



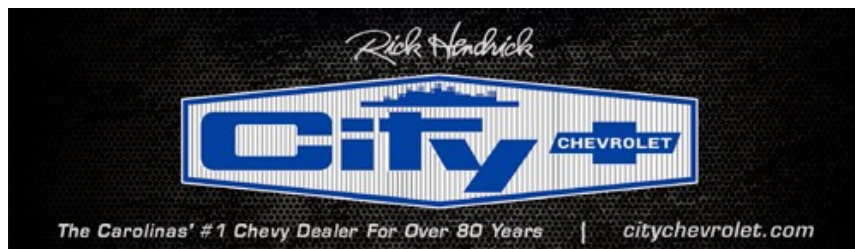
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The **Queen City Corvette Gazette** is the official newsletter of the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), established in 1968, and is electronically published and distributed monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC. Additional information regarding QCCC is available at our website: www.queencitycorvette.com. QCCC is a non-profit club (501(c)(7)) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money for and participates with various local charities. We strive to promote exciting, safe and fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates social time. After an initiation fee of \$10.00 per person, club dues are \$100 per year to be paid semiannually or annually. These dues go to cover the cost of programs, events, running the club, and subsidizing the cost of our meetings. Club officers and supporting staff serve as volunteers. To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must be at least 21 years of age, own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings within a twelve-month period. Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts! For additional membership information, visit <http://queencitycorvette.com/Membership/> or contact our Membership Director at membership@queencitycorvette.com. We would love to have you join us for a monthly business meeting. If you can't join us, please WAVE!

QCCC's mailing address is: Queen City Corvette Club, PO Box 574 Paw Creek, NC 28130.



‘Twas the Month We Had Christmas

A QCCC Christmas tribute

(with apologies to Clement Clarke Moore)

Paul Mitchell, Vice President

‘Twas the month we had Christmas, and all through the club

We decorated our houses, all rooms and each shrub.

Our lights were twinkling and our fires were ablaze

We all were festive and enjoying the craze.

The parties were constant, the laughter was fun

We shopped till we choked, and then we were done.

As we lay down at night, under the stars

We wonder what Santa had for our cars.

Performance or sparkle, we wondered aloud

What would we get to make our cars proud.

On Eckler, on Zip, Mid America too

Catalogs confirmed what we already knew.

When we opened our gifts and saw what he brung

Our hearts were happy and we all felt so young.

Yes gifts for our cars make us smile with glee

But the real gift we have is simple and free.

Great friends in our club, the best car in the land

Other car people just don’t understand.

We love our Corvette, and our club we are in

Life is so good, the best it has been.

So love them and cherish them, our fabulous car,

And drive them to restaurants both near and far.

So enjoy this season, with laughter and cheer

Thanks for the fun, let’s repeat it next year!





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- The General Manager reserves the right to limit this offer to "In Stock" or "On Order" vehicles. Extra costs may apply for Locates, Transportation, or Specialty Vehicles.

Pre-Owned Vehicles

- Vehicles in-stock and available for retail sale may be purchased for inventory amount plus \$500. Extra costs may apply for Transportation, or Specialty Vehicles.
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- City offers over 7000 Used Vehicles online that can be transferred in for delivery. The prices of these vehicles are on our website CityChevrolet.com. Shipping costs may apply.

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December, 2017

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Happy Holiday Season and
Happy New Year.**



Gary, Ms. America and Snickers, the dog who loves candy canes....



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Calendar Snapshot of Planned Events for the Next Few Months:

December

2	QCCC Business Meeting & Christmas Party - Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church	Details & Information
7	Billy Graham Library	Details & Information
30	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	Details & Information

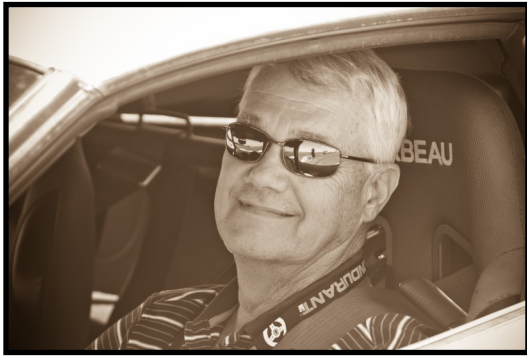
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January

13	QCCC Business Meeting & 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off	Details & Information
27	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	Details & Information

February

10	QCCC Business Meeting and Valentine's Day Dinner	Details & Information
24	Street Side Classics Cars and Coffee Cruise In	Details & Information



From the Automotive Director's Desk

~ Brian Kruse

Well, this year sure shot by, much like the Corvette Racing race cars passing the North Paddock Control Building. If you have never been in the downstairs room, when one of them goes by, it is a bit like a supersonic fighter flyover. The noise follows the flash of the car. This room is used for the driver's meetings during race time, and a classroom for other events at the track.

Everyone gets to put their stamp on their tenure on the QCCC board. Mine is small print and fine ink so that Roger and Dee can make a bigger mark next year and keep QCCC as the lead dog on the sled team. You can help by offering to support the events they plan.

