan & Deborah Wilkes – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
  - Bill & Anne Houck – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting
  - Don & Linda Reiner – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - Chuck & Margo DeWitt – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - Hank & Teresa Farrior – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - Jim Leonard – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
  - Gerald Yarborough – 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
- **Voted in and Welcomed New Members:**
  - Mal & Helen Speer – 2003 Anniversary Coupe, 2012 Red ZR1
  - Richard & Mary Ann Gwilt – 2004 Gray Coupe, 2011 Blue ZR1, 2014 Crystal Red Metallic Coupe
- **Guests in attendance:**

- Hank & Betty Snow – just moved from California, between Corvettes
- Stevie Cook – guest of Member, Paul Mitchell & corn hole equipment creator
- Misty Smith – guest of Member, David Poindexter
- Steve Harshbarger – guest of VP, Bill Cruthis & future Corvette owner
- Brandon Clarke - son of Members, Jim & Dao Clarke
- **Membership:** QCCC currently has 287 active and provisional members (151 families)
- **Meeting Attendance:** Total of 157 people attended the meeting
  - 132 Members plus 25 Prospective Members and Guests
- Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc.

### **Vice President: Bill Cruthis**

- **Upcoming Meeting locations:**
  - May 10, 2014 – Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville. NOTE: there are solid rock walls at the entrances of this old Scottish Church - BE VERY CAREFUL when entering
  - June 14, 2014 – RK Motors, Charlotte
  - July 12, 2014 – Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Charlotte
  - August 9, 2014 – Hendrick Motorsports, Concord – Anniversary Meeting
  - September 13, 2014 – Burt’s BBQ, Matthews
- Thanked everyone for total donations exceeding \$5,000 for a granite bench at the National Corvette Museum – what a great example of *Corvette Fever*!
- Requested that members send a “How I Joined the QCCC” tale to Boyd Kurt for the Newsletter
- Jim Ramandanes’ *Corvette Fever* Team will sponsor a “Loud-Off” competition at the August meeting. He has a decibel meter to measure members’ Corvette exhaust output.
- Along with QCCC Historians, Travis & Sharon Meredith, a Vintage Achievement Award has been created. An embroidered patch with a vintage QCCC logo is being awarded to 34 members with at least 15 years of membership in the QCCC. The first vintage achievement patch, beautifully framed along with a certificate will be presented to Martha Ferrell in honor of her husband Earl, Charter Member, for his contributions to the founding and success of QCCC.
- **Corvette Fever Prizes awarded to:**
  - Michelle Moore for promoting QCCC on Channel 36 at Auto Fair
  - Richard Craig for having more points than Darryl Kirkley way back in August 1982
  - Barbara Mariano & Rosalie Kirkley for having the fortitude to ride with the “nut jobs” they’re married to, while being barely able to see over the dashboards
- **Door Prizes won by Nelson Sprague and Brenda Loftin**

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

- Thanked everyone for coming today
- March 29 - Car Care Day at Brian Kruse’s garage saw 8 cars, 4 brake jobs, and 1 oil change. Thanked John Jensen, Ace Mechanic for assisting. Another Car Care Day planned in August.
- April 5 & 6 - Auto Fair was great: Saturday had 31 cars and Sunday had 30. Victory Lane Corvette Club judged our cars and awards went to:
  - C1 – Reggie & Suzie Black
  - C2 – John Meadows
  - C3 – Fred Rice
  - C4 – Don Smith
  - C5 – Vinny Vettorino
  - C6 – Nelson Sprague – also Best of Show
  - C7 – Danny Bass
  - Participants Choice - Keith & Kelly Cross
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- President's Choice – Vernon Maher for his 1978 Anniversary, Survivor Corvette
- May 24 - Shelton Vineyards Car Show – 30 cars have already signed up
- June 6 & 7 – Myrtle Beach Corvette Club Car Show – 30 cars have already signed up
- June 28 – Troutman Independence Day Parade – 25 cars have already signed up
- September 6 – QCCC 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All Chevy Car Show will be held at Hendrick Motorsports with City Chevrolet continuing as Sponsor
- September 20 & 21 – Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway – will need 30 cars for both days
- October 12 – Foothills Corvette Club Fall Corvette Cruise
- Day Trips – Members are encouraged to host Corvette Day Trips. Please contact Tommy Loftin or Pat Bonino for additional information.

