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QCCC Awards Banquet for 2022

"Driving (and Dancing) through the Decades"

1953 through the Present

Saturday, March 11, 2023

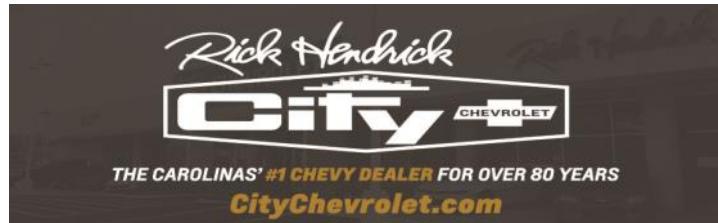
3:30 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.

Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

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5th Floor Banquet Room

See Social Scene (page 6) for details.



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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



March 2023

As I look at our February event calendar, for the first time in months, we had no major trips. But we did have Cars and Coffee Days on the first three Saturdays in both January and February. Even though QCCC was represented at all of them, most members are waiting until the weather warms up, so get your cars cleaned and mark your calendars to attend at least one in March.

Our next major event is the Awards Banquet on March 11 which honors those members who contributed their time and talents in 2022. We award the Member of the Year, as voted for by our members, the President's Award given to those who went above and beyond being a member, and helped greatly in supporting the club, and the VP Awards are presented to members for volunteering or leading events during the year. The Banquet is our largest social gathering of the year, so this is your chance to come out and see members who you may not have seen in a while.

We did have one event in February – the QCCC 500 Karting event coordinated by Larry Tucker. It was great fun with a few outstanding male and female drivers, and only one Red Flag for an injury time out. She will tell you all about it. Ask for pictures!

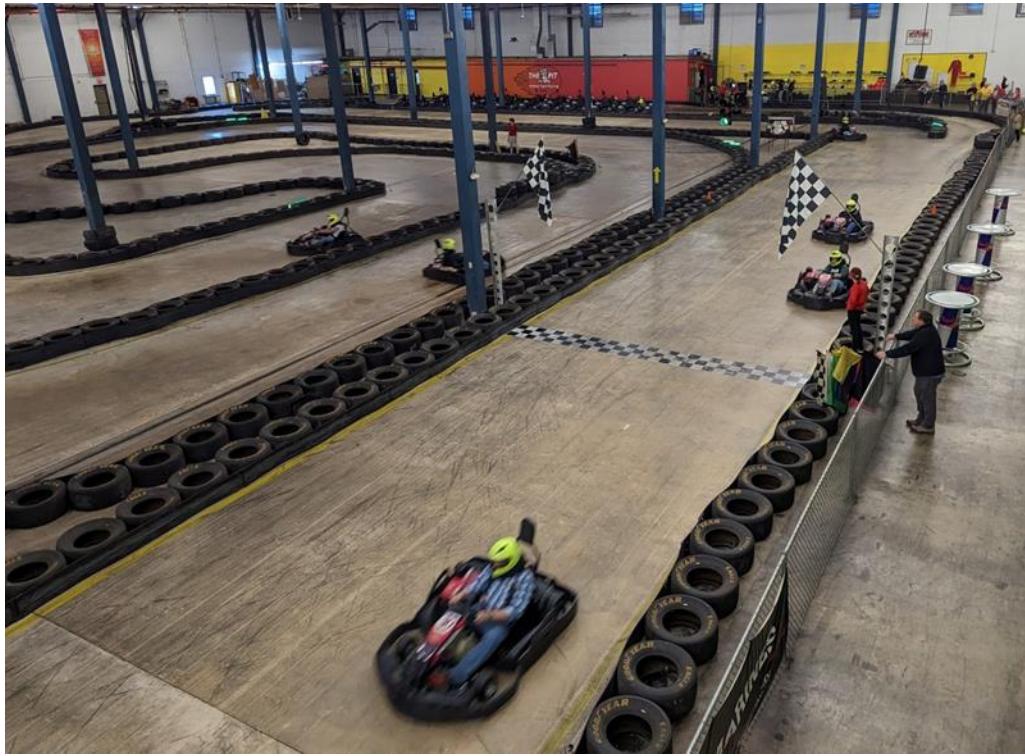
We really take off in April with QCCC attending the Spring Auto Fair at Charlotte Motor Speedway, our charity, Wings of Eagles, will have a work day, then off to the NCM Bash in Bowling Green KY. The hotel has sold all of our 37 rooms, but there are usually a few people that pull out, so if you have reservations and find you cannot attend, please do not cancel your room until you talk with Jane Burt. She may know members that want to go and could use your room.

We will have a short business meeting before the Banquet begins on March 11. Please come and see what is in store for QCCC in 2023.

Dick Gwilt, President
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READY...SET...



GO!



