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QCCC Christmas Party/Mini Meeting

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Speedway Club at Charlotte Motor Speedway

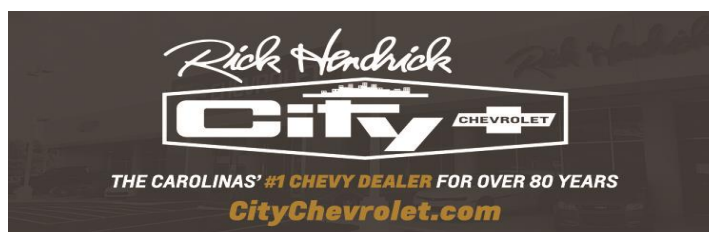
5555 Concord Pkwy. S Concord, NC 28027

4:00 Social Time

5:00 Mini-Business Meeting

6:15 Optional Prepaid Dinner

Non-members: Please contact our Membership Director via membership@queencitycorvette.com to attend as a guest or prospective member.



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President's Stuff



December 2024

The weather is turning colder but the QCCC calendar has not! November was another red-hot month of activities and events.

On November 2nd 32 of us filled our trunks up with toys and gifts and headed to Carolina Place Mall as we partnered with Road Runner Corvettes to support their annual toy drive. This drive is the largest single day toy collection the Salvation Army has, and they are very grateful for our support. Many less fortunate children will have a brighter Christmas because of your generosity!

The monthly meeting on the 9th was next and 133 members and prospective cruised over to feedNC, donated 1,400 lbs. of food stuff and heard about the mission of feedNC, providing food and services for the hungry and needy in the area.

On the 17th 35 of the faithful drove to the Concord Mall Cinema in Concord and watched the movie, "The Quest" If you enjoy Corvette Racing, this movie is a must see. Lance Miller, owner of the Corvettes of Carlisle Show, fulfilled his dad's dream of tracking down the car. I'm not going to tell you how it ends.

The following day 19 members drove to the Hendrick Team Center to support Jeff Gordons charity, "Corvette for a Cure" tackling childhood cancer. Jeff 's charity has raised more than 16 million so far and his personal Corvette was the raffle prize.

A small group of us headed to Chicago the 23rd - 24th for the MCACN show (Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals), an incredible show and definitely worth the trip. It was made even more exciting as Tommy Loftin trailered and entered his gorgeous '58 Corvette and came away with the Triple Diamond Award, very prestigious and hard to earn. I will let him tell more in his article in this newsletter.

To close out the month. Ray Evernham's AmeriCarna car show on the 30th has not taken place yet as I write this article and is always a great event. 35 cars is our usual number and each year we have won the award for most cars by a single club. More details will be coming next month.

Our December meeting/Christmas Party at the Speedway Club should be a smash. A delicious plated dinner, a new DJ (his business card says a "DJ with a personality") and 10 door prizes, at over 2K should make this a night to remember. Kimberly Knight will have all the details in a Blast. Hope to see everyone on December 7th. Come if you can.

That's it for now.

Ron Berst

President



feedNC: Great venue with great food!



Tommy & Brenda's 58' at the MCACN show in Chicago



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:

December 7th Christmas Party/Mini Meeting

Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

5555 Concord Pkwy. South, Concord, NC 28027

Social Time 4:00

Business Meeting/Party 5:00

Pre-paid Dinner 6:15 See Blast from Kimberly Knight

January 11, 2025 Another Year Begins

Hendrick Motorsports Complex

4400 Papa Joe Hendrick Blvd. Concord, NC 28027

2 PM Social 3 PM Meeting

February 8th

Streetside Classics Showroom

800 Derita Road Ste A

Concord, NC 28027

Times TBA

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

Thanks!

Gary Cunningham, Vice President



The Social Spotlight

It's hard to believe it is already December and how quickly this year has flown by. Looking back, Queen City has done some pretty amazing things in 2024, from overnight trips to Daytona, Bowling Green, Asheville, Myrtle Beach, Helen and Charleston to day trips all over our beautiful state. Most importantly are our charitable contributions to feedNC, Wings of Eagles, Samaritan's Purse and a host of other smaller charities. As we wind down this year, we have a few events happening this month.

First, Monday, December 2nd is our "Up Yonder Dinner" held at Kickback Jack's Restaurant in Mooresville. Meet-up begins at 5pm. Please see the Blast to RSVP.