By the time you read this, our 2000 FRC will be in the hands of another club member, Jeff Crosby. A couple days ago, I took Jeff for a test ride. After warming up the engine and drive train, we hopped onto I485. I watched Jeff's expression as I ramped the car up to full throttle, and pulled to 6k RMP in the first three gears. Heavy traffic kept us from pulling up to the top of 4th. I glanced at Jeff's face to see if there was any fear; none noted, except a big grin.

The big plan is to reduce the Kruse Corvette corral to one, a new C7. The GrandSport is next. It is on the market and I have had several calls. It is a rather rare color [which by the way adds zero value, but adds more than yellow] and as luck would have it there is a nearly identical Corvette ragtop in the local market and OF COURSE, it is priced less than my asking price. That being said, I've had several calls about it. I did have the foresight to add a scuff to the front fascia just before marketing it. Amazing how a small surface imperfection can turn off buyers.

Now if you really want to get a lot of interest in a car for sale, do exactly what I did, put a scuff in a noticeable location and remove a key body part. I have had more calls in the two days the front fascia has been off than the entire prior month.

I fretted over the scuff, so John dutifully helped me remove the front fascia and transport it to Earnhart Chev for some paint repairs. I was playing salesman with a potential buyer of the FRC [before Jeff bought it] while John did all the hard work. Since neither of us had ever removed a C6 front fascia. We nearly got stumped by the connection of the fascia to the front fenders right next to the headlights. It is a funky snap connection. It is very tempting to use the corner of the headlight as a fulcrum to pry up. **DON'T**. Instead, slide your hand inside and push up with your fingers. Once we figured out one side the other came easy.

There have to be at least 60 small fasteners holding that fascia to the car. When we put it back on, I'm pretty sure we will have some left over. Sure hope they will fit a C7, as I won't take it

back apart to find the location missing that one little screw.

There are a lot of doin's in December, hopefully it will be dry so you can enjoy the last month of the year in your Corvette.

Best Wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy new year.

Barb and Brian

Membership Director's Report

December 2017

Paul Schmitt

“Building a GREAT Corvette Club One Member at a Time”

I can't believe I'm saying: MERRY CHRISTMAS!! Yep, only 27 more days to go! Hope you have at least started your Christmas Shopping. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish ALL the QCCC Members a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.

QCCC Members had a GREAT November! We had the privilege of participating in the **5th Annual AmeriCarna Car Show** last Saturday. It was another momentous event, with many beautiful QCCC Corvettes represented. That was the 1st time QCCC participated in this Car Show and it was super that Ray Evernham came over to our group to welcome and personally thank us for coming. When the show was over they presented Roger Winge the ***“Most Entries from a Car Club Award”***. Roger did a great job organizing and executing QCCC entries for the Show. Thank You Roger and thank you Members for making the Show a great success!



Welcome our Newest Members



John and Sue Plyler -- 2016 Yellow Coupe

Total Membership through November 12, 2017

Total Membership - 361

Total Families - 191

New Members through November 12, 2017 - 29

Total Prospective Members - 38

Potential PMs to be voted in next meeting – 6

Average Monthly Attendance - 132 (11 mos.)

Care and Compassion

Please check our club website under the “Care” tab for all updates and changes to this list.

Upcoming December & January Event Reminders

December 2 - QCCC Christmas Party & Meeting - Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church, December 7 - Billy Graham Library Dinner - Billy Graham Library

2018 - January 13 - 6th Annual Chili Cook Off & Meeting, Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Sign up at December meeting to bring chili, salad, cornbread, or dessert.



National Corvette Museum



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Before I wander far off course, a big shout out to Roger & Dee Dee Winge for organizing the QCCC participation in Ray Evernham's Americarna car show. As a result of their efforts, QCCC won the club participation trophy and congrats to Reggie Black on his trophy for his gorgeous Cadillac.

At this time of the holiday season I'm sure most everyone has their gift shopping completed and their party cards filled out so, let's move on past the end of the year holidays and take a look at the upcoming New Year. Which means, of course, making our New Year's resolutions (most of which won't be kept) and event planning for 2018. Event planning is the easier task of the two so let's get cracking.

Coming up first is the Rolex 24 Hour race at Daytona. If you have never attended this event you should be making plans now to join our merry band for a great time down North in Florida. Our group grows larger each year as more dedicated Corvette people get caught up in Sports Car racing. You owe it to yourself to try it at least once.

Then we have the gala event of the Queen City Corvette Club, our annual banquet with this year's theme of a Golden Anniversary. Look for great doins' as the party will be on to celebrate our fifty years.

The end of April brings about the Michelin Bash at the National Corvette Museum. The 2018 Bash should have some unique and surprising activities. Everyone is wondering about the sudden change in the Corvette's model year. Hopefully, an explanation will be given in one of the seminars by the GM folk. And the new ZR1 will be on display with some other surprises possible. Like a good Santa Claus, I'm making my list and checking it twice or three or more times as to who plan on going and needs a hotel room. Sign up will begin at the January general meeting or you can let me know via e-mail.

