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November QCCC Business Meeting & Dinner

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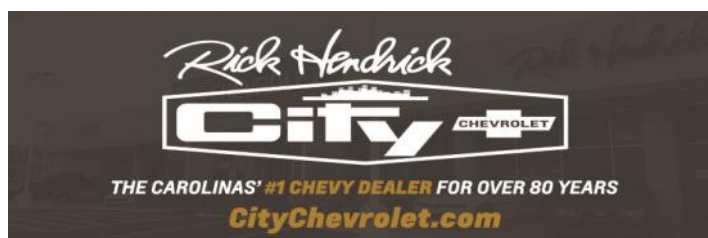
Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

Details: 4 p.m. Social Time

5 p.m. Business Mtg./Board Elections

6:15 p.m. Prepaid Dinner Seating

Reminder: Men, please wear a polo or collared shirt, as t-shirts are not permitted in the Speedway.



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Queen City

Corvette Conversations

~ Paul Mitchell, President

For me, it's hard to believe that we have only two meetings left for 2021. But when you think back about the entire picture of 2020 and 2021, it's still a miracle to review what QCCC has accomplished in the past 2 years, especially with the challenges we all faced. I have nothing but pride and amazement for the success we had overall. We were not able to have several meetings, but we still managed to get together on a regular basis to stay connected. When we lost cherished members, we got together to remember them. We didn't have a car show, then followed no show up with the best Corvette Show ever. QCCC can answer any challenge, and the past 2 years have proven that.

We had great fall events, with good participation. Shatley Springs (the biggest in recent memory), a joint event with Myrtle Beach Corvette Club in Ocean Drive, participating in Wings of Eagles fall event, and an upcoming drive to Table Rock. Yep, we never rest. But after the next two meetings, it will be time to relax, concentrate on family and the holidays, and start thinking about what's coming for 2022. We are so blessed to have this club to enjoy fellowship, events, car talk, trips long or short, and the shared love and enthusiasm for the Corvette which quickly turns into the shared love and enthusiasm for each other. Don't get no better than that!

I want to thank QCCC for your prayers and support during my recent hospital stay. I received so many cards, texts, emails, and messages that it is unbelievable. Thank you so much to everyone for your support.

Cooler weather is coming, but we can still enjoy the cars. And we can also start dreaming about what fantastic things we will do in 2022 when we do what we do best...

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

Social Scene



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~ Donna Berst ~

{GIVE THANKS}

for each new morning
with its light
FOR REST AND SHELTER
OF THE NIGHT
for health and food
for love and friends
FOR EVERYTHING
THY GOODNESS SENDS

—ralph waldo emerson—

emerson

October was a busy and fun month. We had 24 QCCC Corvettes join in with the Foothills Club for their annual “Run to the Colors” ride. A total of 225 Corvettes wound through the NC mountains to lunch at Shatley Springs. The next weekend we had an amazing beach trip. *Thank you, Dick & Jane*, for organizing such a fun outing! Finally, 14 Queen City Corvettes cruised to Table Rock, SC through the beautiful South Carolina countryside where we enjoyed the fall foliage, each other’s company, and a warm campfire. *(look for photos at the end of this article)*

I hope to see you all at our November Meeting at the Speedway Club. Remember men need to wear a polo or collared shirt, as t-shirts are not permitted in the Speedway.

Join us on **December 4th** to “**JINGLE & MINGLE**” at our QCCC year-end Business Meeting & Christmas Party at Victory Lanes Center in Mooresville. 2:30pm-Social * 4:00pm Meeting * 6:30 Optional Italian Buffet after our meeting

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!!!!!!

Upcoming Events

Saturday Morning November 6, 2021, CORVETTE ANGELS TOY DRIVE at Carolina Place Mall.

Saturday November 13, 2021, BUSINESS MEETING & PRE-PAID DINNER AFTERWARDS AT THE CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY CLUB. **Men, please wear a collared shirt. (t-shirts are not permitted).**

Monday November 29, 2021 The last Monday of the month is the Up Yonder dinner in North Charlotte/Mooresville area. Look for an email Blast!

Saturday December 4, 2021, BUSINESS MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY AT VICTORY LANES ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Donna Berst ~ 2021 QCCC Social Director

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“Run to the Colors 2021”



Lunch at Shatley Springs



Table Rock 2021



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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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Well it's been one heck of a run for many of our QCCC members. We had events now for **12 straight weeks**, and two more to come. Since August 14, we have had three meetings, two weekend trips, two day trips, one banquet, one auto fair, and one car show. The next two weekends will be Corvette Angels and our November meeting.

