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May QCCC Business Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 2023

John & Lynda Looney of Monte Carlo Garage Suites

8461 Possum Hollow Rd. Indian Land, SC 29707

3:30 p.m. Social

4:30 p.m. Hot Dog Dinner

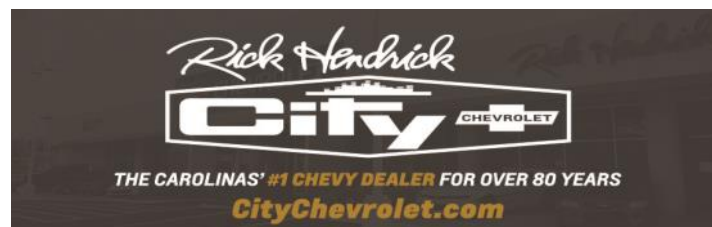
5:00 p.m. Business Meeting

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



May 2023

Last month I told you our club would have a busy April, and we surely did.

Some of us attended Ron Fellows Corvette Driving School near Las Vegas. We met people from various car clubs from around the country. While all 8 QCCC members attended the classes, we were fortunate enough to have the 6 QCCC drivers on the same driving team. No, we did not try to race each other, but we had our hands full trying to keep up with the lead instructor. Just ask Jane or Donna about their hot laps with the instructors, as they went a lot faster than us. So if any of you are going in the future, it's a lot of fun to go with fellow QCCC members. I think our yellow QCCC Car Show shirts were a hit because Ron Fellows himself noticed them when he stopped to say hello to the class, and commented on our colorful group.

Then the following weekend, 58 of us brave loyal members attended our monthly meeting in the rain at the Loftin's garage. A BIG "thank you" once again to Tommy, as he had to move all of his cars out of the garage for us. Yes, there was one person who drove his Corvette to the meeting – a prospective member who may have thought it was a requirement. HaHa!

Then off to Charlotte Motor Speedway for the spring Auto Fair. We had an awesome two days with 35 cars attending both days. The event was highlighted by the inaugural Smith Heritage Invitational on Sunday with 13 rare and amazing multi-million dollar cars parked in front of the center stage, similar to the Concours d'Elegance in Pebble Beach.

See Automotive Director Tim Fridley's article with a list of QCCC winners. I want to thank all our members who attended and represented QCCC in a big way, and a special thanks to Tim for overseeing his first Auto Fair and doing an outstanding job – enough to earn the QCCC President's Award.

On Saturday April 22, 11 of us ignored tornado warnings and traveled in the rain for our charity work day at Wings of Eagles in Concord. Just when we arrived, the rain stopped and the sun came out for the rest of the day. We painted signs, spread mulch, and cleared horse trails. They really appreciated our help. Even the farmer next door benefited from our hard work as Round-About Ron led Dick down the wrong path used by cows.

To end the month, approximately 70 of us are going to Bowling Green, KY for the National Corvette Museum Bash, the birthplace of your Corvette. Details will be in the June newsletter.

Dick Gwilt, President
rgwilt@me.com



Dick & Jane, Kathie & Larry Finocchi, Kim & Warren Knight, Ron & Donna Berst with Rick Malone, Director of Ron Fellows Corvette Driving School



Retired Corvette Racing Team driver, Ron Fellows with Dick Gwilt & Jane Burt



April Meeting inside Tommy Loftin's garage



Setting up at Auto Fair by moonlight



Tim Fridley accepts President's Award from Dick Gwilt



Sun breaking through the rain clouds at Wings of Eagles as QCCC arrives



Working at Wings of Eagles



Joyce Lontz using both hands at Wings of Eagles



Jane Kranzler and Jason Lontz painting cubbies at Wings of Eagles



VP Stuff, Ron Berst

Ron Fellows. If you haven't heard of him or have but don't know much about him here is a short bio. Ron is recognized as one of North America's most versatile and successful road racing drivers, having won races and championships from NASCAR to long distance sports car events.

With Corvette racing, Fellows is a multi-time champion and was part of historic first victories at the Rolex 24 at Daytona, the 24 Hours of Le Mans and 12 Hours of Sebring. He has also won races in both the Camping World Truck Series and NASCAR Xfinity Series.

In October of 2008, Ron partnered with what is now known as the Spring Mountain Motor Resort and Country Club in Pahrump Nevada, forming the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School along with corporate partners Chevrolet and Michelin. As the "Official High-Performance Driving School of Corvette" the school hosts over 4,000 Corvette owners annually.

