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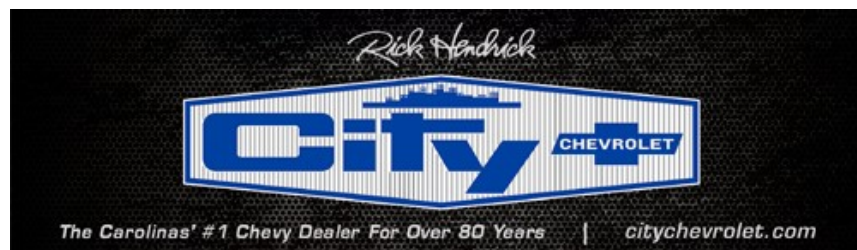
*Official Newsletter of NC's Largest Corvette Club*

**January 2019**

## **7th Annual QCCC Chili Cookoff**



**Next Meeting Saturday, February 9th**  
**Business Meeting and Valentine Party**  
**VFW Hall, Indian Trail, NC**



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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](http://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](https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=330) or contact our Membership Director at [membership@queencitycorvette.com](mailto:membership@queencitycorvette.com). We would love to have you join us for a monthly business meeting. If you can't join us, please WAVE!



## **Queen City**

# **Corvette Conversations**

*~ Paul Mitchell, President*

Happy New Year to all Queen City Corvette Club members! Your 2019 Board is ready to get the year rolling. We have already made plans for activities to get involved with, and we look forward to your usual excellent participation.

Even after our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, and all the exciting things we did to celebrate, QCCC will have another fantastic year. We start with the January meeting and chili cookoff. The next meeting is our annual Valentine Dinner and meeting at the VFW, which is always a fun place. And right after that is the highlight of the year, the Awards Banquet on March 2. We again will have an excellent dinner at the Speedway Club, presentation of awards, and fantastic entertainment by Too Much Sylvia. This will again be a party! So make plans to be there.

QCCC will again have several members at the upcoming Rolex 24 Hour race in Daytona the last weekend of this month. We will be cheering on the C7.R Corvettes against the always challenging competition. And we hope to again bring home the award for the Corvette Club with the most members at the Corvette Corral.

We are in for a few weeks of cold and potentially nasty weather, so the cars are snuggled up in the garages for now. Be patient and stay warm, and we will be on the roads soon. That's when we can do what we do best.....

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



**SOCIAL DIRECTOR**  
– Carolyn Zimmer –

January 2019

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2019!!

Let me first say that it is my pleasure to be involved with the Social Events for QCCC for the coming year. Last year's Social Director, Margo Gross, did a fabulous job and we all owe her many thanks for all her hard work and the fun social events she orchestrated in 2018!

As you may already know, the QCCC Board has decided to do things a little differently in the Social Events arena for this coming year – we are trying a new format where the Social Director provides oversight and assistance where needed, and each social event/activity/day trip will have a volunteer Event Leader to plan and coordinate the overall event. With our club growing so fast, this will hopefully allow us to not only experience more events, but get more people involved in making the fun happen!! So please watch for email BLASTS on the current upcoming events for 2019 and where you can volunteer to lead a great event. In addition, we invite you to submit ideas for new events and or day trips that you would like to lead – the more events and the more event leaders, the merrier QCCC.

Our first social event of 2019 – the Annual QCCC Chili Cook-off – was held on January 12 at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, and was an outstanding success, thanks to the leadership of Paul and Christine Schmitt. Those two folks have this annual process down to a science, and it just keeps getting better and better. With over 20 pots of chili, hot dogs, side dishes, breads, and desserts, I'm sure none of the 160+ attendees went away hungry. Thanks to Paul and Chris for a job well done, and to all those volunteers who assisted and to those who brought yummy food. Let's also congratulate the chili cook-off winners: 1st place Bob and Benita McCall, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Gary and Gwen Cunningham, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Al and Gerri Kessel! (Look for their photos on page 16 of the Newsletter)

Great job all!



