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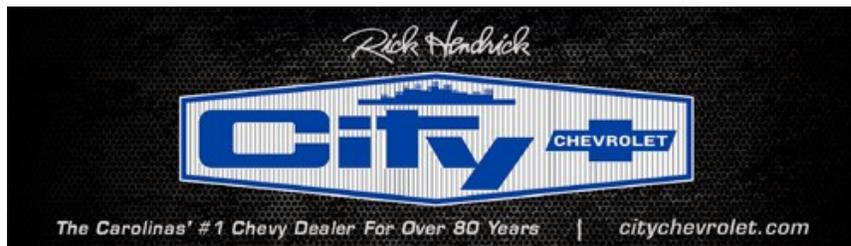


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The **Queen City Corvette Gazette** is the official newsletter of the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), established in 1968, and is electronically published and distributed monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC. Additional information regarding 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 https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=330 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!

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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

Can you believe the summer is half over? Where does the time go? With the unbelievably hot weather we are having, with lack of rain, we don't have any grass to mow, so we should have more time to drive our cars. I hope you are doing just that. I am not, so let's get some things going this month.

First we have our July meeting at SRI Performance in Mooresville. Unfortunately we will not have access to the dyno at the meeting, but we always have that race shop kind of feel, lots of interesting auto-related things to look at. We will review details on several events coming up in the next few weeks, plus more information on our big 50th Anniversary meeting on August 11. See you at the meeting on July 14.

The 21st is the annual Beach Music and Vettes event. Travel with fellow QCCC members to North Wilkesboro to hear the Embers. You have 3 options – drive on your own, meet in Troutman and caravan via I-77 and 421, or meet at I-40 exit 144 and travel Brushy Mountain Road. There will be sign-up sheets at the meeting for either option.

On July 28, QCCC will be traveling to Kannapolis to hear our favorite group Too Much Sylvia. It is in a beautiful outdoor arena. Bring chairs and a picnic or snacks. Beer and wine will be sold there. Let's have a huge group at this event. We had a good group last year, but let's show up big time this year.

Then it will be time for the event of the year, the QCCC 50th Anniversary meeting/party. Many people have been working on this event for several months, and you will be amazed at the displays covering the history of the club. Ice cream and cake, and free goodies for everyone. We will take a group picture outside with our cars, so be there on time. The meeting will be short so we can look at everything on display and reminisce about our amazing history with all members.

The QCCC All Corvette Car Show will be here before you know it. Car Show Chairman Tommy Loftin has been very busy with preliminary duties, but it is time for others to start getting involved. Start by getting your car registered for the show. You can have your car judged or display only. I am shooting for 100 QCCC cars to be registered. So get that done, and let Tommy know you are available to get involved. We are going to have the best car show ever!

Lots of things are going on, as you can see. But, again, get out there in your beautiful Corvette and drive. Because we always need to....

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I'm dedicated to rebuilding the relationship between the Queen City Corvette Club and Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet. Our team is looking forward to further fostering the connection through the mutual support of our organizations. You have my commitment.

Chris Boone, General Manager

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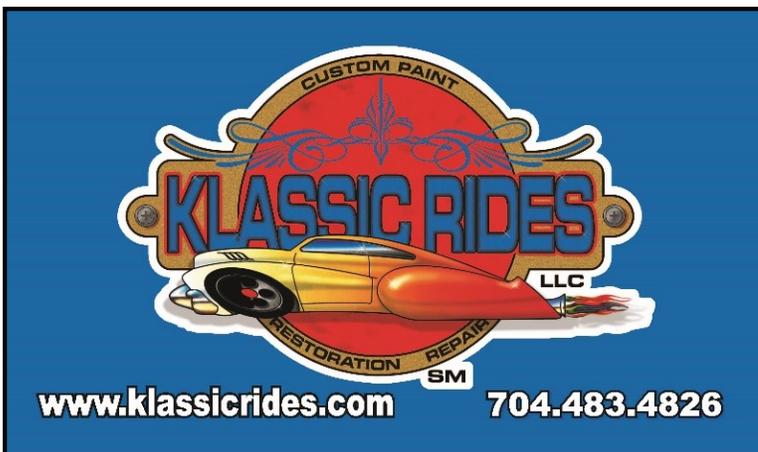



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VeeP's View with



Hello all, and we at the QCCC have closed the books on another June summer month. With the warmer weather and clear days, more events have graced our Corvette community in allowing us to take to the open roads. In June, we had the Dale Earnhardt Car Show up in Denver NC, the Hot Rod Power Tour, as well as trips to Stone Mountain (thank you Clark Belvin) and Maggie Valley (thank you T&T Pennoni) as well the Cornelius Ice Cream Cruise In (thanks K&K Cross), along with the Troutman 4th of July parade. More great things happening in July as well as continued preparations for the August 50th Birthday Party planning. Hope to see you all there.

