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Official Newsletter of North Carolina's Largest Corvette Club

October 2022



QCCC October Business Meeting & Optional Low Country Low Boil Dinner

Saturday, October 8, 2022

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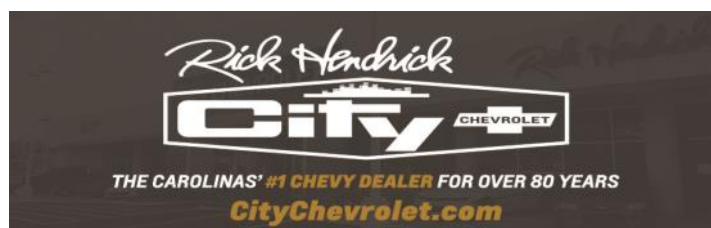
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4:00 p.m. Octoberfest Social Time

5:00 p.m. Business Meeting

6:00 p.m. Optional Low Country Boil

(See p. 6 for details)



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Well, summer has ended and we have beautiful fall leaves with cool dry air on its way.

It also means QCCC Car Show time. We just held our final rehearsal at the Loftin's homestead with all our car show Team Leaders meeting with their teams to make sure everyone is ready for our Big Day. It feels like we are planning for a New Year's Eve Party and everyone is invited.

September was another great month for QCCC, starting out with the Charlotte Motor Speedway Auto Fair. Yes, it rained all morning, but with our famous QCCC tents, everyone was able to huddle inside. It was like camping, but without a fire or marshmallows. Thanks to Roger and DeeDee Winge for putting our show together, and Craig Smith for his delicious BBQ.

Congratulations to Keith and Kelly Cross and their gorgeous 1961 Convertible for being the QCCC Best of Show winner, and also, the first runner-up Best of Show winner for the entire Auto Fair! This is the second time this year that a QCCC car has placed second overall.

We then followed up with our annual weekend trip to Helen, GA to help celebrate Oktoberfest with dancing, brats, and beer. Lots of cool hats were worn. Let's all wear our favorites to the next meeting to celebrate Oktoberfest and Halloween. Thanks, Steve Bonino for putting together the trip!

To wrap up my message, it's Car Show time! The yellow shirts have been passed out and online preregistration is now officially closed, so anyone who wants to attend the show will have to register that morning. This is the 11th Car Show event at the Hendrick Motorsports and Hendrick Performance campus and we are shooting for over 700 Corvettes attending.

Thanks to all our QCCC volunteer members, Team Leaders, and especially our show leaders: Tommy Loftin, Paul Mitchell, and Roger Winge.

See you all the morning of the show in the dark, and then watch the sun rise together.

Dick Gwilt, President

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Auto Fair 6:00 a.m. Saturday Sept. 10



Auto Fair noon



QCCC Best of Show



Helen, GA Festhalle with Friends



VP Stuff, Ron Berst

Bloomington Gold... You have likely heard those words, they will be at our car show, but what exactly is it? Owned by Guy Larson, Bloomington Gold is a business that annually holds one of the largest Corvette shows in the country. The organization is a judging process that painstakingly examines and compares points to determine how close each car's condition is to when it left the factory. Restored cars can have points deducted from their score if they are "too perfect" since back in the day paint, panel fit and finish was not as good as what today's restoration shops and restorers can produce.

The first show was a swap meet held at the Bloomington, Illinois Fairgrounds in 1973. On June 10th & 11th of 2022 the show was held in Normal Illinois, at the Illinois State University grounds which is adjacent to Bloomington. This year they celebrated 50 years of shows... just 5 years less than the beginning of QCCC!!!

There are several levels of certification the cars are classified and judged in: Survivors - cars that have very little to no repaint or restoration done to them; Gold Certified - close to the original factory production condition; and the highest level is Benchmark - these cars are considered almost exactly the way they rolled off the assembly line. The whole judging process is based on points deducted from a perfect 100 score and simply a wrong bolt or hose clamp will reduce the score... no stone is left unturned as the judges really know their stuff. The Corvettes that owners bring are some of the best examples of older Corvettes and many hours are spent on making them correct as produced. Obviously, there is more to the process than this, but this is a short description of what happens at their shows.

