

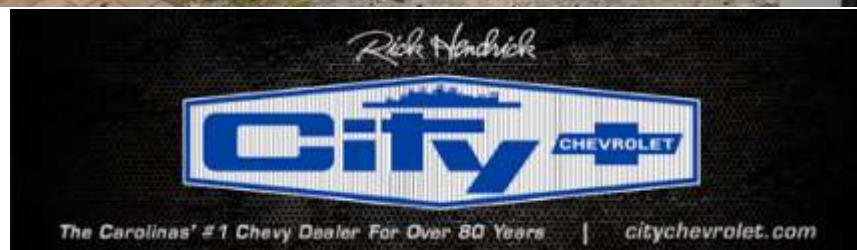
The Queen City Corvette Gazette



Official Newsletter of NC's Largest Corvette Club

July 2020

***July Meeting has been cancelled
Hope to see everyone at our 52nd Anniversary Celebration
and Club meeting on August 8th!***



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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*

Wow! And double wow! I really thought we would be able to do things by July at least. We have already cancelled some of my favorite meetings – the Loftin picnic, the Corvettes in the Round in May, the June meeting and dinner at the Speedway Club, and VP Gwilt had a new place for us to meet in July. But that will all have to wait. We are going to offer some places for members to drive to, park the Corvettes, get out your chair and cooler, and wave to other members in attendance. All at a very safe distance. That's the best we can do for now, but it is better than nothing. So look for info on that in upcoming Blasts.

The 2020 Car Show is still being developed, with exciting things to come. Tommy has sent out show information to over 100 Corvette Clubs in the Southeast, and other promotions will be forthcoming. Registrations are already coming in, and Roger is sending out the Limited Edition Coins to those registered guests, which will generate more new registrations. So all is on go for the show. If you haven't yet registered your car, go to the site and do the FREE registration. Start collecting items for door prizes (car wash items, trinkets, etc.) and for the Silent Auction. The door prize package from Hendrick Motorsports is again fantastic, and will be a major draw once the word gets out about it. We are very excited about this upcoming show, and we need your support, as always.

I wish we had more to talk about, but everything is pretty much at a standstill. Let's hope the general public will do the right thing as far as guidelines to help control the virus so we can get to whatever normal will be. This is a situation where everyone has to be a part of the solution. It seems like some people don't understand that. Let's all pull together, people!

So, again, 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 ~

Hello Friends! I hope each of you are doing well. During this time when we are unable to see each other face to face it reinforces how important our QCCC friendships are to us.

Missing you all... Stay safe & keep driving those Corvettes!

Saturday July 11th: QCCC July Business Meeting – **TBD ??????**

- If we're able to meet there will be a detailed BLAST with location & times for an all American red, white & blue QCCC celebration!

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

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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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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Hope everyone is healthy and safe. Really missing all the club and car events and it is not looking good for several months to come. On the bright side the Corvette Racing Team will be racing at Daytona on July 4th, the race is being televised on NBCSN @ 6 PM.

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

We are working behind the scenes on the QCCC Car Show. Vendors have been contacted, visiting clubs have been invited and now it is time for QCCC members to sign up for the show. By signing up to bring your Corvette you are agreeing to work the day of the show and bring a door prize item or silent auction item. All you have to do is go to QCCC website and go to Club Info, Event Signup, QCCC Member Only Car Show Registration and use password DUNTOV. Then fill out the registration form. It is that simple. We currently have over 50 QCCC cars entered. Once you have registered you will receive one of the numbered QCCC Car Show Challenge Coins as a token for your participation.

QCCC Charity Committee

QCCC Charity Committee for 2021 has been organized and consist of the following persons; Chairperson Brenda Loftin, Tommy Loftin, John Callahan, Wendy Callahan, Reggie Black, Suzi Black, Ron Berst, Michael Bullard, Richard Gwilt and Jane Burt.