Several weeks ago, Donna and myself, along with the Knights, Finocchi's, Dick Gwilt and Jane Burt attended this school, along with a few days in Las Vegas... and yes "What happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas"! :)

This driving school is second to none as far as professional instruction, track layout, accommodations (one night is included in their onsite condos), as well as breakfast and lunch for both days. The best part is you use their car (they have over 190 C8's at the track)! There is no speed limit so you can drive as fast or slow as you feel comfortable. Classroom instruction and track time alternate each day, every hour. Their goal is to show you the capabilities of the C8 and also make you a better driver. Chevrolet pays for all but \$1000 of the cost and you have 1 year after taking delivery of your car to attend the school. If this sounds like a commercial for Spring Mountain, you might be right, but I can honestly say the school is well worth the time and money spent. I would highly recommend it to everyone that purchases a new C8. I have never heard of anyone that didn't thoroughly enjoy the school, so if you can swing it, do it!

Our May meeting is at Monte Carlo Garage Suites in Indian Land, SC. Hope to see everyone there!

That's it for now.

Ron Berst, VP

(Source: R. Fellows Spring Mountain)

Social



Scene

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~Donna Berst~

Hope you all are enjoying the nice Corvette driving weather and attending the many QCCC events! I have listed most of the upcoming dates below, so add them to your calendars and join in the Queen City Corvette Club fun! See you soon...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday May 6th Baseball Game, 7:00 pm. Dick has reserved seats if you want to go see the Cannon Ballers play the Augusta Green Jackets (Atlanta Braves) in the beautiful Kannapolis Stadium. Contact Jane fab4fan@carolina.rr.com if you are interested.

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Annual Maggie Valley Overnighter Coordinators: Mo & Jo Graham jgraham0459@gmail.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 **828-926-130**. 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.

Saturday May 27, 2023 Shelton Vineyard Car Show. Register <https://queencitycorvette.com/> under club info/event sign-up.

Friday June 2-4th Myrtle Beach Car Show Weekend Coordinators: Dick Gwilt & Jane Burt

Check the Blast for hotel updates.

Saturday June 10, 2023, QCCC Business Meeting at Charlotte Motor Speedway with optional dinner afterwards in the Speedway Club. Look for Blast with sign-up info.

Saturday July 1st Troutman Intendance Day Parade

Saturday July 8th QCCC Business Meeting at RK Motors 5527 Lakeview Rd. Charlotte 28269

AFTERNOON MEETING 1:00 pm Social – 2:00 pm Business Meeting

Saturday July 15th Day trip to Richard Childress Museum. **SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday July 22, 2023 FeedNC Food Drive & Lunch. **SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday August 12, 2023 QCCC 55th Anniversary & Business Meeting at Hendrick Motorsports Complex

Saturday August 19, 2023 Little Switzerland Day Trip. **SAVE THE DATE**

Oktoberfest in Helen, Georgia Coordinator: Steve Bonino

Friday September 15 thru Sunday September 17, 2023. Look for another email Blast with sign-up 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



Welcome to the merry month of May! Don't forget Mother's Day on May 14th!

QCCC was certainly visible at Charlotte Motor Speedway's Spring AutoFair with 35 participants. There were over 800 cars of all makes and models as well as various vendors at the event. Several QCCC members had the opportunity to judge Corvettes for the Victory Lane Corvette Club as Victory Lane reciprocated by judging QCCC cars for Show and Shine. Show and Shine class winners as judged by Victory Lane were:

- C1/C2 – Ron Smith
- C3/C4 – Don Lowe
- C5/C6 – Justin Cross
- C7 – Runner-up – Bob Novak
- C7 – Winner – Chris Farrell
- C8 - Runner-up – Roger Winge
- C8 Winner – Dave Kadel

QCCC members also made Participant Choice selections for Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's Participant Choice trophy went to Chris Farrell with Sunday's Participant's Choice trophy going to Ron Smith. The President's Choice trophy was awarded to Tim Fridley.

QCCC Best of Show was Don Lowe. Don represented QCCC in the parade of cars with other car club winners during closing ceremonies for the show.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Spring AutoFair. I am looking forward to the Fall AutoFair and hope to have even greater QCCC participation.

