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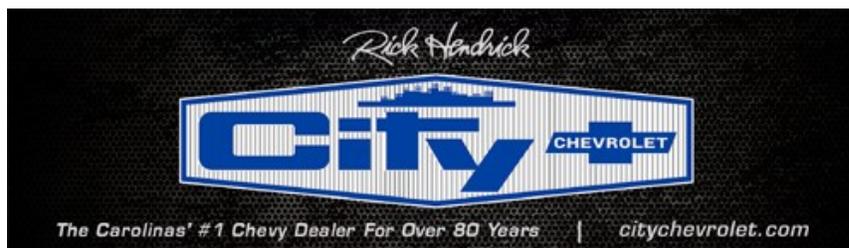
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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

The sun is out, and I was able to really wash the Corvette with water in a hose, unfrozen and liquid! That's great. But it's only the first of February, so we are not out of the cold woods yet. Hang in there, spring is slowly coming our way. In just a few weeks, there will be the first day ride of the year, led by Ron and Donna Berst. We are planning on having many of these day trips this year, as they are very popular. Please let us know of a special place that you are aware of that would make a good trip. We will help you with any arrangements to get it going. We are going to get our Corvettes out on the road in 2019!

While the Rolex 24 Hour Race in Daytona was not a good weekend for the Corvettes, it was a good weekend for QCCC. For the third year in a row, we won the Club Participation Award at the Corvette Corral. It's amazing that we have 34 people go to this event that is an 8 hour drive away, and have more members than SC and FL and other clubs. Just another reason this club is so great, and another reason to be very proud. We continue to make our mark all over the country!

You will be hearing a lot about the 2019 QCCC All Corvette Car Show during the year. Last year's show was the best yet, but we just set the bar high to be sure we have a lofty goal this year. And we certainly have a lofty goal! There will be many changes and additions to the show. Tommy Loftin, Car Show Chairman, is already hard at work getting things going. You will see an article in this newsletter with some show information, and there will be an article each month with show updates. Be sure to review that each month to see what is going on. Our goal is a total of 500 Corvettes at Hendrick Motorsports that day, and QCCC will have at least 100 of those cars there. Thanks to all the committee chairs that are continuing with their responsibilities. And thanks in advance to the army of volunteers that will help. This is developing into one of the premiere car shows in the country, and is giving QCCC great exposure. Let's all do our part to make it memorable.

The Valentines Dinner and Meeting is this coming weekend. The Awards Banquet at the Speedway is the first Saturday of March, at the Speedway Club, with great food, outstanding entertainment by Too Much Sylvia, and another fantastic evening with fellow club members. Saturday after that is the March meeting at Streetside Classics, where you can drool over the many amazing cars in their showroom. We will have the day trips previously mentioned, car care clinics, Auto Fair, the Bash, and many more activities. So get ready for 2019, cause it's coming with lots of QCCC fun and action.

QCCC is about Corvettes. It's about friendships, camaraderie, participation, and fun! Let's remember what it's all about and always.....

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



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

– Carolyn Zimmer –

Happy February!!

What new Social Events are coming up? Well, I'm glad you asked. After starting off this year's Social calendar with our outstanding January Chili Cook-Off, hosted by Event Leaders **Paul and Christine Schmitt**, our next scheduled social event will be the **Valentine's dinner** this **Saturday, February 9**, at the **Indian Trail VFW** prior to the meeting, hosted by Event Leader **Peggy Wood** (thank you Peggy). The Rossini's restaurant is once again catering the food for us and I for one am really looking forward to the yummy lasagna and other tasty dishes they will provide. I sincerely appreciate all of you who volunteered to help Peggy and me set up and decorate for this event. It's really the willingness of the volunteers who lead and assist who help make our QCCC social events so successful.