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg**

- YTD actual vs. budget financials recently sent to members via email – Questions?
- Confirmed that we had enough donations to buy a QCCC granite bench at the NCM

**Social Director: Pat Bonino**

- Thanked Tommy & Brenda for hosting “Annual Meeting at Loftin’s Garage”
- Thanked Brian & Barb Kruse, Steve & Laura Pelchat, Bob & Benita McCall, Donna & Craig Smith, and Charlie Binder for helping with the Poker Run, along with John & Wendy Callahan for helping with the slot & pinball machines, and Paul Mitchel for helping with the Corn Hole tournament. The results were:
  - Poker Run
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Deb & Alan Wilkes
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – George & Allison Ganzhorn
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – David Poindexter – won a \$25 gift certificate to O’Charley’s for having 3 Jacks
  - Slot Machine – raised \$110 - half went to the Charity Fund and half went to Ann Houck
  - Pinball – raised \$14 - all of which went to Brandon Clarke
  - Corn Hole - Gift Certificates were awarded to Teams:
    - George & Steve
    - Garry & Gwen Cunningham
    - Ken Watts & Tommy/Brenda Loftin
    - Curt & Nicole Quakenbush
- Please see the QCCC Website Calendar for additional information on these events:
  - May 3 – Day Trip to Backing Up Classics Museum, lunch at O’Charley’s, tour of Richard Childress Winery
  - May 10 – Ice Cream Social at the May QCCC Meeting
  - May 24 – Dinner at the Depot Restaurant after the Shelton Vineyards Car Show
  - June 6 & 7 – Myrtle Beach Corvette Club Car Show – planning a QCCC group dinner for Saturday night
  - August 1 – 3 – Tail of the Dragon
    - Reservations required by May 1, 2014 - one night deposit will be charged
    - 30 Rooms are blocked for QCCC at Fontana Village - \$109 per night
    - Group dinner is planned during the event
    - Good parking – plan to stay one or two nights or all three nights, your choice

**Secretary: Jane Burt for Carolyn Zimmer**

- Announced April Member Birthdays
- If you would like your name added to the Happy Birthday list, please contact Carolyn Zimmer

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

- Thanks to Keith Cross for all his efforts to secure the QCCC Bench at NCM
- All Eight Corvettes have now been removed from the sink hole at the NCM.
- April 23-27, 2014 - NCM Bash, Bowling Green Kentucky – 17 Cars from QCCC
- August 23-31, 2014 - National Corvette Caravan, Bowling Green, KY
  - About 4000 cars are registered so far with two from The Netherlands!
  - Assembly Plant Tours are now full.
  - Caravan: 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/) Contact Carolyn Zimmer for information.

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

- Nelson conducted the 50/50 Raffle for Charity - \$206 won by Bill Cruthis

### **Old Business**

- \$6,250 was raised for the purchase of a QCCC granite bench at the NCM
- QCCC logo tumblers are available for \$10 each
- QCCC coasters are available for \$20 for a set of 4

### **New Business**

- Currently, QCCC pays \$150 per year for a Club Membership to the National Corvette Museum. A Lifetime Club Membership costs \$2,500. The Board proposes that we become a Lifetime Member of the Museum by using:
  - \$1,250 extra funds raised for the granite bench
  - \$150 of 2014 Annual Membership payment
  - \$250 of initial joining fee
  - \$850 of funds raised at the QCCC Car Show to be held in September
- Because this is a limited-time offer, a Motion was made, seconded, and approved to borrow \$850 from the Treasury. Amount to be reimbursed from the profits of the Car Show in September.
- The advantages of becoming a Club Lifetime Member of the National Corvette Museum are:
  - We will be one of less than 30 Clubs with a Lifetime membership
  - We will be listed on a plaque in the Museum
  - We will be listed on the NCM Website
  - We will be given a plaque
  - We will have a free half-page ad, one/yr, in the NCM's America's Sports Car magazine
  - We will get 6 free passes to the NCM
  - We will get a discount on a NCM facility rental
  - We will get invitations to VIP functions at the Museum
  - We will be identified on our bench as Lifetime Members
  - We will no longer have to budget and pay annual membership dues