The next event on our 2019 Social calendar is the annual **QCCC Valentine's Dinner on February 9, 2019**, social starting at 4 pm, prior to the business meeting at the VFW Hall in Indian Trail. Event Leader is Peggy Wood. Catering will again be provided by Rossini's Italian Restaurant and will include salad, chicken piccata, ziti with marinara, lasagna, bread, dessert, water, iced tea, and coffee – all for \$20 a person. Such a deal!! The VFW cash bar will also be available to attendees during Social Hour and Dinner. This event has always been well attended, and provides a great alternative to crowded restaurants for those wishing to celebrate Valentines Day on a Saturday night. A BLAST has been sent, but just a reminder that Registration for the event is due to Peggy Wood via email, [chrisowood@att.net](mailto:chrisowood@att.net), by February 2 and a Payment check made out to QCCC (\$20 per person) and mailed to Treasurer Craig Smith to the QCCC address is due by February 5. Those not wishing to join us for dinner can come for the meeting scheduled to start at 6 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday, MARCH 2, 2019** --The always fabulous QCCC Awards Banquet (for 2018 awards) will be held again this year at the Speedway Club – great food, great fun, great people!! Margo Gross will coordinate the event. The award-winning (outstanding) entertainment Band “Too Much Sylvia” will join us once again for our dancing and listening pleasure. Shine those dancin' shoes and get your dance tune requests ready!! They play everything!! More information will be sent in a BLAST very soon but please take a moment to add it to Your calendar. Hope to see you there!!

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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.*

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# AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Happy New Year!! Listed below are this year's planned automotive events. Details for each event will be sent out in a Blast as the event approaches.

## ***2019 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS:***

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

### 2019 EVENTS

- Rolex 24 Race – January 26 & 27
- Spring Auto Fair – April 6 & 7
- BASH in Bowling Green – April 26 & 27
- Shelton Vineyards Corvette Auto Show – May 25
- Dale Earnhardt Car Show – June 15
- VIR IMSA Race – August 25
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month starting February 16th
- Streetside Classics Last Saturday each month
- Hot Rods & Hops – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, check Facebook page for details

Roger Winge  
Automotive Events Director

# FOR SALE

Morris Graham, [mgraham0516@icloud.com](mailto:mgraham0516@icloud.com), has volunteered to serve as the QCCC Classifieds Coordinator. If you have a Corvette or Corvette parts for sale, please contact Morris to have the details posted on the QCCC Website.

## Process

<https://queencitycorvette.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/QCCC-Classified-process.pdf>

## Form

<https://queencitycorvette.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/QCCC-Classified-Form.pdf>





### **2019 NATIONAL CARAVAN REMINDER**

**August 26 – September 1, 2019**

#### **NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN - WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

The National Corvette Caravan is held every five years in Bowling Green, KY, and is hosted by the National Corvette Museum. Corvette lovers from all over the world attend the National Caravan.

The Regional Corvette Caravans are formed and led by Regional Caravan Captains. The Regional Caravans plan special events prior to National Caravan, and Lead the regional caravan on the trip to Bowling Green.

Registration for the **2019 National Corvette Museum Caravan** began **September 12, 2018** on the NCM Caravan website, [www.corvettecaravan.com](http://www.corvettecaravan.com). If you plan to participate, REGISTER SOON. You will be able to make changes to your registration **UP TO 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE CARAVAN WEEK**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Registration on the NCM website is for the NCM 2019 *National Caravan* signup **ONLY** and **WILL NOT** automatically sign you up for our regional **2019 Carolinas and Virginia Corvette Caravan**. Signup for our regional *2019 Carolinas and Virginia Corvette Caravan* (see our regional **Carolinas Caravan info** below) will be **IN ADDITION TO** the NCM Caravan signup. (*Yes, we all must sign up twice, but it will be easy, trust me.*)

When registering for the **NCM National Corvette Caravan**, you will be asked to select a “**Regional Caravan**.” Please select the **Carolinas & Virginia Corvette Caravan**. If you are **NOT** riding to Bowling Green with the Caravan, but still wish to participate in our pre-Caravan activities, please select our Carolinas & Virginia Caravan anyway so we know how many folks to prepare for. Also, the Caravan you sign up for is where your National **Caravan Credentials** will be located. If two people are attending, don’t forget to register your GUEST for the National Caravan Events, and select the C&VA Caravan for the guest as well.