December 7th is our annual Holiday Party held at the Speedway Club in Concord. Social time begins at 4 pm with the meeting beginning at 5. This will be an abbreviated meeting because we have some exciting plans and prizes totaling over \$2,000.

December 13th is our day to volunteer at feedNC. There are many opportunities to volunteer that day. Please contact me at nite100@aol.com if you would like to sign up.

And finally, here's to a great year and a wonderful holiday. May peace, love and prosperity follow you into the New Year.

Kimberly Knight

Social Director

AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy Fall, QCCC!

Some months are full of minor events, some have one big event. As I write this, we are in the middle of two really big events in November. Some of us just got home from MCACN in Chicago where we saw hundreds of rare muscle cars and Corvettes. There were scores of NCRS Top Flite winners and Bloomington Gold recipients, all there in hopes of winning MCACN Gold and the coveted Triple Diamond Award. Among them was Tommy and Brenda Loftin's beautiful '58 Fuelie. I'll let Tommy tell you how they did.

In just a few days, 35 of us will be in our special area at Ray Everham's AmeriCarna Live. Ray's show is a great mix of classics and newer rides. The proceeds go to the Everham Family Racing for a Reason Foundation. Even if you missed registration, come hang out with us and see some great cars, November 30th from 9 until 3 at the Trane Campus in Davidson.

As we close this year out, give me some feedback as to what you liked and what you'd like to see us do next year.

John Looney (aka "The Loon")

Automotive Director



MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

December

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	473
Total Families	266
Prospective Members	46
New Members Year to Date	64
Avg. Monthly Attendance 2024	160

NEW MEMBERS:

Mike & Kimberly Heavner

Hickory, NC

CORVETTE: 2015 Shark Grey Coupe

Allen & Pam Hester

Troutman, NC

CORVETTE: 1993 Torch Red Coupe

Thomas & Gayle Uhl

Mooresville, NC

CORVETTES: 2024 Rapid Blue E-Ray 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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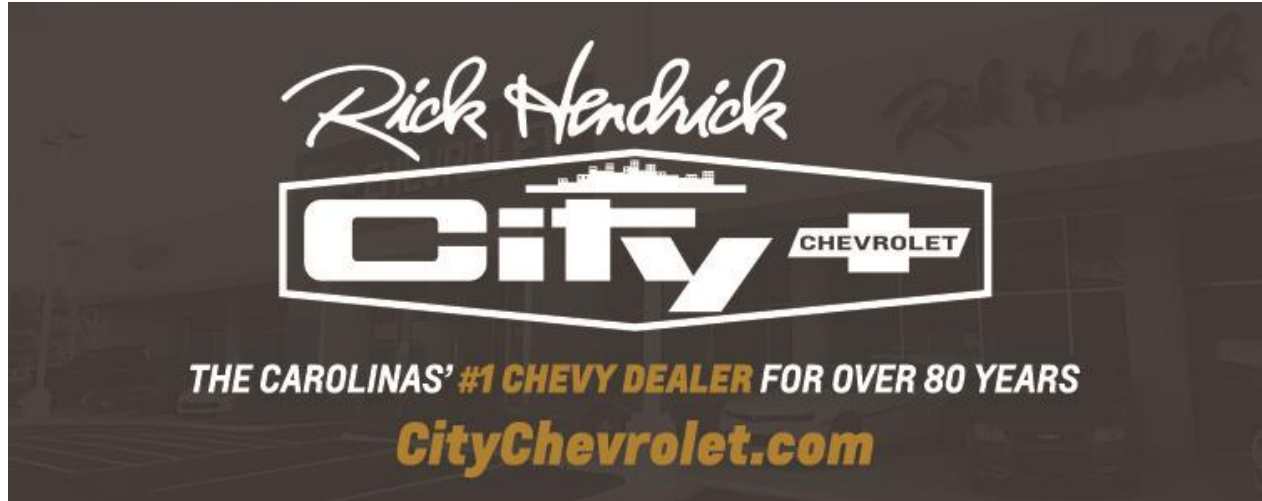
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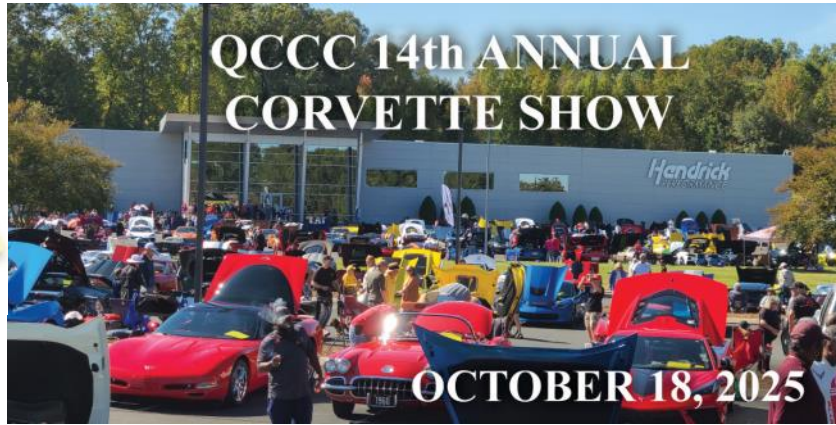


