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QCCC Business Meeting

Saturday, April 13



The Loftin's

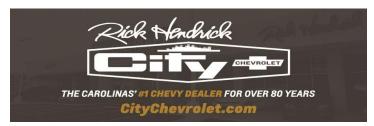
244 Hicks Creek Road Troutman, NC 28166

4:00 Social

5:00 Meeting

Sign up at https://queencitycorvette.com under Club Info+ tab > Event Signup > April After Meeting Dinner Signup by Wednesday, April 10th

Prepaid dinner after meeting



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President's Stuff

February 2024

It's over. March has come and gone but we had some cool events that made many of us in QCCC land smile.

We started with the Ford vs Ferrari movie, the first time in quite a few years this was tried and even a diehard Chevrolet fan like me enjoyed the show (but would have been better with a bowtie in there). Many said we need to do another movie again, 65 of us all had a good time, and of course hunger set in and we drove over to Barcelona Burger and Beer Garden afterwards.

Topping that, the annual QCCC Awards Banquet came on the following Saturday...and which I think, is the best event social event of the year. Almost 200 members and prospective members came out in full force wearing their green to celebrate St. Patty's Day and socialize before the many deserving awards were handed out. Congratulations to all! The food was great as always and the band, "Too Much Silvia" got in the groove and had the dance floor full for hours!

Because we are such a cool club, and other clubs want to hang with us, we were 20 cars strong as we caravaned to McLeod Farms the next Saturday and met up with the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club. There is an antique car and tractor museum to view and of course, the great restaurant/grille was a must-have stop too.

John Looney led an incredible tour to the McCandless collection in Burlington, NC the following Saturday. Herb was one of the best drag racers in the country during the sixties and seventies and his many stories were true classics for racing history buff. Thank you, John.

On the very next day, John then staged an Open House at the Monte Carlo Garages showcasing the fantastic car condos/garages they offer. Food, snacks, and refreshments were supplied to all. Corvettes were very plentiful as some from Victory Lane Corvette Club and other Corvette owners were invited along with a large group from QCCC. Our own Tom Wallace gave a very entertaining talk on just some of the projects he headed up while at General Motors and eventually as chief engineer for Corvette. Tom's stories are like fine food...you just can't get enough.

Larry Tucker then somehow, got us hooked up with a tour of the NASCAR Tech Center in Concord on the Thursday before Easter. I am writing this article prior to the event but it promises to be a fantastic day. I will report on it in next month's newsletter.

That covers what went down in March. April will be just as exciting, so check the QCCC calendar and watch for Blasts and get ready to rock and roll.

The April meeting on the 13th will be at Tommy and Brenda's homeplace. A Blast has already gone out from Kimberly Knight. This is always a fun meeting so don't miss it!!!

That's it for now.

Ron Berst, President



McCandless Museum Trip



McLeod Farms QCCC/Myrtle Beach trip



Rocking to the band, "Too Much Silvia"



2023 VP award winners for best attending and volunteering







WELCOME BACK MY FRIENDS...

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

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

April 13th Loftin Ranch and Compound, Troutman

4:00 Social, 5:00 Meeting, 6:00 PM Dinner

May 11th Atlantic Wraps, Indian Trail

4:00 Social, 5:00 Meeting

June 8th Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

Social, Meeting and Dinner Times TBA

Can you ID who owns the tag in the picture below?

I have a Corvette Race TEAM poster for the first person that emails me the correct answer. Just send your guess to garycqcc@gmail.com.



That's all for now. It certainly is *Life in the Fast Lane*. Here's to continued QCCC growth and success in 2024. Thanks!

Gary

Vice President



April Showers bring May flowers,

so don't fret about the rain.

Before you know,

They'll be a glow,

Of sun once again.

The start of April promises to bring warmer days and lots of opportunities to get your car out and meet and greet your fellow QCCC members! The first chance is on April 6th to attend the Charlotte Auto Fair. Queen City has 50 cars signed up so come out and support our team.

On Friday April 12th is our "day to cook" at FEED NC. I have several people signed up but could always use a few more. Time is from 9:30-1:30. Please contact me if interested.

