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QCCC Business Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2024

The Loftin Ranch and Compound

244 Hicks Creek Road
Troutman, NC 28166

2:00 Car Show Training Groups

4:00 Business Meeting

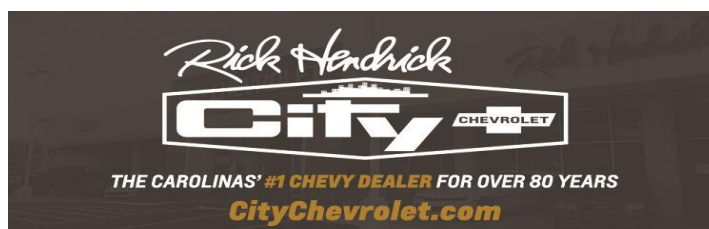
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Bring to meeting!



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President's Stuff



October 2024

The temperature is cooling down, but not the QCCC calendar! On September 8th the Mecklenburg Co. Sheriff's Dept. held a 9/11 tribute remembrance and run. This was without question one of the best day rides I have participated in since joining QCCC 10 years ago! The event started with a short ceremony, a moment of silence and an officer playing taps...gives me the goose bumps right now! The run started at the Juvenile Detention Center off Statesville Rd. and ended at Ballantyne in Charlotte. We cruised thru 73 traffic lights, about 40 of them were red and with a sheriff's officer at each intersection we NEVER stopped. This was a rolling roadblock with over 25 sheriff's vehicles blocking each intersection as we drove 34 miles! For me there is something very cool about running thru a red light with a police officer waving you on! ☺ To me 9/11 is like Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th, we must not ever forget to remember and honor the fallen. They plan on doing this again next year. . .you don't want to miss it.

Our business meeting on the 14th was at Euro Prestige Imports, some very fine and rare cars for sale and storage, including a 53' Corvette. Remember. . .only 300 were ever made.

On September 21st Steve Bonino again led the very popular trip to Helen, GA. 40 QCCC members made the annual pilgrimage to celebrate in the Octoberfest party and "sip" some beer. Thank you again, Steve! This is always a big hit with QCCC.

Also, on the 21st an impromptu cruise-in to Carolina Cones in Cornelius saw 44 of the faithful come out and enjoy ice cream in perfect ice cream weather and all left with smiling faces. ☺Thanks go out to Dee Dee and Roger Winge!

The Myrtle Beach trip for the 27th thru the 29th has not happened yet as I am writing this. This is always a good weekend. Dick Gwilt and Jane Burt do a fantastic job securing rooms and coordinating the dinner locations. It will be great again, I am sure. Thanks, Dick and Jane!

October is here and unless you have been in solitary confinement with no visitors, you already know the QCCC car show is coming on the 19th. All members and prospective members should have registered their car by this time, but if not, drop what you are doing and DO IT NOW!!!

Our next meeting will be on October 12th at Tommy and Brenda's Loftin's homeplace. Car show prep and team meetings will be at 2:00 and business meeting will begin at 4:00.

BRING YOUR CHAIRS!

That's it for now.

Ron Berst

President



9/11 Tribute Ride



September Meeting at Euro Prestige Imports



Carolina Cones



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:

October 12th *The Loftin Ranch and Compound*

244 Hicks Creek Road

Troutman, NC 28166

Car Show Training – Groups - 2:00 PM

Business Meeting 4:00 PM

November 9th *FEED NC Mooresville*

2456 Charlotte Hwy.

Mooresville, NC 28117

Tours 2 PM ***Social Time 3 PM***

Business Meeting 4 PM ***Dinner 5:30 PM***

December 7th *Christmas Party/Mini Meeting*

@ Charlotte Motor Speedway, Speedway Club

5555 Concord Pkwy. S Concord, NC 28027

All Times TBA

That's all for now, it certainly is *Life in the Fast Lane*.

Thanks!

Gary Cunningham, Vice President



The Social Spotlight

October

Welcome to autumn skies and pumpkin pie season! Cooler temperatures allow us to get those cars out and enjoy the weather.

QCCC has a lot going on this month. Most importantly, is our annual Queen City Car Show on October 19th. If you have not already donated an item for our Silent Auction, please bring it to our business meeting on October 12th at the Loftin's. To date, we have only received about 50 items. Last year we had 150! The Car Show team meetings will begin at 2 pm. Hot Cider and light snacks will be provided. The business meeting begins at 4 pm.