Upcoming shows and events that members may be interested in attending include:

- **Shelton Vineyards Annual Corvette Show and Memorial Day Celebration**, Saturday May 27
- **Myrtle Beach Corvette Club Car Show**, June 2-3.
Dick Gwilt was able to arrange another hotel option for those of us attending. If you are interested, contact Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort in North Myrtle Beach. Call the front desk at 843-249-1436 and say you're with the "Corvette Club Group".
- **Bailey's Glen High School Car Show**, June 10
- **Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet Auto Show**, June 17.
- Tickets for the **Virginia International Speedway IMSA WeatherTech Championship**, August 25-27, are on sale. As of this writing, details for Corvette Corral are still not available. If you are planning to attend and spend a night or two, it's not too early to make hotel reservations. Rumor has it that the hotels fill early!

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

Tim Fridley
Automotive Director



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

May

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	386
Total Families	211
Prospective Members	63
New Members Year to Date	25
Avg. Monthly Attendance	134

NEW MEMBERS:

William 'Bill' & Erika Phillips

Cornelius, NC

CORVETTE: 2023 Silver Flare Coupe

If you have any changes with respect to your membership information (name, address, cars bought/sold, etc.) Please go out to the QCCC website and use the Member Information Update Form at this link: https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=3521 use the password 'duntov' to get into the form.

Dan Brubaker

QCCC Membership Director



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Chris Boone, General Manager

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Everything is going as schedule with our Car Show. The Car Show flyers are complete and are ready for distribution. This month we will be contacting Corvette Clubs with an invitation for them to attend our show. All registration will be on line this year, which will help with payment and the registration process. We will have tours for the Heritage Center on Friday and Saturday and we will pre-sell tickets online for the tours.

It is time for QCCC to start talking up the Show and get excited about 700 Corvettes on-site at the Queen City Corvette Show. It is also time for you to register your Corvette by going to the QCCC website:

- Click on 2023 Corvette Car Show Registration
- Then click on QCCC members Only registration
- Then enter the QCCC members password
- Then fill out the form

If you would like to tour the Heritage Center on Friday October 20th then you need to go to the “Tour Ticket Purchase” and follow the links.

- Then go to Heritage Center Tours
- Click on Friday and follow the links

QCCC will not be able to tour on Saturday, as this is the day for you to help with the show.

Tommy Loftin

QCCC Car Show Coordinator

QCCC Charity Committee



Wings of Eagle Ranch

It is once again time for the selection of our QCCC 2024 Charity Committee. If you are interested in being on next year's charity committee, please contact Brenda Loftin or any of our 2023 charity members. The 2024 charity committee will be selected during the June QCCC meeting.

June will also begin the QCCC charity selection process for the new 2024 charity. If you have any input on the 2024 charity, it has to be submitted in writing to the Charity Committee by the end of August.

QCCC had a workday at Wings of Eagles Ranch on Saturday April 22nd. It was a rain or shine workday, and as luck would be, it rained. Even with the rain we had a lot of QCCC members show up and they performed a very successful work day.

Wings of Eagles is having its Blue-Ribbon Rider Horse Show on May 6th from 9 AM - 4 PM. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Go to the Wings of Eagles website for information.

Cabarrus County has finally approved the zoning for 5 cabins to be built at Wings of Eagles Ranch. This will be a "Cabin Retreat" for those in need.

The QCCC Charity Committee

Brenda Loftin



MAY 2023

Brenda Loftin-

Last Sunday evening, Brenda was riding her horse and he bucked her off. She was thrown into the air and landed on her head and shoulder. EMS was called and rushed her to Baptist Hospital Trauma Center. She had 2 areas of blood on the brain and lots of bruises. She was admitted into the ICU and has undergone a CT or MRI scan every 4 hours to monitor the bleeding. As of now, she is home and is stable. As with brain injuries, recovery will be slow with no active work or movements for at least a month.

Please PRAY for a fast recovery!

Tommy Loftin

Paul Schmitt, QCCC Care and Compassion

paulandchristineschmitt@gmail.com

Secretary's Note:



Hello QCCC Members!

It's time to celebrate May QCCC Member birthdays! Please join us in wishing everyone who is celebrating a birthday in May a **very Happy Birthday!!!**

At our April meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays. [Jo Graham was our winner and she received a \\$50 restaurant gift card. Congratulations Jo!](#)

[Our next business club meeting will be on Saturday, May 13 at Monte Carlo Garage in Indian Land, SC.](#)

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.

