

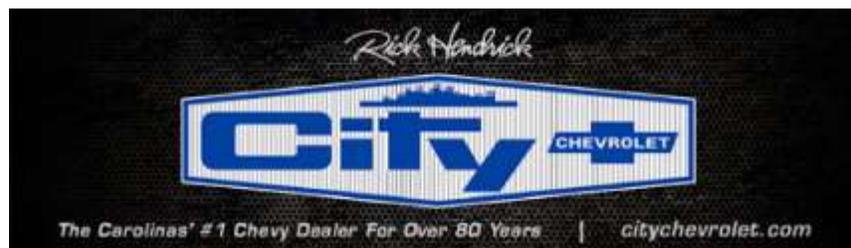
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Official Newsletter of NC's Largest Corvette Club

June 2020

***June Meeting at the Speedway Club has been cancelled
Hope to see everyone in July!***



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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!**

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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ *Paul Mitchell, President*

Patience. Perseverance. Faith. Hope. Bewilderment. Fear. And again, hope. We have all experienced many feelings these past couple months, ones that we have never had before in this combination and with no idea of when things will be normal. I'm sure everyone has determined that it will be a long time, if ever, that we are back to our old normal. Things will get better, and we will be able to do activities again, but most likely in a different kind of way. So, how do we cope with the immediate future. QCCC is planning ways to cope and ways to get together, drive our cars, and have fun like we are used to.

As mentioned in Blasts, we will congregate in an outdoor setting as soon as the guidelines allow a large group to assemble. We will have outdoor meetings for a while. We will drive to various places and socialize. You have received information from Tommy about activities with our charities that will really help them in these times. You can participate in small "parades" in your community to show QCCC compassion. Dick arranged a ride to get donations to a food bank and to recognize medical professionals in Mooresville, and over 30 QCCC cars participated. And you can get your car so detailed and shiny that you need sunglasses just to admire it!

We are moving ahead with car show plans. Roger has the on-line show registration open for members and the public. We have the show commemorative coins ready to send to show registrants. We are ready to send out flyers to dozens of Corvette clubs in the region. Hendrick Performance will have posters and flyers in all the Hendrick Chevy dealers across the country. So we are on go for this great event, and I know everyone is really looking forward to this happening.

I enjoy looking at all the pictures we have on our website, showing the fun and laughter we have all enjoyed at past functions. We will be hearing that laughter soon, and making new memories with everyone. Yes, it may be a little different, but there are no hard rules on how to have fun. And regardless of the situation at hand, QCCC will have fun when we get together – I guarantee that!

So take care and be hopeful. And soon we will again be able to do what we do best.....

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

Social



SOCIAL DIRECTOR
~ Donna Berst ~

The first half of 2020, “**The Roaring 20’s**” should be renamed “**The Boring 20’s**” when it comes to Queen City Corvette Club Social Events! Hopefully, things will improve in the next month or two. Don’t forget that the Maggie Valley and Helen Georgia trips are still on and filling up, so get your reservations in ASAP if you plan on attending. (details are listed below) Ron & I have gathered a lot of fun trip ideas that we are ready to share as soon as we get the go ahead. So... have those Vettes tuned, clean and ready to cruise. Until then stay safe. Missing you all!!!

Saturday July 11th: QCCC July Business Meeting - TBD

- If we are able to meet there will be a detailed BLAST with location & times for an all American red, white & blue QCCC celebration!
- (Sock Hop is rescheduled for the Valentine Meeting)

Saturday August 8th: QCCC Anniversary Party & Meeting at Rick Hendrick Motorsports

- 4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. Concord, NC 28027
- Social Time – 3:00 PM Meeting Time – 4:30 PM
- As usual we will have our ice cream social, soft drinks, cookies, etc., with the ice cream and toppings provided by members Roger and DeeDee Winge from Carolina Cones in Cornelius. Volunteers have been requested to assist with this event. If you are willing to help, please email Valerie, valeriehayesc@gmail.com, or donnaberst@windstream.net.

