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Official Newsletter of North Carolina's Largest Corvette Club

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**QCCC Business Meeting** 

### Saturday, September 23, 2023

**American Legion Post 321** 

107 N. Main St. Huntersville, NC 28078

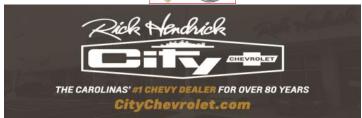
4:00 p.m. Social

5:00 p.m. Business Meeting

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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



#### September 2023

To quote some of our members, "we drive to eat", and this is how we started the month with 18 cars showing up for Churn Buddies ice cream at Gibson Mill Market in Concord. Thanks to Ron and Donna for having a nose for great ice cream.

Then the following weekend was our QCCC 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting at Hendrick Team Center with 199 (or 200, depending on who you ask) people attending where we had free ice cream from Carolina Cones and cookies, as we do every year. Maybe we should open our own QCCC ice cream store! We also handed out mugs and glasses etched with our 55<sup>th</sup> year. Thanks to our Sponsor, City Chevrolet.

Most of us wore our special 55<sup>th</sup> Year red shirts which looked fantastic under the watchful eye of Mike Mariano's drone as he took pictures and videos of our cars. The cars were parked by generation in the parking lot and the checkerboard winners circle was surrounded by C1 – C8 Corvettes. For those who want to see it, go to our website, to our Club Info, Photos, Events, and then the August Meeting photos. Jamie also inserted our QCCC logo in the center circle for a really cool view of our cars representing 1953 – 2023: 70 years of Corvette.

During the meeting, we passed our various awards. Bill Cruthis gave out our traditional jacket patches to those members reaching 15 years of membership. Bill also awarded the Golden Gears trophy to member Kirk Castle for owning his Corvette for 50 years.

I then passed out to previous Lifetime Achievement Award winners, new name tags with those same words on them. The award highlight of the meeting was presenting the Lifetime Achievement trophies and new name tags to the newest winners, Marilyn Becker and Paul Mitchell. What an honor it was to recognize these members who have given so much to our Club continuously for the past ten years.

A special thanks to Mike Mariano for bringing his drone to take pictures of our members and their cars, to Alton Loe for all the pictures he took before and during our meeting, and to Travis Meredith for displaying our Club's history with pictures and artifacts from over the years.

Did someone say it was time to drive to eat again? Ron and Donna Berst did - by organizing and leading our troops not only one day, but added a second day to one of our favorite places, Little Switzerland located along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Finally, at the end of the month, some of our members are attending the VIR races to cheer on the Corvette Race Teams, while others will be heading to the National Corvette Museum to see what's new in the world of Corvettes and attend the NCM Hall of Fame induction dinner to honor the Museum's latest inductees, and still more will travel to Pennsylvania to attend Corvettes at Carlisle.

I hope everyone in our Club has taken advantage of all the work our Board, Staff, and volunteers put forth to make our Club the one to belong to.

Dick Gwilt, President rgwilt@me.com



Ice Cream by Churn Buddies at Gibson Mill – August 5



Oh Boy! Ice cream again! August 12 meeting



<u>Lifetime Achievement Awards – Paul Mitchell and Marilyn Becker</u>



Mike Mariano, Drone Master



Kirk Castle and Golden Gears Award



70 years of Corvettes - C1 through C8 55 years of QCCC - 1968 - 2023



70 Years of Corvettes - C1 through C8



August 12, 2023 Meeting and 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Group wave



After lunch in Little Switzerland



## VP Stuff, Ron Berst

Engines Part 2. Last month I covered the four engine platforms that Corvette has used since the beginning in 1953. The fifth is the completely new design that is used only in the 2023 Z06... but let's back up a bit and talk about the Z06 option and all the engines that have been in the Z06 since the first one in 1963.

In 1963 the Z06 option, listed as special performance equipment, was first offered. The engine choice was the 327 CI, 360HP fuel injection engine. Better brakes, springs and shocks were part of the package, only 199 per produced.

In 2001 the Z06 reappeared as a model number vs an option. The engine was called the LS6 and had 346CI and 385HP. The engine had new intake and exhaust manifolds, a unique camshaft profile, higher rate valve springs, new cylinder heads and higher capacity fuel injectors. There was no Z06 model in 2005.

In 2006 the Z06 model was reintroduced, this time with a 427CI, 505HP rocket ship engine called the LS7. These engines were hand built at GM's Performance build center in Wixom, Michigan. With titanium connecting rods and intake valves, a dry-sump oiling system, 11:1 compression and a 7,000-rpm redline, these were serious performance engines! There was no Z06 model in 2014.