Charlie Meade	5/1
Janice Estwanik	5/2
Dave Kadel	5/4
Peggy Marlowe Wood	5/5
Debbie Meade	5/5
Joyce Lontz	5/6
Linda Mills	5/6
Jud Self	5/8
Dave Davies	5/12
Quinton Friesen	5/12
Luanne Levigne	5/12
Connie Anderson	5/13
Richard Panuski	5/14
Frank Sancineto	5/14
Janet Chubb	5/16
Morris Graham	5/16
Jerry Lewis	5/16
Gail Friesen	5/17
Chris Hoshour	5/17
Susie Plantan	5/17
Jim Weisberg	5/17
Rosalie Kirkley	5/18
Ann Oakley	5/19
Lois Watts	5/19
Lynne Dunn	5/20
Jane Kranzler	5/21
Linda Roberts	5/21
Bob Hill	5/22
Linda Echols	5/23
Rick Leppert	5/23
Louis Dunn	5/25
David Nowlan	5/25
Bill Brannick	5/26
Jill Castle	5/28
Allen Cox	5/28
Dave Malinovsky	5/29
Mike Callea	5/30
Jim Ramandanes	5/30



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

May 2023

We are now really getting into the time of year for lots of QCCC activities. We just returned from the Bash where 68 members attended. This is probably a record for the greatest number of members from one club. This is an excellent show of support for the Museum from QCCC, and the Museum personnel are very grateful. Let's continue to support the Museum in any way we can.

Of course, being a member of the Museum is one of the best ways to show that support. As you know there are different levels of membership, so pick out the one that is best for you. And please notify me if you join or change your level of membership.

We had many new members attend the Bash, and they learned much about the Museum and what it has to offer. I hope these new members will talk with others in the club to describe what the Museum experience is about. It is a magical place for Corvette owners – and our cars enjoy going back to their birthplace as well!

Let's keep the cars shiny and our faces smiley as we enjoy the coming months of amazing QCCC Corvette activity. See you on the road!

QCCC HISTORY

Last month I took the entire article to explain the cruising scene in Charlotte in the sixties without getting to the point. The question was about street racing, but I felt that deserved an explanation about how the environment in Charlotte led to these things occurring.

The stop light on Independence at Sharon Amity was the last one in east Charlotte with nothing but empty fields all the way to highway 51 in Matthews. So if something started in the center of town, we often wound up there. But late at night Monroe Road just past East Meck High School was popular, with nothing but a drive-in movie near what is now Village Lake Drive. On the west side Wilkerson Boulevard extended the stop light to stop light opportunities with serious matters being settled on I-85 going towards the river or on Ashley Road in front of Harding High School. There were several new industrial parks being built on the north side that had long straight stretches that we found and used. Near where I lived was a dead end road that eventually became the Sharon Amity extension near Harris Boulevard that was popular and I used to tune and test there.

The fastest car in my crowd was my best friend's 64 tri-power GTO with a 3.90 rear gear. It did extremely well from stop light to stop light, but with three passengers the drive shaft bottomed out on the floor when he power shifted. If we pulled up next to a serious competitor, the three of us would have to jump out of the car before the light changed and stand on the curb or median and wait on him to circle back and get us.

I had a spontaneous street race with a '64 283 Chevelle in my '65 289 4 speed Comet on Morehead Street late one night, that turned serious. After some discussion at Harold's BarBQ, a five dollar bet was made and I followed the other guy to a remote location to settle the bet. Now I never gambled, but it so happened my grandmother had just given me a five dollar bill in a birthday card, so I had the money. Believe it our not, we raced on Sharon Road going toward Fairview Road past the corn fields that became South Park Mall. I lost and had to give up my grandmother's birthday present. I never gambled on a street race again.

That event happened in 1965. Fast forward to 1974, standing at the bar in the QCCC club house, a stranger came in with a brand new '74 Corvette and introduced himself. I thought he looked familiar but I didn't recognize his name. After going out to look at his new car and everyone discussing the split rear bumper (an argument similar to the one on the C7 tail lights), he and I started talking cars. The connection was finally made that he was the owner of the '64 Chevelle that took my five dollars nine years earlier. We laughed and laughed and he bought me beers the rest of the night. He later joined QCCC and we became good friends. His name was Al Starnes and he not only became an active member, he owned a trophy shop and provided the club with trophies. We didn't have to make them by hand any more. Unfortunately, he died of a heart attack in 1977 at the age of 32. He was the first loss QCCC had ever had and many club members attended his funeral.

Charlotte was a great place to grow up, especially if you loved cars, even though street racing is a thing of the past, at least for me.