Friday, August 14th - Sunday 16th: Rescheduled 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 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

QCCC DINNERS & LUNCHEONS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Donna Berst ~ 2020 QCCC Social Director

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I'm dedicated to rebuilding the relationship between the Queen City Corvette Club and Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet. Our team is looking forward to further fostering the connection through the mutual support of our organizations. You have my commitment.
Chris Boone, General Manager

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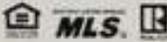
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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Again, at this point it is impossible to predict the upcoming QCCC car events. Shelton Vineyards Vettes for Vets and the Spring Pennzoil Auto Fair are the latest casualties. I will notify members of any events changes as I get the information.

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

Here's some pictures to help battle QCCCWS (Queen City Corvette Club Withdrawal Symptom)!!



UPCOMING 2020 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

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Roger Winge
Automotive Events Director

Car Show Director's Update and Charities

Queen City Corvette Show and Charity

As mentioned in the last newsletter the Car show is on schedule. We will be sending out the information and flyers to Corvette Clubs in the southeast areas from Ohio to Florida and Texas to the east coast. We are asking you to sign up on- line and make a big splash about our show. Registered cars will receive a QCCC Car Show Challenge Coin at the next meeting after you register.

All the team leaders are in place and each of you will work with the same team as last year. You do not have to sign up to work. Each team leader will be given a list of 2019 Car Show Workers and they will contact you. If you would like to work on another team please contact your 2019 team leader and let them know. If you were unable to attend last year or you are new to QCCC please contact me or a team leader and we will assign you a work detail.

With the Covid 19 and Stay at Home order in place it has put a strain on both of our 2020 Charities. Brenda has contacted both charities and this is what they are saying:

Wings of Eagles Ranch

They have been operating as normal as they are considered crucial to the health and well-being for families with special needs children and adults while providing fun activities for participants to gain strength, balance and most importantly self-esteem and self-confidence while adapting those activities to allow success for every participant.

May 2ND was to be QCCC first workday at the ranch and it had to be rescheduled for July 19TH. More information to follow.

QCCC has been invited to tour Wings of Eagles Ranch and see just how they operate, so Brenda will be planning a Corvette drive by for support and a tour for the one's that would like to.

As always you can go to <https://wingsofeaglesranch.org> for information or to donate

Kids First of the Carolinas

They are considered an essential operation that 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.

They normally provide food for children during the summer months in the after-school program, however they have been doing this for the last 2 months and the normal out of school period isn't here yet.

They are in desperate need as their donations have dropped drastically due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

We tentatively have a food drive scheduled for our June 13TH meeting and if this doesn't happen, we will reschedule.

Brenda is planning a Corvette ride and food drive where we will take a short ride and drop off food for the kids in need.

As always you can go to their website <https://www.kidsfirstofthecarolinas.org> for information or to donate.

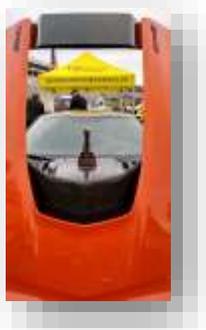
Tommy Loftin, QCCC 2020 Car Show Coordinator

Brenda Loftin, QCCC 2020 Charity



VP Report
Richard Gwilt

June 2020



It's better to give than receive!

Thanks to all those QCCC members who participated on Saturday May 16 in our cruise in, drive by event. We went to FeedNC (formerly known as Mooresville soup kitchen), and did a drive by at Lake Norman Hospital to honor their medical staff. The club participated in a parade made up of our 33 cars and we joined up with a local hot rod car group.

The local Mooresville town police escorted our club from Alinos Pizza thru town and over to FeedNC where we made donations by doing a stop and go—this entailed handing bags filled with food and/or popping our trunks for the volunteers to grab the over 70 lbs of canned food donated by our club. It was a great way for our members to get out of the house, drive their corvettes, and talk to each other in person "all without hugging".

