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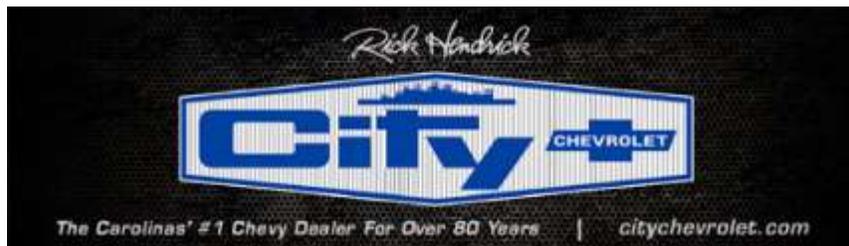


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The April meeting has been cancelled, hope to see everyone in May!



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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 six-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*



Yes, we are going through some strange, tough, and never-before-seen times, even for us old timers. Social distancing, restaurants closed, businesses shut down, many things that are affecting this country. And it is even touching QCCC. Canceled meetings, rescheduled Bash and races, other car events canceled or postponed. No sports, NASCAR, anything. Heck, I watched this past weekend a cherry pit spitting contest. Yep, that's a real thing. Closest I could find to real sports. Yes, I was desperate. But that's just an example of the new things we will all discover over the next few weeks. So hang in there, be willing to go out of "your box" and see what might pop up in front of you.

But one thing we as Corvette owners have that cannot change is that beautiful car in our garage. I always say that owing a Corvette is a wonderful life opportunity, but owning a Corvette and being in a Corvette club makes the ownership experience so much better. You hear so many times people say I owned a Corvette but sold it because I never really used it. But when you are in a club you are with like-minded people that enjoy the same things, while driving our beautiful cars. OK, we can't do club things right now, but we can still drive our cars. We can drive our cars with a few members. Go to a lake and look at the view. Look at the flowers and trees and spring busting out all around us. Drive and look, and enjoy the privilege we have owning these fantastic machines.

And when you are through driving, give it a bath and clay, polish, wax, and put on a ceramic boost with those great Adams products. Make it so shiny that you can't go in the garage without sunglasses. That's an activity that is so enjoyable and rewarding that we can all do. I'm going to start this week.

We have canceled our April meeting, and some other activities are also canceled or postponed. But your Board is monitoring everything, and keeping in touch via conference calls. We will follow this situation closely, and make informed decisions to get back together as soon as it is the proper thing to do.

So – be patient, healthy, hopeful, and thankful. Because before you know it, we will be able to do together what we enjoy the most.....

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

Social Scene



Donna Berst - Social Director

Dear QCCC family,

I am praying you are all healthy.

If you have needs that we can help you with during these difficult times, please do not hesitate to contact me. 704-401-8146 or donnaberst@windstream.net

Good News! We managed to sneak the Banquet in before the virus hit our area! I hope you all enjoyed yourself as much as I did. Thanks to Carolyn Zimmer, our out-going Social Director, for putting on the QCCC event of the year!!! Until we meet again... stay safe and practice social distancing by driving your Corvettes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9th: Meeting & Annual Picnic at the Loftin's Garage & Homestead 244 Hicks Rd in Troutman, NC

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 \$15 per person: 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 May 1 to Peggy Wood at 2redvettes@att.net

and PAY by mail by May 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 15th - 17th, 2020 - QCCC Maggie Valley Overnighter

Lodging will be at the Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge Maggie Valley, NC 28751

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 for a minimum of a two night stay.

To make reservations call the Baymont Hotel in Helen Georgia (706) 878-2111. (say you are with the **Queen City**

Corvette Club) Look for a detailed BLAST or contact Steve at vettegs17@gmail.com



February 25 - March 1, 2021 QCCC Caribbean Cruise (details on next page)

Ship: Norwegian Escape (Launched in 2015) rated a 4-star ship/cruise

Dates: Feb 25, 2021- March 1 (4 nights)

QCCC DINNERS & LUNCHEONS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Thank you to the many volunteers whose efforts made our Awards Banquet a huge success!