October 2nd, is our "Down South" supper. This month we are meeting at the Old Mecklenburg Brewery in Ballantyne. Social starts at 5 pm. Please see the Blast for more details.

Friday, October 11th is our next opportunity to volunteer at FEED NC in Mooresville. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

Sunday, October 13th is the Waxhaw Cars and Coffee. Meetup starts at 7:30 am. Contact Bill Robbins for more information.

Saturday, October 26th is the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's "Trunk or Treat" event. Decorate your cars and hand out candy to the little ones. Candy is provided by the Sheriff's Office. Keep an eye out for a Blast with more information.

Enjoy a day of car maintenance and sharing stories on Saturday the 26th at Brian Kruse's house. Brian has 2 lifts that can do oil changes and overall inspections. Please see the Blast for sign up and more details. A light lunch will be available. Donations accepted.

Sunday, October 27th is the Foothills Corvette Club cruise through the western Carolina high country to view the fall colors. Details will be provided closer to the event. Please keep the Foothills Corvette Club members and western Carolina residents in your thoughts and prayers.

Kimberly Knight

Social Director

AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



How many noticed I didn't submit an article for last two month's newsletters? It was a test. Some of you passed, some didn't.

We didn't do much in July "automotive wise", but we cranked it up in August. There were 2 car shows with the Mecklenburg Sheriff's Department and Plastic Cars of Statesville. Drag Racing and bologna sammich eat-in' occurred in Mooresville. Attending the IMSA weekend at VIR was fun. I had my first podium finish (see pic). Well, at least until security told me to get off from there!

Queen City cleaned up at the auction as Gary Artis won a wheel and a driver's suit from the Pratt Whitney car. Chris Ferrel won another painting and Jim Gillum won a set of tires. I was shut out by my richer club mates. Richard Prince was there signing his books before he had to be in Bowling Green for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Corvette struggled in the race, but didn't give up! The Saturday crew was replaced by seasoned veterans, so the Club was well represented both days. We'll try to really show up next year. I am told we used to win the award for most club members there back in the day. We need to return to our former glory.

September was purposely scheduled light from an automotive perspective because there were several trips planned for and by club members. Tim Fridley led a sizable group on a 9/11 Tribute ride with the Mecklenburg Sheriff's Department where numerous Vettes enjoyed a spirited, police escorted, ride and in addition, were encouraged to run red lights! Also, thanks to Roger and Bill for continuing to lead the club to the various cars and coffee events in our area.

Watch for Blasts about upcoming events in October. Larry Tucker is spearheading a "car care and fat chewing" event and I am working on the final details for a visit to DTXT Racing. One final note. . .MCACN in Chicago in November. IFYKYK!

Peace out! Word to yo' mamma and em'!

John Looney

Automotive Director





MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

September

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	462
Total Families	260
Prospective Members	43
New Members Year to Date	53
Avg. Monthly Attendance 2024	161

NEW MEMBERS:

Michael & Angela Becker

Davidson, NC

CORVETTE: 2019 Sebring Orange GS
Convertible

Jax Jenkinson

Waxhaw, NC

CORVETTES: 1979 Black Coupe, 2016 Black Z06
Coupe, 2021 Black Coupe

Joe McLear

Concord, NC

CORVETTES: 2015 Shark Grey Coupe,
2024 Red Mist Convertible

Please check your information that appears in the member directory to make sure it is current. If anything needs to change (address, phone number, email, currently owned Corvette, etc.) you can use the following link to update: https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=3521

You can now order replacement nameplates with “member since YYYY” added under your name. The price is \$10 per nameplate. You can use the following link to request them:

https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=5209

If you need the password, please reach out to me or another board member.

