



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, August 9, 2014 Time: 6 PM Location: Hendrick Motorsports, Concord

Board Members and Staff Present:

Board: Keith Cross, President; Bill Cruthis, Vice President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Pat Bonino, Social Director; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary.

Staff: Bob and Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Boyd and Susan Kurt, Newsletter; Nelson and Barbara Sprague, Charity; Paul Pelkey, Database; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Brian and Michelle Moore, Photographers; Travis and Sharon Meredith, Historians.

DISCUSSION:

President: Keith Cross

- Keith called the Meeting to Order.
- Welcomed attendees to the 46th QCCC Anniversary meeting.
- Thanked Hendrick Motorsports for use of their excellent facility for our meeting.
- July Business Meeting Minutes were approved.
- QCCC Board and Staff were introduced.
- Turned the meeting over to Pat Bonino for a special presentation.

Surprise Happy Birthday Event for Walter Ahrens – 100 Years Old this November

- Pat Bonino introduced Walter Ahrens, his daughter and husband, and friend Richard
- Board decided to combine QCCC Birthday celebration with a special celebration and tribute to our member Walter Ahrens who turns 100 this year.
- Local Fox News affiliate was on site to video the event and interview Walter and family. Video showed at 10 PM newscast that evening on Fox. Link on QCCC website.
- Pat read Walter's very interesting Bio aloud and presented Walter with a special card signed by the members present.
- Hendricks Motorsports presented Walter (through Pat) with an autographed die cast model racecar.
- Bill Cruthis presented Walter with a QCCC Vintage Member Patch.
- Paul Mariano presented Walter with a Membership to the National Corvette Museum.
- A dual celebration Birthday Cake with Walter's Picture and QCCC 46th Logo was served to attendees along with soft drinks prior to the meeting, and everyone stood and sang Happy Birthday to Walter.

Membership Director: Chris Wood

- **Voted in and Welcomed New Members:**
 - Hank & Teresa Farrior
 - Norm & Joyce Lontz (Returning members. Club voted to waive 3 meeting requirement)

- Steve & Lynda Morris
- **Introduced Prospective Members in Attendance:**
 - Rick & Linn Erdman – 1st Meeting
 - John & Sharon Shaw – 1st Meeting
 - Dennis & Georgene Couch – 1st Meeting
 - Wayne Waddle – 1st Meeting
- **Introduced Guests in attendance:**
 - Sandra & Steve Montgomery – Daughter & Son-in-law of Walter Ahrens
 - Richard Hartsell – Guest of Walter Ahrens
 - Logan Sherrill – Fox46 Carolinas WJZY-TV
- **Membership:** QCCC currently has **306 active** and provisional members (162 families)
- **Meeting Attendance:** Total of **158** people attended the meeting
 - **141** Members plus **17** Prospective Members and Guests
- **C&VA Caravan Route Book** Chris described the Route Book (which he developed and had printed) to be distributed at C&VA Caravan starting August 23, 2014, and requested that we all support local sponsors who have taken out ads in the book.
- **New Members within past 12 months** were asked to stand and all members were asked to help these folks fully assimilate into the club. Look for special discounts in the Route Book for Killington's Restaurant in Huntersville and Quaker Steak & Lube in Concord.
- Please notify Chris Wood of any member illnesses, injuries, etc.

Vice President: Bill Cruthis (*See more Details on QCCC Website*)