April 13th is our business meeting at Tommy and Brenda Loftin's in Troutman. Social time begins at 4 with the business meeting at 5. There is a picnic style dinner available for purchase immediately following the meeting. Dinner is hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, cookie and lemonade. Please see the Blast for signup.

On April 20th is another opportunity to volunteer at the Wings of Eagles Ranch. Please refer to the Blast to RSVP for more information.

A weekend getaway to Charleston is in the works. The dates are Thursday, October 3rd through Sunday, October 6th. The trip is being coordinated by Larry and Kathie Finocchi. Please check the Blast for more information about sign-ups.

And finally, the weekend of April 27th is the annual Corvette Museum Bash. Many QCCC members will be traveling to Bowling Green Kentucky to attend the festivities. The plant has opened up opportunities for tours. Please check the Museum website for more information.

Kimberly Knight

Social Director

AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



Spring has sprung! Maybe! Probably! Let's git em' out and drive em'!

We had a couple of cool events in March on the Automotive side. First was a visit to the McCandless Collection in Burlington, NC. The museum's namesake, Herb, a very spry and sharp 80-year-old, regaled us with stories about cars, racing and personalities from the 60's and 70's for almost two hours before signing autographs. We concluded this trip with lunch at Speedy's BBQ in Lexington where I saw at least one person eating a salad. What in the world?

The next day we had a Corvette Open House at Monte Carlo Garage Suites. Chris Farrell with Ace's Automotive had his big tent set up. Gary Artis was there representing the Pace Car Registry and several members of the NCRS were also in attendance. We had almost 60 Corvettes on site. Most of the pizza and all the Oreo's got gone.

Below are some comments from social media about the two events:

"Made the whole weekend, from the McCandless museum, hearing from Herb, himself, to **Monte Carlo Garages**, listening to the stories from Tom Wallace!!!" **Joe**

"Tom Wallace gave an excellent talk on the 6th generation Corvette and the inside scoop on how there came to be a window in the hood showing off the super charger, how they switched from Goodyear tires to Michelin tires as well as many other interesting stories." **Alton**

"At Monte Carlo Garage. It was well attended and Tom Wallace gave an excellent talk on the 6th generation Corvette and the inside scoop on how there came to be a window in the hood showing off the super charger, how they switched from Goodyear tires to Michelin tires as well as many other interesting stories. If you ever hear that Tom is giving a talk make sure you are in the audience. You won't be disappointed!" **Alton**

"The pictures came out very nicely, but they cannot in any way convey the experience of listening to Herb McCandless talk for almost 2 hours about his career and each car in the collection. It was an amazing experience. He opened up the world of drag racing in a way that is fascinating, educational, and just plain fun. I'm so glad we were able to experience this. And for all of you that were not there, you really missed out on something special." Alton

The next big thing is AutoFair. Everyone who signed up should have their packages by now. Please let me know if you haven't received them yet. The Speedway's expectations are the clubs have all their spaces filled both Saturday and Sunday. They do a count each day and your ability to get spots the following year is based on how many you fill this year. On Saturday we will once again be blessed with Craig's BBQ, The President's Choice Award, and the Members Choice Award. On Sunday we will be handing out best car awards in all generations as well best of show. If you need a trailer pass, please let me know ASAP. Read your blasts but don't hit reply. Find the person' email to respond to in the body of the blast.

That's all folks from Looney Toons!

John Looney

jplooney74@gmail.com





MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

March

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership 446
Total Families 250
Prospective Members 51
New Members Year to Date 19
Avg. Monthly Attendance 2024 181

NEW MEMBERS:

Tom Boyce Mark & Mimi Denno

Monroe, NC Monroe, NC

<u>CORVETTE:</u> 1994 Red Coupe <u>CORVETTES:</u> 1972 Ontario Orange Convertible, 2003

50th Anniversary Red Convertible, 2019 Admiral Blue

Convertible

Jim & Maureen Henry Dennis White & Joanne Sanderson

Charlotte, NC Helena, MT

CORVETTE: 2024 Riptide Blue Coupe CORVETTE: 1967 Marlboro Maroon Convertible

You can now order replacement nameplates with "member since YYYY" added under your name. Please stop by the membership desk at the next business meeting to inquire about it. The price is \$10 per nameplate.