It was also an easy way to safely meet up with each other, help those in need, and honor those who take care of us when needed . A few of us even went back to Alinos pizzeria (where we started the run) to eat at their outdoor picnic tables spaced out in accordance to NC Covid rules. We may not be able to meet in large groups and hold our monthly member meetings but can get out there and drive our cars and help out others.

Our board is presently working on possible other safe venues for next month as we have cancelled yet another club meeting in June. Please try to keep in touch with each other via phone, email, text, or in the small gatherings presently allowed in the Carolinas.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!



Hi QCCC Members,

Did you have a Birthday in March, April or May? Or maybe you have a Birthday coming up in June? Well just because QCCC hasn't been able to meet in person doesn't mean our QCCC Members should miss the opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Birthday!!! (Or a belated Happy Birthday!)

The Board would have published these Birthday lists sooner, but we were optimistically hoping we could wish each of you a Happy Birthday in person in March, April, May and June. But because all those meetings had to be cancelled, and we are frankly not sure when we will meet in person again, the Board has opted to publish the monthly Birthdays in the QCCC Newsletter, and will continue to do so until we are able to meet again. While we cannot celebrate these Birthdays in person with you at the moment, they are no less heartfelt. Hoping your Birthday was or will be FABULOUS!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Oh, by the way, in case you were wondering, the answer is "YES" – for each month we are still giving some lucky Birthday person, selected at random, a restaurant Gift Card – now via EMAIL! And even if the E-gift card winner each month is not yet ready to dine-in, the restaurants represented on the E-gift card are offering Takeout and/or Curbside pickup – at least in the Charlotte area.

Obviously, Craig our trustworthy Treasurer was not available here to pick the winning names at random (as he usually does at the meetings). So, who else better to cover for him than our also trustworthy oldest QCCC member Don Zimmer (who was very available, ha). So, if you are disappointed that your name wasn't selected, you can talk to Don!!!!

As you read the Birthday lists, if your name is followed by the word WINNER you are the lucky Birthday winner for that month (easy, right?), and you need to watch for your E-GIFT RESTAURANT CARD via EMAIL (make sure your email info in the database is correct!!). Again, HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

And Happy Summer to all our Fabulous QCCC Members - Take Care, Be Safe, and Stay Healthy!!! (Sending lots of virtual hugs.....)

Carolyn Zimmer

QCCC Secretary

Carolynz77@yahoo.com



QCCC MEMBER BIRTHDAYS*



March

3/1 Magi Pritchett (A)
3/5 Joe Troutwine
3/6 Tom McQueen
3/7 John Callahan
3/7 Debbie Rinehart
3/8 Bob Terry
3/10 Bonnie Wheeler
3/12 Tracey Comfort
3/12 Jack DeLong (A)
3/15 Ron Strausborger
3/16 Don Conover
3/17 Edward Atkinson
3/18 Randy Tate
3/20 Clark Belvin
3/21 Brad Dusterhoft
3/21 John Meadows
3/24 Helen Jensen
3/26 Quentin "Q" Gross
3/26 Ken Watts -- WINNER E-Gift Card
3/26 Reggie Black
3/26 Patty DeRosa
3/27 Gary DeRosa
3/27 Margaret Beiman

April

4/1 Donna Peterman
4/1 Lonnie Wallace
4/3 Jack Ross
4/3 Marie Coop
4/7 Christine Schmitt
4/7 Don Zimmer
4/8 Neal Roselle – WINNER E-Gift Card
4/9 Jo Graham
4/9 Steve Miller
4/10 Darryl Mansel
4/13 Staton Boyette
4/15 Darrell Kirkley
4/16 Tracy Alford
4/16 Carl Maxwell
4/18 Judy Marsalisi
4/19 Beverly Terry
4/19 Kathleen Taddonio
4/20 Mitch McQueen
4/22 Susie Black
4/23 Johnny Downs (A)
4/23 John Nelson



