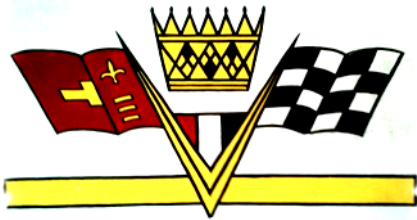


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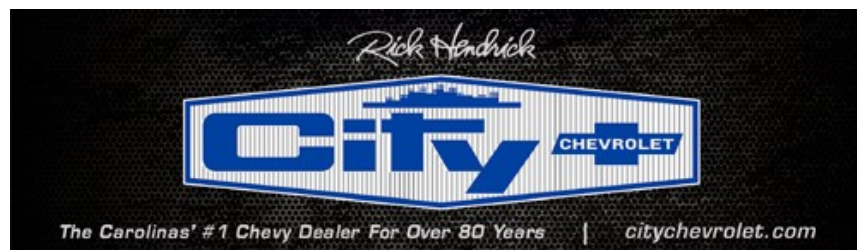


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## Queen City

# Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

The time has arrived! The Queen City Corvette Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party/meeting is this Saturday, August 11. And what an event this will be. Many people have done a tremendous amount of work planning this event, and getting together memorabilia and artifacts from the 50 year history of QCCC. There will be so much to look at, and so many people to share it with. Magic Mike Mariano has truly performed magic in putting together a photographic trip down memory lane, set to music. Photos from the last 50 years up to today will be showing on the Hendrick Team Center big screen all afternoon. Just watching these photos glide by will be a history lesson in itself.

There will be a display representing each decade, starting with the 70's up to the current one. You will be able to see how the club progressed, survived, and thrived over these 5 decades. Members that joined in each decade will be able to share what they saw at the beginning of their membership, and what they expected compared to what we are today. There will be lots of time to visit, interact, ask questions, and socialize.

Oh, and don't forget ice cream, cupcakes, and other snacks. A group photo will be taken for the first time in 20 years, outside with our Corvettes. And a champagne toast to QCCC will take place just before the business meeting starts.

The meeting will highlight the people of each decade, leaders of the club over the years, and celebrate the success of QCCC due to you, the members. Vintage Awards will be presented, plus other awards.

Representatives of City Chevrolet and Hendrick Motorsports will be special guests.

So you see this will be a very special day celebrating a very special event, a once in a lifetime event. Be there at 3, drive your Corvette. Please look for QCCC members directing traffic as we park the cars for the photo. Wear your anniversary T-shirt. And enjoy this time with great friends, the members of Queen City Corvette Club.

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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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# VeeP's View with



Hello all, another hot, humid, hazy July is in the books and with a few events that were available with Beach Music and Vettes in North Wilkesboro, as well as Concert in the Park with Too Much Sylvia in Kannapolis. We continue preparations for the August 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party planning that will take place at Hendrick Motorsports on 8/11. Don't forget your black T-Shirts. Hope to see you all there.

In Corvette Racing in July, lots of racing with the big yellow beasts. On July 8<sup>th</sup>, the teams had a double podium finish at the Canada race. On July 17<sup>th</sup> the teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place, but still not able to get win 100 yet. And lastly on Aug 6<sup>th</sup> the teams' double podium finished again with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I thought I would share a little bit of "What Happened in .....1990";

1. Average Cost of new house \$123,000.00
2. Cost of a gallon of Gas \$1.34
3. Average Cost of a new car \$12,490.00
4. Everyone had to have a Furby, except the Federal Government prohibited them from builds in fear of recording sensitive information.
5. Saddam Hussein invades Kuwait.
6. The Hubble Space Telescope was sent into orbit launched from the shuttle Discovery. Once operational, was determined the telescope needed a new pair of glasses as the mirror was cut to the wrong dimensions.

## **But the most important automotive event was:**

*Chevrolet introduced the 1990 ZR-1 featuring a Lotus designed and Mercury-Marine-built aluminum 5.7 liter V8 that put out a whopping 375hp which was a bunch when you consider the dismal horsepower ratings in the late 70's and 80's. The car ran 0-60 in 4.9 seconds and the ¼ mile in 13.4 seconds. It was the start of bringing back horsepower to the Corvette that continues to build today.*

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







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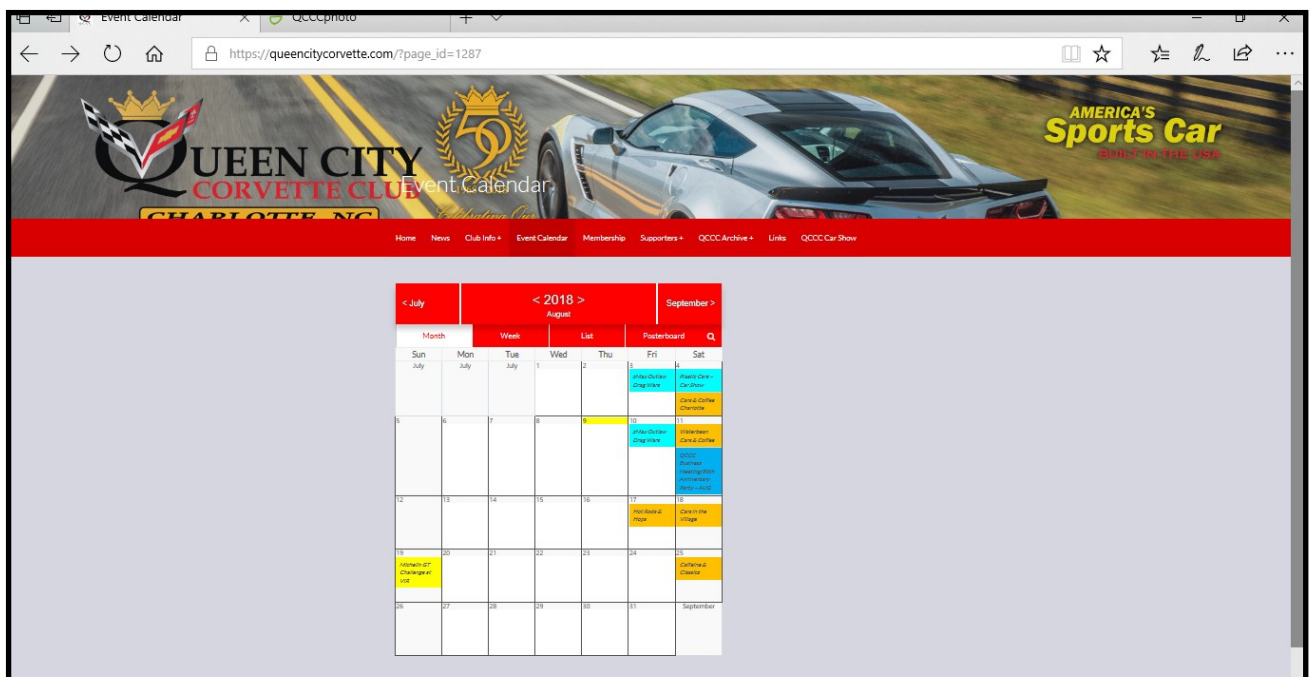
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Once you're there, just click on the month name in the top  
section to scroll to the next or previous month.*







## **WHAT'S HAPPENING SOCIAL DIRECTOR**

**Margo Gross  
August 2018**

Whew.... here it is August already! Man, where in the world did our summer go? It seems like it was just January and we were looking forward to the summer and now fall is quickly approaching. Soon we will be talking about Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays!

