

The Queen City Corvette Gazette



Official Newsletter of NC's Largest Corvette Club

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March 14, 2020



QCCC Monthly Meeting

Details:

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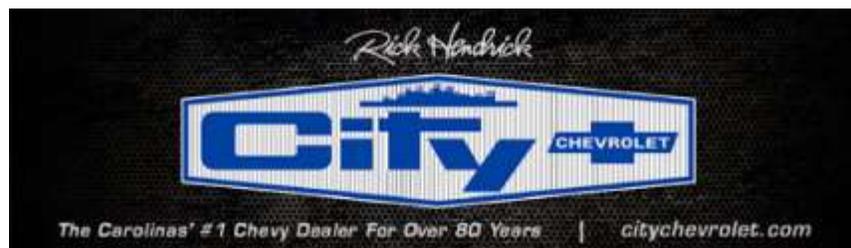
TIME: **Social @ 4 PM Meeting @ 5 PM**

LOCATION: **Streetside Classics 800 Derita Rd – Suite A Concord, NC 28027**

DETAILS: Streetside Classics is an automotive company that offers purchasing and selling of Classic and Muscle Cars. They have graciously agreed to host our March meeting at their Concord showroom. So come early as you like and take some time to look over the cars. Who knows, your next dream car could be in their showroom right now! **BRING YOUR CHAIRS.** If you are curious about what Streetside Classics is all about – check out their website to learn more. Visit them at www.streetsideclassics.com.

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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 . 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 or contact our Membership Director at membership@queencitycorvette.com . We would love to have you join us for a monthly business meeting. If you can't join us, please WAVE!

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

Please visit the [QCCC web site Archive page](#) for previous issues of the Gazette



Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

Even though we have not had a very harsh winter, I am certainly looking forward to real spring coming soon. As I write this, we have a couple more days in the 40's, then it's 50's and 60's after that for ten days. So maybe we are actually over the hump (although early March can always sneak up and kick us hard). So bottom line, it's about time to get our Corvettes out and ready to go. Check the tire pressure, knock off the dust, vacuum the carpets, and make it go VROOM-VROOM! Because we've already got lots planned and you need to be ready.

Ron Berst is busy working on getting more day trips lined up, and the first is headed up by Tommy and Brenda Loftin with the distillery tour. Based on signups of over 70 people, this is an indication of the desire for these type trips to be available. Ron's goal is to have two per month. So let him know if you have some ideas and want to head up one. News flash – Ron is not going to do them all. So the QCCC membership needs to step up. I know you will.

The Bash at the National Corvette Museum is the last weekend in April. If you've never been, this is something you must do. A fun and very interesting weekend of thousands of like-minded Corvette lovers descending on the home of the Corvette. Once you attend you will be hooked. Paige and I are going on our 10th consecutive Bash trip this year, and it's always something we really look forward to. Please come join us.

The Annual Awards Banquet is a few days away, and it will again be the best entertainment event in Charlotte for QCCC members. Fantastic venue, outstanding food, and the award winning band Too Much Sylvia to entertain us for the evening. Folks, it don't get no better than that!

We continue to meet with Hendrick Performance to plan the 2020 Corvette Show. There are already some really neat additions and attractions that are being planned. So even though our 2019 Show was the best ever, we will continue to add features and improve the logistics to make each one better than the previous one. A tough challenge, but one QCCC will meet.

Please remember our members that need your Care & Compassion during these times. Our club is one of extraordinary Care & C and our members are always there for each other. Just another example of why QCCC is the best in the land.

I'll see you at the March 14 meeting at Streetside where we can go over all the exciting things going on. You don't want to miss anything this year! In the meantime, you know what you got to do.....

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

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~ Donna Berst ~

Happy St. Patrick's Day! (almost)

With a little **LUCK** we will be driving our corvettes in warmer weather from now on!

I hope you all enjoyed the Valentine's Party/Meeting. Hats off to our 3 couples who were the "Sweetheart Dating Corvette Newlywed Game" contestants and all the set-up & clean-up helpers!! Also, a HUGE THANK YOU to our renowned game show hosts Vanna White Mariano & Bob Eubanks Mariano, who traveled all the way from California (via Huntersville) to host the evening's activity! We have many more fun events and meetings coming up.

Tuesday's Day trip committee meeting had a great turnout with 22 people attending! Thank you to all who brought your ideas and offered to lead a trip! So read the QCCC Newsletter Articles, BLASTS & visit our website regularly to stay in touch with all the happenings!