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

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Inventory Manager & Corvette Specialist
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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.

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.

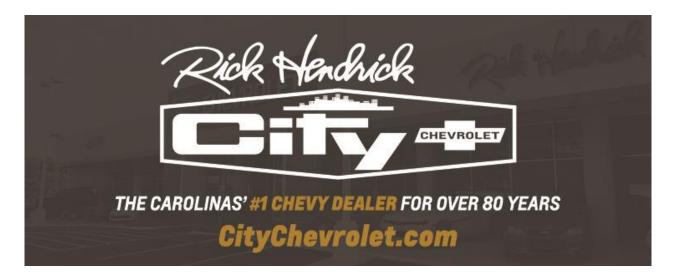
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13th Annual Queen City Corvette Show

It is once again time for Queen City Corvette Club to get revved up for our annual Corvette Show. Our 2024 show is expected to be the largest and most attended Corvette Show in the Corvette world. City Chevrolet will again be our only sponsor with numerous other parties supporting the show. City works hand-n-hand with the organizing committee to help make this show bigger and better each year. A lot is happening this year with our show and it falls on the heels of Hendrick's 40-year anniversary. This will happen the same week as the show. New for 2024 will be a change from our supporter, Hendrick Performance to Hendrick Motorsport. Hendrick Motorsport Marketing will now be our partner in organizing the show. This is a positive change for us and promises to bring new and exciting aspects into the show. Hendrick will again produce the trophies and Marketing is going to donate a 750 ml bottle of 2018 Napa Valley Reserve Wine from Jeff Gordon's private label for our grand door prize.

In 2023 the QCCC Corvette Show had 756 Corvettes on the property and this year we plan on over 850 Corvettes. This will be considered max capacity for the Hendrick Motorsport Campus. Adding to our regular line-up of Corvettes, this year we are proud to announce that we have 2 Specialty Corvette Displays: Chevrolet Corvette Pace Car Registry will be adding 40 Corvettes to the show and Vettes for Vets will add another 40 Corvettes. Last year's attendance along with the 2 Specialty Displays will put us at our target goal.

Some other items new for 2024 are that we will charge spectators a \$5.00 parking fee. We will only have 50 VIP Parking Spaces available for this year. We should have ample food trucks and numerous other vendors. If you have any ideas on vendors, see Paul Mitchell. One major change for 2024 is that we are going to have 2 different judging classes. We will have our normal Show-N-Shine along with a Custom Class. This will give show participants a chance to show Stock or Custom. They will have a chance to select which category they want to participate in at the pre-registration sign-up.

The Heritage Center and Race Shop Tours will be limited this year to 25 people max per tour. Tours will be on Friday October 18th and Saturday 19th. A new Road Course is being built at the Charlotte Motor Speedway and we have inquired about renting the track for Friday, October 18th. If we get in, this will be a huge draw for our show.

We plan on opening up online registration the last week in March. All QCCC members have to go on line and register your Corvette. This is free to all QCCC members and prospective members. Last year we had 154 Queen City Corvettes participate in the show. This year we expect no less than that. Our team leaders are in place and all QCCC members and prospective members are expected to help with the show. You will be on the same team as you were last year, unless you want to move. If so, you need to contact the team leader you would like to work with. I will be sending a list of team leaders out soon for your review.

Flyers will be ready for distribution at the April meeting. More information will be coming as things progress.

Again, let's get Revved Up for the biggest and best Corvette show in the country, October 19th, 2024. Remember you are a huge part in this and QCCC has earned national recognition because of the Queen City Corvette Show.

Everyone, thank you.

Tommy Loftin

OCCC Corvette Show Director



April 2024

WINGS OF EAGLES



Wings of Eagles Ranch is one of our charities this year and our annual work day will be Saturday April 20, from 10 am to 2 pm.

There will be various tasks of all skill levels for us to do including, painting items in the riding rink, planting flowers, raking mulch, trimming bushes, etc. Tools will be provided, however you can bring your own if you want.

NOTE: We will not be clearing the horse trails this year since it's already been done, so chain saws will not be needed.

