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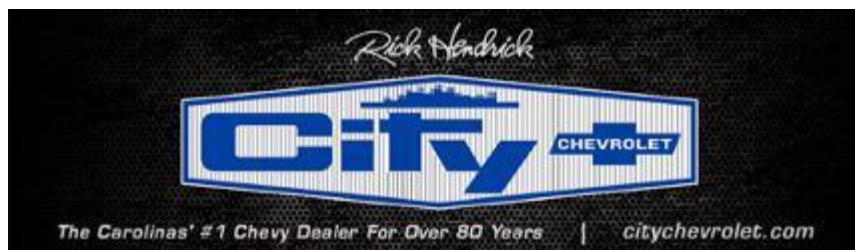


March Social/Business Meeting



- DATE:** Saturday March 13, 2021
- TIME:** 3:00 pm Social - 5:00 pm Meeting
- LOCATION:** Victory Lanes Entertainment and Events Center
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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*

Here we are, exactly one year from the first time we heard anything about this virus, and we are still dealing with it, but in a much more positive and hopeful way. Numbers are going down, members are getting the vaccine, and some things are beginning to open up for semi-normal activities. While QCCC will continue to observe Covid guidelines, we are ready to get going with some fun and sorely missed activities. So be ready to roll!

Our first meeting of 2021 will be March 13 at Victory Entertainment Center. VP Rikki Bobbi (check his license plate on his Blazer) has it all lined up for fun, food, music, drink, and welcome comradery. We will have an outdoor gathering to see what members have done to their cars since last year, and kick off the spring activities, with the meeting following inside. While we are hoping for continued easing of guidelines, we hope this will happen so we can get to places like the Speedway Club later in the year. But the first 3 meetings of the year are booked and planned. So I look forward to seeing everyone this spring, plus our many new members that will be joining us.

Car show planning continues, with the commemorative coins ordered by the Captain, and the show brochure in development. My feeling is that after not being able to attend any shows last year, we could have the biggest QCCC show ever on October 2. So please get signed up for your job. We will need everyone to step up again to continue our great show's excellent reputation.

In addition to regular meetings, we want to have lots of fun day trips and rides to enjoy the spring, our cars, and our QCCC friends. Several are planned already, but please let us know if you have an idea for a trip. Even though some activities have already been canceled (Auto Fair, Myrtle Beach Corvette show), we have on the calendar the Bash, the Shelton show, Maggie Valley and Helen later in the year, and more being planned! I am ready, and I know you are ready to get out there and cut loose!

Again, thank you to everyone for sticking with us during the past year. We had a few resignations, mostly because of relocation, but we have several new members just waiting to get to meetings and get voted in. Be sure to welcome these new folks and help them get familiar with our activities.

OK, it's time to.....

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

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~ Donna Berst ~



Happy St. Patrick's Day! March is here and you know what that means... Spring is on the way bringing day-light savings time, warmer weather and more Corvette driving days! With many of our members having been vaccinated and some of the Covid gathering restrictions eased, we will resume monthly meetings, following the CDC Guidelines and continue to plan as many socially distanced outdoor events/activities as possible. Watch for QCCC BLASTS!!!!

The Heart of QCCC Cruise was a great success! It was our first outing of 2021 and we had 17 Corvettes cruise from Niven Park in Charlotte to the Sweetheart Bakery/Sun-up Café at Langtree Village in Mooresville. We collected 15 containers of Lysol Wipes and \$160 for our charity Wings of Eagles Ranch. Kathy & Larry Finocchi and Kim & Dave Kadel won the raffle prizes. Thanks to all who participated!



Saturday March 13, 2021 OUTSIDE SOCIAL TIME FOLLOWED BY BUSINESS MEETING at The Victory Lanes Entertainment Center 125 Morlake Dr. in Mooresville. After a long winter QCCC will hold its first meeting in four months. This will be a two-part event. A Social Time held outside in the parking lot from 3:00 pm – 4:45 pm so members can walk around and visit each other, see what has been done to their cars over the winter, and see the new C8s picked up over the past year. We have access to the Event Center's restrooms, bar, and restaurant. From 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm. we will have our Member Meeting inside the Event

Center's large banquet/dining room. After the meeting ends, members can stay and have a meal there. Any member that does not feel comfortable going in the building for the meeting, is encouraged to come to the outside Social Time only.

