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**Saturday, August 12, 2023**

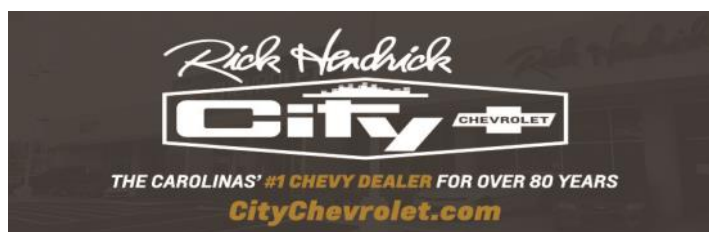
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- 5:00 p.m. Business Meeting

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE



### August 2023

We've started the second half of 2023, our 55<sup>th</sup> year, with no signs of letting off the gas.

On July 1, our club, led again by Tommy and Brenda Loftin, participated in the annual Independence Day Parade in Troutman. It's just awesome to see all the families, especially the kids, yell and wave to our member cars. If you missed it, or any local parade, you must do it next year. It warms your heart to see all the smiles on the children's faces and make them aware of how cool our Corvettes are, and perhaps dream of being a future owner. We also had pictures of two of our members in the local paper.

Next up, our July meeting was at RK Motors. We had it during the day at two o'clock for the first time in many years and had another big attendance. It went so well that the host kept asking when we want to come back. If you want to see beautiful high-end cars for sale, stop in there and maybe consider them if you are in the market to buy one, or to sell your own.

On July 15, Ken & Sue Brown lead our club through country roads with what seemed like 100 curves, depending on who was counting, to Richard Childress Museum. WOW what an experience – very professionally done. The cars and displays brought back many memories of NASCAR and Dale Sr. Thanks Ken and Sue for leading a Day Trip and showing others how it's done.

Then on July 21, thanks to our longest consecutive QCCC member of 32 years, Gary Artis, 22 of our members visited his garages to see his collection of Corvette Pace Cars. We made sure members Karla and Tom Wallace were there since they drive their 2006 Pace Car on a daily basis and Tom had his hand in developing many of the Pace Cars while working for GM. Thanks Gary for opening up your garages and sharing with us the histories of your special cars.

Then, last Saturday July 22, QCCC had a great showing by caravanning and volunteering at FeedNC. We donated over 1,600 pounds of mostly canned food, parked in their new parking lot so the public could walk around our cars, and got a tour of the new facility to find out more about the services they provide for those in need. We also have put together a QCCC Volunteer Team to work in the kitchen and dining area led by Kim and Warren Knight. We hope to have a club meeting in their beautiful dining area in 2024.

Our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting is coming up on August 12 at Hendrick's beautiful Team Center. As we did at our 50<sup>th</sup>, we will take aerial pictures of our cars and members in the parking lot. We will send out a Blast with details on how to park and what to wear.

Speaking of the Team Center, our Car Show is coming up on October 21. It is a lot of work to put Registration packets together, so register **now** on the website – just click on the QCCC Car Show picture, or the QCCC Car Show tab and follow the prompts.

Dick Gwilt, President  
[rgwilt@me.com](mailto:rgwilt@me.com)



[Mooresville Tribune – Troutman Independence Day Parade pictures of Dave Kadel and Jane Burt](#)



[Patriotic, Andy Molodovitch](#)



[July meeting at RK Motors – surrounded by beautiful cars for sale](#)



[RK Motors swag table](#)



Jane Burt was presented with a stool so she can reach over her C8's high wing and into the trunk



[Day trip to Richard Childress Racing Museum in Welcome, NC](#)





[Gary's Corvette Pace Car Collection](#)



[President, Dick Gwilt presents Gary with his QCCC name tag inscribed with "Member since 1991"](#)



[QCCC Cars at FeedNC](#)





## *VP Stuff, Ron Berst*

Engines. The heart of any Corvette, or any vehicle is the engine. Since the first Corvette was produced in 1953 there have only been five basic engine platforms. Here is a look at what has been offered so far:

**The Blue Flame Six:** In 1953 and '54 this was the only engine available. It was also offered in the 1955 model along with the new 265cu V8, (only seven cars were reportedly built with the Six in 1955). With 235 cubic inches, three one-barrel carburetors and 150 HP, these early Corvettes were actually pretty quick in comparison to other vehicles.