**Note:** If you are signed up with QCCC NCM Ambassador Paul Mariano for seats at the reserved QCCC tables for the Friday night HOF Banquet, do NOT register on the website for the HOF Banquet. Paul has the tables reserved and will have HOF banquet tickets for QCCC prior to the Caravan.

If you are NOT a member of the NCM and wish to partake of this extravaganza, you may take advantage of our **Queen City Corvette Club’s Lifetime Business Member** status and receive a **one-time reduced rate** for your membership and register at a reduced rate for the Caravan.



○ **2019 CAROLINAS & VIRGINIA CORVETTE CARAVAN**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

- Registration for our **2019 Carolinas & Virginia (C&VA) Corvette Caravan IS OPEN**. Register Now!! Captains Frank and Laura Sancineto (Members of RTP Corvettes and Associate Members of QCCC) have been diligently working out the details. Frank and Laura are handling the hotel reservations in Bowling Green for Other regional clubs, but Paul Mariano is handling the hotel reservations in **Bowling Green** for QCCC attendees. However, the C&VA caravan will have an overnight stay on the way to Bowling Green. **If you ride with the Caravan, you will need to work with Frank and Laura for a hotel in Sevierville for that overnight stay on Tuesday, August 27.**
- The Regional C&VA Caravan kicks off on **Monday, August 26, 2019** in Concord, NC. The **REGISTRATION FORM** is available on the Carolinas & Virginia Caravan page of the NCM Caravan website. (<https://www.corvettecaravan.com/va-nc-sc/>).

The **Registration Fee** is **\$100 per person**. This fee includes:

- Monday night **Meet & Greet with Refreshments at our Concord NC Host Hotel**
- Tuesday **Lunch at the Deer Park Inn at Biltmore Estate**, our first Caravan stop.
- Tuesday **Dinner in Sevierville, TN**, our overnight stop location.
- **Wednesday Dinner** at our Host hotel in Bowling Green catered by our favorite **Montana Grill**.

Note: Paul Mariano is coordinating QCCC hotel rooms for QCCC members at the Hilton Garden Inn, but we can drive down to the Hampton for the Montana Grill dinner.

- **T-Shirt, goody bags and more...**

***The C&VA Caravan REGISTRATION FORM must be printed, filled out, and mailed to Laura Sancineto at the address given in the instructions online. Once your REGISTRATION and PAYMENT is received, Laura will send you confirmation with information on how to make any needed hotel reservations.***

C&VA Events include a “Drive your Corvette on the track at **Charlotte Motor Speedway**”. **Track Laps** will be available for \$75 per car. Details forthcoming.

As Frank showed us at our June 2018 QCCC Meeting at the Speedway Club, he has arranged for a very nice blanket / throw with our 2019 C & V Caravan logo emblazoned on it for \$60 each. Orders are being taken now. Email Frank at [caravan25th@aol.com](mailto:caravan25th@aol.com).

**QCCC 2019 C&VA Caravan QCCC Team**

Chris Wood – Caravan Route Book and Caravan Interface

Carolyn Zimmer – QCCC Caravan Communications, Caravan Check-In, and QCCC Volunteers

Wade Stickels – Caravan - Charlotte Local Leader



## *QCCC Members & Guests Photos*

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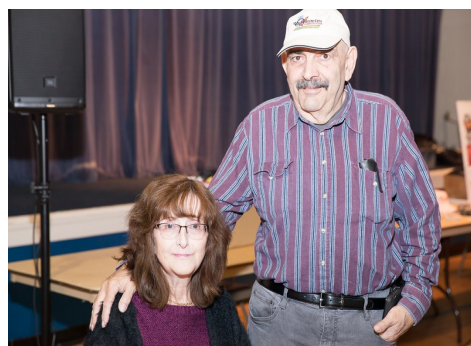
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# 2019 CHILI COOKOFF & RAFFLE WINNERS!



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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/](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.

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# *Last Laughs*

Thank you Keith Cross for the suggestion to add a cartoon page!