Dan Brubaker

QCCC Membership Director



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Chris Boone, General Manager

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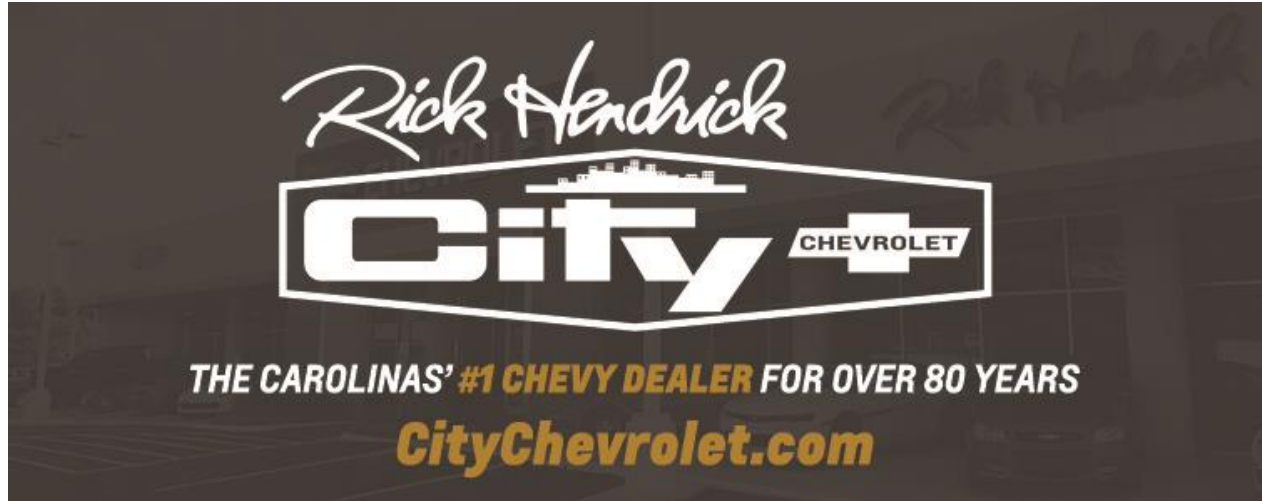
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QCCC Car Show Update for October 2024

I can't believe it is October already and the car show is soon at hand. 2024 is going to be a remarkable year for our car show. With QCCC, City Chevrolet and Hendrick Motorsports promoting such an event, it is most likely going to be a huge success. We are anticipating over 850 Corvettes this year with food vendors, craft vendors, Corvette-related vendors, kids' corral, special VIP parking for some of the most astonishing Corvettes ever and plenty more for all to do for the day.

We have the honor of having two prestigious Corvette organizations to display their Corvettes this year, Vettes for Vets and The Chevrolet Corvette Pace Cars. They will be located in front of the Heritage Center and will display over 50 Corvettes each.

Our Corvette show is believed to be one of the largest Corvette shows sponsored by and put on by an individual Corvette club. QCCC and our Corvette Show makes a large impact in the Corvette world. Corvette enthusiasts from all over the nation are familiar with our show. Our show brings in some of the most profound Corvettes in the nation to compete for one of our famous Hendrick Race Team Trophies. To win a QCCC Corvette Show trophy puts that Corvette into another category of perfection and is considered one of the most sought-after trophies in the Corvette world. We, as QCCC members should be proud to be involved in such a Corvette treasure.

The Corvette show involves a lengthy planning process and starts months before this year's Corvette show takes place. Registration and advertising efforts start in early February, then comes vendor participation and silent auction planning sessions, strategic parking plans for a maxed-out Corvette show and how to get all those people through the Heritage Center and Race Shop tours. All of this takes place behind the scenes by our Corvette Show Planning Staff and our Team Leaders.

All of this planning, organizing and work doesn't go unnoticed. At the end of all this process we donate a large portion of the proceeds back to charity. This year QCCC Charities are Wings of Eagles Ranch and Feed NC, and they each will receive a donation of \$10,000 from the QCCC Car show. Also, the largest portion of the Heritage Center and Race Shop tours go to The Hendrick Family Foundation. This year we anticipate donating over \$15,000 to this charity.

With all this said, you can understand why QCCC puts so much emphasis on our Corvette Show. It creates a bond between QCCC members and leaves a sense of pride just being associated with such a strong organization. Due to our efforts, we will bring over 850 Corvettes together in one place with the same goal in mind, Corvettes. We will also bring in over 3,000 spectators just to see what we have achieved, one of the largest Corvette shows in the nation. Yes, we/you are the key to success in accomplishing such a spectacular event.

Now, onto the begging part, we still need help with judging and parking. The team leader for judging is John Callahan and Brian Moore. The parking team leaders are Justin Cross, Larry Tucker and John Looney. You can contact either of these team leaders or myself to show your support.