In Corvette Racing in June, plagued by the Balance of OUTCOME, the 63 team managed to claw their way to a fifth placed finish. Here is to hoping that race coordinators figure this series out soon. It was also announced that Corvette Racing will close its 20th season of competition in grand style by competing in the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) 2018 race in Shanghai November 16-18. The Corvette Racing teams also had a second and fifth place positions at Watkins Glen NY on July 1st.

I thought I would share a little bit of "What Happened in1970";

1. Average cost of new house \$23,450.00
2. Cost of a gallon of gas 36 cents
3. Average cost of a new car \$3,543.00
4. The Apollo 13 mission by the United States and James Lovell, John Swigert and Fred Haise were to mark the third trip to the moon before an oxygen tank explodes. Due to heroic engineering knowhow all three astronauts made it back to Earth. Also to the dismay of many, the Beatles disbanded.

But the most important automotive event was;

The Corvette Stingray LT-1/ZR1 was an icon from the 1970's. Built on the Mako Shark concept, this model became a victim of the oil crisis of 1972 forcing automakers to downsize their engines due to fuel economy. However, the 1970 Stingray had two years to stretch its legs prior to the downsizing requirement and the LT-1 was the best 'Vette to be released during this generation. With a 350-cubic-inch/370hp V8 engine, the LT-1 could run a quarter mile in just 14.36 seconds cruising at over 101-mph. In 1970 there were only 1,287 LT-1s made, and ONLY 25 ZR1s produced.

Smoke'em if you got'em.....(tires that is!)





WHAT'S HAPPENING SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Margo Gross
July 2018

What a great summer this has been, a little warm, but great nonetheless. We had a fun meeting in June at the Speedway Club with a lot of members attending, in comfortable air conditioning with drinks in hand. I need to thank Bonnie Wheeler and Clark Belvin for organizing the trip to Stone Mountain, GA and Terri and Tom Pennoni and Pam and Larry Tucker for great trip to Maggie Valley. ☺ It was such a success I hear they are planning on doing another next year! I also have to thank Kelly and Keith Cross for calling us together for an ice social last Sunday. What perfect weather we had and what a great turnout! Even though it was last minute, so many cars and people showed up. I'm not sure if it was because people wanted ice cream with their friends, or if it was the fact that for once you could be outside and not sweat to death, at any rate it was a good excuse to be with your Corvette friends and eat ice cream at the same time!

Talking about friends, I'll be needing a couple more for the upcoming August Anniversary/Meeting. We will have a lot of things happening and I could use some helping hands. If anyone is willing to help please send me an email at margogross@gmail.com. I can tell you ahead of time the building is definitely well air conditioned so you won't be doing anything to make you hot!

Until I see you again, have a great summer and stay cool! ☀



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

QCCC had a great showing at the Dale Earnhardt Charity Car Show. It was smoking HOT but we had a good time.

July will bring us the events listed below, let's have a great QCCC showing at all these events.

UP COMING AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS:

[see the QCCC Events Calendar on our website for details]:

- July 14 - Waterbean Cars & Coffee Cornelius
- July 14 - QCCC Monthly Meeting
- July 20 - Hot Rods & Hops Cornelius
- July 21 - Beach Music & Vettes
- July 28 - Concert in Kannapolis with Too Much Sylvia

Thanks

Roger Winge
Automotive Director



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS NEWSLETTER

July 2018

Here's hoping everyone in our Club had a fantastic 4th of July!! We sure did, having a cookout with our family and fireworks after at Harrisburg Park. The BEST fireworks I have ever seen.

Well, we are in the middle of summer. Can you believe we are half way through 2018? Man, where does the time go? It has been great weather for a convertible, especially in the evening when the sun goes down. The other night we drove into Dilworth and had a fish fry at Lebowski's. One of our favorite restaurants. The owner is from Buffalo NY, so their specialties are Buffalo Chicken Wings, Roast Beef on Weck, and the Haddock Fish Fry. They also serve Genesee Cream Ale and Labatt's Blue, a Buffalo favorite beer to compliment the meal. You really feel like you're at home and the food is excellent.

