



Queen City Corvette Club

Club Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2015 Time: 5:30 PM Location: Speedway Club Concord

Board Members Present: Bill Cruthis, President; Paul Mitchell, Vice President; Chris Wood, Membership; Gary Cunningham, Automotive Director; Pat Bonino, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary.

Staff Members Present: Bob and Marilyn Becker, Webmasters; Paul Mariano, NCM Ambassador; Bill Miller Photographer; Craig & Donna Smith, Newsletter; Norm Jungmann, Communications; Travis Meredith, Historian; Wendy Krupowicz, Charity.

MEETING DISCUSSION: *(See QCCC Website for more Detailed Event Information)*

President: Bill Cruthis

- Bill called the November Club Meeting to Order and welcomed attendees.
- Thanked Speedway Club for the excellent meeting venue and setup.
- Minutes of the October Meeting were approved.
- QCCC Board and Staff were introduced.
- Election Voting Ballot was provided to each Member at Check-in by Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary
 - 2015 Member of the Year (Write-In)-Winner to be announced at 2016 Awards Banquet
 - Board of Directors –
 - Candidates Running Unopposed:
 - Bill Cruthis, President
 - Paul Mitchell, Vice-President
 - Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary
 - Craig Smith, Treasurer
 - Chris Wood, Membership Director
 - Pat Bonino, Social Director
 - Gary Cunningham, Automotive Director
 - Candidates for Member-at-Large
 - Michael Bullard
 - Keith Cross
 - John Meadows
- Ballots were collected and Carolyn and Treasurer Jim Weisberg counted the Board of Director ballots and reported results to the Membership during the Meeting.
- Bill gave out remaining trophies from the Road Rally and the QCCC Car Show. Road Rally was won by Curt and Nicole Quakenbush.
- Bill presented QCCC's third Lifetime Service Achievement Award to Travis Meredith. Travis now joins Eddie Burt and Bob Denny in the QCCC Hall of Fame. See attached narrative of the Award.

Membership Director: Chris Wood

- Voted In and Welcomed as New Active & Associate Members:
 - Allen & Kathie Cox
 - Guy Ferrailo
 - Wade, Jr. & Janet Griffin
 - Robert & Judy Anderson (Associate Members)
- Introduced Prospective Members and Guests in Attendance:
 - *Second Meeting for:*
 - Mike & Karin Mariano
 - Roger & DeDe Winge
 - *First Meeting for:*
 - Justin Cross
 - Brad Dusterhoft
 - Butch & Wendi Mock
 - Tom & Terri Pennoni
 - *Guests:*
 - Roger Lambert – Guest of Debbie Rinehart
- **Meeting Attendance:** Total of **152** people attended the meeting
 - **134** Members plus **18** Prospective Members (*including those voted in*) & Guests
- **Membership:** QCCC currently has **345** members (182 families)

Vice President: Paul Mitchell

Upcoming Meeting Locations: (See Social Report for additional Details)

- **December 12, 2015 – Pleasant Hill Presbyterian, Charlotte - Christmas Party***
- **January 9, 2016 – New Covenant Methodist Church (near Hwy 16N – Chili Cook-off***
- **February 13, 2016 – Matthews VFW – Valentine Party***
- ***Note: Donations are made or costs are incurred to use the facility.**
- **Participants-of-the-Month Award** will be presented at December meeting.
- **Poster Caption Contest – Gary Cunningham picture**
 - Caption Award won by Andy Molodovitch
- **Foothills Ride November 15, 2015 – Paul reminded everyone of the (next day) day trip which included a ride on Brushy Mountain Road.**

Automotive Director: Gary Cunningham

Upcoming Events:

- **Thanked everyone** who participated in all the Automotive Events in 2015.
- **Planning is underway** for 2016 Automotive Events.
- **November 21, 2015 - Corvette Angels – Charlotte Motor Speedway**
 - QCCC Coordinator – Bill Miller
 - Multiple Area Corvette Clubs Participating
 - Bring Unwrapped Christmas Toys to fill the Salvation Army Truck
 - QCCC -meet at 8:45 am to Drive into Speedway together (Location TBD/ Email Blast)
 - Brunch After, at Speedway at Bar Louie Restaurant in University
 - **Pre-Register online - Link on QCCC Calendar**
- **February 6, 2015 - Car Care Day –Brian Kruse’s Garage, Huntersville**
 - Will focus on Alignment & Suspensions
 - Taking Requests for 45 Minute Lift Time Slots - Oil Changes

- **Are you interested in Hosting a DAY TRIP / Country Ride?**
 - Please contact Gary Cunningham to host a day trip/event.