The Z06 returns in 2015, the first year a convertible or automatic transmission was available as a Z06. The supercharged engine, called the LT4 was 376CI with 650HP and 650lb-ft torque. With direct injection and continuously variable valve timing these engines created huge amounts of horsepower and torque with good gas mileage and were very comfortable as daily driving supercars.

The C8-Z06 arrives in 2023!!! The completely new LT6 engine with 5.5L, displacing 335 CI is unlike any previous small block engine Corvette has ever seen... here's the skinny on this race engine hiding in plain sight!

- Has a flat-plane crankshaft that allows high rpm changes and balanced bank to bank airflow.
- DOHC valvetrain with 4 titanium valves per cylinder for improved high rpm airflow
- Dual throttle bodies for improved airflow and engine breathing.

With 670HP, a 8600- rpm redline, it is the highest horsepower naturally aspirated V-8 production engine ever offered by any manufacturer... in the world!!!

There is much more to this engine than I covered here, check it out and even if you never order one, it makes me proud that Chevrolet and Corvette has produced not just an incredible engine but one of the greatest hyper-cars offered by any manufacturer in the world today!

Our September meeting is at a new location for us, the American Legion Post 321 in Huntersville. Social time is 4:00, meeting begins at 5:00. Hope to see everyone there!

That's it for now.

Ron Berst, VP

Social



## Scene

#### **SOCIAL DIRECTOR**

~Donna Berst ~

Yikes! Summer is almost over! We've enjoyed so many QCCC get togethers the past few months. We got to tour Gary Artis' Corvette Pace Car collection. Thanks Gary! We also had an impromptu ice cream run to Gibson Mill with 40 QCCC members, we celebrated our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with 199 people in attendance and had 34 Corvettes ride to lunch at the Little Switzerland Inn for lunch. Check out the FALL FUN we have in store for you!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday September 9, 2023, Auto Fair

<u>Friday September 15 thru Sunday September 17, 2023.</u> Oktoberfest in Helen, Georgia. Contact Steve Bonino <u>vettegs17@gmail.com</u> for any questions and to be put on the list of those attending.

<u>Saturday September 23, 2023,</u> QCCC Business Meeting at American Legion Post 321, 107 N. Main St. Huntersville, NC 28078. Social 4:00 pm / Meeting 5:00 pm. There is ample parking on both sides of the building. \* BRING CHAIRS \* BRING SILENT AUCTION ITEMS \* CASH BAR AVAILABLE SERVING BEER ONLY

Saturday September 30, 2023, Car Care Day at Dick Gwilt's Garage. Look for a Blast with more info.

<u>Saturday October 14, 2023, QCCC Business Meeting & Car Show Prep at Brenda & Tommy Loftin's Homestead 244 Hicks Creek Rd Troutman, NC 28166</u>

**BRING CHAIRS!** 

LAST CHANCE TO BRING SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!

**BRING** your own Beverages (alcoholic & non-alcoholic)

PORT-A -PIT CHICKEN DINNER can be purchased <u>PRIOR</u> to the day of the meeting. Look for A Blast with <u>Car Show Team meeting</u> times & chicken ordering instructions.

<u>Thursday October 5 to Sunday October 8, 2023</u> Weekend trip to North Myrtle Beach SC Coordinators: Jane Burt <u>fab4fan@carolina.rr.com</u> Dick Gwilt <u>rgwilt@me.com</u>. **LOCATION:** Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort 98 North Ocean Blvd,. North Myrtle Beach SC 29582 <u>http://www.OceanDriveResort.com</u>

<u>Sunday October 29, 2023</u>, Run to the Colors with the Foothill's Corvette Club. <a href="http://foothillscorvetteclub.net/2021/08/31/run-to-the-colors/">http://foothillscorvetteclub.net/2021/08/31/run-to-the-colors/</a> Look for a QCCC Blast in October with meet up instructions.

<u>Saturday MORNING November 11, 2023,</u> Corvette Angels Toy Drive. **SAVE THE DATE.** Look for an email Blast.

Saturday November 11, 2023, QCCC Business Meeting NEW LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Saturday November 25, 2023, Ray Everham's Americanna Car Show

## Donna Berst ~ 20223 QCCC Social Director

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

## AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



Well, with a little luck, I hope that cooler days are starting to prevail and we can give the AC a break as we cruise this fall. There's quite a bit happening over the coming weeks that should keep us on the road with time to share our experiences with our QCCC members!