We will start slowing down over the next few months for the winter, but are already setting up our 2022 calendar. In fact, Donna and Ron Berst, and I have filled in all the events and dates we know are certain, with additional dates to be filled in over the next few weeks. Our plan is to send a complete 2022 QCCC schedule to our members in December. That won't be a final one, with day trips and events certain to be added later on during the year.

In just having our first North Myrtle Beach trip as a club in many years, we certainly lived up to our motto of "we drive to eat" with fun beachy restaurants. The trip was highlighted with meeting up with 18 members of the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club at LuLu's located at Barefoot Landing. It is owned by Jimmy Buffett's sister. Next year we plan on adding a restaurant owned by Jimmy Buffett himself called Margaritaville!

You have all received the great news that our President Paul Mitchell is now home after spending over two weeks in the hospital. I asked Paul what the worst part of being in the hospital was, and being a true car guy, he missed driving his car, and even more, having to watch live TV with all the commercials and no fast forward.

We have two more member meetings this year:

- November 13 Speedway Club, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord NC
- December 4 Victory Event Center Holiday Party, Mooresville NC

Please mark your calendar now for our Chili Cook-off before the January 8 meeting at the VFW in Indian Trail. Look for a BLAST in December with all the details.

Dick Gwilt, VP
rgwilt@me.com









MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER November

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	379
Total Families	210
Prospective Members	<u>55</u>
New Members Year to Date	43
Avg. Monthly Attendance	<u>93</u>

NEW MEMBERS:

Walt & Carole Baker (Associate Members)
Mount Pleasant, SC
Corvette: 2013 Torch Red Coupe Grand Sport
60th Anniversary



Justin Cross
QCCC Membership Director



OCTOBER 27, 2021

Paul Mitchell- GREAT NEWS- Paul is coming home from the hospital today! **THANK YOU** all for your Cards, Texts, Emails, and Prayers. God is Good!!
Paige Mitchell

J.C.Roberts- is recuperating at home after eye surgery for a detached retina. Cards and emails are appreciated.
Linda Roberts

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Covid 19: Prayers for QCCC Members, Family and Friends: Special prayers for all our QCCC Members, Family and close friends. Praying that God keeps them safe and touches those that do have it. This has been a terrible pandemic and we pray for those that have it, and those that are fighting it. We also pray for the underlying illnesses that affect this virus and make it more lethal. Praying that Our Lord keeps all of us in our Club safe.

We also pray for those with other illnesses such as cancer, disease, viruses, bad knees and hips, etc. that do not want to be placed on this list. We pray for complete healing.

Note: If you would like to be placed on the Care & Compassion monthly list, send me a text first saying that you sent me an email. I am not on my email all the time.

We all need care, compassion, and prayers when we are sick. Please do not hesitate to place your name on the list. We are all family.

Paul Schmitt paulandchristinesschmitt@gmail.com 585)944-1926



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Well, COVID takes down another automotive event and one of my favorites! The annual Americarna Live Charity Car Show in Davidson has been canceled and is available as a virtual version. Hopefully, next year will be better. The local Cars & Coffee events [see schedule below] are a great opportunity to show off your Corvette and see a variety of other cars. HAPPY THANKSGIVING to everyone!!

Pictures from local Cars & Coffee events



NOVEMBER CARS & COFFEE EVENT SCHEDULE

- Saturday November 13th – Waterbean Cars & Coffee Cornelius, NC
- Saturday November 20th – Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee Concord, NC
- Saturday November 27th – LNK Cars & Coffee Mooresville, NC

Roger Winge
Automotive Events Director



QCCC Corvette Show October 1ST, 2022

Advertising for 2022 Car Show will begin around March and April. If any of you have any ideas on how we can reach other Corvette people and invite them to the car show, please let me know.

Tommy Loftin, Car Show Chairman

QCCC Charity

Wings of Eagles Ranch had a very rewarding day during their fund raiser "Fall at the Ranch" on October 23rd. They had food, games, music, vendors and of course, Corvettes. We had 7 Corvettes show our support for our charity.

Wings of Eagles had an artist drawing of the water attraction that QCCC has been involved with for the past year. They are using our Car Show donation to build a water attraction that will be handicap accessible and for the use of wheelchairs. It will include a splash area that will mist water on the happy participants, or have a blast of water coming in all directions for the more advanced kids, a rain head for soaking and a raised garden for the kids to learn how to raise food and then enjoy eating it. QCCC has become a major partner with Wings of Eagles Ranch and we need to continue showing them how much we care about them.

We will have our Fall Workday at the Ranch soon, so keep a watch out for information.

Thanks!

Brenda Loftin, Charity Coordinator



Happy November Birthdays!!!!

Hi QCCC Members!

Well, the cooler weather has certainly arrived and the Holidays are almost upon us— a special time to be Thankful for all our many Blessings!! As members of QCCC we have many—from the fabulous Cars we drive to the wonderful friendships we have made in our Club. And I for one am looking forward to all the wonderful food ahead as we Celebrate Thanksgiving. Hope you are too!! And hopefully the weather will allow us to get out the Corvettes and join our QCCC friends for some really fun drives!!

Let's also Celebrate our **November Member Birthdays** listed below!!! Join us in wishing everyone....

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

As you know, we randomly draw the name of a member present at our business meetings who is Celebrating a Birthday that month, and present him or her with a Darden Restaurant Birthday Gift Card. So please plan to attend the **November 13 business meeting** at the **Charlotte Motor Speedway** and see who our lucky Gift Card winner will be!!!! Check out the QCCC Website Calendar for details (and be ready to Vote for 2022 Board, 2021 MOY and Bylaws).

Hope to see you at the Meeting and have a Very HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

Carolyn Zimmer
QCCC Secretary
carolynz77@yahoo.com



QCCC BIRTHDAYS*

November

11/3 Dick Coulter
11/4 Walt Krupowicz
11/5 Archie Clarke
11/5 Sandra Patton
11/6 Richard Gwilt
11/7 Helena Watts
11/8 Bud Curva
11/9 Norm Lontz
11/12 Jonni Ingram
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11/28 Richard Jacob
11/29 Fred McCoy
11/29 Nancy Thompson
11/30 Nicole Quakenbush
11/30 Angela Brannick

*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.



NCM Corner

I hope everyone is getting out with your wonderful cars and enjoying the beautiful fall leaves changing, before bedding them down for the winter months. A quick drive to the mountains has provided a great view over the Blue Ridge Parkway, so I encourage you all to take the drive if you haven't.

Some new news from the NCM:

The NCM will be seasonally modifying its hours of operation beginning on November 1, 2021.

New hours for guests at the **National Corvette Museum** will be:

November 1 – December 31

Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm CT

Saturday and Sunday 9 am – 5 pm CT

January 1 – March 1

Monday through Friday, 10 am – 5 pm CT, CLOSED TUESDAY

Saturday and Sunday 9 am – 5 pm CT

March 2 – October 31

Monday through Sunday 9 am – 5 pm CT

The **Corvette Store** will have the same hours of operation as the Museum.

The **NCM** will remain closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

The **Stingray Grill** will also have new operating hours beginning November 1, 2021. Those wishing to experience the flavors of the Stingray Grill may do so from:

November 1 – December 31

Monday through Sunday 10 am – 3 pm CT

January 1 – March 1

Monday through Sunday, CLOSED Tuesday, 10 am – 3 pm CT

March 2 – October 31

Monday through Sunday 10 am – 5 pm CT.

Don't miss out on the latest Corvette Raffle to win a **2022 Build Your Own Corvette or \$70,000!** Tickets are \$250, and the raffle is limited to 1,500 tickets. The drawing will be on **Thursday, November 11th, 2021 at 2pm CT**. There is still time to mail in a chance.

Hoping all of you were able to catch the 2023 Z06 reveal. It will have flat-plane crank 5.5-liter V-8 that revs to 8,600 rpm and produces 670 hp and 460 lb-ft of torque, and will run 0-60 mph run in 2.6 seconds. It is expected to cost around \$90k or more and will have a Z07 option.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, and those who have not joined the NCM...[.....](#)I will be seeking you out!!

Save the Wave

Mike Mariano
NCM Ambassador

QCCC HISTORY

QCCC Takes the Bus

As I recently refueled my Z06 with some gas approaching \$4.00 a gallon, I had a severe flash back to 1973. I distinctly remember the day I put some Sunoco 260 in my '64 Corvette at a cost of \$49.9 per gallon. I had the exact same thought then: "This is crazy!". But as expensive as it is now, at least there isn't a fuel shortage. My mind went back to those days during the Arab Oil Embargo when there were gas lines at every service station, odd and even distribution by the last number on your tag and the worst, a 55-mph speed limit. That was the year my Corvette stopped being my daily driver and I bought a well-used Chevy pickup with a 6-cylinder engine for my commute to work. It was tough being a car enthusiast during that time and it was even tougher for members of a car club.

QCCC had some local events and continued the monthly meetings during this period, but there was a serious cut-back on road trips. The club had spent months and a lot of effort planning a winter ski trip to Boone, NC. First reaction was, we'll have to cancel this trip. Instead, there was a hardy group that said "no, we're going". But how? Not many of the Corvettes in the club at that time could make a road trip like that on one tank of gas, if you could find it. After lots of discussion, many beers, and few options, someone said "let's charter a bus". Lots of laughs followed. "What? A car club takes a road trip on a bus! Ridiculous!" When the laughter died down, and it was suggested to look into it, not many took it seriously.

As it turned out, the Trailways Bus Company was more than happy to charter us a bus and driver for a three-day trip to Boone. The cost was divided among the participants and it turned out to be cheaper than driving our own cars...and we didn't worry about having enough gas. About 15 couples signed up and the trip was on.

It was predictable that the trip to Boone on a bus would free up the passengers to have a drink or twelve. We had not got to the city limits before the bar lamp was lit. Our driver was a middle-aged gentleman named Sam Cooke. Of course, the mission on the trip was to sing every Sam Cooke song we could think of. I'm sure he was impressed. And ole Sam stayed completely sober the whole trip.

When we arrived at the Green Motel in Boone on Friday evening, most of the group was in rare form. After checking in, a room was selected as the "party room" and everyone congregated there. To make room for the dancing that many felt like doing, the bed was disassembled, the mattresses leaned up against the wall, and two "Soul Train" lines were formed. The party lasted into the wee hours of Saturday.

Early Saturday morning Sam drove us to the ski slope and we checked in and got our equipment. Many in the group had never snow skied before so some instruction was given, but not necessarily followed. And many others chose to stay in the lodge and nurse their hangover. Whatever way you spent the day it was great to be together even though our cars were at home.

Saturday night was another party and the trip home was a lot quieter with most trying to sleep it off. This trip was talked about for years and it showed that even a car club with no gas can continue to have fun. I hope the current QCCC doesn't ever have to resort to taking a bus instead of driving our cars, even though it was a hell of a lot of fun.

Travis Meredith, *historian*



Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



****A note this month of special thanks to Clark Belvin and Gary Spencer who helped me with difficult projects. It's nice to have friends in high places. QCCC always gives back.***

The Need for Speed

Not a single one of us bought a Corvette vowing to always be below the posted speed limit. Most feel that is a number that some goober in the government decided was safe for the general public. We are not the general public driving the average general public auto. We are spirited fun-loving drivers in a machine designed to go fast and stay on track. We all have some degree of that need for speed.

This thrill of enjoyment at great velocity varies on many things. To name a few: your ability to replace what you are driving, your ability to repair yourself what you are driving, your wife's temperament sitting in the passenger side with no brake and no steering wheel, how well do you heal from injury, and your steely nerve. I have had to remind some that the track is 36 feet wide at Ron Fellows Raceway and only 8 feet wide in your lane of the road. Most in the old days, drove Corvettes that were less safe at faster speeds and now we have safe cars at high speed but so much congestion.

In associating this need for speed in my search to see where so many of you got your early mechanic ability, I find that it was behind your desire to learn how to keep getting your first car to make more speed. Some of you were probably in my shoes as I had nothing with a motor in it until I got a license and could borrow mom's car on Saturday night. No motorized skateboard, lawn mower, or go kart at my house. So, when I got my hands on that first car it was time to experiment. Out onto the country blacktop I found that the '58 Biscayne Chevy sounded better with the air cleaner off, then about 30 mph, drop the auto shift on the column into low gear and wow, even better. Then when you get home trying to put it in the garage you back up and find you only have reverse gear left. That was the end of that!

So, I am a second semester junior in high school working at the drugstore when Dad told me of an additional summer job at the local Country Club Pro Shop. Don't get too excited, it was a nine-hole course in a farm community! But there were four electric golf carts at my disposal. Now mid-week in a farm community,

nice weather was not for golf but for farming. I quickly learned where the trash dump was down a little trail in the woods where a single engine plane had crashed years ago. So it was eat a candy bar, put the wrapper in the trash can, put a note on the door “emptying trash”, take a golf cart and flat out to the dump. Wow! This need for speed thing is addicting and I ate a lot of candy bars!

There was virtually no one there most all day except an elderly gentleman that mowed the fairways with a Ford tractor and mower. I soon learned that three of my high school classmates were to be dropped off three days a week by one of their mothers to play golf all day, can you spell babysitting? After two or three weeks of this they tired of golf and started hanging around with nothing to do. Now my need for speed itch was about to get scratched. I decided since we had 4 golf carts and 4 drivers so let’s drag race down 485 yards to the first green and circle it and race back. My first drag race was a success. I had a four wide before Z-Max. Then we decided to road race from the first tee to all the holes and finish at the 9th green. Since that was so much fun, let’s run the course in reverse from the 9th green to the first tee. Other games of chicken, hide and seek (a hilly course), and ambush followed with the worst being we stuck a cart in the mud when we got too close to the pond. Now I see why you were all attracted to making your hot rods go faster. So, I am thinking this will be a great summer of racing on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Wednesday was Ladies Day, and Thursday was crowded with Men’s Day. After about a month I came home on a Friday and Dad said I no longer had a job at the Pro Shop. It seems the little farmer on the Ford tractor mowing grass was patiently observing all of this and finally decided to do his civic duty and report us to the owner of the Pro Shop.

I am sure this trauma at that young age probably is what keeps me from being competitive in all of my Corvette years. Now I see what drove all of my Vintage QCCC friends to try to solve their need for speed. Travis was the North Charlotte Kid drag racing around North Davidson St. in his Comet. Dollar Bill was BMOC at U.S.C. Columbia, S.C. with a 67 convertible, probably few challengers, and Darrell Kirkley was learning how to lead the pack from the pole in SCCA B production Corvette at Road Atlanta. Me, I was flat out in the left lane of the first fairway in my electric golf cart, and I have been chasin’ these 3 ever since.

So just be careful where you scratch that itch for a need for speed in your Corvette. I know you all have it but I won’t tell. Here is a helpful hint: Larry Miller says stay in the right lane as much as you can, if you are in a pack of cars they

can't make the ticket stick, and their shift change is 6 a.m. making that a good time to find your need answered.

You learn the darndest things in QCCC. If I pass you in the left lane I am just working on that itch. I know if I had a '55 Chevy in high school I would have been awesome then and probably would not have made it to the University.

Submitted: Bill Cruthis raceless car driver

To All QCCC Members:



WANTED/NEEDED anyone who takes pictures or videos with their phone or camera!!!

If you go to an event and take pictures/videos – please upload them to the QCCC photo library. That way they can be shared by all members!

We could also use members to volunteer to take pictures during the events. If you are interested and want to do that, please contact me via email : cb8613vette@gmail.com.

Here are the instructions on how to upload your pictures/videos:

Do you have club Photographs or Videos you would like to share?

To upload to the “QCCC Photo Gallery”, copy the web link below into your web browser and follow the screen prompts.

<https://qcccphoto.smugmug.com/upload/rZ6vZk/QCCCMemberGallery>

Please send an email to photo@queencitycorvette.com or cb8613vette@gmail.com with a notation of the Date and Event for which the Pictures/Videos were taken.

The mail message will notify the Club’s “QCCC Photo Gallery” administrator that new Pictures/Videos were recently posted so they can be added to the public viewing web site.

Thanks!
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Queen City Corvette Club has two Facebook Pages

QCCC Members is a ‘closed’ group for 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.

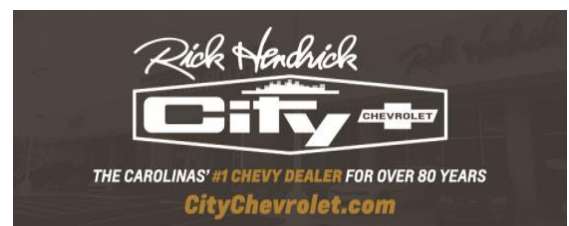
Queen City Corvette Club is an ‘open’ page for anyone on Facebook

www.facebook.com/QueenCityCorvette/

- Anyone on Facebook can “like” and “follow” our events
- Only our Facebook Administrators can post on this page [just ask and we will post for you].



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