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QCCC Business Meeting

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Streetside Classics



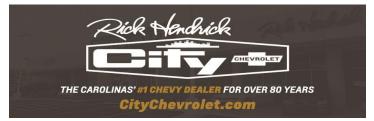
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2:00 Social Time

3:00 Business Meeting



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The **Queen City Corvette Gazette** is the official newsletter of the Queen City Corvette Club (QCCC), established in 1968, and is electronically published and distributed monthly by volunteers and members of QCCC. Additional information regarding QCCC is available at our website: <u>www.queencitycorvette.com</u>. QCCC is a non-profit club (501(c)(7)) whose members all share a common appreciation and love of America's Sports Car – the Corvette. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. In addition to various social activities for members, QCCC raises money for and participates with various local charities. We strive to promote exciting, safe and fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates social time. After an initiation fee of \$10.00 per person, club dues are \$100 per year to be paid semiannually or annually. These dues go to cover the cost of programs, events, running the club, and subsidizing the cost of our meetings. Club officers and supporting staff serve as volunteers. To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must be at least 21 years of age, own a Corvette and attend at least three (3) monthly business meetings within a six-month period. Come check us out – we love to meet fellow Corvette Enthusiasts! For additional membership information, visit <u>https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=330</u> or contact our Membership Director at <u>membership@queencitycorvette.com</u>. We would love to have you join us for a monthly business meeting. If you can't join us, please WAVE!

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President's Stuff

February 2025

The winter of 2025 started colder than I like. I don't drive my Corvette as much as usual, even though it has a good heater, not sure why??? The snow, but mostly sleet delayed our January meeting one week, but thankfully the Hendrick folks came through as usual and allowed us to move the meeting to the 18th. So grateful! We did have a good turnout on the 18th with 162 members/prospective (exactly what we have been averaging) attend so it all worked out fine.

I did outline the three major goals for 2025 during the meeting. In case you haven't heard or forgot them, they are:

Calendar – From the January meeting through the December Christmas party/meeting, there will be something on the calendar each week, just as we did last year.

Attendance at monthly meetings – We would like to increase the number of attendees at each monthly meeting, we are averaging 162 but we can do better. This is where you meet people and friendships begin. :)

National Corvette Museum Memberships – Approximately 42% of QCCC members are members of the NCM. We can do better. The Bash in late April is the perfect time to check out the museum. Corvette engineers are on site and will answer any questions, you won't be disappointed!!!

We also had our own Tom Wallace (4th Vehicle Line Executive for Corvette) tell some of his great stories from back in the day. Each one is better than the next! He will be back again in the future.

I am writing this article before the Rolex 24 takes place, so I don't have anything to report on how the race went, but with 5 Corvettes in the field this year we should have some good results coming.

On February 8th the meeting will be at Streetside Classics, social time starts at 2:00, and the meeting will begin at 3:00. A very interesting guest speaker will have some great stories so you don't want to miss this. Bring your chairs!

That's it for now, hope to see you on the 8th!

Ron Berst

President



To the show that never ends, we're so glad you could attend, come inside, come inside... Welcome back to Life in The Fast Lane in 2025 with the Queen City Corvette Club Let me take an opportunity to highlight the next three club meetings and their locations:

February 8th Streetside Classics Showroom

800 Derita Road Ste. A, Concord, NC 28027 Enter thru the back receiving door & look for the QCCC yard signs



2 PM Social 3 PM Meeting BRING YOUR CHAIRS!!



March 8th Annual Awards Banquet

You don't want to miss this 'FLAGSHIP EVENT'

Charlotte Motor Speedway Club

5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC 28027 4 PM Social, Biz Mtg. and Awards Banquet Pre-paid sign-up required for dinner

April 12th – returning to a club-fave location

American Legion Hall Huntersville Post 321 107 N. Main Street



Huntersville NC 28078 3 PM Social 4 PM Meeting Bring your chairs



...I am looking forward to another event-filled year with the largest and best Corvette Club in the Carolinas and another year of Life in the Fast Lane.

Thanks,

Gary



Happy February everyone from sunny Key West, Florida!

Our trip started out attending the Rolex 24 at Daytona with the Corvettes putting on a great show with a 2nd place finish in GTD Pro and a first place finish in GTD. Then on to South Beach.

Today, 7 cars from QCCC caravanned from South Beach in Miami to beautiful Key West. With tops down and spirits flying high, we received many "beeps" and "thumbs up" as we drove through the Keys.