Next, if you have not already done so, please **REGISTER for the Annual Awards Banquet**, our signature Social Event of the year, to be held on **Saturday, March 2, 2019**. As Event Leader **Margo Gross** has announced, the outstanding evening will be held at The Speedway Club, and will include an excellent social hour and dinner with QCCC friends, followed by a short awards ceremony – and then we can dance and/or enjoy the exceptional, award-winning entertainment band – ***Too Much Sylvia***. Social Hour begins at 4:30 pm, with dinner at 6 pm. Plated dinner will include filet mignon & chicken marsala, seasonal vegetables, chef's starch, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea -- an exceptional evening of fun and fabulous food, all for the very reasonable cost of **\$35 per member, \$55 per prospective member, spouse/guest** who have attended at least one meeting. Don't miss it!!! Please **REGISTER** via email to margogross@gmail.com and **send check made out to QCCC to Margo Gross, 4720 Kellswater Bridge Blvd, Kannapolis, NC 28081. DEADLINE for payment or refunds is February 20, 2019**, so please do it today!! Contact Margo directly if you have any questions. Thank you, Margo for your dedication to making this a fabulous and fun event again this year.

On March 30 – a Day Trip: BBQ and CHOO CHOO’s. Ron and Donna Berst have suggested this new venue, and have volunteered (thank you Ron and Donna) to serve as Event Leaders for this fun event which will include a **BBQ Lunch at Smiley’s or Speedy’s BBQ Restaurant** in Lexington, NC and then visiting the **NC Transportation Museum** in Spencer, NC. See the recent BLAST or contact Donna for more information. Due to restaurant size, the registration is limited, but if they get enough people to register, they will consider finding another close restaurant if possible. Sign up via email to donnaberst@windstream.net.

Then on April 13 - Picnic with the Meeting at Loftin’s Garage. Michael Bullard has volunteered (thank you Michael) to serve as Event Leader for this annual picnic at Loftin’s beautiful property in Troutman, NC. Watch for more information on this fun outdoor event via QCCC BLASTS.

Volunteers will be needed for this event. Contact Michael Bullard if you have any questions.

Speaking of volunteers -- as the Board has communicated previously, we are seeking **volunteer Event Leaders** for all the currently planned 2019 events, and some new ones. Some Leaders (see above) have already volunteered for many of the 2019 events, however there are **a few events that still need leaders**. See the list of events below, and please contact me carolynz77@yahoo.com if you are willing to serve as Event Leader for any of the following events – I will provide lots of details, oversight, and will assist you of course.

May 11 – Coordinate refreshments donated by members for “Corvettes in the Round” Meeting at Hopewell Church

August 10 – Coordinate Refreshments and volunteers for our QCCC Anniversary meeting at Hendrick Motorsports

By the way, do you have ideas for any Social Events, Day Trips, or Overnight Trips for this year and are you willing to Lead them (with my assistance)? There are so many attractions in the area and so many great places to visit – we just need our members to volunteer to lead some new, or not so new, social events. With over 350 members in the club, it would be great to have multiple events each month for folks to drive their Corvettes and enjoy their friends (drive and eat, that’s us!) – weekdays or weekends or overnight. Open to everyone, or even some with limited numbers due to venue size. All options are on the table.



Following are a few social event/day trip ideas – some of which we have done in the past and have been quite successful. Or feel free to come up with something new and let me know your willingness to lead. I have more event ideas and I will follow up with a BLAST with a longer list!!! I'm sure you will find something on the list you would love to coordinate.

While the Corvette brought us all together, it's participating in the social events that make us a family! QCCC needs you! **Will you Volunteer to Lead an Event?**

A Few Ideas for Day Trips/Events

- Minor League Baseball Game (Charlotte, Kannapolis, etc.)**
- Beach Music and Vettes, North Wilkesboro (Summer event)**
- Concert in the Park – Kannapolis, other**
- Mountain Run to the Colors (Foothills Corvette Club) – Shatley Springs Lunch**
- Winery Tour and Lunch**
 - Shelton, Childress, Daveste, Shadow Creek, Other?**
- Asheville/Black Mountain**
- Linville Falls (Blue Ridge Parkway)**
- Mabry Mill (Blue Ridge Parkway)**
- Mt. Airy**
- Biltmore Estate**
- Lake Lure – Lunch and Boat Ride on the Lake**
- NASCAR Race Shop (lots of them around)**
- Zoo in Columbia SC or Ashboro NC**
- Action Express Racing, Denver NC (IMSA Racing team)**
- Charley O's Corvette Exhibit**
- Tom Smith's (the Food Lion guy) – Corvette Exhibit**
- Many, many others.**

Potential Overnight Events

- Asheville – Comedy Tour, other attractions**
- Beach Trip – Myrtle, Pawley's Island, Hilton Head**
- Charleston or Savannah or Atlanta**
- Snowbird Mountain Lodge**
- Other Mountain Locations**
- Your Choice**

**Hope to see you soon!!
Carolyn**



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Access the Events Calendar Page on the QCCC Website.