VP Stuff, Ron Berst

WOW! March already! In last month's newsletter I explained that as members attend, volunteer, and participate in most QCCC events/activities, points are accrued and compiled. At our March banquet, those with the most points will be recognized and a gift certificate will be awarded to them. Most members have no idea how they stack up against the other members so there is some anticipation and guessing which I think adds to the fun. Earning a gift certificate is rewarding, but the real winner is QCCC!!! When you attend, participate and volunteer everyone wins and QCCC becomes a stronger, better club. As our club grows... we're at approximately 400 members, there will be more opportunities and ways to contribute, volunteer and serve, everyone has some special gift that can make a difference!

We all are very fortunate that many people in days gone by have made our club what it is, and we are lucky to be members of such a great Corvette club. As I attend races, cars and coffee mornings, and other "Car Events" (especially Corvette) guys (and ladies) I talk to are amazed at the size, dedication and friendliness of our club. I have had numerous people tell me their club is nothing like ours, but the distance makes it impossible for them to join QCCC.

Finally, the March Banquet is just days away and if you have not signed up yet, drop what you are doing and do it now! Socializing will be great! The Meeting will be short, but important. The Dinner will be great (as usual for the Speedway club). The participation awards will be great! "Too Much Silvia" will be great! Finally, the Member of the Year and President's Award given to two very deserving members will cap off a great evening...it will be a great night!

That's it for now.

Ron Berst, VP

Social



Scene

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~Donna Berst ~

It was great seeing everyone at Streetside Classics in February! Because of the change in location, we postponed the Chili Cook Off until our April meeting and we can eat chili, hot dogs, chips, and plenty of desserts then. If you paid for the chili dinner, I will keep your reservation until April. If you will not be attending, I can refund the \$5 cost of the meal at a later date.
Enjoy those Corvettes! See you at the Banquet!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday March 11, 2023, Awards Banquet for 2022 – “Driving (and Dancing) through the Decades” 1953 through the present.

Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway Club 5555 Concord Pkwy. South Concord, NC 28027 – 5th Floor Banquet Room.

- 3:30 – 5:00 Social Time with Cocktails & Hors d’ oeuvres
- 5:00 – 5:30 Meeting and Introductions of Board, Staff, and Past Presidents
- 5:30 – 6:45 Dinner
- 6:45-7:00 VP Awards
- 7:00-8:30 Music Begins
- 8:30- 8:45 Member of the Year Award & President’s Choice Award
- 8:45 Music continues
- Last call 9:30
- 9:45 Banquet ends

You don’t want to miss out! This evening is our biggest event of the year, and the cost is heavily subsidized by the club. A delicious carving Station Meal will be prepared by the Speedway chef. The renowned band “Too Much Sylvia” will play for your listening & “decade” dancing pleasure. Please email me with any song requests you may have for the band. donnaberst@windstream.net A self-pay bar will be open during the evening. Come dressed in attire from your favorite Corvette Decade, in your Fancy Duds or just wear your Company Casual clothing. (Men must have on a collared shirt. NO Tees) You can reserve a hotel room at the Hampton Inn & Suites at a discounted rate, which includes shuttle service to and from the Speedway.

You can sign-up at our website <https://queencitycorvette.com/> (password duntov) under club info/event sign-up. **REGISTER ASAP!**

Saturday March 17, 2023, Southern Distilling Day Trip. SAVE THE DATE! LOOK FOR AN EMAIL BLAST WITH DETAILS!

Saturday April 8th Business Meeting & Chili Cook Off (with hot dogs)

4:00-5:15 pm Social & Chili Tasting/5:15-6:00 pm Dinner/6:00 pm Business Meeting

•Brenda & Tommy Loftin's Homestead 244 Hicks Creek Rd Troutman, NC 28166

•**BRING CHAIRS!**

•Bring your own Beverages (alcoholic & non-alcoholic), bottled water will be available.

•Look for a Blast with details.

Annual Maggie Valley Overnighter

Coordinators: Mo & Jo Graham mgraham0516@icloud.com

Friday, May 19th through Sunday, May 21st, 2023

Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge has blocked out the entire hotel (42 rooms) for us once again this year!

Please follow the instructions below to reserve a room.

•Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge 2716 Soco Rd., Maggie Valley, NC 28751

•To reserve a room please call **828-926-1301**. Tell them you are with Queen City Corvette Club

•Some rooms are up 1 flight of stairs, so specify your needs. All rooms are non-smoking.

•All rooms not spoken for from the block will be released on 05/06/2023.

Myrtle Beach Car Show Weekend

Coordinators: Dick Gwilt & Jane Burt

DATE: Friday June 2nd-Sunday June 4th

Look for a Blast with all the details.

Donna Berst ~ 20223 QCCC Social Director

It's not where you go... but who you travel with that makes the journey special!

AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



Here we are in March! Happy St. Patrick's Day and may the luck of the Irish be with you!