Social Director: Pat Bonino

- **December 12, 2015 - Christmas Party at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church**
 - Holiday Catered Buffet Dinner - Cost \$20 per person in advance – Mail to Pat
 - Silent Auction Items Offered and 50/50 Raffle will be held
 - Casual: Wear Ugly Sweaters, Funny Hats, Festive Attire
- **January 9, 2016 Chili Cook-off at Meeting – New Covenant Methodist Church**
 - Chili (need 12-15 people to enter) and Desserts brought by members
 - Club to serve Hot Dogs, condiments, chips and soft drinks
 - Donation to the church for meeting room - \$150
 - Need volunteers to help set up and clean up
- **January 23, 2016 – Annual Awards Banquet – Speedway Club**
 - Cost for Members - \$37.50 per person (\$75 per couple)
 - Venue limit of 185 persons – sign up SOON
 - Extraordinaires Band, 2015 Special Awards, Plated-Served Dinner
- **February 13, 2016 - Valentine Dinner at meeting-- VFW Matthews.**
- Pat thanked our Webmasters, Bob and Marilyn Becker, for all their work and innovation to provide for a way to look ahead on the website to 2016.
- 2016 Overnight and Day Trips Being Planned

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg (Bill Covering)

- YTD Budget to Actual Report is distributed monthly.
- Any Questions on Financial statement should be directed to Jim.

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- **Business Meeting Minutes** – distributed via email and available (with Board Meeting Minutes) on QCCC Website Archives.
- **November Member Birthdays** were announced and celebrated.
 - Birthday Restaurant Gift Certificate was won by **Eric Matthews.**
- **QCCC Club Jacket Orders** – See Link on QCCC Website under Club Regalia
- **QCCC Bylaws Changes** will be discussed at the January meeting and voted on at the February meeting.

National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador: Paul Mariano

- Check out NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org
- **Bash in Bowling Green, KY - April 28, 2016** – planning for the trip, contact Paul if interested
 - Caravan of QCCC attendees will drive to Bowling Green
 - Lunch, Dinner, Hotel, Reception, Party, more Lunch, Dinner, Lots of FUN
 - BASH Banquet at Convention Center, Visit NCM Motorsports Park
 - Introduction to 2017 Corvettes by GM Engineers, and much, much more....
- Paul encourages all QCCC members to **become NCM members.**
 - Membership is inexpensive and **Tax Deductable** and serves to promote the car we love.

- Because QCCC is a Lifetime Club, new individual memberships (excluding Lifetime) are available at a discount.
- **Special Offer** New 'e' Membership Trial program starting.
 - Free one-year Membership for new members only.
 - Includes a subscription to the weekly NCM eNews & 5% Corvette Store discount
 - To enroll, visit www.corvettemuseum.org/etrial, use password vette2016
- GM does not financially support the NCM. All income for the NCM comes from members' dues and raffles and other events.
- Check the NCM and the Motorsports Park Websites for more upcoming NCM events.

QCCC Charities – Wendy Krupowicz

- **2016 Charity Committee**
 - New 2016 Charity Committee formed.
 - Club member input for recommended Charities was received and is being reviewed by the Charity Committee.
 - Charity Committee will conduct 50/50 Raffles at meetings and events, and will recommend Charities to the Board and the Membership for approval.
- **50/50 Charity Raffle** won by **Betty Snow**.