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!



From Track to Street

As you can guess there was no Corvette's out on the race track this month. Both the WEC and IMSA canceled or delayed their races at Sebring. Corvette did receive some much needed BOP for both series. That means more speed and power for those who want to know what BOP means.

Remember the NCM is showing the 24 hours of LeMans in June. This is a great event and boy do they feed you if Ron Berst leaves any food on the table. It is only \$150 to attend and let me tell you it is worth every penny. It is limited to 150 people so get on the NCM website and get your ticket.

There is a part in the C7 Stingray that has the fish Christian symbol on it. The first person to tell me the part will receive a prize at the March meeting. Still no winner yet so I will tell you where it is in the car. It is in a place where you put your drinks. The middle divider has it on the inside. My thanks to Jeff Crosby for telling me where it is. I didn't know the answer either.

Sebring has been rescheduled for November 11 – 14 a month after PeTit Le Mans. So Sebring will be the final race of the year in 2020. What a finish of the season.

Stay tuned

See you at the next Corvette Race.

Boyd Kurt





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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.

COLLISION CENTER

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

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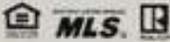
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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Well the Coronavirus has changed the world and also left its mark on QCCC. At this point it's impossible to predict the upcoming QCCC car events. The next QCCC member event is Shelton Vineyards on May 23rd and is subject to change so stay tuned. As of now the Spring Auto Fair is rescheduled for June 6th & 7th. I will send out information blasts as these events get closer. I will preserve the current Spring Auto Fair member signup list from April and include it in future blasts. 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.

NOTE: ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS - Check Facebook Pages & Websites for the latest event news.

I've included some pictures from the City Chevrolet C8 Open House below, should help battle CWS (Corvette Withdrawal Symptom)!!



UPCOMING 2020 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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

- Spring Pennzoil Auto Fair June 6-7, 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

Roger Winge
Automotive Events Director

QCCC 2020 Corvette Show



The 2020 QCCC Corvette Show at Hendrick Motorsport is on schedule. QCCC, City Chevrolet and Hendrick Motorsport has had 7 meetings thus far in regards to the 2020 Corvette Show and our next meeting is set for April 27th. Roger has done an excellent job designing our 2020 flyer and car show banner. The flyers are now here and we are ready to assemble the information and send it out to as many Corvette Clubs as we can. Our target date for advertising is early May.

We have reserved rooms at the following hotels; Homeward Suites, Hampton Inn, Comfort Suites and Embassy Suites. These rooms are available for anyone coming to the QCCC Corvette Show and the hotel information will be on our website. If you are reserving one of these rooms you need to ask for a group room block with Queen City Corvette Club as the group name.

One new and exciting addition to this years Corvette Show will be a serial numbered collectable Challenge Coin with QCCC 9TH Annual Corvette Show on one side and our Corvette Show's sponsors on the other. This is a very distinct and desirable coin and each QCCC Corvette owner will have a chance to get one absolutely free. Yes, I said FREE with a slight catch, you must register your Corvette to be in the show and sign up to work. Only one coin per Corvette registered.

Visitors Corvettes that are pre-registered will receive a QCCC Corvette Show Challenge Coin free as well. This is a token for pre-registering and will be given with each pre-registration so you can carry it in your pocket and show it off to all your Corvette buddies. This will help you spread the word about the show and hopefully entice your friends to pre-register so they too can have one of these serial numbered collectable Challenge Coins.

We are rearranging the parking at the Hendrick Complex. The QCCC Corvettes will park in front of the Hendrick Team Store. Shine up your Corvette because it will be up front and personal. We will not judge the QCCC Corvettes, however we will do trophies for QCCC Participant Choice Awards.