**The Small Block:** Called small block because of its compact, lightweight design with a 4.4-inch cylinder bore spacing, they were also known as the “Mouse Motor”. Introduced in 1955 at 265 cubic inches, this engine has become a legend for Corvette and the automotive world. It’s size was increased to 283 cubic inches in 1957, 327ci in 1962 and 350ci in 1969 for Corvette. This became the leading performance engine in the entire automotive industry. The marketing manager for Holley Performance Products, a leading supplier of fuel systems and other performance products has stated that they have sold more speed parts for the Chevrolet small block than all the other engines from all manufacturers combined!!! With various engine improvements this basic platform was used in the C1, C2, C3 & C4.

**Big Block:** Known as a big block because of its 4.84-inch cylinder bore spacing; they became known as the “Rat Motor”. Debuting in the 1965 Corvette at 396 cubic inches, 427 ci in 1966 and 454 ci in 1970, these added a huge horsepower and torque increase over the small block motors. The 1974 was the last year for the 454 in Corvette...it died a sad death due to fuel economy and insurance surcharges. The big block was used in C2 and C3s.

**The LS series Small Block:** Although completely different from the original 1955 model, this engine is still called a small block because it shares the same 4.4-inch cylinder bore spacing as the original engine. It first debuted in the 1997 Corvette as a 5.7-liter, 346 cubic inch engine. The cylinder heads, block, valve covers, and oil pan were made of cast aluminum to save weight. The camshaft was hollow, the intake manifold was a composite construction, and the exhaust manifolds were made of a two-layer stainless steel design for a total weight savings of 44 lbs. over the 1996 engine.

This basic engine evolved into the LT series in 2014 and shares some of the same components as LS engines including the same 4.4-inch cylinder bore spacing...so is still called a small block. Continuously variable cam timing (which provides a smooth idle and more power at high RPM) cylinder deactivation for improved mileage and direct injection gave this engine 455HP (460HP with performance exhaust). This platform was used on the C7 and is currently in the C8.

**LT6-Z06:** This engine is so completely different from any of the previous Corvette engines. It is almost like comparing the Space Shuttle to a World War 1 biplane...but it still has the same 4.4-inch cylinder bore spacing and is referred to as a Small Block! There is too much to cover this month on it so I will compile some facts and figures together for a future article.

Our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting on August 12th at Hendrick Motorsports Complex with Carolina Cones ICE CREAM is usually the biggest and best meeting of the year. Wear your **red** QCCC Anniversary shirt if you have one. Come early and hope to see you there!

That's it for now.

Ron Berst, VP

Social



Scene

## SOCIAL DIRECTOR

~Donna Berst~

**Happy Anniversary to US!!!!!!!** I hope you can all make our August Meeting & Celebration. The details are listed below.

We had an amazing July full of QCCC FUN! **Thank you to Tommy & Brenda Loftin** for organizing the Independence Day parade entry for QCCC & lunch afterwards! **Thank you to Ken & Sue Brown** for leading us on a beautiful drive through the country to tour the Richard Childress Racing Museum and on to lunch! **Thank you to Dick Gwilt & Jane Burt** for planning the FeedNC Charity Cars & Coffee and QCCC's canned food drive for this worthy cause!

**Thanks to all those** who organize our Wednesday Night and Up-Yonder dinners. Come on out and join in! As always, if you have ideas for a day trip or cruise-in just contact me or Ron.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Sunday August 27, 2023**, Cruise-in to Royal Bliss Brewing Company 7532 Royal Bliss Ct. Denver, NC. **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Wednesday August 30- September 2, 2023**, National Corvette Museum Anniversary in Bowling Green, KY. See Paul Mitchell or Dick Gwilt for information.

**Friday September 15 thru Sunday September 17, 2023**, Oktoberfest in Helen, Georgia. We will be staying at the SureStay Hotel in Helen, Georgia. Steve has reserved 25 rooms at \$189.00 per night plus tax. These prices are for a minimum of a two-night stay. This is the same hotel that we stayed at in 2019 and had just been renovated (which is much better than last year's hotel). The number to call to make your reservations is (706) 878-2191. Email Steve Bonino [vettegs17@gmail.com](mailto:vettegs17@gmail.com) for any questions and to be put on the list of those attending.