Travis Meredith, *historian*

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



I know you all enjoyed the old newsletter last month so I think I will share another one or two with you. These old newsletters are very rare as few folks kept them. The old days did not have any way to store information; therefore, they became piles of forgotten papers along with our other club memories which became piles which led to out growing our space, to now just scanning it into the system and it is saved forever. I will take the interesting parts of two newsletters and you can see the similarities.

First, you have 1977 with President Sam McGee probably the first Yankee President as he was a transplant from Michigan. This newsletter is June 1977. Notice the two different covers, the different board, the Ingram's mentioned as house cleanup and go kart racing at Myrtle Beach. Also mentioned is a blip about our 3-day speed event at Charlotte Motor Speedway over July 4th weekend which was at risk of being cancelled as the rental for the track was raised from \$250 to \$1975. This would necessitate 150 cars at \$20 to make any money.

I will show you three of the newsletter covers which would change a few times. Note this meeting had 16 members attend. Artwork fell to Travis Meredith as well as copying in order, stapling and mailing them. On the Porsche/Corvette Challenge also note how hard it was to match classes with them to compete. The high horsepower Corvettes vs the 6 cylinder Porsches. We even had a class of 6 cylinder Corvettes to match with the lowest hp Porsche.

The second newsletter is February 1978 with Joey Hunter as President. Note we got a better deal for John Hurley Chevrolet on South Blvd. The letter thanks Lapointe, who sponsored us for several years, but their downtown location was a little out of the way.

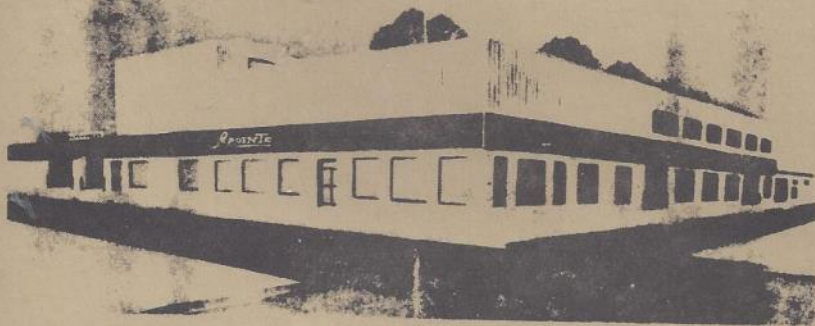
16 members at one meeting. We were definitely vulnerable, but we pulled it off.

Enjoy reading about 2 of the best years of QCCC days past.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Cruthis

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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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JUNE, 1977

WITH THE MONTH OF JUNE WE END THE FIRST HALF OF 1977 AND MOST OF THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR. NOW LET US GET ON WITH THE FUN OF SUMMER AND RIDING IN THE FINEST AVAILABLE TO THE MOTORING PUBLIC.

DOESN'T IT JUST TICKLE THE YOU KNOW WHAT OUT OF YOU TO RIDE AROUND TOWN AND SEE ALL THE CORVETTES AND CORVETTERS RIDING WITH THEIR TOPS OR T-TOPS OFF AND ENJOYING THE SUN AND THEIR CORVETTES? MAYBE WE SHOULD CHANGE THE SONG TO SAY "NOTHING COULD BE FINER THAN TO BE IN CAROLINA IN MY CORVETTE....."

WITH THE JUNE BUSINESS MEETING (JUNE 11; 7:30 p.m.; Q.C.C.C Clubhouse; 1701 East Independence) WE WILL WRAP UP THE PROBLEMS SO FAR THIS YEAR AND DISCUSS DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE THAT WILL GOVERN THE CLUB THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR AND HAVE A GREAT BEARING ON 1978. MEMBERS AND VISTORS, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AS WE ALL NEED TO BE THERE.

THE ARTICLES AND REPORTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER SHOULD BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENED AND WHAT IS IN THE MAKING. ALSO PLEASE READ YOUR LATEST ISSUE OF BLUE BARS FOR THE FINE COVERAGE OF OUR CORVETTE - PORSCHE CHALLENGE.

THANKS GO TO FRANK AND SANDI SHAPIRO OF CORVETTE TROY FOR THIS FINE ARTICLE.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING
SAMUEL O. MCGEE
PRESIDENT

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Sam announced that Jerry Rhinehardt, having meet the requirements for membership, had asked to be voted on at this meeting. Sam urged all members to vote on Jerry's membership at the close of the meeting.

Sam thanked the following people for helping with the Spring Clean-up at the Clubhouse on May 14: Melvin Pace, Vicki Hunter, Bill and Joni Ingram. He further called attention to the car wash to be held at LaPointe Chevrolet on May 21. The time is 9:00 to 3:00, and the proceeds are to go to Musclar Dystrophy. Even if members can't stay the full time, any time they can contribute will be helpful. All club members are needed for functions such as these.

The club presented a plaque to Melvin Pace for his contributions and outstanding work in connection with the Corvette-Porsche Challenge. Melvin put many hours into this event, and the club greatly appreciates his efforts.

Vice-President of Social, Jeff Tatar, thanked those that attended the family picnic at Vetern's Park. The turnout was small, but all who attended had a good time. The annual River Party will be July 9 at Jeff's house on the river. He will send out flyers with specific details and directions. Our July business meeting will be held at this location immediatly preceeding the River Party itself.

Amelia McGee announced that Girl's Night Out scheduled for May 19 had been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for the first part of june. Also, Tim and Mary Hill have just brought a new addition to the club; they are the proude parents of a little girl, Tiffany April. Our congratulations to them both.

Lydia Morse asked if anyone knew of an available place the GNO could put on a spaghetti supper to help raise some income for the club. The one we held last year was a great success, and should be again. GNO will work on this and have more details at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President, Sam McGee.

Respectfully submitted,

Amelia McGee, Secretary

A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY'S HUSBAND

As of this date there are more outstanding club dues than there is money in the club treasury. Come on gang let's get those dues up to date.

Also, if you have any suggestions, complaints or whatever let's hear them.

My phone has been so quite lately I've thought about getting Henderson to check it.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 1977 BUSINESS MEETING

The May business meeting of the Queen City Corvette Club, Inc. was called to order by President, Sam McGee, on May 14, 1977, at the clubhouse.

The roll was called by Vice-President Earl Ferrell, with 16 voting members present, including the club officers.

We wish to welcome the following visitors to our May meeting, and hope they will attend more club functions in the very near future:

Sema & Gungor and their son, Bobby
Larry Gunter
Ann & Larry Mull
Terri Sudderth
Jerry Rhinehardt
David & Cheryl VanEvery
Johnny Hill

Vice-President, Earl Ferrell, announced that starting in June, the clubhouse would be open only on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month. This will last until we go back on Eastern Standard Time, or until enough interest and participation indicates that opening each Wednesday is really wanted by the members. Earl also advised that the design was ready for the competition patches. He will try to order locally if possible in order to avoid delays, as with the back patches.

Treasurer, Lydia Morse, briefly went over some of the expenses of the Corvette-Porsche Challenge, as shown in the newsletter. Our profit from the Challenge was \$372.47, including T-shirts.

Governor, David Morse, called our attention to the calendar of events in the newsletter, which listed events through June 5. He announced that on June 12 there would be a Concours in Winston-Salem, and on June 19 a Speedkhana in Spartanburg. Further details on these events would be announced later. The Hill Climb sponsored by Columbia on April 1 was postponed due to fog, and would be reschedule for September. David then read some of the latest changes in the rule book for next year. Anyone wishing details should contact David.

Per our scheduled event at Charlotte Motor Speedway for the July 4th weekend, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, David advised that the cost of the track would be \$1,975 for the weekend. This would mean we would need at least 150 entries at \$20.00 per entry in order to make the event a success. David brought up the possibility of holding the event elsewhere due to the cost. He asked that the club think about this and discuss it further at the June business meeting.

David advised that the participation in competition events has fallen off very much in the last two years, and appears to continue to do so. Unless an improvement is seen in this, the club can no longer depend on competition to provide the income it has in the past, which has covered many of our expenses.

With regard to the 1978 Convention, David will be sending out a questionnaire to each member, asking what they can and will be able to contribute to the convention. He asked that each be completed truthfully, so that he knows who will be available to handle what type of function. This way, he can begin to form committees to start work on convention.

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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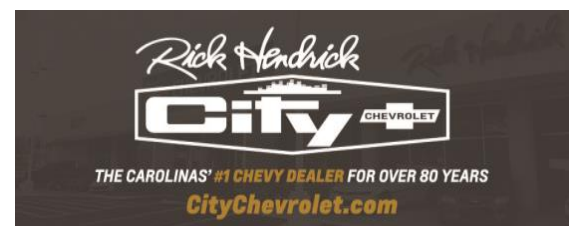
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