QCCC MEMBER BIRTHDAYS*



May

5/1 Charlie Meade (A)
5/2 Janice Estwanik
5/3 Deb DePascale
5/5 Debbie Meade (A)
5/5 Peggy Wood
5/6 Joyce Lontz
5/6 Linda Mills
5/8 Jud Self
5/9 John Jensen
5/9 Lance Bernhardt
5/9 Neil Flynn
5/12 Pat Motta
5/12 Quinton Friesen
5/12 Dave Davies
5/14 Michael Bullard
5/14 Frank Sancineto (A)
5/16 Morris Graham
5/16 Jerry Lewis
5/17 Jim Weisberg
5/17 Gail Friesen
5/18 Rosalie Kirkley
5/19 Lois Watts
5/19 Ann Oakley
5/19 Angie Bradley
5/21 Linda Roberts
5/23 Linda Echols
5/23 Rick Leppert
5/26 Bill Brannick
5/28 Allen Cox
5/29 Dave Malinovsky
5/30 Mike Callea
5/30 Jim Ramandanes -- WINNER E-Gift Card
5/31 Marge Jungmann

June

6/1 Craig Perry
6/1 Karin Mariano
6/5 Donn Kegel
6/6 Jerry Miller
6/8 Teresa Boger
6/9 Sopheap Bayne
6/10 Margo Gross
6/13 Dan Holbrook
6/16 Paul Mitchell -- WINNER E-Gift Card
6/16 Cindy Peoples
6/19 Tim Roche
6/20 Martha Short
6/21 Nelson Sprague
6/22 Jerry Fitzgerald
6/22 George Ganzhorn
6/24 Mona Roselle
6/25 Misty Fisher
6/25 Ken Brown
6/27 Kelly Cross
6/27 Jim Echols
6/27 Patricia Vettorino

(A) – Associate Member

*QCCC Members: If you would like your Birthday added or deleted from our Birthday List, please send an email to QCCC Secretary Carolyn Zimmer, carolynz77@yahoo.com.



~MEMBERSHIP REPORT~

JUNE 2020

Paul Schmitt

Well, we finally got out of the house this month, thanks to Mo Graham and Richard Gwilt. Mo got a few of us together (12 Corvettes) to join in a parade for his friend Anthony. He was celebrating his birthday that day and his wife thought it would be a great idea to have a parade in front of his house, with his friends & family & QCCC. (similar to Al Kessel's). This was all a surprise for Him! Anthony loves Corvette's and lost his Vette in a head-on collision, which totaled his car.

He was celebrating his 50th birthday that day & would be celebrating under normal circumstances. However, Anthony needs a new kidney and is on the donor list to receive a new one. With that and the Coronavirus he is confined to home.

As we passed by the house he was in the driveway with his wife and children. When he saw the Corvette's, his smile beamed across his face and needless to say there wasn't a dry eye in the house!! Police escort, sirens blaring, horns honking!! It was great. Happy Birthday Anthony from the Care & Compassion Group at the Queen City Corvette Club!

This past weekend, VP Richard Gwilt put together 35+ Corvettes from QCCC, to parade past the Mooresville "Feed NC" stop and fill their Food Bank with all kinds of canned goods. Thirty plus corvettes delivered the canned goods and the people that work at the food bank were simply overwhelmed!! From there we paraded up to Lake Norman Regional Hospital to give THANKS to all the Doctors, nurses, assistances that are on the front line every day!! Thank you for all your hard work and to all QCCC Members that made this a great event possible!





MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS REMAIN THE SAME-

Total membership	343
Total Families	187
Prospective Members	29
New Members	7
Avg. Mos. Attendance	129

CARE & COMPASSION-

Sue Stickles– Sue’s latest scan showed a reduction in the Cancer– GREAT NEWS! She will continue with chemo twice a month through the end of August. Sue continues to have back and hip pain (unrelated to Cancer); she is using a walker due to the pain. Please continue to keep Sue in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her chemo treatments; emails & cards are welcome.

