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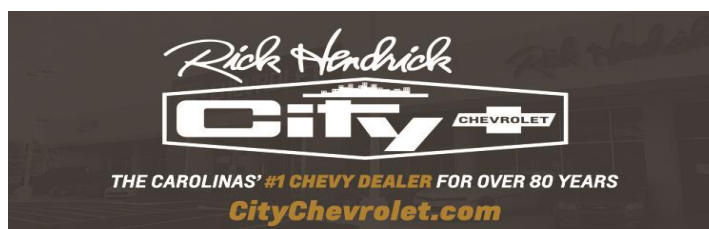
Saturday, January 13, 2024

**Hendrick Motorsports
Team Center**

4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28262

2:00 p.m. Social Time

3:00 p.m. Business Meeting



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President's Stuff



January 2024

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and the 2024 New Year is starting off good, too. I am very humbled to be writing this article as President of QCCC, the best Corvette Club I know of. There are so many people that I need to recognize and thank. Their dedication and hard work have made QCCC the fantastic club that it is.

For the last two years it has been an honor and a pleasure to work alongside President Dick Gwilt. His leadership and knowledge have been so valuable to me.

From Secretary, Kathie Finocchi, Automotive Director, Tim Fridley, Member-at-Large, Carl Bartlett, to Social Director, Donna Berst, these board members have made QCCC a bigger and stronger club, a big thank you to all.

For 2024 we have a great group coming on the board and I am anxious for everyone to welcome and support them, just as you have supported the previous board members. Charlotte Brubaker will be Secretary, John Looney, automotive director, Larry Tucker, Member-at-Large, Kimberly Knight as social director, and Gary Cunningham as VP. Gary was previously VP several years ago and for the rest, this will be their first time serving. Tommy Loftin will again serve as Car Show Chairman (for one of the best All-Corvette Car Shows in the country!). Dan Brubaker will head up membership and Mo Graham keeps the money safe as treasurer.

This will be a fun group and I feel confident many good ideas will be coming down the road.

A big thank you to our caring support staff, they work behind the scenes and are critical to the success of the club. They all have agreed to return in 2024, they are: Pam, Jamie, Alton, Travis, Paul P., Paul S., Paul M., and Roger, we could not function without them!

The bottom line is this: People have and will continue to make QCCC the wonderful club that we all love and enjoy so much. The club is in great shape, our new board and support staff are in place, and we are looking forward to the coming year. No one will be bored in '24. We will be looking for help on some of the committees as we try and make them even better than before, so volunteer if you can.

Our first meeting of 2024 will be on January 13th at the Hendrick Motorsports Team Center. Social time is 2:00 and the meeting starts at 3:00. Hope to see everyone there.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those that have made phone calls, sent cards, and attended the funeral for my mom a few weeks ago. Your thoughts and prayers have been felt! I think I will have to give our mail lady a bigger gift next Christmas... you guys about wore her out.

That's it for now!

Ron Berst

President



50/50 for QCCC Charities hits \$2000!!!



President Dick Gwilt passing the gavel on to Ron Berst the 2024 president elect.



Honoring Traci Comfort & Jane Burt
for their years of organizing QCCC weekday dinner events.



WELCOME BACK MY FRIENDS...

To the show that never ends, we're so glad you could attend, come inside, come inside...

As Emerson, Lake and Palmer sang, welcome back, my friends. And most importantly, welcome back to Year #55 of the Queen City Corvette Club, the show that never ends. Here we are, 55 years old and still going strong. Think back to the year that was just completed: all the quality events, road trips, club meetings, expanding membership and the best Corvette Show in the Southeast. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see what 2024 will bring to the 'show that never ends.'

Let me take an opportunity to highlight the next three club meetings and their locations:

January 13th

Hendrick Team Center, Concord

Social time 2 PM, Meeting time 3 PM

February 10th

Streetside Classics, Concord

Social time 2PM, Meeting time 3PM

March 9th

Charlotte Motor Speedway Club, Concord

Annual Banquet and Meeting, Time TBD

I'm glad to be back on the board. . .the pandemic has moved along and work has settled back down to normal (whatever that is anymore). Many thanks to Prez Dick and the Board for the quality year of 2023; we're looking forward to continued success and growth in 2024.

Looking forward to seeing everyone throughout the year!