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

https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=1287



As event coordinator again this year for the QCCC Annual Award Banquet and Award Presentation which will be held **Saturday, March 2nd** at the Speedway Club, 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC (Charlotte Motor Speedway). Our event will be held on the 5th floor which is the large banquet room all on one level. In addition, following the awards presentation we will have for our dancing entertainment

Too Much Sylvia. This is one of our biggest events of the year and is supplemented by the Club so please take part in it. Your dinner will be filet mignon, chicken marsala, chef's choice of starch and vegetable, salad and dessert. Cost is only **\$35 per person for members and \$55 per person for prospective member spouse/guest.**

Social Hour with Bar	4:30 PM
Plated Dinner	6:00 PM
Award Program	7:15 PM
Dancing Begins	7:45-10:30

A few changes have been made since last year. The Social Hour is longer this year, it runs from 4:30 -6 (the bar will open at 4:30) to allow members more time to socialize and interact with each other. In addition the Awards Presentation will also be shorter so that the members will have more time to dance. Members should also note that if you have any particular songs you want the band to play, just ask. They truly want to entertain our crowd and perform for your enjoyment. Their song list is very large and they play a very broad range of music ranging from beach, shag to rock. If you don't want to ask them just let me know and I'll request the songs for you.

Also please feel free to dress however makes you the most comfortable. It is not necessary to wear a suit or fancy dress. Some do because they want to, and some wear slacks and a sweater. The only requirement is that the Speedway Club does ask men have a shirt with a collar. So, please don't let the fact that you don't want to get dressed up fancy hold you back from attending this event. Lots of members don't dress up. Plenty come in comfortable shoes, and dress however they feel comfortable. Just come and have FUN!

This is a great night to catch up with old friends you haven't seen in awhile, for our new members to meet and mix with members and a chance for everyone to have a nice night out together. Where else could you have a filet and chicken on the same plate and go dancing with a bunch of your good friends for \$35! So if you want to go you will need to RSVP to me margoegross@gmail.com **no later than February 20th and send your check to Margo Gross, 4720 Kellswater Bridge Blvd, Kannapolis, NC 28081.**

So, I hope to see many of you at the upcoming banquet. Hurry up and get your RSVPs in ASAP!



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Just returned from the Rolex 24 in Daytona. Had a great time with a bunch of fellow QCCC members. QCCC once again won the Corvette Corral most club attendees award!! Automotive activities are a little slow this time of year but will be picking up speed soon. The *Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee* inaugural event is Saturday February 16th @ 7 AM. I will be sending out a blast with additional information on QCCC's participation, lets have a big club turnout! I will also be sending out *Spring Auto Fair* information the first week of February.

2019 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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

- 2019 EVENTS
 - 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 3rd Saturday each month starting February 16th
 - Streetside Classics Last Saturday each month
 - Hot Rods & Hops – 3rd Friday, check Facebook page for details

Roger Winge

Automotive Events Director



From Track to Street

The Roar and the 24 hr. Rolex are in the history books now. Corvette ran a heck of a race until they got together in the pits. Will they ever learn? This being said they did regain their lead during the night until just before 6AM. Tommy did one heck of a job spinning out at turn one and not totaling the car. Yes I was up watching this from the warmth of a motor home. The only way to enjoy the Rolex.

So what is up next? Of course Sebring. The Super Sebring March 13 – 16 we will enjoy two great races. The WEC 8 hour or 1000 mile race will be Friday afternoon starting at 3:55PM and ending by 11:55PM. Yes, Corvette Racing will have one car in this race. Jan Magnussen, Antonio Garcia and Mike Rockenfeller will be driving a WEC Corvette sponsored by Corvette Racing. No sleep for yours truly since John Jensen and I will be on the start finish line. The next day at 10:40AM – 10:40PM will be the IMSA Weather Tech 12 hours of Sebring Race. This does not include the other races and many practices we will see from Wed – Sat night. What a special weekend. Look for a special report in the April Newsletter. Tickets are still available but hotel rooms are hard to find. This will be a historic weekend and one you won't want to miss.

So what about the C8 R? Don't think you will see it this year. If we do I will let you know but don't hold your breath. By the way it looked great at Sebring several months ago but Corvette Racing won't discuss this.