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This article was released by Hemmings, the largest online classic and collector car marketplace.



This Triple-Diamond Awarded 1958 Corvette Owned by Tommy and Brenda Loftin, Shined Bright at the 2024 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals

The MCACN show in Chicago never fails to attract extremely rare and highly desirable cars and this 1958 Corvette is a perfect example. It was ordered new at a California dealership called Bakersfield Three Way Chevrolet with all available options, including fuel injection, Powerglide transmission, power operated folding top, auxiliary hard top, power windows, whitewall tires, windshield washers, park brake alarm, courtesy lights, heater, two-tone paint, and AM radio.

It's worth noting that 1958 Corvettes were offered with two different fuel injection options: a high-output 290-horsepower rendition and a milder 250-horsepower version. They were priced the same, at a substantial \$484.20, and not surprisingly over twice as many buyers chose the more powerful iteration – 1,090 versus only 504. Our featured '58 is one of the 504 fitted with the lower compression, hydraulic lifter, mild cam 250 horsepower engine. While we can't be sure what motivated the car's first buyer to choose this it's likely that his desire to have an automatic transmission was a factor since 290 horsepower fuelies were not available with a Powerglide.

The original owner reportedly sold the car to an employee of his named Elvin Glen Hammonds in 1968. Hammonds, who was only 16 years old when he bought the Corvette, drove it until 1974 and then began a comprehensive restoration. Over the following 15 or so years he completely disassembled the car, rebuilt its engine, transmission, and differential, prepped the body and sprayed it with primer and then two coats lacquer paint in the original Charcoal color.

Before he finished paint and reassembled his Corvette, Hammonds lost interest in it. More than 30 years later he gave the car to a nephew, who transported it to North Carolina. After some time had passed the nephew realized it was too large of a project, and he offered the disassembled car for sale. Long-time collectors Brenda and Tommy Loftin bought the car, which was located only about a mile from their home. By the end of 2019, after about a year of diligent work, the Loftin's had the car back together and show ready. Since then, it has earned a coveted NCRS Duntov Mark of Excellence award and a Bloomington Gold Certificate. The Loftin's completed the trifecta a MCACN with a highly desirable Triple Diamond Award on November 22nd, 2024.

Thanks to all QCCC members that helped me achieve my goal.

Tommy Loftin

Corvette Car Show Director









QCCC CHARITY

December 2024



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

UPCOMING EVENT TO JOIN IN:

feedNC - Mooresville www.feednc.org

Friday, December 13, 2024 – Kitchen and Dining Room volunteers
10:30 am – 2:30 pm
Contact Kimberly Knight to volunteer at nite100@aol.com

QCCC Charity Update

We just finished up our club’s charity events for 2024 and November was our busiest month! Thank you to all you members who participated.

22 cars attended our friends at Roadrunner Vettes annual Corvette Angels toy drive for kids on November 2nd. We donated an estimated \$100 worth of toys per car and enjoyed beautiful sunny weather.

Then we held a food donation drive at our November 9th member meeting at feedNC. You members donated 1,350 pounds of food! Using \$1.25 per pound as an estimated value, that’s \$1,800 contributed.

On Monday, November 18th, 23 QCCC cars met at the Team Center at Hendrick Motorsports campus to attend Jeff Gordon’s “Corvette for A Cure” giveaway. QCCC had special parking and two reserved tables. Jeff even gave QCCC a shout-out from the stage for our amazing annual Car Show. In 2025 the Jeff Gordon Children’s Foundation will give away a red mist C8 Corvette. Funds raised from the sale of raffle tickets go toward researching treatments for childhood cancer.