Bloomington Gold is a part of our car show and is the only other location where they judge, other than Bloomington, IL. If you have time to look at the cars that are at our show, you will experience history on wheels and the evolution from early cars that were the best performance cars of their time to the present C8 and is truly amazing.

That's all for now!

Ron Berst, VP

Message from the Treasurer. . .

Hi everyone! 2023 is almost here and you know what that means....



We look forward to you being part of the best year ever!! According to our Club Bylaws, 2023 dues (\$100) should be received by January 1st, 2023.

You can pay your dues....

Online at the QCCC website, through the Membership+ tab, select the QCCC dues payment option, enter our club password, then your information with debit/credit card info.

Or

You can mail your check to:

QCCC

P.O. Box 1621

Huntersville, NC 28070

Thank you for your early consideration.

“Mo” Graham, QCCC Treasurer

Social



Scene

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~Donna Berst~

Well, you can't say QCCC doesn't have a little something for everyone to enjoy! We have been rocking it out every weekend for the last couple of months. Hope you have been able to participate in one of our trips, meetings, car shows or cruise-ins. Happy Fall Y'All ☺

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday October 8, 2022, Business Meeting & Optional Low Country Boil Dinner at Davidson's Farm
7410 Charlotte Hwy. York, SC 29745

4:00pm Oktoberfest Social Time/5:00pm Business Meeting/6:00pm Optional Low Country Boil

Wear your German duds as QCCC celebrates Oktoberfest during social time!

Bring chairs and any "adult beverages" you would like.

There will be Low Country Boil Dinner after the meeting, which must be purchased online prior to the meeting. The last day to sign-up is Wednesday October 5th. Go to: queencitycorvette.com/ password is duntov (all lower-case letters), Club Info+, then event sign-up. You may also bring your own picnic dinner or head to a local restaurant after the meeting if you'd rather.

Please email me donnaberst@windstream.net if you would like to bring a dessert for our dinner after the meeting.

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

Dick Gwilt rgwilt@me.com and Jane Burt are the event leaders.

Saturday October 29, 2022 Save the date for an upcoming QCCC Spooktacular Time... Look for a Blast after the car show.

Corvette Angels Saturday November 5, 2022 A toy drive sponsored by Roadrunners Corvette Club for the Salvation Army. Many Queen City members attend this yearly event and generously donate toys and/or a check. Look for more info in a BLAST.

Donna Berst ~ 2022 QCCC Social Director

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Having been with the Hendrick Automotive Group for over 18 years, my career started at City Chevrolet. As the flagship store, we strive to not only represent, but set the benchmark for the culture of the organization. We often say, "City people make City Chevrolet," and that's why I'm excited to not only come back to where I started (my "home") but also to rebuild the City pride in our teammates, customers, vendors, and partners alike.

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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Members pay "Employee Pricing" on all NEW, in-stock Chevrolet vehicles (C8 Corvette, select new models, and specialty vehicles excluded). Rebates and/or incentives will be applied. Extra costs may apply for locates, transportation or specialty vehicles.