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt





8TH Annual Queen City Corvette Show October 12, 2019

I would like to take a few moments to thank all of the 2018 QCCC Car Show Team Leaders and members for all your dedicated help and commitment to your individual car show areas. This was by far the best QCCC Car Show ever. All of the Team Leaders acted as professionals and made the whole car show process come together as one. Dale Ledbetter with Hendrick Motorsports said this was the best car show ever for the Hendrick facility. This was quite a compliment as they have numerous car shows each year.

I have made a commitment to be the 2019 QCCC Car Show Chairman and would hope that each of you will consider retaining your positions for the 2019 show as well.

Planning has already begun for the 2019 Car Show and many of you have already made commitments to help in your prospective areas. The 2019 QCCC Corvette Show brochure is complete, thanks to Roger and we have had numerous meetings with Hendrick Motorsport, City Chevrolet and The National Corvette Museum. This year we have set a goal of 500 Corvettes on premises at the Hendrick Motorsport Complex. Bloomington Gold will again be judging Corvettes as well as a Corvette display in the Team Center. QCCC will have our Corvettes on display and we hope to have a large showing of other Corvette clubs from around the area.

This year our goal is to change from an ordinary car show to a large event. The Event will consist of the QCCC Corvette Show, Bloomington Gold Judging, Gold display in the Team Center, tours to the Hendrick Heritage Center, tours of the Hendrick Race Shops, a central stage area with bleacher seating, and a huge Vender Corral area with over 40 food and local venders. With all of this you can see how it is turning into An Event rather than a car show.

Mark your calendars and start making plans for our 8TH Annual Corvette Show. Your help and input will be much appreciated.

Tommy Loftin, 2019 Corvette Show Coordinator



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER

As you have probably heard by now, the NCM recently closed on the purchase of an additional 200 plus acres of land next to the Motorsports Park. The added acreage gives the museum a great many options to expand the opportunities of both the MSP and the NCM. A master plan will be undertaken to best develop the grounds for future use. All this growth and improvements are only possible due to the continued support of the NCM members.

I must admit, I severely overestimated the brilliance of my idea to enlist all the QCCC NCM members in a recurring gift of a small amount to the NCM. I had believed that asking for a small gift of \$5.00/month would be heartily adopted by the majority of the membership. With over a hundred NCM members in our club, I had surmised that QCCC would commit to a significant amount for future NCM expansion. To date, only a half dozen members have submitted their forms to me which have been forwarded to the NCM. There must be a serious flaw in my calculations and I would honestly like any feedback where I erred. As you know by now, I love the respect and attention QCCC receives for its involvement in the NCM activities and support of all things Corvette and I'm always looking for ways to increase our footprint on the Corvette community. I ask for you to help me with those endeavors.

I think everyone is all set for the annual trek to the NCM Bash. The reserved seats for the Bash Banquet are all sold out and all should be registered for the event by now. I will send out the route book and travel group list in mid-April. If you have any questions regarding the trip in the meantime, just give me a shout.

If, by chance, you have not yet become a member of the NCM, you are in luck. From now until February 28 you can purchase a family membership for only \$50.00. You will be saving \$25.00 over our already discounted rate for the QCCC. When filling out the on-line application just enter VALDAY19 in the "discount code" box.

Yes, the 2019 25th Anniversary Caravan is still seven months away but do not put off making all your plans, registration, and reservations. All you lucky people that signed up early have your hotel rooms and Hall of Fame Banquet reserved seats in hand. Things go so much easier when you plan ahead. Don't wait any longer to make your caravan reservations with Caravan Captain, Frank Sancineto, as the ride to Bowling Green will be tons of fun.

Want your car to be featured on the cover of Americas Sports Car magazine? Only a few days left on the e-bay auction now in progress. Winning price is tax deductible.

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador



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. 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.

QCCC 2019 C&VA Caravan QCCC Team

Chris Wood – Caravan Route Book and Caravan Interface

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and QCCC Volunteers

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VINTAGE QCCC FROM THE VINTAGE GANG: BILL CRUTHIS, BILL INGRAM, DARRELL KIRKLEY, AND TRAVIS MEREDITH

BEFORE TECHNOLOGY WHEN WE WERE YOUTS

For the next few monthly articles I would like to dissect some of the old newsletters from the 70's and 80's. I know it is always better if you were there, but at least these items will tell you where we were and where we thought we were headed. First let's look at the first re-write of the original by laws on 5/3/1976. A prospective member who receives 10% negative vote was rejected membership. Keep in mind we only had maximum of 25 votes. Our ladies were allowed to vote starting in 76, this made less opportunity to be rejected.