Email is sjstickles@aol.com. Phone- 704-564-0015

Continue to keep **Charlie Binder** in your thoughts and prayers after losing his beautiful wife Iris last month.

Al Kessel- Going in for Treatment on Tuesday April 28, 2020 to fight cancer. Please continue to keep Al & Gerri in your prayers as they go through this treatment process.

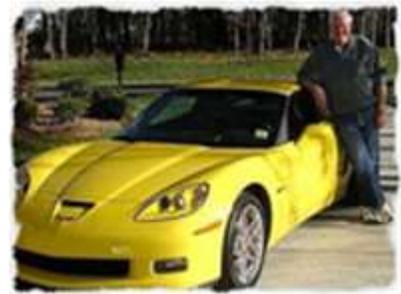
Fred & Gloria McCoy- Fred fell the other day on his deck and was bruised up pretty bad. They both have the Flu/Virus now for 7 weeks. Fred ended up with Pneumonia and Gloria had Bronchitis. They are home recovering. Cards and emails welcome. Let’s pray for a speedy recovery.

Judy Armstrong- Judy’s new hip is in and she is doing fine; Overnight stay at the hospital and then home on Sunday. Let’s keep Judy in our prayers.

NOTE- If there is a QCCC Members 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: paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER.

I always wondered why prehistoric man drew pictures of animals on the walls of his cave while keeping the fires lit in front to ward off the dangers lurking outside. Well, now I know! Because there was nothing else to do to keep his sanity. I have tried the same thing but Barb took my crayons away from me before I had finished drawing Corvettes on the living room wall. So much for that diversion and it's off to find other amusements.

The celebrity phone interviews held by past NCM Chair, Leslie Gardner, every other Thursday has provided an hour of entertainment during that week but it's hardly enough. I hope you haven't missed the past three interviews as they have provided an insight into the lives of prominent Corvette figures. Hopefully, there are more to come.

Of course, there is the daily keeping up on the Corvette world by visiting the Corvette Forum, Corvette Action Center and Corvette Blogger websites. Corvette action is still occurring out there in the world albeit limited. You just have to do a little searching to find out what's happening.

Then, of course, there is garage cleaning, car cleaning, parts sorting and lawn clean-up (Ugh!).

I hope everyone signed up for the virtual NCM Bash as that provided a couple of days of Corvette involvement. It will probably all be over by the time you are reading this. If you did participate in it, please let me know what you thought.

The other great temptation to overcome when confined to your cave is on-line shopping. Honest Honey, I'm just looking! And while browsing around for all those Corvette goodies, don't forget to look through the NCM Store. I'm sure you will find something for you, your spouse, or your Corvette. Be sure and pick up a couple of raffle tickets for a chance to win a new C8 Corvette.

Stay healthy, be safe and hope we can all gather in the near future.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-186
No. of NCM Members	-105 (56.5%)
No. of Lifetime Members	- 42
No. of Duntov Society Members	- 4
No. of Spire Members	- 5

Save the Wave

Paul Mariano

NCM Ambassador

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



What If?

The last several months we have introduced a close-up of the active past presidents still on the roles. Yesterday, I attended the food donation at the soup kitchen in Mooresville, and the weekend before, the drive by at Mr. Al Kessel's home.

I noticed at both events that for the most part the guys all were getting close to the hair lengths we carried in the early 70's. My barber runs a one-man shop and he talks more than he cuts. I am several months away from him catching up, if he ever does.

Since everyone has the hippie hair and I was done with brief discussions about our Past Presidents, perhaps it would be interesting to think what it would be like for QCCC if their administrations were flipped. (1972 to today, today to 1972. This is not meant mostly to discuss specific individuals but rather to think of each era and their challenges.