NOTE: This event will count as a qualifying meeting for prospective members, even if they don't attend the actual meeting inside. Please let me know by 6:00 pm MONDAY MARCH 8 if you are coming to the meeting, so we can set up the meeting room to maintain proper social distancing.

Saturday March 20,2021 QCCC PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

An outdoor socially distanced event with your Corvette, you, your partner & your phone/camera beginning at Razzoo's Cajun Café 8011 Concord Mills Blvd Concord, NC. Meet at the rear parking lot. You will be given a list of things pertaining to Queen City Corvette Club that you will drive to and take a photo of yourselves in front of. (everything is within a 3 mile radius of Razzoo's) Come early at 9:00 to socialize, bring a chair, coffee or an OJ if you would like. At 10am the Scavenger Hunt begins. At 11am prizes will be awarded to the 2 winners back at Razzoo's. Afterwards you can stay for a self-pay lunch or head on home to enjoy the rest of your day!

RSVP by Thursday March 18th @ noon if you are attending the scavenger hunt and/or staying for lunch. donnaberst@windstream.net

Saturday April 10,2021 BUSINESS MEETING & PICNIC AT THE LOFTIN'S HOMESTEAD

244 Hicks Rd in Troutman, NC

3:00pm Social - 4:30pm Dinner – 5:30pm Meeting

Dinner Option #1 A catered individually boxed Port-a-pit ½ chicken meal that includes baked beans, home style potatoes & roll. The cost is \$10. Go to the QCCC website under Club Info and choose Event sign-up tab <https://queencitycorvette.com> to pay/sign-up. You may also mail a check to Queen City Corvette Club, PO Box 574 Paw Creek, NC 28130. **Please purchase your meal & RSVP by noon on Thursday April 1st**

Dinner Option #2 Bring your own Picnic Meal to enjoy. **RSVP to donnaberst@windstream.net by April 1st that you are attending** so we will have an accurate head count for the meeting.

Items provided by QCCC for all visitors & members to enjoy are chips for afternoon snacking, a Gourmet Cookie, tea & water.

BRING your masks (at the picnic you can purchase a QCCC mask for \$3 CASH or 3 masks for \$10)

BRING chairs and a pop-up tent if you have one that fits in your Vette!

BRING your adult-beverage of choice!

BRING your CASH BABY as a 50/50 drawing will be held!

National Corvette Museum BASH Thursday April 22, 2021 – April 24, 2021 email Paul Mariano for details. vettltd@aol.com

Saturday May 8, 2021 BUSINESS MEETING & SOCK HOP at VFW Post in Indian Trail **Times TBD** Dig out those poodle skirts, leather jackets & saddle shoes and have your photo taken in front of vintage Corvettes. Prizes will be given for the best dressed 50's Era individuals & couple. Come early and enjoy visiting with friends, listening (or dancing) to 50's music & grab a bag popcorn. The bar will be open if you would like to purchase a cocktail. After the meeting there will be a self-pay dinner. More info coming in a BLAST.

Saturday August 21, 2021 QCCC BANQUET

Mark your calendars to join us for an Elegant Luau at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club. There you will enjoy an outstanding dinner followed by a fun filled night of entertainment by the renowned band TOO MUCH SYLVIA! A self-pay bar will be open throughout the evening. More details to follow in upcoming BLASTS.