QCCC CLUB INVENTORY January 2024

ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	STORAGE LOCATION	SERIAL#	DATE PURCHASED
Square Card Readers	2	Dan Brubaker		05/01/21
Samsung S7 FE Tablet	2	Dan Brubaker		05/01/21
Samsung TAB A7 LITE [Car Show]	1	Roger Winge		10/19/23
US Flag with Stand	1	QCCC Trailer		04/01/22
Carvin PA system	1	Go Store It - B238		
QCCC Logo 10 x 10 Yellow Tent	1	QCCC Trailer		04/01/18
QCCC Tent Weight Bags	10	QCCC Trailer		04/01/18
QCCC Tent Sides	6	QCCC Trailer		10/01/22
Small Step Ladder	1	Go Store It - B238		03/01/19
QCCC Logo 10 x 20 Silver Tent	1	QCCC Trailer		01/01/20
Portable 6' Tables - Black	2	QCCC Trailer		10/01/19
Adcraft RG-9 Hot Dog Roller	1	Go Store It - B238	19020170152	01/01/20
QCCC JBL Speakers	2	Go Store It - B238		02/01/18
QCCC Sound Mixer Board	1	Go Store It - B238		02/01/18
QCCC Wireless Shure Microphones	1	Go Store It - B238		05/01/18
QCCC JBL Portable PA System	1	Go Store It - B238		10/01/19
Equipment Cart	1	Go Store It - B238		05/01/19
Hendrick Prints	8	Go Store It - B238		10/01/19
Large White Board Checks	3	Go Store It - B238		09/01/18
White Board	2	Go Store It - B238		
Misc Banners	6	Go Store It - B238		
Historical Records		Go Store It - B238		
Folding Chairs	9	Go Store It- B238		
Tablets	2	Car Show materials		
PC Laptop	1	Car show materials		



The Social Spotlight

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

For those that do not know me, my name is ***Kimberly Knight*** and I have the privilege to serve as your Social Director for the upcoming year.

The Social Committee is going to look a little different this year. *Donna Berst* has graciously offered to be our “Day Trip Planner”. She will be in charge of arranging the day trips throughout the year. As for myself, I will be the “Party and Meeting Planner”. I will organize the monthly meeting refreshments as well as the yearly Banquet and Christmas Party. *Jo Graham* will be serve as “Overnight Trip Planner”.

Our first meeting is scheduled for January 13th at the Hendrick Team Center in Concord. The social hour will begin at 2:00 pm with the meeting following at 3:00 pm. Coffee and hot cocoa will be provided.

The first trip for 2024 will be held on January 20th. Donna Berst will lead a group to tour the Trackhouse Racing Shop in Concord with lunch afterward at Mac’s Speed Shop. The trip is limited to 30 people. Look for a Blast from Ron Berst in the upcoming days.

On January 28th a group from QCCC will be driving to Florida to cheer on the Corvette’s at the Rolex 24 at Daytona. For those not attending the race, it will be broadcast on IMSA TV.

We have a lot of fun activities and trips planned for this year. I look forward to meeting more of you in the near future.

AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy New Year, Queen City! The Automotive Director position has been held by very professional, articulate, and dedicated individuals over the past several years. You should know, those days are over. Tim, and Roger before him, elevated the bar so high, mere mortals could no longer do the job. I am a volunteer sacrifice to bring the bar back down.

What can you expect in 2024? We will continue to send Blasts out about the various cars and coffee-type events held all around our viewing area. I will try to attend as many as possible myself but will be seeking volunteer team captains for each event. The job will not be difficult. Just arrange a meet up place and lead the troops onto the battlefield.

We will also continue our traditional events such as AmeriCarna, Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet, AutoFair and others. I am still figuring out when an event is an automotive event and when it is a social event. I continue to work with the Michelin Proving Grounds to arrange an event that does not cost an arm and a leg.

I am also kicking around a couple of new events such as a Garage Crawl/Poker Run where we visit 5 to 7 cool members' garages (or is that member's cool garages) on a daylong cruise. We could have breakfast at the first one, lunch at the third or fourth one and go to dinner after the last one. If you have a cool garage and would like to share it with the group, let me know. I am also thinking about a night at the drag strip. Either just to watch or make some runs during a test and tune event. Stay tuned! How about a Dragon and Cherohala run? Any suggestions are greatly appreciated.

One last note: There is not going to be a Fall AutoFair in 2024 so let's really pull out all the stops in the Spring. I think we had 45 cars last fall. Can we get 50 in April? I think we can!