2. All members as of 1/1/1974 were required to join the National Council of Corvette Clubs. (This is where we got the insurance to cover our racing).

3. Term Limits: no officer shall be eligible to more than 2 consecutive years in the same office and no more than 5 consecutive years on the board.

4. The Vice President will assume the duties of the secretary in any business meeting where the secretary is absent.

5. Treasury: initiation fee to join is \$7.00, and dues are \$5.00/month. There will be a \$3.00 monthly fee to support the clubhouse until it can be self-sustaining.

6. The Executive Board may spend up to 10% of the yearly funds. The Vice President of Competition may spend up to 30% of the club treasury. The V.P. of social may spend up to 30% of the treasury.

7. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed during business meetings. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed during a planned club caravan. These were the rules back then which were a good attempt, but rarely enforced.

8. Social V.P. Jeff Tater (a.k.a. Silver Cloud) report circa 1978. "This month, Feb. 19th we will have a Valentine Party at my house from 8 pm. until six weeks from next Monday.." I have been contacted by Lane Self of the Classic Corvette Club

asking for a volleyball match. He asks if we can play and I told him to go ask the Van Club. We are cleaning out the back bedroom to put a foosball table there.

9. Brenda Alberty wrote a monthly article entitled GOSSIP...HOT FLASHES FROMOLE CRANDMA MOSES.

Always knew Morse had the gift of gab. He actually convinced Lydia that the girl calling him in the middle of the night was really calling the other Dave Morse in Charlotte.

A VERY reliable source told me that Vicki Outlaw puts on a fantastic floor show, if you can get her to drink her lunch.

I heard Melvin has been contacted by the Ice Follies for his terrific clown routine at the skating party. He did an impression of a drunk hanging onto the railing all the way around.

Travelin' Trav joined a very elite group in QCCC---The Over the Hill Gang. Hit the big 30. in January.

On December 20, 1977, President Joey Hunter drafted a letter to La Pointe Chevrolet in downtown Charlotte releasing us of their sponsorship so we could get sponsorship from Larry Jay Chevrolet on South Blvd.

ON April 9 and 10 we will host our 3rd annual Corvette/Porsche Challenge at Charlotte Motor Speedway. PCA will host a high class banquet on Saturday Night. That same evening QCCC will host a free beer bust. This will be a 2.5 mile high speed event utilizing the 4 high banks and the road course at CMS. Entry fee is \$15.00 per person.

President David Morse thanks Vicky Hunter for making the scoreboard for the Corvette/Porsche Challenge as well as making the numbers to put on the doors, that's 400 signs (2 per car).

Bank balance Feb. 15, 1975 was \$762.38

Upcoming events Feb.22 Economy Run Corvette Birmingham

Feb. 23 Fun Rally Corvette Birmingham (Alabama)

March 1st Classic Corvettes of Rome, Georgia ... Concours

March 2nd Corvette Gadsden ...Concours

March 8 and 9 QCCC Porsche/Corvette Challenge High Speed Event

March 15 and 16 Governor's meeting

March 22 Vette Riders Ltd. Columbus, Georgia – Drags & Rally

Rent for Charlotte Motor Speedway is now \$250 per day. We are looking at working for them to clean up after the October Winston Race to get credit off the fee for a weekend of racing.

When you read all of this try to go back to when you were 25 to 30 years old. Keep in mind other than the monthly meeting our only communication was the newsletter. No cell phones, no car phones, no e-mails, no messages by answering machine. CB radios were just coming in to play. For years Travis and Sharon Meredith would type the newsletter and get it in the mail to the membership monthly. They would type it, then go to the copy store and make enough copies, then put stamps on and mail them. Just one of the many reasons Travis is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for QCCC. So this was our chance to get the facts out and to poke a little fun.