Cars and Coffee will continue with one change. Cars and Coffee at White Hall has been temporarily suspended as a result of some participants, not our club, failing to observe rules and a lack of courtesy to others. Continue to watch for Blasts announcing future Cars and Coffee events.

There are several upcoming Automotive events. Some upcoming shows and events that members may be interested in attending include:

- On March 25th, the Gaston County Shrine Club will host their 1st Annual Toy Drive and Show and Shine. The event will be at Eastridge Mall in Gastonia.
- Corvette Expo, March 24-25, Pigeon Forge, TN. Check it out at corvetteexpo.com or call 865.352.2701 for information.
- Rolling Through the Decades Art and Auto Show, April 22. Benefits Webb Street School, Gastonia, NC. Additional details will be provided when available.
- Myrtle Beach Corvette Club Car Show, June 2-3. Look for details in a future Blast.
- Tickets for the Virginia International Speedway IMSA WeatherTech Championship, August 25-27, are on sale. Details for Corvette Corral are not yet available. Look for additional information once Corral ticketing is available.

If you are interested in leading an event, let me know. I can and will assist!

The **2023 Spring Autofair** at Charlotte Motor Speedway runs from April 13th through the 16th. QCCC reserved 35 spots for the FIRST 35 members who register online! The entry fee is \$31 per car. On the first day of registration, 2/20, 16 QCCC members registered. You can register for the show online by going to the QCCC website menu selections CLUB INFO - EVENT SIGN UP - 2023 Spring Autofair [password: 'duntov'].

QCCC cars will be judged with trophies awarded as follows:

- CLASS WINNERS: C1/C2, C3/C4, C5/C6, First and second place C7 and First and second place C/8
- Participant Choice Awards for Saturday and Sunday
- PRESIDENT'S CHOICE
- QCCC BEST OF SHOW

As a special feature on Sunday, the Speedway will populate the center of the infield with Concourse De Elegance vehicles. Don't miss this opportunity to meet and mingle with other club members as well as auto enthusiasts.

Just a bit of history: Concours d'Elegance is a term of French origin that means a "competition of elegance" and refers to an event where prestigious vehicles are displayed and judged. It dates back to 17th-century France, where aristocrats paraded horse-drawn carriages in the parks of Paris during summer weekends and holidays. Over time, carriages became horseless and the gatherings became a competition among vehicle owners to be judged on the appearance of their vehicles.

Tim Fridley

Automotive Director



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Chris Boone, General Manager

NEW VEHICLES

Members receive an additional \$1000 discount 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.

PRE-OWNED VEHICLES

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REFERRAL BONUS

We'll thank you with a \$100 gift card when you refer a non-QCCC member who purchases a vehicle.

Friends & Family of QCCC Members will receive a 10% Service discount.

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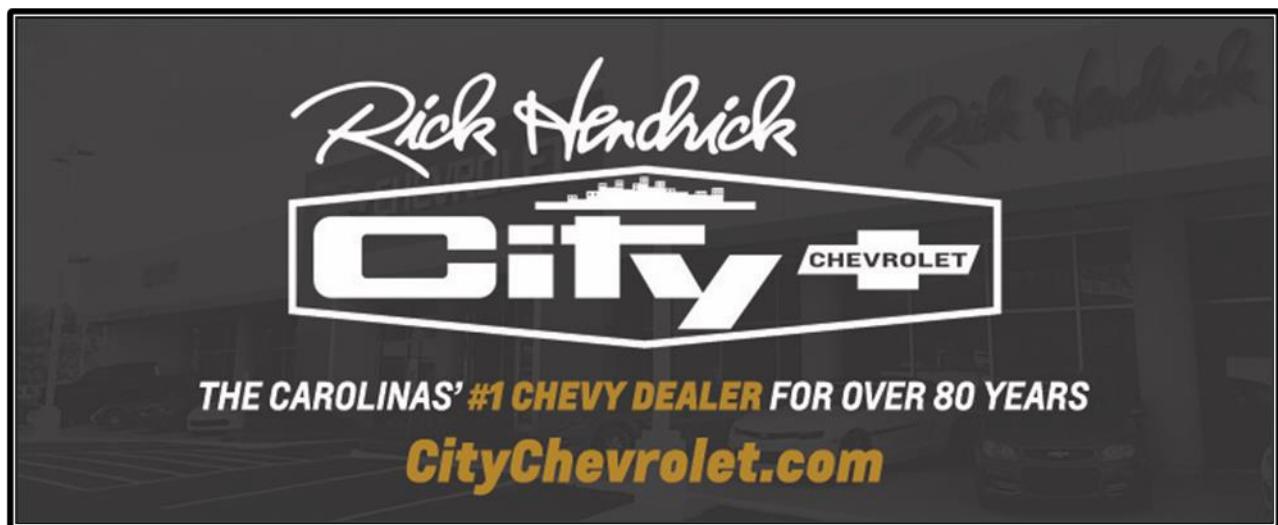
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MARCH 2023

Christine Schmitt-

Christine will be having a second Knee Replacement on Monday, March 20, 2023. The surgery will be in Novant Presbyterian Hospital. This will be an out-patient procedure and hopefully, she will be In and out in a couple of hours. This will be her 3rd surgery on this knee. Asking for prayers for a successful surgery and a complete recovery and rehab.