So, my suggestion to you is to venture out for an evening, or a weekend and visit some of the fantastic places in North Carolina. So much to see, and so many restaurants to visit. Take the challenge and go out and discover someplace NEW. It's a GREAT summer, be sure you enjoy it driving your Corvette.

All the Best!

Paul Schmitt- Membership Director

MEMBERSHIP- New Members:

There were 3 people that were voted in to our Club at the June Meeting. They Are:

JUNE- Mark and Misty Fisher- Salisbury N.C. 2017 Blue Z06



JUNE- Chris Farrell- Charlotte N.C. 2017 Black Z06



Total Membership- JUNE 2018

QCCC Members- 341

QCCC Families- 183

New Members through JUNE 2018- 24

Prospective Members- 24

Potential PM to be voted in next meeting- 5

Average Monthly Attendance- 121

NEW QCCC NAME BADGES- If you would like a NEW Name Badge with the NEW logo they are \$7.50 each. Please see me and put your name on the list. Payment is made before the badges are ordered.

Care and Compassion-

Please check the QCCC Website for those that are ill and in need of your prayers.

Upcoming Events-

Check out our QCCC Calendar for all the Summer Events. There are just too many to list here.



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

I hope you have had the opportunity to peruse the latest issue of America's Sports Car (ASC) magazine from the NCM. The by-line should read "featuring the Queen City Corvette Club". It includes an article on Harold and Suzanne Crockett and their gift from son Mac. The issue also includes our car show flyer and heading the article listing all the clubs that participated in the parking lot banner program was a photo of the QCCC banner. In the article featuring the museum delivery by the John Bungard family, they mentioned attending QCCC meetings. And finally, Mac Crockett got photo credit for the Crockett family article. So you want to be famous? Join QCCC, the NCM and then take part in a museum function.

Congratulations and a big thank you to Al and Gerri Kessel for converting their Five Year Membership to a NCM Lifetime membership. Now I won't keep asking if their membership is up to date. It always will be.

The NCM has started honoring those clubs that have 100% NCM memberships. To meet that goal, some clubs have made NCM membership part of their club dues. I admit that is a good thing for the NCM, but I have a hard time asking someone to join by decree rather than having them join because they want to be part of an elite group. Our membership percentage has stalled out at the 55% level and with the enthusiasm our club has, it should be much higher. So what's stopping you from joining up? You won't be sorry.

I understand that the Le Mans viewing party at the NCM was nearly a sell-out and everyone attending had a great time. I'm just sorry that all of us who watched the race saw such a lousy event. Talk about the fix being in. Toyota had stated that they would exit the World Endurance Championship (WEC) if they didn't at least get a podium spot and should they win they would commit to running the entire 2018 season. So guess what---they won by 13 laps. Also, it was Porsche's 70th Anniversary which they were celebrating worldwide so nobody could touch them and only the pace car could prevent a 1-2 finish. Can you somehow combine WEC, IMSA, and NASCAR into one big acronym? ***I SAW SCAM RACEN*** (it's all there!)

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	- 183
No. of NCM Members	- 101 (55%)
No. of Lifetime Members	- 40
No. of Duntov Society Members	- 4
No. of Spire Members	- 5

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

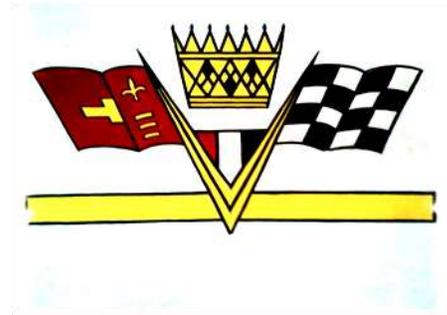
NCM Ambassador

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



The Very Beginning: 50 Years Ago

As we prepare to celebrate QCCC's 50th anniversary next month, let's go back and see exactly what took place 50 years ago that resulted in the club we have today.

It's the summer of 1968, 22-year old high school buddies Earl Ferrell and Carl Brown both had '66 Corvettes and had looked into joining the Corvette Club of North Carolina, a regional club with mostly "older" Corvette owners in their 30's and 40's. It didn't seem like a good fit, so Earl proposed starting their own club. Neighbor Clyde Richards had just bought a new Corvette, so the duo became a trio and recruitment started immediately. Earl had some business cards printed where you could write in your name and phone number, and he would leave them under the windshield wipers of every Corvette he saw sitting still. Butch Bigham remembers being at LaPointe Chevrolet having a problem solved on his new '68 when Earl approached him in the service lane. Butch joined in July.