Water and lunch will be provided at noon.

If you want to drive in together (Corvettes are not recommended), meet at 9:15 am in the parking lot at Charlotte Motor Speedway and at 9:30 am we will pull out and drive to the Ranch.

If you want to meet us at the Ranch, be there at 10:00 am. The address is: Wings of Eagles 4800 Faith Trail

Concord, NC 28025

Their website is www.wingsofeaglesranch.org and their mission is:

"Wings of Eagles Ranch is a "Center for Hope" giving families with special needs children and adults, along with our youth at risk community, the opportunity to "Soar on Wings like Eagles".

We are providing fun activities for participants to gain strength, balance and most importantly self-esteem and self-confidence while adapting those activities to allow success for every participant.

Therapeutic horseback riding benefits riders in so many ways! It strengthens and stretches muscles, improves balance and coordination, increases confidence and self-esteem, creates a bond between horse and rider, and gives the rider a freedom he or she might not have anywhere else."

It's always satisfying to see the old ranch house, beautiful horses, the rock climbing wall, and the misting station that QCCC funded.

RSVP to Dick Gwilt at rgwilt@me.com if you have any questions, and to let him know if you will meet at the Speedway or the Ranch.

Thank you for your support.

Dick Gwilt

Charity Chairman







Hello QCCC Members!

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

At our March meeting, we randomly drew a lucky name from those in attendance celebrating birthdays. **Quentin Gross** was our winner and he received a \$50 restaurant gift card. Congratulations Quentin!

Hope to see you at our April Meeting! :)

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 charlottebru-baker@hotmail.com.



April Birthdays

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Bob Novak	4/1
Donna Peterman	4/1
Nancy Deschenes	4/2
Jack Ross	4/3
Teri Fridley	4/4
Christine Schmitt	4/7
Tom Wallace	4/7
Don Zimmer	4/7
Dotty Dail	4/9
Jo Graham	4/9
Steve Miller	4/9
Darryl Mansel	4/10
Darrell Kirkley	4/15
Dale Ledbetter	4/15
Debby Nowlan	4/15
Rick Accurso	4/19
Kathleen Taddonio	4/19
Beverly Terry	4/19
Mitch McQueen	4/20
Cheryl Bitters	4/21
Susie Black	4/22
Laura Montemurro	4/22
Evan Selzer	4/22
Johnny Downs	4/23
Matthew Lovallo	4/23
John Nelson	4/23
Pam Tucker	4/24
Brian McIntyre	4/25
Jean White	4/25
Joe Candito	4/27
Paul DePascale	4/27
Don Lowe	4/27
Wade Stickels	4/27
Gary Treen	4/27
Frank Carpenter	4/29
Dennie White	4/29
Bob Chichester	4/30
Sandra Csanyi	4/30
David Horniman	4/30
Jay Ward	4/30



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

April 2024

Join your fellow QCCC members for the 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash April 25 - 27

Kickoff of the National Corvette Museum onsite event season with the 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash. Activities include seminars by Team Corvette, Bowling Green Assembly Plant, Michelin, Mobil 1, and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, Museum's Choice car show, vendors, and the announcement of the 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Class, along with wine tastings and Stingray Grill happy hour.

I will be leading a caravan from Marion, NC rest stop on Wednesday the 24th. Please let me know if you are interested and I will send you a trip sheet and more details. We will stop in Knoxville for lunch and gas, and usually arrive at the Museum around 3:30 to 4:00 (central time). The usual club dinner is Wednesday evening at the Montana Grill, right behind the hotel. Jane Burt has all the details on hotel and this meal.

Let's have a brief discussion on terminology. We hopefully have covered the most needed details about the Bash. It is held each year on the last weekend of April. QCCC always has a large group attending. There will be lots of attractions and neat things to see, as outlined above.

You have been hearing talk about the Caravan and the 30th Anniversary celebration. Each year there is an Anniversary event around Labor Day weekend. Every 5 years there is a really big event that is preceded by the Caravan, which is the trip made by thousands of Corvettes from all over the USA. Nick Chubb is the QCCC lead and the state chairman. He will have details on the actual Caravan. Once you arrive at the Museum, the Caravan is over and the Anniversary events begin. Hopefully this makes things a little clearer.