I will keep you informed as to the special additions and attractions for the show. We will again have Bloomington Gold, food venders, special Corvette collections, The Heritage Center and Race Shop / Engine Shop tours along with much more.

Thank you in advance for all your hard work,
Tommy Loftin, QCCC 2020 Corvette Show Coordinator

VP Report



April 2020

Something to look forward to.

In this Newsletter, is the revised list of QCCC Monthly Meeting locations and dates for 2020. Please note that the April 11 meeting at the Loftin's has been rescheduled for May 9, replacing Hopewell Church – who was kind enough to host our January meeting. Of course, because of our current social gathering restrictions, these meetings are subject to change. As our membership has outgrown some of the past locations, two new larger ones have been added: Victory Lanes Entertainment Center on July 11, and Billy Boat Exhaust on September 12.

As many businesses have temporarily closed due to the Corona Virus, please consider our Sponsor and Advertisers for future use, if you require their services. They are always listed in our monthly newsletters and on the QCCC website. Remember, many of them are fellow QCCC members.

For those of you who may have been putting off detailing your Corvettes, no more excuses. You have plenty of time to clean your cars and they should be shiny and bright for our next gathering. To help you in your detailing endeavors, I have talked to QCCC member Richard Kashinsky who reminded me that Adams Wax and Polishes is the official licensed car care product supplier for Corvettes, Camaros, and Cadillacs. Richard will be glad to take your calls and emails to answer any questions you may have about the Adams detailing products and process. He can be reached at richardk@skybest.com or 336-408-4433. Richard will once again put on a Car Care Clinic at my garages – date to be announced.

Also in this Newsletter, is our QCCC Inventory List – all of which is stored in our climatized storage unit in Concord.

Dick Gwilt, Vice President

rgwilt@me.com

704-651-8613



2020 QCCC MEETINGS

MONTH	LOCATION	MONTH	LOCATION
January 11 4:00 PM	Hopewell Presbyterian Church 10100 Beatties Ford Rd Huntersville NC 28078	July 11 4:00 PM	Victory Lanes Entertainment Center 125 Morelake Drive Mooresville NC 28117
Febuary 8 4:00 PM	VFW 100 VFW Lane Indian Trail NC 28079	August 8 3:00 PM	Hendrick Motorsports Team Center 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd Concord NC 28027
March 14 4:00 PM Cancelled	Streetside Classics 800 Derita Rd Suite A Concord NC 28027	September 12 6:00 PM	Billy Boat Exhaust/Tucker-Boat Motorsports 125 Infield Ct Mooresville NC 28117
April 11 2:00 PM Cancelled	Picnic at Loftins 244 Hicks Creek Rd Troutman NC 28166	October 10 2:00 PM	BBQ at Davidson's Farm 7410 Charlotte Hwy York SC 29745
May 9 2:00 PM	Picnic at Loftins 244 Hicks Creek Rd Troutman NC 28166	November 14 3:30 pm	Charlotte Motor Speedway Club 5555 Concord Pkwy S. Concord NC 28027
June 13 4:00 PM	Charlotte Motor Speedway Club 5555 Concord Pkwy S. Concord NC 28027	December 5 4:00 pm	VFW 100 VFW Lane Indian Trail NC 28079



~NO NEW MEMBERS~

~APRIL MEETING CANCELLED~

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS-

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP-	343
TOTAL FAMILIES-	187
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS-	29
NEW MEMBERS-	7
AVG. MOS. ATTENDENCE-	129

CARE & COMPASSION-

Sue Stickles- continue to keep Sue in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her tests for cancer. She will see her oncologist on Tuesday and then start 10 weeks of chemo followed by another PET scan to determine the success of the treatment. Hopefully it will put the lymphoma in remission. Continued prayers, emails & cards are welcome.

Email is sjstickles@aol.com.