John Looney

Automotive Director



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

January

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	437
Total Families	243
Prospective Members	45
New Members Year to Date	76
Avg. Monthly Attendance	140

NEW MEMBERS:

Markus Bersinger & Michelle Rader

Kannapolis, NC

CORVETTES: 1968 Safari Yellow Coupe
1977 Blue Coupe

Mark Martino

Charlotte, NC

CORVETTES: 2020 Red Coupe
2023 Blue Z06 Coupe

Joseph & Linda Epifania

Mooresville, NC

CORVETTE: 2020 Accelerate Yellow Coupe

Ross Philips & Debbie Jett

Terrell, NC

CORVETTES: 1993 Aqua Coupe,
2003 Anniversary Red Convertible,
2005 Black Coupe

Philip Westmoreland

Concord, NC

CORVETTE: 2022 Ceramic Matrix Gray Coupe

Dan Brubaker

QCCC Membership Director



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Chris Boone, General Manager

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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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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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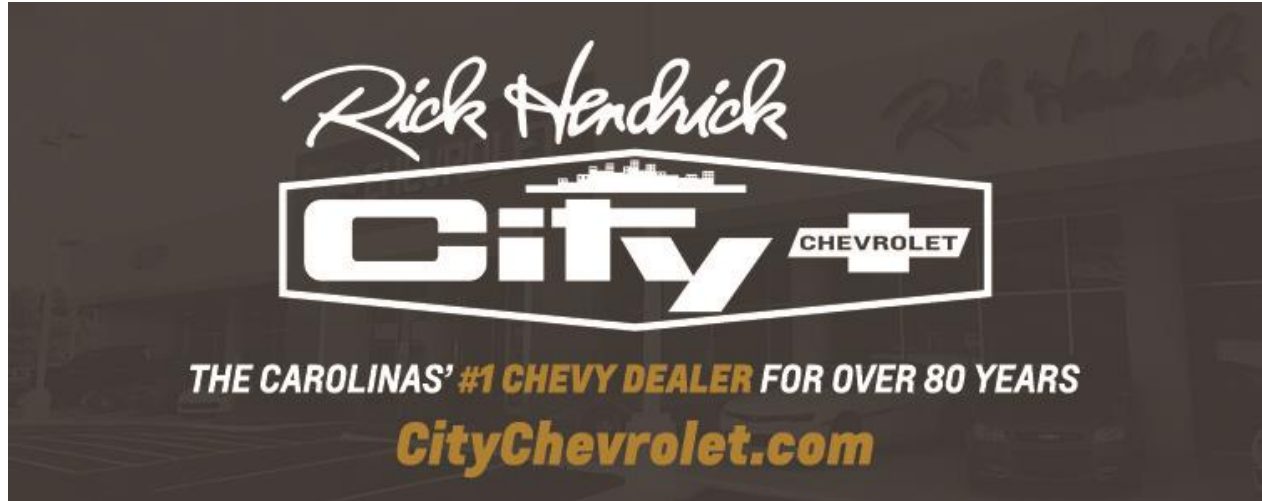
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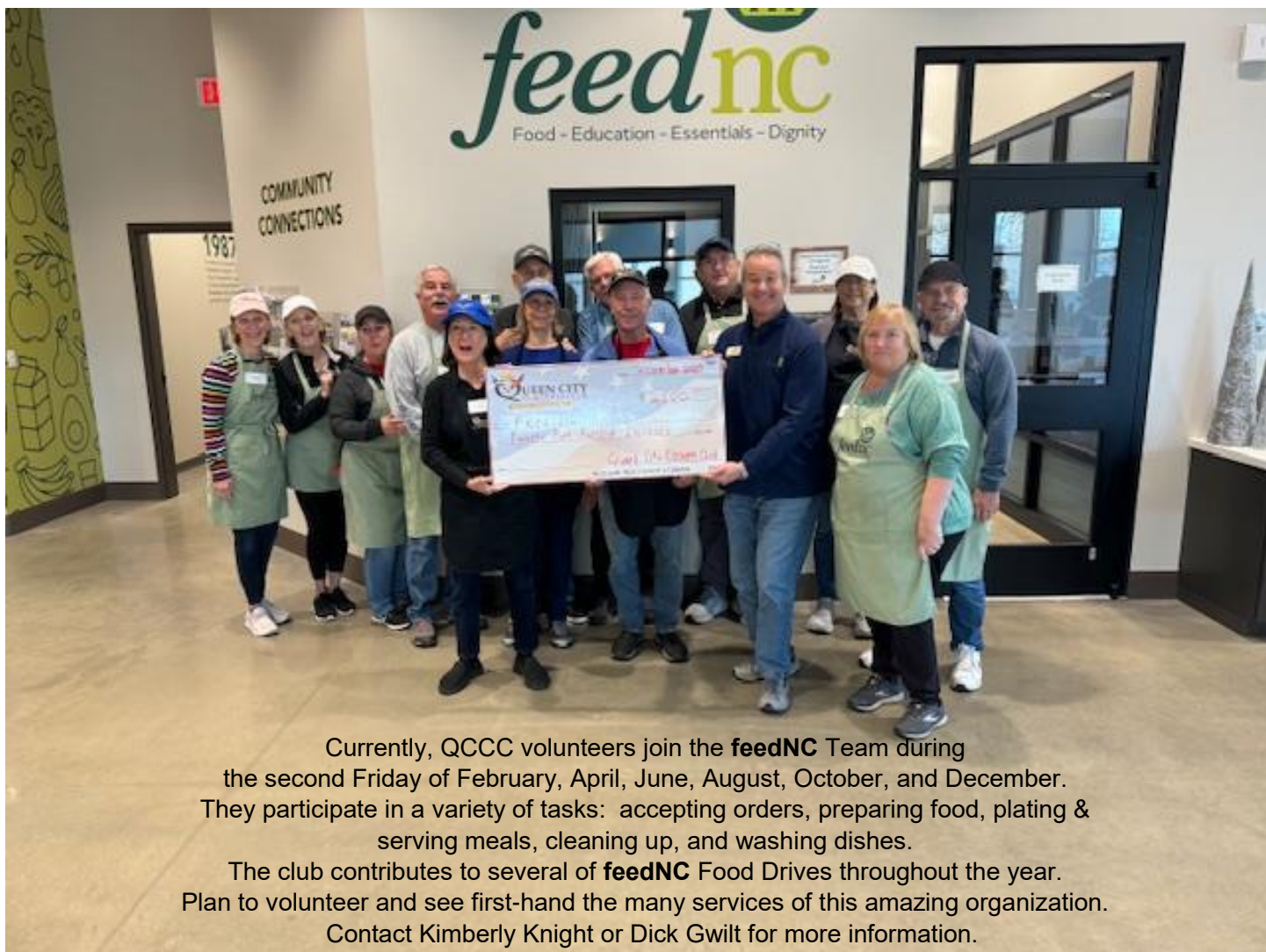
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QCCC CHARITY