**Thursday October 5 thru Sunday October 8, 2023**, Weekend trip to North Myrtle Beach, SC.

Coordinators: Jane Burt [fab4fan@carolina.rr.com](mailto:fab4fan@carolina.rr.com) and Dick Gwilt [rgwilt@me.com](mailto:rgwilt@me.com)

**LOCATION:** Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort 98 North Ocean Blvd., North Myrtle Beach SC 29582

<http://www.OceanDriveResort.com>

Donna Berst ~ 20223 QCCC Social Director

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

# AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



The Dog Days of Summer are upon us with temperatures rising! Time to lower the convertible top, feel the wind in your hair (for those of us who still have hair), and enjoy a road trip!

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

Good news, **Cars and Coffee Charlotte** will begin again on August 5<sup>th</sup>. CPCC Levine campus is the new location! The address is: 2800 Campus Ridge Rd, Matthews, NC 28105

**Corvettes at Carlisle 8/24-8/26**

**VIR Michelin GT Challenge 8/25-8/27.** Corvette Corral tickets are on sale now. For those who plan on attending, if interested, you can join the caravan to the race. We will meet at the Concord Mills Mall parking lot behind the Steak and Shake at 7:00am and depart shortly thereafter.

**Fall Auto Fair 9/7-9/9.** Specialty showcase to celebrate 70 years of Corvette. QCCC goal is to have 45 club member cars at the Fair on Saturday, 9/9.

**Road Runner Corvettes – Corvette Angels Toy Drive 11/11,** 10am – 1pm at Charlotte Motor Cars and Coffee at the other locations will continue as in the past.

That being said, **Cars and Coffee Waxhaw** is gathering traction within the Club. There were nine QCCC members at the Waxhaw Cars and Coffee in July. Thanks to Bill Robbins for coordinating the Waxhaw event for QCCC.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE QCCC FACEBOOK PAGE!**

**Window Tinting – Should I do it?** Window tinting is a popular enhancement for vehicles that involves darkening your car windows to a shade desired by you. While there's anything from a very light tint to a dark black tint, measured on a percentage scale, it's important to note that too dark of a tint can be dangerous, and also illegal in different states. While window tinting is a popular pastime of car fanatics, tinting your car windows can offer benefits for every driver in your family. For your teen driver (not likely in your Corvette) with less experience, window tinting can offer a safer driving experience, and for those of us on the go with electronics in tow, window tinting can assist by offering the privacy you desire to keep your valuables safe.

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

Tim Fridley  
Automotive Director  
Email: [fridleyt@hotmail.com](mailto:fridleyt@hotmail.com)



## MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

August

### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	405
Total Families	223
Prospective Members	61
New Members Year to Date	44
Avg. Monthly Attendance	134

### NEW MEMBERS:

**Scott Danjou**

Monroe, NC

CORVETTE: 2017 Watkins Glen Gray GS Coupe

**Mark & Sheri Grubich**

Waxhaw, NC

CORVETTE: 2021 Elkhart Lake Blue Coupe

**Eric & Heather Mitschele**

Statesville, NC

CORVETTE: 2023 Amplify Orange Coupe

**Woodie Sweat**

Charlotte, NC

CORVETTE: 2007 Monterey Red Convertible

**Terry & Katie Tiller**

Mooresville, NC

CORVETTE: 2023 Rapid Blue Coupe

*Dan Brubaker*

*QCCC Membership Director*



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## **Queen City Corvette Club Discount Pricing** **Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet** **Effective October 1, 2022**

When I started back at City Chevrolet 5 years ago, one of my many goals was to help grow and build our relationship with the Queen City Corvette Club. Little did I know how strong it would become in such a relatively short amount of time. Thank you to everyone for having faith in us and giving us the opportunity to show you the City Chevrolet difference. Let's make the years to come just as amazing and continue to build on this incredible foundation.

*Chris Boone, General Manager*

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### **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.

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### **PRE-OWNED VEHICLES**

Retail in-stock vehicles may be purchased for \$500 over inventory amount. Extra costs may apply for transportation or specialty vehicles. Vehicle must pass NCSI through our service department. Over 8000 pre-owned vehicles available through our Hendrick network. Shipping costs may apply.