QCCC business meeting will be Saturday, October 12th at Tommy Loftin's house. We will begin at 2:00 PM with each team leader bringing their teams together for training and reviews of what each team member is expected to do. Judging will have their first judging school that day with the second school the morning of the show. I will be working with the parking team along with Justin Cross, Larry Tucker and John Looney. Parking will be a little different this year with a new location for Spectator Parking.

Please bring your Silent Auction Items to the next QCCC business meeting on Saturday, October 12th.

This year's show is up over 50% from last year at this same time. We have over 160 QCCC Corvettes registered and we anticipate another dozen or so to register after the business meeting. The Heritage Center Tours are basically sold out as well as the Race Shop Tours. We closed out online tour registration on September 20th. VIP parking is sold out. Pre-registration is going out of the roof and with the 100 or so Corvettes from our specialty collection, I anticipate that we will be at maximum capacity for the Hendrick Complex.

Way to go Queen City Corvette Club! We have done it again for the 13th Annual Queen City Corvette Club Corvette Show!

Thanks to all Queen City Corvette Club members for your dedication to this event.

QCCC Corvette Show Director

Tommy Loftin



QCCC CHARITY

October 2024



Please see Blasts for details regarding future volunteer opportunities for our charities.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO JOIN IN:

feedNC - Mooresville

www.feednc.org

Friday, October 11, 2024 – Kitchen and Dining Room volunteers

10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Contact Kim Knight to volunteer at nite100@aol.com

WINGS OF EAGLES - Concord

www.wingsofeaglesranch.org

Saturday October 5, 2024 – Dinner At The Ranch fundraiser

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Go to www.wingsofeaglesranch.org for details or if you'd like to make a donation.

Contact Dick Gwilt at rgwilt@me.com or Tommy Loftin at tloftin@roadrunner.com if you would like to attend.

OTHER CHARITIES WE PARTICIPATE IN:

AUTO REPAIR MINISTRY at Next Level Church – Matthews

October 12 and 18, 2024 and November 9 and 23, 2024

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

This organization helps single women by repairing and servicing their vehicles at low or no cost. If you'd like to volunteer on either the second or fourth Saturday of each month, contact QCCC Member Dave Nowlan at dnowlan@carolina.rr.com

CORVETTE ANGELS TOY DRIVE – Charlotte NC

www.roadrunnervettes.com

Saturday November 2, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Every year, we support Road Runner Vettes Corvette Club by donating toys to be distributed to local children by the Salvation Army. Collection will take place in the Carolina Place Mall parking lot, by Southern Lion (former Sears).

Details will be in a future Blast.

VETERANS AND COMMUNITY ALLIANCE (VCA) – Lincolnton

www.vcalincolnton.org

Saturday November 23, 2024 – Car Show

This organization helps veterans and their families by repairing and servicing their vehicles at low or no cost.

QCCC plans to attend their Car Show. Details will be in a future Blast.



RAY EVERNHAM'S AMERICARNA LIVE CAR SHOW – Davidson

www.eventbrite.com/e/ray-evernhams-amicarna-live-car-show-2024-registration-996122387877

Saturday November 30, 2024

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Proceeds support the IGNITE community centers operated by the Autism Society of NC in Davidson, Raleigh, and Greensboro for young adults with autism. Details will be in a future Blast.

Thank you for supporting our Charities.

Dick Gwilt,

Charity Chairman



Hello QCCC Members!

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

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

Hope to see you at our big October 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 charlottebrubaker@hotmail.com.



October Birthdays

Barbara Sprague	10/2
Barbara Kruse	10/3
Mike Montemurro	10/3
Tom Pennoni	10/7
Barbara Mariano	10/8
Laura Sancineto	10/8
Gary Spencer	10/10
John Montera	10/11
Ray Long	10/13
Kendall Bennett	10/15
Lynda Looney	10/15
Doug Wright	10/15
Glenn Johnson	10/17
Michelle Moore	10/17
Jeanne Acerni	10/18
Kathy Lewis	10/19
Rebecca Hill	10/20
Kristine Selzer	10/20
Mike Mariano	10/21
Craig Smith	10/21
Kalyn Matthews	10/23
Robert Knorr	10/24
Aldene Loe	10/24
Tom Boyce	10/26
Jeff Fawcett	10/26
Dawn Taylor	10/26
Liz Carpenter	10/27
Kathy Miller	10/27
Mark Martino	10/28
Merrill Quintrell	10/28
John Dail	10/30
Donna Perry	10/30
Justin Cross	10/31
Jenny Long	10/31
Karen St John	10/31