Friday, August 27 through Sunday, August 29 Maggie Valley Overnighter Coordinators: Tom & Terri Pennoni t_pennoni@hotmail.com We will once again be staying at the Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge. To reserve a room please call 828-926-1301 Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge 2716 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, NC 28751. If you get their answering machine when you call, leave a message they will call you back. **Please have patience while waiting for their call back. The hotel is only open on the weekends right now.**

Rates: 1 King or 2 Queens: Creekside room \$99.00 per night + tax
 Off Creek room \$89.00 per night + tax
 King Jacuzzi room \$129.00 per night + tax

Some rooms are up 1 flight of stairs. All rooms are non-smoking. Once you have made your room reservation please send us an email t_pennoni@hotmail.com and let us know so that we can keep you updated on any changing details.

Friday September 17 – Sunday September 19, 2021 OKTOBERFEST TRIP TO HELEN, GA. This is a fun filled weekend trip! Make your reservations at the Baymont Hotel (706) 878-2111. The price is \$139.00 per night for 2 queen beds plus tax. *Be sure to tell them that you are with the Queen City Corvette Club to get the special rate.* Email Steve Bonino vettegs17@gmail.com to be put on the list of those attending. Steve will then email you more details and things to do in the area around Helen for Saturday when you will be on your own to sightsee.

See You all SOON!!!!!!!

Donna Berst ~ 2021 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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MARCH MADNESS!

Well here we are, ready to fire up our cars and spring forward!

After we catch up with each other at Victory Event Center this Saturday March 13, the Member Meeting locations planned for the rest of 2021 are as follows:

CONFIRMED LOCATIONS:

Date: April 10
Time: 3 pm Social, 5 pm Meeting
Location: Tommy & Brenda Loftin's Homestead – Troutman, NC

Date: May 8
Time: 4 pm Social, 5 pm Meeting
Location: VFW – Indian Trail, NC

LOCATIONS TO BE CONFIRMED: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

June 12 Charlotte Motor Speedway – Concord, NC
July 10 Billy Boat Performance Exhaust – Mooresville, NC
Aug 14 Hendrick Motorsports – Concord
Sept. 11 VFW – Indian Trail, NC
Oct. 9 Bill and Julia Davidson's Farm – Lake Wylie, SC
Nov. 13 Charlotte Motor Speedway – Concord, NC
Dec. 4 Victory Event Center – Mooresville

NOTE: Times and details for each meeting will be sent in separate email BLASTS

During the COVID-19 pandemic, QCCC protocols will follow the regulations from the CDC, or the North Carolina State and Local governments, whichever is more stringent, including social distancing and any mask mandates, for all meetings and events.

Although our club has not been getting together in the past several months, we can still go visit our favorite locations, like the Biltmore House in Asheville, and enjoy our cars.

Let's have some fun in 2021!

Dick Gwilt, VP
704-651-8613





MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER March

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	327
Total Families	150
Prospective Members	39
New Members Year to Date	0
Avg. Monthly Attendance	0

Justin Cross
QCCC Membership Director



MARCH 2021

Beverly Terry- Beverly Terry had knee replacement- outpatient surgery on Tuesday, 2/23 and is recovering well at home. Husband and nurse Bob is providing excellent care. Cards, Calls, and Prayers are very much appreciated. Address: 7201 Swansea Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031.

Beverly Cell; 704-995-4037.

Al Kessel- Continuing his fight with treatments to fight cancer. Please continue to keep Al & Gerri in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Norm Lontz- Norm is continuing with his Immunotherapy. He has 4 more months to go and they will evaluate him. The dermatologist watches him closely every 4 weeks. Every 8 weeks he sees his surgeon. He may have another surgery after the treatment, but the surgeon has not made that decision yet. His lab-work each month has very good results and so far his COVID tests are negative. Please continue with your prayers for Joyce & Norm.

Pat Motta- Pat is suffering from Metastatic Breast cancer. Prayers are requested for Bob and Pat. Cards, emails, and notes are welcome.

Email: ramrace@aol.com Address: 12725 Green Ashe Drive Huntersville 28078.