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### **PARTS & SERVICE**

15% discount off posted customer-pay rate for GM original equipment parts and service labor. May not be combined with other coupons or specials.

### **COLLISION CENTER**

10% discount off customer-pay rates. Not applicable on insurance claims or rates.

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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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### **QCCC MEMBER PURCHASE CONCIERGE**

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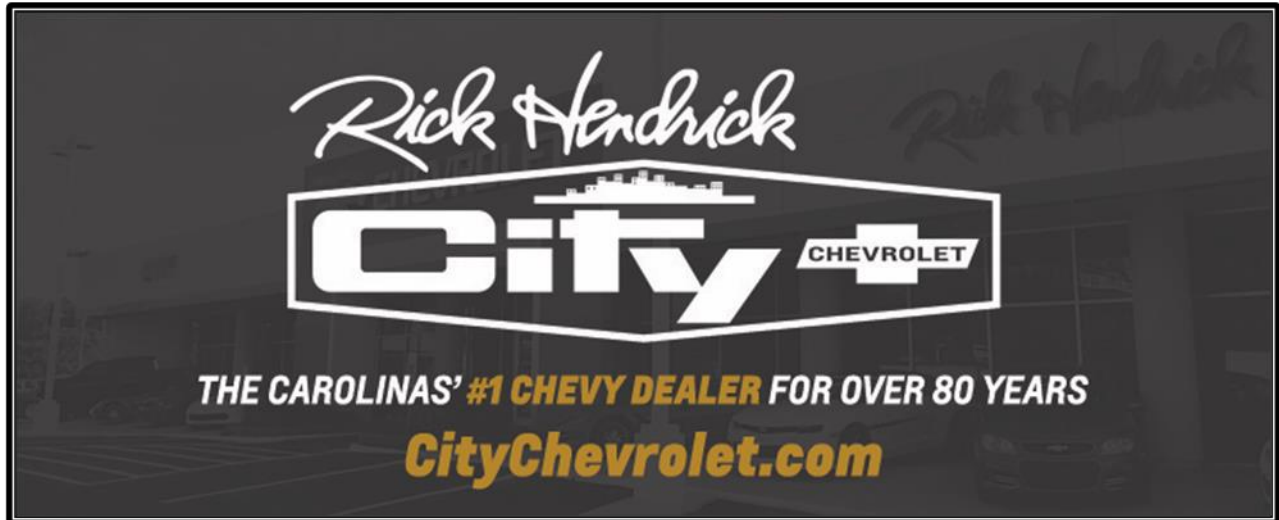
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July has been a busy time for the QCCC Car Show preparations. QCCC and Hendrick staff met in July for another planning meeting. We anticipate that this year's show will be the biggest yet, with a goal of 700 Corvettes, vendors, food trucks, Heritage Center and Race Shop tours, silent auction, special Hendrick displays, trophies, awards, free give-a-ways and much more. We are asking that all QCCC members get involved in some way to help make this happen. As a QCCC member you should be proud to be part of one of the largest Corvette events in the country. You should also be proud to wear one of our yellow QCCC t-shirts so that all the Corvette enthusiast can see that you are a working part of this show. I am asking that you please get on board and help pull this off. Our sign-up participation is very low and we need your help.

To register your Corvette, go to the QCCC website and go under Club Info – Event Signup – Car Show Member Signup for the no-fee member registration. You can also register in person at the August club meeting and each meeting afterwards. Our Corvettes will not be judged; however, we will have QCCC Participants Choice Awards. This will also be the time to sign up for the work detail of your choice and bring donated items.

Work Detail Team Leaders

50/50 Raffle Tickets & Charity  
 Silent Auction  
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 Judging  
 Main Tent  
 Heritage Center Tours  
 Announcements & Door Prizes  
 Charity  
 Trolley Rides

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 Craig and Donna Smith  
 John Callahan and Brian Moore  
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 Chris Wood  
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 Ron Berst

**Donation items needed!** Gift baskets/buckets/tubs for silent auction are needed and you can create and assemble them or bring items and the committee will assemble them. The Committee will provide the bows, cellophane and filler for your basket if you wish.

We need you to sign-up, show-up and help with this annual event. If you would like to be more involved in the show or if you have positive suggestions, please contact me and we can discuss them.