Next up on November 23rd, QCCC attended for the first time, an annual car show at the Lincoln County Airport to support the Veterans and Community Alliance, who provides low or no cost car repairs to veterans and their spouses. The show included a fly-in of small planes. What a cool sight it was to see all the classic cars mixed in with the airplanes. We had a first for QCCC – 25 Corvettes, and 2 airplanes flown in by members Lynne & Louis Dunn, and Christopher Farrell & Sandra Csanyi! QCCC donated \$250 from our 50/50 funds and we passed the hat with attending members kicking in another \$250 for a total of \$500 donated. Another highlight – Gary Cunningham and I each bought 10 tickets to win a 1976 Ford Pinto and out of 400 tickets sold, Gary WON the car! My very first new car was a Pinto when I was 18 years old, and when Gary met Gwen, she was driving a Pinto - great memories!

Finally, we just attended our 12th annual Ray Everham’s AmeriCarna car show in Davidson on November 30. We filled up the reserved parking lot with our 35 Corvettes. QCCC presented a check for \$1,000 for the Autism Society of NC to support the IGNITE Community Centers operated by the Autism Society of NC.

Well, that wraps up a big year of charity work for our club for 2024. In December I will recap our year and show what a charitable group of members we have in our club.

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Thank you for supporting our Charities.

Dick Gwilt

Charity Chairman



Corvette Angels Toy Drive November 2, 2024



feedNC Dinner prepared by the Culinary Students on November 9, 2024

Jeff Gordon's "Corvette for a Cure" giveaway
on November 18, 2024



Car Show and Fly-In November 23, 2024







Hello QCCC Members!

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

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

Hope to see you at our December 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.



December Birthdays

Brian Kruse	12/1
Mark Londre	12/2
Thomas Uhl	12/2
Jax Jenkinson	12/3
Roger Winge	12/3
Anna Luree Wright	12/3
Barry Childers	12/4
Cathy Nelson	12/4
Ashton Olack	12/4
Don Wiswall	12/4
Terri Pennoni	12/5
DeeDee Winge	12/5
Larry Newsom	12/8
Judy Armstrong Cruthis	12/9
Wendy Krupowicz	12/10
Elena Binder	12/11
Brenda Loftin	12/11
Fred Rice	12/11
Linda Meadows	12/13
Pamela Murawa	12/13
Rebecca Wright	12/14
Sue Brown	12/15
Greg Miller	12/15
Tom Page	12/16
Paul Schmitt	12/16
Bill Elko	12/19
Beth Kendall	12/19
Rob Humphrey	12/21
Greg Milligan	12/21
Bob Becker	12/22
Bill Cruthis	12/22
Kathie Cox	12/23
Gary Artis	12/26
Barnet (Barney) Peterman	12/26
Rick Mills	12/28
John Boffemmyer	12/29
Hedi Stewart	12/30
Joe Estwanik	12/31
Richard Pratt	12/31
Cam Stewart	12/31



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Paul Mitchell – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

December 2024

What a Christmas present if you purchase a raffle ticket for a new Corvette from the National Corvette Museum! Here are your choices:

2025 Arctic White Corvette Convertible

Drawing Time: December 5, 2024, at 2:00 PM CT

Ticket Price: \$200

Tickets Available: 1,500

2025 Torch Red Corvette Coupe

Drawing Time: December 19, 2024, at 2:00 PM CT

Ticket Price: \$100

Tickets Available: 2,000

2025 Riptide Blue Corvette E-Ray Convertible

Drawing Time: January 16, 2025, at 2:00 PM CT

Ticket Price: \$300

Tickets Available: 1994

2025 Arctic White Corvette Coupe

Drawing Time: April 26, 2025, at 2:00 PM CT

Ticket Price: \$20

Tickets Available: Unlimited

Thank you to everyone for your support this year of the Museum. With QCCC's ongoing support from our members and the amazing results for Museum sales at our car show, we continue to be one of the major club supporters of the Museum. It is recognized and appreciated!

Paige and I wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year with lots of Corvette smiles and miles!