Thanks!

Paul Schmitt

Betsy Kashinsky-

Betsy is at ***Generations Assisted Living in West Jefferson.*** *In the past 5 days she's experienced a serious decline and she's struggling. I think it might be best if cards were mailed to our home and I'll take them to Betsy since I see her every day. Thanks for sharing, Paul, and I really appreciate everyone keeping us in their thoughts and prayers.*

Home address:

**Richard Kashinsky
262A Fairway Heights Dr.
West Jefferson, NC 28694**

Paul Schmitt, QCCC Care and Compassion

paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com

Secretary's Note:



Hello QCCC Members!

It's time to celebrate March QCCC Member birthdays! Please join us in wishing everyone who is celebrating a birthday in March

... a very Happy Birthday!!!

At our February meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays. Shirley Pearson was our winner and she received a \$50 restaurant gift card. Congratulations Shirley!

Our Awards Banquet and business club meeting will be on Saturday, March 11 at the Speedway Club in Concord. The night will include good friends, great food and the local fabulous band "Too Much Sylvia". Hope to see you there! :)

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Frank Columbia	3/1
Magi Pritchett	3/1
Joe Troutwine	3/5
Tom McQueen	3/6
John Callahan	3/7
Debbie Rinehart	3/7
Bob Terry	3/8
Bonnie Wheeler	3/10
Tracey Comfort	3/12
Andy Anderson	3/14
Ron Stausborger	3/15
Don Conover	3/16
Edward Atkinson	3/17
Eddie Burt, Jr.	3/19
Clark Belvin	3/20
John Meadows	3/21
Laura Nagy	3/22
Jill Whalen	3/24
Reggie Black	3/26
Patty DeRosa	3/26
Quentin (Q) Gross	3/26
Ken Watts	3/26
Margaret Bieman	3/27
Gary DeRosa	3/27
Steve Pelchat	3/28
Julia Davidson	3/29
John Nash	3/30



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

March 2023

Spring keeps getting closer, although looking at the thermometer says it's already here. We will certainly get some late winter weather, but this is nice as a sign of things to come.

I am still asking for 3 things to be done as we start to ramp up activities.

1. Notify me of your membership status in the National Corvette Museum. We had 109 families as Museum members two years ago, and as of now my records indicate we have 95 families. So, it seems there are still some missing names on my list. I will send my list out soon for everyone to check. Contact me if you have questions.
2. Make plans to attend the Michelin Bash at the Museum April 27-29. There is lots of interest, especially with plant tours opening again. We have a large contingent already signed up – you don't want to miss this one,
3. Update your information in the club directory. Check your address, phone numbers, Museum status, and listing of Corvette(s) that you own. Here's how to get to the update page on the QCCC website:

On the home page go to Membership, then to Membership Info.

Scroll to the bottom and click on the bar, MEMBER INFORMATION UPDATE FORM.

Enter password, click submit.

Fill out information.

Thank you for your help getting our records correct.

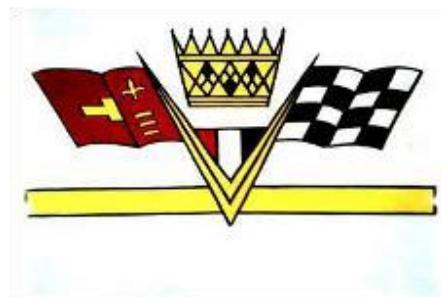
Now get your Corvette shined and ready to hit the roads!

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



A Look Back

This month you are in for a real treat. I am attaching for your enlightenment, a copy of the actual newsletter from March/April of 1975. After reading these 10 or so pages, stop and compare today's newsletter. I think you will be amazed. Keep in mind when we wrote our articles/reports we had to mail them to Travis who added his artwork, then he did the cover, compiled the reports, took them to a store with a copier, then addressed and stamped them and put them in the mail. Now you are seeing why he is a Lifetime Achiever Award winner!

Notice also the entire focus is on racing, including concerns that the Speedway might raise the fee of \$250 for the weekend of the Corvette/Porsche Challenge. We had about 25 members (plus some wives) at this time.

I hope the newer members can really enjoy this look back. Officers for 1976 were President Trais Meredith, Secretary Sharon Meredith, and Treasurer Bill Cruthis.

Then, we had no computers, voice mail, Twitter, Linked In, Instagram, Facebook, just typewriter, paper, and pen.