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

- By the time you see this several QCCC members will have returned from Corvettes and Carlisle and the IMSA Race at Virginia International Raceway. I'm sure both these events were exciting for those who made the journey.
- Good news! **Cars and Coffee Charlotte** will begin again on September 2nd. Cars and Coffee Charlotte brings in over 1000 cars! The event will be at the CPCC Levine Campus located in Matthews.
- **Fall AutoFair**, 9/7-9/9, is a specialty showcase to celebrate 70 years of Corvette. QCCC filled 45 positions for AutoFair and there are currently three members on the wait list should anybody who signed up find that they cannot attend.
- Road Runner Corvettes leads the **Corvette Angels Toy Drive** 11/11, 10 am 1 pm at Charlotte Motor Speedway.
- "Vettes for Vets" event 11/10-11/11 in Charleston, SC. More details to follow.
- 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 EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON THE QCCC FACEBOOK PAGE!

#### DID YOU KNOW: Corvettes are named after a type of warship! GO NAVY!

The namesake of the Corvette finds its origin in Enlightenment Era warships. The first examples of the corvette warship appeared in the 17th century. They possessed a single tier of guns, and were one combat grade below the frigate. These ships were fast, maneuverable, and strong, making them an essential part of any navy. Plus, the modern navy still uses corvettes. Though they have been upgraded for modern warfare with armor and better design, they are still just one step below the frigate – though both are capable of missions that cross the ocean. Whichever type of ship the Corvette was named after, the name is fitting – this sports car is nimble and maneuverable, taking to the track like these ships took to the waves.

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

Tim Fridley Automotive Director

Email: fridleyt@hotmail.com





#### MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

#### September

#### **MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:**

Total Membership 415
Total Families 229
Prospective Members 55
New Members Year to Date 54
Avg. Monthly Attendance 142

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Christian & Dawn Carlson Archie Clark

Denver, NC Matthews, NC

<u>CORVETTES:</u> 1965 Ermine White Convertible <u>CORVETTE:</u> 2005 Orange Coupe

1972 Ontario Orange Coupe

Bob Finley Bart & Joanna Mangiapanella

Charlotte, NC Waxhaw, NC

<u>CORVETTES:</u> 1999 Champagne Convertible <u>CORVETTE:</u> 2016 Torch Red Coupe

2005 Black Coupe

2014 Red Coupe

Don & Corinne Smith Gary & Gail Treen

Concord, NC Huntersville, NC

<u>CORVETTE:</u> 2023 Arctic White Coupe <u>CORVETTE:</u> 2023 Red Mist Convertible

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

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **QCCC MEMBER PURCHASE CONCIERGE**

Rick Accurso
Inventory Manager & Corvette Specialist
704-566-7447
Rick.Accurso@hendrickauto.com

#### 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.

#### REFERRAL BONUS

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

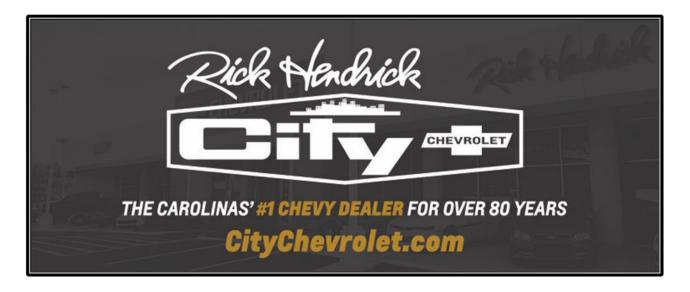
Friends & Family of QCCC Members will receive a 10% Service discount.

#### **QCCC MEMBER SERVICE CONCIERGE**

Saverio Longobardo Service Advisor 704-566-7407 Saverio.Longobardo@hendrickauto.com

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#### **Update for September 2023**

September is here and the Queen City Corvette Show is just around the corner. It's time for the big push to make all of our planning happen. We still need help in parking and judging Corvettes. We also need help with early morning set-up, so plan on coming early to help. We also need help on Friday for the Hendrick Tours. If you can help with Friday tours, please let Gary Cunningham or myself know.

Along with food trucks and vendors, we are also going to have a Kids Zone, which will be located in the Team Center. Outside the Team Center will be a Race Car for the kids to sign and draw on. This will also be the area for food tables and restrooms. The Food Truck Alley will be located between the Team Store and The Team Center.

If you have not done so, it is time for you to register your Corvette. Currently, we only have around 100 QCCC Corvettes registered. We need to have 150 QCCC Corvettes to make our goal of 700 Corvettes on site for 2023. Registration is free and you will be eligible for T-shirts, door prizes and the Big Hendrick give a-way.