Phone- 704-564-0015

Iris Binder- resting comfortably at the Autumn Care of Cornelius. If **YOU ARE GOING TO VISIT, GIVE HER HUSBAND CHARLIE A CALL AND SEE IF IT'S** a good time.

Pam Murawa- our newest Member fell and broke her ankle last week. She is home recuperating. Get well cards, emails and prayers for a speedy recovery are most welcome.

NOTE- If there is a QCCC Member that is sick, hospitalized, having surgery, receiving a hip or knee replacement, and would like to be placed on the C&C List please let me know.

my email address is: paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com.

I do not place anybody on this list unless I receive your approval first.

QCCC 2020 Charity Committee

QCCC Charity Committee Chairperson:

Brenda Loftin

Your 2020 QCCC Charity committee:

Tommy Loftin

John Callahan

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Reggie Black

Suzi Black

Ron Berst

Michael Bullard

Our two charities for 2020 are Wings of Eagles and Kids First of the Carolinas. QCCC will become involved with these charities throughout the year and we will make a difference to the ones served by each charity.

We are planning a work day with Wings of Eagles on May 2ND at 9:00 AM till noon and the social committee will plan a lunch afterwards. This is all subject to the current Corona Virus Pandemic and guidelines set forth. If we need to, we will reschedule this for another date. Our second work day with Wings of Eagles is set for July 18TH beginning at 9:00 AM.

Kids First of the Carolinas are doing their Easter Drive now and they would like to remind you that they are raising money for Easter baskets and meals for those in need! Anything helps. QCCC will do a food drive for them at the June 13TH meeting. They will be feeding children throughout the summer as they don't get school subsidies through the summer months. Things in need are; peanut butter, fruit cups, instant mac & cheese, granola bars, canned items, instant grits or oat meal, any nonperishable items. You can go to their website <https://www.kidsfirstofthecarolinas.org/> and donate online if you like. If you do so please add QCCC as a sponsored donor. QCCC is invited to Kids First Christmas Event on December 18TH @ 6:00 PM. At this event they will be collecting and giving out over 7,000 toys and 800 bicycles. At our December Meeting we will be collecting toys and bicycles for their Christmas Party. You all are invited to the December 18TH event and can bring your items at that time as well.

The Charity Committee has designated \$5,000.00 to each of our two charities and will be given out at the QCCC Corvette Show on October 3, 2020.

Thank you for all of your support,
QCCC Charity Committee 2020

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.

It's hard to find a lot of bright spots to write about with all the events of the world swirling around us. Coronavirus, stock markets, and cancellation of QCCC meetings and events all put a real damper on our once joyful and sedate lives. But we cannot let these outside pressures keep us from holding a positive attitude and the belief that this too will pass and once again we shall enjoy the pleasures of our Corvette family.

In order to promote a positive outlook and install some normalcy into our sphere of existence let us dwell on those good things we can do to remain involved in living.

I just received the latest issue of America's Sports Car magazine and just reading through all the great articles helped to illustrate that there is a vibrant Corvette world out there and not everything has come to a screeching halt. Plans are still in place for NCM events and though they may once again be modified there is no thought to a total shutdown of activities. So, in case you are one of those people who have yet to let me know of your plans to attend the Bash in late May, now is the time to do so. If all goes to plan, don't get left out due to an overabundance of caution.

Congratulations to QCCC Associate Members, **Robert & Judy Anderson**, for their 20th Anniversary as a NCM member and to **Nelson & Barbara Sprague** for their 15th Anniversary as NCM members. Your loyalty is greatly appreciated.

We are all aware of the economic impact the virus has had on our business world and the NCM is not without the same effect. So what can we, as members, do to lessen the negative impact to the museum's bottom line? We can upgrade our membership level, buy a brick, buy raffle tickets, and/or make a tax deductible donation. Support for the National Corvette Museum is always a nice way to make your day a little brighter.

So until we are able to once again gather in good Corvette fellowship, stay positive, keep a bright outlook, and get in the garage and get that Corvette ready for a summer of fun.