As we enter the month of February, our business meeting will be held at Streetside Classics in Concord on Saturday, February 8th. The social begins at 2 pm with coffee, cocoa and light snacks provided. The business meeting follows at 3 pm. Please remember to bring your chairs.

A rescheduled trip to the Sullenberger Aviation Museum will be on Saturday, February 15th. Please look out for a Blast from Donna Berst with more details.

Please mark your calendars for the annual QCCC Awards Banquet to be held at the Speedway Club on March 8th. This year's theme is "Chasing the Checkered Flag" so wear your favorite racing gear or Corvette apparel. The social hour begins at 4 pm with the business meeting beginning at 5 pm. A pre-paid plated dinner will be offered with entertainment and dancing provided by the infamous "Too Much Silvia". To RSVP, keep an eye out for a Blast that will come out shortly with dinner selections. This is QCCC's biggest event of the season. Awards will be given to several members in addition to the coveted "Member of the Year".

And finally, February is the border between winter and spring. Warmer days are ahead for driving our beautiful cars and making memories.

Kimberly Knight

Social Director

AUTOMOTIVE DIRECTOR



One month down already? You gotta be kidding me!

As promised, we have another tour of DXDT Racing's shop in Statesville scheduled. Save the date! It is February 17th at 10:00 am. It will be limited to 25 people and will be first come, first served. If you went before, consider not going this time to allow others a chance. Watch for a Blast coming out shortly.

AutoFair is only a little over 2 months away. We have 50 spots to fill! Pitmaster Smith has agreed to smoke some meat so that's incentive enough to sign up! Watch for Blasts!

Those are two great events for February and April. I'm going to sign off now and concentrate on finding something for March. Drive 'em!

That's all for now!

John Looney (aka "The Loon")

Automotive Director





MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

February

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS:

Total Membership	485
Total Families	272
Prospective Members	40
New Members Year to Date	10
Avg. Monthly Attendance 2024	164

NEW MEMBERS:

Ted & Lisa Altmire	Jim & Lynne Giovinazzi
Davidson, NC	Stanley, NC
CORVETTE: 2006 Black Convertible	CORVETTE: 2024 Torch Red Coupe
Todd & Juliet Kasler	Donn & Ellen Koch
Indian Trail, NC	Monroe, NC
	Molliee, NC
CORVETTES: 1991 Yellow ZR1,	<u>CORVETTE:</u> 2024 Red Mist Convertible

Kenneth & Alecia Scally

Monroe, NC

CORVETTE: 2024 Black 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: <u>https://queencitycorvette.com/?page_id=3521</u>

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: <u>https://queencitycorvette.com/?_id=5209</u>

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

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.

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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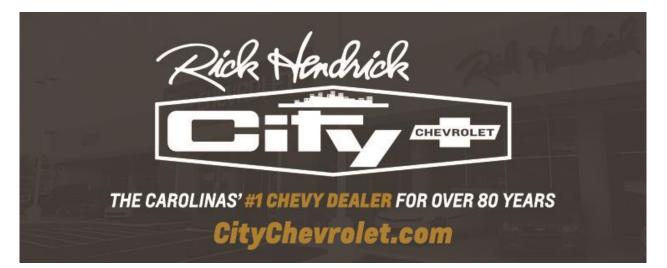
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February 2025



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

Lost article found! This Charity Summary was supposed to have been in the January Newsletter better late than never.

Also, I have passed the Charity Committee torch to Warren Knight for 2025. Please support him and continue our generous charitable giving to our communities.

Dick Gwilt

2024 Charity Chairman

Charity Summary for 2024

On behalf of our Charity Committee and QCCC Board, we want to say THANK YOU to all our members who contributed their time, talents, and treasures in helping out the many charities QCCC was involved with.

FEBRUARY

Twenty-one cars visited the Auto Repair Ministry garages in Indian Trail where QCCC member Dave Nowlan leads volunteers in repairing and maintaining vehicles for widows, single mothers, and those with little funds. QCCC donated \$500 and we passed the hat to collect another \$500 from the members attending.

Total donation \$1,000

MARCH

We held a Corvette clothing sale at our Awards Banquet and raised \$1,750 for our Charity Fund. Total donation \$1,750

APRIL

We held our annual Spring Work Day at our main charity Wings of Eagles Ranch. Twenty of us provided 100 man-hours of work for ranch maintenance.