I hope you are ready for our big Anniversary Celebration Meeting this coming Saturday at Hendrick Motorsports Team Center. You certainly will not be disappointed in the slide show presentation that Mike and Karen Mariano have put together and Bill Cruthis and his gang have also worked very hard to gather lots of interesting decade information for display on tables as well. In addition, we will have some sweet treats to keep your tummies topped off until you can go out to supper with your friends. I would be amiss if I didn't give a shout out to all the many volunteers who will be assisting me on Saturday. In the last July Newsletter I mentioned I was in need of some volunteers for the Anniversary Celebration and at the July meeting I had a bunch of ladies step up and offer to help me out. That's what I love about this club, all you have to do is ask once and people jump right in and offer their help. You are all so GREAT!!!

On a sad note, today we all received word that our longtime QCCC friend Eddie Burt has passed away. As many of you many remember before Eddie became ill, he and Jane were very active in the club and, in fact, Eddie was the QCCC Membership Director for many years, and Jane the Secretary and also the Social Director for the club. These two were the first people we met in QCCC, and they were so warm and welcoming and one of the main reasons Q and I joined the club. We truly valued their kindness, insight and their friendship. Eddie will be missed by many and we certainly hope you will all keep Jane close to your heart and remember her and Eddie's family in your prayers.

More news will follow next month on the October Barbecue meeting at the Davidson's farm. Hope to see many of you Saturday and enjoy the rest of your summer!



# AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Happy 50th Anniversary Queen City Corvette Club!!!! Not many Corvettes Clubs is the nation can claim this milestone!

August 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]:*

- August 11 - Waterbean Cars & Coffee Cornelius
- August 11 - QCCC Monthly Meeting & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- August 17 - Hot Rods & Hops Cornelius
- August 19 – IMSA Michelin GT Challenge at Virginia International Raceway
- August 25 – Streetside Caffeine & Classics

Thanks

Roger Winge  
Automotive Director



## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS NEWSLETTER**

**August 2018**

**YOWZER!!** What a summer! One day it's blistering HOT and the next day we get lightning and HUGE thunderstorms. Well at least I can say my water bill last month was lower. I'll take that all summer long.

In case you didn't hear, QCCC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party will be held this Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hendrick Motorsport Complex. Festivities will start at 3:00pm sharp and will include ice cream with all your favorite toppings, a Champagne Toast to celebrate our 50 years, and a QCCC Group Picture, which will be taken outside the complex with our Corvettes. Our Meeting will start at 5:00pm sharp and it will be short!

There will be all kinds of Club Memorabilia to look at thanks to Bill Cruthis and Travis Meredith. There will also be a QCCC Gift Bag that will be handed out and a few other surprises. This is an event you need to be at. Come join us on Saturday and let's make a memory together!! We are anticipating at least 200 people.

We have a lot of activities coming up in the next couple of months. Auto Fair is just around the corner, along with a BBQ Picnic at the Davidson's. Don't forget our Annual QCCC Corvette Car Show on October 13<sup>th</sup>. 2018. We need you to register your car with Tommy Loftin. You don't have to get it judged if you don't want to, just bring it so QCCC has a good

showing. We wrap up the year with our Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at the VFW Post.

Be sure to mark your calendar accordingly and we'll see you there!

## Welcome our NEW QCCC Members



**Kent Dahlstrom**  
**2004 Blue Convertible**  
**Charlotte, NC**





**Randy Tate**  
**2008 Black Corvette**  
**Gastonia, NC**



**Will and Angie Bradley**  
**2002 White Convertible**  
**Hendersonville, NC**



**Floyd and Laurie Schwartz**  
**2018 Yellow Z51 Coupe**  
**Concord, NC**

## **Total Membership Through July 2018**

**Total Membership- 347**

**Total Families- 189**

**Prospective Members- 18**

**New Members this Year- 30**

**Average Meeting Attendance- 123**

## **Care and Compassion**

**It is with a very heavy heart that I think about our fellow QCCC Member, Eddie Burt. Eddie, as you know passed away the morning of August 8<sup>th</sup>. 2018. Arrangements are being made as this is written. A Memorial Service will be held in the future and Members will be notified.**