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7th: QCCC 2019 Awards Banquet

At the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

Banquet ATTIRE: Check out the QCCC Banquet pictures from prior years on the QCCC Website if you are wondering what to wear. The Speedway Club dress code states: No screen-printed t-shirts, undershirts, cut-off shorts, athletic wear, torn or tattered clothing, or beach style flip-flops are allowed.

March 14th: QCCC Meeting at Streetside Classics

800 Derita Road, Suite A Concord, NC 28027

Bring your **CHAIRS**

April 11th: Meeting & Annual Picnic at the Loftin's Garage and Homestead

244 Hicks Rd Troutman, NC 28166

Event Coordinator Jane Burt fab4fan@carolina.rr.com

2:00pm Social - 4:30pm Dinner - 6:00pm Meeting

Dinner Option #1 Dinner catered & served by Randy's BBQ cost TBD: Chopped BBQ, Grilled chicken, Baked beans, Cole slaw, Rolls, Tea – sweet and unsweet or **Dinner Option #2** Bring your own Picnic Meal to enjoy. (If you want the catered Dinner please **RSVP by April 1** to Peggy Wood at redvettes@att.net and **PAY by mail by April 1** to: QCCC, P.O. Box 574, Paw Creek NC 28130)

BRING your chairs and beverages of choice! (WATER PROVIDED)

Contact Jane if you can bring Tents or corn hole boards

EVERYONE arriving before 3:30, please bring an appetizer to share. **EVERYONE** arriving at 3:30 or later, please bring a dessert to share!

May 9th: Meeting with "Cars in the Round" at Hopewell Presbyterian Church

10500 Beatties Ford Rd, Huntersville, N. C. 28078

3:00 pm Social Time & Parking our Vettes in a "Car Show" fashion in front of the church so we can have a mini QCCC car show prior to the meeting (no judging)

5:00 pm Meeting

BRING chairs & a snack to share

May 15th - 17th, 2020 - QCCC Maggie Valley Overnighter

Lodging will be at the Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge 2716 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, NC 28751
(42 Rooms blocked under QCCC) To reserve a room please call 828-926-1301
Questions? Contact Tom & Terri Pennoni 704-746-4527

Friday September 18th - September 20th: Oktoberfest Trip to Helen Georgia

Steve Bonino has reserved 25 rooms (if we book 15 or more rooms the price will be \$129 per night plus tax)
These prices are for a minimum of a two night stay.

We will be staying at the Baymont Hotel in Helen Georgia. To make reservations call (706) 878-2111. Tell them that you are with the **Queen City Corvette Club** to get the special rate. Make your reservations ASAP as the rooms will fill up fast! Look for a detailed BLAST or contact Steve at vettegs17@gmail.com

Thursday February 25, 2021—Monday March 1, 2021: 4 Night Bahamas Cruise on Norwegian

Angela Brannick has reserved 30 cabins for this fabulous and exciting 4 night cruise to the Bahamas from Port Canaveral, FL... See all the details on the following page

DINNERS & LUNCHEONS

Weekly Wednesday Night Dinners (typically restaurants in South Charlotte)

- Every Wednesday unless otherwise notified
- Information is sent out via a BLAST
- Contact Jane Burt for more information or if you would like to plan a Dinner
fab4fan@carolina.rr.com

Up-Yonder Dinner (typically restaurants in North Charlotte/Lake Norman area)

- Last Monday of the month
- Information sent via a BLAST
- Contact Tracey Comfort for more information comfortangel90@gmail.com

Ladies' Thursday Luncheon

- The 3rd Thursday of the month
- Location information is sent via email
- Contact Peggy Wood to be added to the email list 2redvettes@att.net

Men's Thursday Luncheon

- The 3rd Thursday of the month
- Location information is sent via email
- Contact Nelson Sprague to be added to the email list barnel@carolina.rr.com

Thanks to our many volunteers for all you do!

Donna Berst ~ 2020 QCCC Social Director

It's not where you go but who you travel with that makes the journey special!