JUNE

We held a separate fundraiser and made a \$4,000 donation to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Fraternal Order of Police to assist the families of the four local law enforcement officers that died in the line of duty. Total donation \$4,000

JULY

Twenty-two members caravanned to feedNC for their Summer Food Drive and donated 760 pounds of food valued at \$950. Total value \$950

OCTOBER

At our Car Show, we presented checks of \$10,000 each to our two main charities: Wings of Eagles, and feedNC. Total donation \$20,000

For Hurricane Helene relief, we donated to Samaritan's Purse:

- * our October meeting 50/50 receipts of \$600
- * proceeds from the raffle of a battery powered Corvette of \$500
- * clothing, supplies, and gift cards with an estimated value of \$3,300
- * our Car Show 50/50 receipts of \$6,300

Total value and donation \$10,100

Several of our members attended the "Dinner at the Ranch" fundraiser at Wings of Eagles and made donations of their personal funds.

NOVEMBER

Twenty-two cars attended Roadrunner Vettes Annual Corvette Angels toy drive for Salvation Army and donated toys with an estimated value of \$2,200

Total value \$2,200

At our November meeting at FeedNC, we donated 1,350 pounds of food with an estimated value of \$1,800 Total value \$1,800

QCCC members brought twenty-five Corvettes and two airplanes to the Lincoln County Airport to a Car, Bike, and Fly-In Show to support Veterans and Community Alliance. We presented them with a check for \$500 from QCCC and another \$500 collected from those attending.

Total donation \$1,000

Thirty-five QCCC cars attended Ray Evernham's AmeriCarna Car Show and presented him with a check for \$1,000 for the Autism Society of NC to support their Community Centers.

Total donation \$1,000

DECEMBER

Twelve QCCC cars drove in the annual Troutman Christmas Parade and donated \$1,000 to Toys For Tots. Total donation \$1,000

We donated \$300 to the Quilts of Valor organization to make quilts for Veterans.

Total donation \$300

After learning that the Auto Repair Ministry has seen an increase of cars needing their help has doubled this year, we made another donation of \$500.

Total donation \$500

Six times throughout the year we had groups of volunteers work at feedNC cooking, serving, washing dishes, and helping in the grocery store. These folks donated approximately 300 hours of their time.

We are so proud of our members who participated this year in our charity work raising funds, making financial donations, and donating time. Our efforts have touched the lives of many people in need this year.

We are a very generous club!

Dick Gwilt, 2024 Charity Committee Chairman



QCCC Charity Update February 2025



Have you ever wondered what it's like working backstage in the kitchen of a restaurant? Well, now's your chance! QCCC kicks off the year of charity activities this month by providing another round of cooking teams to support feedNC. If you don't know, feedNC isn't just another soup kitchen. Sure, they provide food for those in need, but they do so in a unique way. They offer real, sit-down meals, made to order from a menu as in a restaurant. This eliminates the indignity of standing in line for a handout. Better yet, it provides an opportunity for feedNC to teach restaurant skills in an operating environment, leading to jobs for the unemployed. They also offer pantry services in a grocery environment, using food they grow in their gardens. QCCC members have the opportunity to help out by filling in for many role roles of a restaurant or grocery, from fast-order cooking "on the line", to food prep, packaging for deliveries to the homebound and more. If you're interested in joining in, talk to Kimberly Knight, our Social Director. And watch for a Blast on this coming out soon.

April will offer opportunities to volunteer for our other major charity, Wings of Eagles. This is at a working therapeutic riding camp for persons with special needs. It's a wonderful opportunity to get some outdoor exercise helping get the camp ready for the season each year. More on that in the next QCCC newsletter.

Throughout the year, we'll be posting other opportunities to get involved in everything from wrenching cars to quilting (yes, quilting). So stay tuned read your Newsletter, and watch for Blasts!

Warren Knight

2025 Charity Chairperson



Carolyn Zimmer QCCC Care and Compassion Coordinator <u>carolynz77@yahoo.com</u> 704-965-3270

Please Note: This information is also posted on the QCCC Website under Club Info.

What is the QCCC Care and Compassion Program?

Some years ago, our former QCCC Membership Director, Paul Schmitt, established the QCCC Care and Compassion Program to provide a level of caring, sharing and emotional support to QCCC members (and sometimes families) going through serious events -- health issues, upcoming hospital stays, surgeries, recuperation, deaths, or other serious and critical events. Through the sharing of this information over time via Caring and Compassion Blasts, members have responded by sending thoughts and prayers, sending cards and well wishes, attending memorial services, providing assistance where requested, and appropriately supporting the affected members and/or families over time.

How does the process work?