Currently, QCCC volunteers join the **feedNC** Team during the second Friday of February, April, June, August, October, and December. They participate in a variety of tasks: accepting orders, preparing food, plating & serving meals, cleaning up, and washing dishes. The club contributes to several of **feedNC** Food Drives throughout the year. Plan to volunteer and see first-hand the many services of this amazing organization. Contact Kimberly Knight or Dick Gwilt for more information.



Secretary's Note:



Hello QCCC Members!

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

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

Our next business club meeting will be on Saturday, January 13th at Hendrick Motorsports in Concord, NC.

Hope to see you there.

Until then, warmest regards

Charlotte Brubaker
QCCC Secretary
(847)254-4966

If you would like your birthday added or deleted from our list, please send an email to me at charlottebrubaker@hotmail.com.

January Birthdays

Beth Nash	1/1
Andrea Johnson	1/3
Ron Smith	1/3
Carole Callea	1/4
Bill Bitters	1/5
Tracy Nisley	1/5
Jim Gillum	1/6
Mark Grubich	1/6
Jamie Stamey Hinson	1/6
Wendy Callahan	1/7
Travis Meredith	1/7
Brian Moore	1/7
Shari Johnston	1/8
Chris Wood	1/8
Wendy Lucas	1/9
Jack Perrault	1/9
Bob Finley	1/10
Laura Pelchat	1/10
Paul Pelkey	1/10
Chris Farrell	1/11
Jim Holland	1/12
Bill Ingram	1/13
Vee Hermida	1/14
Kay Herold	1/15
Scott Hamilton	1/17
Kay Weisberg	1/18
Jack Higgins	1/19
Laron Thompson	1/19
Kati Humphrey	1/22
Mike Wells	1/22
Warren Knight	1/23
Keith Overcash	1/24
Edie Downs	1/25
Betsy Kashinsky	1/25
Janet Kaufmann	1/26
Richard Murawa	1/26
Kathie Finocchi	1/31
Laurie Olejarczyk	1/31



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

January 2024

Happy New Year! We are all excited to start a new year with lots of new, fun and exciting things to do with our Corvettes and fellow QCCC members.