Thank you in advance for all that you are going to do.

Tommy Loftin, QCCC's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Show Director

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## QCCC Charity Committee



### **Wings of Eagle Ranch**

*Thanks to Charlotte Motor Speedway for a wonderfully successful Workday at The Ranch!  
Moments captured by Spectrum News.*

Please go to <https://wingsofeaglesranch.org> and see Wings of Eagle Ranch on WBT and Spectrum News. Also, watch the video on the Ranch.

Thank You.

Brenda Loftin

2023 Charity Chairperson

**Secretary's Note:**



Hello QCCC Members!

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

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

[Our next business club meeting will be on Saturday, August 12 at Hendrick Motorsports Team Center in Charlotte, NC.](#) Ice Cream Social begins at 3:30pm.

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 [kat-fino@hotmail.com](mailto:kat-fino@hotmail.com).

Susan Kurt	8/3
Mary Ann Wonn	8/5
Boyd Kurt	8/7
Larry Tucker	8/7
Mary Rose Andrews	8/7
Terry Tiller	8/7
Jim Graham	8/8
Polly McKee	8/9
Ralph Snow	8/9
Bill Robbins	8/10
Mark Vervoort	8/11
Mike Watts	8/11
Ron Berst	8/11
Ben Hinson	8/12
Floyd Schwartz	8/12
Jim Kelley	8/12
Michelle Leonard	8/12
Ron Hambrecht	8/12
Blake Birindelli	8/13
Brenda Molodovitch	8/15
Jim Campbell	8/15
Michelle Wiswall	8/16
Richard Taddonio	8/16
Barry Ezarsky	8/17
Alan Fuller	8/18
Blanca Hermida	8/18
Nick Kendall	8/18
Andy Molodovitch	8/19
Donna Berst	8/19
Jane Fawcett	8/19
Greg Lucas	8/23
Gary Cunningham	8/24
Judy Storey	8/24
Katie Tiller	8/24
Jim Leonard	8/25
EO Oakley	8/26
Bob Bartlett	8/29
Theresa James	8/29
John Walton	8/30



## **NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES**

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

### **August 2023**

I hope some QCCC members were able to take advantage of the 20% discount special for NCM membership that was available through July 22. That was a good deal and doesn't come up often.

As mentioned before, new Corvette raffles are a great source of income for the Museum. You want a '24 Corvette? Here are some opportunities for you to get one!

#### **2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 8/10/2023**

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 755

Drawing: August 10, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

#### **2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 9/1/2023**

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1182

Drawing: September 1, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

#### **2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/2/2023**

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: September 2, 2023 3:00 PM Central Time

#### **2024 Black Corvette Coupe 9/21/2023**

Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1776

Drawing: September 21, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

The NCM 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is being held August 21 – September 2 at the Museum. There will be lots of things to do and see if you plan to attend: Guided road tours, Sip 'N Paint, Museum updates, Stingray Grill Happy Hour, and the 2023 Induction Ceremony to the Hall of Fame. Hope you can attend.

See you at the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of QCCC on August 12 at Hendrick Motorsports!!

# QCCC HISTORY

Here we are in August, preparing to celebrate QCCC's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It's time to look back and realize how far this club and the cars have come in so many years.

The club started with two C-2s and two C-3s back in 1968. By then the C-1s were considered by most to be obsolete because they lacked the independent rear suspension and lower horsepower. Since the generation designations had not been established, the C-1s were just referred to as straight axle cars or "classics". There was a local group of C-1 enthusiasts that formed a club called "Carolina Classics", so they attracted the local C-1 owners. The C-2s were called "mid-years" and were plentiful and very affordable (I paid \$2300.00 for my '64 in 1970). The C-3s were the hot current model at that time and they didn't really have a designation. Some people called them "Makos" since they resembled the Mako Shark concept cars that GM had produced in the mid-sixties.

By 1972 QCCC had as member cars 2 classics, 13 mid-years and 11 Makos, 26 cars belonging to 23 family members. Many were daily drivers.

As we entered the late seventies and early eighties, with the Fed's restrictions, high performance cars appeared to be a thing of the past. The club was still functioning, but with older cars that in most cases had been modified for some sort of competition. The C-4 was finally introduced and even though sales were good, they didn't really inspire new owners to join the club. The C-5 changed all of that. When introduced, Corvette sales and club membership skyrocketed. Along with that, a change of direction in QCCC also took place. The competition crowd finally lost out to the new cruisers in their new C-5s. The club dropped out of NCCC and the competition events finally faded away.

Fast forward to today, using our membership list, here is an unofficial breakdown of the cars in our club:

C-1	12
C-2	21
C-3	36
C-4	17
C-5	40
C-6	62
C-7	80
C-8	55

That brings us to 323 Corvettes belonging to 216 families. With the popularity of Corvette continuing to grow, we can project nothing but good things for QCCC in the future. The average age of members is declining. GM continues to build exciting cars, and everyone is looking to have fun. And isn't fun the best thing to having fun?

Travis Meredith, *historian*

*P.S. Look at these numbers. We should have 200 member cars at our car show and at least 50 or more at both Auto Fairs. My opinion. tm*

# *Vintage QCCC*

With the Vintage Gang:

*Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith*

*More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past*



**Hey Join up .....Please !!!!!**

First, a note of special thanks to many of you that have kept me going the last six months. I could not have made it without your help.

Second, in Denver last week I saw a Porsche Cayenne with a bumper to bumper green racing stripe on the white car. It was not a pretty sight.

Now for the matter at hand. . .1977: we thought we were rollin' and we knew we were cool. Where else could you go and be known for your car and not your name? But, alas the harder we tried, the tougher it got. Youths in their late twenties were becoming 30-something. In fact they had a TV show for them. We had just pulled off our toughest feat with the third Corvette/Porsche Challenge, we had a clubhouse, with cheap beer, plus don't we look like we are having fun. The sad truth is at that age youths were getting hitched and having babies. Let's face it we were barely hangin' on to the members we had. We even tried having Clubhouse Open House where every member had to bring a prospective member. Folks moved in and out of town regularly. One summer night, after the summer meeting in the attic, Richard Bryere, who lived at the Glenn Hollow apartments, set up a deal best called "Peter, Paul & Mary Party". It seems there were two young ladies who had guitars and sang folk music. One was named Patsy and we have forgotten the other lassie's name. I don't think we were the folk-tune type.

At the time Charlotte was a small to medium size city. So when SouthPark Mall opened it was big doins'. Now we do not remember who our contact person was but somehow we got to enter our Corvettes in a display in the Mall. At the time SouthPark had 4 fingers that fed off a central fountain. If you shopped there you were cool. Twice we were asked to do this and it was fun and it really got the QCCC brand going. Here are some photos: Trav's red '64 with side exhaust up by the fountain, another side of Trav's car showing club banner on the floor. Bill Ingram with son, Marty, and their hot silver/black '67 big block with side exhaust, and Trav's silver over red split window coupe, plus in the background again Trav's '63 coupe with Cruthis's '63 split window Daytona Blue in and out.

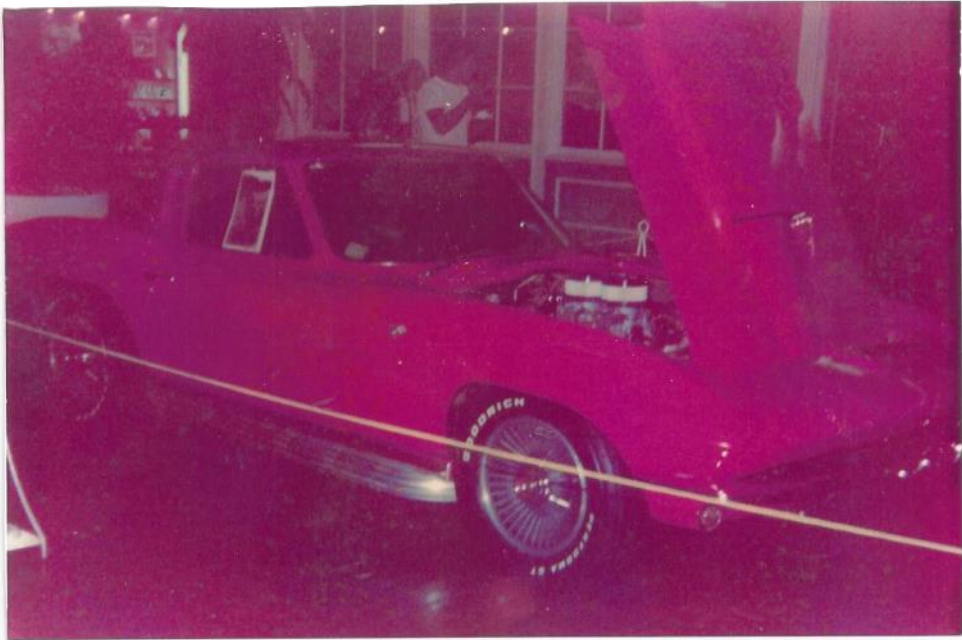
No wonder we thought we were cool! And the membership has been growin' ever since. So who amongst us would today put our Corvette in the aisle with only a yellow rope or movie velvet rope line to keep the shoppers back? Oh, and you had to leave them there for 2 weeks. The hard part was we had to push the cars in and position them. No running engines inside the building.