- **Upcoming Meeting Locations:**
 - **September 13, 2014** – Jane and Eddie Burt's BBQ, Matthews
 - RSVP Email and food requests by alphabet will be coming from Jane
 - **October 11, 2014** – Streetside Classics, Charlotte
 - **November 8, 2014** – Location TBD
 - **December 13, 2014** – Vintage Car Club Concord - Christmas Party
- **Corvette Fever and Nostalgia Items for Sale (see email, contact Bill)**
 - Orders will be taken through the November 2014 Meeting
 - Check Payable to QCCC
 - Corvette Fever T- Shirts - \$18
 - DVD (34min)-1975 Corvette/Porsche Challenge/QCCC Events - \$12.00
 - 1976 Camel GT Corvette/Porsche Challenge Poster - \$10sm/\$28lg
 - 1977 Corvette Porsche Challenge T-Shirts - \$18.
- **Corvette Fever Awards for August presented to:**
 - Paul and Barbara Mariano (Corvette Monopoly)
 - Bill and Julia Davidson (Speed Trophy)
- **Grand Champion Fever VOTING:**
 - All Members will VOTE during August.
 - Look for email from Corvette Fever Committee Leaders.
 - Every Member votes for two members who most represent Corvette Fever
 - Use monthly Corvette Fever winners as Role Models.
 - Grand Champions might have won a monthly award, or might never have won.
 - Grand Champion Fever Awards will be presented at Awards Banquet in January.
- **Door Prizes** at the meeting were won by:
 - Betty Ann Brunton
 - Tommy Loftin
 - Ken Aycock
 - Merle Elko

Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin (*See more Details on QCCC Website*)

- **August 16, 2014 – Pre-Caravan Car Care Day – Brian Kruse**
 - Starts at 8 am (Oil, brakes, etc.) – See Calendar on Website
 - Lunch will be provided.
 - Interested Ladies will have lunch at 11:30 at North Harbor Club that day.
- **September 6, 2014 - QCCC Third Annual All Chevy Charity Car Show**
 - **Contact Tommy to VOLUNTEER – Every QCCC Member can help in some way.**
 - Will be held at **Hendrick Motorsports Complex – Papa Joe Blvd. - Concord, NC**
 - **Event Times**
 - 6:00 am - Gates Open
 - 7:00 am - QCCC Volunteers Arrive
 - 8:00 am – Show Start Time
 - 9:00 am - Judges Meeting
 - 9:30 am – Judging Begins
 - 2:00 pm - Trophies
 - **Rain or Shine Event** – Door Prizes will be presented
 - **Silent Auction** – (Contact Pat Bonino ASAP if you have items)
 - **Car Show Leaders**
 - Susie Black- Registration, Administration, Financials
 - John Callahan – Judging
 - Jack Higgins – Parking
 - Pat Bonino – Silent Auction
 - Tommy Loftin, Reggie Black, Chris Wood and Keith Cross - Event Leaders
 - **Tours of Hendrick Heritage Center**
 - QCCC Members registered for Heritage need to prepay and have tickets
 - QCCC Heritage tour times for QCCC only at 8:30 am or 9:30 am
 - Total of 175 Heritage tour slots for the entire Car Show
 - **Food** – Vendor will sell Breakfast and Lunch Options
 - **Vendors attending** who will be of interest to Guys and Gals
 - **DJ** to play music for the day.
 - **Need 6-10 TENTS for the Event – Members Bring** (Contact Tommy)
 - Major Sponsor - City Chevrolet, Charlotte
- **September 20 & 21, 2014 – Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway**
 - Great way to represent QCCC to the community and others
 - Limited to 30 QCCC cars each day for Saturday and Sunday
 - Sign up with Tommy as soon as possible to get your slot.
- **October 12, 2014 – Foothills Corvette Club Fall Corvette Mountain Cruise**
 - More information will be provided as date gets closer.
- **Day Trips** – Members are encouraged to host/coordinate Corvette Day Trips. Please contact Tommy Loftin or Pat Bonino for additional information.

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- YTD actual vs. budget Financials were sent to members via email prior to the meeting.
- No questions.

Social Director: Pat Bonino (*See more Details on QCCC Website*)

- **September 6, 2014 – QCCC Car Show Silent Auction**
 - **Baskets** of goodies for the Auction were prepared by some of the QCCC women.