QCCC Group Exclusive

4-Night Bahamas Cruise on Norwegian Escape



Departs Port Canaveral, Florida on Thursday, February 25, 2021 and Returns Port Canaveral, Florida on Monday, March 1, 2021

DAY	DATE	PORT OF CALL	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Thu	02/25/2021	Port Canaveral, Florida		04:00 PM
Fri	02/26/2021	Nassau, Bahamas	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Sat	02/27/2021	Great Stirrup Cay, Bahamas	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Sun	02/28/2021	Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Mon	03/01/2021	Port Canaveral, Florida	07:00 AM	

CABIN TYPE	CAT	OCCUPANCY	PRICE
Balcony Mini Suite	MA	2 Guests	\$964.73
Outside Balcony	BA	2 Guests	\$876.53
Inside	IA	2 Guests	\$664.74

Price of the cruise includes the follow-

- ◇ All 4 Perks are included for the Balcony and Mini Suites
- ◇ Premium Beverage Package - not including gratuities
- ◇ 3+ Night Sailings (1st and 2nd guest only)
- ◇ Ultimate Dining Package not including gratuities
- ◇ (1st and 2nd guest only) 3-4 Night Sailings -
- ◇ 1 Meal Package
- ◇ \$100 On Board Credit
- ◇ \$50 USD Shore Excursion Credit (per cabin)
- ◇ Internet Package (per cabin): 100 minutes
- ◇ **Inside cabins can choose two of above amenities and will get a \$25 on board credit

Click here to make your reservations:

<https://cruisesonlygroups.com/QCCCGroup2021>

Highlights:

If there were a word to encapsulate your entire Norwegian cruise experience, it would be this: Freedom. Enjoy the freedom to dine when and where you choose. Freedom to wear the clothes that make you feel most comfortable. Freedom to take advantage of everyday adventure and more fun than you've ever experienced before. Norwegian cruise deals put the excitement of an unforgettable vacation journey at your fingertips. Norwegian cruises mean excitement for the whole family. Challenge one another on a gigantic, two-story Nintendo Wii screen. Shoot down fantastically wet and wild waterslides that soar above deck and take your family out for even more fun at the lanes at an onboard bowling alley.

Entertainment:

When the lights go down, there's even more to explore. Sip drinks at one of the many onboard watering holes including piano bars, sports pubs, small lounge, and large discos that are sure to get you dancing. Thrill to the whirl of the roulette wheel as the stakes go up at one of NCL's multiple casinos. And don't forget to take in fantastic comedy and theater performances, including the musical stylings of the legendary Blue Man Group, a show exclusive to the Norwegian Epic. You can also enjoy the Second City® comedy troupe and boogie down at the White Hot Party.

The Norwegian Ships:

There are lots of reasons to book this cruise escape with Norwegian cruise lines. Modern, new, gorgeously-appointed vessels mean you can adventure in style. Norwegian recently introduced two new state-of-the-art ships: Norwegian Breakaway and Norwegian Getaway. Enjoy fantastic shows and a host of exclusive activities and games that you just can't experience anywhere else.

Availability is first come, first serve so please make your reservations ASAP to secure a cabin for this fabulous QCCC trip!



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Effective February 1, 2020

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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

NEW VEHICLES

Members pay "Employee Pricing" on all NEW, in-stock Chevrolet vehicles (C8 Corvette, select new models, and specialty vehicles excluded). Rebates and/or incentives will be applied. Extra costs may apply for locates, transportation or specialty vehicles.

PRE-OWNED VEHICLES

Retail in-stock vehicles may be purchased for \$500 over inventory amount. Extra costs may apply for transportation or specialty vehicles. Vehicle must pass NCSI through our service department. Over 8000 pre-owned vehicles available through our Hendrick network. Shipping costs may apply.

PARTS & SERVICE

15% discount off posted customer-pay rate for GM original equipment parts and service labor. May not be combined with other coupons or specials.

REFERRAL BONUS

We'll thank you with a \$100 gift card when you refer a non-QCCC member who purchases a vehicle. Friends and Family of QCCC Members will receive a 10% service discount.

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10% discount off customer-pay rates. Not applicable on insurance claims or rates.

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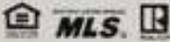
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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Another slow month on the automotive front but things will be picking up! I am working with the Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee group to set up a special QCCC/C8 display area at the March 21st event. Look for a club blast with details in early March. If you need to get your car fix go out and attend one of the Cars & Coffee events listed below, also checkout the website QCCC Events Calendar for other Car Shows. They give you an opportunity to see a mix of cars and meet new car enthusiasts, see you there.

Great response to this spring's Pennzoil Auto Fair, our 30 spots went very quickly. However, I have some Sunday only spots for April 4th & 5th Pennzoil Auto Fair open, as well as a waiting list. Just go to our website [CLUB INFO – EVENT SIGNUP] and sign up.