The first thing on the agenda was a name. They all agreed it should have a direct connection to Charlotte and being called the "Queen City" seemed a perfect fit. The bi-laws were drafted and approved and stated that charter members were to be voted on by August 9, 1968. There were four charter members on that date.

Next was a logo. They wanted something unique yet identifiable with Chevrolet. Clyde had a fender emblem from a 1966 427 Caprice hanging in his garage and said "what about this?" They added a crown and it was adopted. Some of the early copies even had "427 Turbo-Jet" in the two bars that were on either side of the V. Later "Charlotte N. Carolina" was added there. The first tags were actually made out of photo engraved metal printing plates that someone secretly did at work. They had to be hand painted by the members, but they served the purpose and since they

were coming out of the “back door”, the price was right.

By 1969 QCCC had a core group of about 10 members. Early events were simple social gatherings, lots of cruising in caravans, including some road trips and some fun rallies where you had to follow some vague clues to navigate to a destination. But mainly it was an excuse to get together and talk cars. In those simpler times it didn't take much to entertain this group.

It is important to note that QCCC was really the vision of one man: Earl Ferrell. He and wife Martha were loyal members from the very beginning, attending almost every event even as they added two sons to their family. His nickname of “Duke of Earl” stuck, but he didn't seem to mind. He wasn't one of the hell-raisers, he was quick to lend a hand and after founding the club and being the first president, he quietly let others lead the club he started. Unfortunately, Earl battled cancer and after a long painful fight, he passed away on October 20th, 1987 at the age of 41.

It is ironic to think that 50 years have passed since some very young men in their early 20's found a way to own a Corvette and form the Queen City Corvette Club. The cars were the common denominator, but the close relationships developed quickly and it became the brotherhood it is today.

The display at the August meeting at Hendrick Motorsports will show the evolution of the club throughout the decades. We hope you will find it interesting and worthy of preserving.

Travis Meredith, *historian*



From Track to Street

Hello all you IMSA and LeMans race fans. Well June and July were very busy months for Corvette Racing. We had a ball at the NCM watching all 24 hours of LeMans. Corvette did very well in the race that was fixed so that Porsche could win in their 75th year. We came in 4th due to a driver error by FORD. The venue at the museum was excellent. They fed us more than we could eat, the seats were great, the talks by the race team and special guests were fun and most of all we had no commercials. It can't get better than that unless you are at LeMans.

The race at Watkins Glen was a better race due to the GTLM cars being more equal in performance. The drivers were the show. It was fun seeing Corvette running 1st and 2nd for a while then the number 4 Corvette made a pit stop that did not turn out as they wanted it to. The number 3 Corvette placed 2nd for the race and it was fun to watch a battle. Only BMW lacked something due to breaking. It is their first year in they are in new car so things are not up to par yet.

This article was written before the next race but on July 8th the race will be at Motorsport Park in Canada. This is owned by Ron Fellows so maybe Corvette will get a second win this year. Just joking but hoping.

Remember the VIR race is August 17 – 19, 2018 and tickets are available for the Corvette Corral. This is a great place to watch a race and is within a 2 hour drive from Charlotte. It is also a Corvette Track so come help us encourage our team's win. Yes, they do hear us on the track and they say it helps them.

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



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.



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
www.facebook.com/QueenCityCorvette/

- Anyone on FB can "like" and "follow" our events
- Only our FB administrators can post on this page
 - Just ask and we'll post for you
- Anyone on FB can like or reply to our posts.



Groups



Pages



QCCC Members

88 members



Queen City Corvette Club



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QCCC JULY MONTHLY MEETING

SUBJECT: July QCCC Monthly Meeting

DATE: July 14, 2018

TIME: Social Time 4:00 PM
Meeting Time 5:00 PM

LOCATION: SRI Performance
122 Knob Hill Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

DETAILS: Unfortunately for SRI, Roush Racing abruptly decided to reclaim their dyno equipment and had it removed. Therefore, dyno runs will be UNAVAILABLE for this event. Adjoining garages and museum will continue to be available.

Just for Fun

A parting laugh...

Thanks to Jane Burt for sharing!

Finally I understand why cars have these things...