- **Send Pat an email if you still have something for the auction** – she needs to prepare paperwork prior to the Event.
- **September 13, 2014 –QCCC BBQ Social - Jane and Eddie Burt – Matthews, NC**
 - Jane will send emails to members with times, what to bring, etc.
 - Bring Chairs and Tents (picnic held in the Burts’ backyard)
- **September 27, 2014 – Mystery Day Trip**
 - Details are still a “Mystery.” Keep checking the website for more info.
- **October 25, 2014 – Cleveland County Scruggs Museum Day Trip and More**
- **December 13, 2014 - QCCC Christmas Party – Vintage Car Club, Concord**
- **January 31, 2014 – QCCC Annual Awards Banquet at Speedway Club Concord**

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **Caring Cards** Sent to some of our QCCC members.
- **August Member Birthdays** announced.
 - Birthday Door Prize-Restaurant Gift Certificate won by **Boyd Kurt**
 - If you would like your name added to the Birthday list, please contact Carolyn Zimmer
- **QCCC Club Jackets**
 - New Vendor – Rob at Company Casuals has given us an excellent price
 - Same Port Authority Jacket and Colors
 - Logo on back of jacket now includes *‘Crusin’ the Carolinas since 1968’*
 - Ordering Process will eventually transition to website. Still under construction.
 - **For now, continue to send Club Jacket requests via email to Carolyn Zimmer, carolynz77@yahoo.com**

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano

- National Caravan Events Schedule at NCM has changed see NCM website for the latest.
- Paul expressed appreciation for the QCCC folks who have been volunteering for the C&VA Caravan for the past three years.
- Encouraged QCCC members to participate often in the many and varied activities around the country where we can drive and enjoy our Corvettes – lots to try at least once.
- Reminder: Memberships and Donations to National Corvette Museum are tax deductible. Raffle ticket purchases are not.

QCCC Charity Committee

- **2014 QCCC Approved Charities**
 - **Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care – Matthews, NC**
 - http://blessedadultcare.org/Blessed_Adult_Day_Care/Home.html
 - **Pilgrim’s Inn - Rock Hill, SC** – homeless, abused, in-need families
 - <https://www.facebook.com/PilgrimsInn>
- Members are encouraged **to learn more** about these club charities through their websites.
- **QCCC Donations** to the above charities will be presented to their representatives on **September 6, 2014 at the QCCC Charity Car Show** at the Hendrick Motorsports complex in Concord, NC.
- QCCC will also make a donation to the **Hendrick Marrow Foundation** with funds collected during the Hendrick Heritage Tours at the QCCC Charity Car Show.
- **Charity Committee Changes**
 - As previously announced, **Nelson and Barbara Sprague** have elected to turnover club Charity Chair responsibility to others – effective September, 2014.

- **Charity ‘Year’** will now run from September to August, with activities designed to support the committee search, selection, communication, approval and donation of funds to the designated Charities at the QCCC Car Show in September.
- **Linda Lewis** was formally appointed by QCCC President to serve as the Charity Committee Chair for the 2014-2015 Charity year, effective September 1, 2014.
- The QCCC Board will work with Linda to select her committee for the upcoming 2014-2015 Charity cycle. If you are interested in serving on the Charity Committee, please contact **Linda Lewis or Carolyn Zimmer**.
- **50/50 Charity Raffle Winner** – John Meadows

Old Business

- Monday Night Up Yonder Dinner is cancelled for August
- Bill Cruthis has been interviewed for an Article in Charlotte Observer concerning the QCCC. He’s not sure if it will be written as a ‘personal’ article or an article focused on QCCC. Will be published soon in the Lake Norman section of the Observer.