Congratulations to the following QCCC members for their anniversaries of membership in the National Corvette Museum:

Dick Gwilt – 20 years

Norm Jungmann – 15 years

Tommy and Brenda Loftin – 15 years

Fred and Donna Rice – 10 years

Museum Ambassadors were invited to join in a video conference with Pratt Miller Motorsports to introduce a new program for Corvette race fans and our club members. It's called the Pratt Miller Motorsports Collective. PMM has a front row seat and witnesses the passion of the Corvette fan base on a daily basis and has for the past 25 years. They have seen the desire for deeper connection/immersion to Corvette and PMM. They want to deliver this to the Corvette fans! The goal is to give fans the access and connection they want through a 3-level program.

Base (Silver) Membership Package includes:

- Limited edition ¼ zip polo with team and program marks
- Certificate printed with PMM team and Corvette marks as well as the certificate holder's unique membership number
- Limited Edition hat, lanyard, sticker
- Limited to 3,000 members
- Unit price - \$550 (annual)

Intermediate (Gold) Membership Package includes all the items in the Silver package plus:

- 2-way live text messaging during race weekends
- Inclusion into team meetings throughout the year via a private web conference link
- Access to IMSA alternative broadcasting live stream
- Limited to 2,000 members
- Unit Price - \$1,200 (annual)

Premium (Platinum) Membership Package includes all the items in the Silver & Gold package plus:

- VIP guest experience in 2024 at 1 of 4 races on the IMSA schedule (rack suite, team and driver meet & greet, food & beverage). Races to select from are Sebring, Laguna Seca, Watkins Glen or Petit Lemans.
- Limited to 300 members
- Unit Price - \$3,100 (annual)

I will be glad to answer any questions or get the answers for anyone. This is a unique opportunity to get the inside track for Corvette Racing as we introduce the new C8.R.

I hope some QCCC members put NCM membership on their New Year's resolution list! Thanks for your support!

QCCC HISTORY

I certainly hope you and your family had a great Christmas and are preparing for an outstanding new year. As we look forward to 2024, the popularity of the C8 and the continued growth of QCCC makes the outlook for the club even brighter. This is an exciting time to be a Corvette enthusiast! With so many new members, I'm going to concentrate the next few months on the early history of the club, which will celebrate its 56th year of continuous operation this August. How did we get here?

Let's go back 60 years to 1964, in terms of this club, prehistoric. There was a state-wide Corvette club "*Corvette Club of North Carolina*" operating at this time, mostly made up of 30-40 year old young professionals that were promoting the brand and had a few events, mostly social, throughout the state. But the idea of a local club for younger Corvette owners had not yet been thought of.

Enter our founder, Earl Ferrell. In 1964, Earl was graduating from high school and was cruising thru Shoney's and BarBQ-King in a nice '55 Chevy. Earl and his high school sweetheart, Martha Rushing, were preparing to be married. In 1965 the couple settled into a nice apartment in North Charlotte and Earl landed a good job with International Harvester. He sold his '55 and bought a brand new lavender '65 Chevelle Super Sport, 327 4 speed. His high school buddy, Carl Brown, already had access to a nice original 1958 Corvette that he drove to school on occasion. But when Carl purchased a brand new yellow 1966 Corvette roadster, Earl caught the "Corvette Fever". It was late in 1966, the new 1967 models were on the showroom when Earl found out that the Chevy dealer on South Boulevard had a brand new '66 coupe left over in inventory and wanted to sell it badly. Earl traded the Chevelle and finally had his dream car. His coupe was silver with silver interior, a 327, 350 horsepower 4 speed. He immediately added off road side exhausts and a set of American mags. The car was stunning!

Back then when you purchased a new Corvette, you got a free subscription to "*Corvette News*" magazine published by Chevrolet and edited by world-class brand promoter, Joe Pike. Even though there were a few established Corvette Clubs in the US, Joe was responsible for forming the National Council of Corvette Clubs in 1958 and organizing clubs throughout the country. In *Corvette News*, he detailed how to start a Corvette Club, putting together bi-laws, recruiting members, hosting events and making a positive impact in the community. This got Earl's interest and he and Carl decided to give it a try.