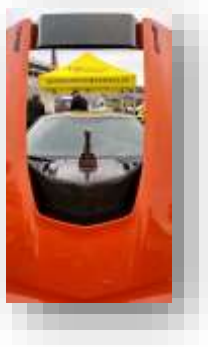
In June QCCC visited both of our charities. We had over 30 Corvettes deliver over 2 pickup truck loads of food to Kids First of the Carolinas to help with the food needs of children during these Covid 19 times. The food was dropped of at the Hendrick's Campus and then we had a short road trip to our other charity Wings of Eagles Ranch. This place was amazing and we all had a heart felt draw to do more for them. We will be having a work day soon and we will keep you informed. After each visits QCCC presented both charities with a check for \$5,000.00 each.

It is time for QCCC to choose our 2021 charities, so if you have a preferred charity please contact one of our charity committee members and present them with a written proposal as to who their proposed charity is and why QCCC should consider them for our 2021 charity. The deadline for submission is the August meeting.

Thank you,

Tommy Loftin, QCCC Car Show Director

Brenda Loftin, QCCC Charity Committee Chairperson



VP Report

July 2020

Not Quite There Yet!

As you all know, the NC Phase 2 Virus Restrictions will remain in place until July 17. That means our next scheduled club meeting will be cancelled AGAIN. This cautious approach does however, allow for small groups of up to 25 people.

Although QCCC will not be holding our formal club meetings or events, small groups have gone out on their own. Local road trips and cruise-in type events let us maintain safe distances from each other AND enjoy driving our cars.

FeedNC, formerly Mooresville Soup Kitchen, sent a Thank You note to QCCC for the food donations we made in a drive-by on May 16. THANKS to all members who participated!

Keep your hands and Corvettes clean!

Dick Gwilt, Vice President

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

Hi QCCC Members!!!

Well, obviously things haven't improved enough yet for all of us to meet together again. So, as we shared in last month's Newsletter, the Board wants to recognize QCCC member Birthdays by publishing them in the Newsletter each month until we can meet again in person!! If you have a **JULY Birthday**, it's YOUR TURN!! (See the List Below) While we cannot celebrate July Birthdays in person with you at a Club meeting at the moment, our virtual Happy Birthday wishes are no less heartfelt!

We wish you all a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

And as we also shared previously, the Club is still presenting 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.

Until Craig Smith our Treasurer can pick the lucky Birthday winning E-Gift Card ticket again at a Club meeting, QCCC member Don Zimmer (the only Club member I've seen in person since March) has picked the winning name at random. So, as I've said before -- if you are disappointed that your name wasn't selected, you can talk to Don!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to: **DIANE SMITH**, the Lucky JULY Birthday e-Gift Card WINNER

Diane, please watch your EMAIL for your Restaurant E-GIFT CARD (make sure your email info QCCC database is correct!!).

Again, **HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to All on the July List!!

Hope it's not too long until we can all meet together in person again!

Take Care, Be Safe, and Stay Healthy!!! (Sending lots of virtual hugs.....)

Carolyn Zimmer
QCCC Secretary
Carolynz77@yahoo.com



QCCC JULY BIRTHDAYS*



7/1 Debbie Rockhold
7/1 Jillian Preston
7/6 Priscilla Pelkey
7/6 Brian Peoples
7/6 Deb Troutwine
7/7 Peggy Conover
7/7 Peggy McNamara
7/11 Cindy Heavlin
7/11 Patty Miller
7/12 Laurie Schwartz
7/13 Jane Burt
7/16 Carl Bartlett
7/18 Alberta Weinheimer
7/20 Jeff Crosby
7/23 Donna Rice
7/24 Al Kessel
7/24 Gerry Leppert
7/25 Diane Smith – E-Gift Card WINNER
7/25 Sylvia Self
7/27 Larry Miller
7/27 Carl Belfiore
7/30 Jim McNamara
7/30 Curt Quakenbush
7/30 Tom Rockhold
7/31 Paige Mitchell
7/31 Sandy Chichester

*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~

JULY 2020

Paul Schmitt

~NO NEW MEMBERS~

~JULY MEETING CANCELLED~

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- continue to keep Sue in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her tests for cancer. Here is an update. Her latest scan showed a reduction in the cancer. That is great news! She will continue with chemo twice a month through the month of August. Her back and hip pain have required her to use a walker however cancer has been ruled out as the cause of that pain. We want to thank all QCCC Members that have sent cards, emails, phone calls and most of all your prayers. WE look forward to the day when we can all get together again.