Registration and participation are open to all QCCC members and perspective members. If you are new to the club, we expect you to help, so please sign up and help with one of the largest Corvette shows in the country.

#### Register your Corvette:

- Go to QCCC website
- Click on 12<sup>TH</sup> Annual QCCC Car Show
- Click here for QCCC Members only car show registration
- Use your QCCC password and fill out the form

Remember to bring your items for the Silent Auction at the next meeting or contact Cheryl Bitters or myself and we will help you with it.

Make sure you are signed up for a work detail. If for some reason you can't figure out what to do, just show up the day of the show and I will find a spot for you.

Remember, this is a big deal for Queen City Corvette Club, Hendrick Performance and City Chevrolet. If you are a member of this club, your participation is greatly appreciated on this day.

Thank you.

Tommy Loftin QCCC Car Show Coordinator

tloftin@roadrunner.com

704-902-1330

#### Secretary's Note:



#### Hello QCCC Members!

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

At our August meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays. <u>Terry Tiller was our winner and he received a \$50 restaurant gift card. Congratulations Terry!</u>

Our next business club meeting will be on Saturday, September 23 at American Legion Post 321 in Huntersville, NC.

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 <u>kat-fino@hotmail.com</u>.

Sherry Daniluk	9/1
Martin Oehler	9/1
Becky Ross	9/4
Norm Jungmann	9/6
Tim Leazer	9/6
Pat Bales	9/9
Gloria McCoy	9/9
Carole Baker	9/10
Vinny Vettorino	9/11
Sharon Meredith	9/12
Lorri Black	9/14
Steve Harshbargar	9/14
Sarah Lyda	9/14
Walt Baker	9/15
Steve Bales	9/16
Steve Kaufmann	9/17
Allen Gould	9/20
Mark Olejarczyk	9/24
Woodie Sweat	9/24
Bert Nagy	9/26
JC Roberts	9/26
John Plyler	9/27
Cindy Newsom	9/29



#### NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM - NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

#### September 2023

The Corvette Museum has extended the special discount on Lifetime Membership. Originally this was offered for a week in August, but it has now been extended to the end of the year. In observance of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Corvette, the Lifetime Membership price is \$1,953. So go to the Museum website to sign up if you have an interest.

Don't forget the ongoing Museum raffles for new Corvettes. There are still 3 coming up in September.

I will be attending the Ambassador Academy at the Museum in November. This is a conference for all Ambassadors from every Corvette club in the country. If you have a suggestion or any kind of issue with anything, please let me know so I can bring it up. This will be a great sounding board for anything related to the Museum from QCCC.

I was watching a video of Harlan Charles speaking at Carlisle. I was amazed when he said the C8 Corvette is the best-selling sports car in the country. All of us old guys are certainly glad to hear this! We have some real help to get us out of our cars! And it means the Corvette won't go away anytime soon. That's great!!

Car show coming up soon. Get your silent auctions to Cheryl Bitters at the next meeting! We need something from everyone. And register your car if you haven't. It's free and we need a minimum of 150 QCCC Corvettes at our show.

Thanks, and see you at the September 23 meeting.

## QCCC HISTORY

Our annual anniversary celebration is over and all sights are set on the HUGE car show in the works for October 21<sup>st</sup>. One of the most unique displays at our show is the "GOLDEN GEARS" display of Corvettes that have been owned for at least fifty years by the same owner. I don't know of any other show that has such a display. QCCC has at least eight cars that qualify and we hope to have seven on display. Each owner has a great story and we encourage you to not only examine the cars, but ask questions and learn the details.

The following story is about one of those cars and its owner, Steve Pelchat. Steve and Laura joined QCCC in 2008 and immediately became very active. Steve served as club President in 2011 and 2012 and Laura was Social Director in 2012. With their excellent leadership, the club experienced a growth in membership and we all had so much fun. Steve's 1960 was a club favorite and he drove it everywhere, including the Run to the Colors in Shatley Springs. Unfortunately, Steve had a stroke several years ago and it has limited his ability to participate in recent club activities. But his love for his beautiful '60 Corvette and for QCCC has not diminished and he is going to make every effort to have his car in this years show. If that happens, I encourage you to stop by see a neat car and meet a great couple.