- Members who wish to share illnesses, deaths, surgeries, hospital stays, serious event issues or needs, etc. with other members of the Club should send an email to the Care and Compassion Coordinator with information they wish to provide.
- Contents of the email should stipulate if the information is just for the QCCC Board or for all members, or for just the Coordinator's information.
 - Note: The Coordinator and the Board are very interested in the health and well-being of our members. Please keep us informed.
- Feel free to follow up the email with a phone call to the Coordinator in cases of urgency.
- The Coordinator will finalize the writeup and submit for distribution if applicable.
- NOTE: No information received by the Care and Compassion Coordinator will be shared without the specific approval of the member/requestor. Privacy will always be respected.

QCCC values your opinion and any feedback you might have regarding the Care and Compassion Program.



Hello QCCC Members!

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

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

Hope to see you at our February 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 <u>charlottebrubaker@hotmail.com</u>.



February Birthdays

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Billy Boat	2/2
Jim Cole	2/2
Al Herold	2/2
John Bayne	2/4
Lisa Major	2/5
Steve Bonino	2/6
Nancy Kegel	2/6
Scott Preston	2/6
Johnny Sutton	2/6
Tommy Loftin	2/7
Carolyn Zimmer	2/7
Rob Storey	2/9
Ken Bieman	2/10
James (Skeet) McKee	2/10
Shirley Pearson	2/10
Elaine Coulter	2/12
Mitch Francis	2/12
Andrea Fuller	2/12
Nick Chubb	2/14
Donna Smith	2/14
Lyndsay Deneault	2/15
Bill Davidson	2/16
Charlotte Brubaker	2/17
Scott Danjou	2/17
Alton Loe	2/21
Judy Curva	2/22
John Looney	2/22
Charlie Binder	2/23
Marilyn Becker	2/24
Keith Cross	2/25
Gwen Cunningham	2/25
Betty Hamilton	2/26
Allen Hester	2/27
Bart Mangiapanella	2/27
Sue Plyler	2/27
Mary Ellen Ezarsky	2/28
Darrell Hinklin	2/28
Michelle Radar	2/28



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM – NEWS AND UPDATES

Dick Gwilt – QCCC Ambassador to the NCM

February 2025

Hello all QCCC Members!

Sorry I missed the January Newsletter, but I was soaking up the sun in Aruba for two weeks – while thinking of you all.

First, let's thank Paul Mitchell for being our National Corvette Museum Ambassador for the last two years, as he has now passed the torch to me.

At each monthly member meeting, we will have an NCM table set up with QCCC / NCM members ready to explain how the museum works, provide brochures, and to answer any questions you may have. There will be information about joining the NCM, upgrading your existing membership, and trips to Bowling Green, KY – especially to the Bash in April.

The first thing I did when asked by the QCCC Board to take on this role, was to ask the two QCCC members who have travelled there over 50 times - Bob and Marilyn Becker - to help with this NCM information table. Along with them, Jane Burt and I will also be rotating at the table. We will be asking each QCCC member at meeting check-in, if you are an NCM member and at what level.

The next big event at the NCM will be the Bash in April. Please see the Blast dated January 21 for hotel information. Even if you are just thinking about attending, go ahead and book your hotel room as Corvette enthusiasts from all over the country will be there too.

If you want to look at National Corvette Museum information on your own, go to <u>www.corvettemuseum.org</u>

Dick Gwilt, NCM Ambassador rgwilt@me.com



One thing we had in QCCC in the seventies that we don't have now are rivalries. When competition events were the primary activity in QCCC, it was natural that some friendly rivalries would develop. Mine turned out to be a member named Bud Landacre.

Bud and his wife Hilda joined in 1972, and they became very active quickly, never missing an event or meeting. Bud had just graduated from college and was going to flight school to become a pilot. His dad was a pilot in the Air Force and later a commercial pilot and had retired to Denver, NC. He had bought a couple of acres of cheap property that Duke Power was trying to get rid of on a newly created lake. He built two little houses for himself and his son. They are not there anymore.

Right away, it was obvious that our Corvettes were very similar. My 1964 coupe had a 327-365 engine, 4 speed transmission and a 3:70 rear gear and two Carter four barrel carbs. Bud's 1965 roadster had the same engine with a 4 speed, 4:11 gear and an 850 Holley carburetor. As we got to know one another, the bench racing produced some fun debates as to who would win head to head.

When the club racing started to expand, I quickly learned the hard way my '64 was no autocross car, so I didn't participate in those events. Bud, however, started modifying his car, flared fenders, big wheels and tires. He did well in the B class. My focus was on drag racing and I did very well in the modified B class. While we were never in the same class, my times for drag racing were only slightly better that Bud's, even though we never faced off head to head.