QCCC HISTORY

A very common phrase associated with the Corvette hobby is “you came for the car and stayed for the people”. In my fifty four years as a Corvette owner and enthusiast I can vouch that this statement is very accurate. When Sharon and I first joined QCCC in late 1970, I was a twenty-three year old hot rodder who caught Corvette fever. I always loved my cars with a passion even though they never really loved me back. My friend and co-worker Jim Whitley had just bought a ‘69 coupe, had met some QCCC members at a party and encouraged me to join with him. It's ironic how that decision in many ways changed my life. While maintaining other friendships, it didn't take long for many of our weekends to be spent with the club at all kinds of activities. Of course, there were the monthly meetings, which usually involved sharing a meal afterward, as well as the car events and parties. It didn't take long to form friendships that remain to this day.

But since Sharon stayed pregnant for most of the 1970's, we were juggling our limited spare time with the demands of raising three small children and being active QCCC members. As the kids grew and their activities increased, our involvement in QCCC slowly decreased to the point that in 1982, we finally dropped out. Of course, this was a common story back then as many club members in their late 20's and early 30's did the same thing. In most cases the Corvettes were long gone, but the friendships remained. In my case, I stuck my ‘64 coupe in the garage under a cover and pretty much forgot about it. Between annual state inspections, she averaged between 50 and 100 miles. The tires were on there for over 30 years. The most important job that car had was hiding Santa Claus gifts (except bikes) at Christmas time. But all of that time I had never really lost the Corvette fever and for some reason, I hung on to the ‘64. In 2004 what started off as some much needed maintenance, snowballed into a body off the frame restoration. My reasoning was that I needed to make the old car as good as she could be while I was still able. That took a while, and I finally completed the job the summer of 2010. By that time the kids were grown, educated and employed, so I finally could resume my hobby. In 2006 I bought my C5 Z06 which I truly love to drive. So there I was, with the ‘64 finished, sitting beside my great driver, while I sat in my garage and wondered “what next”.

While showing the ‘64 at the Labor Day Matthews Car Show in 2011, I had a chance meeting with two old QCCC buddies, Richard Craig and Bill Cruthis. I didn't know Bill had returned to the Charlotte area after relocating to Arkansas with his job and I had lost touch with Richard. To my surprise, they both still had Corvettes and had gotten back into QCCC. With their encouragement, my “what next” question was answered and Sharon and I got back in the club later that year.

It's funny how you can go thirty years without seeing old friends and pick right back up where you left off. It's been great to have a purpose for owning the Corvettes, but the best part is spending quality time with old and new friends with similar interests. What a ride!

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



Breakin' it Down, then Movin' On

QCCC's history can be broken into 6 major groups. I will discuss them briefly in this article as we are moving more into the eighties. For our newer members you can access the decade of the '70's on our website under newsletter archives. There you find about 150 articles of stories of our early days.

1968 -1979 Group One: The pioneers, this was the start up crew. They came on board mostly not knowing anything about the members except they loved Corvettes. Looking back it was really throwing caution to the wind to take a chance. Surely it was most difficult for the charter three members. Can you imagine going from 3 members to six and doubling the size of the club. Those original 3 were quite visionary to make this all work. Think about taking two of your friends and go start a club and see how that works out for you. We picked up some early breaks by getting some great people and great leaders: Jim Whitley, Bud Landacre, Butch Bingham, Don Francis, Travis Meredith. Then along came the second wave: Dave Morse, Joey Hunter, Tommy Mitchem, the rest of the Vintage Gang, Bill Henderson, Buzz Cagle, Wayne Marlowe, Robert Scognamillo, Rick Wilson, Larry Gunter, Melvin Pace and Sam McGee.

What this group accomplished is incredible: Jim Whitley found the clubhouse to rent. We hosted the 1975 South east NCCC Regional high speed event at Charlotte Motor Speedway, hosted 3 years of the Porsche Corvette Challenges '75, '76, '77, where 100 of each raced at Charlotte Motor Speedway, then hosted the National Council Of Corvette Clubs week long National Convention '78. For the most part the group really clicked and a solid foundation was formed. Folks in the Carolinas were beginning to hear about QCCC.

1979-1992 Group Two: The racers edge! Losing the clubhouse was a tough blow. QCCC turned to some serious racing for over a decade. It was led by Melvin Pace, Larry Gunter, and Richard Craig and several more. Other names showing up about this time were, Bill Pegorich, Clayton Williams, Roy Elgin, the Freemans, Don Yost, and Mike Catoe. This group raced hard every weekend and they were very good at it, winning Top Regional Champions almost every year of the decade including a National Championship. QCCC was growing but had to find new members. These racing members probably saved QCCC without knowing. The numbers were shrinking due to those dropping out because the clubhouse was gone and we were aging into midlife and the cars took second place after babies and careers. It was still good, only different. Again the timing was probably good as we may not have made it without racing. So congrats to those folks that kept us afloat with a directional change. And yet they still managed to host another national NCCC Convention in 1991.