Old Business

- Carolyn Zimmer: **Director Election Results:** In addition to the election of all Directors running unopposed, **Keith Cross was elected as QCCC's first Member-at-Large Director.**
- Paul Mitchell: **Door Prizes** were awarded.
- Bill Cruthis: **Corvette Fever Awards** were presented to navigators from the Road Rally.
 - **Kelly Cross**
 - **Wendy Callahan (Big Spider)**

New Business

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary

Attachment



Cruisin' the Carolinas Since 1968

Lifetime Service Achievement Award

Travis Meredith

The **THIRD Queen City Corvette Club Lifetime Service Award** was presented to Travis Meredith on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Part of the presentation read as: This is a new award that will not be an annual award but one given out to recognize someone who has given many years of service to the club. The board does respectfully present the name of Travis Meredith for the QCCC Lifetime Service Achievement Award in our club. Travis first joined QCCC in 1971 shortly after purchasing a 1964 red coupe, 327,365 hp, 4spd with a/c --a very rare car which he still owns today. He was President in 1972 and 1976. He was Vice President in 1973 and 1974. He has held the staff position of historian since 2014 after rejoining QCCC several years ago. He was solely responsible for starting our first newsletter and continued to produce the newsletter including artwork, typing and mailing from 1972 through 1977. Travis was very instrumental in QCCC acquiring the Charlotte Motor Speedway for club racing of the 1975, 1976 and 1977 Corvette/Porsche Challenges plus the 1975 NCCC Southeastern Sectional Event. Along with Richard Breyare, Travis met with the Mayor of Myrtle Beach and acquired the right to have a sandkana race on Myrtle Beach in 1976. He and Buzz Cagle led a contingent of QCCC members to the National Convention in Dallas, Texas in 1973. Travis and Jim Whitley located and secured a lease for the QCCC clubhouse on the corner on Westover and Independence which was our watering hole from 1973 thru 1979. He helped plan and produce the NCCC National Convention in 1978 held downtown, at the speedway and at Carrowinds. While President he oversaw incorporation of the club along with updated by-laws. The original incorporation papers have 4 QCCC signatures , two of which are Sharon and Travis Meredith. He organized and tracked down old members for both the 88 (20 year) and 93 (25th year) reunion parties, including mailing invitations to all the old lost members. In the mid 70's when the bank balance often was well below \$100, he would make awards from scrap lumber and old car parts he would scavenge where he worked at Charlotte Body Shop. He is a true hoarder of QCCC artifacts making him an outstanding historian. His 64 coupe was won car shows at Southpark, Freedom Mall, Auto Fair, QCCC Car Show and Matthews Alive. It can be written in history that Travis Meredith along with a handful of other QCCC early members like Earl Ferrell, Tommy Mitchem , Darrell Kirkley and Melvin Pace were the force that kept QCCC surviving. Travis fully displays, exemplifies and perpetuates the principles and ideals of QCCC.



Queen City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 Time: 5:00 PM Location: Mimi's Cafe – Northlake

Board Members Present: Bill Cruthis, President; Paul Mitchell, Vice-President; Chris Wood, Membership Director; Gary Cunningham, Automotive Director; Pat Bonino, Social Director; Jim Weisberg, Treasurer; Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary. Guest: Craig Smith

MEETING DISCUSSION: *(Additional Event Details on QCCC Website)*

President: Bill Cruthis

- Bill called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the meeting.
- Reviewed 2016 Calendar of Events.
- Planned For November Business Meeting
 - Elections will be held for Directors and Member of the Year
 - Road Rally results announced and trophies to be awarded
 - LSAA will be presented at November meeting
 - Corvette Fever Awards to be given

Treasurer: Jim Weisberg

- Reviewed Overall **2015 Budget YTD Status**
- Discussed **Detailed Expenses.**
 - **Expense Receipts** were approved for:
 - Christmas Party - \$500
 - Koozies - \$180
 - Copies (Ballots) & Caring Cards - \$35
 - **Projected Expenses** were approved for November:
 - Envelopes for New Member Packages - \$15
- Target is a year-end budget balance carryover of \$6K.
- Motion was approved to expand Advertising / Sponsorship Coordination, managed by the Finance Committee.
- Board agreed that all email expense approvals will be summarized to the Secretary each month for inclusion in the Minutes.