Email is sjstickles@aol.com.

Phone- 704-564-0015

Al Kessel- Continuing with his treatments to fight cancer. Please continue to keep Al & Gerri in your prayers as they go through this treatment process. He is almost done with his Chemo and have just a few more to go.

Fred & Gloria McCoy- They are home recovering. Cards and emails welcome.



~MEMBERSHIP REPORT~

JULY 2020

Paul Schmitt

CARE & COMPASSION-

Norm Lontz- Update: Norm had his second surgery on June 22 to remove two areas of mel anoma on his head. The mel anoma was tested further before the surgery and found to be transient mel anoma, so it was suggested he do immunotherapy treatments. So sometime in late July he will start the therapy and have one injection every Four weeks for one year.

Pat Motta- Pat is suffering from metastatic Breast Cancer. She was diagnosed in early March and has suffered with this since 2012. Prayers are most welcome.

AS BOB STATED: "WE REALLY NEED A MIRACLE HERE".

Cards, Emails, and notes are also welcome. Email : ramrace@aol.com 12725 Green Ashe Drive Huntersville 28078

Beverly Terry- At home recovering from knee surgery. The surgery went well and she went home the next day.

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 is:

Paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com.

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



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER.

Another thirty days of confinement in the books. At least it isn't solitary confinement. Well, it isn't solitary even if Barb and I aren't awake at the same time. At our age, snoring counts as conversation.

I'm not getting a large response for the Anniversary Celebration at the museum in September. I can certainly understand the trepidation given the effects of the Corona virus. None of us can remotely imagine what our world will look like in the coming two months but I don't envision a great improvement in the crisis. All we can do is plan for the best and cancel all our plans at the last minute if it doesn't happen. The registration for the event isn't open at this writing and I will send out a blast when it does occur.

I want to take a little space here to send a shout out to Jamie Stamey for her attention to all things Corvette and keeping us all posted on them via Facebook. She doesn't let any little tid-bit get by her and immediately gets it posted. Great work for the Corvette community.

The ability to purchase NCM raffle tickets for new Corvettes keeps getting simplified. You can download an order form, enter your credit card number (automatically encoded) and mail it in. Okay, so it costs you a stamp, live a little and splurge on a small contribution to the US Postal Service. The best part is that you may win a new C8 Corvette. The worst part is you might not win a Corvette but help keep the Corvette Museum going. No losing part, all a win-win!

Pity our poor Corvette Race Team. What a lost season for the new C8R. No LeMans, no schedule to really plan for and the loss of competition. Competition always makes you better and what better feeling than beating a rival. If you get a chance to make a race this year, please do so as it may be your last chance for a while.

Everyone please stay safe, play by the rules and make sure you and your family comes through all the turmoil in fine fettle.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-108
No. of NCM Members	-187 (57.7%)
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



Vintage QCCC with the vintage gang: Bill Cruthis, Bill Ingram, Darrell Kirkley, and Travis Meredith

It's A Small World Everywhere (you can't make this stuff up.)

Car people's lives seem to have a history that is always intertwined.

Many of you know my history of wanting out of Illinois winters leading to my picking Charlotte as my adopted home town. As I planned my trip, I knew there were a couple of things I wanted to check out. (where were the women, the QCCC Corvette Club, and where do I go to find a basketball league). I had looked up what I could on QCCC and once I arrived in town I headed, under the guidance of Shad Alberty, straight to the clubhouse and it's back bedroom bar. I was 27 and a single guy with a 1970 show car and a 63 split window coupe, and little else. So I figured I would take a course in interior design at CCCP. The course had 30 women, me, and one other guy. Turns out they were all married but one and we went out but my Buddy Holly birth control glasses were of no help. It was a great course and I learned a lot. On the basketball front I got an early opportunity. I was managing the Revco Drug at the corner of Lawyers/Albemarle Rd/Harris Blvd. I struck up a friendship with Mickey Price RPh., and Bobby Tamplin Rph. Mickey drove a 75 blue Corvette, and Bobby had a yellow 75 (they managed the Revco Drug on Central Ave). So I was starting to feel at home. Mickey took me under his wing and invited me to play on his league basketball team. Mickey was 6' 5", David Poole and his brother were both 6' 10", and Ron Sherrill (nicknamed Tree) was 6' 7". Myself and a fellow by the name of Harmon, who sold men's dress shirts out of his car were the bench. First game I am watching as he says, I think I should start and play more. At which time I had to explain to him that he was 5' 8" and that was over a foot shorter than most, so unless he had some kind magic in his game he was placed well on the bench where he would not get hurt.