1993-2002 Group Three: The Bounce Back Years! What happened to our racers? As the cost of Corvettes was rising quite rapidly, it was hard to keep one Corvette for social and one just to race. Most could not yet afford to do that, so the social side was gaining attention. To this point our race cars were not show cars. Now the shift was starting to be we drive to eat giving us a more gentle side to enjoy our cars and the cruising the Carolinas began leaving the racing to the pros. Here are some names from this era that you may recognize today; Jon Elliott, Finocchi, Jerry Rhinehort, Jerry and Jenny Stevens, Dave Styles the Zimmer's, and Rick Witcher. (of note: our racing was insured by the National Council of Corvette Clubs) Back then you

could not afford to insure a race car by yourself. When enough members balked at paying the required NCCC due, we would lose our insurance. This was the end of QCCC club racing. That was about the early '90's.

1990 – 2007 Group Four: Technology Rears It's Ugly Head and the C-5 Arrives! The new members were Clark Belvin, Wade and Sue Stickles, Walt and Wendy Krupowicz, Robert Morgan, John and Linda Meadows, Q and Margo Gross, and Boyd and Susan Kurt. Also enter Eddie and Jane Burt, to name a few. Eddie served 14 straight years on the board as V.P. and membership while Jane was Secretary and Social for 6 years. Jane and John Meadows undertook updating the entire newsletter. The opportunities for this group were two fold. First, the world was going online, creating havoc with distribution of the newsletter, half got it by mail and half got it online. You can imagine the turmoil this created. They worked themselves diligently every month to get the info out to the members. Next the C-5 hit during this timeframe and GM had a hit and membership was growing fast. However, there were two new clubs coming to Charlotte that would cut into QCCC growth temporarily.

2009 - 2014 Group Five: GM takes over and so does the National Corvette Museum! The C-6 factory race teams and the improving National Corvette Museum meant opportunities for QCCC. Chevrolet is back with the race team getting success. The push was on, the cars were fast and fun. QCCC, thanks to Paul Mariano, linked up early and got our name out loud and often at NCM. These were the years that the NCM needed money to upgrade with the purchase of the land for the race track. We showed up buying one acre plus some members buying their own. Becker, Mariano, Cross, Pelchat and so many more were critical at this time. We bought bricks, a granite bench, and a side of the indoor fireplace. This would give all these new members and all the old as well, a chance to see inside the plant and the museum. Corvette Mecca had been born and QCCC was a major player.

2015 - 2024 Group Six: The cavalry to the rescue! Technology, ain't it great? Just as we were aging out and about to run out of idea, along comes the C-7. This car captured the hearts of young and old alike. It was now time to get on board with technology. Thanks to Roger Winge and Paul Pelky, we were saved with new methods of communication. We now have a user-friendly website, moving things like sign-up for events from pen and pencil to a simple keystroke. Just as we think we have peaked, here comes the C-8, the mid-engine super car. This brought us 100 new members, many a generation younger and eager to get involved. And finally a tip of the hat to Tommy Loftin, Dick Gwilt, Paul Mitchell, Keith Cross and others who have worked so hard along with Rick Hendrick City Chevrolet to develop a car show deserving of this club's commitment to the city of Charlotte and the Corvette owners of the greater Piedmont. All of the above groups are proud of this group and we would not have survived if any of them did not do their part.

My special thanks to the Vintage group who have always been there for me since 1974.

Notice in these articles how often you see the names Meredith, Cross, Burt, Kurt, Mariano, Meadows, Mitchell, and Zimmer, all recipients of the Lifetime Service Achievement Award

And there you have it! Welcome to any and all that want to join our adventure.

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

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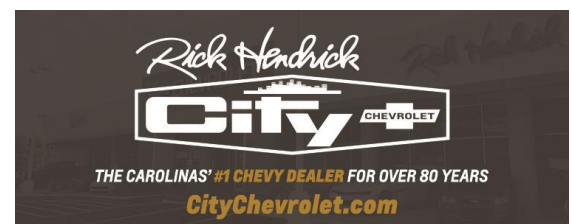
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