**Eddie and Jane have been Members in the QCCC Corvette Club since 1995. They have both dedicated themselves to the success of our Club including Membership Director for years and of course the ever popular QCCC BBQ that was held every year at their home. You were a kind and humble Southern Gentleman. Eddie, you will be missed and we all have been blessed to have known you. May you Rest in Peace. Please continue to pray for Jane and the immediate family as they go through this difficult time.**



## National Corvette Museum



### NCM CORNER

Happy Birthday QCCC. Fifty years is quite an accomplishment for any organization much less a social club. Corvette Clubs come and go, grow and die, and merge or just go dormant. QCCC rolls right along growing, diversifying, and improving every year. We lose good members and others appear to take over the reins of leadership and enthusiasm to move us forward. The old adage says that in any organization 10% of the people do 100% of the work. I'm not sure the figure is that high, but for sure it isn't far off the mark. With almost four hundred members in QCCC, if only half would volunteer to take on one task, we could be busy year round with a variety of activities and event teams that would have all the help they could ever need. So, join in, join up and keep QCCC moving ahead for another fifty years.

Congratulations to NCM Lifetime Members, **Tommy & Brenda Loftin** for reaching their 10 Year Anniversary mark. Thank you for all your support.

And speaking of birthdays, the National Corvette Museum celebrates its Silver Anniversary next year. The sixth caravan will be making the journey from all over the United States and Canada to celebrate the occasion. If you aren't a NCM member, now is the time to join and make plans to be part of the event. Like QCCC the NCM is solely supported by its members and can only grow and progress through our individual efforts. To make sure we always have a museum and meeting place for Corvette owners it doesn't take much on each of our parts to keep the dream alive. Buy a raffle ticket (you might even win a new Corvette), purchase a brick to let the world know you are part of this elite community, or really get involved and sign up for a monthly donation on your credit card, it doesn't have to be much to make a difference. To say I am pleased with the number of NCM members in our club would be an understatement, but with the number of new QCCC members we are getting I urge all of them to join the NCM and see what a trip to Bowling Green can do for your spirits. One trip and you will be hooked.

Want to really get your Corvette juices flowing? Take in one of the IMSA races and watch the Corvette Race Team in action. There are three races within a day's drive where you can see the Corvettes in action against the Ford GTs, Porsches, and BMWs. These are Virginia International Raceway (VIR), Road Atlanta, and Daytona tracks. A weekend trip to one of them is a real experience. Talk to one of the diehard race fans that attend these races and get a flavor of what the race weekend entails.

### BOX SCORE

Save the Wave	No. of QCCC Family Units	- 189
Paul Mariano	No. of NCM Members	- 101 (53%)
NCM Ambassador	No. of Lifetime Members	- 41
	No. of Duntov Society Members	- 4
	No. of Spire Members	- 5



# Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

*Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith*

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



## Car Shows (Then and Now)

As I was listening to Tommy address our car show needs last night at the QCCC meeting, my mind drifted back to my beginnings as a car show junkie. By our average age, it is fair to say most of us began our car care days in the late fifties or early sixties, peaking out around the mid-seventies. For me, the serious effort started with my first car after college, a 1968 British Racing Green Corvette convertible.

So let me start with the exterior, the big to-do in car care. Back then this was the procedure. Never wash and wax in the sun as the quickly drying soap will leave a scum you cannot remove. (Don't lie, I know you have done it.) So I had to park under the shade tree in the front yard. Then go to the garage and get the one gallon bucket, into the house for the Palmolive dish detergent soap. Add about ½ bottle of soap to the bucket, then take the garden hose (I believe Southerners call it a hose pipe. How do you coil a pipe?), put it on high volume and fill the bucket giving you about 3 inches of water and the rest soap suds. (Done that too haven't you?) Then wet down the car and take the same old sponge and scrub the tree sap, dirt, and bugs deeply into your paint. Next take a dozen old bath towels and try to dry the car before it air dries (water will run out from under many places for hours). The glass actually cleaned easier and better back in the day, due to less crap in the air and the fact that you could reach it all. The windshield rake was only 5%, so take out the t-tops, use the Windex and dry with newspaper ink. Now the fun begins. In 1960 if you worked at a Johnson Wax assembly line, 1. You would see cans of wax getting a yellow/brown label stating Johnson Wax for Hardwood Floors (the kind you spread on the floor then did the twist on top of a rag to shine the hardwood). 2. The assembly line would change over to a green label that said Johnson's Car Polishing Wax. I am positive the wax was the same. Both had the translucent appearance of an eighth grader's snot rag on about the 7<sup>th</sup> day of a serious head cold. Next we must note in America bigger is always better, (two pills will cure it twice as fast even though the dose is one pill to be effective - I know you did this one). With that in mind we would slap on the paste wax like icing a cake (your memory is good, yep you did it). Of course no one had the common sense to do a small section at a time, so we went with the body breaks, i.e., hood, top, deck, sides. Keep in mind the longer it set on the car, the harder it got and you thought a chisel might be necessary. The optimal applicator was to cut the long sleeves off an old shirt (remember, for the

paint safety, to always cut off the cuff button). Smearing it in circles, the thicker the better. Growing up in Illinois where the humidity is around 612% one would think sweat dropping from the arms and forehead would keep the wax soft. I say nay nay. Sweating on paste wax then rubbing it yields the same little goobers as pencil eraser on paper. Little shards that you cannot get rid of. Keep in mind in later years some genius produced a mild version of a body shop orbital buffer. Backed by a guarantee that since it was orbital it would not burn thru the paint. I say nay nay again, especially on the edges. (I have watched some of you do this) If we still waxed cars this way we would be a much stronger country. You see Johnson's Floor and Car Wax was not PC. No matter sex, race, religion, or political persuasion, you had to rub hard and long to remove it. I am not sure today's youths could do it. I know we welcomed the arrival of Astro Shield, which was a liquid white boat wax that you could wipe on and off similar to today's detail sprays. Except it was white so if you got it down in the vents you had to Q-tip it out. So now we have the shine and are exhausted, we must turn to the tires. After using Mom and Dad's one inch white walls as a training ground, the '68 Corvette came with raised white letter wide ovals. Goodyear PolyGlass Sports Car 200s. I believe the first white letters we scrubbed with the steel wool pads with the soap in them (SOS pads). Then another genius put bleach in a bottle and called it Bleach White and raised the price tenfold. Bleach White did a great job of cleaning the white letters, but left the black tire dull. Then perhaps the smartest guy of his time put black shoe polish in a big can and made the top an applicator sponge so as you smeared this polish on the tire you would not get it on your hands. You had to keep your hands clean so when you took a soft cloth to polish the black goo you could then get your hands all black as well as smear some on the white letters and you got to start over, the chicken or the egg thingy. (Ruined a lot of pairs of blue jeans getting black polish on 'em, didn't you?) After a few years the black polish build-up made your tires wider.

Now we would raise the hood. Well ah, you can see the ground past the engine. This means the car runs hotter than today's, and all that dirt and dust on the road gets to come past the engine. Then we get a few fuel and oil leaks around gaskets, etc. and bingo we have goo on the engine. Then since you can see the ground that means the tires can splash rain and mud and puddles into the engine bay. Keep in mind cars back then were driven. So to get ready to show, it took a can of Gunk Engine Cleaner, a good rinse job, steam if you had it. Low and behold some of that Chevrolet orange engine paint is peeling. Get a can of that orange spray paint, spray it into the cap, take an artist brush and touch up your intake. (I got this idea from some of you, so I know you did it.) Of course the goo is still there, so your touch up will flake off soon. So many nooks and cranny places you need Darrell Kirkley patience to deal with it all.

Last the interior. In our uneducated youth we bought into the Armour-All sales pitch. We sprayed it on everything inside. It probably prolonged the life of dash pads and door panels as those cars were in the sun a lot, but it left the interior slimy and sticky feeling, plus it collected dust at a rapid pace. (Steve H. still does this one.) I have learned just a slight damp cloth on all interior parts gets the dust off. We would use the house vacuum to do the carpets. All sorts of little hand-helds were on the market, but as Trav says they did not have enough power to pull a greasy string out of

a cats behind (his standard answer when it comes to anything power). And that is how you got a car ready for the car show in 1969.

Now we are being told that car interior parts give off benzene and we should never start the car with the air on, particularly high power as it forces us to inhale toxic levels of benzene. I am seeing a pattern here and feel a little like a test dummy. The wax people, the shoe polish guy, the Armour-All man, and the car companies, improve everything after I have a full dose up the snoot. Where was all this knowledge when I was out under that shade tree wearing my hippy head band to keep the sweat out of that paste wax? Now that they have made prepping your car so much easier, I am not really up to it. My best car show days are behind me. But secretly I really enjoyed it.

Good friends, good family with QCCC of yesteryear and forever.

Respectfully submitted: Bill Cruthis



## *From Track to Street*

The race August 5<sup>th</sup> was a good one. I hope you all got to see it on Fox Sports 1. Corvette came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> which should put Corvette in first in most of the Championship points. Ford won, but the 1<sup>st</sup> place Ford did not. Confused? Then you didn't watch the race. It was a good one.

The 2019 schedule is out so be sure to mark the races on our club calendar so you don't have a conflict with the best racing out there. Even NASCAR is realizing that road courses are a big hit. Also a new TV package is being negotiated for 2019. It is supposed to be a lot better than it has been in the past.

Tickets and the Corvette Corral for 2019 ROLEX are for sale soon. A great way to leave the cold behind for the most part. Daytona can be cold and wet, but it can also be nice. The racing is good in any kind of weather.

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 teams win. Yes they do hear us on the track and they say it helps them.

**See you at the next Corvette Race.**

*Boyd Kurt*





## IN MEMORIAM



**EDDIE BURT**

Long-time Queen City Corvette Club member Eddie Burt passed away August 8, 2018. In lieu of a formal service, visitation will be held this weekend at the Burt's home from 12:00-4:00pm on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Jane and the Burt family in your thoughts and prayers.



## 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](mailto: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/](http://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/](http://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.



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**QCCC AUGUST  
MONTHLY  
MEETING  
&  
50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

**SUBJECT:** August QCCC Monthly Meeting & 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

**DATE:** August 11, 2018

**TIME:** 2:00 PM - Volunteers arrive to set up (both food and special display volunteers)  
3:00 PM - Meeting begins with social time, looking at displays, viewing on-going pictures, etc.  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Ice cream is served  
4:15 PM - Aerial QCCC picture taken outside  
4:45 PM - Toast to QCCC 50 years  
5:00 PM - Actual meeting begins

**LOCATION:** Hendrick Motorsports  
4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd  
Concord, NC 28027

**DETAILS:** At the 50th anniversary party you will have a chance to see memorabilia from the club separated into the five decades.

This is interesting history and YOU WILL NEVER SEE ALL THIS AGAIN IN ONE PLACE. The decade captains have dug out stuff from attics, garages, man caves, and mothballs for your viewing pleasure. Plus there will be on-going viewing on the big screen of thousands of photographs from our archives.

There will be ice cream, beverages, and some free 50th Anniversary goodies for all attendees. Club photos with our cars will be taken in front of the Heritage Center. Come early and enjoy! And wear your 50th Anniversary Special T-shirt! This is a very special event, and you do not want to miss it. I look forward to seeing everyone there!