New Business

- **Club Logo Change** –
 - Keith announced last month, and an email was distributed to all members, regarding the Board’s proposal to make a formal Change to the QCCC Club Logo - adding the words, *Crusin’ the Carolinas since 1968* (which we started using for our 45th Anniversary Celebration) permanently added below the current graphics.
 - QCCC Bylaws describe the Logo, so a change to the Logo requires Member approval.
 - Formal motion was made at the meeting to approve the Logo Change. Motion Approved.
 - Secretary Carolyn Zimmer will update the Bylaws document and forward to Bob Becker for posting on the Website.
- **Linked-In emails** – Club members continue to receive these bogus, hacker-generated emails. Please simply DELETE if you receive them. The club continues to respect the privacy of our members by not releasing email information, and by restating the policy that no mass distributions should be made to our membership outside of QCCC business.
- **Framed QCCC Historical Patches** – VP Bill Cruthis displayed the four framed QCCC Logo Patches the club has used through the years. This framed display will be used at Auto Fair, special meetings, and other QCCC club events, and stored for future use by Historian Travis Meredith.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary



Queen City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 Time: 5 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; Tommy Loftin, Automotive Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary.

DISCUSSION:

President: Keith Cross

- Keith called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the meeting.
- Board discussed additions and/or changes to the **QCCC Calendar**.

Vice President: Bill Cruthis

- **Planned for July Meeting**
 - Corvette Fever Awards
 - Vintage Awards - if applicable members are present
 - Framed Historic **QCCC Patches** will be displayed at August Meeting
 - Porsche- Corvette T-Shirt will be put on sale.
 - Corvette Fever T-Shirt on sale.
 - QCCC Historic Events on a loop take for Anniversary meeting. – DVDs for Sale
 - Loud-off contest trophy to be presented at November meeting.
- **Upcoming Meeting Dates / Locations planned:**
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- **2014 Grand Champion Corvette Fever Awards** to be presented at the January Awards Banquet

Automotive Director: Tommy Loftin

- **August 16, 2014 – Brian Kruse Car Care Day**
 - Brian will host a Car Care Day at his Garage in Huntersville
 - Lunch will be provided
 - More information will be available on the Website
- **September 6, 2014 - QCCC Charity Car Show**
 - Present Checks for QCCC Charities and Hendrick Marrow Foundation
 - Door Prizes will be awarded
 - Volunteers will receive Car Show Shirts
 - Hendrick Museum will be Open to Limited Number of Participants - \$25 donation
 - Food and other vendors invited to participate

- Over sixty trophies to be presented
- **September 20-21, 2014 – Food Lion Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway**
 - Will have sign-up at meeting.

Social Director: Pat Bonino

- **August 9, 2014 -August Meeting - Anniversary Social**
 - Cake, Soft Drinks
 - Special Birthday Event and Presentation
- **September 27, 2014 - Mystery Trip**
- **December 13, 2014- Christmas Party at Vintage Car Club, Concord NC**
- **January 31, 2015 – Annual QCCC Awards Banquet-Speedway Club, Concord NC**

Membership Director: Chris Wood

- **Prospective Members** to be voted in (6) at August Meeting

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Jim will send budget financial data to members prior to August meeting.

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **Charity Guidelines** approved by the Board – Carolyn will discuss with Linda Lewis.
- Keith officially appointed **Linda Lewis as Charity Chairperson**, per the bylaws.
- Pending QCCC member approval, **Bylaw Change for QCCC logo** was approved by the Board for posting to website
- New **QCCC Club Jacket** Web Page still under construction
- **QCCC Auto Fair Car Club Documents** were updated and sent to ‘Hornets Nest’ Program coordinator.
- **Birthdays** will be announced and **Birthday Door prize** will be given at August Meeting

Old Business:

- **QCCC Lifetime Service Achievement Award approved by Board.**
 - Details will be presented to the membership at the September meeting.
 - A list of QCCC Awards will be posted on the Website.
- **Photography Team – Brian and Michelle Moore, Elaine Bass, Bill Miller**
 - All approved as STAFF and added to Newsletter
- **QCCC Picture Directory** – Board discussed progress. To be distributed in September 2014.

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