Also, remember that plant tours are available for the Bash as well as the Anniversary event. There has been no notification that the plant will be open for tours any other time this year.

Please contact me for any information I can help you with. I look forward to the usual great event with all our QCCC partners.

QCCC HISTORY

City Chevrolet delivered it's first C-8 E-RAY a few weeks ago and since the C-8 has been such a whopping success, that isn't big news. Unless you consider who made the purchase, QCCC's own GODFATHER, Bill Cruthis.

On Monday, March 11, 2024, Bill took delivery of the first E-RAY that City Chevrolet delivered to the public and I was fortunate enough to be there along with a dozen or so interested parties and club members. I was struck by the journey this Corvette enthusiast has had since he fell in love with Corvettes as a young man in Illinois in the sixties.

Bill Cruthis, past president of QCCC and one of six Lifetime Service Award Winners, took delivery of the blue C-8 E-RAY after waiting many months and selling two of his prized possessions, a C-7 Z06 and a C-7 Grand Sport to make room. It's an important purchase for Bill as he has had some health issues the past few years and while he has his daily challenges, he has never lost his love of driving and pride of ownership associated with being a Corvette owner. And his dedication to the Queen City Corvette Club has never changed in over 50 years.

Bill first joined QCCC in 1973 after moving to Charlotte for a job opportunity and didn't know a single soul. He brought along his two Corvettes, a silver 1970 coupe and a blue 1963 split-window coupe. A chance meeting with a QCCC member who told him about our Club and invited him to the Clubhouse for the Wednesday night Beerfest. The first time I met Bill he was standing beside me at the bar, (are you surprised?) and his accent indicated he wasn't from around here. As I've said before, there weren't many Yankees in Charlotte then, so we kept our eyes on him at first. He joined the Club and was quickly accepted, even with the geographic differences. He stayed very active in the club until he was transferred to Arkansas. Even then he moved his cars with him and never lost his love of his Corvettes.

Upon returning to the Charlotte area, he got back in the Club. By then he had sold the 1970 and later the 1963, but had several other Corvettes of every generation. As a matter of fact, a chance meeting with him in 2010 at a car show in Matthews inspired me to re-join the club. He served as vice-president in 2013 and 2014 and then club President in 2015 -16.

It should be noted that this wasn't an impulse buy. Bill studied, researched and as an older Corvette owner, kept an open mind about such radical change of thinking the E-Ray represents. If you could sell him on this technology it must be solid. While surprising at first, it became clear that Bill truly loves the Corvette brand and everything that represents. And as a fifty-year continuous owner of almost every example of Corvette produced, it seems appropriate he would have one of the first of a new breed, while still loving and appreciating the evolution of a great sports car. And if he feels nostalgic, he still has his 1971 big-block coupe to remind him of the good old days.

Looking back at QCCC's history, Bill's dedication to the Club is without a rival and in my opinion, he is truly the GOD-FATHER of QCCC. And apparently he made City Chevrolet an offer they couldn't refuse. We all wish Bill many happy miles!

Travis Meredith

Historian & 1974 President





With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



"Leaders are like eagles, they don't flock, you find them one at a time."

Bill Miller, the outstanding founder of our sister club, Road Runner Corvettes, once said QCCC will be fine because they have such great leadership. So I asked each of the last 8 past presidents to give some of their proudest moments and what were some of the biggest challenges.

Part 1 of 3

Travis Meredith '72 & '76, avg. members 35 est.

Best of times were getting the ladies the right to vote and getting the QCCC club incorporated. This was not the easiest to do. . .remember it was 1976. Travis was in the position when the first Corvette/Porsche Challenge was run. That meant getting with Charlotte Motor Speedway to rent the whole place for \$200 a weekend, then managing to get 200 cars 6 laps each at speed. Doing tech on the racers required the entire weekend.

Biggest speed bump was when one young man was not voted in. A 10% negative by the by-laws meant a "no" vote for admission. Today that would be around 18 folks, but in '76 it only took 2 or 3, depending on attendance. We had a cigar box with black and white marbles. Each member present by secret vote would put a black or white marble in the box. It fell to the president to inform the candidate the results. It was very hard to inform the young man he was rejected. The young man later was voted in and became an active member. However, this was a dark day for QCCC. No excuse, but we were young and pretty headstrong.