The summer of 1968, Earl and Carl had recruited one of Earl's neighbors and a guy they met in the service lane at LaPointe Chevrolet to form the Queen City Corvette Club. Earl was elected the first President. The word spread and since Charlotte was not so large back then, most of the local Corvette owners knew each other and the club grew to about twenty members quickly. When Earl found out that I purchased my '64 coupe in 1970, he called me and invited me to attend a club rally where Sharon and I placed second and met some great people. We joined later that year and became very involved.

Earl never stopped promoting the club even when he became very ill with cancer. He fought like hell, but finally passed away in 1987 at the age of 41.

Next month, we'll go back 50 years to 1974, a crazy period for QCCC! You know the saying, "If you remember the 70's you weren't there".

Travis Meredith, *historian*

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



Some of the Others

If you don't have the masses you will fail to exist. This month we will look at some of those who were great attendees, but chose not to be the "face" of QCCC.

Buzz Cagle: Buzz had a red '69 427 435 horse Corvette that was all that and more. Side exhaust let you know he was coming. *(photo #1)* Buzz had a car detailing shop on the boulevard and he would check in with the auto dealers every a.m. to get any cars they took on trade the day before. Then he would go pick them up one at a time, steam the engine, detail the paint and interior, return that one for another. His first shop was across from the QCCC clubhouse and was actually how we found out it was for rent. So Buzz was about 40 years ahead of the rest of the world in car care. He was a type A, high strung even more than Clark. Buzz was instrumental in getting several QCCC members to caravan to the National Convention for NCCC in Dallas, Texas in 1972. He attended a lot of QCCC events but his work kept him from outside duties like the board. Buzz accepted our invitation to come to our 48 birthday meeting and said he was trying to find his old car to buy it back. We remember him always referring to his wife as the little Hen. He was a great guy and plenty of laughs!

Easy Ed Sloan: Easy Ed, so named due to his laid-back approach to life, had a '66 roadster that he was always working on so we did not see that much of him. Of note, he was our bartender for two years. To be a good bartender you had to pour a good beer with no or little head. Ed was slow moving and talking but he would fill it up to the brim with no head. Ed was quiet but would engage in talk in the bar. I found out he had a '66 with air that he wanted to race so he had taken the factory air out and thrown it in the corner. I was able to buy every nut and bolt for a total of \$150. I shipped it to Damon Smith at Central Illinois Corvettes to put on his '65 coupe. *(photo #2)* We last saw Ed at the sports bar in South Charlotte, Jack and Jill's or something like that. He saw all the Corvettes and asked if it was QCCC saying he used to belong. His blonde girlfriend made the evenings more pleasurable. *(photo #3: That's Ed just over David Morse in the bluer jacket, you can just see his face and shoulder)*

Bill & Jennie Murray: Almost 30, they were nicknamed Captain America and wife. This was due to the stars on the paint job on their '69 coupe, *(photo #4)* seen parked by the Sunoco gas station at Charlotte Motor Speedway during the '77 Porsche – Corvette Challenge. Bill was a diesel mechanic and she was a legal secretary. With 2 baby girls, time constraints were probably the cause of them dropping out after a few years.

Pete & Peggy Walther: I met them late December '74. They had a huge St. Bernard and I agreed to dog sit him for a weekend. That was a disaster! They had a '71 big block with a custom paint job on the hood and front fenders. *(photo #5)* In March, I agreed to trailer their car to the Tweetsie Mountain Hill Climb, which was up and down the service road on the back side. It was a 6 foot wide service road used to get food to the customers in the park. There was a tree in the middle of the road at the bottom. You could go either side but make up your mind early. C-3's would go up the hill rather quickly with lots of power, but coming down you found out Chevrolet's brakes were behind horsepower in engineering.

I filmed that day from a spot on the mountain where about 12 Corvettes slammed the rocks on the passenger side, rather than going over the driver side edge which went down very quickly. Pete's car was one of them. We loaded what was left of the car which was minus a right front fender and headed home. *(photo #6: Pete is standing by their car right behind the Y in the parade sign while Peggy is standing at the back of their car)* She is lined up directly behind the U in the sign. You can see the nose of their car just behind the sign with the custom paint job. This was at the old Carowinds Thanksgiving day parade circa '75