Presidents of the 70's and 80's had several challenges. First, they only had 25 to 35 member couples to turn to for assignments to run events. Keep in mind no one was retired, except Dale VanEvery of the Lance Cracker family. She readily admitted to sleeping until noon and all her work was by hired staff. Her husband Jeff turned to alcohol and that is just the facts. Some like Jane Burt and Scott Hamilton remember the arguing in the 80's and 90's between racing and social. The sticking point was to get racing insurance we had to belong to NCCC which demanded we collect dues from every member to join NCCC. We also had to send a governor quarterly to a meeting. The meetings were held all over the U.S. There was not much desire to pay for all of this if you were not racing. The Presidents of those early years also had to work with the expense of the clubhouse, having a beer keg on tap and cold. President Joey Hunter had to spend a lot of time to put on the National Convention for NCCC in 1978, and again in 1991 with Roy Elgin in control. This took the effort similar to our car show except it was a week long. Hotels had to be booked, bands hired for nightly entertainment, meals planned, high speed event at CMS, low speed event, concourse at Carowinds, road trip to the lower foothills. Just think what they pulled off and it went very smoothly. Mitchem, Meredith, and McGee were each responsible for the Corvette/Porsche Challenge at CMS. The first 100 of each make were allowed in. Again, Hotel Booking, meals, trophies, set up classes of each to make it competitive, advertising, sponsors etc. This was an unknown venture in 1975 with Tommy Mitchem as President. They also had to negotiate rental of the speedway (\$200 per weekend). The clubhouse was like a fraternity house with a yearly lease. Think of this. The calendar had at least one racing event every weekend and they were Friday/Saturday/Sunday so you needed hotel booking for many nights. Lastly we were all late 20's which back then meant starting families. Often the little bundles of joy were tagging along at the events. I can remember Marty Ingram and Little Joey Hunter playing in the dirt at CMS with their match-box cars. So how many of the newer Presidents would like to take on some of those challenges? My guess is most would, simply because that is what we do when we accept the position.

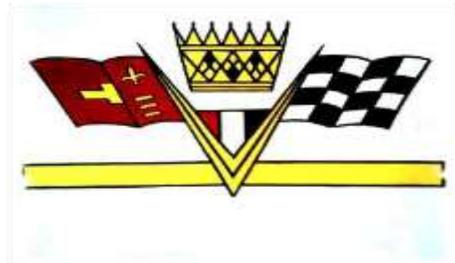
Now let's look at the Presidents since 2000 and what were their challenges. First of all SIZE! Just the thought of tracking 350 members, keeping a full calendar, and spreading around the meeting locations, budgeting \$50,000. Making sure the members feel they are getting a lot for their dues. (I think where else could you spend a few hundred bucks a year and get so many friends?). Newer Presidents get challenged by individual requests. I was grilled once on why we never went South- it was always north to the mountains. I will tell you in the old days we made a lot of beach trips. I think the small group had a lot of native Charlotte members and if you were raised here you went to the beach a lot. Newer Presidents will be challenged because of size. (where meetings held—balancing out North, South, East and West. Where will the banquet be, band vs DJ, hotels nearby to stay overnight, the meal, the price.

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Most members are now retired, so the young urchins are no longer a problem, except sometimes they are with the grand urchins. Be very glad you have Paul and Barbara Mariano to do the booking, travel plans and activities for all those trips to the National Corvette Museum. Racing vs social is no problem now. The cost of the cars and repairs and our loss of reflexes put mostly an end to that. Hats off to Craig Perry, Brian Kruse, Bill Ingram, and Eric Matthews plus any I am forgetting. These are our deep pocket racers now. Presidents today have the huge challenge of the car show. It has become a year-round job. The current board has it under control but think of the effort it takes. Coordinate with Hendrick, and Bloomington Gold, the NCRS, vendors, DJ, trophies, advertising, NCM tent, parking plans, etc. You want to be President when a fellow from West Virginia thinks his car was cleaner than the class winner. Oh boy, they eat their young up there, and that brings me to the biggest challenge today... the PC Police.