QCCC pictures from the 2019 Fall Pennzoil Auto Fair

UPCOMING 2020 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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

- Spring Pennzoil Auto Fair April 4-5, 2020
- 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

VP Report

March 2020



Where do we live?

One of my duties as Vice President is to secure locations for our monthly meetings. Because our club has outgrown some of our current locations, I have been working on finding larger facilities. To identify central meeting locations, I wanted to see where the majority of our members would be traveling from, so I went through the Member Directory and found that the majority of our 205 families are in three areas.

Those listing Charlotte as a home address = 73

Those listing Mooresville and surrounding areas = 53

Those listing Matthews and surrounding areas = 31

I have been trying to locate meeting locations in all areas around Charlotte, while keeping in mind the above areas have the greatest number of members.

Fortunately, we have found five possible new locations and will be securing two of them for this year, to replace those that we have outgrown.

This year, we will hold meetings in 4 areas around Charlotte:

North – 3 (1 in Troutman, 2 in Mooresville)

Central – 6 (2 in Huntersville, 4 in Concord)

Southeast – 2 (Indian Trail)

Southwest – 1 (York)

Notice that we have only one location in the Southwest area and none in the Northwest. So, if anyone has a suggestion, please bring it to my attention so I can go look at it. Our goal is to have comfortable and convenient places for our meetings. The criteria being: room for up to 160 people, and parking for up to 85 cars.

VP Report

March 2020



While thinking about where our members live now, I wondered where they had lived in the past. So out of curiosity, at the sign-in table at our Chili Cook-off meeting, I asked what state members were born in. The answers are quite interesting! A few of the highlights:

As we are a North Carolina club, NC does lead with 27 members

A close second is New York, with 25

Illinois – 7

Ohio – 6

CA, MO, IN, PA, and SC – 5 each

Interestingly, we are not only the largest Corvette club in NC, but we are also a global club with 6 members born in other countries!

Ontario, Canada – 3

Philippines – 1

West Indies – 1

Nicaragua – 1

Upcoming QCCC Meetings:

March 14 Streetside Classic Cars 5:00 Social, 6:00 Meeting

BRING YOUR CHAIRS

April 11 Picnic at the Loftin's 2:00 Social, 4:30 Dinner (prepaid), 6:00 Meeting

BRING YOUR CHAIRS, snacks or dessert

Dick Gwilt, Vice President

rgwilt@me.com

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

march 2020

Paul Schmitt

NEW MEMBERS



DR. Sean & Jillian Preston
President & CEO of National Corvette
Museum
Bowling Green, Kentucky
1954 White / Red interior
1972 Elkhart Green / Saddle interior



Richard & Kathleen Taddonio
Lake Wylie, SC, 29710
2014 Cyber Gray Coupe

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS-

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	378
TOTAL FAMILIES	206
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS	27
NEW MEMBERS 2020	7
AVG. ATTENDANCE	129



CARE AND COMPASSION-

JOHN MEADOWS- JOHN IS PROGRESSING VERY WELL & IS AT HOME RECOVERING. HE STILL GETS TIRED BUT THAT WILL SLOWLY LESSEN OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THE DR. GAVE THE OK TO GO TO WORK & DRIVE PART TIME. HE WILL HAVE CARDIAC REHAB 3 DAYS A WEEK FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. THE CARDS, EMAILS & PRAYERS FROM SO MANY QCCC MEMBERS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT QCCC MEETING AT STREETSIDE.

SUZANNE CROCKETT- IS HOME HEALING FROM SHOULDER REPLACEMENT. PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE APPRECIATED FROM HAROLD HER HUSBAND. CARDS CAN BE SENT TO 6677 FOX RIDGE CIRCLE, DAVIDSON NC 28036.

EMAIL; ZCROCKETT53@hotmail.com.

DONNA BERST- HAD EYE SURGERY ON MONDAY. SURGERY WENT VERY WELL AND SHE IS HOME RESTING. PLEASE REMEMBER HER IN YOUR PRAYERS THAT THE SURGERY CORRECTS HER CONDITION.

[Prospective members guidel ines](#) can now be found on the qccc website for your information & use.

PS: DON'T FORGET THE [QCCC annual awards banquet](#) on Saturday march 7, 2020. RSVP to Peggy Wood.