BOX SCORE

QCCC Family Units	206
NCM Members	109 (53%)
Lifetime Members	4
Duntov Society Members	4
Spire Members	5

Save the Wave
Paul Mariano

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

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Presidencies revisited: Meadows, Morgan, Q, and Boyd Kurt

As we work our way toward the current leaders, I will point out the good fortune QCCC has had in always having the correct person at the helm thereby allowing us to avoid a total meltdown.

John Meadows: John has been a lifelong Corvette enthusiast. In the early days John and Linda had a C-1 while John was working for Uncle Sam. At the time they had an apartment so the C-1 got water tested sitting outside. With any of the old Corvettes it is best to water test them at home with your garden hose than let Mother Nature test it. Being stationed in San Diego helped as rain there is not often, but rest assured his passion for Corvettes was challenged and often the pants leg had to be rolled up to stay dry.

I believe John held more board positions than any other member. He was VP in 2000, Public Relations in 2001, President in 2002, and Automotive Director in 2008. He had the good luck of leading QCCC when the C-5 became very popular. The C-5 started a growth spurt in our membership that we still enjoy today. I would say we were nearing 100 couples in membership count. Our newer members missed the days when we would volunteer to carry the Homecoming Queen and her Court at several area high schools. To volunteer to take on these events was stepping into a huge challenge, yet John handled most of these for over a decade. The reason we don't do them anymore, is nobody is willing to step up and handle them. (exception being Boyd Kurt who does the parade in Fort Mill). In this time frame John and Linda always had multiple blow up characters in their yard at Christmas and the club would make an outing to see them. John never ducked an event because it was too difficult. For two or three years he contacted the Corvette Club of Dothan, Alabama, and arranged a caravan to Dothan to meet them and drive on over to the coast of the Florida panhandle. I have driven that in a C-4 Corvette and it is a long haul. He also worked on our many charities with Nelson Sprague, The old newsletters from John's leadership era, housed a lot of great humor. You can also see Jane Burt's influence. John was the QCCC mainstay and driver of our participation in Auto Fair, always having our flag at his car. He was honored with our highest recognition via the Lifetime Service Achievement Award in 2018.

Robert Morgan: 2003-2005. Robert was our only 3 year President until Paul Mitchell who is now in his fourth year.

Robert says he was drafted for the 3rd year as there was a pot starting to be stirred (more later about the coup). Robert is pretty laid back and I assume he had the respect of the membership. Robert's Corvette C-3 is often a show winner. It is actually two cars cut in half and molded together. That is quite a feat. I spoke to Robert late last year and he was selling both of his cars for kids college. I noticed he has not paid dues yet for 2020 so we will have to hope to see him one day.

"Q": 2007 and 2008. I always marvel at folks known only by one initial. Usually such as this is reserved for sports stars, or entertainers.

I know Q was determined to make the business meetings strictly a time to get things accomplished. The issues mentioned in Robert Morgan's tenure were gathering steam as Q took over. As Q describes it his Presidency was a couple of tumultuous years as he moved up from VP. In the beginning he was dealing with mixed loyalty on the board as well as with a group of members causing a very tense situation. Never in our history had we needed to deal with such dissatisfaction wanting to go in a different direction led by a rogue automotive director who did not like to follow direction from the President or other long term board and club members.