Rick Wilson: Rick was wide open and funny. His claim to fame was at Myrtle Beach weekend event. After it was over he decided it would fun to take a drive in his '63 roadster up and down the incoming surf. This was great until the blue lights flashed; however, it did have a good outcome as the officer told us to go visit the Mayor and get a permit to race on the beach. Result, we set up the Sandkahna in 1977 October. His other minute of fame came when he got us thrown out of Lanny's tavern where Central Ave. dead ended at Albe-marle. Rick would holler loudly a dirty word, some would laugh but the manager did not. *(photo #7 & 8: Rick was quite the guy and was always dancing in the clubhouse with the juke box and Rick driving in the surf)*

Bill Henderson: AKA Spyder Man. Bill worked for the phone company and Kathy was a legal secretary. She along with Dollar Bill Ingram got us incorporated in '76. Bill was known for taking a new '72, stripping the interior and then respraying the orange paint with red then dripping black paint on so that it looked like a spider web or he ran thru a freshly oiled road. Also, at the drags in S.C. he blew an engine and to get home he put his car on Trav's trailer then he drove Trav's drag car close to the back of the trailer as Trav's car had no insurance and open headers. Bill was wide open. When it was time to leave the clubhouse for home, he always said, alright who is ready to go to Looooong View. That was where he lived. *(photo #9: Bill is in the gray suit visiting with Trav and Rick Wilson in the red sports coat taken at the December Banquet/Awards dinner)*

Robert Scognamillow: Proud owner of an Eddie Burt car, 1966 427 450 hp. He proudly had an American flag painted on the deck lid. *(photo #10)* Look closely, it is the tail end of the gold car on the right. He also was into the parties as seen doing the limbo stick. *(photo #11)* Robert was a quiet person with a menacing stocky frame. He would have been our Sargant of Arms, if we needed one. Also, for about 5 decades he was the Corvette mechanic at City Chevrolet. Of note, he drove that monster '66 to the NCCC convention in '72, breaking down on the way in the Texas heat.

Jeff Tater: He was active at all events. While only about 30, he did not work much. You see he married up to Dale Vanevery. To those that don't make the connection, that is Vanevery, as in the founding parent company of Lance Crackers. She did not work either. Jeff's claim to fame: He smoked cigarettes heavily and would leave packs of matches on his '77 silver Corvette. Correct, when the sun got high noon the matches exploded and left a big hole in the dash which he never repaired. Also, he had QCCC to his lake home on Wylie where he kept his jet boat. After giving many rides and with Ingrams, Bill and Marty on board, he messed up and put it up on the riff raff, and yes, alcohol was heavily involved. *(photo #12: Jeff with Trav at Awards Banquet)*

Richard Breyare: He had a '69 coupe, burgundy with a silver stripe on the hood and down the deck lid fanny out to the corners. *(photo #13: Melvin Pace's burgundy/silver and my '68 green with gold stripe)* Richard had some good moments. He was one of the members that helped secure Myrtle Beach for us to race on by meeting with the mayor. He held the blind Sandkahna in the parking lot at Glenn Hollow apartments on Central Drive. He ran for President in '76 losing to Travis.

Wayne Marlowe: Wayne had a white '71 coupe. He and President '75 Tommy Mitchem could have had a comedy act as Wayne is just a natural. Back then he looked like Robert Redford. Tommy was a good straight man for Wayne. Example at a speed event: Wayne was complaining about his motor making a noise. They

raised the hood and found the fan blade hitting the surround under acceleration. Their fix: Tommy was sitting on the shroud with a hacksaw cutting out the piece that was hitting. Robert Scognamillow came by and asked, "What are you doing?" He quickly diagnosed things and said, "Wait a minute!" He left, returning with a length of chain. He wrapped it around the broken mount, problem solved. Wayne and Jeanette packed the Corvette T-Tops out for the club picnic at the lake. When done, they were in tight. Oops! We forgot the T-Tops. Oh well, it won't rain. As Paul Harvey used to say, "Now you know the rest of the story." (photo #14 & 15: Wayne in the '71 at the Porsche Corvette Challenge and on a beach trip talking to Joey Hunter President '78)

And that is just some of the characters that kept it all going. So today we can all enjoy the fruits of QCCC.