Linda Meadows- Linda Meadows had her third surgery on her knee this past Wednesday (2-17). The tissue samples and blood work showed no Infection at this time. The Dr was able to reimplant new metal knee replacement parts during this surgery. She will be on antibiotics for a short time to keep the infection from reoccurring. Linda will start PT next week. She is doing some PT at home that the hospital therapist started. She has a lot of pain when doing her PT but that should get easier over the next 2 or 3 months. Thanks to all who have called and sent cards.

We have gotten both of our vaccine shots. Hopefully as the numbers build for those who are vaccinated, we can again enjoy being with our fellow QCCC members. Boy do we miss trips, meals, meetings, etc. with you all.

NOTE: I will be continuing with Care & Compassion for 2021. If you would like to be placed on the list send me an email. We all need care, compassion & prayers when we are sick.

Paul Schmitt- paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Well, another big car show bites the dust! This time it is the Charlotte Motor Speedway Spring Auto Fair. I was just setting up the online registration and getting the blast ready when up pops an email with the cancellation. This is hard to take, we will have to enjoy the QCCC Social events and meetings to get our Corvette show fix. Be assured that I will let all of you know as soon as I can arrange a car show gathering that COVID hasn't wrecked. Here are some CMS Auto Fair pics from the archive, enjoy!



STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING 2021 AUTOMOTIVE EVENTS

As of now the 2012 Michelin NCM BASH April 21st -24th is on schedule so make your reservations.

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

Roger Winge
Automotive Events Director



National Corvette Museum



NCM CORNER.

I do believe we are about to re-enter the world of normalcy. Vaccines are being administered, bars are being re-opened and club meetings are being held. I know many are still being cautious (count me in) but the risks are diminishing and by all of us still taking all the necessary safe steps we will, hopefully, be out of the woods in the very near future.

I now have seventeen couples signed up for the NCM Bash in April and I will confess that more than a couple have expressed reservations about attending and are closely monitoring the overall pandemic situation up until the final weeks. We shall see how it all plays out, but until then, your interest is greatly appreciated.

It looks like the C8 is a big hit among the QCCC group. A little birdy has informed me that a few more of you out there have one on order. I am hoping that your delivery doesn't take too long as the factory keeps getting shut down due to supplier issues. The damn COVID has impacted everyone and everything.

If you feel you cannot attend functions at the NCM at this time, I do encourage you to support the museum in any way you can. Buy a raffle ticket, shop at the Corvette Store, sign up for the virtual events and most of all, become a member and remain a member. Already a member? Then upgrade your membership. There are so many ways you can ensure the continued viability of the museum and I would love to discuss them all with you. Can we sit down (virtually) and go over a few of the lesser known ways of support that I guarantee to make you feel good all over.

BOX SCORE

No. of QCCC Family Units	-109
No. of NCM Members	-194(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

QCCC Car Show and Charity Update

QCCC Car Show

Just to keep you up to date on the car show all is go, go, go. We are on schedule and the QCCC Challenge Coins are on order. The brochures have been designed and are awaiting final approval from Hendrick and City Chevrolet.

Once we have the approval things will start to happen very quickly. The team leaders have been contacted and you may get a call from them to add you to their work list. Once you are added to the work list you will receive a 10TH anniversary QCCC Car Show challenge coin: We urge you to show it off to all your Corvette friends and promote our show. Everyone who registers a Corvette will receive one of these coins at no charge.

The April QCCC meeting will be our first sign-up date, so plan on coming and register your Corvette and sign up for a work detail.

Tommy Loftin, QCCC Car Show Director



Charity Committee

As you know, Wings of Eagles Ranch is our 2021 charity and we are planning a work day for the ranch in March or April. We will keep you posted as to the actual date and time. We are awaiting a nice Saturday for us to be outside and work. The Social Committee had a wonderful ride through North Mecklenburg and ended up at Langtree. They collected a ton of sanitary wipes and over \$160.00 to be donated to the Ranch. Thank you to all who participated.

Brenda Loftin, QCCC Charity Chairperson



Happy March Birthdays!!!! (and Happy St. Patrick's Day!!! too)

Hi QCCC Members!