#### Here's part of his story:

Go back to when you were two weeks away from your sixteenth birthday. For most of us, a very distant memory. You are saving your pennies and saving your dimes (credit to the Beach Boys), but instead of a 409, you have your sights set on a Corvette. A very lofty goal for someone so young. But in 1970, young Steve Pelchat had saved a hard-earned \$500.00 and answered a newspaper ad for this car: "1960 CORVETTE FIRST \$500 TAKES IT." The car was about an hour away from Steve's home outside of Detroit, so he talked his dad into making the trip. The car had some right side damage, but it ran. The purchase was made. (Hats off to Steve's dad for being so cool.) After a tune up and some minor repairs, Steve drove the car for about a year until his insurance got so expensive he had to park it. It stayed in his parents garage for over 20 years.

Steve married Laura, they moved to Charlotte in 1985 and in1993 the '60 came out of the garage and a nearly ten year body-off restoration started. The '60 was finally finished in 2002, just in time to make their 30<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. For that event, they trailered the car back to Michigan and cruised around just as they did in high school.

We all hope to see Steve and Laura at this year's show and once again, I encourage you all to go by and say "hey" and hear the details. You won't be disappointed.

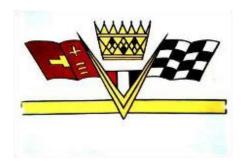
Travis Meredith, historian

## Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



#### It was Obvious from the Early Year

Next May they will run the 65th edition of the Coca-Cola World 600 mile NASCAR race in Charlotte. Two of our vintage members were in attendance at the first race. We are all in our mid-70's now so that would tell you we were about 12 at the time. Darrell's Uncle A.C. would be named to head up the receivership for the Speedway as Bruton Smith and driver Curtis Turner were about to go belly up. This gave him an "in" to sit in the owner's box plus riding to the Speedway in a Plymouth convertible all decked out in decals. This was Darrell's first real taste of speed, if we disregard the ride thru the neighbor's backyard and flower bed in his father's '47 Plymouth at age 3. The seed had been sown and speed would be his goal in life.

Next up: high school and a ticket to ride. That first car that we all were so anxious to get our hands on was for Darrell a '60 Impala convertible, 283, automatic 2bl. Read that as slow. He had to please Poppa so it was conservative. Now it was time to trade. A '64 Chevelle 4 speed was sought but soon price per month plus insurance and late fees, put it out of question. Then he found a '61 Impala 4 speed, big block with tri power, maroon with white and gray interior and the race was on.

Fly time: A chance attendance at Sunday School, where the teacher took the class up one at a time to feel the independence of flying led Darrell on a new path for the future. He now was sure he wanted to drive fast cars or fast airplanes. Following a stint in Vietnam, where he dodged life-ending opportunities, he came stateside and finished his tour by getting some good schooling in aeronautics and a fixed-wing license.

Returning to Charlotte he got hooked on Corvettes, spotting a red/red '74 roadster at LaPointe Chevrolet. Darrell joined an active QCCC where he proceeded to wipe up most of the members. He then built a '66 Corvette to take racing SCCA style. Leading Road Atlanta after one lap he spun in fluid from a Porsche and hit the wall ending that venture. Now, time to move on. To race cars you need to do it with some else's money. Soon he was hired on as Rick Hendrick's personal assistant where he would get to know many of NASCAR's finest including Earnhardt, Neil Bonnett, Alan Kulwicki, and others. Speed was on the top of the list still. Darrell got a shot at driving Hendrick's Lola T-710 and NASCAR's Alan Kulwicki car. Making a living was looking bleak as it was obvious to get a ride you had to bring money. Everyday flying was just too boring to work steady. So he turned his talents into various auto-related ventures and has done very well. Darrell has slowed considerably these days, but I dare say a red light next to a formidable opponent might get the blood flowing to the right foot ignited again.

Now you see why he has been driving Corvettes all these years. He has been great for QCCC and it all started early at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The other Vintage member at the inaugural CMS 600 race was Travis Meredith. Trav was known in North Davidson for his Comet that was up to many a drag race in the NoDa district. I will tell you all about that if I can pin him down over a few bruskies soon.

Just a little bit of what kept our group together in the early years.

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: <a href="mailto:photo@queencitycorvette.com">photo@queencitycorvette.com</a>

#### 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 <a href="mailto:photo@queencitycorvette.com">photo@queencitycorvette.com</a> 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** 



## Join Queen City Corvette Club on Facebook

## Queen City Corvette Club has two Facebook Pages

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

www.facebook.com/groups/409674005715403/

- Members have to ask to join
- Once approved, any member can freely post your photos, car events, videos, and share/post Corvette related news.

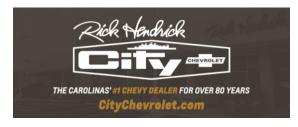
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www.facebook.com/QueenCityCorvette/

- Anyone on Facebook can "like" and "follow" our events
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