### **Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

*Jane Burt, for Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*



## **Queen City Corvette Club**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

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**Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 Time: 6 PM Location: Hickory Tavern – Northlake**

**Board Members and Staff Present:** Keith Cross, President; Bill Cruthis, Vice-President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Pat Bonino, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary

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#### **DISCUSSION:**

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

- Keith called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Provided copies of and discussed the 2014 QCCC Calendar in detail.
- See QCCC Website Event Calendar for detailed information on all planned activities.

##### **Vice President: Bill Cruthis**

- **Corvette Fever**
  - “Fever” door prizes to be awarded at meeting.
  - Corvette Fever Promotions coming in May meeting
- Discussed the “*Vintage Member*” program and plans for implementation.
  - Vintage Member Kickoff planned for April meeting.
- **Upcoming Meeting Dates / Locations planned:**
  - **April 12, 2014** – Loftin’s Garage, Troutman. Picnic & Poker Run
  - **May 10, 2014** – Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Huntersville (Ice Cream Social)
  - **June 14, 2014** - RK Motors, Charlotte
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##### **Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin (Keith Covering)**

- **April 12, 2014 – Loftin’s Garage Meeting/Picnic** –
  - Poker Run Prior to meeting.
  - Games and Social – Dinner for those prepaid
- **May 24, 2014 - Shelton Vineyards Car Show**
  - Caravan to Drive to Shelton
  - Dinner following at The Depot in Dobson (Pat Coordinating)
- **June 6, 7, 2014 – Myrtle Beach Car Show**
- **September 6, 2014 - QCCC Charity Car Show**
  - City Chevrolet will sponsor our car show again this year.
  - Currently working on car show flyer.

##### **Social Director: Pat Bonino (See Website Event Calendar for details)**

- **April 12, 2014** – Meeting: Picnic Social at Loftin’s Garage

- Poker Run Before Meeting – 2 pm
- Fun and Game Tournament – 2:30 to 4:30
- Randy's BBQ to Cater - \$11 per person PREPAID
- **June 6,7, 2014** – Coordinating Rooms for Myrtle Beach Car Show
  - Pat will organize dinner for Saturday night.
- **August 1-3, 2014** - Tail of the Dragon – One night Paid by May 1

**Membership Director: Chris Wood**

- New Members – increase publicity for New Members (Rookies) to assimilate them more quickly into club.
- Memoriam approved for Tony Lisi
- Discussed possibility for new Vendor for club Jackets
- Board will digitize logo.

**Treasurer: Jim Weisberg**

- Jim will send Financial data to members prior to April meeting.

**Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer**

- Solicit Volunteers for August Caravan Events in Concord/Charlotte area
- Discussion on potential new door prizes
- Discussed Greeting Cards Sent since last meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Decisions made:
  - Club Logo Clings will be available on request.
  - Sell QCCC Logo Coasters for \$20 per set
- Continuing Plans for Club Car Picture
- Status of Club Directory – Keith to check with Laura
- Discussed NCM Donation for Bench
  - Funds raised to cover Bench with Leftover funds for museum
  - Considering possible Club Lifetime Membership
  - Discussed Bench Mockup for Club Meeting on Saturday
  - Recommendations to be presented to Club for approval at April Business Meeting

**New Business:**

- Secretary Board Position will Interface as liaison to Charity Committee
- Discussed Increased focus on Members with Birthdays at Business Meetings
- April Meeting – Considering a Table to sell QCCC logo items
- Board discussed need to identify members willing to serve on the Board

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary*