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November 2019



Saturday, November 9, 2019



CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY

5555 Concord Parkway South Concord, NC 28027

MEETING: Infield Media Center ([Enter thru tunnel under the back stretch](#)) **Gate**

TIME:

3:30 PM Social (Media Center)

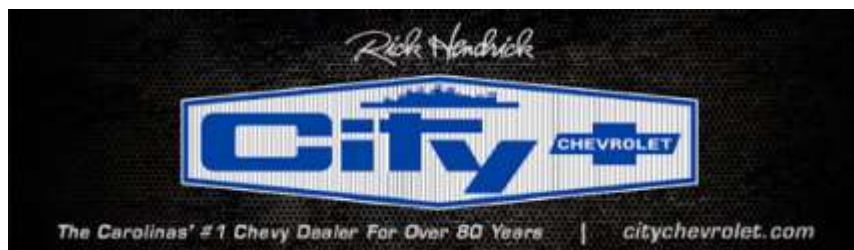
4:30 PM Club Meeting (Media Center)

5:30 PM Social before dinner

6:30 PM Speedway Club Dinner starts

(for those who have pre-registered & paid)

Speedway Club 6th Floor Dining Room



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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

Let's say this up front. The QCCC All Corvette Show on October 12 was the best Corvette show held in the southeast, maybe the country. This is because no other local Corvette club would have been able to have a C8 mid-engine Corvette at their show. No other Corvette club would have been able to have the CERV 1, valued at over \$2.5 million, at their show. No other club could have had a great tribute to Jim Perkins. No other club could have had the complete package that was at Hendrick Motorsports that day. As we have said, we are so blessed to have a sponsorship with City Chevrolet and this partnership with Hendrick Motorsports. And as hard as it is to believe, this show is going to get better. There have already been 2 meetings to review the show and to determine what needs to be tweaked to improve. This show will have a state of continuous improvement over the years.

Thank you to all the QCCC members that worked this show. All the Hendrick people commented to me that we have so much help from club members and that everyone is so nice to work with. So again thanks for all each of you did to make this a huge success.

Be sure to come to the November meeting at the Media Center in the Speedway infield. We have elections to approve the slate of officers, and a vote on adding the Car Show Chairman to the Board. After the meeting you can enjoy a great meal at the Speedway Club. I hope to see you there.

Club members will again be able to order several different styles of wearables at this meeting, both men and ladies styles. This is the newest fall line of QCCC clothing! All will come with the new QCCC logo, and some can have the 50th anniversary logo added as well. Thanks to Ron and Donna Berst for again putting all this together for us. And the pricing is very reasonable.

We still have some time to enjoy our cars, but not so nice weather is coming. This is a good time to get in your garage, use some of those great Adams products, and clay, polish, and wax your car to make it so shiny. It's just part of what we do

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

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

- Carolyn Zimmer -

The Holidays are Here!!

Halloween (and all the rain) has passed and the weather is changing as fast as the merchandise in the stores – the Halloween/Thanksgiving displays are being pushed out by the Christmas decorations which it seems have been in the stores since the end of August! Time marches on – and quickly!!! Are you ready for Christmas???? Hopefully most of you were able to contribute toys to the Corvette Angels Salvation Army toy drive event – either in advance or at the November 2 event. Such a worthwhile cause and a really fun event. Thanks to Road Runners Vettes for hosting this event each year. Now that some 80-degree weather and a week of rain has moved on, the cool crisp (very crisp) sunny weather should encourage all of us to get those Corvettes back on the road!!!

Special thanks this month goes to Social Event Leaders **Bill & Julia Davidson, assisted by Margo Gross**, who planned and executed another fantastic annual **QCCC BBQ** event at their “Farm” on October 5. What a beautiful venue for this event. Bill and Julia have done a wonderful job developing this lovely property and always put in tons of hours to prepare everything for the QCCC event. The weather was much cooler this year, which many people enjoyed, and we had a 5-minute sprinkle of rain, but the overall event was fabulous! Thanks to all those who volunteered at the event with parking and bringing food and arranging food and setting up and cleaning up! As usual, a great QCCC team effort.

Special thanks this month also goes to **Ron and Donna Berst** for leading the **2019 QCCC Run to the Colors** trip on October 20 through the beautiful NC mountains, followed by Lunch at Shatley Springs. While the overall event was sponsored by the Foothills Corvette Club, Ron and Donna coordinated a caravan of over 30 QCCC Corvettes, despite the forecasted rain. Thanks to all those who braved the trip, and were rewarded with a beautiful ride and even some sunshine later in the day!

Our November social events are early in the Month (see below). I sure hope you were able meet the deadlines to RSVP and pay for the Angels Brunch and the after-meeting Dinner planned. The major December social event -- the annual QCCC Christmas Party-- is coming up quickly, so please check out the details below and read the upcoming BLAST so you can make plans to attend.

Remaining 2019 Social Events include:

November 2, 2019 – Corvette Angels Event & Brunch at Charlotte Motor Speedway, **Event Leaders Bill Cruthis, Tom Pennoni, Peggy Wood**. QCCC has partnered with Road Runners Vettes since 2011 for this great event. Unwrapped toys are gathered and donated for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive for distribution to children across the region. This is the largest single toy drive for the Salvation Army in the Charlotte metropolitan area. We bring our Corvettes and our unwrapped toys to Charlotte Motor Speedway where a number of Corvette Clubs will gather with donations as well. QCCC has donated well over 1000 toys over the years, and hope to donate well over 500 this year. After the toys are collected and pictures taken, many of us stay for the Optional (prepaid) Brunch at the Speedway Club. Automotive Director Roger Winge coordinated a caravan from Concord Mills to the Event. Please plan to join us for this event in 2020.

**November 9, 2019 – Speedway Club Dinner after November Meeting,
Event Leader Peggy Wood.**

RSVP and Payment were due November 1, 2019. The always fabulous Dinner buffet at the Speedway Club after the meeting includes salad, chicken piccata, beef brisket, vegetables, mashed potatoes, rolls and dessert. Hope you have made plans to join us for some great food and fellowship.

**December 7, 2019 – QCCC Christmas Party,
Event Leaders Donna Berst and Peggy Wood.**

This dinner event will be held again this year at the Indian Trail VFW, thanks to support from member Bob Chichester. A catered dinner buffet prior to the short meeting will include Chicken Marsala, Baked Ziti, Lasagna, Salad, Dessert, and beverages.

See the upcoming BLAST for more information.

January 11, 2020, QCCC plans to again hold the **Annual QCCC Chili Cookoff**. Please watch for the BLAST with many more details on this really fun event.

MARCH 7, 2010 - SAVE THE DATE – QCCC Annual Awards Banquet!!!

Great food, great music, wonderful people, lots of fun!!! More details to follow!!!!

Always lots of social happenings to share with our QCCC friends. Thanks so much, as always, for all your support!!

I look forward to seeing you soon!!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

**Carolyn Zimmer
2019 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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From Track to Street

2019 Corvette Racing season is over for another year. Although it was not what we hoped for it was an exciting season. The sad part was to see the C7R take its last lap at Petit LeMans. Corvette Racing worked hard all season and the drivers and crew never gave up. As far as points are concerned they came in 3rd in the Manufactures Championship and the # 3 car came in 3rd and the #4 car came in 8th in Team Points. It was a lot of fun watching them run all year. The teams never gave up and always tried to improve all year.

Now for the GOOD NEWS!!!!!!

The exciting part of Petit LeMans was to watch the C8R take its first laps. What an engine sound. It does not have the deep roar of the C7 but does have a very unique sound that is low and loud. There are several videos out there where you can hear the sound but they do not do it justice, you have to hear it live.

My highlights for 2019:

- 1. Hot Pit Pass at VIR – Thanks Brian – If you ever get that chance take it. To be within 5 feet of the car and see what those athletes do is amazing.**
 - 2. Attending 4 races in 2019 and the Roar in early January.**
 - 3. Getting to talk to the drivers and crew before the races.**
- Seeing the C8R in person and watching it run some laps.**

I will be taking a three month break getting ready for 2020.

Stay tuned

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt



CAR SHOW UPDATE

Queen City Corvette Show Coordinator

I would like to thank all of Queen City Corvette Club for the best Corvette Show ever. Can you believe that QCCC is the only Corvette Club in America to have a C-8 Corvette at it's car show before the production start date. What an honor to have Mr. Rick Hendrick and the Jim Perkin's family as part of our show. We had so many things happening all at one time and it made this a true Corvette Event.

We are already planning the 2020 Corvette Show and we have a scheduled date of October 3RD, 2020 as next year's show date. Mark your calendars and plan on getting involved. Any observations about this year's show would be appreciated. Please send comments to me and I will review them.

We had 218 guest Corvettes and our Judging Team judged 153 of them. We also had 95 QCCC Corvettes and another 20 QCCC support vehicles. QCCC had a staggering 149 people helping with the show. Bloomington judged 33 Corvettes and between the Gold display, Hendrick Corvettes and other Corvettes on the premises, we had a total of 413 Corvettes at our show. What a wonderful job everyone did with such a large number of Corvettes. We had approximately 350 tours through the Heritage Center and another 214 tours through the Race Shops. We donated \$14,100.00 to the Hendrick Family Foundation and Mr. Hendrick said it would be used to feed 6,000 people in need at Thanksgiving. QCCC all of you are part of this. We also gave \$4,500.00 to The Wings of Eagles and \$4,500.00 to Team Driving Solution.

The event staff, Hendrick Motorsport and City Chevrolet realize the work and effort that all of you put into this event. We also know that you had little time to view the show, so we are going to have a QCCC day at Hendrick Motorsport and our club will be able to have a private viewing of the Heritage Center and Rick Hendrick's private collection. We will have an entrance fee as Mr. Hendrick charges everyone that tours the facility and all the money will go to the Hendrick Family Foundation. We will have more information about this at the next club meeting.

Again, thanks for all your hard work,

Tommy Loftin, 2019 Corvette Show Director

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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Attending QCCC members at the Fall 2019 Pennzoil Auto Fair enjoyed a great day. We had 26 Corvettes displayed in an awesome infield location. QCCC Awards were earned by the following members:

C1-C2 Keith & Kelly Cross
C3-C4 Brad Dusterhoft
C5 Tom Rockhold
C6 Justin Cross
C7 Carl Maxwell
C7 Richard Qwilt
Presidents Award – Dave Kadel
Best of Show – Brad Dusterhoft



Next up is the AMERICARNA LIVE Charity car show in Davidson on Saturday November 30th.

UPCOMING 2019 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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

2019 EVENTS

- 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.

Roger Winge

Automotive Events Director

Membership News

Queen City Corvette Club
November 7, 2019



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

NEW MEMBERS



John & Cathy Nelson
Sherrills Ford, N.C.
28673

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP- 368

TOTAL FAMILIES- 203

TOTAL PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS- 30

NEW MEMBERS- 44 (up 15% or 14 Members)

Attendance Last Mtg-127

Average Monthly Attendance-134

QCCC CARE AND COMPASSION LIST

NOVEMBER 7, 2019

ILLNESS

DATE	MEMBERS NAME	ILLNESS	RELATION
November 2019	Fred McCoy Gloria McCoy	Muscle Pain- Knee & Hip Back Surgery- Nov. 1, 2019	Members
November 2019	George Manghis	Complications after Knee Surgery- infections- insurance	Member
July 2019	Doyle Coop	Wife- Heel Infection & Rehab	Wife

SYMPATHY

DATE	MEMBERS NAME	RELATION TO FAMILY	FAMILY MEMBERS NAME	LOCATION

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

REMINDERS:

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,** I leave the Business Card on their windshield. Thanks!

All the Best,

Paul Schmitt

Membership Director





National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER.

Here it is the Monday after the QCCC car show and I am trying to get my mind around everything I saw at the venue. I am trying to write this while it's all still fresh but I will probably have to edit it as more activities come to mind. If you missed the show, I'm sorry.

First, multiple kudos to show Chairman, Tommy Loftin, and QCCC President, Paul Mitchell, for putting together a supremely classy and enjoyable event along with the scores of QCCC members who gave long and intense hours to make sure everything ran smoothly. The registration and check-in process (Michele Moore and team) and the parking process (Bob McCall and team) were well oiled machines that moved the over 400 Corvettes smoothly into place. Everywhere you looked the yellow shirts were busy making sure no detail was overlooked.

Words cannot express our appreciation to Rick Hendrick and his team of professionals for all the support in every form and fashion to this undertaking. And we should not overlook the generosity and involvement of Chevrolet for providing a C8 Corvette with all the options displayed along with the CERV1 Corvette. Are you beginning to get the idea that his wasn't just your average Corvette Club car show?

Thanks to the NCM Store and all the other vendors for taking part in the show.

Among the dignitaries in attendance was Dr. Sean Preston, NCM President and CEO, Lon Helton, Chairman NCM Board of Directors, and two other members of the NCM Board. The NCRS was well represented by top officials along with Bloomington Gold and their team of judges.

If you did not take time to view the Jim Perkins display and read every word on the poster boards, you deprived yourself of a real history lesson on Chevrolet and the Corvette. These posters should be made available on line for all to enjoy. A truly amazing presentation of Corvettes and stories.

If you are new to the Corvette Nation and attended the show, you now have a taste of what being involved with Corvettes is all about. To expand your horizons, you now have to attend the NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY this coming April. Sign up will begin shortly and you owe it to yourself to become involved with the National Corvette Museum. Remember, all roads lead to Bowling Green.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-201
No. of NCM Members	-103 (51%)
No. of Lifetime Members	- 44
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



Leaders are like eagles, they don't flock, you find them one at a time.

Last year we hit a milestone of 50 years since the inception in the minds of 3 young men who owned Corvettes. It took everyone to get here. Leaders and followers are like the chicken and the egg. Good leadership leads to good followers. Good followers without good leadership will not work. A great friend to QCCC, Bill Miller, started Road Runners Corvettes, told me once that QCCC would always be successful because we had great leadership in our Presidents. We have had 37 Presidents. I am vaguely familiar with some and very familiar with others, to account for 18 for the 37. Today and for the next couple of months I want to praise these guys for their leadership. They have all made a difference and held their flock together thru prosperous and lean times.

1. 1968, 1969 Earl Ferrell: One of the original three who decided to start a Corvette club in 1968. Earl was totally a Corvette guy. Lest anyone think it is easy to start a Corvette club, it is seriously hard work. Earl had a 66 coupe and also a second C-2. I remember him at the first Corvette – Porsche Challenge at the speedway. Being the first President is a huge challenge. You start with 3 members so you can not lose anyone, there is no margin for error. Earl's wife Martha to this day has both of his Corvettes stored in a safe place. QCCC was so much a part of their lives that Martha still grieves for her husband. Memories of QCCC and the old days are always on her mind. These folks were Corvette lovers, top shelf. Earl's challenge which he succeeded were to wing it and leave a trail for the next guy. As we plan the year now, we have meeting places lined up and we have a lot of social and automotive lined up. Often we just follow what we did last year. Remember Earl had a blank canvass, there was no last year to work off of, and you had to grow the numbers. For these reasons Earl Ferrell remains the father of QCCC, he is our Zora. Sadly we lost Earl to cancer before the decade was out.

2. 1972, 1976 Travis Meredith. I arrived in 1974 so I missed Trav's first year but I was his treasurer in 1976. Trav came along at a very good time. These were major growth years and many changes occurred under his watch. There is just something special about him. He is cut from the block of the old storyteller. Many of his stories have been documented in former vintage articles. Trav had the level of calmness needed to keep us on the rails. During his tenure he and others approached the Charlotte Speedway for our speed events. I don't know how they did it, but they got the speedway for \$200 (the whole place) for weekend use. There was no Petty Driving School. We just stopped by the back gate and got the key from the watchman that lived in the trailer. He would just say lock her up when you are done. Both Darrell Kirkley and Trav were on a first name basis. We used the speedway for the 1975 South East Sectional race for all Corvette clubs in the south east. Then we held the Corvette-Porsche Challenges in 1975, 1976, 1977.

Darrell Kirkley was in charge of the High Speed Event at CMS during the national convention in 1978. You can tell how often we had \$200. In 1976 Trav was President when the ladies decided they should have a vote. Until then only male members voted. As much as this seems a no brainer today, back then it was a close vote with some tempers getting out of hand. He also presided over the only black ball we have ever had during membership request. Trav had to be the one to tell the prospective member that he was not voted in. I can't think of any member that would have attained so much during the tumultuous times. I have never seen Travis get mad at anyone. His calm demeanor was a good match and gained him a lot of respect. Keep in mind during all of this he was hand writing and typing a monthly newsletter which had to be addressed and mailed. Plus he was working at Charlotte Body Shop and he and Sharon had 3 little Merediths to raise. Sharon was great help with the newsletter. I submit that if Earl Ferrell was the igniter of QCCC, the fire would had burned out without Trav and Sharon doing all they did.

3. 1973 Jim Whitley. *I missed Jim's presidency but I have heard a lot of the stories. Most notably was the acquisition of the clubhouse. Jim knew some of the real estate salesmen back then. Buzz Cagle had a detail shop across the street from the future clubhouse. Jim and Buzz were talking about QCCC obtaining a clubhouse to rent when Buzz said he had heard the house across the street was for rent. There was no sign but Buzz knew which company had it. Jim knew the man in charge of finding a renter. Jim was able to get it rented for QCCC for \$125 a month. We had 25 members paying \$5 a month so we just could pay the rent. So we built a bar in the back bedroom with a keg on tap. Beer was our one way to pay for utilities, upkeep etc. Beer was 50 cents for a large dixie cup full. Jim was also an easy going man. He attended Trav and Sharon's 50 year wedding reception and former President Tommy Mitchem's (1975) funeral. I believe Jim still lives in the Sherrell's Ford area. We had the clubhouse from early 1973 until almost 1980. It was the watering hole on Independence Blvd. If you drove by and there was a Corvette in the front yard you knew you would not be drinking alone. The clubhouse held us together until the next rough patch in the late 80's.*



These three fellows were so important for QCCC to grow and survive some hard times. We made it thru the gas shortage and government requirements to add the clunky 5 mph crash resistant bumpers, and thru the Carter years. If it were not for them I fully believe we would have folded.

Next month: Presidents Mitchem, McGee, and Joey Hunter

Good memories of early days of QCCC.

Submitted: Bill Cruthis

QCCC Members & Guests Photos

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

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October Meeting & BBQ at The Davidson's Farm



QCCC 2019 CHARITY CORVETTE CAR SHOW





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Run to the Colors





November 2, 2019 - Queen City Corvette Club supporting Carolina Charities! The Salvation Army through Corvette Angels at The Charlotte Motor Speedway and The Shriners at the Fun in the Sun Classic Car Show in North Myrtle Beach!



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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
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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