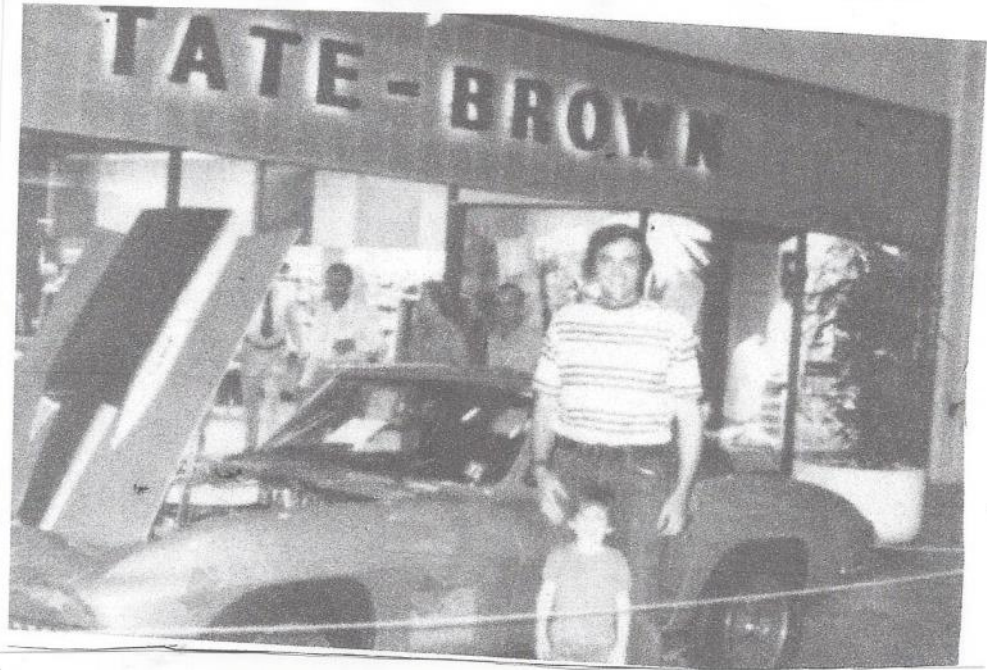
The good ole days of QCCC. Now, we could fill SouthPark's whole parking lot. Good job by all.

Respectfully submitted:

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 Alton Loe via email: [photo@queencitycorvette.com](mailto:photo@queencitycorvette.com)

### **Instructions on how to upload your pictures/videos:**

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>

Then send an email to [photo@queencitycorvette.com](mailto:photo@queencitycorvette.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.

Thank you!

Alton Loe

QCCC Photography Coordinator



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**QCCC Members** is a 'closed' group for paid QCCC Members

[www.facebook.com/groups/409674005715403/](http://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.

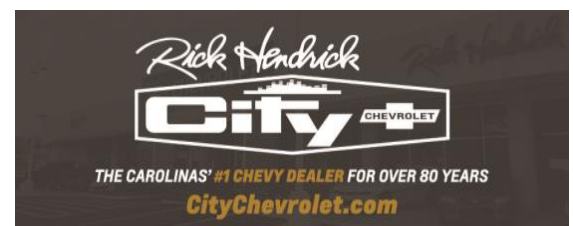
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