Welcome Spring!!! Time to celebrate March QCCC Member Birthdays!!!

Hopefully you will all join us in celebrating our member birthdays here in the QCCC Newsletter every month – and also at our in-person club meetings.

The QCCC March Birthdays are listed below. Please join me in wishing everyone on the list...

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

As we do every month, we drew a lucky Birthday Member's name, at random, and a Darden Restaurant Gift Card will be presented to the March **WINNER**

Ron Strausborger

Congratulations **RON !!!** If you are unable to attend the March meeting, you will receive your e-Gift Card via email through Amazon -- so please watch your inbox (or spam-junk mail)!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

Virtual Hugs for Now,
Carolyn Zimmer
QCCC Secretary
Carolynz77@yahoo.com

QCCC 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**
- 3/12 Tracey Comfort**
- 3/15 Ron Strausborger ***WINNER e-Gift Card*****
- 3/16 Don Conover**
- 3/17 Edward Atkinson**
- 3/18 Randy Tate**
- 3/20 Clark Belvin**
- 3/21 Brad Dusterhoft**
- 3/21 John Meadows**
- 3/26 Quentin "Q" Gross**
- 3/26 Ken Watts**
- 3/26 Reggie Black**
- 3/26 Patty DeRosa**
- 3/27 Gary DeRosa**
- 3/27 Margaret Beiman**
- 3/28 Steve Pelchat**
- 3/29 Julia Davidson**

*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.

Vintage QCCC

***With the Vintage Gang: Bill Cruthis 1974,
Bill Ingram 1973, Darrell Kirkley 1973,
and Travis Meredith 1970***



Shiny things small and large

The last time I checked, a full 45% of our membership have joined our organization in the last 5 years. That said, I think it is time to review our awards programs. I will give you some of the history of current awards and of some long gone.

When racing went from Street to Strip, QCCC was looking for insurance so we could have protection if damage were done to cars, property, and people. We ended up with insurance from The National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). They had a score sheet that was utilized at events to track results for Male Driver of the Year and Female Driver of the Year Awards. These two awards were not up for discussion. Points for entering, winning Autocross, Concourse, High Speed Events, and Hill Climbs led to the winners. Not one member in our young group was retired and events were held on every weekend.

As we grew in the 70's, QCCC realized that offering only 2 awards was a little thin so we started creating our own. We had a monthly award presented at the meeting which was MEMBER OF THE MONTH. I still have one and will try to photograph. They came in handy at the bar downstairs. These were cheap as the engraving probably cost more than the mug. Luckily member Al Starnes owned a trophy shop, and he gave us a cheap ride. We kept in mind that we had a sparse budget to pay for shiny things. Enter Travis Meredith, who has tremendous artistic talent. We would tell him what we needed, and he would go out back of his workplace and rummage up some auto parts. He had scrap lumber, heck we all had scrap lumber, most had crap lumber.

The results were homemade trophies at no cost to QCCC. I remember one was a board stained and then two 59 Chevrolet slanted radio antennae attached. The greatest ones were the wood arched with a shelf on the bottom. The shelf had a long neck Schlitz attached. Darrell says to this day that is his favorite award as he was the best driver. Mine was "first at last." Was it that I finally was first, or was I always was 1st to be last? In '75 awards started to be added.

Seems like Trav was a visionary as the Hendrick Award now has a piston on it. Also, Tony Stewart started making awards with engine parts. Most Popular Male Driver, Most Popular Female Driver, Rookie Driver of the Year were added. Rookie of the year was deleted in 2015 as it was not fair judging a rookie from all year who joined in January vs one who joins in say October. We were aware that sometimes a member would just have bad luck racing, so the Hard Luck award was added. The first year we gave it to Rick Wilson. As Trav handed the trophy to Rick it fell apart. According to Senator Meredith no-one had tampered with it, simply hard luck. There was an award called the porta potty award. Hard to say how you got this one, but Jim Nichols was the lucky winner in 1980.