That takes care of the biggies through the first part of the year but don't overlook all the club activities going on in between them. Take part in everything you can as life won't let you look back.

If you are not a member of the NCM and you are wondering what all the noise is about, let's you and I have about a five minute conversation and maybe I can fill in the blanks for you. Or better yet, talk with one of the QCCC members who have made this trip to a NCM event and ask what they have gained with the experience. Once you make the journey, you will understand.

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

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

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



QCCC Vintage Trivia

Did you know.....

- QCCC's first official meeting was in August 1968 with 4 members attending.
- The first logo was taken from a 396 emblem from a 65 Impala.
- The club's first logo tags were actually photo etched engraving plates from the Charlotte Observer printing facility, acquired by an unnamed source, that were hand painted by members.
- Through 1971 meetings were held at member's homes or local restaurants.
- In 1972 Marine recruiter Bill Czarnawski joined QCCC after being transferred to Charlotte and arranged for the local induction center, in the Squires Building on Pecan Avenue, to be used as our meeting place.
- LaPointe Chevrolet became the club's first sponsor for \$500.00 which was spent on timing equipment and pylons.
- Lots of pylons were needed, so the call went out in the newsletter for a "legal" source, since there was a shortage of pylons at various street projects for some reason.
- In early 1972, QCCC had it's first professionally printed newsletter/magazine, produced by a local print firm and financed by local advertisers. The second issue was canceled when the majority of advertisers failed to pay the printer for the first one.
- Of the 13 advertisers in the first newsletter, including LaPointe Chevrolet, Shuffletown Drag Strip, Plaza Auto Parts, Ace Speed Shop, none are still in business.
- In 1972 there were 23 members, one car one member, one vote, spouses were not recognized as voting members until a bi-law change around 1999.
- From 1968 through the late 70's, the president always slept with the secretary. It *was* the 70's.
- In 1972, there were 26 Corvettes owned by club members: 2 C-1's, 9 C-2 small blocks, 4 C-2 big blocks, 8 C-3 small blocks, and 3 C-3 big blocks. Most were daily drivers.
- The Clubhouse was acquired in 1973, located on the northeast corner of Independence Boulevard and Westover Avenue. It was torn down in the late 80's as part of the Independence Expressway project.
- The Clubhouse was frequently used for baby and wedding showers. (Remember, the average age of club members in 1975 was 30).
- Clubhouse expenses were subsidized by the sale of draft beer at the club bar, which had no ABC permits or any form of insurance. When in a cash flow crunch, we had to drink our way out. Fortunately, no one ever got hurt, arrested or sued.
- In 1973 a 15.5 gallon keg of Schlitz cost approximately \$24.00. Profits were high. So were the members.
- From 1973 to it's demise in 1977, the Clubhouse was open nearly every Wednesday night for bench racing, beer drinking and general socializing.
- QCCC was introduced to the National Council of Corvette Clubs in 1971 when Don and Mary Francis were relocated to Charlotte from Michigan, where they were very active in the Corvette Club and NCCC.

- The Corvette club in Greenville, S.C. were active racers in NCCC and met with QCCC's officers at a restaurant on South Tryon Street to promote the organization.
- In early 1971 4 representatives from QCCC attended NCCC's annual business meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio and QCCC was accepted as members of the Southeast Region.
- QCCC hosted NCCC's Southeast Regional event in 1974, and the National Conventions in 1978 and 1992.
- QCCC was NCCC Regional Champions from 1984-87, 1989-93, and National Champions in 1988.
- QCCC left NCCC in 2001 when the club voted to change the bi-laws requiring membership.
- If you want to view previous “Vintage Articles” they are available by going to the on-line club site and click on the “Archives” tool box. There is an index list of “Vintage” article titles by month and year. The articles are within the newsletter for that month and year.
- QCCC is approaching 50 years of very interesting history which we wish to share with the current membership. And we look forward to celebrating the club's 50th Anniversary in style.

Travis Meredith, *historian*



QCCC Members & Guests Photos

There are many, many more to see on the website!

Click [Here](#) to View the Photo Gallery

Do you have club photos you would like to share?

Click [Here](#) to Upload to the Photo Gallery

or copy and paste the link below to your browser:

<http://qcccphoto.smugmug.com/upload/rZ6vZk/QCCCMemberGallery>.

Please send an email to photo@queencitycorvette.com to let Karin know there are pictures recently loaded to the member upload gallery and to which event the photos apply.



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On **facebook**?

ICYMI – we have TWO Facebook pages?

QCCC Members is a 'closed' group for only paid QCCC members
www.facebook.com/groups/409674005715403/

- Members have to ask to join
- Once approved, any member can freely post your photos, car events, videos and share/post Corvette-related news.

Queen City Corvette Club is an 'open' page for anyone on FB
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- Anyone on FB can "like" and "follow" our events
- Only our FB administrators can post on this page
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QCCC Christmas Dinner/ Meeting

SAVE THE DATE
December 2nd, 2017

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church
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Enjoy wearing casual holiday clothes!!!!

Social	5:00 pm
Dinner	6:00 pm

*****LOTS MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW*****

Short Business Meeting and some “fun” to follow