It's summer 1974 and Bud and Hilda are hosting a QCCC picnic outing at their river home with lots of swimming, boating, volleyball, the famous egg toss contest and beer. It was a perfect day! As the sun set and the crowd dispersed, there were a few of us die-hards hanging around doing their best to empty the coolers. With encouragement from others, it was up to us to settle this long debated rivalry. Bud and I took our cars to this deserted 2-lane country road near his house and faced off to settle this long debate. With a rolling start we stayed side by side through third gear and even though it was nothing but bench racing, we became great friends and never let up on the argument on who was fastest.

Bud finished flight school and landed a great job in Texas as a corporate pilot. We talk maybe every year or two, he's retired now and has a 1962 Corvette resto mod with a C4 running gear that he says can out run my C5 Z06. Maybe it's a good thing we're a thousand miles apart or we may just have to find out. Some of us don't outgrow doing stupid things, even fifty years later.

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



Ode to George

If you were paying attention, you will remember one of the most interesting chaps from the '70s, and early '80s. He was always dressed more like he was going to a motorcycle gang meeting than to the Corvette Club. The usual outfit, denim sleeveless jacket complete with all the patches, tats on the exposed skin, wallet chained to his denim slacks, always with the boots, then topped off with thin-rimmed, very thick glasses and a bandana headband holding a thick wad of frizzy hair. He pulled into town with a reworked '72 Laguna Grey/black coupe. So why you ask with all that going on, why did we accept such a rogue fellow. You see, when you got to know George, he was quite a character who thought very much as we did. Soon after his arrival he was selling a C-2 Rochester fuel injection unit to Bill Ingram so he could not be that bad. As often the case, we might jump to the wrong conclusion. Some will have to search the newsletter file on our website and others will remember what George was involved in.

The late night after the drunk front passed over the clubhouse, we were having breakfast about 2 a.m. at the I -Hop on Central Ave when Big George came in desperately looking for Mr. Ingram. Find it in the archives for the rest of the story. . .

As I stated, George had gone thru the motor on the '72. Melvin was our drag race king, but one day at Greer Dragstrip, there was a challenge. It involved cutting off some body parts. Find it in the archives for the rest of the story...

QCCC was ready to race at a UNCC parking lot when down in the woods somebody was practicing target shooting. George went to his '72 Corvette and pulled out this long barrel Clint Eastwood-type high caliber pistol and. . . See the archive for the rest of the story. . .

Now, a new happening was recalled by Travis. It seems one night at the clubhouse someone voiced wanting some doughnuts. The ever-helpful George was quick to step up and go for them. Travis said he would ride along. To Trav's surprise George was piloting a '66 coupe. Ok, but this one came with the 36 gallon gas tank. For those in the dark, GM was racing the 427 big block and the fuel injected small blocks. While they were really fast they had to pit too often that they lost some races. The '63 thru '67 coupes had the big fuel tank as an option so that the big tanks followed the rules. You had to sell them to the public to be able to race them. It looks weird as the carpeted back area is about as high as the seat headrest. This left very little room for luggage. Therefore, Corvette only sold these quantities: '63 = 63, '64 = 38 '65 = 41 and '66 = 66 '67 = 2. I believe that is about 810 total made and you know a lot of them got destroyed racing them. You would have to ask Dollar Bill, but it would not surprise me if that was a \$200,000 car today. Trav says the trip was very exciting.

So, who was this guy, popping up out of Florida, with all this Corvette stuff, Fulie and big tank and such.

You would conclude from all this that he had a mischievous side, maybe drug movement, or other shady endeavors. He looked the tough part and I got no receipt for my fuel injection, nor did we ever know where he got the '66, but he was always a good member of QCCC. He stayed in Charlotte and owned an Army Surplus store. I remember for the '76 Porsche-Corvette Challenge, I had nine chaps from Central Illinois Corvette Club drive down to watch. I had nowhere for that many needing beds. I was talking about it when George chimed in to come to his store. He supplied me with nine cots at no charge.

In the end George gained a lot of weight and left QCCC. One of us saw him a few years back and said he was very obese and then we learned he had passed. George got a lot out of his life. We don't know a lot about his travels and I shall not try to label him except to say he always treated me and all of QCCC with respect and was always a great asset. Well, maybe the day with the hog-nosed pistol would be an exception, although it was effective.

May you R.I.P. Big Fella and thanks for the memories.

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: <u>photo@queencitycorvette</u> or give him a call (his number is in the club directory).

Thank you!

Alton Loe

QCCC Photography Coordinator

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- 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].



Catch the latest QCCC news by joining us on Facebook!