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

October 2024

This is our last newsletter before the 13th Annual Queen City Corvette Show. All hands will be on deck on October 19 to again hold the biggest and best club run Corvette Show in the USA! So, let's get our car show game face on and volunteer for jobs. We need any and all hands to pitch in, especially first thing in the morning to get set up. We have more vendors than ever before, both for food and other things. We have lots of new interesting vendors this year, so be sure to take some time to browse and support them. Also remember to support the National Corvette Museum in their tents at our show. As I have mentioned, we have a goal of \$15K in sales this year, so do some major shopping and encourage our show guests to stop by as well.

I will be attending an Ambassadors meeting in Bowling Green in November, so please let me know if you have any questions or concerns that should be brought up there. I look forward to representing QCCC at this annual meeting.

That's it for now. See you at the next meeting on October 12th at the Loftin's compound and see you at the QCCC Corvette Show on October 19. It's going to be an extraordinary event!!

As always, thank you for your support of the NCM.

QCCC HISTORY

Well, October is finally here, and our big event is right around the corner. It has taken over a year of hard work by a lot of people to get to this point and I think the club is ready for what may be a historic car show. A lot has been learned by trial and error over the years, but you might be asking, "How did we get here?"

In QCCC's beginning, the closest thing to a club car show was in the restaurant parking lot where we were eating or cruising through Shoney's. Early on, the club was approached to display some cars at local malls, including South Park, but there were no trophies or judging. When the club became associated with the National Council of Corvette Clubs sanctioning body, the focus was on racing events, but they did have rules and guidelines for judged car shows called "Concours".

The NCCC rule book for concours events were a complicated series of first determining which class your car belonged and then having it consistently judged in that class. You started with what was considered a "stock" car and then added points for each modification. If you had 1-4 modifications you were stock, 5-8 changes were semi-custom and anything over 9+ was a custom. No one looked at "numbers" on the cars. There were lots of arguments over what was stock and what constituted a modification.

It was 1974 before QCCC got brave enough to host a NCCC sanctioned car show. Our sponsor at the time, LaPointe Chevrolet in downtown Charlotte, took everything out of their showroom and cleaned out the service department for the show. We had probably close to 50-60 cars from all over the area. Corvette Atlanta, which obviously had a ton of experience showing their cars, trailered in their best cars for each class and took home all of the trophies. That was quite a learning experience.

The club sponsorship changed with John Hurley Chevrolet on South Boulevard having the next several club shows. But when QCCC hosted the NCCC convention in 1978, which drew cars from all over the country, we had learned enough to somehow pull it off and no one got hurt. Once again, it took a lot of work by a lot of people.

By the late 70's we were hearing about a new group whose main purpose was preserving and restoring C-1 Corvettes. This group was called National Corvette Restorers Society. Their focus was bringing a Corvette up to the exact condition that it left the factory. Later they started including C-2 Corvettes and as time has past more recent generations are receiving their scrutiny. But at that time their research and documentation had not evolved into what it is today, where they study bolt casting marks, valve stem caps, and other details to the extreme. They have established a very high standard for judging and any Corvette that achieves any NCRS award is to be admired. Their research and publications are the best in the car hobby universe.

But not every Corvette is an NCRS car, and no matter how you have personalized your Corvette, it has a place at our show. It's a great excuse to detail your car after a tough summer and spend some quality time with other Corvette enthusiasts. The judging is based on a high degree of maintenance and cleanliness and we can all appreciate the pride of ownership it takes to accomplish this. And of course, we raise a lot of money for our charities.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the "Golden Gears" display where you get to meet some old guys that for whatever reason, have held onto the same Corvette for fifty years. Can't wait!

Travis Meredith

*Historian
President 1972 & 1976*

Vintage QCCC

With the Vintage Gang:

Bill Cruthis, Darrell Kirkley, Bill Ingram & Travis Meredith

More "Adventures" from QCCC of Decades Past



First, a quick correction of error. Last month I mistakenly cited Jenny Stephens as having acquired the club juke box when in fact it was Jerry Rhinehart. He showed up at Trav's house having done a slip of the cash to the president, Sam McGhee. The money went to the treasury.