We've come a long way baby from 47 years ago!

The great old days of QCCC.

Respectfully submitted: Bill Cruthis



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Well, the Porsche-Corvette Challenge 1976 is now history. We feel that it was a huge sucess even tho the rain on Saturday certainly spoiled the times for that day. Many thanks to those who worked so hard and contributed so much to make this event what it was.

It certainly was a busy weekend and I must blame any delay in the newsletter on the event, since we had little time to work on it.

The March business meeting will be held at 7:30 SHARP, Saturday night, March 13th at the Clubhouse. Please be prompt. We hope to have a complete rundown on the Challenge, it appears that we even cleared all of our expenses.

Harry will bring us up to date on up-coming competition events. As our claendar shows, the competition season is now underway and we want to plan our out of town trips well in advance. Save your pennies, it's going to be a busy year.

Now for some news: Darrell Kirkley and Billy Coates represented QCCC at this year's Custom Car Show held at the Civic Center the weekend of February 20th. The cars were classified and judged and Billy finished 1st in the Semi Sports Class and Darrell finished 3rd in the Competition Sports Class. Congrats to both, we are all proud to have them represent us at this event. Maybe next year we can plan to enter more cars and increase our exposure. Both Billy and Darrell asked to thank those who helped them prepare their cars for this event.

Richard Breyare asks that each member should make an effort to bring a prospective member to the meeting. We welcome guests and hope that we can offer all Vette enthusiasts something that they would enjoy, our common goal is to have FUN!

a word from
the PRESIDENT...

song titled "I'd give up my stool at McFee's, for a fast lap, pretty please". Bound to be a hit on WAME!!!

I did it, I actually ran the Challenge. I praise Coates suspension, Sharon's patience (or lack of it) for 3 months while I built the car, Wachovia Mortgage Co. for not foreclosing, Harry for the shocks and Darrell for the loan of dry socks. I really had a blast! I'm writing a new

Sharon

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY BUSINESS MEETING

President Travis Meredith called the meeting to order. The visitors, Jim and Loraine Haughton, David Van Every, Al Starnes and Dave Stiles were welcomed.

Vice President, Joey Hunter called the roll with 30 voting members present. A new edition of Inner Club Points were distributed to the membership.

Proposed: Sam McGee (Tommy Mitchem)- Any elected officer of Queen City Corvette Club who attends a NCCC meeting which is in conflict with a QCCC event will be awarded attendance points.

A discussion followed with this amendment being voted on at the March business meeting.

Governor Harry Jackson gave his report on upcoming Challenge. Much discussion followed on the controversy of the Charlotte Motor Speedway. It was decided that Travis Meredith, Harry Jackson, Billy Coates and Richard Breyare would meet with the CMS officials and finalize the plans. The Governor then explained the new insurance policy in detail and briefly covered the Governor's meeting.

Darrell Kirkley, Chairman of Eastland Autocross reminded the membership of this event. He then presented the Clubhouse with a photo of President Travis Meredith.

Vice President of Social, Bill Henderson informed the members of the cancellation of the planned ski trip. A Swap Party is planned for Sunday, February 21st at 2:00 p.m. A Bowling Party is also planned for Saturday, February 28th at Coliseum Bowling Lanes.

Treasurer Bill Cruthis gave his financial report. He made mention that he would not be collecting dues after the meeting any longer.

Old business was then brought up. Concerning the Clubhouse rental, the Secretary will submit a letter to Nixon Realty on obtaining a yearly lease.

The incorporation of QCCC has been finalized. A public thank you was made to Bill Ingram and Cathy Henderson on their work on this matter.

Members were informed of the repair on the jukebox and asked not to tamper with it.

David Morse gave an up to date report on Proposed Bid of Convention 1978. President Travis Meredith tabled the discussion pending more information.

Richard Breyare, past Membership Chairman was appointed this office again for 1976.

Gail Coates was announced as Member of the Month for January.

President Travis Meredith adjourned the meeting after reminding the members to vote on Al Starnes, prospective member.

Respectfully submitted,
Travis Meredith
Secretary

FROM DEEP INSIDE THE VAULT:
'QUOTH THE TRES.'



As of this writing the Challenge profit picture is not final. I hope to have that information available for you at the meeting.

The vault fillith up rapidly now & only a few are dragging their feet in the dues department. Don't be afraid to break in line to get paid up.