When I look at each month's calendar of events (check out how far we went, (Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina) it now strikes me as very busy every month, yet most of that small group got involved and like today QCCC traveled well, winning NCCC regional awards every year of the 80's and National NCCC champions in 1985 and 1989 under direction of President Melvin Pace. Racing in the 70's and 80's was the staple of the club and we did it well.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Cruthis



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FEBRUARY 2019

PAUL SCHMITT

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY! ALSO CALLED SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY OR THE FEAST OF SAINT VALENTINE. IT IS CELEBRATED ANNUALLY ON FEBRUARY 14TH. AND IS NOT ONLY A LITURGICAL CELEBRATION BUT ALSO A ROMANTIC HOLIDAY! IT IS A GREAT TIME TO SHOW THE ONE YOU ADMIRE HOW MUCH YOU LOVE THEM. BEAUTIFUL POETIC CARDS, ROMANTIC DINNERS FOR TWO, ROSES, JEWELRY, CANDY ARE USUALLY THE GIFTS OF THE DAY FOR THE ONE YOU LOVE.

WE HAD AN EXCELLENT CHILI COOKOFF LAST MONTH WITH A RECORD ATTENDANCE OF 162 PEOPLE. THE MOST EVER FOR THE COOK OFF, AS IT SEEMS TO GET BIGGER AND BIGGER EVERY YEAR. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED SET-UP AND DECORATE FOR THE PARTY AND OUR SPECIAL MEMBERS WHO BROUGHT EXTRA CHILI, SALADS, ROLLS AND OF COURSE DESSERT. IT WAS IN FACT THE BEST COOK-OFF FOR QCCC.

CONGRATS TO OUR CHILI WINNERS:

1ST PLACE - BOB & BENITA MCCALL

2ND PLACE - GARY AND GWEN CUNNINGHAM

3RD - PLACE- AL AND GERRI KESSEL

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS-



**VALERIE CUNNINGHAM, CORNELIUS NC
2006 VICTORY RED COUPE**



**JOE AND DEB TROUTWINE
MONROE NC**

- 2018 GRAY COUPE**
- 1970 GREEN COUPE**
- 1963 RED COUPE**



**DAVE & SANDY DAVIES
MINT HILL, NC**

- 2007 Z06 BLACK COUPE**

JANUARY 2019 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:	357 (INCLUDING NEW MEMBERS)
TOTAL FAMILIES:	197
TOTAL PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS:	30
NEW MEMBERS THROUGH JANUARY:	5

CARE & COMPASSION

GEORGE MANGHIS – HOME RECOVERING FROM KNEE SURGERY
TERRI EBERT – IN HOSPICE CARE
PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS.
PAUL SCHMITT
QCCC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

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.



2018
Valentine
Party Photos



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



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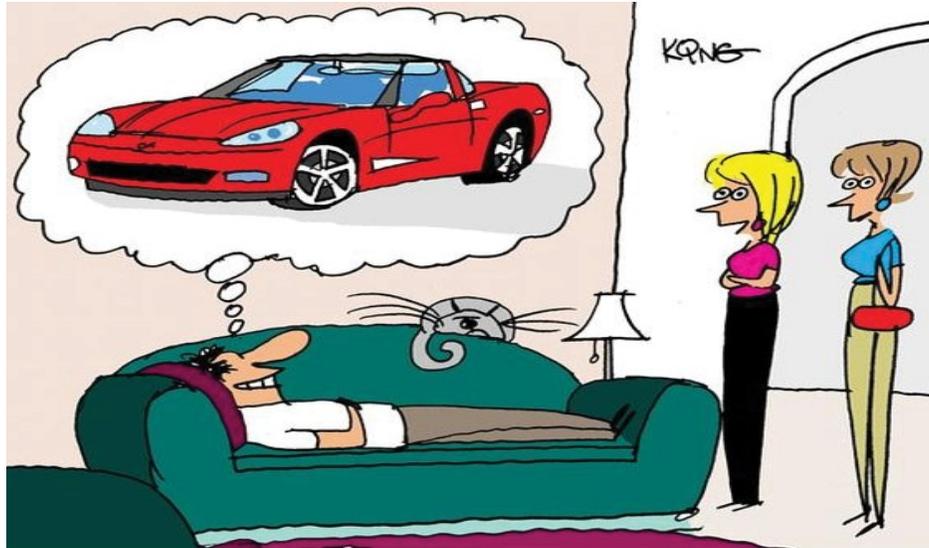
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