THE PARTING OF SEAS

The gang, plus Larry Miller & Steve James just returned from the Mathews car show and dinner, except for me not driving after dark. They don't get hungry till 8:00 or 8:30. We all had a blast. QCCC was well represented with a '64 coupe, '67 coupe, '80, Larry's C-6 JET STREAM BLUE CONV., THE C-7 ZR-1, and my E-Ray, which peaked a lot of interest. Next up our car show Oct.19. We will have 7 of the Golden Gears cars on display.

Last month, we started discussion about the effect of losing the clubhouse due to rent increase. As with any organization a lot of the work fell on the same dedicated souls. Therefore, there were many that had not put much elbow grease into the upkeep of the house, after all it was showing its age. The winds of change were upon us. Until then we had been a social club where folks got individual opportunities to race. Now, the Corvette prices were out pacing salaries and racing would not feed the babies. This was the first major change in the main block. The original influx of members had done a remarkable job of laying the foundation from 1968 thru 1976. 1977 brought the first Yankee president in Sam McGhee. Sam, was from Michigan, and he did a solid job and got us through the clubhouse shutdown. Soon after, we moved on, but many of those early members gave in to other parts of adulthood. Trav who was a major player saw the birth of his and Sharon's third child all under about 5 years old plus deciding when to open his own body shop. Tommy Mitchem, President '74, sold his car; Wayne Marlowe, had career opportunities in Virginia; David Morse moved to Texas; and Joey Hunter, President '78 & '79, came down with cancer and we sadly lost him about that time. Joey was always there no matter the task and one of the funniest people you could ever meet. Buzz Cagle sold his car and Robert Scog, without Wayne and Tommy was not the same. A few couples divorced and others just lost interest as the social part was so diminished without the clubhouse. One by one, they drifted away. Only the four Vintage Gang members kept at least one Corvette ever since the early 70's and we all drifted back as we aged and had time and money to join you all. That left a core group of serious racers who enjoyed a majority vs the old guard and they became powerless to control things. The big issue was always NCCC dues. NCCC required us to get racing insurance and all members were to pay their dues plus quarterly we had to send our club governor to a NCCC meeting. Those who did not want to pay for this getting nothing in return, were pretty vociferous. The '80s were not looking good. Somehow, we pulled through with two national championships and once again pulled off a NCCC National Convention in 1991. (The previous one was in 1978.) Just as Trav was the glue in the '70s, Melvin Pace was the glue in the '80s. President in '85 and '89, he was well-respected and got the ship righted. If you were not a serious racer, there was not a lot of meat on the bone. I remember going to the birthday meeting in August '98 for the 30 year anniversary at Eddie and Jane Burt's home and they were still arguing about racing. None of the old guard were there except Bernie Armstrong.

QCCC was aging. With the cost of the cars going up, we were more of a 30's and 40-something and less of a 20-something group. You do have to take your hat off to the serious racers. NCCC gave points to members for showing up at events more than for placing with their speed for the day. To win a national championship with such a small club meant some folks were giving every free minute to racing. QCCC remained in race-ready mode until one by one, it became too much money wise and as they became a smaller minority they were eventually swallowed up and we drifted back to social once again. We still have a few serious racers and they are to be appreciated for their stamina and commitment at today's costs. Ironically, there may be more places to track your new car today than there were 50 years ago. For most of us, tracking a six-figure car amongst rank rookies is not a good return on your investment. At the same time concours car shows became very competitive giving used Corvettes for "best of show", but alas, there was a group that just wanted to enjoy the fellowship of Corvette owners. These folks would be the future baseline members and they were greatly assisted by GM introducing the C-5 Corvette including the Z06.

Let the onslaught begin and things just got better and better from those times forward.

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!

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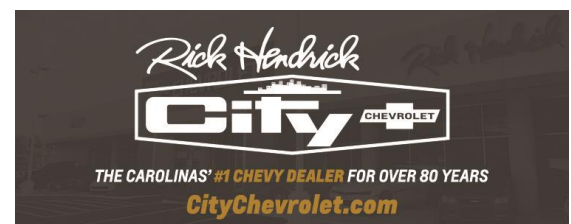
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