Little did I know at the time that these guys were the peak of the 20 somethings in Charlotte. Tree was the pinnacle of the bunch as he owned a local brew house and dance club correctly named the Tree House. He got super bands, a great bar, and all the ladies that bounced off him were there for the rest of us to console. Many nights after closing down the QCCC guys that were there would grab some gears heading south on Independence Blv. Look in the archives for the night Darrell Kirkley made a bad choice to run, destroyed a Corvette and made money on the deal. One night I think we played the late game and Tree asked me to ride to the bank night deposit with him. He had his bank bag and a pistol with a long barrel. That is when I found out he was driving a 69 Corvette Coupe, Green out and green inside. The car was originally sold at Chevrolet in Statesville. In 69 with Tree buying it in 71. Tree knew the original owner so he got a jump on it.

After moving to Harrisburg, I was not able to run amuck anymore, plus I got married. Anytime I went by the Treehouse I would look and there was the 69. I next saw Tree probably 8 years ago. Our up Yonder Group went to Hickory Tavern in Mooresville and I found out he was managing it at the time. We had time for a short visit, and he said he still had the 69, He did not stay managing there long and I believe he was trying to open his own place. Keith Cross told me not long ago he really would like to have one Corvette from every generation and he was asking about my 71.

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



I am teaching my cat to bark so she can sound the alarm if there is movement in the garage. So he has the 61 C-1, 19 C-7, and I don't know what else. Enter stage right Tommy Loftin. It is almost spooky how Tommy and Darrell together know almost every person who has ever sat there butt in a Corvette in the Charlotte area. Turns out Tommy and Tree both grew up on the same street in Troutman. Tree was about 4 years older than Tommy so they were not as close as they might have been. Since Tree knew Tommy when the time came to sell he went to Tommy knowing his love of Corvettes.

Tommy bought the car but decided to sell it as he has so many Corvettes that he does not have time to drive them all. It has 93,000 original miles and factory air, a good car. It had been stored in Florida for a long time and now Tommy stored it for 2 years. He contacts Keith Cross who buys the car. He is on a good streak as the 61 Keith bought from Tommy has been a great one. So it turns out he has a car that is a 4 owner with Tree owning it the last 46 years. I actually rode in the car in 1975 and now it is in Keith's stable. Charlotte was a much smaller city back then but it is ironic how a Corvette from 1974 would touch threw several QCCC members after all these years. Seems like with great Corvettes what comes around goes around. When C-3s go up in value, and they will, Keith will have a 4 owner well documented car. I can vouch that is was always a southern car here in Charlotte. It was Tree's only car for a long time but he took good care of it.

Watching him get in and out of the car reminds me of watching Andy M. get in and out of his 69.

Fond memories of great cars and folks in QCCC, the early days. My cat is fine, maybe a little hoarse, but I think I kind of detect a little meowuff in her cries.

Submitted: Bill Cruthis

Last months photo quiz

- 1. Hippie Wade Stickles 1974*
- 2. Bloomington Gold (originally called Bloomington Corral.) 1st yr 1973 Bloomington, Illinois fair-grounds*
- 3 and 4. QCCC display at Southpark spring of 1975 Split window coupes of Travis Meredith & Bill Cruthis*
- 5. Sharon Meredith*
- 6. Travis Meredith's Porsche/Corvette Challenge car*



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
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LAST LAUGHS

