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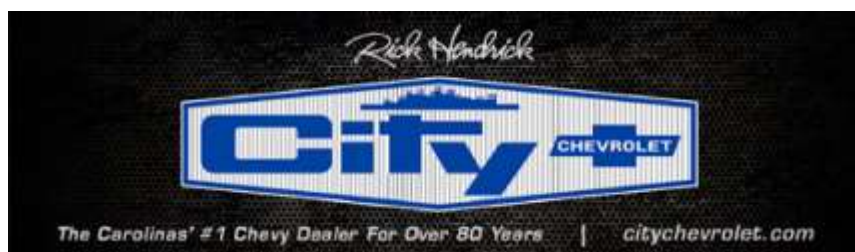
Saturday August 10, 2019

QCCC Monthly Meeting & 51st Anniversary Celebration



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



Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

This month marks the 51st anniversary of Queen City Corvette Club. We will never forget the celebration of our 50th at last year's meeting. Now we start on the next 50 years with our meeting this Saturday. We will, as always, have cake and ice cream to enjoy, take lots of pictures, and remember all the good times. Please plan on coming to help us celebrate!

We are going to TRY to park our cars in groups of color. While we don't have a master plan, this will be an attempt with the best of intentions. So please look for the parking masters to tell you where to park.

QCCC is again having a major part in the upcoming Caravan. You have received several Blasts on the topic, and it will be reviewed again at the meeting. For those not going the full distance, there is still lots to do locally to be a part of the event. So check it out, and we will see you there.

Of course the Car Show is the main event coming up, being just 2 months away. Tommy has been working full time and full speed to be sure things are lined up. And Hendrick Motorsports continues to support QCCC in every way possible. As we have said many times, this is going to be an EVENT, with so many things going on. THANK YOU to QCCC for getting our target of 100 cars signed up for the show. But we need all the cars we can get, so get registered if you have not yet done it.

I just want to say thank you to all the members that have volunteered for working the show. Yes, we have to get up very early that day, and it is a long one. But at the end of the day, we will be so proud of what we have accomplished. And this would be impossible without each and every one of you that helps.

We still have many great activities going on, so get out there with us and do what we do best.....

Love 'em, drive 'em, cherish 'em. It'll make you and your car smile.

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

- Carolyn Zimmer -

Happy August!!

Hope your summer is going well!!! When August arrives, I always feel that summer is winding down, but happily here in the South we have many more weeks to enjoy outdoor weather with our Corvettes! Thanks to some great Social Event Leaders in 2019, we have enjoyed some wonderful activities with many more to come by year end. Please consider leading a Day Trip soon to add to the Summer (or Fall) fun. Just let me know!!

Thanks go out to Event Leaders Tommy Loftin and Peggy Wood **for coordinating the dinner at Lancaster's BBQ after the July 13 club meeting.** What a great turnout for dinner and the food was plentiful and delicious (and very reasonably priced!!). Thanks also to Event Leaders Joyce and Norm Lontz for leading a great Day Trip to historic Mt. Airy, NC, where QCCC had reserved parking for Corvettes on Main Street and enjoyed lunch at the Old North State Restaurant and Winery.

And QCCC events are not slowing down yet. Here are some of the upcoming events planned over the next few months!!

August 10, 2019 – QCCC Anniversary Party prior to the August Monthly Meeting at Hendrick Motorsports complex.

**It's
a
Party!**

Event Leader is Valerie Cunningham, assisted by Misty Fisher. The Social starts at 3:00 PM with the meeting scheduled to start at 4:30 pm. Special parking and pictures are planned. As usual we will have our ice cream social, soft drinks, cookies, etc., with the ice cream and toppings provided by members Roger and DeeDee Winge from Carolina Cones in Cornelius. Volunteers have been requested to assist with this event. If you are willing to help, please email Valerie, valeriehayesc@gmail.com, or me, carolynz77@yahoo.com.

August 17, 2019 - Day Trip to North Wilkesboro – Beach Music and Vettes – Music by *The Embers*.

Event Leader Paul Mitchell has communicated three options to travel to the event.



1. Drive on your own. 2. Meet in Troutman at 4 pm and Caravan with other QCCC members up I-77 to Hwy 421 to town. Or 3. Meet at exit 144 on I-40 just west of Statesville at 3:30 pm and meet Paul Mitchell who will lead a group up Brushy Mountain Road and on to the event. This third group will stop at the Brushy Mountain

Smokehouse for ice cream and then to on to the event. Dancing is encouraged and food is available during the concert. Please contact Paul Mitchell if you wish to attend. paulmitchellncsu@hotmail.com

August 25-27 – C&VA Caravan Local Events – QCCC Host Corvette Club – Concord, NC



Many QCCC members have volunteered to assist with Check-in and the Local Events.

Thank you!!

Date TBD - Kannapolis Intimidators – Baseball game outing. **EVENT LEADER NEEDED!!!!**. Doesn't an old fashioned baseball game sound like fun? The Intimidator season will be ending soon, so please volunteer for this one ASAP. You can pick the date!!! Please contact me if you wish to lead this event.



September 20-22, 2019 – Oktoberfest Trip to Helen, GA. Event Leader Steve Bonino is planning a great trip. Rooms are full so hopefully you are on the list if you wanted to go. Contact Steve to get on a waiting list in case there are cancellations.



October 5, 2019 – QCCC Annual BBQ at Davidson Farm, York, SC. Event Leaders Julia & Bill Davidson will host, assisted by Margo Gross. More information will be forthcoming regarding times and what food attendees will be asked to bring. This is an outdoor event set on beautifully landscaped acreage, and always lots of fun.



October 20, 2019 – QCCC will participate in the **Run to the Colors** Corvette Event, hosted by the Foothills Corvette Club. **Event Leaders Ron and Donna Berst will lead this one for QCCC.** This annual event has been held for years and years, probably because it's so much fun. Hundreds of Corvettes stage in North Wilkesboro, and drive through the mountains during beautiful Fall foliage time to Shatley Springs, NC for lunch – with the assistance of local police who block intersections during the way. This year the Run is being held the weekend (instead of the day) after the car show, so hopefully more of us will be able to attend!!! Ron and Donna will be communicating additional information.



Save the Dates!!!

November 2, 2019 – Corvette Angels Event & Brunch at Charlotte Motor Speedway

November 9, 2019 – Speedway Club Dinner after November Meeting

December 7, 2019 – QCCC Christmas Party

Thanks so much, as always, for all your support for QCCC!!

Look forward to seeing you soon!!

Carolyn Zimmer

QCCC Social Director



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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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Inventory Manager & Corvette Specialist

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CAR SHOW UPDATE

Queen City Corvette Club Corvette Show

October 12Th, 2019

QCCC CAR SHOW UPDATE

Thank you to all QCCC members that have registered their cars for the show. While we have reached the 100 car goal, that represents only 50% of the families in the club. There are more cars out there that can be in the show. So let's get more of our cars involved. Remember, this is going to be the biggest Corvette show in the Southeast, so we need cars!

Please bring show items to the next 2 meetings. This includes items for the silent auction, or items for door prizes (car wash supplies, other things you can get from an auto parts store), and items for the goody bags if possible (we need up to 300 of these).

Also thank you to all the volunteers that have signed up for specific assignments. We still need people to help with parking, and judges. Let Tommy know which job you can help with.

We are 60 days away, and many pieces are already in place to make this event a truly memorable one. This will continue the QCCC tradition of making this car show/event bigger and better each year.

Again, thank you to all that have given us your support. You are the reason this will be great!

Tommy Loftin

Paul Mitchell

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C&VA Caravan Volunteers Needed

COORDINATOR / CONTACT EMAIL:

Carolynz77@yahoo.com



To: All Members and Prospective Members of Queen City Corvette Club

Would you be willing to volunteer to assist with the August Carolinas & Virginia Corvette Caravan Events in Concord?

As most of you know, the Carolinas & Virginia (C&VA) Caravan (this year including West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware) will kick-off at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Concord, NC on Sunday, August 25th, 2019 and depart on Tuesday, August 26, 2019 for Sevierville, TN and then to the National Corvette Museum 25th Anniversary Celebration in Bowling Green, KY. We expect over 300 cars will register to participate in the C&VA Caravan (close to potentially 600 people). QCCC will once again this year act as the Host Corvette Club for many of the local Caravan events.

While in Concord, there will be a number of fun Caravan Events scheduled for all the participants on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (August 25, 26, 27), and the Caravan Committee is asking for Volunteers to assist with coordination of these Events. Volunteer teams will include **Registration Check-in, Welcome Reception, Checking Wristbands, Lining up cars at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Track, Parking and Staging Cars at Various locations, General Assistance, etc.**

I will once again serve as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Charlotte/Concord Area Caravan activities. If you have not already signed up, please consider Volunteering to assist the Caravan Committee with this fun event. Whether you are registered for the Caravan or not, we would appreciate your volunteering to serve!!

To volunteer, or for additional information, please send me an email to carolynz77@yahoo.com.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Carolyn Zimmer

2019 C&VA Caravan Volunteer Coordinator



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

July was another slow hot summer month but the mornings are cool, several members attended Cars & Coffee events. We still need a better turnout, members are missing out on great mornings with friends, meeting other car enthusiasts. I want to thank the eight members that showed up at our meeting place for Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee at 6:30 AM!!!



A few members have signed up for the **VIR IMSA Race** on August 25, let's get some more!! If you plan on attending the race, please get your Corvette Corral and Race Tickets ASAP as they will sell out. <https://virmow.com/events/imsa50/> We will caravan to race on the day of the event as a QCCC group; details will be in a future blast.



UPCOMING 2019 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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

2019 EVENTS

- VIR IMSA Race – August 25 [QCCC Automotive event, watch for BLAST with details]
- QCCC Car Show – October 12
- Fall Auto Fair – October 19 [Saturday only]
- Americarna Live Car Show – November 30

Cars & Coffee

- Cars & Coffee – Charlotte – First Saturday each month
- Waterbean Coffee - Cornelius 2nd Saturday each month
- Cars & Coffee - Charlotte Motor Speedway 3rd Saturday each month
- Streetside Classics Last Saturday each month
- Hot Rods & Hops – 3rd Friday, check Hot Rods & Hops Facebook page for details

[July 19, & August 16 will be at Z Max Dragway.]

Roger Winge
Automotive Events Director

Membership News

August 7, 2019

Queen City Corvette Club



“BUILDING A GREAT CORVETTE CLUB ONE MEMBER AT A TIME”

NEW MEMBER



TOM HANS

MOORESVILLE, N.C. 28117

CORVETTE- 1994 Polo Green Convertible

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Total Membership- 355

Total Families- 192

Total Prospective Members- 20

New Members- 31

Attendance Last Mtg- 139

Average Monthly Attendance- 127

QCCC CARE AND COMPASSION LIST

JULY 17, 2019

ILLNESS

DATE	MEMBERS NAME	ILLNESS	RELATION
January 2019	Fred McCoy	Muscl e Pain- Knee & Hip	Member
January 2019	George Manghis	Complications after Knee Surgery-infections- insurance	Member
May 2019	Gary DeRosa	Broken Ankl e- Surgery June 5	Member
July 2019	Bob Bartlett	Illness	Mother in Law
July 2019	Bob Bartlett	Illness	Wife
July 2019	Doyle Coop	Wife- Heel Infection	Wife

ARMED FORCES

DATE	MEMBERS NAME	SERVICE PERSON	BRANCH & RANK	STATIONED
May 2017	Gerry Kessel	Katherine Gordon	Spec. 1 st Class ARMY	Iraq
May 2017	Jane Burt	Thomas Currin	Lance Corporal USMC	Camp Pendleton California

LAW ENFORCEMENT / FIREFIGHTERS

DATE	MEMBERS NAME	NAME	RANK	LOCATION
April 2017	Norm Lontz	Todd C. Lontz	Captain- CMPD	Charlotte South Division

REMINDER- Be sure to carry our QCCC Business Cards with you. When you meet a Corvette owner, give them our card and talk about our Club. It's a great conversation piece. If they are not available, leave the Business Card on their windshield. Thanks!

All the Best,

Paul Schmitt

Membership Director



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

We are back from the land of beautiful weather, horrible traffic, good food, high gas prices and the Reveal of the new mid-engine Corvette Stingray. You can easily guess which of these made the most lasting impression. The event was spectacular and the car is awesome. No doubt by now everyone has had the opportunity and time to peruse all the features of the new Corvette but the most impressive features to catch our attention was price, luggage space and 0-60 time. You have to see it in person to appreciate all the features so disregard all the negative on-line comments and see for yourself what a remarkable machine it really is.

Also coming this fall is the reveal of the new Stingray convertible and the C8 Corvette race car. No time or place right now but I would guess Road Atlanta.

If you haven't done so already, I encourage you to purchase a brick at the NCM so you can leave a lasting personal legacy. Room still exists in front of the QCCC bench in front of the Museum. As a NCM member you get a discount on the bricks.

The caravan to the NCM to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its opening is rapidly approaching. If you have participated in a caravan before, you know what to expect. If it's your first you are probably wondering what is coming down the pike. Don't be afraid to ask one of the many veterans for some helpful hints and you veterans be ready to help. The best advice to all is to keep your radios charged and pay attention.

Some good news for those of you attending the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the NCM in Bowling Green. Not only a very up close and personal view of the C8 Corvette, but there will also be some restricted plant tours. Details of the tours are being sorted out as this is written but stand by for the added attraction.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-193
No. of NCM Members (53.6%)	-103
No. of Lifetime Members	- 44
No. of Duntov Society Members	- 4
No. of Spire Members	- 5

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

Have you purchased your raffle tickets for a C8 Corvette? The first year allocation is sold out so the raffle may be your only chance for a year or two. There are two raffles in progress; 1) VIN 25 Corvette @\$25/ticket or 2) a build your own C8 @\$250/ticket (1500 tickets only). See me if you have questions on how to enter.

Yes, there will be C8 Corvettes at the 25th Anniversary Celebration in August. Additionally, a traveling display of related items will be available. Don't miss out on the caravan.

There are several NCM membership anniversaries to celebrate this quarter. Celebrating **ten year** anniversaries are **Brian & Barbara Kruse, Allen & Magi Pritchett** and **Jane Burt**. Those with **twenty years** of support are **John & Linda Meadows, Ralph & Betty Snow** and **Ken Brown**. Thank you all for your continued support of the National Corvette Museum.

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Paul Mariano
NCM Ambassador

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From Track to Street

Corvette Racing has had some tough times over the last month. It seems that IMSA and BOP have teamed up against Corvette. I think this is someone else's year. I won't mention any names but it starts with a P. Even though Corvette has been running well good luck and speed seem to be missing this year. There are bright spots in each race and the drivers of the #3 car are still in the chase for Drivers Championship. Now for the BIG NEWS!!!!!!

2020 you will see the mid-engine Corvette C8.R. Yes you heard it from me first. They have been working on this car for over one year and it is ready to go. You may ask why not use it in 2019? The reason they can't is you can't change cars in the middle of the season, so you will have to wait until the Roar or the 24 hour Rolex in Daytona to see the car on the track. I will be at both and will report what I find. Doug Fehan said "If they build it at Corvette we will race it". 2020 should be a fun year as I hope it is our year at IMSA.

The other big news is about Ford. As you know Ford factory is dropping out of IMSA after this year. I still think you will see a Ford in the WeatherTech series but as a private car. Time will tell. There are all sorts of rumors out on the street. Not any cars because they are a track car not a true drive everyday sport car like your Corvette.

Don't forget VIR is around the corner and tickets are still available. August 23 – 25. The closest race to Charlotte.

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Maturity and Evolution

As we approach QCCC's 51's year and I reflect on my first joining the club 49 years ago, I have witnessed an amazing evolution and maturity in both the Corvette and the club.

I purchased my first Corvette in May of 1970 and joined QCCC late that year. The Corvettes were, by today's standard, crude and so were the club members.

Remember, QCCC was formed in 1968 by two Corvette buddies, a neighbor and a new acquaintance, who enjoyed cruising thru Shoney's and Bar B Q King. These four guys were in their early-mid twenties at the time. In fact, it wasn't until the late 70's before the average age of QCCC members reached the ripe old age of 30. So, without crunching numbers on the average age of the club's current membership, I think we all agree that the membership has matured.

I left the club in the early 80's to raise a family and run a business. But frankly, I didn't see a car at that time that lit my fire. Even though I had hung on to my 64 Coupe, I sat on the sideline of the Corvette hobby, very uninspired by the cars being produced at that time. When the C5 came out I was impressed with the improvements but still didn't have the urge to buy one until I drove a C5 Z06. GM had finally built something that I really wanted, and I bought one. The evolution of the C5 was remarkable and I believe saved the Corvette from extinction. And it brought this Corvette enthusiast back into the club. The improvements to the C6 and C7 proved that GM had their act together and sales reflected that. The majority of QCCC's members and Corvette buyers today are baby boomers who grew up in the car culture age with owning your dream car becoming a reality. GM has given us what we want by continuing to refine the Corvette with each generation. It has evolved into a world class car.

Of course, there are those oldies like myself who hang on to the past and keep the older classics and enjoy driving, showing and bragging about what it was like in "the good old days".

But time is flying by and who is going to replace us when we are gone? It seems the younger generation of car guys' expectations have changed from ours and I think the radical changes in the C8 Corvette reflects that. I believe GM is doing all they can to attract younger buyers and I truly hope they are successful. I am also struck with the fact that those who enjoy actually driving our cars had better take advantage of it while it is still an option. It appears driver-less cars will happen sooner than we ever expected.

I am very proud I had the opportunity to experience the Corvette hobby in the 70's thru today, to experience the evolution and maturity that has brought us to this milestone: A brand new adventure: the C8 Corvette.

Travis Meredith,
Historian

QCCC Members & Guests Photos

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

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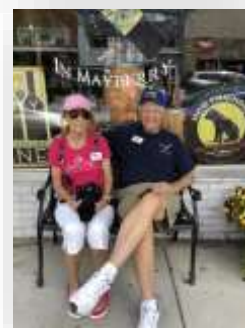
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Please send an email to photo@queencitycorvette.com to let Karin know there are pictures recently loaded to the member upload gallery and to which event the photos apply.



Day Trip to Historic Mt. Airy



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
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 - Just ask and we'll post for you
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QCCC Members

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