2redvettes@att.net

APRIL 11, 2020- ANNUAL LOFTIN SPRING PICNIC

QCCC 2020 Charities

Our 2020 Charities Are: Wings of Eagles and Kids First of the Carolinas



Make a Difference, Help a Child in Need

For over 25 years, Kids First of the Carolinas, a 501c3 charity, has been committed to helping children in need. Our mission is to provide families in Charlotte & the surrounding areas with the services and resources necessary to have the confidence and security to live happy, productive lives. With your help, we are able to provide Easter and Thanksgiving dinners, Easter baskets, food for children during the summer months and throughout the year, back-to-school supplies, clothing & a very special Christmas.

We receive no federal or state funding, therefore we must rely on local businesses and individuals like you to provide us with necessary resources, hoping to fulfill this commitment to our communities in North & South Carolina. We identify these families through a vast network of sponsors, teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, neighborhood leaders, family, friends, as well as co-workers. Help is discreet and immediate.

How can you help?

Volunteer your Time

One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time.

Help us Fundraise

Every dollar, toy drive, food drive & clothing drive makes a difference!

Partner with Us

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.

Contact Us:

kidsfirstofthecarolinas.org

[@helpkidsfirst](https://www.instagram.com/helpkidsfirst)

Makingkids1st@gmail.com

Phone: 704-995-5679

Mailing address: Kids First, P.O. Box 77936, Charlotte, NC 28271

QCCC 2020 Charities

WINGS OF EAGLES RANCH - CONCORD, NC



History of the Organization and Current Operations

The Wings of Eagles Ranch is a registered 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation founded in 1998 by Bob and Christine Cronin after observing how equine therapy benefited their son with cerebral palsy. They began with therapeutic horseback riding lessons for 12 children. Today our staff and volunteers serve 500 special needs children and adults every year.

Since 1999, we have been providing summer camp programs for children with special needs and at-risk youth from Concord, NC and the surrounding area. Approximately 140 children attend our camps each summer.

Field trips for children enrolled in special needs classes are also held at the Ranch during the school year. These children attend school in Concord, NC and surrounding areas. The program began in 2010 with 48 students and has grown to nearly 120 each year due to positive recommendations from teachers.

Five years ago, we began an equine therapy program for girls age 12 through 18 who have been rescued from exploitation. All these young women have a severe form of post- traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Most recently this year we have started a veteran's program to serve our brave men and women who need the outlet of horses. We are excited to finally get this program up and running.

Who We Serve

The staff and volunteers of Wings of Eagles Ranch serve a population of individuals from as young as age 2 to age 70, with diverse diagnoses such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, epilepsy, brain injuries, PTSD and autism spectrum disorder. Adults with multiple sclerosis and those recovering from strokes also benefit from equine therapy. We also provide programs for at-risk and exploited youth.

Community Partners

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences-Students in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program staff the first week of summer camp as part of their curriculum.

Present Age Ministries-We work closely with these organizations to provide an equine program for at-risk girls.

Schools in Cabarrus and surrounding counties for Outdoor Adventure Field Trips.

Concord based agencies providing services for at-risk youth.

Organization Qualifications

For the past 21 years we have provided services to special needs individuals and at-risk and exploited youth. We are a member center of The Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH). We are also an accredited center through the Certified Horsemanship Association. All therapeutic horseback riding programs are conducted under the supervision of PATH certified instructors. The Association of Challenge Course Technology certifies the challenge course and facilitators. We are members of the NC Center for Non-Profits and we are listed on Guide Star and Share Charlotte. We are also members of our local Chamber of Commerce. No other organization in the area can provide the variety and quality of services that we offer.

Our Mission: At Wings of Eagles Ranch, we strive to improve the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of children and adults with special needs along with the at-risk youth population. Through the use of therapeutic horseback riding and adventure programming, all are challenged to grow and develop in a supportive Christian environment.



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER.

I hope everyone has survived "The Great Blizzard of '20" and no Corvette got banged up while plowing through the snow drifts. Aren't you glad you live in the South?

If you failed to take advantage of the February promotion by the NCM to give you a half price offer of a family membership, do not despair. As a member of the Lifetime NCM Club, which Queen City CC is, you still get a 25% discount and the low \$75.00 initiation fee. As a NCM member you enjoy a 10% discount at the NCM Corvette Store, reduced entry fees for NCM events, reduced fees for Museum in Motion events and the award winning America's Sports Car magazine. Most of all, you will be a proud member of a very select group of Corvette owners. You own a Corvette, so make the most of that ownership.

The Big Daddy Roth "Rat Fink" exhibit at the museum is getting rave reviews. If you are old enough to remember the heyday of the Rat Fink, you do not want to miss the exhibit. It will be on display until the end of the year. Plus, the Performance Exhibit refresh will be finished for the Bash that promises a whole new experience for the museum. Gear up for a really great Bash.