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Q found himself putting out fires and mediating disputes amongst members, sponsors, and advertisers. We were still enjoying growth of up to 175 member couples. There were some great members that got behind Q and together we pulled thru. In 2007 Q was able to get Paul Mariano to become museum ambassador and great things followed for QCCC at the Museum. During all the dust up Q got John Meadows to take over automotive director to solidify all the regular events. I can hear Boyd's booming voice pitching in to help also. When the dust had settled and 2008 came around The Disgruntled One left and took 40-45 member couples with him. (many eventually drifted back, promises made but not kept) Dictatorships never work for long. Interestingly after the rotten side of the apple was cut off, the new board pitched in and agreed to get us on the right track. The first meeting showed a confident calming. Those choosing to follow the pied piper represented almost ¼ of the club. Q was the right guy at the right time for QCCC. At the end of 2008 we had more members than ever. Special thanks due to Boyd Kurt, Eddie Burt, John Meadows, Jane Burt, Linda Meadows, Margo Gross, Paul Mariano, and Charlie and Iris Binder. "I would not have traded my time on the board of QCCC for anything and am proud of the job that was done to overcome some difficult times and happy to see how great QCCC has become and how strong we are now in 2020. I will always be supportive of our organization and look forward to continued growth in the years ahead." Q Gross, Past President

Boyd Kurt: 2009 and 2010.

As QCCC moved into the next era Boyd was exactly what we needed. Boyd really enjoys having a good time but I do believe with his stature and booming voice he could get your attention rather quickly. His background in sales with PPG tells me all I need to know. Salesmen have to be organized and persuasive, time is money to them. He has that unique personality that lets him be firm yet have a good time as long as things are going smoothly. Steve and Pat Bonino put on a County Fair in Shelby and Boyd used executive privilege to proclaim himself the Sheriff complete with the power to arrest and bribes were welcome. The jail was down in a cluster of small trees. Once arrested if you had any friends they could bail you out. Before the afternoon was over, Chris Wood and his Posse put Sheriff Boyd in jail for abuse of power and for years Boyd was known as the Sheriff. In a few years Boyd received his Corvette Fever award (photos attached). We are still counting on him to purchase the land and build a track with a dormitory and garage for us all to retire to.

Boyd was always interjecting fun into the meetings and after the mutiny of 2007 we were ready to relax and move on. Again it was uncanny how we seemed to always have the right leader at the right time. It is not easy to air your dirty laundry but we own it and we learned and grew even bigger.

Some members will remember as he was promoting the BBQ at the Burt's he brought a pink pig with him. After he was done he handed the pig to Q unannounced. He got quite a look from Q. Many of you have heard of Mr. Sock. Mr. Sock was birthed to promote a sock hop at Wally Crawford's garage. "as President, Mr. Sock appeared several times to help me out, people either love Mr. Sock or they hated him but I had a lot of fun using him and was able to say things that were a little off color blaming Mr. Sock." Boyd Kurt.

Eight current Past Presidents are still members representing 14 of our 51 years. After Paul finishes it will be 18 of 52 years. That will be 35% of our history. I think that is awesome since 1968 35% of our Presidents are still in our organization.

We have done very well and we will continue as we have such a talented base to pick from.

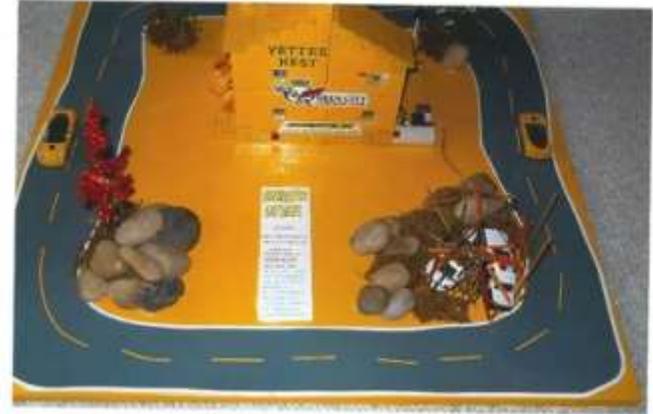
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QCCC Members & Guests Photos
There are many, many more to see on the website!

Do you have club photos you would like to share?