This is the one area where some of the old guys would fail. Society has changed forcing some not to go down certain roads. I do know that I have never accepted the PC Police and never will. I figure it this way, I am retired now, so I am the low rank of the infantry. I can't fall any further, so I just say what is on my mind and if they don't like it, I don't really care. I saw an email a few years back where an elder fellow with his fishing hat on, caption why can't older men get hired. Reading down, the HR interviewer asks "tell me your greatest weakness" old gentleman said "honesty", HR interviewer "I don't consider honesty a weakness Old fellow, I don't give a crap what you think". That is pretty much where I am.

I think today's Presidents would have to be good managers with patience as those young'uns were a fly in the ointment. The old years Presidents would have to learn to delegate as you have such good help waiting to make it happen. The newer Presidents have such an advantage as QCCC is rock solid and we don't have new frontiers like in the old days. It takes guts to walk into the office of the President of CMS and ask to rent CMS for 3 weekends a year when you have a bank balance of \$108.00. But it equally hard for Keith Cross to contact Hendrik and ask for \$2,500 worth of car show t-shirts for free. Not sure Tommy Mitchem would pass the PC Police, I am also not sure how I did. That is why we are so strong today. Any of our Past Presidents did not run from the challenges but met them head on, and so we just keep getting better.

I was Trav's treasurer in 1976, and VP in 2014, and President in 2015 and 2016, so I have had a good time reflecting of this idea. I have gotten to know a lot of these folks. To a person they all did what was best for QCCC. I know you would not want to piss Boyd off, and likewise Melvin Pace. Tommy and Joey brought great humor to the job, but Tommy showed his salt when we agreed to clean the infield after the Nascar race in exchange for a free weekend of use. It is a big infield for 27 couples with one pick-up and one end loader. We all rebelled to quit until Tommy said rather loudly, "we honor our agreement, no one leaves until it is done."

Joey Hunter is one of the funniest people ever, and Keith Cross has great comedic timing. Bottom line, it would not matter who the President was at the time. They have all shown great leadership. Bill Miller, the founder of Road Runners Corvettes, tells me QCCC will always be great due to their great leadership. I take that as quite a compliment.

Following are more pics for u to identify.

Thanks to all

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#1
Who is this
hippie
circa 1974

_____?

First year of
Biggest car show in USA
1973

_____?

#2



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? Before He got Arrested for
Driving on myrtle Beach #8



Members Dancing in the street (Blvd?) #9

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LATE ENTRY to corvette/porsche CHALLENGE
#6 _____?



PAST PRESIDENT getting help with CAR #17
AT SHUTTLETOWN ~~DREAS~~ DRAGWAY _____?

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2 PAST PRESIDENTS
Split window Coupes
AT SOUTH PARK MALL

#3 _____ ?

#4 _____ ?



in REVERSE see NO EVIL DARC VAN SVCKY
HEAR NO EVIL TAMMY MITCHELL WIFE A ROKA
SPEAK NO EVIL, well sometimes
#5 _____ ?

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

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- Only our FB administrators can post on this page
 - Just ask and we'll post for you
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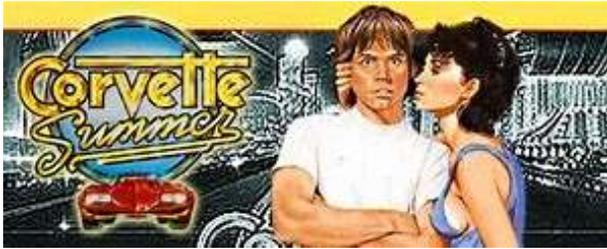
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LAST LAUGHS



A LITTLE BLAST FROM THE PAST...

Anyone remember this movie, circa 1978?