YE OL REPORT:

BANK BALANCE 1/31/76 \$180.09

INCOME:

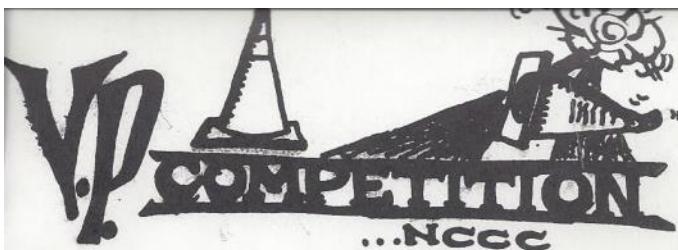
Feb. dues	\$134.00
Back dues	49.00
Future dues	17.75
Dues pd. with REC.	9.75
TOTAL DUES	\$210.50
LaPointe contribution	500.00
QCCC initiation	7.00
Back patch	6.50
Bar Income	129.93
Bar Income with receipts	22.21
Porsche-Corvette Challenge	920.00
Eastland Mall Speed Event	156.00
TOTAL INCOME	+\$1952.14

EXPENSES:

Competition events	\$338.00
Bar Purchases	60.32
Clubhouse Rent	150.00
Repairs & maint. to clubhouse	27.71
Fuel oil & utilities	113.06
Newsletter	39.91
QCCC Incorporation proceedings	90.00
Reprint point system	19.55
Postage	22.75
Deposit error	2.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	- \$863.30

BANK BALANCE 2/25/76 \$1268.93
Accounts payable - \$30.33
Al Starnes
Unencumbered balance

Some things are becoming apparent in the club this year: Trav's car needs more than just paint. Crunch can find something to hit on any course. Kirkley is getting like Greenwood(fast & broken). McLeod needs more weight to get all those ponies on the ground(buckle up Harry). With the addition of Willie Ingram the virus causing the curly hair disease continues to spread (could it be an inherited desire to look like a race car driver). PROVEN AT EASTLAND: GIVEN GOOD EQUIPMENT I CAN WIN ANY RACE(OFCOURSE, SHAVER GAVE ME SOME CLAPPED OUT EQUIPMENT, DIDN'T HE) definitely a 10-4 on that
Race car driver



April 24th and 25th for our Club. These events are Drags on April 24th at Spartanburg International Dragway. I think that we can make a little money with these people. Rent for the track is \$150.00 and \$50.00 for insurance, which I feel is reasonable for wheel to wheel drags. The events scheduled for April 25th are a Blind Funkana, starting at 10:00, registration will be held open to 11:00. The other event is a Speedkana to take place as soon as possible after the Funkana. This is planned for Eastland.

The reason for these changes are very evident, due to the CMS Track rental hikes. I hope that the use of Spartanburg is satisfactory for our Club. I think that it will be a real asset for us. When you really look at all sides of the coin, we really don't have a lot of choices left due to the time factor in getting out the flyers to other clubs in the region. If we all work together, we CAN DO!

I want to say a little something on the new changes in something and rules. These changes we made at the last regional Governors Meeting held on February 21st. All NCCC cards for membership have to be shown at each event attended to compete for points or trophies. Those who do not have NCCC cards or new prospective members can compete in a X class for 1 Mens Trophy and 1 Ladies Trophy. All pure cars that came with a spoiler, must have it on the car to compete in pure class, chevy factory only. Also, in pure, for those of you who have 74, 75 and 76 cars with F41 Gymkana Suspension, must have it all, not any part to compete in pure class. There was a great deal of discussion and decisions made as to the Mini Convention and Regional Championship I talked about a few months ago.

The Carolina Regional Championship Trial "CRST" is a series of 12 selected NCCC Sanctioned events in the Carolina Region, to stimulate activity in the region to the reward of the individual NCCC member "Regional Only". In the spirit of inner-regional competition, 10 places for men and 10 places for women will be awarded. The top man and woman will receive their registration and entry fees for the Mini Convention for the current year and the registration and entry fees for the NCCC Convention the following year, 1977. In addition, they will receive a plaque and jacket patch. Second place for the men and women is the registration and entry fee for the Mini Convention for current year, 1976, patches and plaque. Third place wins a patch and plaque, fourth through tenth receive patches. The funding for this is to be collected from club in the region in the form of 50% per entry all year long, from each event and this money goes into a regional treasury. Eligibility to win these awards is limited to NCCC members at large and members of regional clubs, no one else. Entry is automatic, when you enter any of the 12 selected events, however, you must enter 5 of the 12 to receive an award. The top ten places will be decided by the best finishes of the entries. In case of ties, the first best finished will break the tie. These events are 3 wheel to wheel drags, 3 speedkanas, 3 rallies, 1 concours, 1 funkana, and 1 economy run. We have a wheel to wheel drag event scheduled for the Championship. The Mini Convention is going to be held at Columbia on Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 4, 5, & 6. The event

will be history. I hope that everyone had a good time, at both the Challenge and the party. I feel if everything goes well and we don't lose money, that we should plan on having another Challenge next year. I say this providing that CMS does not go up on their track rental. Now that the Challenge is history, we must look to the events that are scheduled on

will consist of Concours, speedkana, drag and Economy runs. The event will be reasonable and well run. I will go into detail at the meeting.