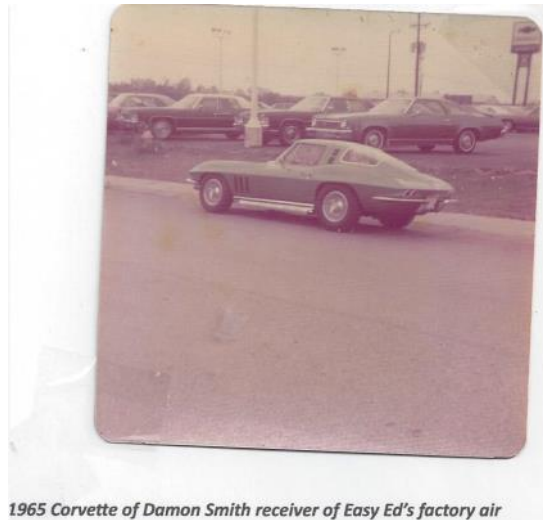
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Photo #1:



Red 67 427 435 coupe of Buzz Cagle

Photo #2:



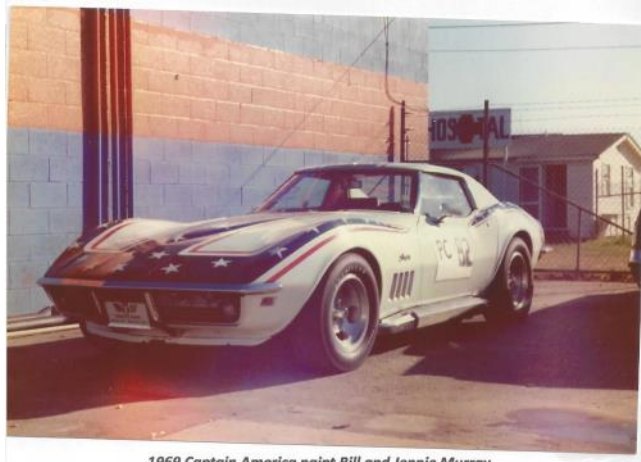
1965 Corvette of Damon Smith receiver of Easy Ed's factory air

Photo #3:



Easy Ed Sloan in the barroom at the clubhouse head and shoulder visible far right side

Photo #4:



1969 Captain America paint Bill and Jennie Murray

Photo #5:



Richard Breyare's paint scheme 1968

Photo #6



Pete and Peggy Walther at Carrowinds Thanksgiving Day Parade

Photo #7



Rick Wilson dancing to the juke box in the clubhouse

Photo #8:



Rick Wilson surfn his '63 att Myrtle beach

Photo #9



Bill Henderson AKA Spyder Man from Longview N.C. at the Awards Banquet

Photo #10:



Robert Scognamillow '66 convertible 427 450 hp note the American flag on the deck lid far right

Photo #11:



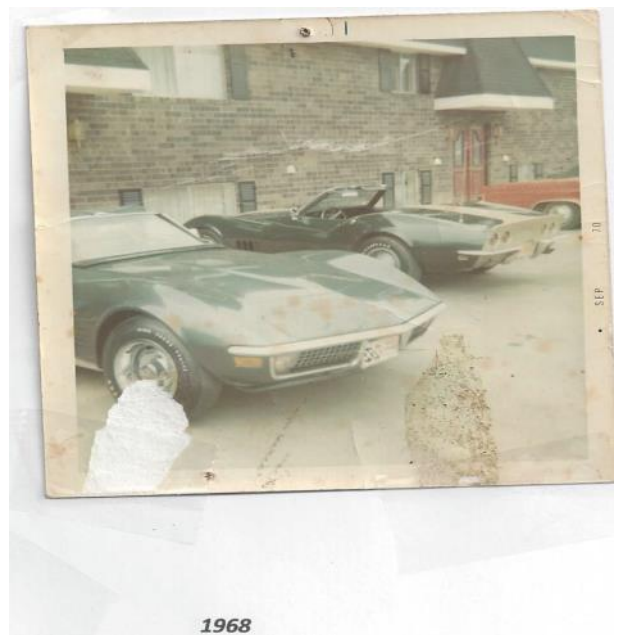
Robeert Scognamillow doin the limbo, how low can you go

Photo #12:



Jeff Tater with Trav at wards banquet

Photo #13:



Photos #14 & 15:



Wayne Marlowe talking to President Tommy Mitchem at Myrtle Beach Probably More Beer?



Wayne Marlowe at Charlotte Motor Speedway

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Thank you!
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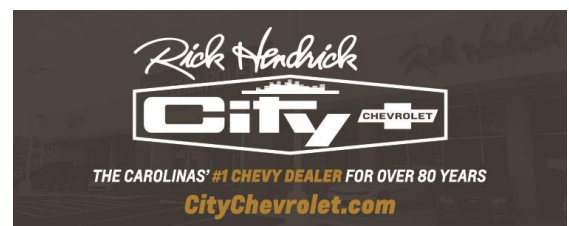
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