This all served us well until the mid-nineties when racing became too expensive, and we drifted to mostly a social club. Now with all our awards previously they had titles that would not work. Not sure who gets credit for the change, but a point system was implemented. The vice president via the by-laws is to come up with an equitable system for awards. The next phase was to have the V.P. keep track of the points. You got a point for meeting attendance, one for up yonder dinners, one for QCCC Wednesday dinners, you got points for attending auto fair, winning at auto fair, winning any other car show etc. We ended up at the banquet with a king and queen award. You got points for attending day trips and other social events. We even had a mess with this in that by the first decade of the new century, as we had working people and retired people which led to complaints. V.P. Matt Dieger tried to track in two groups to make it fair: Working Stiffs, and Retirees.

Vintage QCCC



***With the Vintage Gang: Bill Cruthis 1974,
Bill Ingram 1973, Darrell Kirkley 1973,
and Travis Meredith 1970***

When I became V.P. in 2014 the outgoing V.P. Bill Rambo handed me a computer print-out that was about 3 inches thick. I was told that was one month of point tracking for banquet awards. I took that home to file 13. Now I had to come up with an awards program. Using the movie theme of Corvette Fever, I made 8 groups with each committee having 20 members. Our club has so much Corvette Fever we just had to observe and see which member in each group was showing the most. Our newer members may see Corvette Fever T-shirts, this is where they came from.

Two awards that have longevity are Member of the Year and The President's Award. MOY carries prestige as it is awarded by the members. In 2014 we implemented the new program to recognize members who have had 15 years of active dues paying. This group is awarded a jacket patch that has our original logo, and states Vintage Member. We bought 100 patches which will not quite carry us thru this year which means of 350 members we have 100 couples who are vintage.

Two years ago, we started the Golden Gears Award, given to any member who has owned the same Corvette for 50 years. That is a tall order. So far, we have Walt and Wendy Krupowicz, DePascall, Travis and Sharon Meredith, and Steve and Laura Pelchat.

The Service Excellence Award originated in 2020 is given to those who are showing above and beyond in spending extra time and dedication to QCCC activities.

In 2014 we needed to address the Lifetime Member Award which was no longer effective as we aged. Keith Cross designed the LSAA (Lifetime Service Achievement Award.) This is the highest compliment our members can attain. To date we have 5 members receiving this award. Eddie Burt (deceased), Bob Denney (deceased), John Meadows, Travis Meredith, and Bill Cruthis.

Some of the old awards were mainly about recognition. With only 27 member couples we really needed to gin up good attendance. As treasurer (76) I would collect dues of \$5 a month, payable at the meetings. Hard to believe how many of the 27 would dodge the meeting as they did not have \$5. Lest they forget, I like beer so I would collect on Wednesdays at the bar.

Most folks enjoy recognition by their peers. If you have taken on extra projects and it works out good for QCCC it is exciting. Our organization from the beginning has had plenty of members ready to step up and go beyond. Just think of the newer members that are stepping up now: Roger and Dee Dee Winge, Justin Cross, Paul and Christine Schmidt, Dick Gwilt, Jamie Stamey Hinson, Brian and Barbara Kruse, Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Ron and Donna Berst, just to name a few. We will continue to excel as others step up going forward.

I hope this will be helpful for those who are interested in how our awards developed over the decades. All the methods to nominate somebody plus discussion info can be found on the website under awards.

Submitted: Bill Cruthis, with input from Travis Meredith and Darrell Kirkley

Vintage QCCC



*With the Vintage Gang: Bill Cruthis 1974,
Bill Ingram 1973, Darrell Kirkley 1973,
and Travis Meredith 1970*



Photos: (1) Past President Joey Hunter with the porta potty award, (2) beers in hand with Past President David Morse, (3) hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil. Left Sharon Meredith (Past President Travis Meredith) Center—Aretha Mitchem (Past President Tommy Mitchem), Right Dale Van Every Tater. (4) Mug member of the year and vintage member patch.



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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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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.



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St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland.