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QCCC June Business Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Charlotte Motor Speedway

5555 Concord Parkway, South, Concord, NC 28027

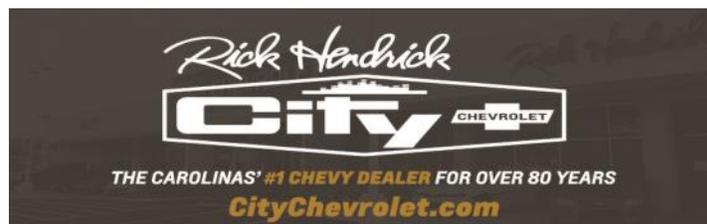
4:00 p.m. Social

5:00 p.m. Meeting

6:15 p.m. Prepaid Dinner (*RSVP by Sunday, June 5*)

5th Floor Banquet Room for business meeting & 7th Floor Dining Room for optional self-pay dinner

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Another month of putting the pedal to the metal of Corvette activity!

We started out with the Mark Fisher Memorial Car Show and Food Drive in Salisbury. We got a little wet, but had a good time remembering another QCCC member we lost last year. I was honored to receive the Mark Fisher Family Choice Award presented by Misty. Bob Bartlett, Jane Burt, and Jim Campbell also received awards and prizes.

Next up was our first QCCC meeting in over three years at Steel Creek Presbyterian Church hosted by our own Boyd Kurt, with a Kentucky Derby hat theme. This was followed by a delicious Country Boil dinner generously provided by Julia and Bill Davidson at their farm nearby. At the meeting, we had 22 prospective members from the “south side”, which means we have a need for a meeting place in that area so please let Ron Berst or me know if you have a suggestion.

Then off to Maggie Valley we went, once again hosted by Tom and Terri Pennoni for the fifth straight year. This was the best attended weekend event in many, many years with 72 members! We took over the entire motel. There was beautiful weather, many beautiful cars, and many wrong turns along the route lead by our own Round-About-Ron who admitted he cruised around the Lincolnton Court House three times by himself – tradition.

We're back to driving to eat – with two Wednesday Night Dinners and an Up Yonder Dinner. Thanks to Peggy & Don Conover, Kathie & Larry Finocchi, and Marge and Norm Jungmann for hosting in May.

Lastly, we'll be heading to the annual Memorial Day Weekend Shelton Vineyards Corvette Auto Show. It's a great way to spend a Saturday sitting in the shade, sipping wine with friends and Corvettes.

See you soon,

Dick Gwilt, President
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Dave, Jim, Jane, Bob & Paul at Memorial Car Show in the RAIN!



Debbie, Jane, Dick & Marilyn in Kentucky Derby hats at the May meeting



Fire pit #1 and trout stream at Maggie Valley



A beautiful evening in Maggie Valley!



VP Stuff, Ron Berst

Can you believe it is June already... as in 2022 is almost half over! This month I want to explain an award program that rewards those that attend or lead an event. At last year's award banquet over 20 members were recognized, won a gift card to the Speedway Club's Restaurant along with an Olympic style medal. All, except board members, are eligible and this year's points are being recorded... by me.

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Here's how it works:

If you attend a QCCC monthly business meeting you earn 5 points. If you attend Auto Fair, a day trip, or overnight trip, volunteer to help at a QCCC event or meeting or are a National Corvette Museum member you earn 10 points. If you lead a day or overnight trip, are a committee leader at our car show, attend the awards banquet, or volunteer at our charity work days you earn 15 points. That's it!

This is a contest that everyone can win something at; your attendance alone will equal many points. So... Volunteer, Sign Up, Attend, and Participate in the many QCCC events scheduled each month and your points will grow and you will help QCCC become an even greater Corvette Club. Keep checking the event calendar on the QCCC website and the Blasts that are sent out and you will have many great days and nights of fun!

Ron Berst, VP

Social



Scene

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~Donna Berst ~

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our AMAZING QCCC VOLUNTEERS! Julia & Bill Davidson put on a delicious Low Country Boil Dinner after our May business meeting! Tom & Terri Pennoni for the fifth year in a row, organized another awesome weekend trip to Maggie Valley! Roger & Dee Dee planned and led the QCCC portion of the event at Shelton Vineyards Memorial Day Corvette Auto Show for the 5th year in a row! Dick Gwilt & Jane Burt promoted and organized the upcoming trip to the Myrtle Beach Corvette Show! We are appreciative of all the time and effort it took to make these greatly loved events happen.

Contact me if you have an idea for a day or weekend trip that you would like to lead...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday June 11, 2022, QCCC Business Meeting at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Club in the 5th Floor Banquet Room (business meeting) (7th floor dining room for optional self-pay dinner) 5555 Concord Pkwy South, Concord, NC 28027

4:00 Social - 5:00pm Business Meeting - 6:15 Optional pre-paid dinner (**RSVP by Sunday June 5th**)

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Saturday June 18, 2022, Dale Earnhardt Car Show Look for an email blast with all the info.

Saturday June 25, 2022, Ride to Little Switzerland Lovely ride to the mountains to enjoy a self-pay lunch at the Little Switzerland Inn. Weather permitting, after lunch those who wish to can caravan to the top of Mount Mitchell. Look for an upcoming Blast.

Friday September 16 thru Sunday September 18, 2022 Save the date for the Oktoberfest in Helen, Georgia.

Myrtle Beach Trip - Friday, October 21 - Sunday, October 23, 2022

Dick Gwilt and Jane Burt are the event leaders. Save the Date!

Donna Berst ~ 2022 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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MEMBERSHIP

June

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

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| Total Membership | 342 |
| Total Families | 188 |
| Prospective Members | 52 |
| New Members Year to Date | 17 |
| Avg. Monthly Attendance | 92 |

NEW MEMBERS:



Bill Robbins & Jane Kranzler

Waxhaw, NC

CORVETTE: 2015 Z51 Black Coupe



John & Beth Nash

Summerfield, NC

CORVETTE: 2017 Red Convertible Grand Sport



Jeff & Jane Fawcett

Nebo, NC 28761

CORVETTE: 1966 Nassau Blue Coupe



Greg & Jessica Miller

Midland, NC

CORVETTE: 2006 Silver Convertible

Al & Kay Harold

Indian Land, NC

CORVETTE: 2022 Red Mist C8 Convertible

Justin Cross

QCCC Membership Director



JUNE 2002

CHRISTINE SCHMITT- Christine had knee replacement surgery on Monday May 23rd at Ortho Carolina Surgery Center. The surgery went very well, and she is at home recuperating. She will be starting her rehabilitation next week and will be on her way for a complete recovery.

Thank you all for your prayers, emails, and get-well cards. They were all very meaningful and mean a lot to both of us. Thank You QCCC Members!

KARLA WALLACE-

I wanted to reach out to you to let you know we haven't fallen off the face of the Earth but have been quite occupied this spring dealing with both family and health concerns that have kept us from participating in Corvette Club activities. My father passed away suddenly in March and we are in the process of settling my mom into assisted living and selling their home of 20 years. Our granddaughter was married last weekend. It was a beautiful event in Western Michigan.

Tom is having knee replacement surgery June 1.

We fly to Florida 3 weeks later for my dad's memorial and internment.

Then July, August, September, and October all have stuff planned - family vacations, NCRS and on and on.

Suffice it to say we are struggling with priorities that are keeping us away from the club. I examine every email and think maybe just maybe one event will fall on an open weekend or weeknight. Please pass this news on to whomever you think appropriate. We are still as much in love with the group and our car as ever!

All the best,
Karla Wallace

NOTE: Care & Compassion will continue for 2022. If you would like to be placed on the list, please send me an email on your concerns.

We all need Care, Compassion & Prayers when we are sick.

Thank You,

Paul Schmitt- QCCC Care and Compassion

paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com



AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

QCCC members attending the NCM BASH had a great time in Bowling Green, great weather, Corvettes, dinners, and fun social time in the hotel lobby each evening. The new Z06 was on full display and is the most awesome Corvette ever and worth the trip alone! QCCC will attend the Dale Earnhardt Car Show at Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet in Newton on June 18th. Watch for a Blast with all the details on the Dale Earnhardt Car Show coming soon. Blasts on the other automotive events listed below will be sent out containing event details.

2022 NCM BASH PICS



JUNE AUTOMOTIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

- Saturday June 11th – Waterbean Cars & Coffee - Cornelius, NC
- Saturday June 11th – Bailey's Glen Car/Hough High School Car Show - Cornelius, NC
- Saturday June 18th – Dale Earnhardt Car Show - Newton, NC
- Saturday June 18th – Charlotte Motor Speedway Cars & Coffee - Concord, NC
- Saturday June 25th – LKN Cars & Coffee - Mooresville, NC

Roger Winge - Automotive Events Director



The 11th Annual QCCC All Corvette Car Show October 1st, 2022

As the car show draws near, the anticipation and enthusiasm also increases. A lot is going on behind the scenes as we prepare for the show. Flyers, cards, t-shirts, trophies, dash plaques, and coins are all on order. With all that said, it is time for you to start thinking about what you would like to do at the show. If you were on a team last year then you will be assigned to the same team this year. If you would like to change teams this year, then you need to contact the team leader in the area you would like to work. New and prospective members can choose from the teams that you would like to work with.

June is the month we start collecting silent auction items. If you have items for the silent auction, you can bring them to a club meeting. Cheryl Bitters will be our Silent Auction Team Leader for 2022, so you can contact her for any questions. Thank you,

Tommy Lofton

2022 QCCC Car Show Team Leaders

Advertising/Trophies:

Roger Winge 704-591-7240
 Paul Mitchell 336-580-8966
 Tommy Loftin 704-902-1330

50/50 Raffle Tickets:

Jane Burt 980-322-8565

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Silent Auction:

Cheryl Bitters 704-910-9030

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Registration:

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Judging:

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Paul Schmitt 585-944-1926

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Secretary's Note:



Hi QCCC Members!

Welcome to June A month for outdoor living, driving and  celebrating Father's Day!!

Once again, it's time to celebrate June QCCC Member birthdays! Please join us in wishing everyone who is celebrating a birthday in June . . .

a very Happy Birthday!!!

At our May meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays in May. The winner received a \$25 gift card from Panera Bread. Congratulations, Rick Leppert!

We are hoping to see all of you on Saturday, June 11 at our business club meeting which will be held at the Speedway Club Concord. Also, *don't forget the Troutman 4th of July parade Saturday, July 2. We had such a great time last year; a heartwarming family event.*

Until then, warmest regards

Kathie Finocchi
QCCC Secretary
(704)905-0394

If you would like your birthday added or deleted from our list, please send an email to me at katfino@hotmail.com.



Happy Birthday

June

- 6/1 Craig Perry
- 6/1 Karin Mariano
- 6/1 Dora McKenna Sutton
- 6/3 Kim Kadel
- 6/4 Tim Fridley
- 6/5 Donn Kegel
- 6/8 Teresa Boger
- 6/9 Sophea Bayne
- 6/10 Margo Gross
- 6/10 Roberta Lowe
- 6/16 Paul Mitchell
- 6/16 Cindy Peoples
- 6/17 Brenda Smith
- 6/19 Tim Roche
- 6/20 Martha Short
- 6/21 Nelson Sprague
- 6/21 Victor Lessoff
- 6/21 Jane Freeman
- 6/22 Jerry Fitzgerald
- 6/22 George Ganzhorn
- 6/22 John Freeman
- 6/24 Mona Roselle
- 6/25 Misty Fisher
- 6/25 Ken Brown
- 6/27 Kelly Cross
- 6/27 Jim Echols
- 6/27 Patricia Vettorino
- 6/30 Corvette's birthday

QCCC HISTORY

As I gazed on the parking lot at the motel in Maggie Valley last weekend, at the multitude of Corvettes, I had a flashback fifty years to the cars in the club back then. Just as now, the cars were as diverse as their owners. So, this month's history lesson looks at the cars that made up QCCC in 1972.

There were very few C1 cars in the early years of QCCC, they were considered obsolete, and believe it or not, not very popular. Billy Coates had a 1961 C1 that we never saw and Bud Landacre had a '60 he later traded for a '64 coupe with air. There was an active local club that catered to C1's called "Carolina Classic Corvettes" and attracted those owners.

In the summer of 1972 there were 26 Corvettes in QCCC: 2 C1's, 13 C2's, and 11 C3's. There were 19 small blocks, 7 big blocks, 21 4 speeds, 5 automatics, 15 convertibles and 11 coupes. The new C3 standard stock small block with automatic transmission and air conditioning were popular cruisers, but there were only 4 of those in the club at that time. The only brand-new Corvette in the club was Don Francis' 1972 yellow LT1 4 speed coupe. The rest were indeed as unique as their owners.

The car voted "most popular car" that year was the 1967 red coupe belonging to Buzz Cagle. The car was only two years old when Buzz found it in the back lot of Young Ford, a trade-in with a blown 427 435 engine. It was yellow with factory aluminum wheels and side exhausts. Buzz had Jim Newcomb build an unbelievable 427 engine with a radical cam and he used a large Holley carb instead on the 3x2's. Buzz had the car painted Rallye Red with lots of clear lacquer. This was one of the only cars in the club that was garaged and not a daily driver, but he drove it to Dallas, Texas for the NCCC Convention that year and it performed flawlessly.

Danny Canup and Butch Bigham both had C3's with the popular option 350 horsepower small blocks with a 4-speed transmission. Also popular were the Hooker header side mounted exhausts, Ansen aluminum wheels with L60's on the rear, and an L88 hood. Melvin Pace's '68 big block coupe not only had an L88 hood, but he added the full flared fenders all around and a huge spoiler on the rear.

C2's were affordable and subject to all kinds of modifications to keep up with the C3's. To incorporate wider wheels and tires, you had to have the fenders flared. Major engine modifications were also common and you never heard a discussion about "matching numbers".

Looking back 50 years, we had no clue that we were using and abusing cars that would, in some cases, have a six-figure value today. The cars have certainly changed in 50 years, but the people haven't. And if you get right down to it, that's what keeps us coming back.

Travis Meredith, *historian*

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Top Ten and the Toe Family

Before I cover this month's interesting "new/used" article, I want to share what I have observed about the Toe Family. I am sure you remember them, they live in your shoes. As our group ages, it is apparent that walking is becoming more of a chore every year. Some, like myself, have an underlying disease that may cause some of the problem. However, last week I took the liberty to get a cold one and reflect on what I think is at least part of the problem. It's the Toe Family. Your poppa big toe, then momma, and the little tykes. While we are adorned with youth, the toes all grow straight and are excited with their lot in life which is to propel us across this earth pain free and with great balance. Then as we approach 60, the toes go haywire. First, poppa toe eats too much, getting a bulge on the outside, (sometimes referred to as a bunion). Then the first child reaches teen years and surpasses momma toe in length and like any teen he wants his own space and is soon crawling all over poppa toe. This forces the other toes to rearrange and climb all over each other. Pretty soon the Toe Family is in disarray with all havoc going on inside our shoes. Shoes are not designed for double stacking of the toes; thus, hard callouses appear on the tops where they are all getting intertwined. Now, even worse, you can no longer override their movements as they are going crazy with their new-found freedom. Shoes are made for youth with straight toes and any deviation will result in sore spots where we least can handle them. Some of the more mischievous toes just stay in place but nearly double over with some strange kinking. And lastly, they get all turned sideways resulting in some of the sharper nails cutting the sides of their siblings as they no longer point straight. So, is this the real reason GM stopped producing the manual shift cars? Pushing in the clutch can no longer be done without pain. Surely someone can invent a "GLOVE" rigid enough to put these darned toes in their place. Please do so before it's too late for me. And this, my friends, is why many of us walk like Joe Biden. In fact, I bet he has the same problems as we have. Just a thought.

Now, for this month's vintage article. After some 150 articles we are going to slip in one or two at a time, retro reviews of the top 10 fun times from those 150. This will allow the newbies and those who missed reading once in a while, a second chance to read about some of our greatest adventures. This month will start with #10, the night of food, spirits, and spirited driving, The Saga of Ingram and Danny Shaver vs. well, the good guys. As it turns out Dollar Bill lived temporarily at the Lake Apartments which so happens is where the State Trooper lived. Therefore, the extended garage stay for Bill's car. To add interest, Darrell Kirkley knows the trooper and has spoken with him (now retired). He finally found out who was driving the Corvette that night but too late to address. Read on to learn the rest of the story.

Yes, we were all a little wild back then, but luckily no harm no foul.

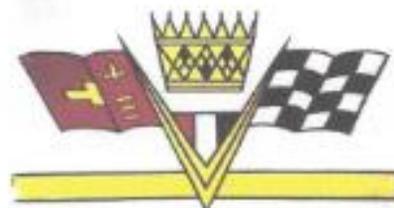
Submitted by: Bill Cruthis

#10 of Top Ten Vintage Articles:

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Richard Craig, Darrell Kirkley & Travis Meredith



More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past

In the 70's nestled along East Blvd. was a great Italian restaurant, Riccios, veal and chicken were some of their outstanding dishes. It was a frequent hangout for several QCCC members and on a particular Saturday night Dollar Bill and Shaverstein and their spouses had partaken of a long leisurely meal. They even engaged the table next to them in conversation to a point that they flipped a coin to see which table would pick up both tabs. With Dollar's usual luck, they won so they had eaten and inbided for free. Leaving the establishment they were headed to Shaverstein's home on Hillside Road with the usual no racing agreement. Of course stop lights resembled the tower at the drags and the rest is history. Joe Willie, a.k.a. Dollar Bill had his 72LT1 a/c (1 of 200 ever built) while Shaver was pedaling a big built rat motor in his 72 roadster. As was sometimes the case, we picked bad places to attempt such foolishness. Heading down Hwy 49 on a Saturday night is not the best place to earn bragging rights. Soon after the throttles were hammered the blue lights of an N.C. State Patrol car signaled an end to the fun. Shaverstein pulled over and as the trooper slowed next to him he motioned to stay put as he lit out after Dollar. Danny says he stayed long enough to hear Dollar go thru all the gears headed toward Buster Boyd Bridge, and then he did a U-turn and headed home to safety. Dollar never got caught that night, but on Wednesday, at the clubhouse we asked where his car was and he told us it was in the garage for a while.

At the time Dollar was living at the hot spot apartments on the east side which almost weekly had social events for the younger set. So Joe Willie decided to attend the gathering and, while standing at the bar, stuck up a conversation with a young fellow and the talk soon turned to cars. In the conversation the young man talked about his 911 Porsche. He told Dollar it was pretty fast and was told, by Dollar, that Corvettes were the way to go. At this time, he offered up that, until the previous Saturday, he did not think the new Corvette was that stout. In his patrol car, he had lit up a new gray coupe on Hwy 49, chased him all the way to the bridge but could not catch up to him.

Dollar's salesman skills came thru and he moved on with a deep inner smile, but we did not see the LT1 coupe for about 6 months. Sometimes it is better to be lucky than good.

All who survived the early days are thankful, probably not deserving, but thankful. How could 27 guys have so many close calls?

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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Join Queen City Corvette Club on Facebook

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.

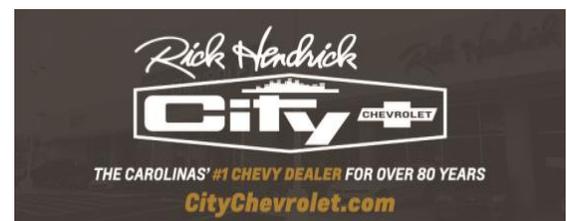
Queen City Corvette Club is an 'open' page for anyone on Facebook

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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