John Meadows '02, membership 189 -198

John had the task of bringing QCCC to the age of the home computer. Of the 190 members, some had computers and some were without. So the newsletter needed to be mailed to some and not to others. Resources were used from his own company. This was all very time consuming. If you enjoy our sparkling newsletter today thank John as he took the old black and white typewritten form to the start of the computer age. He enjoyed this challenge. His big frustration was trying to stem the flow of the membership slowdown. The C- 5 was a little slow to take off as GM almost lost the Corvette. We only added 9 members that year plus the ones that were replaced. As president, one always is concerned about the head count. Membership was eventually resolved.

Robert Morgan '03, '04, '05, members 110 -195

Robert is currently selling his Corvette and has other interests with his family; however, it seems like he is still here for those of us who know him. He finished two years and was not going to run for a third term when he was drafted as no one else stepped up. He was easy going and had that same issue trying to keep the numbers up. He did see an uptick in '05 as the C-6 came out. We were closing in to a new chapter. Robert was the first president to have 3 terms.

Q. Gross '07 – '08, members avg. approx. 208

By now we have a new club in Charlotte and for an assortment of reasons they were keeping our numbers in check. Gain some lose some. Happiest moment was getting to appoint Paul Mariano as our Museum ambassador. Believe me, that is a huge job and Paul was a natural at doing it. We started up the scale of notice at the museum. QCCC was becoming a major player at NCM.

The difficult challenge again was trying to keep us growing in a competitive market of clubs. Q. led us through this and gained a lot of new members including some that drifted back. With a new club, competition for members is always present. It is hard to start a new club as it takes a lot of work and few folks to perform all the tasks. Q was to the point very business-oriented and organized, just what we needed at the time. He was someone at the top who instilled confidence that all would be well soon.

PART TWO NEXT MONTH

(Boyd Kurt, Steve Pelchat, and Keith Cross)

Submitted by 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 share them with us. That way they can be shared by all members!

How to share your photos: Please email Alton and let him know you have photos to share and the event where you took the photos. Also, give him the name and date of the event. He will send you a link where you can copy your photos. Once they are on this link, let Alton know and he will upload them to our website.

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 or give him a call (his number is in the club directory).

Thank you!

Alton Loe QCCC Photography Coordinator photo@queencitycorvette



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Queen City Corvette Club has two Facebook Pages

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

www.facebook.com/groups/409674005715403/

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

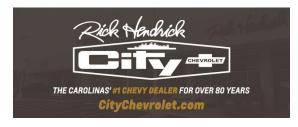
Queen City Corvette Club is an 'open' page for anyone on Facebook

www.facebook.com/QueenCityCorvette/

- Anyone on Facebook can "like" and "follow" our events
- Only our Facebook Administrators can post on this page [just ask and we will post for you].



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I've Been Everywhere!

Pictures of QCCC Members as they travel the world..



Dick & Jane with Rick Malone, Director of the Ron Fellows Corvette Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain, and Lead Driving Instructor, March 19, 2024. He remembered us from last year, and the yellow QCCC Shirts. He gives a thumbs up for the red ones!



Rob & Rebecca Hill renew their vows on cruise



Jeff and Jane Fawcett in the Great White North



Ben and Jamie Hinson humping along in Morocco 2022



Dick and Jane in Aruba



Donna, Jane & Kathy at Beatles Love in Vegas



Brian, Cindy, Gary, Gwen at Steelers Game



Kim and Warren Knight in Hawaii



Paul and Paige, somewhere at the pool, Dom Republic



Larry and Pam Tucker in Punta Cana



Paul & Christine in front of Angel Tree, Charleston, SC



Mark Grubich, far left Jim Gillum, John Looney in the green shirt and Tom Page is on his left.

Lots of space for more vacation pictures, send them on to garycqcc@gmail.com.

From the ones sent and shared, it's obvious that our QCCC members certainly have been everywhere.

Thanks, Gary