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PARTS & SERVICE

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REFERRAL BONUS

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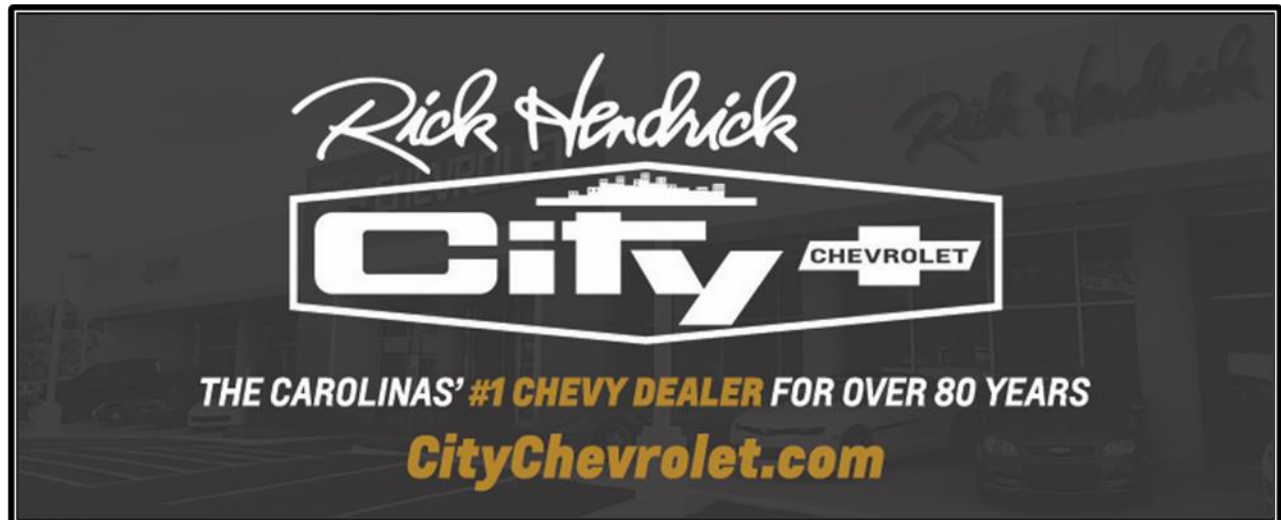
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MEMBERSHIP

October

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	374
Total Families	206
Prospective Members	69
New Members Year to Date	45
Avg. Monthly Attendance	115

NEW MEMBERS:

Alton & Aldene Loe

Waxhaw, NC

CORVETTE: 2017 Artic White Coupe

Nick & Janet Chubb

Denver, NC

CORVETTE: 2021 C8 Red Mist Convertible



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 (with COVID) or when we lose a loved one. Please keep all the Members in your prayers.

Thank You.

Paul Schmitt, QCCC Care and Compassion

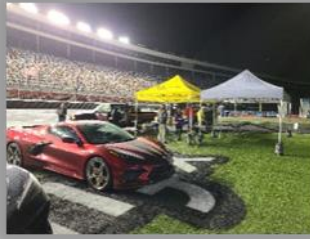
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AUTOMOTIVE INSIDER

Fall Auto Fair was a little damp but that didn't stop **21** QCCC members from attending. Thank you to all members that attended, we had great social time and enjoyed Craig Smith's Famous BBQ lunch!

2022 FALL AUTO FAIR @ CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY



OCTOBER AUTOMOTIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday [October 1st](#) – Waterbean Cars & Coffee - Cornelius, NC

Saturday October 15th – LKN Cars & Coffee - Mooresville, NC

Roger Winge - Automotive Events Director



QCCC Car Show Rescheduled

The QCCC Corvette Show, scheduled for Friday September 30th and Saturday October 1st has been rescheduled, due to possible inclement weather from hurricane Ian. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. By doing this early it will allow you time to reschedule your plans and hotel reservations. The new QCCC Corvette Show dates are Friday, October 28th and Saturday October 29th.

If you have a Corvette registered for the current date, then your registration will be forwarded to the new dates. Also, if you have a pre-purchased tour, your tour times will be transferred to the new dates and times.

If for some reason you are not able to accommodate the October 28th and 29th show, we will offer a refund upon your request.

All activities including, tours, door prizes, trophies, vendors, silent auction, 50/50, Wings of Eagles Ranch and Hendrick Family Foundation recipients and much more will continue as planned.

Again, we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Look forward to seeing everyone on the 28th and 29th of October.

Thank You,
Tommy Loftin
Queen City Car Show Coordinator

CONTACT EMAIL:

Tommy Loftin
tloftin@roadrunner.com
704-902-1330

QCCC Charity, Wings of Eagles Ranch

Wings of Eagles Ranch is having its major fundraiser for the year "Dancin' in the Dirt". QCCC is a major sponsor for Wings of Eagles Ranch, and they have invited us to bring our Corvettes and park up front to help promote the event. This is a ticketed event with a small charge for the dinner. If you would like to become a major sponsor for this event, the information is included or you can go to their website.

Let's all bring our Corvettes and help with our charity, Wings of Eagles Ranch.

Tommy and Brenda Loftin, QCCC Charity Committee



#FundTheMissionTogether

Dinner & Dancin' in the Dirt

SPONSORSHIPS

October 22, 5-9pm

Triple Crown Sponsor

\$20,000

(2 available)

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as "Triple Crown Sponsor" for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage and materials
 - Logo on website
- Customized social media strategy
- 16 event tickets
- Opportunity to speak at fundraising event
- Three sponsored horses in the "Parade of Horses"
- One team building day - up to 12 people

Derby Sponsor - \$10,000 (4 available)

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as "Derby Sponsor" for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage and materials
 - Logo on website
- Pre and post-event social media strategy
- Designated/Specific event sponsor
 - Example: Dinner brought to us by: "_____"
- 8 event tickets
- Two sponsored horse in the "Parade of Horses"

Preakness Sponsor - \$5,000

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as "Preakness Sponsor" for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage and materials
 - Logo on website
- Pre and post-event social media strategy
- 4 event tickets
- One sponsored horse in the "Parade of Horses"

Ranch Partner Sponsor - \$2,500

Partnership Benefits:

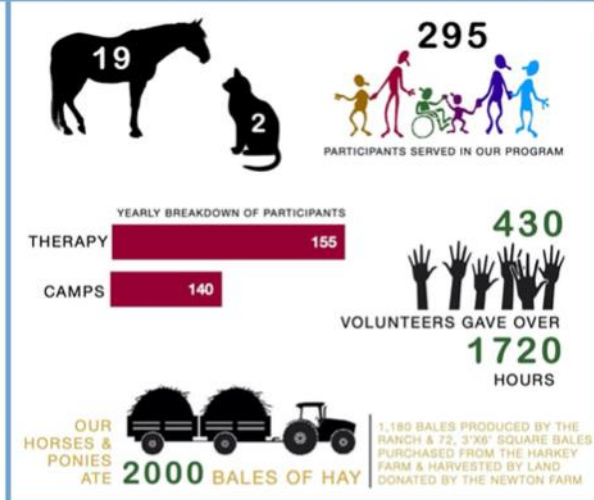
- Recognition as event sponsor for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage and materials
 - Logo on website
- 2 event tickets

Friend of The Ranch Sponsor - \$1,000

Partnership Benefits:

- Recognition as event sponsor for signature fundraising gala.
 - Logo on event signage, materials and on website

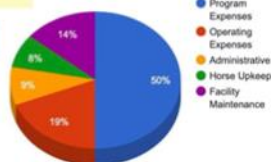
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Your time and donations are a blessing to all at The Ranch!



Secretary's Note:



Hi QCCC Members!

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

a very Happy Birthday!!!

At our September meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays. **Sarah Lyda was our winner and she will be mailed a \$25 gift card from Panera Bread. Congratulations Sarah!**

We are hoping to see all of you on Saturday, October 8 at our business club meeting which will be held at Davidson Farm in Clover, SC.

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

OCTOBER

Barbara Sprague
Barbara Kruse
Tom Pennoni
Barbara Mariano
Laura Sancineto (A)
Gary Spencer
John Montera
Dot Maxwell
Lynda Looney
Doug Wright
Michelle Moore
Glenn Johnson (A)
Kathy Lewis
Rebecca Hill
Craig Smith
Mike Mariano
Jerry Boger
Robert Knorr
Jeff Fawcett
Kathy Miller
Liz Carpenter
Merrill Quintrell
Donna Perry
Karen St John



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

QCCC has always been a strong supporter of the National Corvette Museum, and we need to continue that support and relationship. Please consider joining the Museum as a member representing our club

There are some membership options. Here are some details:

Individual membership - \$65 per year

Family membership - \$100 per year

Lifetime membership - \$1500, increasing to \$2000 on October 1

Senior individual membership - \$750 for 20 years

The benefits include

Membership card and member lapel pin

Free admission to Museum to member

Annual subscription to America's Sports Car magazine

10 or 15% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and catalog online orders

10% off NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club initiation fee

Other miscellaneous discounts

Please contact me if you have any questions on any of the programs.

And it's time to go ahead and put the NCM Bash on your calendar – April 27-30, 2023. QCCC always has a large group going each year, so please join us. More details on hotel, Bash registration and activities will be coming. And don't forget the Corvette Plant is now reopened for tours, so that is something to look forward to.

Thank you for your support of QCCC and the National Corvette Museum.

QCCC HISTORY

With the focus on our “Super Bowl” of the year, *QCCC's Annual Car Show*, I am amazed at how far our club has come. In the early years of the club showing our cars was about the furthest thing from our minds. Most of our Corvettes were daily driven and in most cases in need of a little work. The club's focus was on driving our cars not sitting still and polishing them. But even then, nice street cars were appreciated and the pride of ownership compelled us to show off our pride and joy when given the opportunity.

One of the first shows we did as a club was an invitation to participate in the “World of Wheels” professional car show that was held in Charlotte every February. It was originally held at the old Coliseum (now BoJangles) and had real show cars from all over. These were the ones you saw in the magazines with mirrors underneath, or on turn-tables with angel hair, chrome everything and wild custom paint. But when they moved the show to the new Civic Center on East Trade Street, they needed more cars to fill the larger space. So QCCC along with other clubs were invited. We were placed on the second floor and with only one freight elevator large enough to fit a car, it took hours to get each of the cars up there. We had ten or so cars along the east wall and the Mustang club was on the west wall. And in the middle were lots of hot rods, muscle cars, Harleys and race cars. It was a long weekend, but a lot of fun, until Sunday night when everyone got in line for the elevator. We got home very late.

Another one of our first show experiences as a club was a large Corvette only show held in Laurens, South Carolina sponsored by the local Chevy dealer there. About ten or twelve members met at Stuckey's on I-85 very early that day, and then caravanned in the rain to attend. After drying off my '64 and registering, I observed the competition and realized my chances of winning my class was slim. The '63 Coupe next to me had to be winched on and off a trailer since it was never driven and didn't have any fluids in the engine. The owner said a possible leak might ruin his “perfect restoration”. He won but it made my thoughts about having a competitive “show car” disappear. It was a big show and attracted cars from all over the southeast and started us thinking about doing our own show.

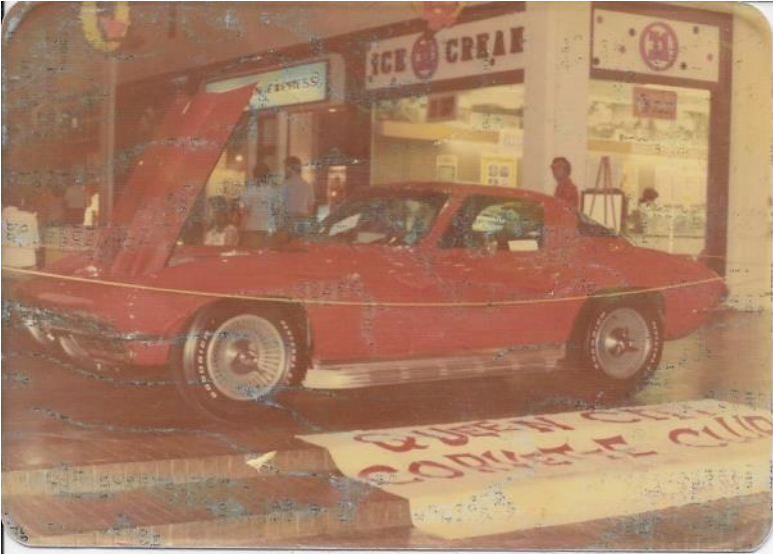
So, in 1974, we approached our sponsor, LaPointe Chevrolet, about having our own show at their dealership. They agreed and our first attempt at putting on a show was on. Thru NCCC we advertised the event and probably had close to 75 cars from all over the area. They cleaned out the service department and moved all of the cars off of the showroom floor for us to use. Even though the event was a moderate success, it was the only one we had there as the club's focus had turned to racing and not car shows. Years later, more club sponsored shows were held at the new sponsor's dealership on South Boulevard. (I don't remember their name as they changed hands frequently).

QCCC was also invited several times in the mid-seventies to put our cars on display in South Park Mall. We got lots of exposure there and enjoyed the experience, but when they remodeled the interior there wasn't enough room for the cars anymore. And of course, when QCCC hosted the NCCC Conventions in 1978 and 1991 we had the “Concourse” show associated with those week-long events.

But nothing we have ever done came close to our Car Show last year and we certainly are looking forward to an even bigger event this year (*weather permitting*).

Travis Meredith, *historian*





Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Well, look at what I found. . .

Silently, and with little intent, Travis and I have been keeping track of our past. It all started when Trav, living in Matthews, paid a visit to Uncle Sam's worst failure, that would be the post office. While there he encountered a friendly face. The quiet figure was Melvin Pace, QCCC member from 1972 thru 1990. He was President in '85 and '89. Melvin may have been the most serious racing participant of QCCC.

His car was quick to gain a favorable reputation that soon preceded him. You see, he bought the first 427 435 horse 1968 Corvette ordered in the state of North Carolina. At once on went the hooker chrome side pipes, you know the ones three quick bolts released and they slide off leaving basically just header pipes and a little chrome piece visible. Melvin went all out for this car and they made an incredible pair. Many a QCCC race event went to Melvin's FTD. He took his racing seriously and never let it get out of hand. He worked as manager of the parts department at Monroe Cadillac. When we would go racing and it was his turn, as soon as he fired up PopTop, you just stopped to watch and listen.

Here are couple of short stories. In early spring of '77 QCCC was scouring places to autocross. We had worn out Penny's at Eastland Mall and Charlottetown Mall was a bit small. Insurance and business going to large corporate offices made it hard to find the right person if they would allow us in. We received a flyer in the mail from someone at UNCC Sports Car Club. They were inviting us to an autocross on one of their outlying parking lots. QCCC agreed and we took several cars. Upon arriving we found it was a sports car club alright. They were all MGs Triumphs, Volkswagons, etc. It was their show so they set the pylon gates and therein lies the problem. Melvin had pulled PopTop off the trailer and you could see it was wider than all the gates. He told Trav it would be a short day. First car up was 'ole PopTop. Melvin revved her up like he was at the drags. Tires were squealing, smoke was really thick, and as it cleared you could see tire tracks where the course went. Pylon cones were a different story, they were everywhere. It seems the gates were set for average and smaller cars. PopTop, having huge flares to handle the enormous tires it carried, was wider than the gate. Melvin thanked the UNCC Sports Car Club chairman, loaded PopTop on the trailer and called it a day. Since it was their event, we just popped the top on a cold brewsky and waited until they had the course ready again. Many followed Melvin's course and it became a day to see who could knock the cones the farthest. We had a great time. We had seen this before. The Porsches tried to do this to get an advantage at the challenge.

The PopTop nickname was adorned on the car having double meaning. Did it refer to the popping of the tab on a cold Budweiser or did it refer to being able for the first time, of popping the tops out the car. Melvin was really the one person you could credit with saving QCCC during the time from of '79 to '89. Racing was prevalent but the club was changing over to a rather wild social group.

We are looking forward to seeing Melvin and catching up. He has vast knowledge of the racing decade, the eighties. He will be bringing PopTop to the car show. It will be in the special corral for one owner over 50 years. He bought it new from City Chevrolet. He is excited and looking forward to the car show. Stop by and visit. He is all in on Corvette, a great gear head. Hopefully, he would like to see what he created some 50 years ago. Win or lose, you will know PopTop was there, a great looking beast. It will be great to have him back!

The good days of QCCC!

Submitted by Bill Cruthis

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.

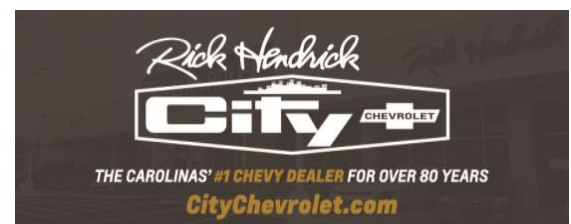
Queen City Corvette Club is an 'open' page for anyone on Facebook

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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