Click [Here](#) to Upload to the Photo Gallery

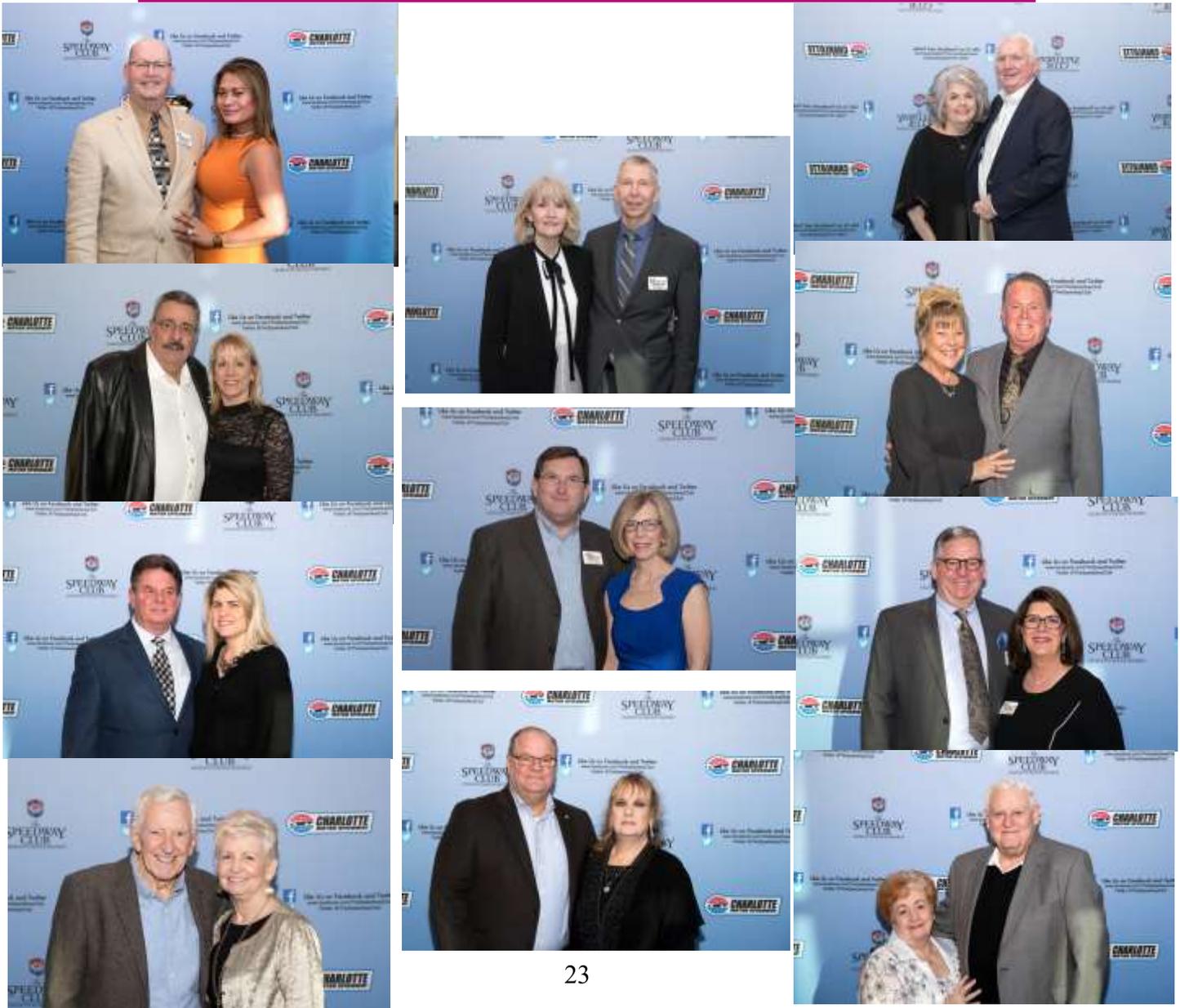
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Annual Awards Banquet

March 7, 2020



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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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LAST LAUGHS



Five months into his coma, Brad's wife finally finds the words to bring him back to life.