Social Director: Pat Bonino

- **November 14 Meeting Dinner at Speedway Club**
 - Members Payment in advance of \$34.16 per person by check to QCCC
 - Speedway Club Bar open before and after meeting
 - Social starts at 4 pm, Meeting at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:45 pm

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- Overnight and Day Trips for 2016 Being Planned
- Reviewed Budgets and Costs for Planned events

Vice President: Paul Mitchell

- **Upcoming 2015 Meeting Dates / Locations planned:**
 - **November 14, 2015 – Speedway Club, Concord**
 - Dinner available after the meeting. (See Social Info)
 - **December 12, 2015 – Pleasant Hill Presbyterian, Charlotte**
 - Catered Christmas Party (See Social Info)
- **2016 Meeting Locations**
 - Reviewed the Scheduled and optional meeting locations for 2016.
 - Discussed venues for April and September picnics / BBQs
- **Participant Awards** were approved for 2016.
- In Lieu of Trophies as awards, discussed Plaques and \$50 Gift Certificates

Automotive Director: Gary Cunningham

- **November 21, 2015 Corvette Angels**
 - Multiple Corvette Clubs participating
 - Bill Miller coordinating for QCCC
 - Unwrapped Gifts for Salvation Army Angel Trees
 - Begins at 9 AM at Charlotte Motor Speedway
 - Caravan to Bar Louie for Brunch

Membership Director: Chris Wood

- **Membership Package**
 - Discussed Contents
 - Looking for competitive vendors for Magnetic Name Badges
- **Prospective Members**
 - Current prospective members – 29
 - Eligible to be voted in at November Meeting – 13 (if they attend)
- **Advertising Renewal Request** – Double B Graphix
- **Request for Associate Membership** – Robert and Judy Anderson (Monroe, Va)
 - QCCC Sponsors – Brian and Barbara Kruse, Chris and Peggy Wood

Secretary: Carolyn Zimmer

- Discussed new Board Meeting **Agenda Process**.
 - Monthly Information Reports
 - Monthly Discussion Items
- Discussed latest revision of the **Advertising Guidelines and Coordinator Duties**
- **QCCC Bylaws Draft Document Reviewed**
 - Reviewed and recommendations provided by attorney Jerry Miller
 - Minor Changes made by Board members (words, typos)
 - Some Concerns and Discussion on requirement of Indemnity Form Signatures
 - Board Approved Draft Document as Discussed in Meeting (w/ Indemnity Forms)
 - Director Vote was 6 to 1
 - Chris Wood cast the dissenting vote
 - Current Member Approval Schedule
 - December 10 - Send Board-Approved Draft to Membership
 - January 9, 2016 – Discuss at January Business Meeting
 - February 13, 2016 – Membership Vote on Bylaws Updates
- Briefly Discussed Board Member expectations for **Legal Compliance Guidelines and Statutes**
 - Agreed to do a detailed review of QCCC Insurance Policy (**Action:** Bill Cruthis)
 - Compliance Process for Board needs to be developed (**Action:** Carolyn Zimmer)
- **Birthdays** will be announced and **Restaurant Door prize** given at November Business Meeting.
- **Charities 2016** - Wendy will provide update of input received for 2016 Charities at November meeting.
- **2016 Election Ballot** – Ballots are printed – 150.
- **Gift Certificates** – Need Plan for Distribution of 4 Gift Certificates from 2015 Car Show (Proceeds of which go to Charity fund)
 - **Billy Boat Exhaust** - \$400 Each (2)
 - **Freeman Car Stereo** - \$100, \$50
- **Thank You Notes** – Still need Vendor Names/Addresses for all Notes to be sent.
- **Birthday Gift Cards** – Board approved purchase of (3) Restaurant Gift Cards for 1Q2016. Will approach sponsors/advertisers for complimentary gift certificates for remainder of 2016.

Old Business:

- Bill appointed **Cindy Peoples as the new Newsletter Editor** to replace Craig Smith who is running for Treasurer unopposed.
- LSAA Award will be presented at the November Business Meeting.

New Business:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Zimmer, Secretary