Got your raffle tickets yet? The NCM is now raffling off three C8 Corvettes. The latest is a build your own C8 or \$60,000 cash for \$250.00/each. I previously noted that I intended to win two of the raffles but I will leave the third one for another lucky soul.

Good news and bad news from the World Endurance Championship (WEC) at COTA in Austin, Texas. The good news is the C8R is reliable. Bad news is it wasn't very quick. It finished sixth out of seven class entries. Looks like it needs a little BOP help!!

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-206
No. of NCM Members	-109 (53%)
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:

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This month I shall put a one month hold on covering the past presidents as I will relate what was for me a good awakening.

For close to a decade in some of our little inner circles, it has often come up in the conversation that we are growing a little long in the tooth so to speak. With the exception of Helen Jensen who tells me age is just a number. A theory that is working great for her as she refuses to age, I can't say as much for myself and others of us. The facts are that the sand in the hour glass is moving a little too fast. In the last 2 years we have lost some very very good friends.

I am convinced that our hot rods are keeping us below the radar of aging. I don't have much to compare to prove this, except my father who retired at 62 only to find a sedentary life style of golf, reading, and eating. I lost him at age 64. I can't see him driving a Corvette at age 62. In fact he drove my 68 once. I asked how he liked that and he said he remembers what a blessing it was when they put the shifter on the column. He always wanted to own a gas station so I know he really liked his drive. I can't keep mine as clean as years past but I am still driving them at age 73 with zero intention of stopping.

I also believe that having our large Corvette Family being so active is a great plus for longevity. With that in mind let me share a true story from a couple of weeks ago.

I have a neighbor who is in his late 60's, he would come over in the summer fairly regularly. We would both be cutting the grass and all the sudden there he would be with a couple of brewskies. We would call it halftime. Many of you know you just can't come to my garage and only have one. We would talk cars and other life issues in our attempt to save the world. He has one son who lives in London and not likely to return as he married one of those British Birds. There is one grandson. His mother is in Abernathy Laurels. Without his wife this could lead to a really lonesome situation. She has had three rounds of chemical treatment for cancer. I had not seen him for a little while, being winter it can be to cold to visit.

So last week I got a text from him saying things were looking bad for his wife, and they were giving her 3 weeks and there was nothing else they could do. (she was gone in one week.) I know too many of our QCCC bunch have gone down that same street. He has no other family other than those already mentioned. So I told Judy I was going over to visit him knowing he would be alone. We shared some tears and I let him ventilate. Then he was looking forward and said he was going to take six months to try and figure all things out. He said one guy bouncing off the walls in a 4000 sq. foot home may not work so well. When both of your parent are gone really takes a toll on you.

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You can't call home anymore and the home you grew up in, where you could visit and get mom's favorite cooking, now has a new owner. So then he said to me, You know you are so fortunate. I was trying to think where this was going. He finished by saying you have all those Corvette friends. You won't be lonely if you were to get in this situation.

I know he is right, stay with your friends, keep your car and stay active. Actually I have known this for many years, but it was refreshing to hear from an outsider who picked up on it. What a blessing we have in our group that will keep us young. We all need to give some extra attention to those who have lost someone as they were part of our family.

Paul does a great job of getting the info out to us on the Care and Compassion list. Now we just need to be sure we all send a message to those who have lost someone or who have an illness in their family. This has been on my mind since we lost Phil Lewis in the motorcycle accident. Likewise the loss off Bob Denney in his car crash. These guys were baby boomers. We are not supposed to have this happening. The boomers, the first generation to have never paid cash for anything. We just ask how much will the payments be. (or as our historian says when he is buying a new car. (How much are the payments including the late charge.) Our generation just went after life like a bull in a china shop, they drove too fast, drank too much, and anything was considered worth trying once. They usually came out unscathed in spite of what our government would tell you today. Now I am realizing that we are not invincible. Join me in pledging to show even more compassion to those who falter. It will go a long way in helping us heal and cope. Let's make sure that we all feel fortunate having all these friends (family). There are all kinds of pathways that brought each of us to this group and together it has formed a tremendous family. Thank God for modern day medicine that is helping to keep us going. It will be so cool when I win the power ball and I can buy everyone a new C-8.

Thank to all!

Next month Presidents Meadows, Morgan, and Q!

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- Once approved, any member can freely post your photos, car events, videos and share/post Corvette-related news.

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88 members



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