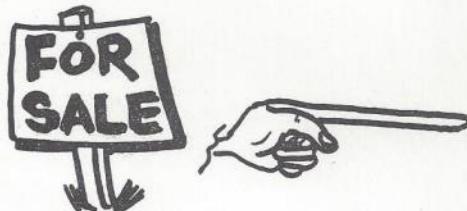
The Convention news is in the last issue of Blue Bars. If any of you did not get these, please let me or Darrell know. I would like everyone to be planning to get your Convention package and event money ready for us so we can collect it as soon as we can to April 1st. Remember, they are only taking 400 entries for the Speedevent at Daytona International Speedway. Please try to enter with the whole club and also for the motel rooms. So please try and attend the Convention.

The upcoming events are on the Club Calendar, please take note. Plastic Cars, ltd. is having their Longest weekend ever. This is a triple event weekend, Drags, Speed, Party and Rallye. April 11th Dixie Corvettes is having an Economy Run. So let's get it on in 1976!

Thanks
Harry



going on between CaroVans and QCCC. They have challenged us to a Volleyball Match followed by a spaghetti dinner at their Clubhouse. There will be a charge of \$2.00 per person for dinner to help with the costs. We are going to leave out from our Clubhouse at 1:30 to caravan there. Bill Cruthis should have his ankle in shape by now, so let's get out there and stomp them. Let's keep our participation high as the racing season begins and remember our Wednesday night get together.



1967 Vette, high performance, 425 hp, 2 tops, mag wheels, **HURST** shifter, air shocks, 441 PT rear end, call Dick Craig 523-6281

1 set 8½x15" light spoked American Mags, \$120.00, 1 set new G78x15" polyester Tires \$100.00. 2 LR-60x15" T/A's good shape \$60.00. 2 FR60x14 T/A's on (new) slotted appliance mags \$100.00- Call Joey Hunter 525-0446

Mag wheels appliance wire wheel type, good condition \$100.00. Set of bumpers for 63-67, excellent condition \$55.00. Call Mason Auto Paint and Body Repairs, Kannapolis, N.C. 704-932-7612

Thanks
Spiderman

Personal to Danny Shaver: Forget entering that "Darrell Kirkley Look Alike" contest, a kosher turkey ain't such a hot prize! S.M.

FROM THE LAP

OF THE SECRETARY..

First of all, I would like to thank all the girls who attended the first " GNO". I thought it was a sucess and we all had a good time. I would really like to see lots more attend so we can all get to know each other better. "GNO" is held the second Tuesday of each month and you will be contacted as to what is planned. If you have any suggestions or an idea, please call me and I'll help anyway I can. Besides, I think all of us could use a night every month!

Secondly, if anyone has something for the newsletter, please submit it in writing to myself or Travis before the officers meeting. I think it would be great to have more people involved in our newsletter. So, keep this in mind if you come across something you think the club would enjoy reading or have an idea to express. Just please write it down the way you want it printed (I have a hard enough time expressing my own thoughts). In fact, if anyone wishes to help Travis and myself with this monthly letter, PLEASE CALL!!!!!!

FROM DOWNTOWN NORTH CHARLOTTE.... IT'S TIME FOR..

"VETTE ROULETTE"

A monthly feature, designed to see if your IQ exceeds .01!!
Don. Pardo speaks: " Write a caption for the poster of your President (presented by Darrell at the last business meeting) and you may win a Barbecue dinner and a Falstaff for 2 at the Flamingo Drive Inn. Write your entry down with your name (NCCC number not necessary) and turn it in before the business meeting to me (Sharon). They will be read before the crowd and judged by group response (we don't have an applause meter). Put on your thinking caps, Trav must be saying something! What?!!!

Void where prohibited

CONTEST 

**MEMBER
OF THE Month**

her assistance around the clubhouse and for being voted Member of the Month. Thata boy, Gail!!

Gail Coates

Since the duties of bar tender have not been filled, Gail took it upon herself to keep us all from going thirsty. A big toast to Gail for

Here's the first points totals for you. Be sure and try to keep up with your own points and anytime you have any questions about them, ask me. I'm more than happy to help you anytime. This point standings does not include the Challenge, I will have them up to date at the business meeting.

Thanks,
Joey

INTER-CLUB POINTS

MEN

1. George McLeod	85
2. Bill Henderson	83
3. Jeff Tatar	78
4. Shad Alberty	72
5. Joey Hunter	70
6. David Hunter	65
7. Sam McGee	62
8. Darrell Kirkley	60
9. Harry Jackson	58
10. Bill Cruthis	55
Bill Ingram	
David Morse	
Travis Meredith	
11. Tony Alexander	53
12. Billy Coates	50
Tim Hill	
Tommy Mitchem	
Bill Murray	
Danny Shaver	
Pete Walther	
13. Mike Biggers	48
14. Rodney Floyd	45
Charles Outlaw	
15. Richard Breyare	43
Earl Ferrell	
Melvin Pace	
16. Bernie Armstrong	40
Ervine Booth	
Tommy Woods	
Dick Craig	
17. Charles Nash	35
18. Randall Goodnight	25
Wayne Marlowe	
19. Bill Hardy	20
20. Ray Cameron	18
21. Ed Sloan	5
22. Al Starnes	3

LADIES

1. Brenda Alberty	80
2. Jenny Hunter	70
3. Dale Tatar	68
4. Vicki Hunter	60
5. Mary Hill	55
Sharon Meredith	
Linda McLeod	
Peggy Walther	
6. Sue Wood	53
7. Marion Alexander	50
Cathy Henderson	
Aretha Mitchem	
Lydia Morse	
Jenny Murray	
Amelia Abernathy	
8. Denise Biggers	48
9. Gail Coates	45
10. Linda Pace	43
Sandy McSwain	
11. Martha Ferrell	40
Vicki Outlaw	
Pam Tarlton	
12. Vicki Floyd	38
13. Martha Nash	35
14. Mickey Shaver	28
15. Jeanette Marlowe	25
16. Linda Hardy	20
17. Linda Camerson	15
Rosanne Craig	
18. Donna Calloway	3

K.P.

CLUBHOUSE REPORT

Clean-Up Committee is as follows (2 weeks) :

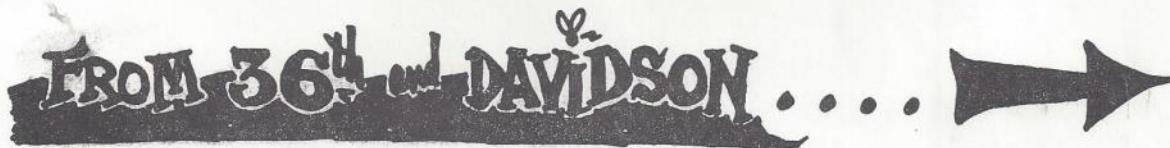
April 11-24.....	Richard Breyare
April 25-May 8.....	Ray & Linda Cameron
May 9- 22.....	Gail & Bill Coates
May 23- June 5.....	Earl & Martha Ferrell

Thanks to the people that have cleaned up in the past, we surely do appreciate it. Also thanks to Bill Cruthis for the paint job in the kitchen and Peggy for the new curtains. We may make the cover of "House Beautiful" after all!! George and Gail will continue the job of bar-tenders on a monthly basis.

The Car Doctor

We are as pleased as punch to welcome Al Starnes as a new member. Please add his address to your club roster:

Al Starnes
4945 #2 Central Avenue
Charlotte, N.C. 28210
568-4522



BELIEVE IT OR NOT.....Melvin ran his car and drove it to work on Monday instead of removing the engine!

ADDITIONS TO THE OFFICIAL SH-- LIST: Mike McKay, Bill Bailey, U.S. Weather Bureau, Russ Dubuc (wherever he is), Burt Lancaster, and Larry Haaaaardy.

Shad's favorite hobby is really dancing- it's the only time Brenda lets him lead!

I'm sitting here watching Sharon type;
she's the only typist I've ever seen use
a rosin bag, chew tobacco, and
wind up before each key -
Trav

MONTH MARCH - APRIL YEAR 1976

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						13 BUSINESS MEETING 7:30 # COASTAL CAR & FUN RALLYE # AUGUSTA CORV. ECONOMY RUN
14						
15						
	16					
		17				
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				19		
					20 GOVERNOR'S MEETING	
						21 CLUBHOUSE OPEN
					22	
						GOVERNOR'S MEETING
					23	
					24	
					25	
					26	
					27	
					CHARLESTON RALLYE	
						# SPARTANBURG DRAGS
					28	
					29	
					30	
					1 April	
					2	
					3	
					OFFICER'S MEETING	
					CLUBHOUSE OPEN	
					4	
					CHARLESTON AUTOCROSS	
					5	
					SPARTANBURG FUN RALLYE	
					6	
					7	
					8	
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					10	
					BUSINESS MEETING 7:30	
						* PLASTIC CARS LTD. * TRIPLE WEEKEND.

* FOR OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS SEE
HARRY JACKSON FOR DETAILS

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!

Carl Bartlett
Cell : 704-281-8673
email : CB8613Vette@gmail.com



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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

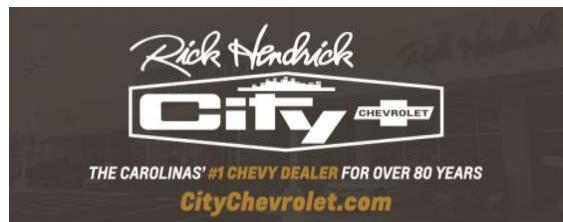
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